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## EDITORIAL

### FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH IS ESSENTIAL TO CHARACTER.

We often hear the remark that it matters not what a man believes, if he will only square his life with righteousness. This statement contains a fatal error. To begin with, we seriously doubt if a man can conform his life to the rules of righteousness if he bases his views of right upon misconceptions of truth. As a man thinketh so is he, says the inspired word; and when he thinks falsely, his life is apt to follow false leading. Then, again, the statement leads those who make and believe it into a sort of a sickly and impotent sentiment. Sentiment is all right when it has stalwart truth back of it or underneath it; but when it is nothing more than the vaporings of the whims and caprices of the untrained mind and the zeal of an emotional heart, it leaves the life without a steady guide and the character without a permanent foundation. The substantial elements of fundamental truth are essential to the strength of deep conviction and to the development and solidarity of robust manhood.

Truth is the agreement of things, the correct intellectual apprehension and expression of reality. No two truths ever conflict because they run along parallel lines; they are eternally in agreement, they embody the essence and reality of things. To know the truth is to think in harmony with God, with his commandments, and to live according to his law in our relation to mankind. To know the truth correctly is to know Jesus Christ, to believe and practice his gospel and to absorb into the mind and heart the spirit and the essence of his doctrines and precepts, so that men will take knowledge of us that he is the man of our counsel and the light unto our pathway. To know him and to walk in the way he prescribes is to know the truth, and this truth will make us free from sin and spiritual death. And to try and live properly and to develop fully into strong manhood and womanhood without knowing and experiencing the truth is out of the question. The vital success of all our moral and spiritual endeavors is wholly dependent upon our correct understanding of the truth. Neither ignorance nor puerile sentiment ever gave to a man or a woman a clear faith, a bright hope, or the witness of the Spirit. What we believe, therefore, makes all the difference in the life we are to live as professed Christian men and women. False beliefs, erroneous ideas, vague perceptions of the truth, usually lead to moral disaster and to spiritual deterioration.

Hence the mind and the heart must be trained to seek for and to possess a reasonably correct understanding of the truth of God in order to gather the best results for the growth and perfection of abiding character. And the man who thinks he can believe every fad and cult and vagary that comes his way and still maintain his proper and normal relation to God, is building upon a foundation of wood and sand and stubble; and the man who persuades himself to believe that one Church organization is just as good as another, and that

he can live and grow in grace in one of them as well as in others of them, is a fit companion for the man who thinks he can believe most anything and still be right with God. Free-lovism in religion is just about as hurtful to spiritual life and character as it is to domestic morals and household harmony. We want to believe something that is true, solid, abiding and uplifting; and we want to fix our affiliation with that Church and its system of doctrines and usages that make for spiritual growth and inflexible righteousness. An itinerant faith which has no permanent abode in the truth and a namby-pamby sentiment which feels as much at home in one Church communion as another are foreign to an intelligent conception of the truth and to a character noted for its stability of purpose and conviction.

### THE ROBERTSON-FITZHUGH LIQUOR LAW.

As a matter of principle we are opposed to any attempt to regulate the liquor business, but as a matter of expediency we have to agree to it as a means to an end—a sort of preliminary to absolute prohibition. Now, since we have to be afflicted with the liquor business in some localities until we can get the permission of the Legislature to vote the business out of the State, we are glad that the law passed by the present Legislature has turned the screws down several threads tighter around the neck of the saloon monster. It is a big improvement in the way of severe stringency to any preceding law ever passed by any Texas Legislature. Let us notice a few of its provisions. We will state them briefly.

The license fee remains the same, but it is more difficult to obtain a license. The saloon keeper has to make oath to the Comptroller touching many matters when he applies for a permit to obtain a license. He has to solemnly swear to his place of residence and as to his business for the two years prior to his application; that he has not prior to May, 1909, as proprietor, bartender, agent or saloon keeper, violated any laws of the State regulating the saloon business; that during the time he holds the license applied for he will not violate any of these laws; and that he agrees, in case he does violate any one of them, the County Judge or the Comptroller shall forfeit said license in the manner provided in the statute; that in case of conviction no money paid for this license shall be refunded to him; and that while the matter is being investigated by the proper authorities the saloon thus permitted by the license to do business shall remain closed. And his oath must go further and show that no firm, corporation or individual is interested in the saloon to be conducted under the license other than himself.

No license can be granted to any man to open a saloon in any part of the city where the city has an ordinance against the sale of liquor in such territory—giving to the city the right to prohibit its sale. The penalty on conviction for violating the law is not only a forfeiture of the license, but it carries with it a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1000, and imprisonment in the county jail. The violation

of any provision of the law, including the Sunday law, is a forfeiture of the license. The applicant for the license must get a majority of all the residents who have lived six months in the block, or within 300 feet of the block, before his application can even be considered for a license to open a saloon. No saloon can be opened within 300 feet of a Church or a school, and the violation of the Sunday law is now included in the liquor dealer's bond. No liquor can be sold to a minor with or without the written consent of the parents or guardians. The Comptroller has the right to revoke or suspend the license of any man for any alleged infraction of this law. The law also fixes the licenses at one to every 500 inhabitants of the town or city where they are granted for saloon purposes.

This is certainly making some advance in the attempt of the State to control the liquor business. It seems to make the way of the saloon keeper a hard way to travel. But, of course, many of them, if not all of them, will find one method by which to violate the law. The saloon is resourceful in its ability to commit crime. It never has kept any law designed for its suppression or regulation. It never will keep any such law. It is conceived in lawlessness and it is born a criminal. Hence this new law looks as though it were intended to regulate and control a lot of penitentiary convicts rather than honest and law-abiding citizens. How an honest man can afford to do business under such a law is a conundrum. The fact is, the State has awakened to the fact that in dealing with the saloon it is dealing with a felon, and it proceeds to tie the rope tight around its neck before it is permitted to open its doors and invite customers. The fact is, the next step of the State will be to take this criminal to the place of execution and put it to an ignominious death, just as soon as the State gives the people the right to vote on its guilt and to pass judgment upon its bloody crimes. On with the battle!

The spirit of man lies practically dormant until the Spirit of God is delivered upon it. Then there is the stirring of energy and life. Character is born and the life becomes fruitful. This is what the Savior means when he says, "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

Genuine love for the Church puts all selfishness aside. It is willing to be lost sight of if Christ and his kingdom can be magnified. The man who has this sort of love is filled with the Spirit.

Not every one who puts up a long prayer or who attends regularly to the outward duties of his religion is the most reliable in his support of the institutions of the Church. Praying is all right and attending Church service is all right; but to love God sincerely is to place the whole life under contribution to his kingdom.

The whole duty of man is found in the revealed word of God. You need not look for it anywhere else. It is revelation and not the result of mental investigation. Hence no man need go wrong on this question. It is written in legible characters.

## Meeting of the Board of Church Extension

Rev. John M. Moore, D. D.

The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has never had a more interesting and important meeting than the one which was held last week, from Thursday until Sunday, in the First Methodist Church in Memphis, Tenn. The pastor of the Church, Rev. Lewis Powell, and those splendid laymen, Mr. J. R. Pepper and Mr. Thomas B. King, left nothing undone in their full preparation for the entertainment of the board and the visitors who had business with the board. Five members of the board were absent—Bishops Wilson, Fitzgerald and Hoss, who were detained on account of physical infirmities, and Mr. J. C. Strother and Mr. P. H. Tapp, of Louisville, who were detained by business and illness in the family. The sessions of the board were presided over by Mr. T. L. Jefferson, of Louisville. Dr. W. F. McMurry and his assistants kept the business in perfect order and were ready at any moment to produce any paper that might be called for. The Bishops present were: Bishops Galloway, Hendrix, Key, Morrison, Candler, Ward and Atkins. The other members of the board who were present were Dr. R. B. Gilbert, Louisville; Mr. John L. Wheat, Louisville; Mr. Thomas B. Morton, the Treasurer, Louisville; Mr. T. S. Garrison, Timpson, Texas; Rev. T. W. Lewis, Columbus, Miss.; Rev. M. J. Cofer, D. D., Atlanta; Rev. J. M. Henry, Baton Rouge; Rev. N. B. Henry, West Plains, Mo.; Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, Oklahoma City; Rev. Henry Trawick, Montgomery; Rev. W. J. Johnson, Galveston; Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., Danville, Va.; Dr. W. R. Lambuth, Missionary Secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary presented a type-written report of the condition of the interests of the board, and also a list of the existing loans of the unpaid grants and of the recommendations of the committee on application for help for the various Churches. He also gave a detailed statement of the existing parsonage loans, showing their condition at the close of the fiscal year, March 31, 1909. It was a matter of regret to the Secretary and the members of the board that they did not have more money to appropriate to the Churches, as there was a request for about \$200,000. The amount under usual conditions would have been \$75,000 to \$80,000; but last year the board in its eagerness to help every Church appropriated \$22,000 to \$30,000 more than had been raised by the assessment. So the amount this year was decreased by the over-appropriation last year, and as a result the board had only \$50,000 at its disposal with which to meet the requests of the Churches. There was universal regret that every case could not have the amount that it really needed, and it is the earnest hope of the members of the board that the Church will become so fully interested in this great work that at the coming meetings the board may have sufficient funds to help all needy cases. During the year the Secretary has raised \$8000 to \$10,000 as special contributions for work which was designated at the last meeting of the board. It is a matter of congratulation that the loan fund has continued to increase under the constant, urgent and forceful appeals of the Secretary. The loan fund has now reached about \$290,000, showing an increase of \$25,000 to \$30,000 in the last year. The board has had at its disposal about \$85,000, which it applied in meeting various requests. More than twice that amount of money could easily be loaned to the Churches today if it were at the disposal of the board.

The board took a new stand in its relations to the loan fund. Heretofore the loan fund has been increased only by private donations upon the earnest solicitations and arduous labors of the Secretary or some member of the board. The proposition was made to set aside 25 per cent of the amount raised on the general assessment each year for the loan fund. The committee to which this resolution was referred recommended that hereafter \$15,000 of the amount realized on the general assessment for Church extension be transferred from the donation fund to the loan fund, and this recommendation was approved by the board. The Church at large will, without doubt, endorse this action of the Board of Church Extension, as many of the Churches are getting to that condition that they are able to return, as a rule, the

money that comes to them from the Board of Church Extension. What they really need is not so much a gift as some help that will enable them to meet their present need. It was recommended that the various Conference Boards of Extension be requested to take care of all applications for loans and donations from their respective conferences for amounts that are less than \$200 if they are able at all to do so. This action will enable the board to give greater attention to the real aggressive mission work for which it was organized. The small Churches should be helped, but in most cases these amounts can be appropriated from the conference fund. The board also endorsed a recommendation of the committee to the Conference Boards that they set apart each year some per cent of their funds in order to create a conference loan fund, which will be administered through the office of the General Board of Church Extension for the benefit of the various Churches in the conferences which raise such funds. By the creation of this conference loan fund many of the smaller Churches can have assistance, and, at the same time, the Conference Boards will be protected through the care of the business management of the general office. The board also endorsed the recommendation that the Secretary should arrange for an Annual Loan Fund Day, which is to be observed on the second Sunday in April, or as near that date as practicable.

A Loan Fund Day was observed May 10, 1908. In the majority of the conferences very few of the Churches took any notice of this request from the Board of Church Extension. The whole amount raised was \$5,702.32. By means of the Sunday-school birthday jars there was raised last year \$1,796.74. About 335 jars brought in this amount, while 398 jars that were sent out have not yet been returned. The Sunday-school Board granted two years to the Board of Church Extension for the use of these jars; but as the work could not be presented rapidly the Church Extension Board will ask the Sunday-school Board to extend this time.

The receipts of the general assessment were last year \$75,556.94. This is an increase of \$17,925.85 over that of the preceding year. The total receipts on the assessment which are always distributed to the General Board and to the Conference Board last year were \$118,022.80, which gave a total increase over the year preceding of about \$27,718.58. The increase in the receipts on the assessment for church extension has been quite gratifying for the last three years. Two years ago the board increased its assessment from \$140,000 to \$175,000. In view of the fact that the Church has increased in membership, in wealth and in interest in this work of church building, also in view of the fact that the whole Southwest has thrust new responsibilities upon the Church by offering to the Church great fields that are ready for the laborers who will go in and plant the churches, the board unanimously increased the assessment for the coming year to \$200,000. This increase is only a little more than 10 per cent, and will not be felt by the great Church at large, and those who have the interests of church extension at heart feel very sure that every board of every conference will be glad to give assistance in advancing this great cause. Last year seven conferences increased their assessment above the amount apportioned to them. The Baltimore Conference added an extra amount of \$3716, the New Mexico \$455, the Northwest Texas \$3395, the Oklahoma \$4127, the South Carolina \$197, the South Georgia \$1210, the White River \$257. If these conferences are willing to increase their assessment because they see the need that is so urgent, surely every conference in the connection will rejoice at the opportunity of entering into the enlarged labors of the board.

The Corresponding Secretary has made a number of visits to the territory that lies in Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas. He has brought each time an encouraging report of the conditions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in that section; but while the Church is doing a great work, yet the great untouched field has almost appalled him, and the laborers that are on the ground because of the unusual opportunities which lie before the Church. There are many growing towns of three to six and even ten thousand people that are without Methodist Churches. The

population of this region is very largely from the Southern States. The industrial development is unparalleled, and for the Church to fail to enter now into this territory, establish itself thoroughly with the growing population, is for it to lose the greatest opportunity which has come to it in all the years of its history. The people are not only ready to receive the Church, but they are crying out for it to come and establish itself in their midst. So the board has necessarily made numerous appropriations to these fields. The Rev. J. B. Cochran, Rev. B. T. James, Rev. James E. Crutchfield, presiding elders in New Mexico and Arizona, were present and presented in a thrilling way the claims of their great fields. The Churches in the older States will endorse the action of the board in turning its funds towards this great mission work in the Southwest even though they themselves have been put to some hardship by the failure of the board to give them that which they so much need.

The Secretary felt so keenly the needs of certain cities which he mentioned in his report that he asked that a special committee be appointed to consider the requests and the needs of these cities. Albuquerque is the leading city of New Mexico. It really needs \$20,000, and through the pastor, Rev. C. A. Clark, presented its claims to the board. The board appropriated \$1000, although it was felt that a much larger sum should be given. Jacksonville, Fla.; Tulsa, Okla.; Oklahoma City, San Antonio, El Paso all presented claims to the board, as their needs at this time are very urgent, just as Methodism is beginning to get hold of the conditions that exist in these cities. While the appropriations that were made were meager as compared to the requests, yet the board has defined its policy, and that is, that it will do its utmost to take care of these important points, which will have great influence upon the surrounding territory.

At the last General Conference the question of a representative Church in Washington City was thoroughly discussed in the committee and before the general body. It was decided that such a church should be built that would thoroughly represent the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the capital of the nation; and it was further decided that such a church could not be built for less than \$275,000. The whole matter was put in the hands of a committee, consisting of Bishops Candler and Hoss and Dr. McMurry. Up to this time \$31,975,000 has been secured in cash and subscriptions; but the Secretary has been so much engaged with the work which

has been committed to his hands that he could not turn aside to raise the \$200,000. The committee has come to the conclusion that it would not be right to turn the Secretary from his regular work to this of raising the money for the Washington City Church. So the committee recommended at its meeting last Friday that the Rev. George S. Sexton, the pastor of St. Paul's Church, Houston, Texas, be elected Assistant Secretary for the specific work of raising \$200,000 for the Washington City Church. Mr. Sexton was elected, and will enter upon this work at once. His experience in the twenty years of his ministry in building churches, and especially his unusual success in erecting the \$175,000 church in Houston in three years, although there was not even an organization when he was appointed to the charge, is guarantee if success can be achieved in this great work he is as capable of bringing it about as any man the board could select.

The colored Methodist Episcopal Church, South, through its Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, Rev. Rufus S. Stout, presented an urgent request to the board for assistance in building churches in the needy parts of the territory. The request was for \$17,750, or one cent per member of our Church. The board agreed that the board would try to raise \$15,000 through voluntary contributions. This amount will be apportioned to the various conferences, and then the pastors of the conferences will be requested to take a voluntary offering for this work. Should our Church raise the entire \$15,000 and put it in the hands of our own Secretary of Church Extension to be used in building churches for the colored people that went out from our own Church, there is no doubt that great good could be accomplished.

While the board was in session the Secretary received a check for \$1168 in payment of the bequest for the loan fund made by Mrs. Julia Miller, of Springfield, Tenn. This bequest was paid through Mr. A. E. Garner, the attorney, who would take no fee for his service.

The Rev. J. A. Hendry presented an invitation from Jacksonville, Fla., to the board to hold its next annual session in that city. The matter was referred to a special committee, and the probabilities are that the board will meet next year in Jacksonville, or if the General Conference should interfere next year, Jacksonville may secure the meeting for the following year. The board closed on Saturday afternoon one of the most successful meetings which it ever held.

## A TEXAS LAYMEN IN NEW YORK

Last December I came to New York seeking the services of that skilled surgeon and eminent cancer specialist, Dr. William Seaman Bainbridge. The operation though difficult, delicate and dangerous, was successfully performed and soon now he will allow me to return home. Dr. Buckley, of the New York Advocate, told me that Bainbridge was the foremost cancer authority in America.

While not in the hospital I have spent my time doing the city. It is so extensive, and its interesting things are so varied and numerous, to do it thoroughly requires time. The Churches have claimed a great deal of my attention, and, with your permission, I will give some of my impressions of Church life in our country's metropolis.

The Methodists here are not lagging, but, as elsewhere, are abreast of the foremost in efficient Church work. The City Church Extension and Missionary Society maintains Hadley Rescue Hall, which was founded several years ago. If a vagabond goes to this hall hungry and with no where to lay his head, he is given a meal and a bed, and kindly urged to attend the meetings, which are held with regularity at this large, comfortably-seated hall. I have heard intelligent, well-dressed, prosperous-looking men testify that when they first were induced to attend these meetings, they were outcasts and thieves, but now were occupying positions of trust and profit. I heard Dr. Wallace McMullen, pastor of Madison Avenue Church, the most aristocratic Methodist organization in the city, and his chief layman, J. Edgar Leayercraft, member of the Book Committee and General Conference delegate, the one preach and the other speak there to a large crowd of men, about sixty of whom came to the altar for prayer. When such men interest themselves to such an extent in the salvation of these Bowery people, the toughest specimens of humanity I ever saw, I take

it as a Christ-like procedure and an omen for good. Bishop Goodell has preached there since I have been in the city. The Methodists in the main are about their Master's business, but I must not lengthen this article by mentioning other enterprises projected for the betterment of the city's needy people.

Dr. Goodell, who came so near being Bishop last May, has charge of Calvary Church. It is by far the largest Methodist Church in the city. The edifice though large will not hold more than half of the membership at one time. I understand that a new church will soon be built; then the congregation will divide, I suppose. I attended the prayer-meeting. Two or three hundred people were present. All seemed interested and ready to do the pastor's bidding, either for testimony or to lead the prayer. I have attended other prayer-meetings, and at every one I heard women pray. Dr. Goodell's people are very fraternal, and showed brotherly attention to "the stranger within their gates." This, I presume, is why I like them so well. I have spent a few Sabbaths in the suburban towns, have heard three ministers, and I feel sure our country preachers of the West Texas Conference are their equals, if not superiors, in pulpit ability.

Dr. Parkhurst has a beautiful church building, designed by the famous architect, White, of Thaw notoriety. He ministers to a large congregation. I did not get a seat where I could hear him, so the sermon escaped me. He preaches in a gown and from manuscript. His choir is the most up-to-date institution in town. Only on extra occasions has he more instruments than the organ and a large harp. When the organ starts music for the opening service, you hear singing away in the rear of the church, apparently out in the street; gradually it approaches nearer, presently two or more dozen men and women in cap and gown majes-

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tically march in, ascend the rostrum, stand at their respective places till the last stanza is finished, then all are seated.

When the worshiping is over, the choir starts another long song, and with dignity and measured tread march out, the singing growing fainter and fainter, till finally you can hear no more. Then the audience is dismissed. The time consumed from the opening till the beginning of a sermon lacked only five minutes of being twice as long as the sermon. I think of Brother Harrison and sympathize with him in his onslaught on our order of service. However, I am afraid he has "bit off more than he can chew."

About March 1 Dr. Aked, the great English Baptist preacher, advertised that two weeks later he would dedicate some children to the Lord; that some of his members had agreed to furnish the babies. I determined to be at that service. The ushers, because I have only one ear, seated me in the front pew save one. The consecration was very similar to our infant baptism. Dr. Aked has prepared a responsive service for his Church. This, with dedication of children also, consumed an hour before preaching commenced. He preached a fine sermon; the best I have heard since I left home. I think he is a godly man and will do good. I like him much better than I thought I would from what I have heard of him.

The house was jammed, standing room not to be had. I attribute it to the unusual service that day. I remarked on the large crowd to a member. He replied, "Yess, we sadly need a larger church." I thought, "then why not have it with your Rockefeller members." The next time I worship-

ed at this Church it was Communion Sunday. I was invited to the Lord's table, so I communed with Baptists. Mr. Editor, did you ever do such a thing?

The Methodist preachers' meeting is a big thing. They have present from fifty to seventy-five preachers—at least that many men were present every time I have attended. The suburban ministers all come in. They every week. I remember thinking it usually have a celebrity address them strange that Drs. Dubose and Tillett would be called such a distance to talk to a little handful of preachers on such an important subject as Re- and still the Bible stand secure." since I have seen the gathering of divines at preachers' meeting. I heard Sir Andrew Fraser, ex-Lieutenant Governor of Bengal, British India, who is also a Presbyterian missionary. There was nothing remarkable about the address—just a plain account of his labors in India.

Last Monday General Ballington Booth addressed them. He is a live wire; his address was amusing and was well received. He pled for congregational singing and was severe on the choir of to-day. He said an old Baptist preacher, becoming disgusted with the operatic singing of his choir, looked up to the organ loft and said, "You people up there may sing like angels, but we devils down here don't understand a word." I have enjoyed worshipping with these brethren. Can say I have been profited spiritually, but I long to return to West End, San Antonio, and hear my own pastors. Weeks and Hardin, and worship in my own Church with my brethren and neighbors whom I love.  
V. M. WEST.

## Do Children Need Alcohol?

Ask your doctor how often he prescribes an alcoholic stimulant for children. He will probably say, "Very, very rarely." Ask him how often he prescribes a tonic for them. He will probably answer, "Very, very frequently." Then ask him about Ayer's non-alcoholic Sarsaparilla as a tonic for the young.

J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

increases business, erects new houses, and lessens taxes. The decrease in crime-expenses and increase of property values greatly overbalances the license money from the saloons. Thus, sixty-two of the eighty-eight counties in Ohio have bid the saloons begone. Eight counties more are expected to heed the warning. 'Whoso is deceived thereby is not wise,' and join the prohibition army. Governor Hoch has told of the empty jails and poor-houses all over Kansas. Bankers and merchants of Kansas City, of that State, who at first strenuously opposed law-enforcement against the saloons, now unite cheerfully in testifying to the increase in bank deposits, the enlarged sale of all goods, the improved collections and the building boom. Empty jails indicate high morals. The saloons being banished poor lists shrink and school attendance swells. Hundreds of children, who were in training for loafers and thugs, turn to the schools and become producers and statesmen in the making.

"The liquor traffic depopulates schools and crowds jails, it weakens Churches, it desolates homes and fills cemeteries. Occasionally it perverts the daily press, and at times taints the pulpit itself.

"The courts of every grade have repeatedly affirmed the rightness of prohibition. In the case of *Crowly vs. Christisen* (137 U. S. 86; 11 Sup. Ct. 13), the United States Supreme Court, through Justice Field, said:

"By general concurrence of opinion of every civilized and Christian community, there are few courses of crime and misery to society equal to the dramshop, where intoxicating liquors in small quantities, to be drunk at the time, are sold indiscriminately to all parties applying. The statistics of every State show a greater amount of crime and misery attributable to the use of ardent spirits obtained at these retail liquor saloons than to any other source. The sale of such liquors in this way has, therefore, been, at all times, by the courts of every State, considered as 'the proper subject of legislative regulation.' Not only may a license be exacted from the keeper of the saloon before a glass of his liquor can thus be disposed of, but restrictions may be imposed as to the class of persons to whom they may be sold, and the hours of the day and the days of the week on which the saloons may be opened. 'Their sale in any form may be absolutely prohibited.' It is a question of public expediency and public morality, and not of Federal law. 'The police power of the State is fully competent to regulate the business, mitigate its evils, or to suppress it entirely. There is no inherent right in a citizen to sell intoxicating liquors by retail. It is not a privilege of the citizen of the State or of the citizen of the United States.' As it is a business attended with danger to the community, it may, as already said, be 'entirely prohibited,' or continued to be permitted under such conditions as will limit to the utmost its evils."

"In the case of *Stone vs. Mississippi* (101 U. S. 816), the same court said, 'No Legislature can bargain away the public health or the public morals. The people themselves cannot do it, much less their servants. This pronouncement of the Supreme Court fully warrants the decision of Judge Artman, of Indiana, that no legislative enactment can legalize the

sale of intoxicating beverages. As sure as Christianity continues to triumph, so sure will Judge Artman's decision become the law of the land."

So far, Mr. Coleman. Plainly the sovereign people of Texas have the right to adjudge, condemn and execute the robber and murderer that has long made havoc through all the land.

### THAT "RESTATEMENT."

At first blush, on reading the speeches, pro and con, delivered on the floor of the last General Conference of our Church, and, subsequently, Dr. W. F. Tillett's able pamphlet on the restatement of the faith of Methodism, I was inclined to favor the idea. But after due reflection I have come to this conclusion: I am in favor of the restatement embodied in our Discipline, only if I am allowed myself to formulate it! But I am by no means willing that any other man, or set of men do it for me.

As the matter now stands I can take the Bible and deduce from it what true doctrine is; and, according to the Fifth Article of our Faith, preach a system of doctrine and ethics which I can defy all the world to dispute. And if Methodism has anything that will not come under the fifth article, so much the worse for Methodism. But I will not consent for any man, or set of men, to formulate what I am to believe the Bible teaches, further than is already done by Mr. Wesley and by our Discipline and standards, as we now have them. For such a statement would not be final in a growing Church like ours, and would foster laziness in men who dread the labor of searching the Scriptures.

Our Twenty-five Articles of Faith all grew out of oppositions to Bible doctrines, and would never have been framed or needed had not the Scriptures and Bible truth been assailed. No creed would have ever been written had not men opposed the revealed truths of the Bible or perverted them. If any additions to our creed, or to our Articles of Faith ever be made, they will be made to combat some error or heresy contrary to the Word of God, or such as may not be found therein or proven thereby.

The Church is primarily a witness. It was once compelled to formulate, to express its witness in relation to the faith once delivered to the saints. Adherence to a person being its religion, its first instinct is to resent intellectual analysis and dogmatic definition. But as the need of telling others about a friend, or defending him against a slander, would compel us to analyze his qualities and define his attractiveness, so it is with the Church's relation to its Lord. It bore witness to the impression which his life had made upon his followers that he was divine; it bore witness to the facts of the life that attested it and to his own statements. But the claim was denied; it needed justifying; it needed to be shown consistent with other truths, such as the unity of God and the reality of his own human nature, and so definition was forced upon the early Church. But when the canon of the Holy Scripture became fixed, it became thenceforth an undying fountain of life, from which the water of pure doctrine can be drawn. So its truth is independent of individual teachers; independent of the shifting moods of opinion at any particular period.

All authority in heaven and in earth is lodged in Jesus Christ as the Scriptures reveal him, and by them I understand what he is and means. I do not want any other man on earth, or any body of men, to formulate for me any more, or any other statement, or restatement than Methodism has done, indeed, the Fifth Article of our faith gives me the right to reject personally what the Church has already formulated, if not found in the Word of God, nor may be proven thereby.

Let us keep out of the restatement business. I am against it unless I am allowed to make it myself. And as this will not be allowable I am unalterably opposed to tampering with the matter, especially as the whole Protestant world is coming to our way of thinking about the great doctrines of the Bible.

W. F. PACKARD.

Marshall, Texas.

## THE WHISKEY TRIAL

By REV. J. H. BRUNNER, D. D.

Whiskey is indicted for high crimes and misdemeanors, and everywhere people are investigating the law and the evidence in the case. We pick up that sterling publication, the *North American Review* for March, 1909, and find a long and able article from Rev. Henry Coleman, entitled "Prohibition and Public Morals," a part of which we transfer to the *Advocate* as worthy of thorough consideration. We give the following extract:

"The prohibitionist is by no means satisfied with defending his position with Scriptural and moral weapons. He claims that the community has a complete right to outlaw the liquor traffic, especially the saloon, because the traffic in no way enhances the well-being of the community. It brings no contribution to either life, liberty or the pursuit of happiness. The prohibitionist does not aim to forbid the use of alcohol in the arts or as a medicine. Yet we cannot ignore the fact that it is rapidly falling into disuse in the sickroom. A physician said to me that he had ceased to prescribe it, except in the crisis of a fever, when he used it as he would a whip to drive a horse through a miry place. One day he noticed that his patient grew bluer and bluer, instead of showing the glow of increased circulation. He watched cases with care, and learned that, though the pulse became faster under the influence of alcohol, it lost volume and vigor. He prescribed it no more even for a fever. He is one in a growing number in the medical fraternity.

"The old belief that alcoholic beverages increase for a time mental activity and add to muscle, strength and endurance is demonstrated to be a gross fallacy. The most careful scientific experiments, especially in Germany, show that even a little weakens arm and retards the mind. Employers have learned that the man who takes simply his beer with his meal is less efficient than without it. His eye is less clear, his hand responds more slowly, accidents are satisfactory in quantity and quality. Corporations are discouraging the use of alcoholic liquors, or forbidding it

altogether. It does no good. There is a certain hilarity, resulting from drink, or a temporary stupidity that forgets trouble, but it is safe to say that human happiness is not improved by intoxication.

"No one proposes a law forbidding the use of intoxicants. The enemies of prohibition claim that more liquors are consumed under prohibition than under license. If so, personal liberty is not violated by prohibitory laws.

"Holy Writ assures us that no man liveth unto himself. It is certain that no man drinketh unto himself. The drink business affects the whole nation. It is the great impoverisher, it receives voraciously, but never gives. Without the least compensation it absorbs from one billion, five hundred millions to three hundred billions of the National wealth each year. It is true that the money paid over the saloon counters for drinks is not burned or buried, but the money is lost to individuals, most of whom can least afford it. The capital invested in the traffic, the time of the men employed, the time lost by the drinkers, the lessened energy of brain and muscle of workmen in all walks of life, the loss through drink-caused sickness, the depreciated future value to the state of the children whom drink-impoverishment robs of an education, at least one-half of the cost of criminals, insane and the poor, and the other charges beyond enumeration, make a financial indictment against the traffic equal at least to the vast sums mentioned above. Every one would be richer but for the heavy drain on our National resources, and every one has a right to demand the prohibition of the pauperizer."

(N. B.—Strange to say, the saloonist when put out of business whimpers about the loss of value on his property! As well might the midnight assassin, when arrested and disarmed, clamor for the price of his gun! But Mr. Coleman proceeds:)

"Leading business men, especially in Ohio, are taking a prominent part in securing prohibition, by county local option, because they learn that closing the saloons pay debts, in

THE CUERO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

This body met in its thirty-ninth session at Hallettsville, Texas, April 23-May 3, Rev. R. A. Rowland, presiding elder, in the chair. All the pastors in the district, except Rev. B. H. Passmore, of Ganado; several local preachers and a goodly number of laymen were present to take part in the work of the conference. The W. H. M. Society and the W. F. M. Society had each held a half day's district meeting on the preceding day; some of these good women remained over to attend the sessions of the conference. Their presence added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

Hallettsville entertained all her guests in a truly hospitable manner. The pastor, Brother C. W. Godwin, proved himself an expert host, looking carefully after the comfort of all his guests.

The presiding elder had the business of the conference well in hand, so that nothing got into a tangle, notwithstanding everything that was in the interest of the Church was carefully looked after, nothing being passed until thoroughly worked out.

The fellowship of the conference was up to the standard of true brotherhood; the devotional exercises were in each instance melting seasons of the divine outpouring and the preaching of the brethren of the district and of visiting brethren was good. Dr. E. D. Mouzon spent two days with us. His wise talks and great sermons were most helpful. Rev. J. D. Scott was also present part of the time, and preached an edifying sermon. He was working in the interest of homeless children. Rev. F. B. Buchanan looked in on the conference, and spoke to us of his plans for Coronal Institute, Dr. Elchleberger, District Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of the San Antonio District, visited the conference and spoke of the encouraging outlook for prohibition in this part of the State.

The reports of the preachers from over the district reveal some very gratifying evidences of progress. The district never had brighter prospects to encourage the pastors to hope for and work for great victories. One young man was licensed to preach. Three others were recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

The following brethren were elected delegates to the next session of the Annual Conference:

- JOHN WILLIAM, A. T. COCKE, S. A. BROWN, WILLIAM PETERSON. Alternates: O. W. Cardwell, S. G. Yarkington, T. L. Huffstutler and J. W. Woodward were recommended to the Annual Conference for deacon's orders. The next session of the District Conference will be held in Nixon, Edna, Texas. A. Y. OLD, Secretary.

CORNICANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

This conference was held at Irene, April 28 and 29, just two days, but it was a most pleasant and profitable session—one of the best in the history of the district. All the preachers were there, and about forty laymen and local preachers. We were royally entertained. Bro. Walker, the pastor, is a splendid host, and the customary resolution of thanks was adopted enthusiastically. Rev. J. Sam Barcus was there, representing our Southwestern University, and preached a stirring sermon on Thursday. Dr. J. H. McLean was there, too, in the interest of our Methodist Orphanage, and also spoke for the Texas Methodist Historical Association. The brethren made a free-will offering of \$26.15 for the Orphanage. Dr. Horace Bishop, the presiding elder, was in fine trim—religious, wise, gentle, firm, brotherly and aggressive—and he holds the hearts of preachers and people, not merely to himself, but also to God's cause and the work we are to do. We love him. It is interesting to see how easily and quickly he puts the business of a conference behind him, and yet nothing is neglected. He does not live among small things; he wastes no time on mere details in the work or mere technique in the law, but the work is promoted and the law is upheld.

All the seventeen local preachers were approved, and four others were added to the list, they being licensed to preach, as follows: Elmer Crabtree, Thornton Moore, John Zimmerman and D. N. Stepp. W. A. Noel was recommended to Annual Conference for admission on trial.

The reports of the preachers showed a healthy and prosperous condition throughout the district. Considerable church building going on, several revivals have been held, resulting in many conversions and accessions; revival fires are burning all over the district, and the hearts of the preachers seem to be full of faith and expectation as they enter upon the summer campaign. It was an inspiration to look into their faces. They are going to give the devil no quarter; many of them planned to help one another in the struggle soon to follow, and one cannot contemplate the glorious results of such a conflict without a thrilling of the heart.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was strong and timely. There are only three towns in the district where liquor is sold. They are in Limestone County, and it is almost certain they will be put out of business by the election this summer. The Anti-Saloon League was strongly endorsed, likewise the W. C. T. U., The Home and State and the Texas Christian Advocate were heartily commended for their fearless and efficient service in this cause, and the "brave and timely utterances of Dr. G. C. Rankin" were remembered. The report also commended the recent official actions of Gov. Campbell in the enforcement of law and the present Legislature for abolishing race track gambling in Texas.

Thursday evening, the last hour of the conference, but with a full house, was given to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Education. Of course Southwestern University was remembered with words of warm commendation, but our Training School at Blooming Grove, which is correlated with Southwestern, came in for the greater share of attention in the report. Prof.

W. M. Board, who has had charge of the school for the past year, has made good in every way, and, under his able administration, the school has regained a firm footing in Blooming Grove, and is rapidly getting a strong hold on our preachers and people. The local Business Men's Club has pledged \$10,000 to the school and are otherwise getting under the institution. The report proposes the erection of an administration building to cost not less than \$20,000. The proposition is a daring one, but when we consider our ability and the imperative and immediate need of the building it is altogether reasonable. If we would gain and hold this country for God, we must not only evangelize, but we must educate, and do it in our own schools. We had as well face the issue squarely and make ample provision for the education of our own boys and girls or we will lose them. If we do not, our glory will depart from us and others will take our crown. The report urges that this matter be put upon the hearts of our people everywhere, and that the campaign for raising this money begin at once. Rev. J. M. Wynne is appointed the representative in the field, and the greatness and need of the work fill him with enthusiasm. Hear him when he comes to you. Give him your prayer and your money. Then pass the word along until the last man is reached and until we have a Blooming Grove in buildings, equipment and faculty, a suitable school home for our children.

The following are the delegates to the Annual Conference:

- J. L. LONSFORD, C. A. STONE, J. H. MYRICK, I. R. DARWOOD. Alternates: J. A. Shipp, Rev. J. T. McCowan, H. S. Keathly, W. L. Bailey. The next session of the conference will be held at Cooleidge. J. W. HEAD, Secretary.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The opening sermon of the Jacksonville District Conference in Rusk was preached by W. D. White, of Athens, on Tuesday night, April 27, 1909. The conference proper opening the following morning.

Ellis Smith, the presiding elder, devoted the major portion of the first hour to devotional services. The opening was marked by religious fervor.

At eleven o'clock the first day, Mrs. Alex. Woldert, of Tyler, President of the Women's Home Mission Society of the Texas Conference, delivered a helpful address on women's work. This address was one of the important features of the conference.

Prominence was given to religious worship and the conference was inspired by two splendid sermons by J. B. Turrentine, of Texarkana, representative of the Texas Methodist Historical Society, and J. A. Stafford, of Lufkin.

Thursday night was given to educational interests and J. E. Smith, Financial Agent of Alexander Collegiate Institute, and A. W. Butler, the newly elected President of this school, made addresses of the interests they represent. The Committee on Temperance made its report at this time and several laymen of the district made strong speeches which deeply stirred the attentive audience.

The sessions of Wednesday and Thursday were given to the routine work of the conference. Four men were given license to preach, three of whom were young men from Alexander Collegiate Institute.

J. M. King, J. C. Box, J. J. Faulk and J. F. Mallard were elected delegates to the Annual conference on the first ballot. Lee Guinn and A. B. Martindale were elected alternates.

The sessions of Friday were occupied by the laymen. J. M. King, of Palestine, was elected District Leader of the Laymen's Movement, and permanent organization was perfected for the district. It is probable that no more enthusiastic body of laymen ever assembled in a District Conference. In the many excellent speeches there was an indication of deep permanent spiritual power. There were many expressions of intelligent experimental faith. We may safely predict that in the near future the men of affairs who are leading this movement will enlist the entire laity of the district.

The meeting was to have closed at noon Friday, but there was such a strong demand that it was decided to hold an afternoon session which closed with the departure of the evening trains.

The delegates and visiting laymen will long remember the hospitality of the people of Rusk, and the easy facility with which Bro. Collins managed the entertainment of the conference. W. S. EASTERLING, Sec. J. M. GAUL, Asst. Sec.

BOWIE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The twenty-eighth session of the Bowie District Conference was held in Ringgold, Texas, April 25-28. About 100 laymen and preachers were in attendance. The first session started with revival power, and a deeply religious spirit characterized the whole. From the reports it was gratifying to note the progress made in the district in twelve months. The Sunday-schools have nearly doubled in number, and almost every school now observes Children's Day. From no organized classes a year ago, the number has grown to nearly forty. Missions in the Sunday-school have grown from almost nothing to the support of a special missionary in the foreign field, which action was taken at the District Conference.

The missionary spirit is still rising in the district. The unoccupied territory of the district is now almost all being reached by the pastors going out Sunday afternoons or on week nights and preaching in these neglected places. Almost all the assessment for foreign missions, most of the assessment for home missions, and nearly all assessments for Bishop's Fund have already been paid. Every charge has paid the Orphanage and many have paid the American Bible Society assessments.

The laymen in their meeting were addressed by Hon. H. E. Jackson, of Dallas, and most cheerfully did they assume the district's part of the \$7500 special to be raised by the laymen of

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the conference. They say it will be raised, and more, too. J. H. Matthews was re-elected Lay Leader for the district.

The following were elected delegates to the annual conference:

- W. F. MANNING, T. H. MARBERRY, J. P. BARLOW, J. H. MATTHEWS.

W. A. Johnson and Wm. H. Wright were granted license to preach, the last named also being recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial.

Archer City was chosen as the seat of the next session of the conference.

Ringgold entertained the conference in great style. Nothing but praises were heard from the visitors. Jno. E. Rouch presided at all the sessions in his inimitable way. He is in much favor with all the brethren, lay and clerical. D. H. Aston, J. O. Old, J. C. Weaver, H. E. Jackson, H. A. Boaz and John H. McLean were visitors at the conference. In every way it was pronounced a great District Conference. S. M. BLACK, Secretary.

BOARD MEETING.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State Epworth League was held in Dallas Friday, May 7, attended by seven members, as follows: A. J. Weeks, Secretary; Theo. Bering, Jr., Treasurer; T. S. Armstrong, L. S. Barton, Ellis Smith, C. H. Benceke and Gus W. Thomasson, Chairman, Financial Agent A. K. Ragsdale was also in attendance. A regulation prohibiting hereafter the use of sleeveless bathing suits was adopted. Plans for the opening of a wagon passageway immediately to the south of the old restaurant building and the permanent closing of the one adjoining the railway station, were approved. The contracts for the use of the grounds by the Y. M. C. A. people in May and by the Marshall Private School for June and July were also approved.

A. K. Ragsdale and A. J. Weeks were made a committee of two to manage concession matters. The price of daily admission was raised to 25 cents for adults and reduced to 10 cents for children.

A tentative proposition was considered for the operation of Epworth Inn, and an outline agreed upon for contract. It is proposed to open the Inn for summer business early in June.

The resignation of F. E. Ring, local member of the board at Corpus Christi, was accepted, and a note of thanks extended him for his efficient services. Mr. J. W. Pittman was unanimously chosen to fill the place vacated by Mr. Ring. Dr. C. P. Feager, of Corpus Christi, was elected as Encampment Physician, with Dr. Black as assistant.

An exhaustive report from President Ragsdale regarding the outlook for the 1909 session received attention. The financial report of the auditor was submitted and carefully gone into. Plans for the coming Encampment were fully discussed. The Encampment date set by the State League Cabinet, namely, August 5-15, was concurred in. President Ragsdale was authorized to make some needed improvements at the bath house and to construct a portion of the sidewalks contemplated for the grounds, provided funds for such purpose are raised from the Junior League Chapters.

During the deliberations of the board President O. L. Hamilton, of the North Texas Conference League, and Secretary F. L. McNeny, of the State League, honored the occasion with their presence.

Two sessions of the board were held, occupying most of the day, and various matters pertaining to the work of the organization and the outline of the program were briefly stated by Committeeman Weeks. It was agreed that indications were favorable for a successful meeting.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE METHODIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL, MATADOR, TEXAS.

Whereas, It pleased Almighty God, on Friday evening, April 9, 1909, to take from our midst Brother A. S. Johnson, our beloved co-worker in the Sunday-school and Church; therefore be it Resolved 1. That in the death of

Brother Johnson the Sunday-school has lost one of its most faithful and beloved teachers and faithful workers.

2. That the Church has lost a true member and the community a worthy citizen.

3. That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour, and that we commend them to the God of mercy for consolation.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy sent to the Matador Messenger and one to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication, and that they be spread on the minutes of the Sunday-school.

- DR. R. L. HAMILTON, T. B. EDMONDSON, CLAUDE WAHREN, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Our pastor, Rev. D. L. Coale, has been appointed evangelist of the Stamford and Clarendon Districts, we believe, under the direction of the Holy Spirit; and

Whereas, His pastorate has been most acceptable to our people; therefore be it

Resolved 1. That we hereby express our confidence in him as a man and preacher, and while we regret to give him up we feel that he can and will be a blessing to the Church in his new field of labor.

2. That we bow in humble submission to God and to the authorities of the Church in this appointment, and pray the blessings of the Father upon Brother Coale and the great work he represents.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Quarterly conference, and that a copy be sent to the Christian Advocate with a request to publish same.

- JNO. J. SWITZER, Secretary Quarterly Conference, Munday, Texas.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

- San Antonio, Hondo, 2:30 p. m. May 12 Houston, Galveston, 8 p. m. May 12 Clarendon, Dalhart, 7:30 p. m. May 12 Brownwood, Ballinger, 8 p. m. May 25 Plainview, Tulla, May 25 Dallas, Oak Cliff, 9 a. m. May 25 San Augustine, Tenaha, May 26 Colorado, Roscoe, 8 p. m. May 26 Greenville, Quinlan, May 27 Bonham, Bailey, 9 a. m. May 27 Abilene, Anson, May 28 Gatesville, Meridian, May 27 Decatur, Chico, May 27 Paris, Roxton, 7:30 p. m. May 27 Terrell, Rockwall, 2 p. m. May 28 Beaumont, Newton, June 1 Pittsburg, Queen City, 8 p. m. June 8 San Angelo, San Angelo, June 10 Stamford, Hamlin, 9 a. m. June 17 Llano, Lometa, 9 a. m. June 23 Western Dist., Ger. Mis., Pehweville, June 24 Cleburne, Godley, June 25 McKinney, Wylie, June 25 Weatherford, Graham, 9 a. m. June 25 Dublin, Carlton, 10 a. m. June 29 Marshall, Beckville, June 29 Calvert, Lott, June 30 Tyler, Mineola, 9 a. m. June 30

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It has been suggested that if the "Women's Home Mission Society" of this Church were to heartily cooperate with the pastor in the hat removal campaign the results would be beneficial to all concerned. It is sincerely hoped that the above suggestion may be acted upon at an early date.

# Notes From the Field

## Garrison.

Our second Quarterly Conference was held last Saturday and Sunday. The reports were good, and the preaching by our presiding elder was fine. Bro. Tower is all right anywhere—in the pulpit he is a workman who gives out the products of his toil; in the Quarterly Conference he is perfectly at home, and in the social circle he is most congenial. We love him very much. Our work is prospering.—W. A. Manly, May 5.

## Wheatland.

We have just held one of the most powerful Quarterly Conferences in Wheatland Station this scribe ever saw. Large crowd at every service from Saturday morning to Sunday night. Brother Peterson, our presiding elder, gave us four as strong, spiritual, uplifting sermons as I ever heard. They grew as they came. Oh, how my people were blessed by his preaching! We are in the best condition for true Church effort. Stewards made a good report; a little over half out. Brother Peterson preached a telling sermon on missions Sunday at 11. It became effective at once by our Sunday-school superintendent, Brother S. H. Nance, giving \$100 special for missions. We found others thinking of giving some on special. It was a great, effective occasion. We reported foreign mission, Bishop's and Orphan assessments paid. We are on rising ground. We will look forward with some eagerness for Brother Peterson's next visit.—M. R. T. Davis, P. C.

## Notes from San Angelo District.

The work in San Angelo District moves on. Some revivals mark the progress of the work. At Water Valley some time since a good work was wrought. A great many souls found the light. I thank the Lord for our humble part in it. S. J. Estes and his faithful wife are doing a fine work on this charge. He is in labors abundant and very earnest. Next, Sonora—experienced a great meeting. On reaching the town I found the spirit of revival already at work. Chas. T. Davis, the pastor, had everything in readiness for the revival. There is much in that. After all, upon the faithful pastor the work falls largely. Davis is one of that sort. He is doing things in Sonora, and his people love him much. Had a great time in his good Christian home. At Miles at this writing, where we hope to see a mighty work of God. Brother Campbell if we succeed. Still nothing is his heart in the work, but it means a pull if we succeed. There is nothing too hard for Jesus. May God bless the work and workers everywhere.—Sam J. Franks, May 5.

## Haskell Station.

Our second Quarterly Conference has just gone to record. Our beloved presiding elder, J. T. Griswold, came to us Sunday night, May 2, and preached a Holy Ghost sermon. It was one of the finest Quarterly Conferences I have ever had the pleasure to attend. God was present in great power, and Brother Griswold was full of love. There was plenty of time given to every question. C. B. Meador, the pastor, has every department of the Church at his command. The Sunday-school, prayer-meeting, Leagues, mission societies and the whole Church are alive under his wise leadership. He has the love of God in him, and he is letting the world know it. He is always found on the right side of every question, and he is loved by all. Six were recommended for license to preach. Finances of the Church are nearly up to date. Everybody hard at work for the erection of a \$25,000 church building, for which we have the plans and hope to erect during this year. I never saw a charge that had as many young people in it that would pray in public as has this one. May God's blessings continue to fall upon this good people.—Sam D. Roberts, L. D.

## Mineola.

We have just closed a most excellent meeting here. It only ran fifteen days, but in some respects it was the best meeting that I have ever witnessed. We only had thirteen additions to the Church and five conversions, but they were all grown men and women, some of whom are the leading citizens of the town. We did not expect a great ingathering, inasmuch as so many joined the Church last year, but God in answer to prayer gave us the desires of our hearts in building up the Church from every standpoint, and today Methodism and Christianity are stronger in Mineola than ever before. Brother C. B. Garrison, our presiding elder, was with us the first two days and nights of the meeting, whose wise counsel and fervent prayers and strong faith inspired us to press the battle for the Master. On Monday morning he held our second Quarterly Conference, to the delight and satisfaction of all the brethren. Our people are simply delighted with him as a preacher and presiding officer. The salaries are about paid in full. We were assisted by Charlie Hughes, of Jasper Station, who did most of the preaching, and I speak advisedly when I say he did it well. Having had him in three meetings—at Gilmer, Center and Mineola—I can say with perfect safety that he has developed into a great and powerful preacher. On the last day of the meeting I gave my people an opportunity of expressing their appreciation of his valuable services in dollars and cents, and, without my pressing the collection at all, they gave him \$200. Indeed, the Lord has done great things for us in Mineola. We have received thirty-four into the Church since conference and 114 last year, making a

net increase of 148 in less than one year and a half, and the good people here have met every financial request that we have made of them. Our conference assessments are considerably higher than last year, but we secured them in the month of January in cash and good subscription; so our beloved will not have to worry one moment about this charge not having a full report at conference. Brethren, let us not be contented with anything less than a revival in every charge and full collections, for when we fall short of this we fail to measure up to what the Lord requires of us.—L. H. McGee.

## Gail Mission.

On April 18 we closed the greatest revival that ever came to this town. T. N. Lowery did the preaching and J. F. Adams led the singing. The results in eight days were forty conversions, eighteen additions to our Church. The Holy Spirit was in all the services in great convicting and saving power. The last night of the meeting was a genuine Pentecostal scene. The old-fashioned way of coming to Christ can not be surpassed by your new methods. When I reached Gail many said to me: "This is a tough place, parson." I found it so. The Church was greatly backslidden, no Sunday-school, prayer-meeting or W. H. M. Society. The change came. We now have a live membership, the best Sunday-school in the district, a live prayer-meeting and a fine W. H. M. Society. We take pleasure in recommending T. N. Lowery, of Merkel, to any one who needs the help of an evangelist. He delivers the goods. Bro. Adams can sing, but on his way out here he stopped off at Big Springs to quench his thirst; got some kind of a water animal in his throat—you may guess the rest. The people gave them a neat sum for their services, and to this Brother John Deshazo gave them each a nice town lot. Brother Lowery will come to me at Durham in September. There is one of the most up-to-date country places in Texas. We have a strong Church at Durham, and we are praying for great results. Pray for us.—J. L. B. Cash, May 5.

## BRAZOS AVENUE, CLEBURNE.

We are making some progress in this our first year as an independent charge. Last year this congregation was organized and placed under the supervision of the Main Street Church, but the last Annual Conference made us a separate charge. We have a commanding location, on the east side of our beautiful little city. The future will confirm the wisdom of those who saw the opportunity and planted this Church. Already we are a factor in Cleburne Methodism. On coming to the charge last November the writer found a kind-hearted and loyal people. Much work is to be done—"the field is white unto the harvest." I find my people loyal and responsive to all the appeals of the Church. They are indeed "holding up the hands of their pastor." Our Board of Stewards love the Church and their pastor, and they collect quarterly, but they go out and visit people and talk in the interest of the Church. The Home Mission Society is very much alive. Then last week almost a score of our consecrated ladies banded together in a Foreign Missionary Society. God's blessing will attend the labors of both these societies. "How about Sunday-school?" some one may say. Yes, sir, we are alive here also. Ask Alonzo Monk, Jr., Bro. Crews, our superintendent, and two of our primary teachers went to Waco to the great Sunday-school Conference. We are going to send a delegation to Morgan the 12th inst., to our District Sunday-school Conference. Our average attendance for April was 33 per cent of enrollment. On the strength of this we now have the District Sunday-school banner in our possession. We are planning to begin a meeting the first Sunday in June. With the Lord's help we are expecting victory.—J. O. Crook, May 3.

## Turkey Mission.

Our second Quarterly Conference has just passed. Brother G. S. Hardy, our much loved presiding elder, was with us, and did some fine work. The occasion was one that will be long remembered. The officials were nearly all present with fine reports. We have a splendid Board of Stewards, and believe they come up to the disciplinary requirements. They advanced the salary \$120 over last year, and notwithstanding this there is a larger per cent paid than has been before at this time of the year. After a most excellent sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock by our beloved pastor, the trustees of North Quitaque Church rose and presented the nice, new structure to be dedicated to the worship of God. We are all truly proud of this property. We have it nicely furnished. It will be worth \$2000. We have had a continued struggle at this place, but the Lord is giving us victory. Many said this was the happiest day in its history. Things happen when the Church can have behind it such men as W. S. Gregg, W. A. Breedlove and Willie Graham. The good women say they will carpet the aisles and the pulpit. Brother G. R. Fort was present and preached at 3:30 p. m. on gratefulness. All heard him gladly. I have received twenty-four members since conference. The charge is in good condition, and the prospect was never better. There is still lots of room for good Methodist folks out here.—C. D. Pipkin, P. C., May 3.

## LANCASTER.

I started my protracted meeting April 1 and held until Wednesday night, at which time Rev. A. Marvin, evangelist, and Emmett Ramer, singer, came and took charge of the services and continued until May 3. The Church was disturbed by dissensions and paralyzed Levite worldliness in R. Marvin's preaching was strong and fearless, condemning sin in and outside the Church; he stood for righteousness, the lines were drawn

the fight was on, the forces of sin fought hard, but great was the victory! The differences between the Church members were settled, some who had been worldly consecrated their time and service to God instead of to "the world, the flesh and the devil." For years the Church had been worshipping in a house that was old and small and did not fairly represent Methodism in Lancaster; they had contracted for a lot but had not paid for it. On the second Saturday night of the meeting Bro. Marvin called for money to pay for the lot—three hundred and eighty dollars—which was raised in a few minutes. The climax of the meeting was reached at the morning service of the second Sunday. After a strong, eloquent sermon Bro. Marvin took subscriptions to build a new church. S. J. Randlette, P. H. McDavid and Tom Barnes headed the list with \$1000 each. Sisters White and McCurdy, Bro. H. F. Hood and Robert Stuart, a young man and a young lady, each gave \$500 each, and amid tears and rejoicing, the pledges poured in. The children gave the money they had saved. I never witnessed such a scene in my life—it was wonderful. When the lists were added it was seen that nearly ten thousand dollars had been subscribed. A Building Committee was appointed to add to the amount of any who were not there, and to get plans and to proceed to immediately build a new church. A new twelve thousand dollar church is a certainty in the near future. Bro. Marvin spared not himself to do a great work for us. He is the pastor's friend and helper. I commend him to any pastor in need of help. Our Church seems to be "on higher ground," transformed by the renewing of the Spirit. I do not know how many conversions in our Church, but there were many.—H. H. Vaughan.

## Groveton.

This is our second year in Groveton, and we are very much encouraged over the progress made and the promise for the future. We have many as good and loyal people as are to be found anywhere. In the beginning of this year the W. H. M. Society placed \$100 towards our Church, and more in the near future. We have been pounded regularly, and think we can stand more of the same kind. Our Sunday-school is doing fine, and growing every day. We have recently closed one of the greatest meetings I ever saw: 175 conversions and recommitments and 72 additions to our Church. We were so full. Brother J. T. Smith did the preaching, and it was great. He captured Groveton as no one ever did. Brother W. H. Galloway led the singing, and everyone was delighted with him. He is not only a fine singer and choir master, but is one of the very best personal workers. Many hard things have been said of Groveton, and many of them unjustly, but a new day has come to our town. Perhaps there is no more quiet and peaceable town than ours, and has been for some time. The Lord is blessing the faithful labors of his children here, and we are all rejoicing.—Jesse Willis, P. C., May 6.

## Chappell Hill.

We closed a two weeks' meeting with good results. About twenty claimed conversion and the Church membership greatly encouraged and strengthened. We had with us Brother W. W. Galloway for eight days. He did valuable preaching. His style is rather attractive; a little humor in his introduction which secures the attention, then his sermon is thoughtful and convincing, combining many of the elements of revival preaching, and we all learned to love him. Brother H. L. Vincent preached two or three times for us. He is President-elect, succeeds Brother Willis in the presidency of the Chappell Hill Female College, and he made a good impression here, and the people are hopeful of the success of the school.—T. J. M. am, May 2.

## Work of the Church at Pittsburg, Tex.

Our second Quarterly Conference, Rev. R. A. Burroughs, presiding elder, in the chair, was held last night, May 3, 1909, and we are rejoiced at the progress that is being made along all lines of Church work, as shown by the record of the quarter just ended. Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, our faithful pastor, so untiring in zeal and energy, has proven himself equal to the task of successfully directing all the machinery of our great Church, even to the minutest details. To know something of the scope of the work being done, take the following facts as shown by the minutes of the conference held last night: The Epworth League is well organized and is accomplishing great good. The devotional services under the leadership of the indefatigable and faithful First Vice-President, Mrs. J. B. Greer, have contributed largely to the spiritual uplift of not only the members of the League, but of the whole Church. The Sunday-school work continues with unabating interest (report last Sunday showing 303 in attendance and \$20.49 contribution). In open school last Sunday our efficient superintendent, D. H. Abernathy, whose heart and life are in the work, made an earnest appeal for the unsaved to come to Christ now, and the scene that followed was almost beyond description. Out of the large crowd present only about a dozen were found who had reached the age of accountability and were not Christians, and nine of that number accepted Christ and gave their names for Church membership. Pastor's report on general state of the Church showed the Church to be on high ground spiritually, with an addition of seventy-four members during the quarter. Besides this, four of our boys just at the threshold of manhood have heard and answered the call to the ministry, and one young lady the call to do special work for her Lord. In his report on missions the pastor said: "The quarter that is just closing will be a brighter one in the history of this Church in its missionary work as well as in other lines. The desire and wish that we might have our own missionary in the foreign field took definite form soon after our last Quarterly Conference, and when the call was made for help and money to make

this thing possible, the response was so generous that we were soon able to take the matter up with the authorities at Nashville, and we now have our own representative in the field in the person of Rev. W. C. Borchers, who is doing a very important and promising work at Alegrete, Brazil." While we rejoice at the intellectual and spiritual growth of the Church during the quarter, we also take pleasure and pride in copying from the record questions 8 and 9, with their respective answers. Question 8: What amount has been raised the present quarter for the support of the ministry, and how has it been applied? Answer: Amount raised, \$487.75; amount paid preacher in charge, \$427.75; amount paid presiding elder, \$60.00. Question 9: What amount has been raised the present quarter for other objects? Answer: For foreign missions, \$469.30; for domestic missions, \$113.50; for conference claimants, \$15.00; for building, repairing or furnishing churches, \$5061.30; for missions in the Sunday-school, \$54.64; for Sunday-school supplies, \$127.55; for relief of the poor, \$26.35; for incidental expenses, \$91.19; for ministerial help in the recent revival, \$78.50. Our beautiful new church is now out of debt, other finances well up, and we have just had a gracious revival, and we are now happy on the way.—J. A. Coppedge, Recording Steward.

## Holiday Mission.

We have just closed what is said to be the greatest meeting Dundee has ever enjoyed. We began on the night of April 17. Brother M. H. Read, of Grand Prairie, came to us on Monday, the 19th, and did all the preaching after he came. He preached the gospel pure and plain, making no compromise with sin, but attacked the devil's forces wherever he found them, making no difference in the Church members and the man in the world. The gospel he preached was attended by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, convicting the hardest sinner and the little child as well. Fathers, mothers and children were born into the kingdom of Christ and rejoiced together in a Savior's love. With a few exceptions, the revival spirit reached the entire membership; dead members were made alive, the lukewarm were raised to boiling heat, the more spiritual were raised to greater heights. If any one wants to know how many were reclaimed, just ask how many members we had at Dundee and subtract three. If we made no mistake, there were twenty-seven conversions at the old-time mourners' bench. We received eleven into the Church; seven were baptized. There is a great harvest to be gathered by some one in the bounds of our mission. Plenty of work for two men, if we had means to support them. I will organize a new class the third Sunday, and hope to be able to organize two more before conference. The county is filling rapidly. A new town on the Wichita Valley Railroad is building up, and will be a preaching center for our people. There are settlements that have no preaching who are calling for help. I do hope our Mission Board will keep their eyes and hearts on this field. We praise God for victories gained, and trust him for greater things in the future.—J. B. Parr, May 5.

## Jackshoro.

Second Quarterly Conference held Reports good, and delegates for District Conference elected. The object of this letter, however, is to announce the recommendation of a bright young man for license to preach. Brother W. W. Rogers, a son of our Rev. O. T. Rogers, of the Cochran charge, is the young man. He has been with us nearly a year, and has been faithful in the Sunday-school and Epworth League. He has for some time been considering the ministry. During our recent meeting he was more strongly impressed, and a few days ago he reached the definite decision. He is a young man of fine parts, and our Church is rejoicing that we can help start him in this sacred vocation.—O. T. Cooper, May 10.

## Midland Station.

We have just closed a very successful meeting at this place, in which we were assisted by our presiding elder, Will T. Renfro. He is a fine preacher and an earnest worker. He greatly endeared himself not only to our people but to the people generally, and his return to our town will be hailed with delight. The meeting continued for two weeks, and the second week the business houses and offices closed for the day service, closing all the time for the night service. There were fifty-eight accessions to our Church, many were reclaimed and the Church wonderfully edified. We have received ninety-one members this year. Every department of the work of the Church is advancing nicely. Without any previous planning, we raised our conference assessments in full on Easter Sunday. Our people generally are loyal and faithful, so we consider the outlook for this Church very bright. We solicit an interest in the prayers of every reader.—A. M. Martin, P. C., May 10.

## Lovelace Circuit.

Our second Quarterly Conference for the Lovelace Circuit met May 1 and 2. Our presiding elder, Rev. T. S. Armstrong, was in the chair. The stewards made their report; \$86 was paid on preacher's salary. There are only three organized classes on this work; three Sunday-schools, W. P. Singley is in charge of this work, and he is moving everything for the good of the Church and the cause of Christ. Brother Singley is loved by all. There is one organized Epworth League doing good work. The Sunday-school Stewards' reports, which were good. Great interest is taken in the Sunday-school work. We are trying to build a church at Pleasant Hill. I think it will be built. It is needed very much. Brother Singley

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# The Home Circle

## UNAWARES.

They said, "The Master is coming  
The Master may choose to stay,  
And no one can tell at what house or  
home

The Master may choose to stay,  
And I thought while my heart beat wild-  
ly  
What if he should come to mine?  
How I would strive to entertain,  
And honor this guest divine.

And straight I turned to toiling  
To make my home more neat;  
I swept, and polished, and garnished,  
And decked it with blossoms sweet,  
And I was troubled for fear the Master  
Might come, ere my task was done,  
So I hastened and worked the faster  
And watched the hurrying sun.

But right in the midst of my duties,  
A woman came to my door;  
She had come to tell me her sorrows  
And my comfort and aid to implore.  
But I said, "I cannot listen,  
Nor help you any to-day,  
I have greater things to attend to,"  
And the pleader turned away.

But soon there came another—  
A cripple, thin, pale and gray,  
And said: "O let me stop and rest  
Awhile in your home, I pray;  
I have traveled far since morning,  
I am hungry, faint and weak;  
My heart is full of misery,  
And comfort and help I seek.

But I said, "I'm grieved and sorry,  
But I cannot keep you to-day,  
I look for a greater and nobler guest,"  
Then the cripple went away.  
The day wore onward swiftly,  
And my task was nearly done,  
And the prayer was ever in my heart  
That the Master to me might come.

I thought that I would spring to meet  
him,  
And serve him with utmost care,  
When a little child stood by me  
With a face so sweet and fair;  
Sweet, but with marks of tear-drops  
And his clothes were tattered and old,  
A finger was bruised and bleeding  
And his little bare feet were cold.

I said, "I'm sorry for you,  
You are sorely in need of care,  
But I cannot stop to give it  
You must hasten elsewhere."  
At the words, a shudder  
Swept over his blue-veined brow,  
"Some one will feed and clothe you, dear,  
But I'm too busy now."

At last the day was ended,  
And my toil was over and done,  
My house was sweet and garnished  
And watched in the dusk alone,  
Watched, but no foot-fall sounded  
No one passed at my gate,  
No one entered my cottage door,  
I could only pray and wait.

I waited until night had deepened  
And the Master had not come,  
"He has entered some other door," I  
cried,  
"And gladdened some other home,  
My labor has been for nothing,"  
And I bowed my head and wept,  
My heart was sore with longing,  
Yet, spite of it all, I slept.

Then the Master stood before me,  
And his face was grave and fair,  
Three times to-day I came to your door  
And craved your pity and care,  
Three times you sent me onward  
Unhelped and uncomforted,  
And the blessings you might have had  
Was lost, and your chance to serve has  
fled.  
Oh, Lord, dear Lord, forgive me!  
How could I know it was thee?  
My very soul was shamed and bowed  
Into depths of humility,  
And he said, "The sin is pardoned  
But the blessing is lost to thee,  
For comforting not the least of mine  
You have failed to comfort me."

## A STRANGE AWAKENING.

### A True Story.

John Wilson was a young man of moral habits, but was not a Christian. He hired out for a year to a wealthy Iowa farmer, a Mr. George Hall. Wilson liked his new home, and all went well until Sunday. After the morning chores were all done up, Mr. Hall came out with his fishing-pole and asked John if he would like to go fishing with him. Young Wilson was surprised beyond measure, but confusedly excused himself. The day dragged slowly away. Mrs. Hall went visiting, and not a soul was on the place except Wilson. He saw at a little distance several of the neighboring farmers putting their fast nags through their paces, but all this was so repugnant to his training that he

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did not offer to join himself to them. Mrs. Hall returned at four o'clock and rallied him upon his downcast looks. "I do believe you are homesick," said she.

"No, I am not homesick a bit," he replied, "but it has been the longest day that I ever saw—and it has been the dullest. How in the world do you stand it? Haven't you any Church or Sunday-school to go to?"

Mrs. Hall laughed heartily. "You didn't know you had come into heaven, did you? Well, you have. I don't suppose there could be another such settlement found in the United States. There isn't a Christian man or woman in this entire school district, and only one, old Uncle Jacob Straber, in the school district that joins us. We are not such a bad lot, either. But of course we don't go to Church, and there isn't any to go to if we wanted to attend. You will have to do like the rest of the men—go fishing, play baseball, or race horses on Sunday."

Wilson shook his head. "I'm no better than the rest of you, but I can't go back on mother's bringing-up. It would break her heart if she heard of my doing such things. But what do you women do, while the men play baseball and race horses? Looks like you would have a Sunday-school for the children, anyhow. Are you going to let them grow up without knowing anything about keeping the Sabbath?"

Mrs. Hall looked troubled. "I have thought of that—thought of it lots of times. There's my Hattie and Willie now, ten and eight years old, and they have never been inside of a church's walls more than two or three times in their lives, and never were at Sunday-school. Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Tomkins, and I have talked it over more than once. But we are all unconverted people, and so are our neighbors, and we don't see any way out of it."

Wilson's face flushed with a sudden inspiration. "There's enough of us right now that are tired of this kind of a Sunday, to start a Sunday-school. Let's do it."

"What! Have a Sunday-school without any Christians for teachers?" "Why not? It won't make us any worse to study the Bible, will it? And if we haven't any Christians to teach us, some of the rest of us will have to volunteer, that's all."

Mrs. Hall thought a moment. She had been a school teacher in her girlhood and was a refined and educated woman. Memory brought back to her the days when she was as regular in attendance upon Church and Sunday-school, as Sunday was coming. True, she had missed becoming a Christian, but she knew in her heart that she was far less worldly in those days, far nearer than now. Her conscience troubled her.

"If it wasn't for one thing," she said slowly, "I'd fall right in with your plan."

"What is that?" asked Wilson, getting full of interest.

"There's no one to pray. I would open with prayer—we might as well be pagans and be done with it. I don't believe in making a mockery of sacred things, and there isn't any one to offer a prayer."

It was John's turn to think a moment. Then he slapped his knee, as a bright thought struck him. "Say the Lord's Prayer in concert. There is nothing wrong in that, and it will be the best prayer ever made, he-sides."

Mrs. Hall agreed to that, and came home just then, and ranner to his hired man's surprise fell right in with the Sunday-school project.

"You get into your carriage," he said to his wife, "and ride around the neighborhood. Tell every woman you see that we will meet at the school-house at two o'clock Sunday to organize a Sunday-school. John, you tell all the boys about it, and I'll talk to the men. Look in your trunk, John, and see if you can find any Sunday-school quarterly."

By two o'clock the next Sabbath, the lane and enclosure about the schoolhouse was full of buggies and wagons. The schoolhouse was so full that no more could crowd into it, and seventy-five persons were around the steps and entrance.

George Hall acted as Chairman. The organization was effected out of doors, as it was impossible for the crowd to all get inside of the school building. Nothing could have gone off

with more enthusiasm. Apparently everybody wanted that Sunday-school. Mrs. Hall was chosen superintendent. Mr. Hall, as he had hoped, was given the Bible class, which in this case embraced all the hard-hearted arguers of the neighborhood. John Wilson was given the class of young men. Half a dozen other teachers were given classes, and a full complement of modern Sunday-school helps was ordered to be purchased.

The school went on as it had begun. Rain or shine, there was a tremendous attendance, and everybody was interested. Bibles were hunted up and studied from cover to cover, particularly in the Bible class, which became famed far and near for the absorbing interest its members had in it.

Six months after this Sunday-school started, an invitation was received from the adjoining school district to come over the next Sunday and help them to organize a Sunday-school there. This was the district that Mrs. Hall had told John Wilson about, that contained one solitary Christian. The invitation was accepted, and the second Sunday-school inaugurated with similar enthusiasm to the first. For this one Sabbath the two schools met together, and for the first time the Lord's Prayer was not used in the opening service. Old Uncle Jacob Straber poured out a most fervent prayer, and one that sank deep into every listener's heart. In this particular he prayed that this might lead to a minister of God being sent among them to preach for them.

Going home this was discussed "Why not?" said one, and "Why not?" echoed his neighbors. Mrs. Hall was finally directed to see if a minister could be found to preach, first one Sunday at one Church, then the next Sunday at the other.

After a time she found the minister, the Rev. Mr. Perkins, a godly man and a wise one. To him, it was a marvelous story. He came first to the Hall schoolhouse, and to every one's surprise announced that he would begin right then and there a revival service. To him it was a paragon case to that of Cornelius sending for Peter, and he believed the time ripe, whether they realized it or not, for this people to turn to God and his righteousness.

The time was ripe. In a few days sixty men and women were converted in that one neighborhood, and a second revival followed in the next district, where the second Sunday-school had been started. Now mark the marvelous operation of God's spirit. Every officer of the Hall Sunday-school and almost every member of its Bible class was converted. John Wilson was made a deacon. Subscriptions were at once made toward a church, work began on it as soon as spring opened, and in one year after that Sunday-school was begun in a godless neighborhood, there was a neat church, regular preaching, and a strong country Church membership established.—Lora S. Lamance, in Home Herald.

## THE BOY EARNED MONEY.

"How nice to have a son who is so pleasant and cheerful, running errands and doing chores."

"Oh," was the hostess' reply, "This is not my boy. His mother lives next door."

"Where is your boy? Is he not just about this boy's size?"

"Yes. He is a good little fellow. He is just going down town for Mrs. Blank, who lives across the street. He is always doing errands for some one, but he does not like to do them for me."

Watch this boy Saturday morning. He starts down street. An old man, ragged, poor, tired, is raking leaves. The boy calls, "Hello, Jake!" and gets a cheery answer. Stops and grins a minute, feels friendship from the stopping a minute of the old man in the work. Then the boy picks up a rake which happens to be lying there, or goes home and gets his own, and works for two hours, "helping the old man out," being paid by jokes, by patient listening to boy dreams and the story of boy quarrels, and the tale of school troubles.

That afternoon the father calls the lad as dinner is over and says:

"Will, see that you get this yard raked this afternoon or I will have a settlement with you to-night."

Then the father gets in the buggy with a friend and goes hunting squirrels. The boy is too young to go hunting, of course. Then father wonders that the boy did a poor job, that Will likes to talk to the poor ragged man instead of staying home and talking to— No, not talking, but sitting mighty still while father reads.

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"Hello, Johnnie," and gets a cheery "hello" in reply.

"Say, Johnnie, don't you want to help me carry this basket to the corner? I can't find Will just now."

"Sure." And the basket is carried. The man tells a good joke. The boy grins and tells something which happened at school, which starts the man on a story from his own boyhood. At the corner the boy is given a nickel. The father wonders why his own boy is not companionable like that.

That evening he says:

"Say, Will. You get the wheelbarrow and take this box to the store. It is too heavy for you to carry alone. Now be quick about it."

When Will gets to the store all tired out with his lonely, dark trip, he hears John telling what a fine fellow Will's father is, and what good stories he tells, and how he gave him a nickel that afternoon, "Just for most nothing."

There are parents who have the false notion that children should never be paid for that which is done for the parents. That is false, absolutely. There should be the same pay of smiles and gratitude and conversation to one's own boy as to the neighbor's boy. When the task is at all worthy, there should be money pay also. Make the boy feel that he is a companion in labor, not a slave. Then you will know as much about what your boy does in school, and from his own lips, as the ragged man knows. Then you will have no difficulty in getting service of love when money cannot or ought not be paid. Then your boy will grow into a self-respecting relation to the money he handles. A loving father owes to his own heart the giving as he can of gifts of money to his son. He owes to his own sense of honor or a payment for any unusual service demanded, in the results of which the boy does not equally share. He owes it to his own knowledge to work with his boy, that he may know the boy's heart, and get the boy close to his own.—Selected.

I do the very best thing I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep on doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference.—Lincoln.

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# Sunday-School Conference at Waco

The fifth annual State Methodist Sunday-school Conference met in Fifth Street Methodist Church, Waco, Monday night, April 12, and closed Wednesday night, April 14. Probably one thousand delegates were in attendance and a most interesting and profitable conference was had.

Many of the speeches were of unusual excellence, and two or three were by resolution ordered published in the Texas Christian Advocate.

The singing, led by E. O. Excell, of Chicago, was a pleasing feature, and, altogether, it was an inspiring occasion. Several items of business had attention in the regular way, and all Sunday-school workers in the State will be interested in the forward movements planned.

The Board of Directors of the State Methodist Sunday-school Conference met in regular annual session in the pastor's study of Fifth Street Methodist Church Wednesday, April 14, and nominated the following officers for the ensuing year, who were elected by vote of the conference: W. C. Everett, President, Dallas; J. E. Harrison, First Vice-President, San Antonio; J. C. Winkel, Second Vice-President, Fredericksburg; C. S. Field, Secretary, Fort Worth; D. H. Abernathy, Treasurer, Pittsburg.

Upon request of the Anti-Saloon League of America the following brethren were nominated and elected to represent this body at the National Anti-Saloon Convention at Chicago, which convenes December 6, 1909: Dr. G. C. Rankin, Dallas; Rev. J. W. Moore, Beaumont; Rev. N. B. Harmon, San Antonio; Rev. Chas. S. Field, Fort Worth, Texas; H. C. Cone, Johnson, Tyler; Mr. Eugene Williams, Houston; Rev. H. A. Boaz, Fort Worth; Rev. C. G. Shutt, Hutto; Bishop Joseph S. Key, Sherman; Rev. V. A. Godbey, Waco.

The following resolutions were unanimously recommended by the Board of Directors, and adopted by vote of the entire conference on April 14, 1909, at Waco, Texas:

Whereas, we believe that a meeting of the Presidents and Secretaries of all the Sunday-school Boards of Southern Methodism, to consider ways and means of providing our great work would be helpful and a great inspiration to our cause; therefore be it

Resolved, That we request the General Sunday-school Board at its next meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, May 5, 1909, to consider this matter and upon concurrence to call such a meeting to convene with this body at its next annual meeting in the spring of 1910.

At the request of the Epworth League Board the Chairman appointed the following committee to take charge of the Sunday-school period at the assembly at Corpus Christi August 5-15, 1909: D. H. Abernathy, Pittsburg; J. E. Harmon, San Antonio; W. E. Hawkins, Fort Worth.

The movement inaugurated by the Northwest Texas Conference, and approved by the North Texas Conference, looking to the federation of organized classes in Texas, was read to the conference and approved as follows:

- (1) That we have a uniform constitution for our organized classes in Texas, same to be in harmony with our Discipline and Church polity.
- (2) That we provide and issue a charter for our organized classes, both of the Adult, Intermediate and Junior Departments.
- (3) That said charter provide for a uniform name, but allow each class to have a name by which it may be known in the local school.
- (4) That we have suitable class pins, and adopt uniform class colors for each organized class.
- (5) That the Secretary of this body be instructed to supervise the issuance of charter, enroll all classes, distribute literature and tracts for information as to the movement, and conduct the correspondence.
- (6) That we ask small amount as annual dues from each organized class as follows: For adult or senior classes (over 16 years old), \$1.00 per class; for intermediate and junior classes, 50 cents per class. This amount will pay for charter and defray necessary incidental expenses of promoting the movement.
- (7) That we ask our Sunday-school Editor to allow us some space in each number of the Adult Student for news notes and exchange of thought among our Texas classes, same to be supervised by the Secretary of our State Board.
- (8) That we establish a standard requirement for admission into our union of organized classes as follows: (a) Each school must be connected with and under the control of some congregation of our Church in Texas, whose superintendent is elected by a Quarterly Conference of our Church; (b) the class must be organized with the following officers and committees: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and three committees: (1) Membership Committee; (2) Devotional Committee; (3) Social Committee—all of which shall be provided for in the constitution.

A resolution was adopted thanking the Texas Christian Advocate for its many courtesies and requesting it to grant us one-half page in each issue for our Sunday-school work in Texas.

A preamble and resolution was adopted requesting the General Sunday-school Board at its next meeting to form what shall be known as the Southwestern District, with the following territory: Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico—five States, with their several Annual Conferences included. The Chairman of our Annual Conference Sunday-school Boards to be constituted an Executive Committee pledging the earnest co-operation of the several Annual Conference Sunday-school Boards in making possible at an early date the appointment of a District Field Secretary over said district.

A resolution of thanks for entertainment and courtesies was adopted by rising vote.

After a very profitable session the conference adjourned, 10 p. m., April 14, 1909. C. S. FIELD, Secretary.

## STATE-WIDE MOVEMENT OF TEXAS SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Action of State Conference at Waco. A great movement was put in motion at the Waco Conference, that when carried out will not only do honor to those who so enthusiastically pledged their organization, but will bring new enthusiasm to both teachers and scholars.

The President, Mr. W. C. Everett, Manager of our Methodist Publishing House,

at Dallas, Texas, introduced the Financial Agent of the Mission Home and Training School.

I told briefly of the Christ-like work being done by the Church in this long-neglected field. Our Woman's Board appropriates liberally to maintain a Church, a home and school for the very ones Jesus said he came to seek and save, and has just called upon the entire Church from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans for an offering to build and equip a splendid brick building on the forty acres of land we have purchased in Oak Cliff on the Interurban Railway.

As the Methodist Church, South, is the only evangelical Church in America (except the Episcopal), which is educating and training, industrially, unfortunate girls for useful Christian womanhood, many of our most enterprising Sunday-school superintendents have urged us to ask for this great work a missionary offering that every school must make if it hopes to live and grow as the President rightly says.

The phenomenal results attained prove our claims on the Church, Mr. Everett, who has so warmly espoused the cause, made a strong speech urging that each school take up this matter and make an offering. A wave of enthusiasm swept over that immense congregation, and by unanimous consent the cause was won. But Rev. V. A. Godbey, another of our leading Sunday-school great men, rose and put the motion in parliamentary style. "That every delegate and member who pledges to work to secure an offering for the Mission Home and Training School would stand." The conference as a unit sprang to its feet. With the hearty co-operation of such men as Mr. W. C. Everett, President of the State Sunday-schools; Dr. G. C. Rankin, editor, and Mr. L. Blylock, publisher of our Church paper; with commendations from our College of Bishops, ministers and laymen, may we not expect unstinted liberality.

Mr. Isaac B. Walker, Vice-President of the Union National Bank of Dallas, Texas, and Treasurer of First Church Sunday-school, a life-long Sunday-school worker, knowing the wonderful achievements of this home and school of training for friendless girls, so warmly advocates the cause that he has consented to assist us in every way with every superintendent in the State and urging them to make special efforts to secure a generous offering.

As the Mission Home and Training School, which some still call the "Rescue Home," belongs to the entire Church, we have agreed that the North, Northwest and Texas Conferences make their offering to build the chapel and school rooms for this institution as a memorial to this department of Church work, and West Texas concentrate on our Rescue Home in San Antonio, which has done, and is doing the Master's own work, under the able management of Mrs. H. M. Schoolfield.

To start this great Sunday-school movement in the two leading cities where the homes are located, Mr. Walker and the writer put the cause before First Church, Dallas, Superintendent A. Werry, officers and teachers and pupils heartily espoused the cause, pledging by classes \$5, \$10 and \$15 per class. Last year this school voluntarily gave \$100, and has never failed to respond to every appeal. After the Waco Conference I visited the Travis Park Church of San Antonio. The superintendent, Mr. A. W. Shaw, is a great man, having the greatest Sunday-school in the greatest State in America nearly 200 scholars. The good news from the State Conference was heartily welcomed and voted upon. The superintendent assured me their offering would not be less than \$100 or \$150. If they give by classes as we did, they will out-distance us, as they have 50 classes.

Now this sacred memorial the children will gladly make if we keep it on their hearts. This we propose to do with the co-operation of the superintendents. In the next few issues of The King's Messenger, which each superintendent will receive, the entire plan will be revealed. Then those who know our able and enterprising co-laborer, Mr. Isaac B. Walker, will understand a busy banker don't espouse his Master's cause without a determined effort to succeed. So personally you will hear from him, and you will let us hear from you. Remember, only live things move. May God bless your offering. MRS. W. H. JOHNSON, Fin. Act.

## OUR NEW ORDER OF WORSHIP.

My good friend, Dr. J. E. Harrison, has given us quite an extended series of articles in which he states his objections to our order of worship. As I read his deliverances, however, it appears that he is not so much troubled over what our worship in the Churches is now, on account of this innovation, but over the tendency of things. But it seems to me that he is needlessly alarmed. The fact is that nearly every good thing if practiced to excess has a tendency to become an evil, but, as I see it, it is not on that account to be entirely discontinued. If a pastor accepts invitations to dine with his parishioners there is a tendency toward abusing his health by eating too much, but I hardly think that the average pastor needs much warning at this point. If a preacher goes fishing occasionally there is a tendency toward his being unprofitably employed, but I do not believe that because of this possibility he ought to forego the delightful recreation afforded by rod and reel on the bank of a softly singing brook.

It is not my purpose, however, to follow the good Doctor in his meanderings among the ritualistic conditions

of the past, or in his fearful forebodings for the future. He evidently takes himself and his subject very seriously, and the fatherly warnings contained in his articles indicate that he thinks he has made out a case of serious danger.

I desire simply to give a bit of experience in the use of the new order. I never had a chance to try it until I was appointed to Georgetown Station. After being so appointed, one of my first acts was to buy a good supply of our Methodist Hymnal (note edition) and to introduce the new order of worship into our morning services. Some of our people looked with disfavor on the proposition and were filled with nearly as many misgivings as to the tendency of it as Dr. Harrison has expressed, but after nearly two years and a half I am prepared to say unqualifiedly that I like it and so do nearly all my people.

The recital of the creed and the reading respectively of a Psalm, by all the people, put the congregation into a quiet, thoughtful and worshipful frame of mind. Then to pause in the midst of the opening service and have all the people to sing the gloria, not only injects into the service a helpful note of praise to the Triune God, but it does much to fix in the minds and hearts of the people the doctrine of the Trinity—a doctrine so vital to our faith and which is now the object of so much criticism. I find also that having the hymn book thus in hand and getting used to reading the creed and the Psalm, many of them delight to join also in the singing of the hymns. The evident delight which the congregation takes in singing encourages the pastor to select a greater variety of hymns and so the congregation is becoming gradually familiar with the greatest hymns in the English language.

As to the time it takes and the tendency to minify the preaching of the Word, it all depends on the preacher in charge. If he is "in charge," and has not allowed his place to be usurped by a choir master, and if he has good common sense and knows how to proportion the service so as to give to each part its portion in due season, he can have as much time for the sermon as he ought to have.

The effect of the use of this order of worship on my congregation has been entirely good. It certainly has not detracted from their spirituality or diminished their effectiveness as soul-winners. During thirty months we have had three great revival meetings in which hundreds have been converted or reclaimed and more than sixty young men have sought license to preach, many of them having heard the call and given heed to it since their connection with this Church.

If our Church is to refrain from all forms of worship except those pre-

scribed or practiced by the early fathers, as Dr. Harrison seems to insist, and if we are to beware of all ritualism lest we drift into liturgical excess, then there will be, undoubtedly, a tendency toward that formless, musicless and lifeless manner of worship now practiced by the Hardshell Baptists and Non-Progressive Campbellites, and she will have for her pains what they have—empty church houses and a decadent ministry.

Our Church has always been, more or less, a ritualistic Church. We have always had a ritual and our preachers have always taken a vow to keep our rules and not mend them, but it has not for all that lost its power. God has always set his approval upon us, and does yet as a great soul-winning people, and for myself, I do not believe that the giving of the congregation the privilege of reciting, audibly, the Apostles' Creed and reading together one of the Psalms and of mingling their voices in singing to the praise of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, has for the last three years, or will for the years to come, detract from its spirituality or diminish its power to reach and hold and save the masses of the people.

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North Carolina Conf., Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 1
South Carolina Conf., Greenville, S. C., Dec. 8
Baltimore Conf., Washington, D. C., March 23
Second District—Bishop C. B. Galloway.
Illinois Conf., Waverly, Ill., Sept. 23
German Mission Conf., Houston, Texas, Oct. 21
North Mississippi Conf., Okolona, Miss., Nov. 24
Mississippi Conference, Brookhaven, Miss., Dec. 1
Florida Conf., Lakeland, Fla., Dec. 18
Third District—Bishop E. R. Hendrix.
New Mexico Conf., El Paso, Texas, Sept. 23
Arkansas Conf., Morrilton, Ark., Nov. 2
Memphis Conf., Greenfield, Tenn., Nov. 19
North Georgia Conf., Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 17
South Georgia Conf., Waynesboro, Ga., Dec. 1
Fourth District—Bishop J. S. Key.
West Texas Conf., Fracks, Texas, Oct. 27
Northwest Texas Conf., Stamford, Texas, Nov. 19
North Texas Conf., Paris, Texas, Nov. 17
Texas Conf., Jacksonville, Texas, Dec. 1
Fifth District—Bishop W. A. Candler.
Denver Conf., Trinidad, Colo., Aug. 12
Missouri Conf., Savannah, Mo., Aug. 25
Southwest Missouri Conf., Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 1
St. Louis Conf., Fremont, Mo., Sept. 15
Cuba Mission, Santiago, Cuba, Jan. 11
Mexican Border Mis. Conf., San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 5
Central Mex. Mis. Conf., San Luis Potosi, Feb. 19
Northwest Mexican Mis. Conf., Nogales, Ariz., Feb. 24
Sixth District—Bishop H. C. Morrison.
South Brazil Mission, Ponta Alegre, Brazil, July 7
Brazil Mission Conf., Piracicaba, Brazil, July 28
Virginia Conf., Newport News, Va., Nov. 19
North Alabama Conf., Bessemer, Ala., Nov. 24
Alabama Conf., Opelika, Ala., Dec. 1
Seventh District—Bishop E. E. Hoss.
Kentucky Conf., Paris, Ky., Sept. 8
Western Virginia Conf., Palatka, Va., Sept. 15
Louisville Conf., Henderson, Ky., Sept. 29
Holston Conf., Johnson City, Tenn., Oct. 6
Tennessee Conf., Franklin, Tenn., Oct. 13
Eighth District—Bishop Seth Ward.
Japan Mission, Arima, Japan, Aug. 25
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China Mission Conf., Swatow, China, Sept. 29
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White River Conf., Searcy, Ark., Dec. 15
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Western North Carolina Conf., Hickory, N. C., Nov. 24

A PLEASANT OCCASION.

Mrs. E. A. King, of Caldwell, is visiting the family of her son in this city, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. King. She has been a Methodist all her life and a constant reader of the Advocate. Though far advanced in life, she is still active in Church work in her home community and takes a deep interest in all the affairs of our Zion. Her son and his family are members of Grace Church, and also take an active part in the work of that congregation. Last week they gave a delightful luncheon to their mother, at which they invited about a dozen elderly ladies. Many of them have been identified with the work of the Church for half a century, and in some respects well acquainted with each other. They had a great time talking over the experiences and events of the long ago. Since their young womanhood a great many changes have taken place, and these were discussed and reminiscences were indulged in. It was very refreshing to these matured Christian women to meet again and renew each other's acquaintance and spend a few hours in sweet communion. Long may these saints of God live to bless the Church with their influence!

THE DEATH OF BISHOP CHARLES B. GALLOWAY.

Just as we go to press we have received the sad intelligence from Jackson, Mississippi, that Bishop Charles B. Galloway died this (Wednesday) morning at five o'clock. This will tarow a pall of sorrow over the entire Church. While the Bishop has not been well for several months, yet nothing so serious as this was dreamed of by the public at large. He was at the meeting of the College of Bishops last week in Nashville, but left a very sick man before the adjournment of his colleagues. He reached his home and his sickness took on the form of acute pneumonia and the end soon came as above noted. We have not the time to make an extensive notice of his life and work, but will do so in our next issue. In the meantime, the Advocate joins the Church in the experience of a profound grief because of this lamentable loss.

BISHOP KEY HAS THE TEXAS CONFERENCES.

Bishop Joseph S. Key has all Texas under his jurisdiction this year. This fact will meet the approval of our preachers and people. It has been, perhaps, twenty years since he held all these conferences the same year, and his assignment to them by his colleagues is a compliment to the State where he has lived the whole of his episcopal life. He is one of us, knows the territory from one end to the other, and has personal acquaintance with nearly all of our more than eight hundred itinerant preachers. He also has an extensive acquaintance with the laity of the Church, and he is largely familiar with the conditions of our work. This gives to him a wonderful advantage in holding these conferences. Then, too, he is one of the wisest of men. He has a clear head, a firm hand and a kind heart, and such is his simplicity of life and his brotherliness of nature that the humblest of our ministers and laity will have access to him, and, living amongst us as he does, he will be ready to lend any assistance to any of the brethren or the Churches on short notice. He will keep his eye steadily on the field, and his counsel and judgment will be of benefit to those who represent him on the several districts.

True he is now an old man, but his health is excellent, his mind and body well preserved, and his faculties are in tact and alert. He never gets in a hurry, gives patient thought to every interest and his serenity of spirit and complacency of temperament are marvelous. We have seen him under all circumstances and been associated with him on all sorts of occasions, but we have never seen his equanimity disturbed or his spirit ruffled. He is the same amiable, consecrated and just man everywhere and under all circumstances. He is the sort of man that everybody can love, reverence and respect. Our conferences, therefore, are to be congratulated that they are to have Bishop Key to preside over them next fall. He will be given a sort of filial welcome by the brethren. Long may he continue to live to bless the Church and the world with his presence and service!

A DELIGHTFUL DAY IN TIMPSON.

Last Saturday I was forced to tear myself away from the delightful association with the members of the Book Committee and scores of other brethren to fulfill an engagement in Timpson. The fact is, I would have hardly done so in the case of any other community, but I was needed there and went to their assistance. It was the occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of their elegant new church building. It will be remembered that one year ago last Febru-

ary the church and parsonage there were completely destroyed by fire. Both buildings were wiped off the lot. Rev. G. W. Davis was the pastor, and, as there was fairly good insurance on both pieces of property, the pastor at once took steps to rebuild the parsonage. This was done, and it is the best parsonage, perhaps, in the conference. It cost over three thousand dollars, but would cost about five thousand most any where else. It is built of beautiful cement blocks, manufactured for the purpose. The pastor, Rev. S. W. Thomas and his family, are most comfortably housed under its roof.

The church is being built on the same lot where the old one stood. It is of cement blocks made with special care on the ground. They are as hard as granite and will last forever. The foundation is sure and the walls are now above the windows. The design is mostly Roman in style, modern, unique, commodious, elegant and convenient. It will seat seven hundred people when completed. It already has the appearance of a splendid stone structure, massive and imposing. It will cost \$15,000, but in Dallas it would easily cost \$25,000. It will be in advance of the town for the present, but they are building for the next generation. It will give Methodism the right of pre-emption and our people are greatly interested in it. That loyal and steady old layman, Col. T. S. Garrison, is Chairman of the Building Committee, and has charge of the work. He is devoting his entire time to it. He sees every piece of material that goes into it. Nothing escapes his eye. He is determined to see to it that when completed, which will be about August 1, it will be as nearly perfect as possible, and he is not only giving his time to it, but also his means. He has prospered in his business, and his love for the Church is only limited by the capacity of his heart and his means. He is so deeply interested in this enterprise that he gives it his thought by day and dreams of it by night. He is now advanced in life, and he wants this to be the crowning glory of his work for the Church, and he is being ably assisted by a number of other excellent laymen, like Brothers Bryan, Blair, Hawthorn, Vincent and many more.

On Saturday evening at 6 o'clock a great crowd gathered on the church grounds. The music was rendered by a band of excellent young men trained and led by Mrs. J. D. Ford. It was superb. Rev. C. A. Tower, the wide-awake presiding elder, had charge of the ceremonies. He followed the order prescribed in the Discipline. Rev. S. W. Thomas deposited the Bible and the Discipline in the box, also copies of the Texas and Nashville Christian Advocates, and Brother Garrison placed in the list of the donors to the enterprise and a list of the Sunday-school classes. There are one hundred and eighty nine members of the Sunday-school and every one of them contributed one dollar to the building fund. Hence their names are worthy of a place in the corner-stone. Then followed the address by the writer, and the beautiful marble tablet, with suitable inscription, was put in place. The entire services passed off beautifully and the people were happy. Well they may be, for when this splendid edifice is completed it will be a great event and the consummation of bright hopes in the bosoms of our Timpson Methodists, and right here permit me to say that I know of no Methodists of a better type than those in the town of Timpson. They number about four hundred, and they are intelligent, prosperous and enterprising.

On Sunday morning the people of the town assembled under and around a large shed near the church for wor-

ship. It was an inspiring congregation, and the service was deeply spiritual and helpful. The people were attentive and responsive. At night they assembled in Garrison Hall, a building owned by Brother Garrison, and given free rent to the congregation and Sunday-schools while the church is being built. It is a large, comfortable auditorium and the service was refreshing. This ended the worship for the day.

Eleven years ago I first visited Timpson at the session of the East Texas Conference. It was then a straggling railroad town with a few hundred people making up its population. Now it is a town of three thousand prosperous people with every evidence of thrift and moral progress. It has two strong banks and many excellent brick business houses. It has a fine school building with six teachers and about five hundred pupils in attendance. Heretofore the town depended largely on the lumber industry, but now farming and fruit and truck gardening are flourishing. They have had good rains and crop conditions are fine. They have two railroads—the Houston East and West Texas and a branch of the Santa Fe. The latter used to be the "High, Dry and Windy." Some of the readers will remember my humorous write-up of this road about eleven years ago. Well, I did not exaggerate the matter, though it contained a good deal of humor. President Grigsby, now deceased, had just taken charge of the property, and he died without forgiving me. Up to that time the road had been mostly used to ship logs out of that section, and of course it was crude and primitive, but now it is a good road, in good condition, with good equipment, and it is doing a fine business. All in all, East Texas has no better town than Timpson, and it has the promise of larger development. My day with them was delightful to me. While there I enjoyed the hospitality of Col. Garrison and his good wife. They are now alone, their children having married and set up for themselves years ago. They are happy old people and their home is the soul of hospitality. They are the steadfast friends of the preachers, and they always find delightful entertainment under their roof.

Brother Tower is doing a great work on that district. He does not spare himself and none of the interest of the Church escapes his attention. Brother Thomas has his hand upon the situation. He is a wise man, understands human nature and leads the people successfully. We had a few minutes with Brother Wilson, of Gary. He is on that charge and doing well. Also I got to speak a moment with Rev. W. W. Armstrong, at Beckville. He is one of the promising young members of the conference. The preachers throughout the district are hard at work and they will make a good report next fall at conference.

G. C. R.

THE MEETING OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE.

As we stated in our last issue the members of the Book Committee met last week in Dallas. This is the first time that this body has come this far west. It was an event in their own experience and in the experience of our Dallas and Texas Methodism. The members were all present except one who was detained on account of sickness. While it was a business meeting, yet much social attention was accorded to them by our people and preachers. Friday night a great banquet was tendered them by the local Methodists and a large number were present to enjoy the occasion. A delicious spread was served and then the toasts followed. Judge N. W. Finley was master of ceremonies. The speeches were witty, wise and

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entertaining. On Friday another banquet was served at which the pastors of Fort Worth were also the invited guests. The preachers in the city tendered this entertainment.

On Saturday afternoon the cornerstone ceremonies for the new Publishing House enterprise were conducted. There was a large gathering present, and Dr. Collins Denny had charge. Dr. A. J. Lamar made the address of the occasion. The exercises were greatly enjoyed, and the event marks the permanent establishment of the Branch House in Texas. It is now to the front as our connectional enterprise.

On Sunday the distinguished ministers of the Book Committee filled all our Methodist pulpits, and we hear nothing but the best reports of the ministrations. It was a great day for our Dallas Methodists, and its good influence will abide.

The following is an excerpt of the proceedings of the business sessions of the committee:

Reports on the condition of the Shanghai Publishing House were submitted by Drs. Brown and Morgan, of the Board of Directors of that branch. It was stated that the report showed a satisfactory condition, but no figures were given out for publication.

Improvements to the extent of \$12,000 were authorized by the committee for the Publishing House at Nashville.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Publishing Agents and the other members at Nashville for their faithful attention to the business of the Church.

Dr. Sid Bass and Dr. James Campbell, the Texas members, expressed the thanks of Texas Methodism to the committee, because of their holding the meeting in Dallas this year.

A resolution of appreciation, offered by Dr. O. E. Brown, was given to Dr. Sid Bass, Dr. James Campbell and W. C. Everett of the local committee for courtesies extended, and to L. Blaylock and Dr. George C. Rankin, of the Texas Christian Advocate, and the Dallas Laymen's Council for the hospitality and kindness shown the committee.

The following figures were given out on the report of Smith & Lamar, Publishing Agents:

Sales at Nashville .....\$517,554 90  
Sales at Dallas ..... 161,242 34

Gross sales .....\$678,797 24  
Deduct sales to Dallas ..... 57,976 18

Net sales, 1908 ..... 621,721 06  
Net sales, 1907 ..... 587,522 85

Increase in sales .....\$ 34,198 21  
Gain at Nashville for 1908... 56,837 64  
Gain at Dallas for 1908 .. 10,113 99

Total gain for 1908 .... 66,951 63  
Total gain for 1907 ..... 58,039 97

Increase in gain .....\$ 8,911 66

The following is a summary of the report of the Publishing Agents to the Book Committee:

The Official Auditor employed by you has carefully examined our figures in this exhibit and in the appended general inventory, and certifies to their correctness.

The year 1908 has been one of fin-

ancial depression and of decreased volume of business in our country at large, and the fact that an increase both in volume of business and in profits therefrom, as shown in this report, is very gratifying to us, and speaks well for the fidelity of the employes of the house and the character of our customers.

The circulation of our Sunday-school periodicals continues to increase with the growth of the Church. This, as noted in our reports of previous years, is our largest single source of revenue.

We regret to report a loss of \$4,977.02 on the Christian Advocate and of \$3,822.16 on the Epworth Era and of \$209.84 on the Quiet Hour quarterly for the year. Examination of the reports of publishers of other religious papers, shows that we have much company in this particular. This year has been a hard one on religious publications the country over.

The Methodist Review has the largest circulation it has ever reached in its history, and more than meets the cost of publication. During the year we have worked in all our mechanical departments on an average of about 10 per cent less than heretofore. The employes have been faithful and diligent, and we have no labor troubles.

We have charged off for the year for depreciation of stocks and probable loss on accounts, the sum of \$14,836.91. Our net addition to the capital of the house for this year is \$43,105.70.

The figures on the Dallas branch, in charge of W. C. Everett, as submitted by the Publishing Agents, is as follows:

Merchandise inventory ..\$	61,472 13
Personal accounts .....	53,271 93
Bills receivable .....	319 61
Safe and office fixtures ..	3,875 55
Cash on hand .....	19 11

Total assets .....	\$ 118,958 33
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### Liabilities.

Nashville account .....	65,607 00
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Net capital .....	53,351 33
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### Recapitulation.

Net assets, Nashville ...\$	1,034,527 21
Net assets, Dallas .....	53,351 33

Total net assets .....	\$1,087,878 54
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## PERSONALS

Bro. Frank M. Thomas came in to see us while in the city last week.

Rev. Jno. E. Green, our Field Editor, came in to see us recently, greatly to the delight of the entire force. Everybody loves Jno. Green.

Nearly all the members of the Book Committee paid their respects to the Advocate force. Among them are leading laymen and prominent ministers.

Rev. W. H. Matthews, the popular pastor of Mulkey Memorial, Fort Worth, was in to see us the other day. He always remembers the Advocate.

Rev. T. S. Armstrong, the sub-Bishop of the Waxahachie District, brightened this office with his smile the other day. He is making good down his way.

Rev. O. E. Brown, D. D., of Vanderbilt University, gave us the benefit of his presence and cheerful words last week. He is one of the leading men of our Methodism.

Rev. E. P. Ryland, of Los Angeles, is to take the place of Rev. George Sexton at St. Paul's Church, Houston. This is a wise selection, as Dr. Ryland is one of the leading preachers in Southern Methodism. He is

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originally from Missouri, and we knew him well in the Southwest Missouri Conference back in the early nineties. We wish for him the largest success in his new field.

Rev. A. J. Weeks, the venerable presiding elder of the San Antonio District, made us one of his very pleasant visits last week. He is always welcomed in this sanctum sanctorum.

Dr. Childs, of the South Carolina Conference and a member of the Book Committee, renewed his acquaintance with the office recently. He reads and enjoys the Texas Advocate.

Rev. James Campbell, of Corsicana, was a pleasant visitor to this office during the sitting of the Book Committee. His old editorial instinct always heads him in this direction when he is in the city.

Rev. Ellis Smith, of the Jacksonville District, was in the city last week and paid the Advocate force a brotherly visit. He is one of the leading men of the Texas Conference, full of energy, enterprise and active work.

Rev. H. T. Cunningham, of the Marshall District is having his first experience in district work, but he is guiding matters wisely, and his energy keeps him in touch with all parts of his territory. His preachers speak well of him as a preacher and an executive and he is bringing things to pass.

Dr. J. H. McLean, of the Orphanage, called to see us this week on his way home from the meeting of the Board of Missions at Nashville. He brings back encouraging reports from Bishop Wilson. A letter from his

daughter to the board indicates that he is able to sit up and he requested his colleagues to assign him some work. Dr. McLean is looking well, and he is hopeful of his work.

Rev. C. B. Garrett, of the Tyler District, is making full proof of his office and of his ministry as well. The best of reports come to us of his work. He is one of the youngest elders on district work, but he has taken hold like an old stager.

Dr. W. F. Packard sends us a pamphlet containing his studies in "Christian Science So-Called," and like everything of a literary character done by him this pamphlet shows the closest study and a pungent treatment of the vagaries of this fad. Dr. Packard is not only a master in the pulpit, but with his pen also.

### KEEP THE BALANCE UP.

It has been truthfully said that any disturbance of the even balance of health causes serious trouble. Nobody can be too careful to keep this balance up. When people begin to lose appetite, or to get tired easily, the least impudence brings on sickness, weakness or debility. The system needs a tonic, craves it, and should not be denied it; and the best tonic of which we have any knowledge is Hood's Sarsaparilla. What this medicine has done in keeping healthy people healthy, in keeping up the even balance of health, gives it the same distinction as a preventive that it enjoys as a cure. Its early use has illustrated the wisdom of the old saying that a stitch in time saves nine. Take Hood's for appetite, strength and endurance.

### INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Preachers of the Northwest Texas Conference:

I desire to know how many churches are in process of construction, and how many are likely to want help from the Church, Extension Board this fall. If you are building or going to build, please inform me as indicated above. Address me at Albany, Texas, and oblige  
J. H. CHAMBLISS.

### A TEACHER.

Graduate of a leading college, sixteen years superintendent in present and preceding positions, and conductor or member of the faculty in a dozen State Summer Normals, wishes to change location. For further information address "TEACHER," care Texas Christian Advocate.

## Epworth League Department

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215 McKinney Ave., Dallas, Texas.

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

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

### STATE LEAGUE CABINET.

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### STATE NOTES.

We are looking forward to a great Encampment this summer. Indications point to a phenomenal attendance of the very best people in Texas. Dallas has launched a rousing campaign for 200 in their party and are asking the co-operation of the North Texas Conference to join them in a special train. They will arrange to camp together near their cottage, using this as headquarters and will get full benefit of all that is to be gained by the outing. A day in San Antonio with an organized plan of entertainment—seeing the missions, tally ho rides, Mexican supper, etc., will be the order of the day. Write Frank L. McNery, Dallas, Texas, if your crowd wants in on this great excursion.

We have planned for fifty of the 12x12 six foot wall tents this season—those with partition in them that proved so popular last year. We have also arranged for the usual number of 10x12 tents that we had each year. If you desire one of either kind reserved for you—the larger one rent for \$6 and the smaller ones \$4 for the Encampment period—please write A. K. Ragsdale, San Antonio, remitting a \$2 deposit. We may not have enough and will therefore appreciate an early application so that we can get plenty.

If you desire a room in the hotel at Epworth for the Encampment this will cost you \$12, you to furnish your own linen. We have several applications on file and would be glad to hear from others. We want everything shaped up in ample time so that things will be in readiness for your entertainment.

The Vanderbilt Quartette will be with us and will have charge of all the music. These young men add a great deal to the value of our assembly and will have one or two nights for a special entertainment similar to the one last year.

The first Thursday and Wednesday of the second week will be "recreation days." Boat rides, fishing trips and general rest and recreation will be the order of the day. Life will not be so strenuous this year.

We are taking steps to build the woman's lodge for the Home and Foreign Mission Societies at Epworth—a two-story ten-room house with a large assembly hall. We are delighted to have the co-operation of our mothers and sisters in our great work and hope some time to have a great building erected by the laymen for the accommodation of the laymen.

The hotel will be open for guests after June first. You can find no better place to rest and recuperate than at Epworth-by-the-Sea. Come enjoy the gulf breeze, the fine fishing and bathing in a quiet place, private and free from objectionable crowds.

### PROGRAM FOR MCKINNEY CONVENTION.

Pursuant to call of President there

## BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 187, South Bend, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child, the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures adults and aged people troubled with urine difficulties by day or by night.

was a cabinet meeting on Friday of last week held at office of Smith & Lamar in Dallas. Following officers were present: O. L. Hamilton, President; Miss Mary Ferguson, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. N. R. Stone, Junior Superintendent; Dr. B. S. Brown, Musical Director, and A. B. Hardin, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Vice-Presidents reported their part of the program and after some two hours' work the program for the convention was arranged. Further mention of the different numbers on the program will be made in subsequent issues of this paper. One change in plan of the Junior work was of special importance. This work will be given places on the program each day of the convention, the same as the Senior work. Let Junior Leaguers take note of this fact and, if possible, make plans to attend the entire three days.

The McKinney Leaguers are expecting a great attendance, and preparations are being made accordingly. Let every League send a good delegation, both Junior and Senior. We must talk for the convention, pray for the convention, and finally be in attendance. The date is June 10-13th.

### THE DALLAS LEAGUER.

By Miss Josephine Wolf.

Do you know him? Have you met him? If so, you'll never forget him. His name and fame you do not know. Because he would bring some trouble or woe, But rather because through his days of strife He has caught a fair glimpse of abundant life, And is trying so hard in his way to tell The old-fashioned story he knows so well. That his life may express in the fullest measure The infinite source of all his pleasure. He's an ardent member of the illustrious band Which is widely scattered throughout our land. Fulfilling with tact his destined race, Which will ever tend to uplift our race. Offering his service to some good cause, Though in the end he may not meet applause. Oh, may he be prompt, attentive, steadfast. And victory will surely be his at last. 'Tis such a blessing that Dallas can share The company and benefit of a life so rare. While rich with virtues he seems to abound, I fear faults there that still may be found. Whatever it be that may lack on his part, I assure you, I know it's no fault of his heart. But now, my friends, ere the time he too late, Let's rouse our energies and restate: Let's take the vows of a Leaguer anew. And will more than ever our motto to do. Shall we?

### AN INDORSEMENT AND ELSE.

For some time it has been my purpose to indorse fully the articles of Dr. Harrison on "The Use of the Ritualistic Services" in our Church, and the fun-making review of Bro. Turrentine in the last Advocate has prompted me to say something on the subject, though I am so weak and nervous I can hardly hold my pencil to write. Brother Harrison is fully able to take care of himself, and I do not appear as his defender, but indorse all he has written, and to ask him to keep at it, and, if possible, save us from dead, formal ritualism in our beloved Church, and from the dreaded death of spiritual life. We do not need the ritualism of Roman Catholicism nor the formalism of Episcopalianism. The more we have of ritualism the less we have of the true spiritual worship that honors the Lord and brings to the soul peace. It may satisfy the pastor who has only in store a little essay to repeat or dissertation on higher criticism, or evolution of man from lower forms of life, but to the minister who is truly called of God to preach the gospel of repentance and faith to dying men, it is a burden hard to bear. I find the laymen of our Church almost unanimously opposed to the ritual as it now stands in Discipline, and object to its use in the opening of worship as dead formalism and a waste of time. It is now a common occurrence for pastors to lecture on subjects or characters in their pulpits that are foreign to the purpose of our Lord, who said, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." Instead of a pure, sound, well arranged and earnestly delivered gospel sermon, it is a parrot-like per-

formance of ritualism, a theatrical solo or two, and from 20 to 30 minutes occupied by the pastor in the delivery of an essay, and the performance is over.

Often a song service—or worse, a regular theatrical concert—takes the place of the pastor Sunday night. This may all be right in this fast, sinful age, but to me it all forbodes no good, and is a compromise with this sinful age.

I therefore go on record here and now as opposing anything that detracts from true spiritual worship in our Church, and I fully indorse Dr. Harrison in all he has written on the subject, and trust he will continue to write, as I am sure the active, thoughtful, spiritually-minded pastors and nine-tenths of our laymen also indorse his position. May the Lord save us from aping the Catholic and Episcopal Churches.

I also indorse the action of the Committee on Division of the great Northwest Texas Conference save in the names. I think it would be better to retain the name with the records and call the Northwest, or new conference, "The Panhandle Conference," which is appropriate and natural. My good pastor, Brother Williams has given us a number of reasons why we should not divide at all. In the main, his arguments only furnish more reasons why we should divide. He feels proud of our great size and numbers, but loses sight of the great cost of going to and returning from conference, to say nothing of the long, costly moves of from 250 to 450 miles annually made by some poor preacher; besides it is impossible for any one member to know all other members in so large a body. As to the severing of brotherly ties, his position is absurd. Some of the dearest, best loved friends I have on earth were never members of this conference. Brotherly ties that can be severed by conference lines were never strong. I am greatly mistaken in the good sense, loyalty and godly enterprise of a large majority of the brethren of this conference were they to defeat the division of this already unwieldy body. In less than ten years I predict each one will be fully as strong as the Northwest Texas is to-day. For 55 years I have been a constant reader of the Advocate, and I still read it with delight and profit. It is not flattery when I say it was never better, nor more ably edited, nor mechanically published than it is to-day. I read the "Wesleyan Banner" from 1850 to 1854, and I have been a constant reader of the Nashville Advocate since 1846, and I still read both of them weekly, and derive much pleasure and benefit in so doing.

Well it seems that 56 men in our State Legislature have defied the expressed wishes of a majority of the voters and the instruction of the great Democratic party of Texas, and, strange to say, they were guided by their consciences. Verily a strange appendage that would cause men thus to work and vote. Do people believe it? No, nor ever will! Their course has added thousands to the prohibition ranks.

Corsicana is again dry, and some fellows who tried to overrun the law sleep in jail and realized of a truth that prohibition does prohibit. "On with the battle" is the cry. This is the seventy-third anniversary of Texas independence—just 80 days before I first saw light. Texas is still young and growing.

While old age, with disease, has crept over me and I am young no more, just waiting for the coming of the chariot, I am not fretful, nor impatient; would rather go, but willingly wait till suffering ceases. Not near so many preachers visit me as formerly. No time to waste on an old "has-been." I will soon cease to write. Good-bye. E. L. ARMSTRONG.

### SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTES.

Field-worker Brother W. E. Hawkins, of the Sunday-school Association of Texas, together with six or eight of the best Sunday-school men in the county, have just closed a series of institutes in Wise County. These institutes would last for two nights and a full day at each place. The attendance was large at all the points, ten in number, and the good done cannot be estimated. Already the reports from these places show a decided advance in attendance and interest. The advantage of all denominations being represented was that larger crowds could be had at the small places visited, and hence more enthusiasm. The small attendance at a small town could not inspire workers as a large attendance would do.

As to the class of work done by

### Notice to the Preachers

If any of you want the services of a first-class singer for your summer meetings, write me. I am not a singer, but I know one. K. P. BARTON, P. O. Milford, Texas.

Brother Hawkins too much cannot be said. He is a trained man, and knows the Sunday-school work as few men do. It is not theory, but real practice that he brings to the workers. In places where the Church had not rallied to the Sunday-school workers, the people were pledged to assist in the great work of teaching and learning God's Word. Volunteers were called for and many pledged themselves to teach or otherwise labor in the Sunday-school as the pastor and the superintendent might direct.

The finances were easily looked after by the offering taken at the afternoon and night services. We only wished that we could use him a month. It is the deliberate judgment of some of us that this institute method might be adopted by some of our Sunday-school Boards with profit. For instance, in the North Texas Conference, put a man like Brother Hawkins in the field and allow him a month in each presiding elder's district. In this time two places in each circuit could be touched and every worker given a chance to hear a live, up-to-date man on this great Sunday-school work. Offerings could be taken at each place, and the finances thus met with a profit to the board. It is a deplorable fact that our Sunday-schools, many of them, have such poor methods. They ought to be improved. Is this not a good step to improve them? We are highly gratified at the results obtained in this continuous institute plan, and recommend it to the brethren. W. E. Hawkins is all right, and any community which is fortunate enough to hear him will be richly repaid for doing so. L. S. BARTON.

I never realized, until a few days ago, that I was trusting myself instead of Christ. I have even felt a sort of complacency at night when thinking over the day. "I have done wrong in that thing," I said, "and in that, but in that other matter I came off conqueror. I am stronger today than I was last week. O, well, that is encouraging; I can't, of course, expect to be perfect all in a minute. I can only keep pressing on." Now, whose goodness is that but mine? Whom am I trusting? Who do I mean can not make me free from my besetting sins in a minute?—G. R. Alden.

God lets men have their playthings like the children they are, that they may learn to distinguish them from true possessions. If they are not learning that, he takes them from them, and tries the other way; for lack of them and its misery, they will perhaps seek the true.—George Macdonald.

"Magnificent and glorious as is the liberty of the press, the purity of the people is vastly more important."

### GAS FACTORIES

In People Who Do not Know How to Select Food and Drink Properly.

On the coffee question a lady says: "I used to be so miserable after breakfast that I did not know how to get through the day. Life was a burden to me. When I tried to sleep I was miserable by having horrible dreams followed by hours of wakefulness. Gas would rise on my stomach and I would belch almost continually. Then every few weeks I would have a long siege of sick headaches. I tried a list of medicines and physicians without benefit."

"Finally, I concluded to give up my coffee and tea altogether and use Postum. The first cup was a failure. It was wishy-washy and I offered to give the remainder of the package to anyone who would take it."

"I noticed later on in one of the advertisements that Postum should be boiled at least 15 minutes to make it good. I asked the cook how she made it and she said, 'Just the same as I did tea, being careful not to let it steep too long.'"

"I read the directions and concluded Postum had not had a fair trial, so we made a new lot and boiled it 15 to 20 minutes. That time it came to the table a different beverage and was so delicious that we have been using it ever since."

"My sick headaches left entirely as did my sleepless nights, and I am now a different woman."

"There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville" in pkgs. Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

SYSTEM OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE.—SHELDON.

Our author is not less pronounced in his chapter entitled "Inspiration."

After reading this chapter again and again, and marking it from beginning to ending, I thank God my faith is unwavering in the inerrancy of his blessed Word. But my deep solicitude is for our young brethren in the ministry who have not yet learned to walk alone. Hear the author:

"Any one who is moderately acquainted with the Old Testament cannot have failed to notice that the Hebrew piety was swift to refer all extraordinary gifts that subserved a good end. All talents and powers rising noticeably above the common level to a divine source. In its view these things betokened the operation of the thought and expression naturally passed over in some measure to the New Testament writers since, through their training, they shared in the characteristic Hebrew consciousness." (Page 141.)

Thus we have his promise. The conclusion is not far to see.

"It is quite conceivable that there might be such errors or inaccuracies (Page 142.)

But I should think it would require the ingenuity of higher apostate learning to "conceive" such a contradictory proposition. Our author feigns to defend while he aims a deadly blow.

On the same page he continues:

"How supremely difficult, for example, in a free, limited and impartial man, to unite intensity of feeling with judicial balance. \* \* \* To attribute to divine inspiration such words as are contained in Psalms 58:10; 109:10-12, and 137:9 is to dishonor both God and the Bible for the sake of affirming the perfect agency of the Psalm writers." Shades of Thomas Paine!

At least two of the Psalms referred to are Davidic. Hear David himself in the closing hours of his earthly existence, "Now these be the last words of David \* \* \* The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue." (2 Sam. 23:1-2.) Now, referring to the 109th Psalm (one of the Psalms our author assails) and eighth verse we read, "Let his days be few, and let another take his office," then read this verse as quoted by Peter in Acts 1:20; then drop back to verse 16 (Acts 1) and read, "Men and brethren, this Scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus." Thus we learn (1) that it was a prophecy concerning Judas and his posterity; (2) that it was spoken by "the Holy Ghost" through "the mouth of David."

Again our attention is called to "Num. 25:9 with 1 Cor. 10:8; Matt. 20:30-34, Mk. 10:46-52, Matt. 28:1-6, Mk. 16:1-6, and Luke 24:1-10" among the "errors" and "inaccuracies" of the Word of God.

Let us, as briefly as truth will admit, examine these references.

Numbers 25:9 reads: "Those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand."

1 Cor. 10:8 reads: "And fell in one day three and twenty thousand."

But pray where is the contradiction? Moses tells us the whole number that "fell in the plague." Paul does not mention that, but tells us how many of the "twenty and four thousand" "fell in one day," namely, day three and twenty thousand."

Matthew (20:30-34) tells us that "two blind men sitting by the wayside" were healed by the Master, and this "as they departed from Jericho" (v. 29). But in what part of the city, on what street, whether in the suburbs, at the entrance of the high-way leading from Jericho to Jerusalem, or far out on the road, he does not tell

us. He only records the fact of the healing of "two blind men." Mark 10:46-52 tells us that as Jesus "went out of Jericho" he healed Bartimaeus. Whether this occurred before the healing of the two recorded by Matthew or after that event we are not told. But where is the contradiction? How many more were healed the Holy Spirit does not make known to us.

As to the "errors and inaccuracies" of Matt. 28:1-6, Mark 16:1-6 and Luke 24:1-10, we are forced to admit, our author is in perfect accord with accepted tradition. If Jesus rose from the grave on Sunday morning it is impossible to harmonize these three records. Let us carefully examine them and ascertain whether or not there is want of harmony. I shall quote first Matthew's record (28:1-2) as given in both the authorized and revised versions, and also the Greek text from which they are translated.

"In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it." (A. V.)

"Now late on the Sabbath day, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene," etc., etc. (Amer. Stand. and the Revised Versions.)

"Evening of the Sabbath" is the literal rendering of the Greek.

No one will deny that the Jewish day ended at sunset, and began from sunset. (See Lev. 23:32; Mark 1:32.) On this all authorities are agreed. According to Matthew the resurrection of Jesus took place "in the end of," or "late on the Sabbath day," which was Saturday evening just before sunset.

Let us now turn to the records of Mark and Luke.

"And when the Sabbath was passed Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome had bought sweet spices that they might come and anoint Him. And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun." (Mark 16:1-2.)

"Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher." (Luke 24:1-2.)

I ask in all seriousness is there disagreement between the testimony of these three evangelists? First, Matthew tells us that two women "came to see the sepulcher" late Saturday evening, when there was an earthquake, the stone at the same time was rolled away, and this in the presence of the Roman guard. Second, Mark and Luke merely record visit of groups of disciples Sunday morning, after the guard had left, for the purpose of anointing the body of Jesus, only to find an empty tomb.

Let us have a concluding quotation from our author:

"In short, the evidence decisively establishes the conclusion that inspiration did not so far cancel or control human agency as to secure complete inerrancy."

And so it must have been had they spoken "in the words which man's wisdom taught." But since they "spoke in the words which the Holy Ghost taught" (1 Cor. 2:13) if they are "errors and inaccuracies" they must not be chargeable to the chosen pensmen, but to Him who spoke through them. W. E. CAPERTON. China Springs, Texas.

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SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY HOME-COMING.

April 21, 1909, was a memorable day in the history of our great central school at Georgetown. Students from all over Texas thronged the halls and visited the sacred precincts of their alma mater. It was an ideal day. Nature had "wept tears of joy" on the preceding evening. No dust nor wind interfered. It was not warm nor cold. Everybody present was comfortable and happy. It was a day of the glad hand. Greetings warm and cordial were exchanged by hundreds of the "old boys and girls." Classmates and old sweethearts met and laughed and chatted over the "good old times." Professors greeted former students and talked of the days gone by. Speeches, wise and otherwise, were made. Witticisms, humor, anecdotes and reminiscences abounded. The citizens "spread themselves" and "put the big pot in the little one" in their generous hospitality. Homes were thrown wide open to the incoming host of former pupils. A big barbecue was spread on the campus, and no pains spared to make the boys and girls have a good time. The professors forgot the bad lessons and poor grades of other days and welcomed all the home-comers as "great," or at least "great in possibilities." Every one who returned was glad of the "home-coming" and voted eagerly for another at a not too distant date. Sorrow was expressed for those who were not present. It was a great day for a great school.

I am glad to say through the columns of the Advocate, as I said on the platform of the University on that day, that I rejoice in the progress of my alma mater. I glory in every victory achieved. Her continued growth is a source of great gratification to me. I hope to see her prosper for all time to come. But my loyalty to my alma mater shall not lessen my efforts in behalf of the Polytechnic College, over which the Church has called me to preside for the past seven years. When I make love to my mother there can be no reason for my wife to complain. When I spend my days in earnest toil and loving devotion in behalf of the best welfare of my wife there can be no real ground for suspicion or complaint on the part of my mother. I am loyal and true to both. I love them both. My heart and home are big enough for both, and they can dwell together in peace. It is so with our colleges.

I am anxious for every possible cause of friction in our educational circles to be removed; I long to see complete unity and harmony prevail. I am persuaded that the time is approaching when this state of affairs will come to pass. May heaven speed the day. H. A. BOAZ. Polytechnic College.

LAST CALL—ALL LISTEN!

To date about 450 out of over 710 Sunday-schools in the Northwest Texas Conference have ordered programs through me. I suppose some of you have ordered direct from the Publishing House. Out of 338 pastoral charges in our conference there are about 100 charges that have not ordered Children's Day programs through me!

In these 100 charges there are about 200 Sunday-schools. We hope every Sunday-school will observe the day in May. If you cannot get ready by the third Sunday in May, which is the 16th, order programs immediately and you can have time for preparation for the fifth Sunday in May, which is May 30! The program this year is simply magnificent! If you do not observe on May 16 be certain not to postpone later than May 30. If you are so situated that you have no competent persons to train the school and carry out a program, then set apart a day; assemble your children, with your congregation, make a stirring address on some phases of Sunday school work, and take the collection as provided by the Discipline and forward same to our Treasurer, B. W. Dodson, Cisco, Texas.

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PITTSBURG DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

Monday afternoon, March 15, the Preachers of the Pittsburg District met in their Missionary Institute in the town of Daingerfield, and continued in session for two days. Rev. R. A. Burroughs, the presiding elder, had arranged a good, helpful program, and it was carried out very much after the order planned. The attendance was good, the papers and speeches were up to "the high-water mark," and the preaching was spiritual and helpful. The entertainment by the good people was royal and enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to be in attendance. We will gladly welcome the day when we can turn that way again. The Church people and the citizens generally attended the sessions well. We write the meeting down as a great success. Resolutions pledging early and full missionary collections were adopted with great enthusiasm.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we, the members of the Pittsburg District Missionary Institute, indorse the Texas Christian Advocate and its editor, Dr. Rankin, in their strong, bold fight against the liquor traffic in our State, and we pledge them our loyal support in their great work, and we condemn the Houston Post for allowing in its columns the words of abuse and the onslaught it has made on Bishop Ward and Dr. Rankin, and others who have championed the cause of right. We also give hearty praise and endorsement to Drs. Bradford and Norris for their brave and successful fight for the maintenance of our Christian Sabbath." O. T. HOTCHKISS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has called Sister Shamate to her heavenly reward and well-earned rest from the toils and struggles of this world; therefore be it

Resolved, That while it was not granted to the Home Mission Society to have her to meet with us, on account of her infirmities, she was a faithful and zealous member, never a call being made that she did not respond with full heart and open hand.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Home Mission Society, also a copy sent to the Texas Christian Advocate. MRS. H. A. GLADDISH, MRS. L. D. FRETWELL, Committee.

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

What of progress in papal lands—Brazil, Mexico and Cuba? Twenty-nine of thirty years ago nearly the whole of these people gave greater honor to the Virgin Mary than to Christ. These countries still need Christ—not the crucifix, but the living Christ; yet thousands have put away the semblance of Christ and received him into their hearts by faith. Our schools, our evangelistic work and our missionaries have helped to bring about this change. The salvation of one soul is of great value, and the salvation of a nation—who shall estimate it?—Bulletin.

To the Auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Texas Conference, Take Notice:

The annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society of the Texas Conference will meet in Center, Texas, June 1 to 8, inclusive. We are expecting delegates from all auxiliaries, and urgently request that delegates be elected at once, and their names sent to Mrs. E. E. Leak, Center, Texas.

We are making preparations for you, and will be disappointed if you don't come.

Center is the terminus of the Santa Fe extension, Beaumont division, trains arriving here at 7:40 p. m. and leaving at 10 a. m. The twelve-mile gap between here and Tenaha is being rapidly closed up, and we believe passenger trains will be running by June 1, which will connect us with E. & W. running from Shreveport to Houston. Pastors and presiding elders and auxiliary Presidents are urged to make announcements accordingly, and send names of delegates at once.

MRS. W. B. CROW, President.

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

The names of delegates from the adult auxiliaries, Young People's Societies and Juvenile Societies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Texas Conference are requested to be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Homes, Mrs. H. R. Parks, 757 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas, by May 15, if possible, so that homes may be provided for the annual meeting of the Conference Society, to be held June 1-4 in Grace Church, Dallas.

PRESIDENT CONF. SOCIETY.

"The Days of June" is ready for circulation. This sketch of June Nicholson, one of our young missionaries who gave her life to China, is most attractively given by Miss Mary Culler White, and may be had for fifty cents by applying to Mrs. S. C. Truheart, Nashville, Tenn. Each member of the missionary society should constitute herself a committee of one to extend the circulation of this tribute to the beautiful life of one missionary as given by another. "Some people move through life like a band of music moves down the street, flinging out pleasure on every side, through the air, to every one, far and near, they can listen." June Nicholson was one of those who gave pleasure wherever she was known.

The following estimate of the little book is given by Miss Gibson, President Woman's Board of Foreign Missions:

"A painting in words is 'The Days of June,' which is the biography of a missionary written by one of her co-workers. The artist, author and friend, inspired by love, has pictured her beautiful life—a character clear as crystal, a counterpart of Sir Galahad, whose type of life was in reality 'as rare as a day in June.' Throughout the book, which flashes with glints of sunshine and exhilarates with its refreshing style, there are poetry and pathos, wit and wisdom, song and sermon.

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### EASTER TIME AT THE WESLEY HOUSE, DALLAS, TEXAS.

The work of the past two weeks has been largely social. We have enjoyed good times in the sewing school, Sunday-school, Bible class, kindergarten and Boys' Club. Our first frolic came Easter week in the party given by Mrs. S. A. Chiles and Mrs. W. F. Nichol to the members of the garment-making class in our sewing school. We boarded an Oak Cliff car and soon arrived at the home of Mrs. Chiles, where a hearty welcome awaited us. An egg-hunt and games followed each other in quick succession until lunch time, when we formed a group on the porch to partake of a fine lunch cutely stored away in little red, white and blue baskets which now hang as souvenirs in the homes of the girls who were fortunate enough to be members of the class. No social occasion is complete without a lesson, and we listened attentively while Mrs. Chiles used the occasion to impress upon the minds of the girls their opportunity to make others glad at this happy Easter tide by showing a spirit of forgiveness and love. At the conclusion of the dainty lunch and appropriate lesson, Miss — added greatly to the pleasure of the afternoon by giving several readings. The girls then received enough calico, given by our Dallas merchants, to make a dress, and with many, many thanks to our hostesses for the happy time we had enjoyed we started for home.

Easter Sunday.

We had sent our pretty Easter cards telling of the flowers, music and story-

telling in store for those who came to Wesley Chapel Easter Sunday. Our faithful helper, Mrs. Lippincott, had worked early and late in securing flowers for the occasion, and had met with a liberal response from friends and florists, and these were beautifully arranged about the platform by Mrs. Lippincott and her assistants, who tolled early and late Saturday in their labor of love. The program was all that could be desired. Mrs. R. C. Ayres sang for us, and Mr. Henderson did likewise. The children of the Settlement had their part in the exercises, and the day closed with our annual Easter treat—a story by Mrs. Henry Jackson. The people were loud in their expressions of appreciation, and the day was a glad one for all present.

### Bible Class Supper.

This class, of which we would like to write at length, meets every Wednesday night at the Settlement. The study of the Word under Mrs. Reeves' direction not only has been a blessing to the young people who attend and a means of grace to the reformed men who are, indeed interested, but to one man it has meant salvation—real, old-time religion.

Nearly every member was present at the class supper so beautifully provided by the friends in Oak Lawn and Trinity Home Mission Societies and Ervay Street and First Church Young Ladies' Societies. One of the young women in the class remarked upon the extent of the feast by saying: "We thought you would have a little refreshment like you usually do." Easter Bibles graced the well-laden table and formed the decoration on place cards and napkins. Conundrums kept the whole party bubbling over with merriment which came to a climax when Miss Victoria Webster gave several readings. Prayers and the Word closed a delightful evening.

### Kindergarten Party.

This event on Friday of Easter Week was given by Mrs. George Pittman and Mrs. McAdams. By automobile, taxicab and trolley car half a hundred small children, besides mothers and babies, were conveyed to the lawn of Mrs. Henry Jackson, there to romp and roll and swing to their hearts' content. We arrived via car line with a few children some time after the egg hunt, and found the evidence on egg mouths and shell-strewn lawn. One boy ate six eggs, and stopped me at the further opportunity to test his capacity when candy eggs, oranges and ice cream were passed around. We had a long, fine time before the hour came to bribe some of the children with candy eggs to return via the car line, leaving the main body to travel in surfeit and automobile. Even then we arrived home long after anxious parents thought we ought to have come, and the door-bell and phone of the Wesley House kept ringing with inquiries as to the fate of those who came later. Only one child was taken sick as a result of one of the finest times our kindergarten has ever enjoyed.

We thank Mrs. Pittman, Mrs. McAdams, our hostesses, and Grace Church Primary for a delightful outing.

### Young America Club Party.

The Boys' Club gave an Independence Day party to their leader, Mr. Nolan, in honor of his return after a month's rest. The room was prettily decorated in the National colors by our kindergarten teachers, and the flag of Texas adorned the program of sports which had been planned for the evening. After an hour on the playground the boys came indoors to hear Rev. Frank Boyle in a missionary address. This was but one of many lessons on lying, stealing, purity, industry, ambition and other subjects given to the club during the year by prominent speakers.

The club has met regularly since August, 1906, when the boys were brought together under the leadership of Graham Smedley, and each week a lesson is given. The club is very popular, the fathers testifying they cannot keep their boys at home on meeting night.

### HEAD RESIDENT.

### W. F. M. SOCIETY, CLARKSVILLE, TEXAS.

Program observed at an open meeting:

Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Prayer by Brother Bryce. Address by President, Mrs. M. M. White. Song, "The Whole Wide World for Jesus," by Mr. and Mrs. C. Hoeker. Paper, "Eliza Bowman School," by Mrs. D. D. Strong. Collection by four young ladies. Song, Paper, "Reflex Influence of Missions," by Mrs. W. W. Johnson. Song, "Jesus Leads." Reading, "Aunt Dinah's Starry Crown," by Mrs. C. Hoeker. Solo, "Not half as Ever Yet Been Told," Paper, "How Shall We Meet Jesus?" by Mrs. N. P. Doak. Paper, "Fitting," by Mrs. W. J. Dinwiddie. Song, "The Crowning Day is Coming By and By." Benediction by Brother Bryce.

MRS. W. W. JOHNSON, Corresponding Secretary.

### FROM GALVESTON, TEXAS.

At the last meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society of First Methodist Church a large number were present and several new members were added to the roll, which at present numbers forty-nine. In reviewing the work of the year, five hundred visits were reported made to sick and strangers, quite a number of needy people supplied with groceries or clothing, two hundred leaflets bearing different phases of the work distributed, the parsonage painted and kept in repair, quite a sum raised on the

organ fund, the Week of Prayer observed and collection given to the Ann Browder Mission Home and Training School at Dallas and a substantial sum also raised for the Immigrant Home in our own city—a total of \$1292.86 raised for all purposes. The women of this society are doing much good. Their work is broad and far-reaching, and is prospering as all good work should. This is only one of one hundred and fifty-five similar organizations in the Texas Conference.

REPORTER.

### EASTER EXERCISES, MIDLAND, TEXAS.

We truly had a "blue ribbon day" on Easter Sunday in memory of our dear Savior's resurrection. According to previous arrangement, we were honored with the presence of Mrs. Simeon Shaw, who made her soul-inspiring talk with beautiful drawings, illustrating a missionary's life and work in Japan.

Oh, it was just wonderful how her beautiful humility attracted and won the attention and hearts of young and old, great and small. "The crowning day is coming," even in Midland, Hal-le-lu-jah!

There were girls dressed in kimonos, who came on the rostrum and exchanged courtesies in Japanese style with Sister Shaw, then took their seats on the soft carpet and sat there, showing how the Japanese will sit patiently three or four hours on their carpeted floors and listen with eager attention.

With what delight we listened to her description of the great awakening that has taken place in darkened Japan, since pure Christianity is throwing its beacon light around them, and within their hearts. How many of us would walk 100 miles to prayer-meeting and take a week to do it! The climax of her day's work was in succeeding in getting the Senior League to pledge to support a Bible-woman in Japan.

MARY E. KELLEY.

Lake Creek, Texas.

### REPORT FROM W. F. M. SOCIETY OF SOUTH HEIGHTS, SAN ANTONIO, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized at South Heights in September, 1908, with six members. Since then it has grown in size to fourteen members, almost all of them taking active part in the work when called upon. There is a growing interest in the work, and we hope to have a successful year.

We began the study of our missionary work in Mexico when we organized, and felt a great benefit from it. With the new year we took up the study of "Near and Farther East," which deals with Mohammedanism in Africa and other Eastern countries.

The Week of Prayer was observed in October. It was a great spiritual uplift to the members and many others. We were sorry when it came to an end. The contribution amounted to \$10.

We have been very fortunate in having Brother Carver, a returned missionary from Brazil, with us for the last few months. He has with him his native Brazilian helper. Brother Carver conducted our opening meeting, which was a splendid service, and one that we all enjoyed very much. We also enjoy hearing him and his helper sing in the Portuguese language. Our society has contributed \$4 to his missionary work in Brazil.

We have paid our pledge, which amounted to \$25, and elected our President, Mrs. J. W. Mathis, our life member. Mrs. Mathis is a charter member of the Methodist Church at South Heights, and it was through her efforts, largely, that our Church has a Foreign Missionary Society. She has done some faithful work in any place she is put, and we are proud to have her as our life member.

During our lifetime we have raised for all purposes \$39.80, and think we have a good record for a six-month-old society.

The names of officers for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Mrs. J. W. Mathis, First Vice President, Mrs. J. Lee Brannon; Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Albritton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Gus Mathis; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. E. Nell; Agent Missionary Advocate and Press Reporter, Miss Ruby Brown.

MISS RUBY BROWN.

### FROM COCHRAN'S CHAPEL, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Installation service of the officers of the Auxiliary Woman's Home Mission Society of Cochran's Chapel was held at Cochran's Chapel Sunday, March 28. Our pastor, O. T. Rogers, made an appropriate address in behalf of the society, complimenting our work in all directions.

### OVERFATNESS CONDEMNED.

Fat, or even fattish, women readers who want to be in the mode this year must understand that the demand is for lines, not curves, and govern themselves accordingly.

That means OFF with the fat. It has become a duty. Many are trying exercise or dieting; but it is certain they will find these methods too slow and unreliable. The cheapest and safest way to get in form for the Directorate made is by means of Marmola Prescription Tablets. Any druggist or the Marmola Company, Dept. 741, Detroit, Mich., will give you a large-sized case of these elegant little fat reducers, containing a good, generous supply, for seventy-five cents, and even this quantity should be enough to make a decided impression on your excess fat. Many have lost as much as a pound a day.

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its different departments. In fact, he made us feel that we were an indispensable factor in the Methodist Church. He urged all the lady members to become members of the society, as this class of work was peculiarly adapted to the demands of the present age. Pastors receive indispensable aid, the world at large receives the benefits of their labors. They have schools for the Chinese and Japanese on the Pacific Coast, and for the Cubans in South Florida and Key West, and for the mountain people in the inland States; doors of hope for the fallen, settlement homes for the poor children of our cities; besides, from this society many of God's poor and sick receive invaluable assistance. May God quicken our energy and give us zeal and earnest endeavor to move steadily along in our efforts to move and care for the people of the world. To feel this has been the best year of our life.

MRS. T. J. GILL.

### FROM BLANCO, TEXAS.

The Auxiliary W. F. M. Society wishes to make a report of its work for the past year. We have thirteen members in our auxiliary, thirteen of whom are pledged to tithing. We sent \$29.29 to Conference Treasurers and raised \$111.65 locally. We expended \$86.65 on local work and paid \$25 on the Denton Dormitory.

The members feel that they have done good work, both spiritually and financially. We have good interest, and keep well informed as to the conference work. The auxiliary meets regularly once a month in devotional and business session, and in social meetings as the members see fit. We read and study "Our Homes," and have had thirty leaflets distributed the past year. The new officers are zealous in the work and we hope to make the new year a prosperous one.

MRS. A. O. STUBBS, Press Reporter.

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1908-1909, OF LUTHERAN AUXILIARY WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Amount raised from membership dues, \$77.90; amount raised for honorarium life membership, \$2,000; amount raised from Baby Rolls, Brigade, 26.84; amount raised during Week of Prayer, \$16.95; conference pledge, \$19.25; conference expense fund, \$2; supplies sent away, \$26.20; supplies and cash given locally, \$197.95; expended on parsonage, \$39.95; number of members, 18; number names added to baby and brigade roll, 41; total on rolls, 75; number of subscribers to "Our Homes," 21; number taking Reading Course, 20; papers and leaflets distributed, 141; number pledged to tithing, 22; number of garments given away, 294; number of visits to sick and strangers, 97.

On Monday, March 27, the following officers, having been duly elected, were installed by Rev. J. A. Stafford: Mrs. E. H. Sims, President; Mrs. G. A. Medford, First Vice President; Mrs. J. A. Stafford, Second Vice President; Miss Edna Evans, Third Vice President; Mrs. A. L. Wallace, Secretary; Mrs. C. D. Stegall, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W. E. Boykin, Treasurer; Mrs. M. A. Menefee, Agent for "Our Homes"; Mrs. J. E. McPherson, Organizer; Mrs. J. E. Wilson, Press Reporter; Mrs. J. C. Van Mays, Superintendent of Supplies. Our Reading Course has added materially to the interest in the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and the year just closed has been a prosperous one for us. We hope to increase our good works as we increase in numbers in our society. Always we have had good workers, but never before have we had so many good workers as we have had the past year.

MRS. J. E. WILSON, Press Reporter.

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reported a revival spirit moving at every point on the work. Brother Armstrong did some good preaching. Brought amens and tears from our eyes. Lord bless him in his work! He is the right man in the right place. We had good communion service on Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour, and it was a good service. Brother Singly organized another Epworth League at Berry's Chapel with thirty-two members. We had one of the best prayer-meetings we have attended in a long time; great interest in the service. The testimonies had the right ring in them. The third Quarterly Conference will be held at Pleasant Hill in July.—R. A. Winn, May 9.

Sadler.

We are glad to report a great revival at Sadler—one of the best, if not the best, in the history of the town. There were forty-nine conversions and thirty-five additions to the Church. Rev. I. N. Crutchfield, of Bells, Texas, did all of the preaching except two sermons. Brother Crutchfield is a great preacher and a successful revivalist. All of my people love him, and some talk of giving him a home in Sadler. May God continue to bless and use him in bringing many other souls to Christ. We were also ably assisted by our dear Brother Cariker, who lives in Sadler, and is loved by all the people. At this writing he is very sick with pneumonia, and we ask the Church to unite with us in prayer for him. We also had with us Rev. L. M. Harris, one of our great and good local preachers. We are serving the best and most loyal Methodists in North Texas, and we have one of the most religious presiding elders in all the State.—J. T. Turner.

Mulkey Meeting at Vernon.

On coming to this place last fall, the people gave us a royal welcome. They loved Brother Barnes, and hated to see him go, but they are loyal, and fell in line at once with us. Many tokens of kindness have been shown, and we are serving one of the best people in all the conference. Abe Mulkey came to me on April 23, and the battle began. For ten days we fought with energy, enthusiasm and faith, and God blessed the work. About fifty conversions and reclamations; thirty or more came to the Methodist Church. All the denominations co-operated, and the whole town and country were largely benefited. At the last service Bro. Mulkey took a collection for a new Methodist Church. Amid enthusiasm \$21,000 and a little more was subscribed in a few minutes. He is great on a collection. He knows how to plan, and then he can execute them. God uses him to a great advantage in this special line of Church work. My people are entering into this advanced movement gladly, and in a short time we will be at work on a \$20,000 church, which will be something worthy the noble Methodists of Vernon. I would not fail to mention the good music furnished by the large choir, led by Mr. Burdine. He is a fine leader; knows how to direct so as to have results, and the people enjoy his solos. We are hopeful and happy, and thank God for blessings already given, and go forward with confident faith.—A. L. Moore.

Center.

We have recently closed a gracious revival of Center, led by Evangelists Andrews and Huston. It was a great spiritual uplift to our Church membership. Sixty-three came forward and stood in the altar on the last night as having been converted or reclaimed during the campaign. We received sixteen new members. May the richest of the good Father's blessings be upon Brother Andrews and his faithful, earnest helpers. This pastor is glad they came this way. The work at old Center Church is progressing in most every way, we sincerely believe. Recently we launched the enterprise of remodeling our house of worship which, when completed, will give us a handsome, adequate and modern church. In our plans we made provision for an extra wing for Sunday-school, a primary class room and a pastor's study. In one month's time we hope to be able to resume worship in one of the prettiest frame buildings in our conference. The people continue to show us every courtesy and kindness. They are the Lord's own. Such a Board of Stewards, and in the main such a membership to stand by us and encourage us, it is no wonder we are confidently expecting a good year. No pastor can help being proud of a people who respond to his every appeal for enlarged effort and enthusiastic work in the Master's vineyard.—W. H. Vance, May 7.

Red Oak Circuit.

The second Quarterly Conference for this charge was held at Boyce. The entire conference was a great success and benediction to all who attended. Rev. W. H. Howard, of Ennis, preached a good moving sermon Friday night. Brother Armstrong gave us another splendid one Saturday. After a bountiful and most magnificent dinner served by the good ladies at the church, the presiding elder conducted one of the most interesting Quarterly Conferences I ever attended. He makes thorough inquiry into the work, and the brethren "sat up and took notice." Twenty-two officials were present, and the reports were all good. The congregations are the largest, and the missionary societies, Leagues and Sunday-school are all doing the best work they have done during my pastorate. In fact, this is high on to the best charge in the connection, so I think. With four good Churches, four weekly prayer-meetings, four Sunday-schools, three missionary societies, three Leagues and a board of thirty of as good officials as ever a pastor had—but I must stop, or the brethren will all want my job. Finances are

well up, and we are nearing the protracted meetings with faith in God to give us sweeping revivals at each appointment. The last day of this splendid Quarterly Conference Doctor Hiram A. Boaz, of Polytechnic, did the preaching. At the morning service he preached a profound sermon on "The King of Kings and Lord of Lords," at night a great sermon on "Christian Education." He raised for the congregations at Boyce \$400 for the college. My people and I were greatly blessed in the visits and preaching of these brethren. Thus we had a good, old-fashioned Quarterly Conference.—C. E. Lindsey.

Cedar Bayou.

Our revival service began at Cedar Bayou April 28 and closed May 7. When Brother J. W. Cullen came to this charge he found the Church in a back-slidden condition. From the start Brother Cullen seemed to take the situation. He threw his whole soul into an effort to get the Church on higher ground, and from the first he began to cry aloud and spare not, and yet he gained the love and confidence of the people. He announced the meeting two months in advance, and strove to get the Church in an attitude to receive a blessing. He did the preaching from Wednesday night until Saturday night. How he did preach! Saturday night that grand old Christian soldier, Brother Geo. H. Phair, came and began preaching. Jim Cullen and George Phair make a whole team, and they brought things to pass. While there were only six or eight that united with the Church on the last night of the meeting, I counted twenty-eight Church members who gave their hand to the preacher as being converted. Brother Phair came to this charge twenty-eight years ago as pastor, and served two years, and it did my heart good to see the old and the children of those who were gone meet and greet him. Brother Phair married me to my wife, and I was converted and joined the Church under his preaching. One person whom he baptized twenty-seven years ago had him to baptize her child. She had kept the glass used at her baptism, and mother and child were baptized with water from the same glass. Grand old man! I think he can safely say, with St. Paul, "Henceforth there is laid for me a crown of righteousness at that day."—C. G. Vickers, May 5.

Temple.

We are having a great revival at First Church, Temple. The house is filled to its capacity, and much interest is being manifested. There have been forty-one conversions at the altar to date, and the meeting will continue through this week, and perhaps longer. The pastor is doing the preaching, and Mr. Ed Huckabee, of Georgetown, is leading the singing. Great results are expected.—R. P. Shuler.

Joshua.

After two good years at Carbon we were assigned to Joshua. We left many good friends at Carbon, and find many at Joshua. We have been kindly received, yes, and pounded—pounded twice—once just after our arrival, and then again last week. The salary for pastor was advanced nearly \$200 over last year. The Home Mission Society at Egan has papered the church, and it is a thing of beauty. The Senior League at Joshua has purchased paper for repapering the Joshua Church. We have installed a night light plant in the church at Joshua. The class at Crowley has built a nice church. The credit is largely due Brother J. G. Patterson, of Crowley. This gives us a Church for each of the four societies. We have organized one Home Mission Society; this gives us two for the charge. We have all our meetings planned, and are looking forward to some great meetings. Have been indoctrinating our people some, preparing the way for revivals. We want some foundation to build on. Brother E. A. Smith, our presiding elder, is in high favor with my people. With Smith at the helm, we are looking for a great year in Cleburne district. We are pushing the Advocate interest.—R. R. Wagner, May 8.

DeKalb.

By a request of the Board of Stewards at this place at a meeting held by them this day I will give a report of the protracted meeting that has been in progress here for the last fifteen days, conducted by the preacher, Rev. G. W. Schroeder, which resulted in the conversion of something more than twenty souls. To the mind of this writer this has been the most unique meeting that was ever held in this country. The preacher found everything cold and formal to begin with, with a hard place to work, because of the infidel beliefs of many people who do all they can to make others disbelieve the truth; hence he began to show what infidelity had to give in place of the religion of Christ, and right well did he succeed in doing it. The result shows that several of those who were trying to stand on such beliefs were completely overturned, and many of them have declared a positive reformation, with complete surrender to Him with whom they have to do. Men who have ever disbelieved in the subject of prayer have declared to pray daily from now on, and to live good lives. There was not at any time anything like a conflagration in the meeting, no straw fires, no outbursts of enthusiasm and no loud promises, but a deep-seated conviction that is bound to bring forth much valuable fruit from this day on, and the amount of good done in this meeting eternity only will tell. There was at no time no signs of trying to build up any special Church, but, on the contrary, it was so directed as to build up the kingdom of Christ, and each one was told that that was all that the preacher was after. He is truly an ambassador of Christ in its truest sense. The effect of this meeting upon the Church (I mean the Church in general) has been wonderful, and will last until the time when men shall stand before the great Judge and there render to him

an account of their stewardship here. The Christian part of the place made the preacher a free-will offering of \$30, coming from all Churches, which he thanked them for after they would not take any part of it back from him. He is strictly willing to live on his salary, and not hold the people for anything else. Truly this man is not after the loaves and fishes, but the souls of men. We now expect new life in the Sunday-school, a great move in the prayer-service, and that the Woman's Home Mission Society will do great things in the near future.—A. C. Tisdale, May 10.

Roscoe.

Now in second week of meeting. A great work is being done. The Church is much revived, and many have been converted. A. W. Hall, of Taylor, preaching; N. A. Morton, of Roby, singing—G. J. Irvin, May 10.

Brookston and High.

Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Brookston May 1 and 2. Brother Gober was on hand and preached with his wonted power and acceptability. The reports on the work were well represented, and the stewards made a good financial showing. The preacher and presiding elder were paid up to date and over, being paid almost one-half for the entire year. Some advancement was reported along all lines. Several had been received into the Church during the quarter on profession of faith, and the Sunday-school interest largely increased. On Sunday morning the presiding elder gave the preachers a lift by soliciting subscriptions for the conference collections. With ordinary prosperity these claims will be met in full. Whatever some may think of the presiding eldership, it is still a live number in this corner of Southern Methodism. I am serving a delightful little charge in one of the prettiest farming countries I ever saw. My official board is composed of men of solid piety, who have the interest of the Church at heart. I am encouraged with the outlook for a successful year.—John D. Major.

Pittsburg.

Let all of our former pastors and friends rejoice with us in the great revival that has come to this Church. Sunday night we closed a meeting which for power and wide-reaching results, I have never seen surpassed. The whole town felt its wonderful power, and our Church people are rejoicing, and enthusiastically pushing the good work to which we are called. Brother J. W. Bergin, our pastor at Lawless, came to us on the 10th of April and remained till after the night service on the 20th, and preached and worked with greatest earnestness, and God honored his work with wonderful results. I have never had a man to help me more efficiently nor one who was more unsparring of himself. He is peculiarly fitted for this kind of work, and gets results because he expects them. He went back to his home taking with him the love and good wishes of all our people. We have 150 conversions and reclamations, and 72 were received into our Church last Sunday and 7 into the Baptist Church, and there are 8 more who have given their names for membership. Fourteen young men were called to the ministry, and one young lady has answered the call to special work for her Lord in the mission field. The life of the Church is on a much higher plane, and we are united and banded together for more faithful work. Beyond the earnest, faithful preaching of Brother Bergin, there were two things that ought to be mentioned. The work of the Epworth League was great. The League held a prayer meeting every evening at 6:45 at the home of their First Vice-President, Mrs. J. B. Greer, and there were conversions at every service. The parlors and rooms were crowded with the young people, and the interest in the meeting was intense, the testimonies clear and ringing, the conviction of the unsaved deep and pungent, the repentance heart-felt and thorough, and the conversions bright and happy. There were not fewer than fifty conversions in the home of Brother and Sister Greer. The League held their services for an hour each evening, and came directly from the meeting to the church for the night service, and when the call was made for people to come forward for prayer these Leaguers would go by two and four and singly to their friends and persuade them to come to church. It was a beautiful and impressive sight. The work of the Sunday-school officers and teachers was equally as worthy of mention. In many classes every unconverted member was brought to Christ. On the last Sunday morning our faithful superintendent, Brother Abernathy, made a most earnest plea to the young people who are still unsaved to surrender to Christ, and give themselves to the Lord. The twelve who were unsaved, nine of them accepted Christ then, and were received into the Church at the 1 o'clock service with thirty others who had already given their names. I have seen nothing like it before. Out of an attendance of over three hundred there were only twelve who had reached years of accountability who were not Christians, and nine of them were converted in that service and the other three before the day was gone. Pittsburg Methodism is on "higher ground," and we are "happy on the way."—O. T. Hotchkiss.

Shamrock.

Shamrock Methodists have great reasons to be happy on account of the results of the most gracious meeting held here yesterday. There were about thirty conversions and reclamations and twenty-three additions to the Church, with more to follow. The Church has been wonderfully blessed, and the entire meeting in the morning was a result of the revival we will organize an Epworth League tonight and a Junior League next Sunday. Rev. Geo. S. Wyatt, of Canadian, was with us and preached earnestly and fearlessly the gospel which is the power of God unto salvation. Yesterday was the climax of the meeting. At the morning hour a collection was taken to clear our splendid new church of debt, and \$127 was raised for that purpose. Now we are out of debt, with one of the neatest and best arranged church buildings in this section. At the night service, in addition to the reception of members, a free-will offering amounting to about \$75 was tendered to Brother Wyatt in appreciation of his services with us. Our new church is now ready for dedication, and through our growing elder, Brother Miller, we are arranging for the presence of one of the Bishops for that service. Since conference there has been an increase of 50 per cent in the membership of the Church here, and we are still growing.—W. Y. Switzer, May 3.

Rule.

Big union Sunday-school rally in Rule yesterday, May 2. Everybody worked hard. We had fixed on 500 in Sunday-school out of a population of about 1000. Had Sunday-school parade on Saturday, in which we had about 150. Nearly 1000 people greeted us on the street. Sunday's results: Baptists, 24; Methodist Episcopal Church, south, 200; Christian, 156. Total 529. This in the face of a severe sand storm and an epidemic of the whooping cough. W. C. Wright, May 3.

Abilene District—Third Round.

Anson, May 27. Truby, at Truby, June 12, 13. Abilene, June 29, 20. Merkel, June 20, 21. Trent, at Trent, June 26, 27. Nugent, at Delk, July 3, 4. Albany, at Luders, July 4, 5. Dudley, at Opalin, July 16, 11. Lavin, at Drasco, July 11, 12. Putnam, at Pisgah, July 17, 18.

HOW THE Ladies' Aid Society OF THE First M. E. Church MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK Made \$350.00 IN FIVE WEEKS I would like every society of our Church to know about it, and try the plan for yourselves. Address MRS. O. F. BARTHOLOW Methodist Parsonage MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK

Sabanno, at Curtis, July 18, 19. Clyde, at Eula, July 24, 25. Baird, July 25, 26. Caps, at Tuscola, July 31, Aug. 1. Nubia, at Knight's S. H., Aug. 1, 2. Tye, at Stith, Aug. 7, 8. Eskota, at Lawlis, Aug. 8, 9. Cross Plains, at Dressy, Aug. 14, 15. Moran, Aug. 11, 22. GUS BARNES, P. E.

Beeville District—Third Round. May 14—Mercedes, 8 p. m. May 16—San Benito, 11 a. m. May 16—Brownsville, 8 p. m. May 18—Alice, 8 p. m. May 23—Sinton, 8 p. m. May 27—Portland, 8 p. m. May 29—30—Mineral, 8 p. m. June 1—4—Mercedes Cir. June 5, 6—Couch, 8 p. m. June 13—Beeville, 11 a. m. June 13—Floresville, 8 p. m. June 19, 20—Sandia, 8 p. m. June 26, 27—Palfurias, 8 p. m. July 3, 4—Ramirena, 8 p. m. July 19, 11—Aransas Pass, 8 p. m. July 16—18—Helena, 8 p. m. July 18—Runge, 8 p. m. July 24, 25—Fannin, 8 p. m. July 25—Berclair, 8 p. m. Aug. 1—Nueces town, 11 a. m. Aug. 1—4—Corpus Christi, 8 p. m. Aug. 5—12—At Epworth Encampment. Aug. 21—22—Pleasanton, 8 p. m. A. L. SCARBOROUGH, P. E.

El Paso District—Third Round. Alamogordo, May 8, 9. Lordsburg, May 15, 16. Deming, May 16, 17. Las Cruces, May 19. Fort Stockton, May 22, 23. Odessa, May 26. Pecos, May 27. Toyah, May 28. Clint and LaMesa, May 29, 30. Valentine, June 1. Sanderson, June 2. Alpine, June 3. Maria, June 4. Tularosa, June 5, 6. Carrizozo, June 8. Carlsbad, June 12, 13. Malaga, June 14. Dayton and Lakewood, June 16. Hope, June 17. Artesia, June 18. Hagerman, June 19, 20. Dexter, June 22. Roswell, June 22. Trinity, June 25. J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.

Vernon District—Third Round. Chillicothe Sta., May 14-16. Chillicothe Mis., May 15, 16. Tolbert, at Fargo, May 22, 23. Vernon Sta., May 23. Paducah, at Dunlap, June 5, 6. Guthrie, at Ruford, June 7. Vernon Mis., at Harold, June 10. Kirkland, at Friendship, June 11. Quanah, June 12, 13. Olney, at Newcastle, July 3, 4. Spring Creek, at Deep Creek, July 6. Quail, at Marilla, July 10, 11. Wellington Mis., at Fresno, July 14. Wellington Sta., July 17, 18. Crowell Sta., July 24, 25. Crowell Mis., July 31, Aug. 1. Childress Mis., Aug. 6-8. Childress Mis., at High Point, Aug. 7, 8. Vera, at Vera, Aug. 13. Seymour Mis., at Red Springs, Aug. 14, 15. Seymour Sta., Aug. 15, 16. Estelline, at Bethel, Aug. 21, 22. J. H. STEWART, P. E.

Corsicana District—Third Round. Mexia Cir., at New Hope, 11 a. m., May 15, 16. Mexia Sta., Mexia, 8 p. m., May 15, 16. Blooming Grove, at B. G., May 22, 23. Brandon, at Mertens, May 29, 30. Frost, Jones Chapel, June 5, 6. Irene, at Rienzi, June 26, 27. Corsicana, at North Corsicana, July 3, 4. Eleventh Ave., at E. A., 8:30 p. m., July 4, 5. First Church, at F. C., 8:30 p. m., July 7. Dawson, at Dawson, July 10, 11. Horn Hill, at Steele's Creek, July 14. Thornton, at Thornton, 11 a. m., July 17, 18. Groesbeck, at Groesbeck, 8:30 p. m., July 17, 18. Purdon, at Pursley, July 24, 25. Barry, at Drane, July 31, Aug. 1. Kerens, at Long Prairie, Aug. 7, 8. Kirk, at Kirk, Aug. 14, 15. Richland, at Quinby, Aug. 21, 22. Munger, at Delia, 11:30 a. m., Aug. 27, 28. Cooldige, at Cooldige, 8:30 p. m., Aug. 27, 28. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

OBITUARIES

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**MILLER.**—Miss Ethel Miller, daughter of Mrs. Mary Miller, was born at the ranch home twenty miles north of Sabinal April 27, 1882. From this same home her gentle spirit took its flight to the holy city March 21, 1909. She was an excellent Sunday-school Methodist Church July 13, 1902, during the camp-meeting at Utopia. She was a beautiful girl, beautiful in face and spirit, and was devoted to her Master. She was submissive to the will of the Lord, and frequently signified her readiness to go. We will find her with the Father. Her pastor, J. J. FRANKS.

**SUMNER.**—Mrs. Harriet E. Sumner (nee West) was born in Clark County, Ala., July 23, 1810; moved to Texas in 1838. She was first married to A. J. Vaughn in 1838. He died in November, 1868. She was married to Dr. George Sumner in 1871, moved to Parker County, Texas, in 1874, where she lived until her death. She professed religion when quite young, joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and later united with the Methodist Church, where she lived a consistent Christian. She died February 4, 1909, after only a few days' sickness. To the bereaved ones we extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy and love. May the grace of God whom she loved and served be all-sufficient for the bereaved ones. M. L. STORY.

**OWENS.**—God in his wise providence has seen fit to take from our midst Mrs. Ann Owens, who for fifty years has been a faithful member of the M. E. Church, South, and who was not "a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word," and one whose death is mourned by many friends. After much suffering she died at her home near Holly Fork on April 13, 1909, being called upon to live the wife of a widow only one month. Mourn not, bereaved ones, as those who have no hope; for the works of your mother and friend still live. Her life shows how she appreciated the meaning of the words of our Lord, when he said: "Whoso liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Lord, give us more mothers in Israel with the principles of Christianity as deeply imbedded in their lives as in that of Sister Owens. T. EDGAR NEAL, Pastor.

**WARNER.**—Reginald Weldon Warner, infant son of Brother and sister J. W. Warner, was born November 5, 1906, and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus November 20, 1908. Little Reginald came into the home like a golden ray of sunshine and passed as the falling of a shadow. He was a bright, sweet-natured, playful child, about whom not only the affections of father, mother, brothers and sisters, but all who knew him, had become entwined. Through his life was short, Jesus hath received him into his arms and blessed him, and while the home is left in sadness and gloom and the community left sorrowing, angels hath borne his immortal spirit to the eternal city, where the flowers bloom forever and the sun is always bright, there to wait the coming of loved ones and friends. May his passing strengthen the faith, brighten the pathway and sweeten the experiences of those left behind. J. W. SLAGLE, P. C.

**RUST.**—Alice A., daughter of J. T. Rust, was born January 5, 1853, in Ellis County, Texas, and died November 18, 1908, when only nine years old. God in his great wisdom saw fit to take from Alice her mother, but the mother had been with the child long enough to teach her of Jesus. She is only a few months after her mother's death she put her faith in Christ, who had promised to be a mother to the motherless. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Midlothian, Texas, where she was converted at about ten years. From that time until her death she lived a true Christian life, following her dear Master in deeds of love and kindness, speaking an encouraging word to the fainting and tenderly raising the fallen. She was always ready to say to the lost: "Believe in the name of God, that taketh away the sins of the world." No one who knew Alice could forget her. She made an impression for good on every life she touched. For several years she was Church and Sunday-school organist at St. Paul, where she held her church membership. She was one of those young women whom the pastor could depend upon for service, whether to play, sing, pray or talk. She was always ready. Alice and her father traveled a great deal, especially in West Texas, playing, singing and doing personal work in revivals. Alice is gone, and we must say farewell, but only for a season, for we shall see her again. She is not dead, but only sleeping. Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Alice died with her faith in God. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they rest from their labors." Alice leaves a devoted Christian father, four brothers and three sisters, all members of the Pittsburg District Missionary blessings of Alice's God be upon all these, and may his hand so lead them all that they may be an unbroken family in that land where death never comes. CHAS. E. WILKINS, P. C.

**OLIVER.**—Mrs. Margaret Oliver was born in Vermilion County, Ill., December, 1829, and was married to Wm. Oliver in Torrey County, Missouri, March 17, 1853. She and her husband moved to Texas and settled in the Evergreen community, McLennan County, in 1854. She united with the Methodist Church at Evergreen as a charter member at its organization in 1868. Sister Oliver was a member of this Church for more than forty years, and with her departed husband gave the land on which was built the first and present church building at Evergreen. Under their hospitable roof many of our itinerant preachers of the Pittsburg District met and with her own hands she had often provided for their comfort and entertainment. She has gone to her reward, but her life has left its impress on her children to encourage them in their trials and help them upward to the home of their mothers' God. Her husband had preceded her less than one year ago, having passed his four-score-and-ten years. Shall we meet them beyond the river where sorrows shall be no more? R. E. DUNN.

**HAYNES.**—Robert H. Haynes was born in Pike County, Ga., June 23, 1836; moved to Alabama in boyhood; was married three times. To the three unions were born three sons and ten daughters. He is survived by his wife, two brothers and two sisters and nine children. He served throughout the Civil War, was wounded three times, joined the M. E. Church, South, in Smith County, Texas. He died a triumphant death, surrounded by his wife, most of his children and a host of friends near Abner, Texas, March 5, 1909. He was a man known and loved by a majority of the people of Kaufman County, where he had lived for more than twenty years. The funeral service was held in the Methodist Church at Kaufman, the services conducted by Rev. A. R. Nash, the pastor of the Baptist Church, after which the ex-Confederate camp of Kaufman, of which he was a member, took charge of his remains and buried him in the Kaufman Cemetery. It is hard to give him up, but let us all live as to meet him in the home of the blessed. L. J. POWER.

**REEVES.**—Josiah Edmund Reeves was born in Coweta County, Ga., June 13, 1856, and died January 29, 1909, in Gomez, Terry County, Texas. His remains were interred in the Brownfield Cemetery January 21, 1909, by the Rev. W. Brodbeck. He was converted at the age of twelve years; lived in with the M. E. Church, South. He came to Texas in December, 1894; was married to Willie Ann Stephens December 24, 1894. Two children were born to this union—a girl and boy, who, with their mother, survive him. He also leaves a mother, two sisters and four brothers to mourn their loss. Brother Reeves was a good man, and loved by all who knew him. He left a dying testimony that all was well with his soul. On the night of his departure he took me by the hand and said: "Brother Jameson, I'm going to die. I feel that I shall not see the dawn of another day. I've tried to live a Christian life since I was ten years old, but have made mistakes; yet I have always gone to bed with repentance. If I die tonight, I know I'm going home to heaven. Pray for me, that I may die easy." Weep not, sorrowing ones, but look up through this veil of tears and in the words of our blessed Savior say, "Thy will be done." C. E. JAMESON, P. C.

**PIERCE.**—Rev. R. W. Pierce died on April 25, 1909, at his home near Luling, aged 82 years. He was interred in the family burying-ground, followed by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted at the residence of Rev. J. D. Dorcay, after which the Masonic fraternity conducted impressive ceremonies. He had been a worthy Mason for over fifty years, a faithful minister of the Methodist Church, South. Of late years his labors have been within the vicinity of Howe. He leaves a widow, three daughters, one son and one step-son. His Church has sustained a great loss, his family a kind, loving counselor and the community one of her best citizens. His long life linked him with many important events of the past. He was a pioneer preacher in the days when Indians roamed over Western Texas. He served as chaplain in the late war. He lived to see what a wild and undeveloped country grow to its present state of cultivation. He spent his last days attended by loving hands at his beautiful home. He leaves a large estate. May God comfort the bereaved family, and may they strive to meet him in the sweet by-and-by. MRS. JENNIE CLARK.

**CROUCH.**—Mrs. Josephine Crouch (nee Allen) was born in Baltimore, Md., October 21, 1834; was married in Washington, Penn., to W. P. Crouch November 4, 1852, and resided for a time in that State; removed to Arkansas in 1855, and to Decatur, Texas, in 1895, residing in the home of her son-in-law, E. H. Baumgaertner, in Decatur, till her pure, sweet spirit was called to its "long sought rest" April 16, 1909. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1848. Hers was a life of cheerful consecration. A constant Bible student, she ever went about doing good; was fond of our standard hymns, and loyal to her Church in all things. While caring nothing for mere forms, she took intelligent interest in the simple but solemn ritual of our Church, and especially enjoyed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. She joined the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at its organization, and was President of the local auxiliary for years; her extreme age not quenching her zeal in the work of our standard hymns, and loyal to illness in delirium she murmured pity for "the poor Moslem," who at that very time were massacring Christians. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, equally interested in home missions, ever befriending the poor

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There is a fine opportunity for Christian people to exemplify the story of the Good Samaritan in dealing with this class of people. Within the last month two ministers from Oklahoma, one a Baptist and the other a Methodist, have brought members of their congregations to us for treatment—men who were the very salt of the earth, except for their unfortunate appetite for alcohol. Both these men returned to their homes well and happy, one of them rejoicing that he would get his "Sunday-school Class back again." Another bright example is that of a Christian physician from West Texas who went out in town and made up money to have a man treated, because, as he said, he believed there was "something in the man, if he could only have a chance."

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and the erring and ministering to the sick and the needy. This incident is noteworthy: A man had fallen exhausted in a cold rain. She took the stranger in, nursed him back to consciousness and praying God's blessings upon her was Bishop Marvin (see Finney's Life, etc.). The last Sunday afternoon she was an aged sick woman to point out an aged sick woman to Christ. This woman has since been converted. We trust that others, too, will stars in her crown of rejoicing in the day of Christ. S. C. RIDDLE.

**STRANGE.**—Mrs. Maggie Strange (nee Hasty) was born near Sunset, Texas, February 5, 1882; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of ten years, and united in the pursuit of her duty till death. She was an excellent Sunday-school teacher, stressing the obligation of her pupils to God, also faithful and efficient in public school teaching. To know her was to love her. She was married March 25, 1908, to J. A. Strange. They soon moved to Memphis, Tenn., where her death occurred April 14, 1909, being 27 years, 2 months and 9 days old. While she died young, yet was her life a success. During the famine in India Miss Maggie took try and sent his support and tuition charge of an orphan boy in that country and sent his support and tuition. The writer had the pleasure of reading an interpreted letter of this boy to the one who had done so much for him when he was learning the carpenter's trade, thanking her for her kindness. She leaves a young husband, four sisters and one brother and many friends and acquaintances. We have a number of letters before us that have been sent in by her neighbors and friends, that join in one chorus of praise to God, when the earth and the Church, Death, though sudden, found her ready for the call. Her remains were brought to Sunset for burial, which took place from our Church April 17, in the presence of a host of relatives and friends. We laid her body away to wait the call of God, when the earth and the sea shall give up their dead and we shall be changed. To her loved ones we would say, weep not as one who has no hope; have faith in God and press on. CHAS. N. SMITH. Sunset, Texas.

**TUNNELL.**—On April 3, 1909, the death angel visited the home of Ezra and Ola Tunnell and called away the spirit life of little Lena Cless. Lena Cless made her first appearance in their home April 11, 1906. While she had only been with them three short years, yet the family had learned to love her so until it was very hard to say "thy will be done." But she has just gone on before so await your coming, dear father and mother, and may this grief only lead you to a higher life. P. R. WHITE.

**RIE.**—Mrs. Lois Emma Rice was called to her heavenly home Monday, March 22, 1909, at 10:29 p. m. She was born near Campbellsville, Ky., September 19, 1846, and was converted at an early age at a Baptist meeting near Elk Horn, and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. On December 29, 1881, she was married to J. R. Rice at Elk Horn, Ky. They came to Gordon, Texas, in 1889, and the next year, her husband having been converted, she with him joined the M. E. Church, South. She has been a most loyal member of her Church all the years which God gave unto her. Her home was headquarters for her Church's ministers, and they were always given the very best of care while there. She was a pioneer in the home mission work of the Weatherford District, and ever attended upon the meetings of her District Home Mission Conference when possible for her to do so. She was a power in her local auxiliary, and for years one of the very best Presidents thereof. To her energetic efforts and kind invitations the writer, as well as many others, owes her membership and first interest of this great

organization. Her Church will miss her very greatly. Her husband has been our Sunday-school Superintendent for years, and she has co-operated with him in this work by teaching so faithfully and well a class of young men. Her pew was never vacant at the services of her Church. She was a model wife, an ideal mother, a devoted sister and precious friend. After two years of inexpressible suffering, God relieved her of her pain and took her home to her reward. As she was breathing her last, her pastor and a few cherished friends, with her beloved but heart-broken family and only sister, knelt in prayer in her room, and as she entered the valley of the shadow of death we felt that her Good Shepherd accompanied her, for she departed so quietly and sweetly that it was scarcely perceptible when her spirit took its flight. We greatly sympathize with the bereft ones, but let us remember that there is one more tie to bind us to our Father's house, and let us so live that when our summons comes we will be prepared to answer it with her receive the "well done" of our Lord, and with her enter into the joys of our Lord. A FRIEND.

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**Watts-Simpson.**—On Monday, April 19, 1909, at 11 p. m., at the residence of the bride's parents, Columbus, Texas, Patrick H. Watts and Miss Vera Simpson, Rev. J. W. Rowland officiating.

**Waller-Axtell.**—At the bride's stepfather's, G. S. Speer, April 18, 1909, near Jones' Chapel, Mr. J. L. Waller and Miss Myrtle Axtell, all of Kaufman County, Texas, Rev. J. O. Phenix officiating.

**Bowlin-Vanmeter.**—On April 29, 1909, at the Methodist Church in Rhome, Texas, Mr. James Bowlin, of Willow Point, and Miss Jenny Vanmeter, of Rhome, Texas, Rev. R. E. Porter officiating.

**McConnell-Scroggs.**—At the home of J. S. Slagle, near Cumby, Texas, on Thursday evening, January 27, 1909, Mr. David C. McConnell and Mrs. Hattie E. Scroggs, J. W. Slagle officiating.

**Peddy-Dansby.**—Near Venus, Texas, May 2, 1909, Mr. A. W. Peddy, of Oklahoma, and Miss Annie Dansby, Rev. J. H. Braswell officiating.

**Champion-Clark.**—On April 4, 1909, at Ennis, Texas, Mr. E. D. Champion and Mrs. Mary E. Clark, Rev. M. W. Rogers officiating.

**Carner-Sands.**—On May 2, 1909, at Alma, in the Methodist Church, Mr. J. H. Carter and Miss Maud Sands, Rev. M. W. Rogers, officiating.

**Spurlock-Rogers.**—At Alma, Texas, May 2, 1909, Mr. J. G. Spurlock, of Throckmorton and Miss Annie Rogers, Rev. M. W. Rogers officiating.

**Dunn-Whitehurst.**—In Presbyterian Church, May 23, 1909, at Bay City, Miss, Jessie Bell Whitehurst, daughter of Rev. A. T. Whitehurst, to Mr. Harry B. Dunn, of Sherman, Rev. Chas. F. Smith officiating.

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**NOTES AND COMMENTS FROM HOLSTON.**

We are sorry that Texas "Methodists" and other good people are refused the privilege of voting for State-wide prohibition. In Tennessee the anti-prohibition forces made a most desperate effort to save the cities of Memphis, Nashville and Chattanooga from the voters marshalled by the Anti-Saloon League in the entire State. They will no doubt make prohibition in those cities as difficult and as ineffectual as possible.

In Virginia the Holston part of that State is free from saloons, by local option elections, but a dispensary at the good old town of Abingdon is still holding out in defiance of the combined efforts of the Churches and schools. It is hoped, however, that the Legislature of Virginia may do something soon to abate this evil. Virginia, like Tennessee, has been slow to act on this subject, but the days of the liquor curse are surely near the end. The cities of Virginia are now the chief obstacle to exclusion of the traffic from the entire State.

Away here in the country cabin, among the Nollichucky hills, we read in the Advocate "Notes From the Field," of the preachers in your five Texas Conferences with sometimes only the name of the charge or Church where the writers tell of their labors without giving town or county in which the events transpire, so that we get lost in trying to locate the territory from which the reports come. Perhaps the members of the Church in any one of your conferences can pick out the county of the State or the district of the conference in which the charge is found, but here in Tennessee it looks like one little dot among a thousand islands of the sea. Will not the dear brethren give us their postoffice, county and State, if not the name of conference from which they write.

I see very little written by these pastors in regard to the work of the Sunday-schools. Increase of salary for the preacher, revivals in the Churches, missionary collections raised and other things, but the opening of new Sunday-schools in destitute places and Churches resulting from these beginnings are seldom spoken of in your great paper. I suppose you observe "Children's Day" in all the Texas Conferences, and take some collections to aid in promoting Sunday-schools in places where none are held, and that some of these preachers would sometimes speak of a new school organized and that your Sunday-school Boards would publish a report in the Advocate of the number of new schools started and of needy schools helped to greater efficiency by the use of their Children's Day fund.

This fund was inaugurated in 1886, and has now been used for at least 26 years; so that the children should know by this time how their free-will

offerings are sent to help needy schools in out-of-the-way places of each Annual Conference.

The Church has spent much in a general way on Sunday-school agents, institutes and conventions, and much good may have been done, but there are no statistical records to show for it. If the mission work of the Children's Day fund can be put on the records of the conferences, there will be some history of the Sunday-school work in the Annual Conferences of your State.

A hurried look through "McFerrin's History of Methodism in Tennessee" failed to discover any account of the organization and work of Sunday-schools, except in the city of Nashville. There are accounts of camp-meetings, conferences, Churches founded and sketches of many great preachers with long strings of genealogy, but very scant notice of nearly a thousand Sunday-schools in Tennessee at the time his third volume was issued.

Your veteran correspondent from Georgia who is easily the dean of the letter-writing force for the Church papers, in his "History of Methodism in Georgia and Florida," makes a similar omission of the Sunday-school work in the Empire State of the South. He tells of the introduction of the Sunday-school in Milledgeville, Augusta and Savannah, with some figures as to the number of Sunday-schools of the North Georgia Conference in 1876. So perhaps with others.

No one who knows Rev. George G. Smith would think he was opposed to Sunday-schools or that all the preachers whose history he writes were neglectful of the children in their charges or inattentive to the many schools in city, town and country which were committed to their charge.

Dr. George Smith, when he could no longer ride a circuit or visit the people of a station on foot, went out and preached to the children in many charges of his brethren with a success that no doubt cheers him in his home now when he writes his good Georgia "has so small a showing for States. Surely it was no fault of his that the "History of Methodism in Georgia" has so small a showing for the Sunday-schools.

May your "Texas History of Methodism," when Dr. McLean and others write it, not forget and leave out the Sunday-schools.

Connectional organizations and the gathering of large funds for special enterprises seem to engross much of the time at the Annual Conference sessions and furnish subjects to be considered at the District Conferences. The Layman's Missionary Movement is the latest "wheel-within-a-wheel" that is to turn the world upside down and put the best things on top.

While it is surely high time that many of the well-to-do men of our Methodism would take a hand in a zealous, self-denying way for the furtherance of the gospel at home and abroad, the methods of propagation adopted through the Annual Conferences and the laying of assessments for money on the Churches, for this movement, like some others, may be viewed with some fears and misgivings.

If the Laymen's Movement and the Epworth Leagues can give us a more efficient leadership in rural Churches and Sunday-schools, where for a generation or more the pastors of Methodism have found poor encouragement from lack of lay leaders, the financial help to the cause of missions secured thereby will have a two-fold benefit. We shall grow stronger at home and build up abroad. If we spend all our efforts on the raising of money for missions in the foreign field while we go on making mission charges in the home field, the time

will soon come when our fruitful fields here will be turned out like the old fields of Tennessee to pine thickets and broomsedge.

Let us make the rural charges stronger and keep the country homes in close touch with the Church, by sending to them able men of our ministry who can both teach and lead the forces of Christ's kingdom to greater and still greater conquests.

J. R. PAYNE.

Washington College, Tennessee.

**THE HOPEFUL SITUATION IN JAPAN.**

From every point of view the missionary work in this country is encouraging.

For some time there has been among the missionaries themselves a discontent with their work and an earnest desire for a deeper spiritual experience of the precious things of Christ and the Holy Spirit, in their own souls. And so last summer at Karuzama, where a good many missionaries go every summer for a few weeks, special services were arranged for this one thing. The Rev. Mr. Buxton, of the Church of England, was the leader and chief preacher. He accepts and professes the old-fashioned experience of perfect love as taught by the Wesleyans. His preaching and exposition of Scripture, though not always just what you could assent to in every particular, was mightily blessed of the Holy Spirit and many were greatly helped. In the months that have followed many of the missionaries in Japan have been praying for two things: First, for the deepening of their own Christian experience, and more of the Holy Spirit's power for service; and, second, for a great revival in Japan.

**The Office of the Holy Spirit is Being Magnified.**

Recently there was held in Tokyo the annual meeting of the Standing Committee of all the missions in Japan. An annual address is always given by the Chairman. This time the Rev. Dr. Coates, of the Canadian Methodist Mission being Chairman, delivered the usual Chairman's address. But it was not an usual address. His subject was "The Holy Spirit." He had told me he had thought of speaking on "Pantheism," seeing that it is now prevailing more or less in this country, but that after several attempts he had no heart in it, and that he felt moved to turn away from it, and so when we heard his earnest and clear paper about the Holy Spirit, we felt sure that he had been divinely guided to give the message that was according to the mind of the "Spirit" himself.

But even before this, in our own Southern Methodist Mission, there was held in December a special prayer-meeting to pray for a great revival. And that night it was resolved to meet once a week in a union prayer-meeting in Kobe for this very thing.

Two or three days ago a note was received from our veteran missionary, of the Congregational Mission, Dr. J. C. Davis, saying that in Tokyo, Yokohama, and other places, prayer circles are being formed to pray for the great revival in Japan. Nor is this all. Our Japanese brethren are being unusually stirred in the same way. At the recent District Conference of the Kobe District, the first since the organization of the United Methodist Church in Japan, and with Brother Hori in the chair as the presiding elder, it was a striking coincidence that almost the same points emphasized two days before in Dr. Coates' address were strongly and earnestly insisted upon by the Japanese brethren, namely, the work of the Holy Spirit, together with that of Jesus Christ, must be plainly preached.

Accordingly, the District Confer-

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ence adopted by resolution a plan for special thanksgiving evangelist meetings in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the entrance of Protestant missions in Japan. It was also resolved that every Church member should be urged to undertake (Kojin Deudo) personal gospel work and that each Christian should lead at least one other person to Christ during the year 1909, and the hour between twelve and one o'clock every day should be set apart for individual secret prayer for a great spiritual awakening in Japan.

I have never known our Japanese preachers to be so moved as they are now, and their preaching is with power.

Everything betokens the approach of a great harvest time in Christ's kingdom for the nation's salvation. The adversaries of the truth are still many, but a great and effectual door is open. Amen. J. C. C. NEWTON.  
 Theological School, Kobe, Japan.

**THE KWANSEI GAKUIN—GRATIFYING GOVERNMENT ACTION.**

The usual Kizensetsu ceremonies were observed at the Kwansai Gakuin yesterday morning, the Imperial Rescript on Education being read, and the Kimigayo being chanted. There was more than usual ceremony, however, and more than ordinary gratification among the students and teachers, as the announcement was made of the granting of new government privileges whereby the students of the Biblical Department, now to be recognized as a regular theological school, and those of the academic department, now to be treated as a Chugakko, are granted "choheiyuyo" or exemption from military service. The institution, which has reached its twentieth year, will therefore now enter upon a new and larger career. The Kwansai Gakuin has as its honored benefactors the late Thomas Branch, Esq., and his son, Mr. John Branch, both of Richmond, Virginia, U. S. A., and was organized by Dr. W. R. Lambuth, and has been brought to its present efficient and prosperous condition largely through the devoted labors of the Rev. Dr. J. C. C. Newton, the Rev. Dr. Wainwright, and other educators, who are much to be congratulated on the practical recognition now given by the Government to their valuable work.—Kobe Japan Herald, Feb. 12.

**ASSIST NATURE.**

You have been told to "hitch your wagon to a star"—that Nature will assist you. That's all right. There are times, however, when you should assist Nature, and the spring is one of those times. Nature is now undertaking to cleanse your system—if you take Hood's Sarsaparilla the undertaking will be successful, and your complexion bright and clear.

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## THE SUNDAY SERVICE

Cardinal Gibbons in his sermon Palm Sunday, 1908, says of the Protestants in the sixteenth century: "With the aim of adopting a more spiritual form of worship the innovators nourished the intellect, but allowed the other faculties to starve or languish. They forgot that the economy of divine adoration requires that man must consecrate his whole being to his Creator. I refer to the suppression of ceremonial worship occurring three and a half centuries ago. I allude to it rather to give praise to God that a more healthy sentiment animates a large portion of our separated brethren to-day. They have begun to recognize not only the utility, but also the necessity of outward forms of prayer, and they admit that our very nature has a craving for it. Until recent years the bearing of a sprig of palm was a shibboleth of exclusively Catholic faith. Thank God this is no longer the case. A considerable number of Christians outside the Catholic Church may be seen wearing palms on this solemn day. Let us earnestly pray that the time will come when they will not only bear this emblem in their hands, but will carry our faith in their hearts," etc.

Again he says: "The Catholic Church with that wisdom which is the fruit of age and experience, as well as of the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has an intimate knowledge of human nature. She knows that an abstract religion is not only inadequate to our wants, but is intrinsically impossible. It must be embodied in some forms, and must have some outward expression."

Again: "The emblems and rites that the Church employs in her public liturgy may be called the book of the unlearned. They serve to concentrate the faculties and to rivet the attention. They pour into the soul a flood of religious knowledge more copiously and speedily than oral teaching could impart. They stamp on the soul an impression more vivid and lasting than the most eloquent discourse. Even to those who enjoy the advantages of a religious education, symbols and ceremonies are invaluable aids to piety. Exterior rites and ceremonies are the handmaids of interior worship."

I have quoted rather largely from Cardinal Gibbons in order to call attention to a few things to be read in and between the lines of his discourse:

1. It is clear that he detects the widespread tendency to retrogression in the non-Catholic Churches. He sees that these Protestant Churches are tending more and more to rely on forms of worship and less and less on the preaching of the word.

2. He is wisely and discreetly seeking to encourage that tendency with the expectation and desire that the maturing of that fruitage will be of great value to the Roman Catholic Church.

3. He makes manifest that he does not hope to win Protestants back to the Catholic Church on any grounds except on forms of worship.

The eight hundred he claims to win in the Baltimore diocese annually are caught in that way. Beauty of service is the only bait he uses for non-Catholics.

4. He shrewdly suggests the superior value of the liturgy of the Church, over the preaching of the gospel, and helps the non-Catholic liturgically-minded person to advocate a little farther in his ideas of service, but it is the old story of "Will you walk into my parlor?"

5. He endeavors to put the iconoclastic ideas and the simple worship of the Puritans in such a light as to cause the Protestant mind to join with the Catholic mind in condemnation of it. And he knows that he finds many Protestants who heartily condemn with him the Puritan worship.

6. He admits that the public liturgy is the book of the unlearned. Our observation is that those countries that have had liturgical worship which "pours into the soul a flood of religious knowledge more copiously and speedily than oral teaching could impart," and which "stamps on the soul an impression more vivid and lasting than the most eloquent discourse" and have no counteractant in evangelical preaching of the gospel, present the most pitiable plight of religious illiteracy to be found anywhere.

It would not be far to go to find a people who have had all that liturgy can do and accomplish and have had it for three hundred years, and after three centuries of liturgy those people are under abject bondage to form and know nothing of the power of salvation.

The fact is that no people on earth ever had poured "into their souls a flood of religious knowledge" by liturgical worship, and no people on earth ever were made more spiritual by means of liturgy.

7. Cardinal Gibbons frankly puts liturgy above preaching. That is where it belongs, if we will let it in at all. If you do not wish it to supersede preaching, then keep it out altogether. In the Catholic Church it is acknowledged to be above preaching in value. In the Episcopal Church it easily holds first place over preaching whether the Church admits it or not. J. E. HARRISON.

## FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

My last three meetings have been held in the Pittsburg District, which district, according to the claims of its preachers and the reports of Conference Treasurer Jester, is entitled to the banner. Bro. Burroughs, presiding elder, has the genius of leadership, as shown by the hold he has upon his preachers and people. An interview with him was sufficient to convince me that he has the interest of the Church at heart and an acquaintance with the wants of the people in his head. The Pittsburg District is moving up mightily. My last letter was written from Naples, where I assisted Rev. J. E. Morgan. This is Morgan's fourth year. "His eye was not dim nor his natural force abated." He sees clearly the needs of his flock and works well to supply the same. Before March 10th this wide-awake pastor had every dollar of his collections in the hands of the Treasurer. He serves a clever people, and will leave some preacher a splendid charge.

Last Sunday night we closed a good meeting at Atlanta, Texas. It would hardly be an exaggeration to say of all the Texas towns I have visited this is about the best. The leading business men—bankers, merchants and others—are active Christians, and nearly all the young people are following. The lofty sentiment of the whole community makes all forms of worldliness practically impossible and almost undesirable. Such a thing as "boot-legging" or other breach of prohibition laws is hardly thought of. Prominent Christian men said to me: "Whatever we want here we have and what we don't want we simply don't have." Evidently they want only the good. The town is eminently prosperous, and not only has a bright present, but a great future. More cotton is brought into it than in any town in that section from Texarkana to Longview.

Bro. J. C. Jones is another "four-year" man, who shall soon have to leave a very desirable charge. Bro. Jones is a strong, thoughtful preacher, a good pastor and an excellent organizer. His large library of well-selected and much-marked books indicate an intellectual temperament and studious habits. His people like to keep him longer. Our meeting grew constantly in interest to the last, and closed amid a flame of revival influence. Nearly everybody

seems to be a member of some Church. Besides a general uplift of Christians we had a number of conversions. Ten joined our Church.

The Advocate is well circulated in this place, and yet five new subscriptions were secured. A fair presentation of the Advocate's claims invariably brings results. Whenever a copy of our popular paper is held up before a congregation and fairly shown up will go in the hand of some one who wants to subscribe. Just try it, brethren. JOHN E. GREEN.

## HOWDY AND GOOD-BYE.

The visit of our Book Committee to Dallas was a great event. All the members except one were present. Their meetings were held in the parlors of the Oriental Hotel. The Laymen's Council gave them a banquet Friday evening, May 7, and the pastors of the city entertained them at a luncheon on Saturday, May 8, at 1 p. m. On Friday evening all our Dallas pastors were present, and on Saturday the Fort Worth pastors were guests of the Dallas preachers, along with the members of the Book Committee.

After the luncheon the committee and all the pastors, both of Fort Worth and all the pastors, both of Fort Worth and Dallas, were tendered an automobile ride over the city, this later item being mainly to the credit of Dr. A. L. Andrews and his people of Grace Church.

All these social features were heartily enjoyed by all, and by none more—according to their own testimony—than the members of the Book Committee. But the committee was not only pleased with Dallas and Dallas Methodists in general, but with the splendid showing made by our Dallas Branch of the Publishing House, the cornerstone of which was laid with appropriate ceremonies at 5 p. m. Saturday. Words of warm commendation were heard on every hand for Brother W. C. Everett, under whose splendid leadership and business management the House has achieved its present enviable status, which achievement and success have made a permanent building a possibility. J. W. HILL.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

**Llano District.**  
Will the brethren of the Llano District please send in the names of all the delegates who will attend our District Conference, which meets here June 23? Do this as early as you can. We are expecting a great time. Our people are going to spread themselves. Dr. Jacob Ditzler will be with us. Let's all pray that this may be one of the greatest conferences of our lives. We want souls saved. M. J. ALLEN, P. C. Lometa, Texas.

**Attention, Decatur District.**  
All those who expect to attend the District Conference of the Decatur District, which convenes at Chico, Texas, on the 27th day of May, 1909, are earnestly requested to send their names to the undersigned at once, so that provision can be made for their entertainment during the conference. Brethren, please attend to this at once. Those who expect to come by private conveyance will mention the fact, so that provision can be made to care for their teams. J. F. HOLMES, P. C. Chico, Texas.

**Beaumont District.**  
The Beaumont District Conference will meet in Newton, Texas, Tuesday, June 1, 1909, at 2:30 p. m. The first afternoon will be given to a program on the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The following committee of examination are appointed:  
License to Preach—G. H. Phair, O. W. Davis, C. H. Adams.  
Admission and Readmission—J. W. Moore, J. W. Bridges, A. C. Biggs.  
Deacon's Orders—J. L. Massey, A. G. Scruggs, A. E. Blount.  
Elder's Orders—T. G. Whitten, J. W. Cullen, J. W. Stevens.  
All members are urged to attend. D. H. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

**Pittsburg District.**  
Committees of Examination:  
For License to Preach—O. T. Hotchkiss, J. R. Turrentine, J. W. Shrader.  
For Admission—J. W. Treadwell, S. N. Allen, F. O. Favre.  
For Orders—G. V. Ridley, J. M. Smith, J. C. Jones.  
Pastors, please see that all the delegates and local preachers be in attendance. We must have a full attendance at Queen City. Pray for a good religious time. R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

**Paris District.**  
The following are my committees for the Paris District Conference:  
For License to Preach—O. T. Hotchkiss on Trial—R. C. Hicks, J. F. Sherwood and W. H. Wright.  
For Deacon's and Elder's Orders—G. E. Cameron, W. J. Holder and H. H. Goode.  
Opening sermon May 27, 8 p. m. by Ira M. Bryce. J. M. SWEETON, P. E.

**UNANSWERED LETTERS.**  
May 5—J. D. Major, sub. A. C. Biggs, O. K. L. L. Cohen, sub. J. W. Stevens, thanks. T. S. Barcus, sub. C. D. Montgomery, sub. B. W. Allen, sub. May 6 and 7—R. A. Walker, sub. Gus Garrison, sub. A. Nolan, sub. M. Williamson, sub. M. J. Allen, sub. A. B. Davidson, sub. May 8—C. W. Irvin, sub. S. C. Baird, sub. May 10—T. H. Davis, sub. E. C. Escoc, sub. L. Bostick, sub. R. B. Moreland, sub. W. M. Bowden, sub. May 11—T. H. Davis, sub. J. R. Atchley, sub. May 12—J. A. Stafford, sub. A. P. Hightower, sub. R. B. Bolton, sub. J. T. Hooks, has attention. M. I. Brown, sub.

**San Marcos District—Third Round.**  
Staples Cir., at Hunter, May 25, 2:30 p. m.  
Seguin and Mill Creek, at M. C. May 29, 30.  
Martindale Cir., at Prairie Lea, June 5, 6.  
Gonzales, June 19, 20.  
Luling, at Soda Springs, June 26, 27.  
Waldler and Thompsonville, at W., July 2, 4.  
Kyle and Maxwell, at M., July 19, 11.  
Buda Cir., at Buda, July 17, 18.  
Harwood Cir., at Clark's Ch., July 23, 3 p. m.  
Lockhart, July 24, 25.  
Dripping Springs Cir., at Wimberley, July 21, Aug. 1.  
Belmont Cir., at Oak Forest, Aug. 7, 8.  
San Marcos, Aug 15, 16.  
D. K. PORTER, P. E.

## Brenham District—Third Round.

Rockdale, June 5, 6.  
Thorndale, June 12, 13.  
Giddings, June 19, 20.  
Brenham, June 26, 27.  
Wharton, July 3, 4.  
Glenfiora, July 17, 18.  
Bay City, July 21.  
Sealy, July 24, 25.  
Chappell Hill, July 27.  
Bellville, July 28.  
Hempstead, July 31, Aug. 1.  
Waller, Aug. 7, 8.  
Galveston, Aug. 14.  
Caldwell Sta., Aug. 15, 16.  
Lexington, Aug. 18.  
Richmond, Aug. 20.  
Rosenberg, Aug. 21, 22.  
Somerville, Aug. 25.  
Fulshear and B., Aug. 28, 29.  
A. A. WAGNON, P. E.

## Gatesville District—Third Round.

Meridian Mis., at Help, June 1, 11 a. m.  
Oglesby Cir., at Station Cr., June 5, 6.  
McGregor Sta., June 12, 13.  
Clifton, June 25, 8 p. m.  
Valley Mills, at V. M., June 26, 27.  
Meridian Sta., June 29, 8 p. m.  
Nolanville, at J., July 2, 4, 11 a. m.  
Killeen Sta., July 4, at 8 p. m.; 5, at 9 a. m.  
Jonesboro, at Union Grove, July 10, 11.  
Hamilton Sta., July 17, 18.  
Evant Cir., at Lund, July 24, 25.  
Gatesville Cir., at Stockton, Aug. 4.  
China Springs, at Greenock, Aug. 7, 8.  
Turnersville, at Hurst, Aug. 11.  
Fairly and Lanham, at L., Aug. 14, 15.  
Pearl, at Cox's Ch., Aug. 21, 22.  
Coperas Cove, at Topsy, Aug. 24.  
Crowford at Coryell City, Aug. 28, 29.  
J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

## McKinney District—Third Round.

Prosper Cir., at Wesley Ch., June 5, 6.  
Plano Sta., June 12, 13.  
Allen Cir., at S. McKinney, June 19, 20.  
McKinney Sta., June 29, 8 p. m.  
Frisco Cir., at Frisco, June 22.  
Princeton Cir., at Culleoka, July 3, 4.  
Nevada Sta., July 19, 11.  
Wylie Cir., at P. V., July 17, 18.  
Renner Cir., at Alpha, July 24, 25.  
Farmers Branch and Carrollton, at C., July 28.  
Blue Ridge Cir., at P. G., July 31, Aug. 1.  
Farmersville Sta., July 1, 2.  
Josephine Cir., at Sabine, July 7, 8.  
Weston Cir., at Cottage Hill, July 14, 15.  
Culina Sta., July 21, 22.  
Anna Cir., at Chambersville, July 28, 29.  
J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

## Stamford District—Third Round.

Hilton Mis., Mt. Pleasant, June 10.  
Aspermont Mis., at Peacock, June 11.  
Aspermont Sta., June 12, 13.  
Hamlin Sta., June 16.  
Royston, at Pledger, June 25.  
Rotan, June 26, 27.  
J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

## Colorado District—Third Round.

Roby, at Roby, May 15, 16.  
Sweetwater, May 16, 17.  
Roscoe and Loraine, at R., May 20, 21.  
Loraine Mis., at Leina, June 1, 2.  
Fluvanna, at Bison, June 5, 6.  
Gail, at Durham, June 12, 13.  
Heraldigh, at Westola, June 19, 20.  
Camp Springs, at C. S., June 26, 27.  
Big Springs Sta., July 3, 4.  
Big Springs Mis., Richland, July 4, 5.  
Snyder Sta., July 10, 11.  
Snyder Mis., at Plainview, July 11, 12.  
Coahoma, at Vincent, July 18, 19.  
Westbrook, at Tatum, July 25, 26.  
Clairemont, at Elkins, Aug. 1-6 (camp-meeting).  
Dunn, at Dunn, Aug. 7-15 (camp-meeting).  
Lamesa, at Pride, Aug. 15, 16.  
Summate, Aug. 22, 23.  
Stanton Mis., at Courtney, Aug. 28, 29.  
Stanton Sta., Aug. 29, 30.  
Colorado Mis., at Herbert, Sep. 4, 5.  
Colorado Sta., Sep. 5, 6.  
District Conference at Roscoe, May 26-30. SIMEON SHAW, P. E.

## Cuero District—Third Round.

Lavernia, at Elmendorf, May 26.  
Ganado, at Louise, May 29, 30.  
Buckeye, June 5, 6.  
Palacios, June 7.  
El Campo, June 12, 13.  
Cuero, June 19, 20.  
Stockdale, at Sunnyside, June 23.  
Leesville, at Floyd's Chapel, June 26, 27.  
Port Lavaca, at Traylor, July 3, 4.  
Smiley, at Cabeza, July 10, 11.  
Nursery, at Fordtran, July 17, 18.  
Shiner, at Terryville, July 24, 25.  
Hope, July 31, Aug. 1.  
Yoakum, Aug. 7, 8.  
R. A. ROWLAND, P. E.

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