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EDITORIAL

THE PROGRESS OF THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

The progress of Christianity is measured by the progress of the missionary spirit. It is not what we are doing in Christian lands to forward the cause of Christ that reveals the vital power of Christianity so much as what we are doing throughout the heathen world to bring the outlying regions to Christ. This work reveals the sacrificing nature of our religion. When we build our church edifices in our homeland we are providing for better facilities and comforts to be enjoyed by ourselves; and when we put missionaries in the waste and neglected fields of our own country, we are educating and elevating the tone of our own people, and thereby making our own civilization a better place in which to live and prosper. But when we go into the great world beyond, amid the deep ignorance and superstition of the old world, we are working alone for Christ and those for whom he died. We get out of self and selfish interest and work along lines of pure benevolence, we are doing just what Christ would do were he in the flesh and upon the earth.

We hear people say sometimes that mission work among the heathen peoples of the earth is a failure; that we are making no progress in the spreading of the gospel among them. Is this true? Not by any means. The other day we were looking over some statistics furnished by the Homiletic Monthly, and we here reproduce some of them for the benefit of our readers. Within the past five years we have increased our missionary force from this country in foreign lands fifteen per cent. The British Churches have more than doubled this increase. Great Britain and Ireland now support over 8000 missionaries, America over 6500, and the rest of Continental Europe over 3100.

In 1895 Protestant Christianity had 11,765 missionaries in foreign fields; in 1900 this number had increased to 16,218, in 1905 to 17,839, in 1907 the number had grown to 18,499, and today we have 19,875. But these are men and women exclusively sent out from home Churches to labor and to teach among the heathen peoples. In addition to this large number, we have native men at work in those lands to the number of 4999 ordained ministers and 98,955 native helpers. The total force in the entire field is 118,901. The total number of Church members added in all fields by all denominations the past year is 164,674, an average of 500 per day, and an average of about eight converts to each missionary. Last year, though a year of financial pressure, the Church organizations of the United States paid out to foreign missionary purposes \$500,000.

These figures give some idea of the progress of the missionary spirit in the Protestant Christian Churches in America and Europe, and these immediate results follow in the wake of the work done within the past few years. One hundred years ago this work was but fairly begun. Fifty years ago but little could be seen in these great harvest fields of the world. But within the past twenty-five or thirty years great

progress is shown. The Churches are now desperately in earnest, in some measure, to see the world given the gospel of our Lord. Within the past few years the laity of the Church is bestirring itself as never before, and it looks like we are now on the eve of great things for God. Our own branch of the Church is increasing in this missionary interest, and if our ministers and leading laymen will redouble their zeal, a few years from now and the light will break with splendor upon China, Japan, Korea, Brazil and the isles of the sea. Christ is entitled to the government of this world, and the Church will not have fulfilled her mission until he comes into possession of his own. God hasten the day!

THE RIGHT USE OF THE TONGUE.

By the tongue, we merely mean the power of speech, for with it we communicate our thoughts through the medium of words. What a wonderful gift it is! Yet it is a dangerous gift. Like all the blessings which God has bestowed upon us, it is capable of great abuse. When we use it to scorch the good name of some one, or to blister those we do not like, or to cover with slander some object of our displeasure, or to wound the heart of some one against whom we turn our fits of temper, then it becomes an instrument of torture, an engine of wrath, a fire that burns to the bone. To put the tongue to this sort of use is to prostitute it to base purposes and make it a withering curse instead of a blessing. How often this is done! Family ties have been disrupted by it, the community has been lashed into a fury because of it, and nations have been thrown into bloody wars through its bitterness and venom. It was the misguided speech of Northern people and the fiery deliverances of some of our Southern leaders that involved this nation in a fearful civil revolution. What a great matter a little fire kindleth when the tongue is set on the fires of strife and discord! How many hearts have been wounded by it, how many lives have been prematurely snuffed out because of its fierceness and excesses! Evil speaking, ugly denunciation, sneaking innuendo, swiftness to circulate an evil report, readiness to speak without due deliberation, have caused more trouble, produced more bickering and estranged more friends than almost all other influences combined. What a pity that this blessing of speech should be turned into such a curse to the individual, the home, the community, the nation and to the world!

But when properly used the power of speech is one of God's greatest boons to humanity. To be able to communicate pure thought, to speak words of gentleness and love, to express the tender feelings of the heart, to inspire the despairing, to throw light into the dark places of the spirit, to cheer and to comfort, to carry messages of consolation, and to calm the excited mind and to counteract the bitterness of strife and discord—these are blessings that come from the proper use of the tongue. Happy is the man or the woman who knows how to use this gift for the good of mankind and for the glory of God.

Such use of the tongue does not imply, how-

ever, that we are not to denounce evil, expose wrong, and execrate vice in all its forms; but it does carry with it love for men, even when the evils that men do stand in need of execration. Christ withered the hypocrisies and shams of men, and exposed their self-righteousness; but even in death he could cry out: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And during his natural life, he pointed out the sin of social uncleanness, but he said to the poor woman: "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more." But the sins of men he condemned in unmeasured terms. His speech dealt gently with the erring, but it burned to the bone their sins and evil deeds. Let us follow Christ's example in the use of proper speech, and like him let our tongues be true to principle while we use them to bless and not to curse men. Then will the gift of speech be used by us to expose the wrongs, but to comfort the afflicted, to encourage the penitent, to quell the excited spirit, and to bring peace instead of discord and unseemly contention.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE BABY IN THE HOME.

Who does not love the baby? Its very helplessness appeals to us. We center our affections in it and our hopes find expression in its possibilities. When the little thing is sick, we become anxious, and when health returns to its cheeks and the smile has birth upon its lips, we are glad. It works its way into the innermost recesses of our hearts, and it entwines itself about our waking and sleeping hours. It is God's tenderest gift to the home. It softens our asperities, it obliterates our bickerings, it imparts heaven's sunshine to our domestic circle. We are better men and better women because the baby smiles, laughs and cries. Fortunate is the home where the baby is its chief factor, and unfortunate is the home whose silence is unbroken by the absence of this beautiful gift from the sky. Yet there are homes so intensely selfish that there is no place for the baby, and its presence is not desired. Not all homes that are childless are purposely so, but some of them have motive and design back of the absence of the baby in the household. We are living in a smart age. Some married people have discovered certain things of which the old-fashioned father and mother were in total ignorance. Hence in the days long gone, the childless home was the rare exception to the rule. Now it is very common. And hence many homes are robbed of the chief design of Providence in establishing the marriage compact. What society needs today is the child in the home and intelligence and means with which to train it for God and for the world. It will make any man a better husband and any woman a better wife to have the baby a part of the home circle. Such a man and such a woman have something to live for, and it will bring out the best that there is in their hearts and minds. What would you take for your baby, gentle reader? Money could not buy it, and when death takes it away you fail to find comfort. No wonder the Scriptures say, "And a little child shall lead them."

DR. PRITCHETT AND INEFFICIENT MINISTERS

By REV. JOHN D. MAJOR.

I am convinced that the masses of Church people are not aware of the rapid strides which the higher criticism is making in our educational institutions nor of the mighty forces being brought to bear in rendering its views supreme among the masses. There appears to be a systematic campaign of education, moving quietly and concertedly, to bring the people, and especially the Church people, around to the new scientific and historic view of Bible interpretation. This movement in its general outlines has the appearance of a huge educational combine. It is backed by richly endowed and powerful universities and it threatens to revolutionize or destroy the orthodox faith of our Protestant denominations. Its methods are the methods of the trusts. It seeks first to get control of the best educational talent of the country and leading institutions of learning. This it has well-nigh accomplished. In this strong position it is flooding the country with its literature. Cheap, convenient and attractive Bible helps are being published from the new historic point of view and circulated through the Y. M. C. A., the Sunday-school and every other avenue possible. It now seeks to lay its hands on the ministry and its slogan from one end of the country to the other is for an educated and up-to-date leadership. This is variously understood by different people, but its real meaning is a leadership that has thrown to the wind the orthodox faith and is vainly endeavoring to patch up a new one in accordance with the new theories of science and philosophy.

Hence the ministry is being severely criticised and the supposed failure of the denominations is being held up to the public gaze. No one as yet has the hardihood to lay at the door of the preachers all the ills of our social life, but the "Inefficient Minister" is held up in such a way as to make the general impression that he is the offending member. Strange to say this inefficient minister is supposed to have his habitat in the country and small village and his inefficiency is attributed almost solely to his lack of modern education. Along with the country preachers the denominations and denominational leaders are coming in for their share of criticism for their narrow little orthodoxy and for permitting such a horrible and inexcusable state of affairs.

Here is a quotation from Dr. Henry S. Pritchett published in a recent number of the Literary Digest on "The Inefficient Minister." It will be remembered that Dr. Pritchett is the administrator of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. His criticisms seem to be directed mainly against the educational policy of the Protestant denominations, as he speaks approvingly of that of the "old mother Church." He says in part: "In the Protestant Churches, where the power of authority has largely passed by, the work of the Church depends on the quality of religious leadership. The efficiency of this leadership is low. In the small towns one finds the conditions as existing among lawyers and physicians. Four or five ministers make out a living where one or two at most could do the work efficiently. Like the doctors of their villages, these men concern themselves with chronic cases and specific remedies, while the great problems of the moral health of their communities go untouched. * * * The old mother Church has pursued a more far-sighted policy in this matter than a majority of her daughters. She requires of her priests a long and severe training. * * * To it is due in very large measure the enormous moral power of the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world, particularly among the great masses of working people in the cities, where Protestantism has been so markedly inefficient; partly, at least, because of defects that an adequate modern education would go far toward remedying. * * * It is impossible to estimate how much the cause of religious progress is delayed by the fact that a great portion of the men who assume as representatives of the Christian denominations to take the place of religious leaders are unprepared for such leadership, are untrained in the fundamentals of theology, in the elements of learning, etc. * * * Meager as are the salaries paid, they are in many cases equal to the service rendered. In this situation the public is profoundly interested."

Doubtless when Dr. Pritchett refers to the "enormous moral" power of the

Roman Catholic Church he means to spell "moral" with very small letters, otherwise the moral condition of Roman Catholic countries is a standing refutation of his assertion. Even in this country Catholic populations are not especially distinguished for moral piety. As for Catholic priests, however well the "old mother Church" has trained them, they have not made a very profound impression on the country by their extraordinary moral leadership. This writer is not acquainted with any great moral reform led by Catholic priests; but on the contrary, in these moral movements, with but a few notable exceptions, the priests are very silent. As a striking case in point I might mention the prohibition movement and the movement for popular education. It is true that Rome has a tremendous hold upon her people, but it is not so clear that she uses that power to advance their moral and religious interests. Catholics are loyal to Rome, but they are not always loyal to the Ten Commandments.

But to attribute that loyalty to the influence of an educated leadership is wide of the mark, as Dr. Pritchett ought to know. The average Catholic of the laboring classes knows about as little of the intellectual attainments of the priests of Rome as they do of Shinto priests of Japan. They are sure the holy father knows, but in how much he knows or what he knows he is not the least interested. He is sure of one thing, however, and that is that the holy father knows nothing contrary to the teaching of the Church, and in this he sometimes has the advantage of his humble Protestant brother.

What then is the secret of Rome's hold on its laboring masses? In the first place she does not permit a small moneyed minority to usurp ecclesiastical authority and dominate her policy. In the second place she does not permit her educational beneficiaries to fly in her face and belittle, ridicule and denounce her teachings. In the third place she does not permit the impression to go out that her adherents are split into little factions according to certain social castes, but she teaches that in her sanctuaries all shades and grades of social life worship on the same level. Add to this the ministry of the sisters and you have the real element of strength which bind the Roman Catholics to their Church.

More than this, the priests of Rome are not trained for moral and intellectual leadership, but rather as Church politicians and as ecclesiastical administrators. Again His Holiness the Pope has sat down very heavily on modernism. So, if Dr. Pritchett is looking for an illustration of the mighty effects of the new-fangled leadership he will have to go elsewhere. Perhaps he may refer to Germany, where the people are slumping off from the Lutheran Church by the thousands; or, better still, let him refer to some of our decaying city Churches where a few pedantic preachers from our great universities have been spouting the froth of the new speculative theology. To prescribe for such "decay of Churches and weakening of Churches" more "modern education" is like daubing a tottering wall with soft mud.

In the villages where the preachers have succeeded in holding the common people, but have not succeeded so well with a few who have sniffed the air of the goddess city life, the failure is due to a lack of education. In the city where the college and university men have gone to pander to the tastes of the rich the laboring masses have not been reached. Here again the main difficulty is a lack of modern education. Notwithstanding Dr. Pritchett's distinguished abilities his words read like those of an educational quack. His one remedy is "modern education." This is his cure-all, his panacea for all ills, his solution of all problems. He does not tell us why these Protestant denominations who have insisted on a high standard of educational qualification for their ministry have been so badly outstripped by the Methodists and Baptists who have employed all grades of intellectuality. His view, like that of many other educational specialists, is one-sided. He is correct only in part. We need a more efficient ministry it is true, and the word efficient should be spelled large. But modern education gives little promise of furnishing it. Modern education itself needs regeneration. It is proud, boastful, irreverent and rebellious. Many of its ideals are false and degrading to the spiritual nature.

Social caste and the domination of

the rich are doing more to destroy the influence of the Protestant denominations with the masses than all other influences combined. Even Dr. Shailer Matthews, of Chicago University, made this important discovery, but he seemed to think it doubtful if rich men would allow their preachers to preach against these evils. Is it at all likely that a ministerial leadership trained up under the influence of the beneficiaries of the trusts will correct these evils and win back the laboring masses? Not very many. But with their sympathy for the institutions of corporate wealth and their disbelief of orthodox Christianity they will do more toward wrecking our religious institutions than any of the mischievous factors yet introduced.

In reply to Dr. Pritchett's little fling at the village preachers it may be said that in "concerning themselves with chronic cases and specific remedies" they are following the example of the Great Physician of souls. And it might be said in passing that this humble ministry is very much neglected by many of our educational specialists. Probably they are too busy with disposing of great worldly problems. It is to be hoped that there will be enough of these problems to go round. It would be sad indeed to have so many intellectual prodigies on hand and absolutely nothing for them to do. But when he declares that the moral health of the communities are not touched by the Protestant preachers he says what is not a fact. The managers of the beer and liquor trusts could enlighten him on this point were it to their interest to tell the truth. The fact is that there is hardly a reform movement that does not rely mainly on the rank and file of denominational preachers.

It is singular that a man of Dr. Pritchett's standing should pass by the teachers, the legislators, the magistrates, and even the Catholic priests, and land on the head of the village preacher. Is he alone responsible for moral conditions? Why has the "power of authority" passed in a large measure from our courts of justice? Why is it that in our legislative bodies the efficiency of our leadership is low? Surely inefficiency and failure is not peculiar to the village preacher. The truth is that as a consequence of our national wealth and luxury a perfect flood of worldliness is sweeping over the country with all its attendant evils. The seeds sown by the liquor business is bearing its legitimate fruit of corruption. The bread, meat and oil trusts are grinding the face of the poor. Graft introduced by prodigious wealth is eating like a cancer into the public conscience. The lust for pleasure is something terrible. Against all these evils the preacher must contend. Is it strange if sometimes he should fail to succeed? But Dr. Pritchett has no

word of praise nor encouragement. He only criticises and belittles. He says: "Meager as are the salaries paid they are in many cases equal to the services rendered." This is adding insult to injury. One thing does not seem to have occurred to Dr. Pritchett, and that is, that the trust masters do not have to pay these salaries and these preachers are not amenable to their servants.

But as the manager of the Carnegie foundation, which discriminates unjustly and hurtfully against denominational schools, what right has he to meddle in their business or criticise their preachers? The denominations were doing their best to train up an army of efficient ministers. They had to meet many difficulties. In their educational work they were in close but friendly competition with the secular schools. Then came Mr. Carnegie with a vast sum for the advancement of teaching, but no denominational schools are permitted to receive its benefits. This has tended to complicate the difficulties for the denominational schools. This is a strange move to increase the efficiency of the Protestant ministry! Many Church schools have already capitulated before the influence of this foundation and have gone one by one from under denominational control, and the end is not yet. To one acquainted with the method of the trusts this is significant. Does corporate wealth propose to take over our educational work and thus lay its heavy hand on the ministry and the denominational Churches? What Dr. Pritchett's writing spells is about this: The Protestant ministry is inefficient and the Protestant denominational work is practically a failure. This cause of this failure is not only a lack of ministerial education, but because of the narrowness of denominational teaching. The logical conclusion is that in order to save the country the education of the ministry should be taken out of the denominational control and turned over to schools untrammelled by religious dogma.

Dr. Aker, John D. Rockefeller's pastor, heartily agrees with Dr. Pritchett. In another article I wish to discuss some interesting things he has to say. From him we learn that the real objection to the denominational control of our educational institutions is their "narrow, stupid, stodgy, little orthodoxy" which teaches the doctrine of eternal punishment and the inspiration of the Bible. Somehow our rich men do not like the doctrine of the judgment and eternal punishment, and they are not willing to give their money to institutions which are propagating these disagreeable doctrines, and they are now beginning to make their influence felt in the educational world.

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LEST WE FORGET

By REV. W. F. PACKARD.

We know some things, but have forgotten how we came to know them; the path over which we traveled to come to know them has faded from our vision and memory.

Sometimes rejoicing in a mental or spiritual state, or an experience, and feeling secure in it, we disregard the great objective facts as unimportant, facts, too, without which our present experience would be impossible.

A ray of light passes—invisible through space, and only when it falls on an object is it seen; and only when the subjective in man is directed on something outward is thought possible. Consciousness is a subjective fact of experience in whose light we rejoice. But let us never forget that it is an experience which would never have come to us had there not been first some objective, non-ego fact already in existence. Consciousness is only the flame which rushes up as the result of the impact of the self on the not-self. Suspended in space, when born, no man would ever have come to consciousness. Yet some people so rejoice in their consciousness that they regard Mind as everything and Matter as non-existent, and become pure idealists in their philosophy and in their religion! But as consciousness were impossible but for objective facts upon which the subjective must impinge to make it a steady light, so all religious experience in Christianity is caused by the impact of the soul upon the great historic facts recorded in the New Testament.

The Christian religion is, first of all, a system and a series of facts, objective facts, which, if not perceived, would never have become subjective

realities in experience. How prone men are to forget this!

Sometimes we hear men intimate that it is a matter of small concern to them if the authenticity and integrity of the Scriptures are shaken by the higher critics; that they have in their vital experience, in their communion with the indwelling Christ, all the evidence they need; that their religion "is not a book religion," anyhow; that the true basis of authority in religion is in the soul. This is all well and good, if they will not forget that they would not have had any inner religion were it not for the record which God has given us of his Son. If they have learned to do without the Scriptures, as the child has learned to do without the alphabet, it is well to remember that without the alphabet of the Christian life, the Holy Scriptures, they would never have known Him whom to know is life eternal!

Again, we sometimes hear men intimate that it is a matter of small concern to them whether Jesus Christ ever literally rose from the grave; that they rest on subjective evidence of his divinity and power; that the Christ is risen in them, and that this fact of experience is enough; that the "newness of life they feel within them" is the better resurrection; and if it were proven that Jesus never rose out of Joseph's new tomb, their faith in Him would remain unshaken! But had not these men believed, first, in a real, literal, objective resurrection they never would have become Christians at all. If they had not first believed that Jesus rose from the dead, they would yet be in their sins.

So, also, with the atonement. Some tell us that they feel little interest

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in the historic fact that Jesus died on the cross for our sins to make an atonement; that too much has been made of "the blood;" that the subjective "at-one-ment" is the main and important thing; that now they have "the mind which was in Christ," and are at-one with God, by the indwelling Spirit, they do not lay much stress on the death of Christ, but magnify the doctrine that "much more are we saved by his life."

All this sounds very good, but had it not been for the objective, historic facts that Jesus was crucified, dead and buried, men would never have been brought to loathe their sins and turn to God, who thus both reveals his love for the sinner and his hostility to sin. The regenerate joy which such men now experience would not have been possible but for the historic tragedy of the cross.

Furthermore, men have been heard to declare that the fear of hell is a very low motive for the preacher to appeal to to get men to forsake their sins; that such preaching is "behind the times," and that they are not moved by such preaching any more, though they once were; that "virtue founded on fear is only vice in a fit of dejection;" that, with them, "perfect love casteth out all fear." Yes, but they ought to know that when they were submerged in carnality they never would have broken with their sins, would never have become Christians full of perfect love; had not their fears been aroused at the dire consequences of sin they would still be in the bond of iniquity and the gall of bitterness.

We often hear men and women sneer at the credulity which believes in the objective efficiency of prayer, and assert that such is a heathenish

idea; that prayer cannot effect any change in God or in his immutable laws; that prayer is only designed to affect us, and bring us into harmony and acquiescence with the will of God; that it is only subjective in its efficiency, and hence it is folly to pray for rain, or bread, or health, or any temporal blessing. While it is true that prayer has subjective efficiency, and that what is done in us is better than anything that can be done for us on the outside, it is well for us never to forget that prayer has also an objective efficiency as sure as God is God, and the Bible is true! And had not men believed this fact they would never have learned to pray at all. And if prayer has no objective efficiency, then men had to believe a falsehood to learn to pray to get that good, reflex and subjective result! How absurd!

Lastly, there is a class of men who are now saying that the belief in the miraculous conception and virgin-birth of Jesus Christ are not necessary to faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God! That the real incarnation which interests them is to incarnate God in themselves, and partake of the divine nature. But had not men believed that Jesus is uniquely the "only begotten Son of God," "conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary," Jesus would never have been accepted as the Savior of the world.

While it is undoubtedly true that every Christian should ultimately convert the articles of his creed into elements of consciousness, let us not forget that this would never have been done had not men first believed firmly in the articles of the creed as objective historical facts certified to by many infallible proofs.

Devotional—Spiritual

LIFE'S BALANCE SHEET.

If, when the joyous day is done,
I count the deeds that I have done,
And find one act, though small—
A loving word, a song, a smile—
That did some saddened heart be-
guile,

Or to a soul recall
The sunlight of the Father's love,
Then I will thank my God above.

If, when the weary day is gone,
I count the deeds that I have done,
And find one act, though small—
A thoughtless word—a look of
scorn—

That made a brother more forlorn,
Or caused his feet to fall,
Then I will pray my God above
For more and more of his pure love.

And when life's toilsome journey's
done,
Its deeds complete, its songs all
sung,

If I can truly say
With heart and voice I did my best
To point the Father's heavenly rest
To all who will obey,
Then I shall praise my God above,
And ever dwell in His pure love.

—Dr. Palmer.

THE COMFORTER.

Hear the pledge of Jesus Christ: "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come unto you. Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." As long as God lives and our souls live, so long does this pledge stand. It is true, we can not always feel this presence. But we can always know that it is there, always think of it, so long as thought endures, always rest upon it forever and ever; and the reason why this promise is given is that we may hold fast to this truth. There may be a moment in the very depths of sorrow and anguish when the presence is hidden from us. But is it not because we are stunned, unconscious? It is like passing through a surgical operation. The time comes for the ordeal. The anaesthetic is ready. You stretch out your hand to your friend: "Don't leave me, don't forsake me." The last thing you feel is the clasp of that hand, the last thing you see is the face of that

friend. Then a moment of darkness, a blank—and the first thing you see is the face of love again. So the angel of God's face stands by us, bends above us, and we may know that He will be there even when all else fails. * * * Amid the mists that shroud the great ocean beyond the verge of mortal life, there is one sweet, mighty voice that says: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. In all thy afflictions I will be with thee, and the angel of My face shall save thee."—Henry van Dyke.

PATIENT WAITING.

There is no wiser or kinder word in all language than Wait. Nor is there any whose perfect counsel is more likely to be spurned by our impatient hearts. That is natural enough. Wanting is an immediate issue, and nobody concerns himself very poignantly about a desire which he thinks he may wish to gratify in a year or two. Our present need makes our present lack, and we hurry to supply it. But over and over and over again we have to learn that the best things come slowly; that the Kingdom of Heaven will not be taken by force, in an hour; and that, if we really want, we must wait—then we shall surely have.

The two words are almost identical. Only a small but significant difference in one letter, to substitute for the indefinite *n* the purposeful *i* of a human will which addresses itself to attainment. One may want and go on wanting forever; but waiting implies a far end.

Not a passive, resigned state at all, then, it is but one of intensest activity; not a confession of lukewarmness, but rather a proof of desire too strong to put up with any halfway measures, any incomplete fulfillment. A man who is willing to wait really wants, and proves his worthiness.

Hard? It is bitterly hard. If it were not, there would be no meaning in it. All the ages acknowledge the heart-sickness of hope deferred. But hoping is somewhat different from waiting; much more clamor-



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Before you start out on your round of the shops, with the scurry and bustle—bad air—endless walking—pushing through crowded aisles and the nervous strain of it all, fortify yourself with a glass of

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ous, but not so sure. A volatile spirit, Hope, ever returning, but ever departing also. The angel of Waiting abides with us and fixes its eyes, not on the next meadow, but on the mountain top. That a process is hard should be no reason for complaint on our part, since the hardest things are ever most blessed to the valiant soul. But there is an ultimate depth of peace in waiting which, when we understand it at last, robs the condition of half its pain and all its restlessness. Nay, it may even come to confer a divine happiness upon us. What does God do—and all the angels—but wait eternally?

It is doubtless true that what we wait for, that we shall surely have. It is also true that what we wait to be rid of, that we shall surely lose. Blessed, blessed working of time (strong, compassionate angel Time) to heal all bruises, close all wounds, turn all things into good! William Bowles has a beautiful sonnet, although a sad one, on this subject:

"O Time; who know'st a lenient hand to lay
Softest on sorrow's wound, and slowly thence
(Lulling to sad repose the weary sense)
The faint pang stealest unperceived away."

If only we could remember that this must surely happen to us, that all our past life must seem good after the years are gone, we might save ourselves—but, no, after all, perhaps it is well not to save ourselves. How should we ever know anything if we did not suffer? At least, however, we might bend an ear to an inner singing beneath our tears, a voice which says, patiently, constantly: "Wait. Wait—wait—wait."

Wait, how long, then? Well, a lifetime is of course a little matter, hardly a beginning toward the most important thing. Until the earth and planets cool might be a pretty period, or until the sun goes out, or until a new one kindles. But limitations are no business of the really

waiting soul. Wait as long as God waits; that is the best decision.—The Congregationalist.

HIS PERFECT HOLINESS.

How often we take a merely negative view of Jesus' sinlessness—a view that may be pretty well pictured by that waxen flower that they tell us grows in the depths of the coal mine, with so perfectly glazed a surface that no dust can adhere to it, and that even in the depths of the coal mine keeps its indefectible whiteness. A pitiful figure of Christ's sinlessness! He is no waxen flower with a glazed surface, but an oak, that stood square to every wind that blew. He sounded all the depths and explored all the heights of temptation, and He was "made perfect through suffering." We have a heroic Christ; so that for my part I never like to speak of His mere sinlessness, but rather of His perfect holiness, which includes and surpasses the other conception as the idea of a perfect apple tree includes and surpasses the mere idea that there are no bad apples on it.—H. E. Fosdick.

GOD'S GLORY HIS COOLNESS.

When Moses prayed to be shown the glory of the Lord, the answer was, "I will make all my goodness pass before thee." That is the glory of the Highest—loving kindness and tender mercy, the compassions that fail not, but are new every morning. We too often lose the comfort of this truth out of our lives. We think of the Ruler of the universe throned afar in brightness and power; we tremble before His holiness, and lift our sad eyes and burdened hearts with a hopeless feeling that they are working out God's glory. But His highest glory is His gracious, tender Fatherhood, the infinite pity and love with which He hears and answers the cry of His children.

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The cost of the machinery is not great. About \$2500 would put up a complete outfit. Of course no one farmer could afford to spend so much as that for his own private consumption, but groups of farmers might do so. Denatured alcohol may be used anywhere where gasoline is used as a source of energy. Any kind of engine that can be run by gasoline can be run by denatured alcohol. But this alcohol need not require the farmer's corn to be used in its manufacture. Any kind of material where fermentation is generated will do—potato peelings, old decayed apples or potatoes, and almost anything grown on the farm, even to corn stalks. In Holland a great deal of distilling is done for commercial purposes along this line. In France nearly 30,000 farmers manufacture alcohol for industrial uses, using up any kind of inferior molasses, rotting fruits and even corn cobs. With proper machinery the manufacture of denatured alcohol is easy and inexpensive, and as a source of energy it is superior to gasoline, making greater heat.

DISEASE IN MONEY.

Did you ever put a nickel into your mouth? If you did you may know that it has been in somebody else's mouth, and perhaps in some diseased mouth and probably in some "nigger's" mouth. I sat in a grocery store one afternoon not long since. It was Saturday afternoon, and many little negroes were spending what little change they had. Fully twenty-five or thirty little colored boys and girls came in to buy a nickel's worth or a dime's worth of something, and without exception the coin was in the mouth. Never put another piece of money into your mouth. All manner of disease may be thus conveyed. Besides, if nickels and dimes never went into human mouths they are handled daily by hands clean and hands unclean and your mouth is no place for them.

Furthermore, paper money is far more dangerous as disease carriers than coin. It is handled by millions of people of all grades of uncleanness and disease, and often the owner licks his fingers to flip the bills more easily. His saliva comes to you mingled with the saliva of thousands of others. Last year a bank cashier in New York City died from a disease brought on from infection from paper money.

SOME WORDS OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED.

(The figure after each word shows the number of syllable accented. The authority is Webster's International Dictionary).

- Extant, 1, not 2, still existing.
- Magazine, 3, not 1 (zeen), a pamphlet, a powder house.
- Marsoleum, 3, a magnificent tomb.
- Research, 2, not 1, diligent inquiry.
- Unfrequented, 3, not 2, rarely visited.
- Ordinarily, 1, not 3, commonly.
- Apparatus, 3 (appay-ray-tus, not appa-rat-tus), appliances to illustrate with.
- Luxury, 1 (luks, not lugzi), an expensive rarity.
- Personnel, 3, the body of persons employed in any enterprise.
- Lamentable (lam-ent a bl), 1, not lament a bl, 2), deplorable.
- Banquet (bang-quet, 1, not ban-quet), a feast.
- Finance (fi-nance, 2, i as in it), the science of revenue.

Appendicitis (i, i as in ice), inflammation of the vermiform appendix. This word may serve as a criterion for all words ending in "it." The i before the t is always pronounced like i in ice, not like i in machine. Therefore all such words as cystitis, bronchitis, laryngitis, peritonitis, iritis, colitis, and all other words ending in "itis" have this same pronunciation.

Tarantula, 1 (ta-ran-tu-la, not ta-ran-uh-lah), a large spider.

Palsy (pawl-zy, 1, not pol-zy), a disease.

FIRST POSTAGE STAMPS.

Sir Rowland Hill was an English Lord. He conceived the idea of employing little paper stamps on letters instead of clumsy wax or wafer seals then in use. He recommended the adoption of the penny stamps, and advocated it till in 1840 his scheme became a verity through the British possessions. It was not until 1847 that postage stamps were used in this country. Previous to this time letters were sealed on the flap with sealing wax. Envelopes did not come into use till 1839. If a person had a written message to send he made his own envelope by cutting out the paper and folding it so that he could seal the flaps with wax.

DUNCE.

In the early years of the fourteenth century there was an old schoolman named Joannes Duns Scotus, called the Subtle Doctor. He was the advocate of certain doctrines at variance with the general custom, and was denounced by his opponents as foolish. In the revival of learning near the close of the Middle Ages, this old Doctor's opposition to classical learning brought him into bitter derision, under the idea that he was a fool. Classical education had come to stay and its advocates, in speaking of the Subtle Doctor's school, referred to them as Dunsmen, employing the Doctor's middle name only. Then by easy curtailment of the word they discarded the last syllable, leaving only Duns, with a soft "s." This name finally absorbed the idea of fool, became a synonym of fool, and has come down to us in that sense, surviving the five hundred years that have intervened, and seems to be a permanent word in our language with only a slight change of spelling to "dunce."

HIGHEST-PRICED PICTURE IN THE WORLD.

The highest-priced picture in the world is a Madonna painted by Raphael, the famous Italian painter, in 1507. It is called the Blenheim Madonna because it is in the Blenheim Palace, the property of the Duke of Marlborough.

This picture is valued at \$350,000. It is 8 feet high, and represents the Madonna and Child seated on a throne, with St. John the Baptist on the right and St. Nicholas on the left. It is one of the best preserved of Raphael's paintings, and is profoundly impressive.

Blenheim Palace is a magnificent structure, the home of the Duke of Marlborough. It is in Woodstock, England, and was given by England to the original Duke of Marlborough, who led the English forces to victory over the French in the Battle of Blenheim, in Bavaria, in 1704, during the reign of "Good Queen Anne."

CYCLONE DESTROYS METHODIST CHURCH.

Dear Brethren of the Methodist Church: You have seen much of the destruction of the cyclone at Zephyr.

In addition to call made by Rev. I. Z. T. Morris in Advocate of June 3, and somewhat special, I desire to appeal to our people to help us in rebuilding the Methodist Church at Zephyr.

No doubt your hearts beat a response to the sufferers and you greatly admired the heroic and sympathetic work of the community, of Temple Sanitarium, of the railroad company and other offerings public and personal that were made. You were made to feel that we are closer akin than the world would think. And we give praise to all these for help in trying to put the people of Zephyr back where they could be comfortable.

I want to ask the pastors of Methodist Churches to do something to show that we believe one of the greatest losses to a community is the loss of their Church and in order to put a

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song in the throat of the little children and their sorrowful and distressed fathers and mothers, I beg our good people to aid us in rebuilding our Church. Let every Methodist that wants to share in the loss send an offering to help build the altars of prayer and praise.

I sincerely hope that the pastors in Brownwood District will give every member of our Church a chance to express their love for Methodism and their sympathy for our distressed people.

Let us build them a nice Church. Zephyr people will do their best. I will do my best.

Send your offering to Rev. George L. Piller, treasurer, Methodist Church building fund, Zephyr, Tex.

This is in accord with direction of local Church, preacher in charge and presiding elder.

J. A. WHITEHURST,
P. E. Brownwood District.

FROM BROTHER ODOM.

I would like to say to the Advocate readers that we are making progress in our temperance work. As many of them know, I am now superintendent of the Dallas District of the Anti-Saloon League. This district is in Northeast Texas and embraces a part of the Texas and North Texas Conferences. The work in this district is in very good condition. The people are interested in this great cause. It has a strong hold upon their hearts, and they are rallying to its support. I am being most kindly and heartily received, "for the work's sake," by pastors of all the Churches. Without their co-operation and assistance I could do nothing. The League is the Church in action and the pastors are the leading actors. I appreciate their help more than I can tell them. The Anti-Saloon League is becoming well established in this State. Its methods are approved and up-to-date. It fights the saloon every day in the year, and will as long as one remains to debauch and ruin the young men of the country. The Advocate is contributing no small part toward the success of our temperance work in Texas. This is especially true among our Methodist people, though many others read it. On with the battle for a stainless flag and a saloonless Texas! I shall be glad to assist in any of our preachers at any time and in any way possible. Write me freely of conditions in your section.

J. D. ODOM.

BROWNSVILLE METHODISM.

It was my privilege to visit Brownsville and one or two other points in the valley of the lower Rio Grande. I went in company with that strenuous young presiding elder, A. L. Scarborough, who is not saying "Go on, boys," but "Come on, brethren."

For instance, we took the train for one of the growing towns out from Brownsville, reached it at 1 o'clock and left at 3. In those two hours he ate dinner, located a choice lot for a church and set a layman to looking after it and the raising of money for a church.

Brownsville is growing rapidly. Many nice buildings are being erected. A number of Methodist families have moved in and our church there has taken on new life. An out-of-the-way lot was sold and a better site was purchased. Upon this new lot, just across from the post office and customs build-

ing, a very tasty and attractive church building will be ready for our congregation by August 1, or sooner.

They are going to have a great time at the opening of that Church. Brother James, the pastor, has labored faithfully and increased the membership without a Church building. A number of laymen are standing by the building enterprise with great loyalty. They will all be rewarded, for I look for Brownsville Station, with its pretty church building, soon to become one of our good appointments and, indeed, it is not an improbable thing that in ten years there will be in our Conference a Brownsville District.

The class of people going into that section guarantees this if they are handled wisely just now.

There are half dozen good stations possible if the conference enables Brother Scarborough to properly man them.

I have not bought any land down there either.

J. E. HARRISON.

Little Davy Sloan is forever asking questions.

"You'd better keep still, or something will happen to you," his tired mother finally told him one night. "Curiosity once killed a cat, you know."

Davy was so impressed with this that he kept silent for three minutes. Then: "Say, mother, what was it the cat wanted to know?"—The Christian Guardian.

BRAIN BUILDING

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Notes From the Field

Bowie Mission.

The Bowie Mission is moving along nicely. Bro. Roach held our second Quarterly Conference the first of June. He preached three fine sermons. He is the right man in the right place. All my people love him. The stewards made a fine report. Our expenditures were more than half their assessment paid. Last Sunday was the greatest day of the year. We had our Children's Day at Stoneburg. Bro. Nesly, our Superintendent, and his faithful workers had prepared a fine program, and the children certainly did their part well. The mission was hot and the house was crowded, but the people listened to the children with interest for one hour and a half. The collection was \$7. We have a fine people to serve. While our membership is weak, we are steadily growing. We have planned our revival meetings for the summer, and we are praying for and expecting great things on the Bowie Mission this year.—Fred L. Giles, P. C.

Collinsville and Toga.

The second Quarterly Conference for the above charges embraced May 29-31 inclusive, and was a great occasion. In addition to presiding elder and pastor, Revs. I. W. Clark and J. W. Tineher were present and participating. Their sermons and addresses will be remembered and bring much good, I am sure. Sister Shirley, District Secretary Woman's Home Mission Society, was with us, and made a royal contribution to the occasion, as also did her husband, Bro. Shirley. Sister Moore, District Secretary Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was with us, and organized a society of eleven members and four honorary members. Finances were in good shape for the season, and all interests of the Church were carefully considered. It was my one hundred and forty-sixth Quarterly Conference as preacher in charge, and I am certain the greatest I have known. Aston makes things happen, and long may he continue to do so.—D. P. Fuller.

Aquilla.

We have built a new parsonage at Aquilla, and good enough for anybody, if not large enough, but plenty large for present pastor. Four rooms, rear kitchen and front gallery, and well finished and furnished throughout, for which we thank God and the good people of this work. Bro. Galloway started an upward movement here, and Bro. Stark kept it going, and with the help of God we intend to carry to completion a part of it, at least, in that we want to put this work off the Board of Missions and make it self-supporting, and we have faith to believe that the Spirit of God can do it. We have had three Children's Day programs on this work, and have another good Sunday-school besides. Ross was first, and carried out the regular program fine, but Ross has some of the best people in Texas, and they succeed in everything they undertake for the Lord. Their collection amounted to \$6.15. Wesley Chapel came next with a fine program and a nice collection, amounting to \$2. Aquilla had her program June 6, and after only four rehearsals they rendered as fine a program as I have ever heard on that line. Their collection amounted to \$4.20. Total collections from all three Sunday-schools, \$12.35. The Lord is doing wonderful things for us in the Sunday-school work. Pray for us.—J. F. Adams, June 6.

Rochelle Circuit.

I began on my first round talking for early collections, and announced that the second round would be devoted to that work. This is my thirty-third year in itinerant work, and in all these years I never before met with such ready and cheerful responses. As a result we were practically out on conference collections by the first of March. Since that time just a little step has put us on the top rung of the ladder, and I suppose it would not be considered rude in Rochelle if she gives her horn one little toot, for the preacher now holds receipts from the several Conference Boards for the last dollar of the conference assessments. One appointment in the charge (Live Oak) is about up to date on preacher's salary, but the other three are considerably behind. I think, however, that the honesty and uprightness of this people, together with their devotion to the cause of Christ, will not allow them to fall short in the wind-up. Last Sunday, June 6, was a red-letter day to the children and old folks of Rochelle. The day was rainy, the audience was large, the program was rich, rare and religious. The 11 o'clock service was the best. Their training under the direction of two of three of our good women was approximately perfect. The collection was worthy any service of like nature. Our League still lives and works. Our Woman's Home Mission Society is neither dead nor dying, as will be shown in a few days by their parsonage being made white, trimmed in light canary, and a back gallery for the comfort of the inmates. July and August will be spent in revival efforts, and we are hoping to have a ready enlistment of our forces in that great work.—D. C. Ross, June 8.

Carbon.

We observed Children's Day May 16. Five dollars was raised, the children greatly pleased, and entire Sunday-school inspired. Many who have a right to know pronounce it the best Children's Day they ever saw. On last Sunday our excellent Sunday-school Superintendent asked for free-will offering to help rebuild the church at Zephyr. In just a short time we raised \$20, which was at once supplemented by \$5 from the Ladies' Home Mission Society. Our people here are always ready to help any worthy cause. We have receipts for our home mission assessment, also for our orphanage claim, besides a chest was presented to orphans of over \$20. The ladies have lately placed a set of pulpit chairs in the church, at a cost of \$62, and have put a lounge and a set of nice chairs in the parsonage. These people do not pay and then stop, but are splendid Church workers. We have a live Sunday-school here, and one at Flat Woods; have a splendid Senior League and one of the best Junior

Leagues I ever saw. On preaching days our house is always crowded. Our prayer-meeting on Wednesday night is doing nicely, while our ladies' cottage prayer-meeting is accomplishing much good. Our Woman's Home Mission Society is alive and active. We have six regular appointments, and at each place a body of devoted Christians to cheer us. We also have a kind, noble and true man for presiding elder. He is ever ready to help us in whatever way he can. All things taken together, we feel like saying with David, "Praise the Lord, O my soul!"—Eustace P. Swindall, June 11.

Marathon.

Marathon is a prosperous little town of about 800 population, and Methodism is growing. Our new Methodist Church, costing \$200, was completed in May, this year. We organized a Sunday-school with forty-five pupils, and now have sixty-five, including teachers. Our pastor, Rev. H. T. Wheeler, deserves much credit for his energetic work, and the people of Marathon should appreciate his efforts. It is wholly due to him that we now have a house of worship, and we are all very proud of the nice building. Children's Day exercises were held on June 6. Everybody was well pleased. The teachers and pastor certainly deserve praise for their efforts in training the children for these services. The church was well decorated and everything went off without a hitch. We have a good organist and choir. Expect to have our revival meeting about July 1, and are praying for a great revival.—M. Straw, Superintendent, June 6.

Sadler.

Three of our Churches observed Children's Day—Rock Creek, Gordonville and Sadler. At the last two we were present, and I must say it is remarkable what the children can do—even small children. Such speaking and singing are seldom heard. Gordonville had a splendid program, and the children did credit to themselves and the committee and their parents. Gordonville is a very promising people, and our Church is doing a splendid work. At Sadler they used the night hours for the time of service, and the program was wonderfully arranged and perfectly carried out. This was the best we ever witnessed. For three long hours with their little tiny and big speeches, tableaux, rantennimes and songs they held spellbound the great congregation, to the delight and satisfaction of all. Sadler has a great people, and our Church has a fine hold here, with 59 members, and we will surprise the surrounding country in the near future with one of the most handsome up-to-date church buildings possible. We have the men, women and money back of it, with true Christian hearts and consecrated lives and property. Sadler can not afford nothing less than to honor God with a good temple. Our whole charge is in splendid condition. The outlook is very encouraging. Expect great revivals throughout the charge. We are rejoicing over the splendid season, and we thank God for everything we possess.—J. T. Turner.

Lovelace.

It is a pleasure to labor among such good people. When we got here, the second night of our stay in our new home, we were pained very nearly to death, and it is still being on. After seeing such a great field for labor and such a few at work, our heart went out for the salvation of the people. We have two Sister Epworth Leagues, one W. I. M. Society doing very fine and substantial work. Our Home Mission Society is going to paint the church at Lovelace as soon as we can get a good painter. Our League services are very spiritual. Quite a number of young men and women have come forward for prayer. Our prayer-meetings are run or conducted by young people, and are doing great good. The entire charge is organized for God. We only have three Churches on the charge, viz.: Lovelace, Barry's Chapel and Pleasant Hill. Our Sunday-school has more than doubled in attendance since we have been on the work, but remember we have some of the very best laymen here, and they are consecrated to work of the Master. The superintendents of our Sunday-schools are exerting every means to add to the Sunday-school. Great preparation was made for the Children's Day exercises. They were very impressive, as well as entertaining. All who attended could see that God was at the head of the great work. Since we have been on this work we have received over one hundred in the Church by letter and other ways; about thirty on profession of faith; have taken about thirty new subscriptions for the A. M. S. and a few for the general organ. This is a great field for Methodism. We are careful to say before we close that we are just about ready to begin our work on a new church at Pleasant Hill.—W. T. Singley, June 14.

Children's Day at Friendship.

On June 5, 1909, we had a splendid day at Friendship, on Woodbine Circuit. At 10:20 a. m. the Sunday-school gathered at our beautiful little new church and formed in a long line of march. There was a vast throng of children and elders, all wearing gorgeous beautiful printed banners. "Friendship Methodist Sunday-school" at the top, and "Onward is our Aim" at the bottom. The banner bore, in gold lettering, the words, "Friendship Sunday-school. All for Christ" and was carried by Superintendent, James E. Holt, class leader. Two little girls walked on either side holding the beautiful blue and white streamers. When the procession reached the brush arbor where the crowd was gathered the senior and other classes parted, forming a double column, and the infant class passed through, carrying the banner and marching to music and was placed in convenient seats near the front. In like manner all the other classes fol-

lowed. After prayer and responsive reading Brother Minnis opened the doors of the Church and offered to baptize any babies who might be presented. Nine persons presented themselves and by letter were taken into the Church; also, five babies were baptized. Then began the rendition of a splendid program of recitation, reading and song which filled in the time till 12 o'clock sharp. Dinner being announced, all began to enjoy themselves immensely. At 2 o'clock another program began, which, being ended, was followed by an encouraging talk from H. J. Dills, our Sunday-school scholar, who has been in the work about 70 years. The day was closed by an address from Hon. W. E. Murphy, our County Attorney, who held the undivided attention of the children for forty minutes. They fairly drank in the wholesome advice which he gave them. We are proud of our Sunday-school and the interest being manifested by our Church. I must not forget to say that a handsome collection for foreign missions was taken, for which we are very thankful.—J. S. Swafford.

Eustace Circuit.

I tendered, on the 8th inst., my resignation as a supply on this charge. We baptized eight children and have had three conversions and also two additions to the Church. Conference collections nearly half paid in, the remainder in good subscriptions. I have visited 387 homes with prayer. Have \$87.40 paid on preacher's salary. We have our plans made for good help in all revival meetings. I pray the richest grace upon my successor and this entire charge.—P. H. Wilson.

Marlin.

Last Thursday we had a great dirt-breaking service for our new church. It is the beginning of a new history of Methodism in Marlin. We have bought an ideal lot; in fact, I believe it is the best in the city that was available. The building we are going to erect will be a beauty and will be adequate for the next fifty years. Our work is moving on nicely in every department. Have organized a Junior Epworth League and the membership has run up to over fifty. We intend to carry it to a hundred.—I. F. Betts, June 15.

Lexington.

We are moving along very nicely on this work, and we trust making some progress. Our second quarterly Conference was held at Early Chapel, embracing the third Sunday in May, with our live presiding elder, A. A. Wagnon, in the chair. He gave us three splendid sermons, which did us some good. Our report was a fairly good report, paying a little over \$140 for the support of the ministry the past quarter. Yesterday was a red-letter day at Early Chapel, as we had a splendid Children's Day service that day. Our children, under the leadership of Miss Minnie Biggers, a very fine girl, acquitted themselves well and won the praise of the large crowd of people who attended. The collection was good for this time of the year, and the dinner on the ground was superb. In the afternoon I preached to the children, but the showers of rain interfered with the service. We began our meeting at Lexington the night of the 17th, and hope to have a sweeping revival of pure and undefiled religion.—W. W. Horner, June 14.

Dublin District Missionary.

Since my last report of mission work in the Dublin District I have preached at the following places: Carlton, Thena, Monterey, Rose Schoolhouse, Wilson, Kilger Schoolhouse, Center Grove, Pigeon Schoolhouse and Carlton. I found Bro. Gallagher at Carlton, and his good wife, in much love and favor with their good people. Bro. Gallagher is a big-hearted, jolly good fellow. They treated me so kindly at the parsonage that I want to go back again. I got great inspiration in this service, with his good people. I have been hindered some in my work on account of sickness, but since I started the first of April I have traveled over a thousand miles in my buggy, preached twenty-two times, visited lots of families, sold several dollars worth of books, held seven burial services, attended the District Sunday-school and League Conference at Stephenville, and I am trying to do the best work of my life. I have arranged for eleven protracted meetings to be held in the summer. If I can not hold them all, I will hold all that I can, and my presiding elder says that the station preachers and the local preachers in the district will help me hold the balance of them. My presiding elder has been very good to me. He is a noble, good man of God and a good presiding elder. We do not want to let him go from our district till we have to; in fact, all the preachers and people have been very kind and good to me, for which I am very grateful.—J. E. Morton.

JOINED IN MATRIMONY.

Married at the Methodist parsonage in Groveton, Texas, June 1, 1909, Mr. W. C. Griffin, of Kilgore, Texas, and Miss Winnie Willis. Mr. Griffin is the son of W. W. Griffin, a prosperous merchant of Kilgore, and Miss Willis is the daughter of Rev. Jesse Willis, pastor of Groveton Station. Rev. J. T. Smith officiated. May God's rich blessings rest upon these accomplished and worthy young Methodists.—J. T. SMITH.

METHODIST DORMITORY.

The following are some of the reasons why every girl of Methodist parents, attending the College of Industrial Arts at Denton should board at the Methodist Dormitory:

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Weatherford District.

Tickets to the District Conference at Graham will be on sale Monday, June 21, and Thursday, June 24 from Eastland and along the Texas and Pacific to Fort Worth, and good over the Rock Island to Graham. The Home Mission Societies will meet on Tuesday and the District Conference on Friday. Let every member and delegate be on hand. Every pastor is expected, and to remain over Sunday. In order to reach Graham same day it will be necessary to reach Fort Worth not later than 1:40 p. m. M. K. LITTLE, P. C.

Colvert District.

We will make ample provision for the entertainment of all the members of the District Conference, but you will save us a great deal of trouble and confusion if you will kindly write us how and when you are coming. The S. A. & A. P. coming north from Eastland arrives at Fort at 9:20 a. m. and 8:40 p. m., and coming south from Waco at 8:05 a. m. and 9:40 p. m. Parties wishing conveyance across country from Marlin can get it for \$1.00, provided they write one day ahead. If you are coming through in private conveyance, we would like to know it, so as to provide for loss. If you are not coming, please write us, as you will be assigned to some home and your host will be disappointed if provision is made for your entertainment and you do not come. We want you to come, but if you cannot you will do us a favor to write. JNO. W. GOODWIN, P. C.

TO THE PASTORS OF THE DECATUR DISTRICT.

Copies of the minutes of the recent District Conference have been sent by express to each of you. If any have failed to receive their copies let them notify me at once. There are a few yet remaining. O. T. COOPER, Secretary. Jackboro, Texas, June 14, 1909.

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A REQUEST.

Friends of the late Dr. Lowell Mason, who have letters from him, or any memorabilia, are requested to communicate with Henry L. Mason, 188 Bay State Road, Boston. Mr. Mason is the grand son of Dr. Lowell Mason, and is at work writing a "Life of Lowell Mason."

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THE HOME CIRCLE

WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN AWAY.

"What I spent that I had;
What I saved that I lost;
What I gave that I have."
Carve your name high over shifting
sand.
Where the steadfast rocks defy de-
cay—
"All you can hold in your cold, dead
hand
Is what you have given away."
Build your pyramid skyward, and
stand,
Gazed at by millions, cultured they
say—
"All you can hold in your cold, dead
hand
Is what you have given away."
Count your wide conquests of sea and
land,
Heap up the gold, and hoard as you
may—
"All you can hold in your cold, dead
hand
Is what you have given away."
Culture and fame and gold—ah, so
grand—
Kings of the salon, the mart, a
day—
"All you can hold in your cold, dead
hand
Is what you have given away."
—Baptist World.

THE STORY OF "GINGER."

Aunt Priscilla came tripping over to our house one morning, and as she came in she called out:

"Have you seen Ginger?"
Mother and I answered both to-
gether in a breath, "No. Why?"
"Because he's been out all night
and hasn't come back yet, and he's
never done such a thing before since
he was born. And I don't know
where he can be."

"Oh, I wouldn't worry," said moth-
er. "He'll come back all right before
long. Ginger has found something
very exciting to detain him, you may
be sure—squirrels or mice or birds
or something. But Ginger knows
more than some people; he'd find his
way home from—anywhere!"
"Well, I shall advertise, and send
some one out to hunt for him," said
aunt.

"Ginger" was a splendid, big black
cat, not a white hair on him—all
black from the tip of his nose to the
end of his tail.

The next day, when aunt came in,
she had a newspaper in her hand,
which was shaking with excitement.
"Gladys!" she called. "Gladys, dear,
I know where Ginger is! P. T. Bar-
num has him, and he's going round
the country in a circus show!"

We looked at aunt as if we thought
she had lost her wits. "Look at that,"
she said, and thrust the paper into
mother's hand. "I was looking over
some old papers before throwing them
away," she went on, "when I happen-
ed to see it."

"Wanted—For Barnum's Circus. A
big black cat without a white hair
on him. Will pay a good price."

"There's where he is!" wailed aunt,
the tears running down her dear
cheeks. "Some one stole him to sell
to the circus, and I don't know
where the circus is. It left here some
time ago, and, oh, what will they do
with poor Ginger, all shut up with
lions and tigers and yaks and gnus
and things! He'll be killed and eaten
alive!"

Poor mother did not know what to
say.

"Well, aunt," I said, "he'll be taken
good care of so as to look well
in the show—you can take some com-
fort in that."

But she only shuddered, and re-
plied:

"They'll make him jump through a
paper hoop; they'll whip him till he
does; they'll put him with the tigers;
they'll be brutal to him and destroy
his mind and his manners. That's
what they'll do."

The days went on, and Ginger did
not come back. Poor aunt was quite
changed.

One evening we had been invited
over to her house to dine, and there
was no place I liked to go better, be-
cause the more you see of Aunt
Priscilla, the more you love her. She
always had the most wonderful thin

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old china and silver on the table, and
gave me the loveliest things to eat,
different from anybody else's and al-
ways something new to look at or to
play with. Well, we were sitting in
the drawing-room, waiting for dinner
to be served, when the paper boy
came along and threw the paper on
the steps. I heard him, and ran out
to bring it in. There on the front
page in great black letters, the first
thing I saw was:

"Great Fire in Bridgton. Barnum's
big building, where his animals are
housed for the winter, burned to the
ground."

"I don't know how I ever dared
give the paper to Aunt Priscilla, I
was so frightened. But I had to do
it, and then we listened while aunt
read the account in a trembling
voice.

"Ginger's dead!" she declared,
when she had finished reading. "He's
come to a horrible end!" And that
night she laid awake all night.

She came over the next morning to
say that she was going to take a train
for Bridgton and find out. She could
not stand the suspense another min-
ute, and she would rather know the
worst at once.

"Why, my dear, he may never have
been with the circus at all," protest-
ed mother. "It's eighteen miles to
Bridgton, and I don't believe I'd go
on such a chase."

"I shall leave on the noon train,"
said Aunt Priscilla in a set voice, and
when she spoke like that, we knew
it was no use to say more. So she
went over to pack her bag to take
the noon train for Bridgton, and I
went over with her, and as we went
into the sitting room on the left of
the front hall—what do you suppose
we saw? Ginger, sitting up in the
sunshine in his favorite old spot on
the window-sill, calmly washing his
face, and looking out at the land-
scape!

We could not believe our eyes, and
aunt gasped, "you darling, you won-
derful! Where did you come from?"
and she stared and stared, and no
wonder. Then we rushed up to the
window-sill. Round Ginger's neck
was a big collar with the name, "P.
T. Barnum," set in on a silver plate,
and holes had been bored in his ears
and great perky crimson bows tied
into each one.

"I can't believe it," said aunt. And
I'd like to know who could? But Gin-
ger just must have walked home that
eighteen miles all alone, at night, over
a strange road. She began pulling
the bows out of his ears, but I cried,
"O aunt, wait a minute!" and I ran
out of the room. I went and took the
biggest gracehoop, and I got a piece
of tissue-paper and passed it over the
hoop. Then I came in and held it
up before Ginger, and I said, "Jump,
Ginger!"

He looked at me and at the hoop a
minute, then he gathered himself for
a spring, and went head first through
that hoop as pretty as you please!
He laid down and rolled over, and
then sat up on his hind legs, and put
his paws over his head!

"You certainly named him right,
Prissie," laughed mother, for I had
scampered over as fast as I could go
to bring her. "He's got more ginger
than any cat I ever heard of!"

"Ginger," sighed aunt, all in a
daze of delight, "O Ginger!"
And this is how Aunt Priscilla
came to have a trick cat.—Winfield
Ballard Blake, in Youth's Companion.

THE LARGEST HATS IN THE WORLD.

What would you think of a hat that
was so large it would safely shelter
your father, mother, sisters and your-
self under it, should a sudden rain-
storm come up? The men of Korea
like these enormous hats and would
not feel properly dressed without
them. These hats look like great flower
pots set on a round table six feet
across. The crowns are nine feet in
height and three inches wide, much
like a chimney on a one-story house.
How do you suppose these large,
round head coverings are kept on?
Under the brim is a small, close-fitting
cap, held on by a padded string
which ties under the ears. The ma-
terial of these hats is bamboo so fine-
ly split that they are like thread;
and lastly, they are varnished to keep
out the sun, the rain and the wind.

You know that the Korean people
always wear cotton clothing; so these
big hats protect them far more than

our hats possibly could do. In the
rainy season a cone of oiled paper
is attached to the big bamboo head
coverings in the shape of a funnel, so
I suppose that the rain pours off of
them just as water does off a duck's
back. A Korean keeps his hat on
when we should take it off. Soldiers
wear black or brown felt hats deco-
rated with red horse hair or peacock
feathers, and hanging from the sides
over the ears and around their necks
are oval balls of porcelain, amber and
a queer kind of gum.—Anna E. Ja-
cobs, in Sunbeam.

THE CAT THAT ANSWERED AN ADVERTISEMENT.

You know there are some people
who say that cats can not read good
plain English. If that is so, will you
please tell me how it happened that
this one came to the front door of the
Belden family in answer to Ted's ad-
vertisement?

"The mice are eating us out of
house and home!" said Mary as she
brought in the cream for breakfast.
"I don't see what we will do if we
don't get getting a cat."

"We really do need one," said
mother, thoughtfully. "But I don't
know of a good mouser anywhere."
Why don't you advertise?" joked
father, as he drank his coffee. "An
'ad' in the Gazette or Post ought to
bring you one."

"Costs too much!" laughed mother.
"Well, then, stick up a sign!" said
father.

Ted thought it over as he finished
his breakfast. He could "stick up a
sign" just as well as anybody. Where
should he put it? He decided that a
good, big, handsome one, done in red
paint and pinned up on the front door,
would be as good as anything; and
so, half an hour later, that was what
callers might have seen if they had
come so early. It stayed there all
the forenoon, and this is what it said:

"Wanted—a Cat."

A few people saw it, and laughed,
for it was such a big piece of brown
wrapping paper, and the letters were
so big, and red, and scraggy, that you
couldn't help seeing them, unless you
were very, very near-sighted.

Just before luncheon time mother
had to go to the front door for some-
thing, and there stood a lean, lank
gray cat, with one paw up, trying to
catch the fluttering corner of that
brown paper sign. It seemed as if it
were trying to say: "I've come! Why
do you want that sign any more?"

"Ted, did you put that thing up
there?" cried mother, taking the pins
out in a hurry, and carrying the dread-
ful-looking sign inside to use for kind-
ling. "What will the neighbors think!
Such a front door for people to look
at!"

"It brought the cat!" said Ted, in
triumph.
And, sure enough, there was the
long, lean gray cat, following close at
their heels everywhere they went and
meowing for food. He turned out a
splendid mouser, too, and to this day
Ted firmly believes in advertising.—
Anna Burnham Bryant, in Sunbeam.

YOU AND YOUR BOY.

I have never been one to feel that
the best love was won from a child
by extreme indulgence. In fact, I
hold that the contrary is the rule. Ob-
serving the families of my contempo-
raries and predecessors it is borne in
upon me that the most indulged chil-
dren have not been the most devoted
to their fathers and mothers. On
the contrary, having had the happi-
ness to be associated with several
households where strict obedience has
always been demanded and received,
I feel justified in declaring that the
families where discipline is observed
are those whose children are most
affectionate.

Be it noted that strictness does not
mean harshness or severity. It does
stand for reasonable rules, positively
enforced, for commands which must
be obeyed, and, above all, it should
stand for justice.

Were I asked to put in a word the
most desirable quality in dealing with
boys, or with girls, either, for that
matter, I would put justice first. It
would not be a synonym for hard-
ness, although this is a meaning often
applied to it. It would mean obedi-
ence to orders and penalties when
orders were disobeyed, but it would
mean also an appreciation of the
child's standpoint, an almost agoniz-
ing care that he should not be pun-
ished without adequate cause, a rigid
adherence to promise of reward as
well as of rebuke, an understanding of
what led to this or that course of ac-
tion which from an adult's viewpoint
may seem inexplicable.

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children who resent a just punishment.
I have never known them. But I have
found injustice of reproof or of penal-
ty resented with a bitterness which
left its mark for years afterwards.—
Christine Terhune Herrick, in the Cir-
cle Magazine.

THE CAPTAIN'S SYMPATHY.

At Portsmouth, New Hampshire,
where they were to unveil a statue to
the memory of T. B. Aldrich, during
an author's argument on international
copyright, Thomas Nelson Page
broke up a rather acrimonious discus-
sion by deftly interposing a story.

"After all," he said, "there is not
much real help in that idea. It is such
of a hard, cruel sea captain.

"In mid-ocean the cook approached
the captain timidly.

"Captain," he said, "the men are
growlin' about the beef. They say it
hurts their teeth to chew it. They say
it's only fit to mend their sea boots
with."

"How much beef are you giving
'em, cookie?" the captain asked.

"A pound apiece a day, sir," said
the cook.
"Well," said the captain, gently,
'give them half a pound apiece from
now on. I should be sorry to force
'em to eat anything that gave them
the toothache.'—Rochester Herald.

If we could see better the world
would be better.

Joy is the companion of love, and
they may always be found together.

As soon as we give our burden to
the Lord we cease to feel its weight.

PRESSED HARD

Coffee's Weight on Old Age.

When prominent men realize the in-
jurious effects of coffee and the
change in health that Postum can
bring, they are glad to lend their tes-
timony for the benefit of others.

A superintendent of public schools
in one of the southern states says:
"My mother, since her early child-
hood, was an inveterate coffee drink-
er, had been troubled with her heart
for a number of years and complained
of that 'weak all over' feeling and sick
stomach.

"Some time ago I was making an
official visit to a distant part of the
country and took dinner with one of
the merchants of the place. I noticed
a somewhat peculiar flavour of the
coffee, and asked him concerning it.
He replied that it was Postum.

"I was so pleased with it, that after
the meal was over, I bought a pack-
age to carry home with me, and had
my wife prepare some for the next
meal. The whole family were so well
pleased with it, that we discontinued
coffee and used Postum entirely.

"I had really been at times very
anxious concerning my mother's con-
dition, but we noticed that after using
Postum for a short time, she felt so
much better than she did prior to its
use, and had had little trouble with
her heart and no sick stomach; that
the headaches were not so frequent,
and her general condition much im-
proved. This continued until she was
as well and hearty as the rest of us.

"I know Postum has benefited my-
self and the other members of the
family, but not in so marked a degree
as in the case of my mother, as she
was a victim of long standing." Read
"The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.
"There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new
one appears from time to time. They
are genuine, true, and full of human
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Why Divide the Northwest Texas Conference?

By Rev. W. B. Andrews

At the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference it was decided by majority vote to divide the conference and a committee was appointed to fix a line of division and report at the next session of the conference, which convenes at Stamford November 10. That committee has had its meeting and agreed upon a line, making one conference north and west of that line, consisting of six districts, and one south and east of the line, consisting of ten districts.

The question of division was sprung upon the conference suddenly. There had been no previous discussion in the papers or among the brethren. In fact, none of us had had time to look into the conditions in this vast territory and determine from those conditions what was best to be done. Six months have now elapsed, and meanwhile we have had time and opportunity to investigate carefully those conditions. Every man among us is interested in the answer to the question: Is it for the best interest of Methodism within our own borders to divide? In entering upon this question I concede to every brother the right to think for himself; and when he acts, that he is thoroughly conscientious. I shall discuss the question as it relates to Church extension and to missions.

I say unhesitatingly that I do not think division is to the advantage of the territory north of the line agreed upon by the committee, and consisting of the Vernon, Clarendon, Plainview, Colorado, Abilene and Stamford Districts. There is no section of our Methodism that is more promising for the future than is that territory. Thousands of good Americans are moving into that section each year, necessitating the organization of many new congregations and the building of as many new churches. The last Conference Journal shows that of the 350 homeless congregations in the Northwest Texas Conference almost two-thirds of them, or to be more exact, 195, are within the bounds of those six districts. The indications are that at the next session of our Conference the figures will show more than four hundred homeless congregations, and that at least 245 of them will be in that territory northwest of the proposed line. The question is: Can the 351 organized congregations now in that territory provide houses for the 195 homeless ones in their midst? And not only so, but provide for the many new ones to be organized within the next few months? It is no reflection on anybody to say they have not done so in the past. Why? Because each community has its local burdens, and they have been heavy. But connectionalism means that the strong shall help the weak until the weak shall become strong.

The base of supplies for the Panhandle—and by that I mean all the territory embraced in the proposed new conference—has been, and is now, the southern and southeastern section of the Northwest Texas Conference. I have carefully studied the figures covering the past ten years, and find that in not a single year has the territory north of the proposed line paid into the hands of the Conference Board of Church Extension as much money as that board gave back to it. (In estimating the Church extension money we need to remember that only half of the money coming into the hands of the Conference Board of Church Extension is for distribution in that conference. The other half goes to the General Board to be disbursed by them.) That territory during the last ten years has paid to Church extension \$11,783. It has received from the Conference Board \$12,684, and from the General Board \$4150, making a total of \$16,834 received, against \$11,783 paid in. While it is true that the Conference Board received from that territory \$11,783, yet half of that was sent to the General Board, leaving only \$5892 paid to the Conference Board, yet the Conference Board gave back to that territory \$12,684 during the ten years. In other words, that territory received from the Conference Board more than twice as much money as it paid to the board. Where did the Conference Board get that extra \$6792 to give? It came from the ten districts south and east of the proposed line of division.

One brother remarked when he saw these figures: "Andrews, since you expect to remain south of the line, it looks as if you would favor division, for the reason that these ten districts would be able to hold all that Church extension money for home use." My reply to that is, that my personal preference would be division, but I do

not think this is the hour for personal preferences nor for selfish policies. Be it said to the credit of the Northwest Texas Conference that since the day she said to the General Board of Missions, "Give us the Panhandle and we will take care of it," from that day, I say, to this good day, unselfishness has been her policy. We have kept that promise to the best of our ability.

The time will come when that territory shall be able to stand alone, and be like a "bridegroom coming out of his chamber and rejoicing as a strong man to run a race." But that time has not yet come.

Each year during the past ten the Conference Board of Church Extension has put into that territory from one to three dollars for every dollar taken out. The ten years I have been Chairman I know that the board has been partial to that section of the conference. The past four years we have given two for each dollar they gave the board. Shall we cut those six districts off from the base of supplies by dividing? Will the General Board do as much for them as the Northwest Texas Conference Board has done? As a matter of fact the General Board has received from that territory in ten years \$5892, while the territory has received from that board only \$4150. The calls upon the General Board are overwhelming, and we need not look for relief in that direction. We might be disappointed.

The division question is even more closely related to the Board of Missions of the Northwest Texas Conference than it is to the Church extension Board. We are not now dealing in theories, but cold facts—facts of history made these ten years. I am frank to say that in another quadrennium, or probably before then, division may safely take place. But it is hazardous indeed to divide now. Pastors in that section can by some means get along without Church extension money, but when their living is withdrawn the field must be abandoned or the men and their families suffer. About eight years ago the Board of Missions undertook to withdraw some of the appropriations from the Panhandle, and but for the generosity of the presiding elder then on the Clarendon District these pastors and their families would have suffered. Of course the board corrected the trouble the next fall.

What are the figures for ten years? The record shows that during that time the territory embraced in the new conference paid to domestic missions \$27,144. The board expended in that same territory during these years \$49,480. Thus we see that the board gave back almost double the amount of money that section paid in. "But," says one, "the conditions out there have been that way, but they are better now." True there has been improvement, but is it sufficient to enable those charges to get along without those appropriations? Then, too, as rapidly as a mission becomes self-sustaining other missions are projected because of the rapid influx of people to that country. Let's look into that question of improvement: Last fall the board received from that territory \$5059, and appropriated to those districts \$8475. During the past four years the board has received from that territory \$15,350, and appropriated to it \$25,080. Can the preachers of that country get along without that extra missionary money?

If that section of our great conference can get along without those appropriations from the Board of Missions and Church extension, then we are making a mistake to put so much money out there. For, be it remembered, that in the ten districts south of the line there are 156 homeless congregations, and the demands for missionary money for our cities and large towns is exceedingly urgent. However I am of that number who believe that there is still great need for Church extension and missionary money out there, and that to withdraw this money at this time means to seriously cripple our enterprises. To do that is to make possible the coming into that territory of the M. E. Church, North, where at present she has no mission. Division means the withdrawal of those appropriations. Are we ready to take such a risk?

"But," says another, "the conference, as it now stands, is too large." I ask why should we become alarmed at our own bigness? Nobody else seems to be alarmed over it. We are large, it is true, but we are large for the reason that about twenty years ago we undertook large things when we said to the Church, "Give us the Panhandle and we will take care of it, develop it, and then turn it over to you in a few years with good parsonages and

churches dotting those vast prairies everywhere." I freely concede that that the Northwest Texas Conference undertook larger things that day than she imagined. Nobody dreamed that that country would develop as it has done, and as it now promises to do. What if we do grow large in carrying out that promise to the Church? Is the Church hurt thereby? Did we not pay into the treasury of the Board of Foreign Missions last fall \$14,537 besides the specials on missions? And did we not pay to the General Board of Church of Extension \$3231 more than they gave back to us last spring? Is it a crime for a conference to be large? If so, then why not apply the knife to the North Georgia, the Virginia, the South Carolina and others? Those conferences might be divided without crippling a large section of their territory. But to apply the knife to the Northwest Texas Conference at this time is to hazard one of the most promising fields of the Church by cutting off its base of supplies before it has had time to establish a base for itself.

"But, the General Conference will not allow us to stand as we are another quadrennium." Why? may I ask. If we are doing what we were directed to do, why should the General Conference disturb us so long as we are doing that work so splendidly? There was net increase in our membership last year of 8244. The year before it was 8095. Is any conference in Texas doing so well? Will not these figures compare favorably with any two conferences in Texas? Did any conference in the connection do so well last year? There is something in bigness that sometimes intensifies energies and quickens enthusiasm. I rejoice over our bigness and our successes.

"But we have voted to divide, and the committee has agreed on a line, and we must divide." Not at all. If we have made a mistake, let's correct it. Why perpetuate the mistake? The conference may reconsider its action, or the report of the committee may be laid on the table, or the conference may memorialize the General Conference to allow us to divide during the next quadrennium. This privilege was granted some years ago, but a drouth in the Panhandle prevented the division. A drouth this year or next might do the same thing. How unfortunate that section would be if the drouth should come after the division! There is nothing to be gained

by division, but very much to lose. With these facts before us I say let's hold together a while longer, at least until we have done the work we agreed to do.

Waco, Texas.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Will you help an old itinerant of fifty years' active work to find out who he is and where he came from? In a word, having leisure, I am trying to construct my family tree of Lewises. My great-grandfather was Aaron Lewis, who came from Virginia to Kentucky between 1775 and 1785. He had perhaps two brothers who came before him. They settled near Lexington and Col. Aaron Lewis married a Miss South. He had several sons—Isaac (my grandfather); Thomas, who went to Missouri, thence to Texas; John, who located at Woodville, Mississippi; Jere, who I think never left Kentucky; William, who went to Shreveport, La., and died at New Orleans about thirty years ago, and two daughters—Mrs. Thredkill and Mrs. Dabney Finley, both of whom went West or South.

They came to Logan County from Lexington vicinity in 1798, or about that time, and scattered abroad from Russellville, Ky., where Aaron Lewis was a member of the first board of trustees that town ever had. This is all I know. I have had no trace of any of them for many years and would be so glad to hear from any of them. What I wish most to know is, who was Aaron Lewis' father, in Virginia, and when and from whence did he emigrate to America? If I could get his name right, then we can make up the record. As John Lewis, of Mississippi, and William, of Louisiana, and my family here were all Methodists I thought it probable that the branches in Texas might be readers of your excellent paper. I know of no other method of reaching them, and hence ask the favor of having this notice published in your paper.

JAMES A. LEWIS,

Of Louisville Conference,

Olmstead, Logan Co., Ky.

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W. A. GOVETT.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Table listing district conferences: San Angelo, June 16; Stamford, June 17; Llano, June 23; Western Dist., June 24; Cleburne, June 25; McKinney, June 25; Weatherford, June 25; Dublin, June 29; Marshall, June 29; Calvert, June 29; Tyler, June 29; East Bernard, June 29.

REV. B. H. KENNEDY DEAD.

The press dispatches announce the death, at Walnut Springs, Texas, June 14, of Rev. B. H. Kennedy, after a long siege of fever. The remains were shipped to Colorado City for interment. Bro. Kennedy was pastor of our Church at Walnut Springs and served his charge faithfully and successfully. Some of his brethren will no doubt furnish a more extended notice for our columns. The sympathies of the Advocate go out to the bereaved ones.

DEATH OF REV. E. A. HAWKES.

This venerable and long-time useful minister in the local ranks died last week in this city. He was in his eighty-sixth year, and he was active almost to the last. When young he was converted in a revival, joined the Church, became a Methodist local preacher, and when the war broke out he entered the army and made a good soldier. At its close he came to Texas, and for years he has been one of the most useful men in the Dallas District. A number of rural Churches were organized by him, and they are now good charges. He always found a place to work, and he wrought to good advantage. His funeral was held at South Ervay Street Church, conducted by Rev. J. L. Morris, aided by a number of the preachers. It was largely attended, for no man was more beloved. He lived well, loved the Master, was a friend to all men, devoted himself to righteousness, and died in the full consciousness of an eternal hope.

A prayerless life at the best is a world without stars.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT.

One of the greatest events in Texas Methodism each year is the commencement occasion at Southwestern University. This institution belongs to the whole of our State-wide Church, and all sections are represented in its student body. They are there from the city, the town, the village and the rural district, and at this season of the year all eyes are turned toward Georgetown. The Advocate usually gives a good account of what transpires on these annual occasions, and this time it was our privilege to be present and enter into the pleasure and proceedings of the commencement. We arrived on Saturday and found the exercises in full swing. A large number of the preachers and many visitors were present. The young people were in high feather. It was essentially their occasion. They had hundreds of them in the University this year. It was the largest matriculation in the history of the institution. They had done good work. When young men and young ladies pass through Southwestern University they bear the marks of toil and intense application. It is no child's play to finish that elaborate course of study. So when the close comes there is relaxation, and they give themselves over to diversion and social recreation. It is a great time for the students and for the visitors. The people of Georgetown throw their doors open to the visitors and gracious hospitality is not lacking. The community is noted for its old-time social life and for the open-hearted welcome extended to the friends and acquaintances on these happy occasions.

It was our fortune to enjoy the entertainment of Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Mouzon, and we had with us Rev. A. J. Weeks, than whom there is no more interesting man. Dr. Mouzon is a new man at Southwestern. He has the Theological Department under his charge, and it gives promise of great usefulness.

The alumni address was delivered by Rev. D. K. Porter, presiding elder of the San Marcos District. He is one of the leading men in the West Texas Conference, and a credit to his alma mater. His speech was to the point and replete with interest to the old students as well as to the large audience. He has made good as one of the products of the University. He was listened to with keen interest. On Saturday morning Rev. J. A. Rice, D. D., of New Orleans, delivered the literary address. It was a masterpiece and touched a responsive chord. It was rich in its subject matter, chaste in its verbiage, and impressive in its delivery. At night the greatest occasion of the year for the literary societies took place. It was the annual debate between two representatives of the Alamo and the San Jacinto Societies. Long before the time for the contest to begin the auditorium was filled with people. In the galleries to the right and to the left of the rostrum were located the members of these respective societies. They regaled the audience for several minutes with the college yells and comic songs. They kept things in a hilarious state. Finally the hour arrived and the contestants took their places on the platform. Prof. Moore presided. Their subject was in substance: "Is it Wise to Incorporate Labor Unions Under Federal Law?" The four young men had evidently read everything upon which they could lay their hands touching the subject under discussion. And they had digested their matter well, and their speeches were thoroughly prepared. They were models of forensic oratory, argument and eloquence. We doubt if the discussion was excelled by the late Legislature at any time during its session. It showed careful training and a wide range of study and investigation. There were five judges. The discussion lasted two hours and the decision was awaited with breathless interest. When it was announced that the San Jacintos, the negative, had won, then the pent-up excitement was turned loose. It was a great time for the "San Jacks," as the members of that society are called.

Sunday morning was the great day of the feast. The Methodist Church, which will seat twelve hundred people, was crowded to its utmost capacity. The great organ, which has just been put in place, pealed forth splendid music, and the large choir had made special selections for the occasion. The graduating class, numbering more than fifty, along with the faculty, sat directly in front of the pulpit. They were dressed in caps and gowns, and they presented an imposing picture. Such an audience was an inspiration, and one qualified to provoke the best that a speaker can give them. There was intelligence, gravity, reverence, cul-

ture, beauty and expectation. Rev. J. A. Rice, D. D., was the preacher. He was at his best. He is a man of stout build, and in appearance a sort of a cross between Dr. Werlein and Gov. Jos. Sayers. He is a man of large equipment. Naturally he is richly endowed with gifts of a high order, and he has given to these the discipline of continuous training. He has culture of a versatile character and scholarship of accurate and technical advantage. He has enjoyed the benefits of the schools, and his reading is most extensive. With it all he left the impression that he is a spiritual man with close acquaintance with the Christ. His subject was "The Ascended Life," taken from Paul's Epistle to the Colossians. It was a great sermon. It was great in thought, great in breadth, great in spirit and a genuine uplift to the great audience. We have been hearing similar discourses at Southwestern for fifteen years or more, and we can truthfully say that we have never heard one that came more nearly reaching the ideal than the sermon by Dr. Rice last Sunday morning. He is pastor of Raines Memorial Church, New Orleans, and he is also delivering a series of lectures to the students of the Summer School of Theology. He will go from Southwestern to the Vanderbilt and deliver several lectures to the Summer School there. His work with our schools is most satisfactory—yes, very gratifying.

Sunday night the regular sermon to the undergraduates was dispensed with, and in its stead a sacred concert was rendered. The program was a very elaborate one. Miss Boyer had charge of it and Miss Perkins had charge of the great organ. The University choir, with others to help, did the singing. There must have been about one hundred in the choir. Great preparation had been given to the songs, and it was a great musical event. It was pronounced by the large audience a splendid success. This ended the services of the day. It is always our custom on Sunday to visit the grave of Dr. Mood just before the morning service and look upon the spot where his ashes are sleeping. We did it last Sunday morning. It is on the campus of the old University building and it is enclosed by an iron picket fence. Four well-grown arbor vitae are growing on the square, and a huge marble monument stands above the grave. A suitable inscription is upon its surface. There the bones of this man sleep while the voices of hundreds of students, who are now the beneficiaries of his toil, his self-sacrifice and suffering, are heard. He wrought well and his works do follow him. Were he able to get up and look at the progress of the University he would rejoice because of the sacrifices he made in its behalf. He laid the foundation and we are still building thereupon. His hope is now being realized, though he is gone, and his prayer is finding its answer years after he fell upon sleep. He invested his brain, his heart, his life, and now behold Southwestern University. He looked down the future and saw in faith. He knew it would come and here it is! Our visit to Georgetown would not have been complete without standing beside his grave with uncovered head just before the morning service.

Monday was the last day of the feast. The graduating exercises proper came before us. The auditorium was full and the graduating class in their caps and gowns filed in and took their places on the rostrum. There were more than fifty of them. They were a splendid lot of young men and young women. They had finished their courses of study and were ready to receive their diplomas. They were dignified, settled, cultivated young people—a genuine contribution of manhood and womanhood to the Church and to the commonwealth. It was an inspiration to look upon this finished product of our great institution. Some of them had specially distinguished themselves in their special lines and specific medals were awarded them. An oratorical contest took place and six young men took part in it. A handsome gold watch was the reward. The orations were highly creditable and evinced excellence and merit. L. W. Rogers, son of a member of the Northwest Texas Conference, won the reward. He is a most worthy young man and an honor to the parsonage. Then the diplomas were awarded, and Dr. R. S. Hyer made a touching talk to the young people. The benediction was pronounced and another year for Southwestern passed into history.

Southwestern notes with pleasure the remarkable success of two of her youngest alumni, Messrs. D. H. Miles and W. S. Nelms. The former has just resigned his position in the Department of English at Southwestern to

accept a fellowship in Columbia University, where he expects to take his degree of Ph. D. next year. It is not often that Southern boys have such distinctions in the great universities of the North, and there is only one explanation of the appointment; that is, merit, scholarship and character. The glory of a university is the achievements of her students, and such appointments as those of Columbia testify to the work done in Southwestern. Miles has already done a great work as a scholar and teacher and is yet only a very young man. Dr. Hyer's report to the Board of Trustees contained a fine tribute to his accomplishments as a man and a teacher. Young Nelms, who is a son of our Dr. W. L. Nelms, presiding elder of the Waco District, has already been in Columbia for several years. He received a scholarship, later accepted an assistant professorship in Physics. He has recently been elected to membership in the Society of Science. These honors are not empty ones by any means. They are coveted by thousands of the brainiest young college men in the United States, and of course there are many who would be able to secure the personal endorsement of prominent men connected directly with Columbia University, but "pull" cannot compete with merit, and we feel that much credit belongs to these Texas boys who have been selected.

The Board of Trustees held their regular session during the commencement. It is composed of laymen and ministers from each of our conferences, and they make an imposing body. Judge M. M. Brooks, of the Court of Criminal Appeals, is the Chairman of the board. Rev. A. J. Weeks is Secretary. Dr. Hyer's report to the board showed the University to be in fine condition. The central building is in good repair. The Annex is imposing, as it sits upon the hill, and its halls are crowded with young women. Its campus never looked better. The Mood Hall is a credit to the University, a splendid stone structure. The student body is one of the best in the progress of the school. The discipline is fine. Students have done fine work. The religious influence of the school is excellent. Nearly all the boys and girls are members of the Church. A large number of young men are preparing for the ministry, and quite a number of the young ladies are preparing for special Church work, either at home or in the foreign field. The Doctor recommended that a committee be appointed to arrange with the other Church schools of the State for a close relation and a better system of correlation. This was done. The board also recommended the appointment of Rev. W. J. Johnston, of Galveston, and Rev. B. R. Bolton, of Fort Worth, to be Commissioners of Education for the University next year. They also authorized the selection of another full professor to aid Dr. Mouzon in the Theological Department. To the regret of the faculty and the board, Rev. J. Sam Bares resigned his position in the faculty and he will return to the pastoral work. He did good service and got the Theological Department well organized and in good running order. His successor will be appointed later. The other members of the faculty remain. They are devoted men and women, and they rendered the institution faithful service. Dr. Hyer is proving himself a great leader at the head of the school, and his ability and standing give to it a high character among the great institutions of the country. He has a faculty associated with him in every way worthy of the esteem of the Church. All in all, Southwestern stands at the forefront of the great schools of the land. The Church can well feel a pride in their central institution of learning.

The outlook for next year is most promising. Already much of their room is engaged, and before the fall opening accommodations will be at a premium. The University is now so well known that patronage flows into it; but those interested in higher education are not depending upon its well known standing to draw its patronage. They work and write for it, for they want our boys and girls to know more and more about the advantages offered by it. No doubt but that next term will open far in advance in the way of numbers of any previous year.

What a work this great school is accomplishing! It is filling up the ranks of the ministry with educated and consecrated young men, well prepared to preach the gospel of Christ earnestly and intelligently to the world. Look at the list of eight hundred traveling preachers in Texas and mark the number credited to the University, and you will get an idea of the work being done for the Church. But look at the hundreds who are engaged in all the walks of life who have gone through the University.

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THREE NEW DOCTORS OF DIVINITY.

Southwestern University departed from its usual custom and added three new members to its honorary class. The faculty and the board conferred the degree of doctor of divinity on Rev. James Kilgore of the Texas Conference, Rev. W. E. Boggs of the Northwest Texas Conference, and Rev. C. M. Harless of the North Texas Conference. These are worthy men and they will reflect credit upon the institution thus honoring them. Brethren, permit the Advocate to present to you Dr. Kilgore, Dr. Boggs and Dr. Harless.

DEATH OF A VETERAN LAYMAN.

In the death recently of "Uncle Nick" Wilson, of Pilot Point, Methodism in that section lost one of its most devoted and worthy friends, and the community one of its best and most substantial citizens. For years and years he was a faithful member of the Church and a constant reader of the Advocate. He was everybody's friend, yet he was a man of deep conviction and steady purpose. He was always on the right side of all questions, and a kinder heart never beat in a human bosom. In the death of "Uncle Nick" we all feel that we have lost a personal friend; but he is only transferred to the membership of the Church on high. He lived well and died in the faith.

FUNERAL SERMON.

It will be recalled by our readers that a few weeks ago Sheriff John G. Swofford, of Hood County, siew a young woman in Fort Worth and then took his own life. The tragedy created a profound impression in Fort Worth and in Hood County, where Mr. Swofford lived. He was the son of one of our deceased ministers, and, we believe, a member of the Church. The funeral services over his remains were conducted in the Methodist Church, and Rev. E. V. Cox delivered the sermon. At the request of those who heard it, Bro. Cox was induced to publish it in pamphlet form. We have a copy of it before us. It is a solemn, plain and pointed discourse, dealing in no uncertain manner with the evils of sin and the certainty of its results. If you would like to read a copy of this sermon, send to Bro. Cox, at Granbury, and get it. It is worth a close perusal.

EXPOSITION OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

The A. C. Armstrong Company is bringing out the Exposition of the Holy Scriptures by Dr. Alexander McLaren in annual installments. Twenty-four volumes are now issued and we have the last six before us. They are of high merit, because they are the product of one of the purest minds, one of the most practical scholars and one of the most evangelical preachers of modern times. For more than half a century Dr. McLaren has been in the forefront of the Non-conformist pulpit of Great Britain, and his sermons have had the widest circulation among the English speaking people of Christendom. He is now a very old man, and these Expositions are the matured results of this truly great and good man's studies of the Bible.

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The following note from ex-Gov. Sayers speaks for itself, and we gladly print it, coming from one so distinguished. The old warhorse has taken a decided stand against that prize fight disgrace in Austin, and so has Dr. Godbey. The ex-Governor appreciates a man with a backbone. Read what he says:

To the Advocate:
I desire only to say that the Rev. Dr. Godbey is a man among men, and that the Tenth Street Methodist Church is indeed fortunate with him as its pastor. Yours truly,
JOSEPH D. SAYERS.

In a private note from Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, of Amarillo, we learn that things are moving up that way. His people are arranging for a \$5000 parsonage, and they have under consideration a \$20,000 building for boys with which to handle the downtown situation. This is not yet a certainty, but it is being agitated. Bro. Sensabaugh is also laying the foundation in public sentiment for other Church organizations in the city. He also has three country appointments. So he is a very busy man.

PERSONALS

Rev. R. S. Kerr, on the Chisholm charge, is making good headway. He is looking after all the interests of the Church and devotes himself to his pulpit and his pastorate.

Rev. O. E. Moreland is doing good work on the Allen charge. In fact, we are told that it is in better shape than at any time in its history. He is a wise leader and cultivates his people.

One of the most active men is Rev. L. A. Burke, at Frisco. He carries a sunny face and a warm heart, and to know him is to love him. He has a good charge and it has a good preacher.

Rev. R. P. Buck is in good favor at Weston and he is giving the people good sermons and good pastoral oversight. He is one of the strong young men of the conference, robust and energetic.

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Manly have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ruby Viola, to Mr. John G. Ross, the event to take place June 29, 1909, in the Methodist Church at Garrison.

The Pleasant Mound charge is served this year by Rev. James Scrimshire. This is his first year in the conference, but he is evincing energy and tact both as a preacher and a pastor.

Rev. Foster Pierce, of the McKinney District, is a very busy man. He lets no grass grow under his feet, and every part of his territory has his special attention. He and his preachers work in harmony.

Blue Ridge is one of the old charges of the conference, and it is well served this year by Rev. S. T. Francis. He is a well equipped young man, full of energy and discretion. His work is in good case.

We hear good reports from Rev. C. B. Fladger at Plano. He has one of the best stations, all things considered, in the conference, and he knows how to get next to his people. Their great meeting a while back put that Church in fine spiritual state and its work is moving.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McCarver announce the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Irene, to Rev. C. Alonzo Bickley, which happy event took place June 14, in Fort Worth, Texas. Bro. Bickley is the popular pastor of Riverside, Fort Worth. The young lady is

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Rev. W. H. Vaughan, presiding elder of the Georgetown District, is a very busy man. He was present and greeted the brethren at the recent commencement. His preachers speak well of his work among them.

Rev. J. M. Peterson, presiding elder Dallas District, reports that it has become necessary for him to appoint Rev. W. P. Wilson to Hutchins and Wilmer because of the failure of Rev. John S. Davis' health.

Rev. John L. Sullivan is held in high esteem on the Renner charge. He is one of the true men of the conference and brings up good reports. He invests his brain and his heart in his work and good results follow.

Rev. J. F. Archer, of Nevada, is not much seen in the prints, but when appointed to a charge he stays with it and gives to it his best thought and service. He is meeting the demands in his charge and we hear good things said of him.

Rev. J. F. Alderson, of Roysse, is one of the most conscientious preachers in the conference. He is a scholar and a student and he feeds his people on spiritual food well prepared. We have no better man than he, nor one more devoted to his work.

Mr. Frank Reedy is in charge of the business affairs of Southwestern University, and he is one of the most active men now in Texas. He has energy, sense and religion, and these three qualities fit him in an eminent degree to fill his present position.

Rev. J. W. Blackburn is giving to the Princeton charge his earnest prayer and uncompromising service. He is one of the devoted field hands of the conference. He preaches well and mixes well, and these two elements make him popular with his people.

Rev. R. A. Orne, who has been assistant to Rev. J. W. Hill at First Church, this city, has been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. Henry Francis at Justin and Roanoke. Bro. Francis will return to school next fall and finish his course in college.

Rev. Jno. M. Barcus was very attentive to the comforts of the visitors at the late commencement at Southwestern, and the brethren fell under obligation to him for his courtesy and kindness. He and his people have recently put a grand pipe organ in their splendid church.

A certain evangelist of another Church preached some time ago at Winnsboro, and he afterward made some uncomplimentary references to Rev. Franklin Moore, our pastor. Bro. Moore made his reply in a pamphlet, a copy of which we have before us. It is an exceedingly hot number.

A note from Rev. J. H. Groseclose, dated San Antonio, June 12, announces the death of Bro. W. T. Willie in that city last week. Bro. Willie in his prime was one of our most active laymen. He served many times as a delegate to Annual Conference. He

spent his life practically in the bounds of the Texas Conference. A good and true man has passed to his reward.

Rev. W. D. Thompson is winning golden opinions at McKinney. No man is more deservedly popular with his people; and his services are crowded from Sunday to Sunday. He is one of our most capable men.

Rev. J. G. Forester, at Farmersville, has had so far a year of success. He had a fine meeting some time back, and this put his charge in good spiritual temper and the work is prospering. We hear good reports from his work.

Rev. W. D. Bradfield, D. D., preached the commencement sermon at the Vanderbilt University last Sunday, and the Board of Trustees elected him a member of that body to take the place of a deceased member. Dr. Bradfield will leave for a trip to China, Korea and Japan about the middle of July, to be gone till some time in November.

Rev. K. R. Isbell, who is now in charge of Decatur Circuit, together with his brother, J. B. Isbell, of Sanger, passed through Dallas en route to the North Texas League Conference at McKinney, and called on the Advocate. Bro. Isbell is just entering the pastorate, but is starting with the right idea. He says he intends to look well after the circulation of the Advocate.

Rev. J. C. Sligh, of Huckabay, passed through Dallas last week en route to McKinney. He has recently published a work from his pen, "Christ's Way of Winning Souls." It is finding ready sale, and is meeting much commendation from the leading lights of the Church. Bro. Sligh is companionable, and has made friends among the members of his conference as well as elsewhere in Texas.

HOME COMING DAY AT OLD FIFTH STREET.

On Sunday, June 27, there will be a great Home Coming Rally at Fifth Street Church, Waco. Dr. W. F. McMurry will have charge of the service. All former pastors and members of the Church will receive a most cordial welcome to this service. The service will be at 11 a. m., Sunday, June 27. All Methodist Churches in the city will join us in the service.

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FOR SALE.

I have a complete file of the Advocate for 1906 and nearly all of 1906-7. If any one wants them, would be glad to sell them. Kindly advise a subscriber of twenty years. T. K. CRAWFORD, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Texas.

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COMING LEAGUE MEETINGS.

(Leaguers will confer a favor by informing the editor of the dates of their meetings, that same may be inserted here.)

The Louisville Conference Epworth League is to meet in annual session at Litchfield, Ky., June 7-25.

Llano District League, Lometa, June 25 and 26.

Texas State Encampment, Epworth, August 5-15.

Stamford District League, Haskell, Sept. 10-12.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

The Western Methodist speaks very complimentary of a musical program rendered by the students of the Little Rock colored high school recently. Prof. D. J. Evans, who once resided in North Texas and was a prominent figure in music circles at all of our League gatherings, is the professor of music in the city schools of Little Rock, and the program referred to was the result of his direction.

Bro. Frank Onderdonk states in his paper, La Ofrenda Escolar, that only recently a colporter of our Church in the Republic of Mexico, within forty miles of San Luis Potosi, on one of his periodical rounds distributing Bibles, books and religious literature generally, was made the witness of a very heart-rending scene. One of the bosses on one of the large plantations bought a 75-cent Bible and then with his pocket knife proceeded to cut it into strips before the eyes of the colporter. Not only this, but the colporter was shown a room in which there were fully two dozen copies of the Word which had been taken from the people who had bought them, and was informed that these books would be burned on the occasion of the next visit of the priest!

The spicy League column of the Southern Christian Advocate is again before us after a very long absence. We note that Miss Montgomery, the editor, is urging the South Carolinians to consider the matter of raising funds to be used in erecting a science hall at the Szechow University, Szechow, China; that the next annual League Conference is to be held in St. George, June 22-24; that great plans are under way by the St. George Chapter, which styles itself the "baby Chapter," for the entertainment of the Epworth hosts who are to gather there and that League work in general in this State is in a flourishing condition. We like the optimism of the South Carolinians.

The Florida Christian Advocate states that Dr. F. S. Parker, Assistant General Secretary, will deliver an address on the evening of June 24 at the session of the State Epworth League Conference, which is to be held at De Land, Fla. Dr. Parker will delight the Florida Leaguers.

The address of Rev. C. Fred Blackburn, League editor of the Florida Christian Advocate, is now Bartow, Fla.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

The board met in Nashville, May 5, Bishop Candler in the chair, and after

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devotional service conducted by Dr. Newman, heard the report of the Secretaries, as follows:

"Dear Brethren: It gives us pleasure to be able to report continued prosperity in the work of the Epworth League. In many respects the present year is to be ranked as the greatest in the history of the organization. The zeal, efficiency and general spiritual activity of the Chapters have been steadily developed until many of them have reached an all but ideal condition of usefulness.

"The following table will show the number of Leagues chartered for the present year, viz.:

Senior Leagues chartered since April 30, 1908	311
Junior Leagues chartered since April 30, 1908	140
Boys' Leagues chartered since April 30, 1908	14
Intermediate Leagues chartered since April 30, 1908	10
Total	475

"The literature of the League has had a steadily increased sale. All the departmental pamphlets have gone into new editions. The last issue of the Helps for the devotional department went into a second edition. So far was the demand for the Epworth League Day service in excess of anticipation that we have had to have a fourth impression taken off.

"The reading and study course as announced is heartily commended on all sides.

"The number of mission study classes approaches five hundred in advance on former years.

"The specials for missions given by the Leagues approximate \$25,000, those for other benevolences \$75,000, making a total of one hundred thousand dollars contributed to Church enterprises by our organization.

"The most distinctive feature of growth has been in district organizations and city unions, especially the former, which we have always regarded as the pivotal League Conference.

"The substantial character of the work of the two great assemblies in Mississippi and Texas is more than ever manifest. The Leagues of Oklahoma have successfully enterprised a summer encampment which will hold its first meeting this summer. A very handsome tract of land, twenty-odd acres in extent, and twenty-five hundred dollars were donated for this purpose by the people of Sulphur City, where the encampment is located. We look for large results from this movement.

"The circulation of the Epworth Era holds up to the figure of last year; but the very stringent condition of the country's finances during the past year has left us with a large delinquent list, and unfortunately a deficit on the Era's account. We, however, confidently expect that this deficit will be overcome during the next twelve months.

"The receipts on the ten-cent assessment have been slightly short of the report of last year. These receipts are very far short of our most economical estimates of what is needed, and the smallness of returns in this department constitute the serious problem in our work. The League is generous toward every cause in the Church except to our own.

"The Secretaries have co-operated with the other Secretaries of the International League in preparing a program for the International Convention to be held at Seattle in July. This program is still in provisional shape. We have thought it wise to man it chiefly from our brethren and workers on the Pacific Coast, as the cost of going from Eastern points is so great as to make it difficult to get pledges for services.

"With thanksgiving for a year of prosperity and prayers for help to overcome our present and future difficulties, we are, yours faithfully,

"H. M. DuBOSE,
"F. S. PARKER."

The working of the League under present plans and conditions was shown to be so satisfactory and the rate of progress so gratifying—showing an increase of over three hundred Chapters and over eleven thousand members—that no material changes were deemed advisable.

The age limit of the Junior League was discussed, and permission to increase it, at the discretion of pastors, to sixteen was granted.

The General Secretary was instructed to invoke the aid of the District Secretaries in collecting the ten-cent assessment, a plan that it is hoped

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will prove valuable in facilitating the collection of this important fund.

An advance step was taken, with the consent of the Publishing Agent, looking toward the preparation and publication of Epworth League literature in the Spanish language.

The course taken by the Secretary in preparation for the participation of our League in the eighth International Convention of the Epworth Leagues, to be held in Seattle, July 7-12, was indorsed.

All other matters affecting the League plans it was deemed best in view of the nearness of the General Conference to defer until the meeting of that body.—Era.

STAMFORD DISTRICT.

The first meeting of the Cabinet of the Stamford District Epworth League was held in Hamlin May 5, 1909. The various undertakings of the district organization were discussed, and the time of holding the first District Conference was set for September 10, 11, 12, 1909. The Haskell League will have the honor of being the first to entertain the Stamford District Epworth League Conference.

A committee was named to confer with our presiding elder, Bro. Griswold, to secure and arrange for Epworth League Day during the coming District Conference to convene in Hamlin in June. The following program has been arranged:

1. "The Mutual Benefit of the League and Pastor," Rev. Joe Fort, Munday. General discussion of above subject ten minutes.
2. The League as an Aid to the Pastor in: (a) Caring for the stranger. (b) Working in revivals, Rev. R. E. Goodrich, Stamford.
3. "Things for Which a Pastor May Leave His League," Rev. C. B. Meador, Haskell. General discussion on above subject ten minutes.
4. "Some Plans of the District Organization for the Coming Year," N. A. Brown, Hamlin.

It is hoped that great results will come from this day. Our district organization is moving splendidly, and each officer is taking hold of his new duties with an unusual interest. We only need the earnest, prayerful co-operation of our district pastors to succeed, but without their help we cannot hope to hold the interest of our young people.

MAY RICHARDSON,
District Secretary.

Hamlin, Texas.

LLANO DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

Llano District Epworth League convenes in Lometa on Friday, June 25, at 8:15 p. m., the concluding session being on Sunday afternoon following.

Our watch cry will be, "Let us double our number and quadruple our effectiveness!"

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JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

It will meet in Palestine, Grace Church, June 28, 29. Bishop Ward will make the opening address on the 28th at 8:30 p. m. It is expected that every League have at least two delegates, and all the pastors in the district are expected to be present. A good program is being arranged for this conference, and we will also have good music and free entertainment. Send names of all going to Thomas R. Morehead, Palestine.

Rates will be given on all the railroads. ELLIS SMITH, P. E.
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SEATTLE CONVENTION.

Numerous inquiries have been received concerning the Texas delegation to the International Epworth League Convention, which meets in Seattle July 7 to 12. The Alaska-Yukon Exposition Management has

designated July 12 as Epworth League Day. The Texas party will leave Fort Worth about July 4, the round trip rate from that place being \$60. For \$10 additional you will have the privilege of returning via San Francisco and Los Angeles. The party will not be in charge of any representative of the Texas State Epworth League, but it will be a congenial party of Methodist people. Nor will the party return en masse, as some will want to remain in the Northwest and some will want to return via different routes.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

As the eighth International Convention of Epworth Leagues, which meets in Seattle, July 7-12, is not a delegate convention, all Epworth Leaguers are entitled to attend. Any number who wish may attend from any one Chapter.

The registration fee of \$1, which is requested of all who attend to help defray the expenses of the convention, entitles one to have quarters engaged in advance by the Entertainment Committee. No rooms will be reserved in advance excepting for those who register. This precaution is taken to prevent outsiders from imposing on the Entertainment Committee. Registration also entitles the holder of certificate to admission to the convention hall at all convention sessions, excepting the oratorio performances and Bishop Quayle's lecture, in advance of the general admission, giving those registered the choice of seats; also to a copy of the new Epworth League song book, "Epworth Praises," compiled by Charles H. Gabriel, to a handsome convention badge and to the souvenir convention program. Convention visitors are urged to register in advance by sending \$1 to Arthur Willis Barton, 419 New York Block, Seattle, and receive registration card in return.

In order to give convention visitors an opportunity to get the best seats for the oratorio "Elijah," on the night of July 7, mail orders for seats will be given preference until June 25, when the chart will be open for general reservation. The best seats cost \$1.25, next best \$1 and the remainder 75 cents. Requests for reserved seats, together with money order should be sent to C. E. Downie, 419 New York Block, Seattle, which will be the head-quarter's address until July 7.

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PLAINVIEW DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Plainview District Conference was held this year in Tulla, Texas. Rev. G. S. Hardy, presiding elder, presided. Four of the twenty-two pastors were absent, and these were unavoidably detained at home on account of sickness in their families.

The day previous to the opening of the District Conference proper was devoted to a very successful and inspiring Laymen's Rally, over which our district lay leader, Geo. W. Barcus, of Hereford, presided. During his address at night this writer heard one of his auditors say that Geo. Barcus could preach better than some of his brothers, Dr. John R. Nelson also addressed the laymen.

The reports of the preachers showed a wonderful material development taking place over the district. Four railroads are being constructed within its bounds, and in spite of our recent drouth a steady stream of immigration moves this way. Under the leadership of our far-sighted presiding elder, the Church is not falling in her mission as a pioneer Church. Three or four charges will be made stations this fall, and at least four new missions and circuits will be an imperative necessity. Some splendid buildings, both parsonage and church, are being erected, and others in keeping with the demand are being entered into. During the present administration the salaries of the preachers have been materially increased, and are being collected and paid, in some instances, according to modern business methods. The laymen in some places have relieved the pastor of all the finances of the Church. The spiritual condition of the district is keeping pace with its material advancement. Several of the brethren reported good winter and spring meetings, while the spirit of hope for success in a well-managed summer campaign was manifest.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference:

- C. D. EDMONSON.
L. N. DONOHOO.
GEO. W. BARCUS.
G. A. F. PARKER.
Alternates:
J. J. Barton.
Rev. D. R. Doak.

Three young men, Donald R. Doak, Thos. C. Willett and Laticine Jackson, were recommended for admission on trial. Revs. C. N. N. Ferguson, O. F. Sensabaugh and Dr. John R. Nelson were visiting brethren, and added much to the success of the conference.

Lockney was unanimously chosen as the place of meeting next year. The pastor at Lockney, Rev. Thos. Hanks, who was, to all appearances, a hopeless old bachelor, has since taken unto himself a wife, who, with the Bishop willing, will assist in our entertainment next year.

Tulla entertained the conference with that natural, open-hearted hospitality characteristic of her citizens, and which begat her innumerable compliments from all in attendance. The city, citizenry and Christian spirit prevailing there places Tulla, in the opinion of the writer, the peer of any. Rev. S. R. Twitty, the local pastor, left nothing possible undone that would have contributed to the pleasure of his guests.

Our beloved presiding elder was heavy of heart during the conference. Sister Hardy has had to seek a lower altitude on account of her health. We hope for her speedy recovery, for her own sake, as well as for that of her husband and children. J. T. HOWELL, Secretary.

SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Sulphur Springs District Conference convened in the Methodist Church April 12, 1909, at Cooper, Texas. The presiding elder, Rev. W. D. Mountcastle, was on hand and proved himself equal to the occasion in every respect. If the brethren did not all have their say in every way and have a good time, the presiding elder is certainly not responsible for it, for he turned them loose, and the boys all seemed to enjoy it very much. Every fellow had a big speech to make, and in some way managed to deliver it. We had a splendid attendance. Every one appeared to be in a splendid humor and ready for business.

In the main the preachers' reports were good and having a "good year, Bishop." The general routine of business was taken up and dispensed with, the presiding elder looking carefully into each item as it came before the body. The district is in fairly good condition, both financially and spiritually. Some substantial improvements of a material nature are being made and Church and parsonage debts being paid off. It begins to look like our beloved is going to pay off the debt on our district parsonage this year. If he does, I propose now that we boys ease him some time about the 25th of next November. In fact, our presiding elder is proving himself quite a business man, as well as a preacher.

We had a number of our connectional men with us, among them Dr. J. H. McLean, from the Orphanage, and of course he got the collection.

Dr. J. M. Peterson preached us a very fine sermon, and he, too, got a collection for the Nashville Training School.

Dr. J. J. Morgan, of the North Texas Training School said the debt on the school would soon be a thing of the past.

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Brother Hendrix and his people of Cooper entertained the conference royally.

The conference decided to hold its next session at Mt. Vernon.

Rev. W. F. Bryan, of Sulphur Springs, preached an excellent sermon from the text, "if a man die, shall he live again?" Hon. S. D. Goswick delivered an instructive speech on the subject of the Laymen's Movement.

After electing delegates to the Annual Conference, the session adjourned and the brethren went home, feeling that it was good to have been there.

T. M. KIRK, Secretary.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Beaumont District Conference of Texas Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met June 1 to 4 in the new and commodious Church at Newton. The conference was called to order at 2:30 p. m. by D. H. Hotchkiss, presiding elder, who led the devotional exercises.

The roll was called by the former Secretary, Judge J. D. Campbell, of Beaumont. S. W. Kemmerer was elected Secretary. After organizing, the business of the conference was taken up.

The most delightful fellowship prevailed. Every session was marked by harmony, interest in the work in hand, and faithfulness in inquiry into every matter considered. Hotchkiss proved himself an admirable presiding officer, impressing all with his fairness, genial spirit and earnestness. In calling for the reports from the charges he asked the brethren to place emphasis on the how rather than the what. It is feared that this wise request was well nigh universally disregarded by the brethren. Method and result were inextricably mingled. These reports gave ground for encouragement and afforded light in regard to unevangelized sections throughout the district.

A pleasant feature of the conference was the exchange of courtesies between it and the summer normal now being held in Newton. The faculty invited the conference to attend and conduct devotional exercises Thursday morning. Rev. G. W. Davis led them in his pleasing manner. The normal responded to an invitation from the conference to be present at 11 o'clock, and when they came, Brother Hotchkiss greeted them in appropriate words and introduced the speakers.

Prof. P. I. Hunter, of Jasper, frankly considered two matters of mutual interest, the need of the exclusion of sectarian teaching from the public schools and the occasional clash of demands of religious and educational leaders. Rev. J. W. Moore was called on to respond, and in equal frankness he spoke felicitously of the need of the equal culture of heart along with mind, and emphasized especially the need of recognizing Christian fundamentals. Miss Duffau, of Dallas, spoke beautifully of the work of the ministry. Rev. J. L. Massey and Judge Campbell made timely and happy remarks. The effect of this service was distinctly helpful.

The keynote of the conference was markedly missionary. From the opening words of the presiding elder, in which he spoke strongly on the Master's command, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest," to the very close, the manifest desire of the conference was to know the need and wisely plan therefor. The missionary program paid special attention to the Laymen's Movement, its purposes and aims, and how it might become a helpful factor in the work of the district. The missionary interest reached its height on Wednesday evening, when a large congregation listened to an inspiring and timely sermon by J. W. Moore, which evoked applause and enthusiasm. At the close of the sermon the following resolution, which reflects the temper of the conference, was adopted by a rising vote:

"Recognizing the truth of the conditions in city, rural districts and society so forcibly set forth by Brother Moore, and the greatness of the present demand and need of the hour upon both preachers and laymen; therefore be it

"Resolved, That it be the sense of this meeting that the laymen of each charge, in conference with the pastor and presiding elder, undertake a vigorous and systematic canvass of the fields of this district with a view of reaching the unevangelized within our borders."

The election of lay delegates to the Annual Conference was secured by a single ballot, resulting as follows:

- J. J. RALL, Orange.
J. D. CAMPBELL, Beaumont.
N. INGRAHAM, Port Arthur.
L. C. STEWART, Magnolia Springs.

Alternates:

- J. M. Herzer, Newton.
Rev. R. M. Stewart, Fairville.

NOTES.

The genial hospitality of the people of Newton supplied every want.

The beautiful church is a credit to the enterprise and generosity of the people.

The proximity of Senator Kellie failed to materially restrict the ministers in their freedom of speech on certain subjects.

The rain emphasized the fact that we were in dry territory.

The sermons by Dr. J. L. Massey and Rev. T. G. Whitten were helpful and greatly enjoyed.

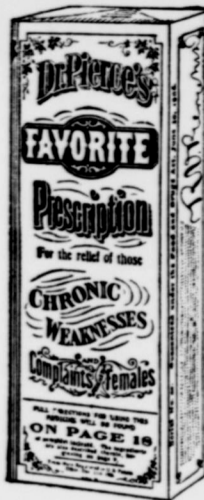
The absence of Annual Conference officers was a marked feature, but their causes were not overlooked.

The conference accepted the invitation of Port Arthur as the place of meeting next year.

Brother Hotchkiss prepared an interesting and valuable statistical table from the reports of the charges. From it the number of preaching places, Sunday-schools, women's societies and Leagues, and the accessions since conference, are seen at a glance, as also the percentage of benevolence and salaries raised to date.

REV. I. W. CLARK AND TOBACCO.

Bro. Clark seems to see some funny things about the memorial from the Dallas District touching the tobacco question. Funny as it may seem to Bro. Clark, I wonder if he is not aware that the largest body of Methodists in the world has had a law in keeping with that resolution for years! I fail to see where the inconsistency is. The Church certainly



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IT MAKES WEAK WOMEN STRONG IT MAKES SICK WOMEN WELL.

No woman's appeal was ever misdirected or her confidence misplaced when she wrote for advice, to the WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Dr. R. V. Pierce, President, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets induce mild natural bowel movement once a day.

ly has a right, or ought to have the right, to pass on the fitness of men who apply for license to preach. She has as much right to say that a man with teeth and breath and lips polluted with tobacco is unfit to be licensed as that passing on a certain course of study is fitness for license. As to his second objection, touching the wearing of long hair, Bro. Clark knows very well that a man by his dress or lack of dress or by his personal appearance may render himself objectionable to the people and ought not to be licensed to preach. Things change as the centuries roll by. The Nazirites now ought to wear short hair. If a young man should apply to preach now who had not had a hair-cut for six years, and who dressed just like the disciples dressed, I should certainly vote against him anywhere in the United States of America if I could. Why? Because (1) any man fit to preach ought to have common sense. (2) He ought not to do things that would be in the way of his ministry.

In his third objection he says: "If we believe in a divine call to preach we should let the Lord pass on the fitness of the man to answer the call, 'What logic! Away, then, with your committees and boards of examination, and license every one who says the Lord has called him. My! Wouldn't we soon have a team? Bro. Clark reaches his climax in the following: 'The funny part of it was the motion was made by a layman.' I would like to know what 'funny part' Bro. Clark sees about that. If he means to insinuate that our good, sensible laymen are not good judges as to fitness and unfitness of our preachers, he is laboring under a great mistake. They are the people who have to suffer, and I am not surprised when they speak out on these things. If Bro. Clark is not aware that there is a rapidly growing sentiment among the laymen and the good women against tobacco-using pastors and presiding elders, it is high time he should wake from his Rip Van Winkle slumber. C. G. SHUTT.

George-town, Texas.

A. C. I. COMMENCEMENT.

The Alexander Collegiate Institute has just closed a very fine year. The commencement sermon was preached Sunday, May 20, by Rev. New Harris, of Mary's Church, Tyler. The sermon was just such as the occasion demanded, and just such as those who know New Harris would expect. We have heard but one verdict, and that was, "It has never been excelled at this place." New Harris is new in this territory, because he has not been in it long. And is New where he came from, because he just stays that way. He will always be a welcome guest in this town.

At the evening hour Hon. Cone Johnson of Tyler, delivered the address to the undergraduates. His theme was "Character." Bro. Johnson is well known to our people, and hence very popular with them, so that the simple announcement that he was coming brought out a great audience to hear him. He spoke for more than an hour, to the perfect delight of every one present. The address was worthy of the man and its effect will abide.

President Strother goes from us of his own choice, and bearing the good will and affection of hundreds of our people. He has been a great blessing to the school, and we commend him and his splendid wife to the affections of the people of Artesia, where they go to head that new school enterprise. They take with them from us several of the A. C. I. faculty, and we also commend them as worthy and well qualified. We are moving to new and better things for our school this fall. A new dormitory for boys will be ready by the opening of the fall term. It will be under the management of Prof. Willis and his wife, and will be a home where every boy who comes as a boarder will have proper care and oversight. Of the new faculty and other matters we will have something to say later. J. T. SMITH.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

The Brownsville District Conference passed the following resolutions: Whereas, Rev. E. N. Lewis has, in the wisdom of the Heavenly Father, been removed from our number to his heavenly reward since our last meeting; and Whereas, Our brother, by his faithfulness to his ministerial duties as local preacher, has been of valued service, serving several charges as supply and organizing new Churches in unoccupied territory, and by his unselfish Christian life in his own community was a power for good among all classes; therefore

Resolved, That this District Conference, while bowing in submission to the divine will, expresses its grief at the loss of our departed brother, and tenders its sincere sympathy to his bereaved family.

IF THE BABY IS CUTTING TEETH Be sure to use that old and well-tried remedy, Dr. Williams' Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pains, cures wind colic, and is the remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

- Tyler District-Third Round.
Edgewood Cir., at Small, June 19, 20.
Edgewood Sta., June 20, 21.
Grand Saline, June 27, 28.
Mineola, July 4, 5.
Canton, at Wallace, July 10, 11.
Tyler Cir., at Bascom, July 14.
Mt. Sylvan, at Sylvan, July 17, 18.
Lindale, July 24, 25.
Murchison, at Pine Hill, July 31, Aug. 1.
Edom, at Ashburn, Aug. 7, 8.
Colfax, at Tunnels, Aug. 14, 15.
(More to follow)
C. B. GARRETT, P. E.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

- Llano District-Third Round.
San Saba Sta., June 18-20.
San Saba Cir., at China, June 19, 20.
Lometa, at L., June 26, 27.
Marble Falls, July 3, 4.
Boerne, at Salado, July 10, 11.
Center Point, 8 p. m., July 12.
Bandera, at Tarpley, preaching at 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference at 2 p. m., July 14.
Kerrville, 8 p. m., July 15.
Willow, at Harper, July 17, 18.
Cherokee, at Cherokee, July 24, 25.
Blanco, at Flat Creek, preaching at 11 a. m., Quarterly Conference at 2 p. m., July 29.
Johnson City, at Walnut, July 31, August 1.
Kingsland, at Mays, August 8, 9.
THEOPHILUS LEE, P. E.

- San Antonio District-Third Round.
(In part.)
Pearsall, June 19, 20.
Hondo, June 25, 27.
Uvalde, June 26, 27.
A. J. WEEKS, P. E.

- Beeville District-Third Round.
June 19, 20-Sandia.
June 26, 27-Falfurrias.
July 3, 4-Ramirena.
July 10, 11-Aranas Pass.
July 16-18-Helena.
July 18-Runge, 8 p. m.
July 24, 25-Fannin.
July 25-Berclair, 8 p. m.
Aug. 1-Nuecestown, 11 a. m.
Aug. 1-Corpus Christi, 8 p. m.
Aug. 5-15-At Epworth Encampment.
Aug. 21-22-Pleasanton.
A. L. SCARBOROUGH, P. E.

- San Augustine District-Third Round.
Laurelia Sta., July 5.
Shelbyville, at McClelland, July 10, 11.
Center Sta., July 12.
Tenaha, at Concord, Thursday, July 15.
Nacogdoches Sta., July 18.
Center Cir., at Newburn, July 24, 25.
Timpson Sta., July 28.
Melrose, at Union, July 31, Aug. 1.
Corrigan, at Corrigan, Wed., Aug. 4.
Geneva, at Patroon, Aug. 5, 8.
San Augustine, Aug. 9.
Minden, at Concord, Aug. 14, 15.
Garrison, at Arlem, Friday, Aug. 20.
Gary, at Mt. Pleasant, Aug. 21, 22.
C. A. TOWER, P. E.

- Cuero District-Third Round.
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.

- San Marcos District-Third Round.
Gonzales, June 19, 20.
Luling, at Soda Springs, June 26, 27.
Waelder and Thompsonville, at W., July 3, 4.
Kyle and Maxwell, at M., July 10, 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 31, Aug. 1.
Belmont Cir., at Oak Forest, Aug. 7, 8.
San Marcos, Aug. 15, 16.
D. K. PORTER, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

- Albuquerque District-Third Round.
Cromer, June 19, 20.
Portales, June 22.
Causey, June 26, 27.
Monument, July 3, 4.
B. T. JAMES, P. E.

- El Paso District-Third Round.
Hagerman, June 19, 20.
Dexter, June 21.
Roswell, June 22.
Trinity, June 25.
J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.

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The Woman's Department

Mrs. Florence E. Howell, Editor, 170 Masten St., Dallas, Texas.

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.

"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."—Franklin.

THE HOUSE AT EPWORTH.

At last we are proceeding with the noise at Epworth for the combined Home and Foreign Mission Societies of Texas, and right glad are we to be able to carry on this work, for we appreciate more than we can say the co-operation of our mothers and sisters in our great work for the young people of Texas. After much and long deliberation and consultation and hesitation the plans were adopted, and a committee appointed, and this committee in turn turned matters over to Miss Davies, Miss Head, Mrs. L. P. Smith and Mrs. W. F. Barnum for action. They in turn delegated the whole matter to me to superintend and build. On receipt of the plans bids were asked for, and the whole matter gone into thoroughly. Sister Smith wrote me to go ahead and build the house, and to put in everything that ought to be there. We have proceeded on this line and the house is almost done, and Dr. and Mrs. Harrison, who have just returned from a lecture at the Inn (which, by the way, is now open and operated in first-class style), report that it is the best building on the grounds. As soon as it is painted we will have a photo made for the Advocate and publish a complete description for your information.

Each Conference Treasurer was instructed to remit to me direct their pro rata, which, I believe, was \$200. from each Conference Society, this to build and furnish the house complete. To date I have received the following amounts: Mrs. H. E. Jackson, for North Texas Home Mission Society, \$50. Mrs. Rivers, North Texas Foreign Missionary Society, \$200. Miss E. Hill, for Texas Home Mission Society, \$100. Mrs. W. E. Smith, West Texas Foreign Missionary Society, \$106.65.

These amounts are placed in the bank, the payrolls paid each week and an itemized record kept of all expenditures for which payment is absolutely necessary, and all other bills are to be O. K'd and vised by your committee, furniture selected and the house put in order and the whole thing audited by a special committee at our Encampment. We would be glad to receive prompt remittance of the full amount from each Conference Society, so that we can pay promptly for all items, as we can get better prices and the whole thing will be much more satisfactory. Payments already made have enabled us to go right ahead; remittances coming in each week to meet needed pay rolls, and we are sure that the building will be ready for you in ample time. Miss Head writes me nearly every week, "We must have the building." "Be sure and have the building ready," etc.

We are expecting a large delegation of both societies to spend the time with Misses Head, Davies and Haskins and Mrs. Hargrove, and to enjoy our excellent program. Come prepared to work with and for our young people and help them to make Epworth-by-the-Sea a great inspiration to them in their religious work. Information folders are ready for distribution.

A. K. RAGSDALE, San Antonio, Texas.

"We know our members of the Conference Societies, Home and Foreign, of our four Texas conferences will be glad to note from the foregoing article that their 'Home at Epworth' is, indeed, a reality. In the hands of our faithful and active brother, A. K. Ragdsdale, President of the State Epworth League, this enterprise could not fail of satisfactory completion. If only the money sufficient is at his command.—Editor Woman's Department."

NOTICE.

Our twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of North Texas Conference has just closed.

The expenses of this Conference Society have not all been paid.

Let each Auxiliary Treasurer collect at once all that is due on the conference expense fund and on the minutes fund and send at once to me. These amounts should be in the hands of the Conference Treasurer at the end of the first quarter of the year. This matter is now past, and a very small amount has been received yet.

I shall greatly appreciate your prompt action in sending these amounts to me.

MRS. C. B. BRYANT, Treasurer, W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, White-wright, Texas.

"We commend the newly elected Treasurer of the W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, to the steady consideration of the members of that Conference Society, and we trust the foregoing request from her, which is her first request since taking up the duties of the office, will have their prompt attention.—Editor Woman's Department."

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

To the District Secretaries and Auxiliary Presidents:

The officers in executive session, immediately after adjournment of conference in Dallas, decided to ask each auxiliary in the conference to join in a "shower" by mail to Miss Hickman, our missionary, this "shower" to be given as soon as possible and continue through until the last of July. Every auxiliary is asked to join in this shower by sending Miss Hickman some article of clothing or linen, towels, bed spreads, sheets and pillow slips, or any and all kinds of cloth-

ing. Those who can not send articles of clothing can send money. These things all to be sent to Mrs. L. L. Jobe, Sherman, Texas. What we do must be done quickly. This is asked as a free-will offering by each individual member of each auxiliary. Let us all take part in preparing her wardrobe, as many things you can make and send her (or buy ready made) will be saving her of hours of sitting at the sewing machine these warm days stitching. For—thing of it!—she only has a few more days with home folks until she sails for Brazil. She leaves about the first of August. She goes to represent us, while we remain in our own good home land. Can we not do this for our own missionary? This will mean very little for each of us, but will be much when it added for her outfit, and will relieve her of hours of hard work.

Below is her shirt waist measurement: Bust, 36; neck, 12½; waist, 22. She did not give length of sleeve, but it is about usual length on a 24 shirt waist. Will have her send skirt length in next week's Advocate.

Please send all communications to Mrs. L. L. Jobe, Sherman, Texas. MRS. J. H. BOWMAN, Plano, Texas.

ANNUAL MEETING TEXAS CONFERENCE W. H. M. SOCIETY.

The twelfth annual session of the Texas Conference Woman's Home Mission Society was held in Crockett May 3-6, 1909.

Crockett received the large delegation and officers with the warmest of welcomes, and true hospitality was given in their homes. Never was a session of the conference entertained with more whole-hearted cordiality. Every kindness possible was shown us from the first day to the last.

The Reception Committee met the delegates and visitors at the station. They were taken directly to the beautiful church, where the opening session was being held. The address of welcome made delegates, officers and visitors feel like they were, indeed, given a loving reception to Crockett and her beautiful homes.

Besides the "presiding pastor" there were ministers of other denominations to give us words of greeting and good cheer. So everyone soon felt that it was good to be there, and that Crockett, was indeed sincere in the cordial invitation given the conference to meet with them this year in their beautiful little city.

Every one was ready for the business session, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, with our beloved President in the chair conducting the devotional service, after which a thank service was held. Many told of how they had been blessed in their labors during the year, and how thankful they were for the success attendant upon their labors. God has, indeed, wonderfully blessed the labors of his handmaidens in the Texas Conference. After calling of roll and enrolling names of delegates, reports from auxiliaries were taken up. In our annual meetings every auxiliary represented is given a hearing. These auxiliaries were represented by well-chosen delegates. Many brought reports of what an enterprise would be justly proud. These reports were given an attentive hearing. Along all lines of the work there was a marked increase. How delightful it is to listen to the reports of these laborers in the Master's vineyard.

The absence of so many of the District Secretaries was much regretted. Houston and Huntsville were the only districts whose Secretaries were present. With one or two exceptions, the districts have made records for the year; goodly increases.

The devotional half hour at the beginning and closing of the sessions each day was sweet to the soul, giving inspiration for the work before the conference.

Tuesday afternoon, at the beautiful home of Mrs. J. E. Downs, an elegant reception was given the conference, giving an opportunity of getting acquainted with new friends and meeting old ones once again.

It was, indeed, a great pleasure to meet again the familiar faces we had not seen since our last annual meeting at Beaumont. And what joy it is for the conference officers to meet those after a year of toil together, whom they have known only through the work!

The three days' sessions were crowded with business, but the women (as well as the men) know how to transact business with dispatch in an orderly, businesslike way. There was harmony, and not a note of discord was heard throughout the session.

The conference officers had excellent reports to make.

Our President's address gave a fine review of the year's work, and gave us courage to begin another year's work with stronger faith and a greater determination than ever before to go forward.

The report of the First Vice-President on parsonages made everyone feel satisfied that the parsonages in the Texas Conference, with Mrs. J. D. Hefley as superintendent, would be well supervised.

Mrs. Hefley gave the conference an excellent paper on Wednesday evening. We were led to higher planes and made to feel more willing to give our service joyfully to the Lord's work.

Though our Second Vice-President was absent, her report showed an increase in number of titheers and the good results of a year of service well done.

The baby roll has been well cared for under the faithful and diligent service of our Third Vice-President. A goodly increase in number of names enrolled.

Our beloved Corresponding Secretary always has good things to tell us in her reports—where we have excelled and where we have missed the mark. Her report shows a membership of about four thousand, and along all

lines the work has advanced. No conference has a Secretary more devoted to the work of her conference than the Texas.

The Treasurer's report shows an increase of nearly \$1000. The increase of amount sent the General Treasurer, \$1000. Total collections for the year, over \$37,000. Cash collections, almost \$3000. So we had a good year of prosperity, as these figures indicate. We have fallen short on our pledge, but the increase was far ahead of any previous year. We have many "ideal auxiliaries."

Never has the Press Superintendent of Texas Conference had a more successful year's work. With Mrs. John H. Hollis as superintendent, this work has been given a great uplift. And how sad were our hearts made when, on account of ill health, we had to give up our Press Superintendent. Well has she worked. The press work was presented very ably at the Wednesday afternoon session by the Superintendent. Twenty-seven auxiliaries were reported in the banner roll.

The Superintendent of the brigado-work made an excellent report of her year's work.

As the officers reports were made and their records closed for another year, we felt that all the auxiliary officers, as well as the conference, had wrought well, and each knew in her heart how faithfully she had labored.

The Houston Board of City Missions have worked nobly the past year. The work of this board has gone forward wonderfully under the wise leadership of Mrs. George Sexton, with Miss Wright in charge of the work.

Texas Conference is proud of this, her only City Mission Board. Well have they labored for the uplift of humanity.

Brother Sears gave a beautiful and instructive talk Wednesday evening on the work of our Immigrant Home at Galveston. How proud the Home Mission women of Texas Conference are of this our own special work! We are happy to have an interest in the Immigrant Home.

The Officers were all re-elected. Texas Conference believes in keeping the "good things."

We now have a Superintendent of the Reading Course.

Mrs. Jones added to the bearing of greetings from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Texas Conference.

Mrs. J. I. Roberts had charge of the book table, and well did she perform the duties of "book agent."

Our connectional officers were greatly missed.

As this, one of the best sessions ever held by the Texas Conference W. H. M. Society, was brought to a close Thursday afternoon, we felt that the Lord had been in our midst, the many lives which had been reclaimed and hearts made to rejoice in a sense of pardon for sin, because of the open door of refuge given to them by this Home, where the erring and outcast are brought under the sacred influence of the Holy Spirit. At the close of the address the guests were invited to partake of a luncheon served on tables arranged in the dining-room and in the adjoining hall. The tempting menu consisting of chicken croquettes, delicious salad, etc., with hot rolls and coffee, having been prepared by a number of the girls, inmates of the Home, who are taking the course in cooking under the direction of Mrs. L. P. Prufant, who, assisted by Miss Lula May, has charge of this department. At the close of the appetizing repast (which had been furnished at the expense of the Auxiliary W. F. M. Society, of Grace Church), many of the guests availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the various departments of the Home, and thereby gain a knowledge and insight into the varied opportunities offered the inmates to fit themselves to become self-sustaining in life.

In returning from the Home the visitors were driven to the handsome residence of Mrs. W. H. Allen, located within a short distance from Grace Church, where delicious cakes and ice cream were served and a social time was enjoyed within the spacious parlors and upon the wide, cool verandas until the arrival of the hour, 8 o'clock, for the evening exercises at the church.

The opportunity thus given the delegates and friends to visit the Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School was one which many had before desired, and expressions of appreciation were heard from many of them in return for this kindness. In thinking of this institution, which offers to erring girls a safe and sure refuge from temptation and sin, we are reminded of the fact that to Mrs. W. H. Johnson, of the First Methodist Church, of Dallas, is due the gratitude of one and all for this place of refuge. It is by her own persistent, faithful efforts that the Home stands today with open doors, inviting the outcast, friendless girl to enter, giving to each a chance to reform and live a worthy life. There is not a woman in Texas Methodism today who merits more highly the loving esteem of her co-workers than does Mrs. Johnson for all the untiring efforts she has put forth in this rescue work. This writer declares here, and there are many others who, no doubt, join her in saying it, "I do love her, and I esteem her highly for her work's sake." May God bless her and the noble band of Christian women who are here assistants in the Mission Home.

Editor Woman's Department.

NOTICE.

A joint meeting of the Woman's Home Mission and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies will be held in Decatur June 24 and 25; will open at 10 o'clock Thursday and close Friday night. Let each auxiliary in both societies take notice and send their delegates with reports. Ministers and visitors of Decatur District are welcome. Send names at once to Mrs. R. L. Thompson, Decatur, Texas. Pray that this may be a great meeting.

MRS. W. S. GILBERT, District Secretary of Decatur District.

A VISIT TO THE MISSION HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL, DALLAS.

A visit to the Mission Home and Training School was an occasion of much interest arranged for the delegates and visitors who were in attendance at the recent annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Texas Conference, held in Grace Methodist Church, Dallas. The entertaining auxiliary of Grace Church provided a number of carriages and automobiles to convey the delegates and visitors to the Home, situated on Carroll Avenue, leaving the church on adjournment at 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, and arriving at the Home after a short but most pleasant ride through East Dallas. The guests were met with a cordial welcome at the very threshold of the Home, and were conducted at once into the chapel, where the benign face of Mrs. W. H. Johnson, the founder and superintendent of the Home, greeted them with sisterly smiles as she extended a warm hand-clasp to one and another as they entered. The visitors were soon seated

BABY SAVED HER

"I was sick for three years," writes Mrs. Nolle Jones, of Russellville, Tenn. "I had a doctor and took medicine regularly, but grew worse, until last spring I was past going out and was just skin and bones."

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ed, after which an appropriate hymn was sung, hearts and voices blended in praises to God the Father, followed by an earnest prayer by Mrs. J. H. Bowman, of Plano. A short address was then given by Miss S. L. Lyons, the Principal, setting forth in simple but forcible language the objects and aims of the Mission Home and Training School, telling of the responsibilities connected with the work and of the successes which had followed in many ways under the guiding hand of God, the many lives which had been reclaimed and hearts made to rejoice in a sense of pardon for sin, because of the open door of refuge given to them by this Home, where the erring and outcast are brought under the sacred influence of the Holy Spirit. At the close of the address the guests were invited to partake of a luncheon served on tables arranged in the dining-room and in the adjoining hall. The tempting menu consisting of chicken croquettes, delicious salad, etc., with hot rolls and coffee, having been prepared by a number of the girls, inmates of the Home, who are taking the course in cooking under the direction of Mrs. L. P. Prufant, who, assisted by Miss Lula May, has charge of this department. At the close of the appetizing repast (which had been furnished at the expense of the Auxiliary W. F. M. Society, of Grace Church), many of the guests availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the various departments of the Home, and thereby gain a knowledge and insight into the varied opportunities offered the inmates to fit themselves to become self-sustaining in life.

In returning from the Home the visitors were driven to the handsome residence of Mrs. W. H. Allen, located within a short distance from Grace Church, where delicious cakes and ice cream were served and a social time was enjoyed within the spacious parlors and upon the wide, cool verandas until the arrival of the hour, 8 o'clock, for the evening exercises at the church.

The opportunity thus given the delegates and friends to visit the Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School was one which many had before desired, and expressions of appreciation were heard from many of them in return for this kindness. In thinking of this institution, which offers to erring girls a safe and sure refuge from temptation and sin, we are reminded of the fact that to Mrs. W. H. Johnson, of the First Methodist Church, of Dallas, is due the gratitude of one and all for this place of refuge. It is by her own persistent, faithful efforts that the Home stands today with open doors, inviting the outcast, friendless girl to enter, giving to each a chance to reform and live a worthy life. There is not a woman in Texas Methodism today who merits more highly the loving esteem of her co-workers than does Mrs. Johnson for all the untiring efforts she has put forth in this rescue work. This writer declares here, and there are many others who, no doubt, join her in saying it, "I do love her, and I esteem her highly for her work's sake." May God bless her and the noble band of Christian women who are here assistants in the Mission Home.

Editor Woman's Department.

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Have you redeemed your pledge on the dormitory at Denton? Heavy payments must be met in June, and every amount, however small, helps more than you realize.

We have received copies of year books from Henrietta, Wesley (Greenville), Mount Vernon, Trinity (Dallas), Denton Street (Gainesville). They are dainty, attractive and original, and we believe the year book will soon become a regular feature of our work.

Mrs. E. J. Williams, of Greenville-Conference, Third Vice-President, whose special line of work has been the organizing of girls and young married ladies into Bible Study Clubs, sends a fine report. She reports or-Rockwall, Roysse and Celeste, and three clubs of 39 members each in the city of Greenville. These clubs hold their meetings at the homes of the members, thus adding the social feature so attractive in all club work. Their program consists of a study in the New Testament, supplemented by a daily reading in the Old. They are really Home Mission Societies making a specialty of Bible study.

Paris District Secretary, Mrs. Humphress, reports two new auxiliaries, one at Avery and one at Shady Grove. Mrs. Hill, Secretary of Sherman District, also mentions a new one, making a total of 17 in Sherman District.

Centenary, Paris, sends in a fine report through the efficient, faithful District Secretary, Mrs. Humphress. They adopted the circle plan, having ten circles each pledged to raise \$25, and in two weeks they raised about \$1,000. Through the efforts of the women, Centenary now rejoices in a handsome, well-equipped \$6000 parsonage.

We have received a fine report from Bowie Auxiliary, showing them to be wide-awake workers out there. They have a business meeting the first week of each month, local day the second, Bible study the third and Reading Course the fourth. They use a half column each week in the two local papers. No wonder their financial obligations are all met.

We were rejoiced to receive a magnificent report from Wichita Falls auxiliary. During the four years in which we have tried to fill the office of Conference Press Superintendent this is the first report we have ever received from there, and it was very much appreciated. They promised to pay \$1,000 on the new church building, besides assisting on the new parsonage. And during the months of February, March and April they raised \$1100.35 of their pledge on the church, then turned their attention to raising funds for the parsonage.

We wish to call attention to a quiz on "The Price of Power," one of the books in this year's Reading Course, which appeared in a recent issue of The King's Messenger. You will find it a helpful outline in studying this book.

Let us once more remind you to send in your reports promptly. Reports due the first of March came in as late as the middle of April—long after our report had gone to headquarters.

MRS. FLANK BENNETT, Conference Press Superintendent, Pottsboro, Texas.

CLARENDON COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

The recent commencement exercises of Clarendon College surpassed those of any other commencement in the history of the institution. Everything from the beginning to the end was on a high order of entertainment, interest and instruction.

The debate between the young ladies' societies as to whether women should be allowed to vote or not, showed much reading and investigation on the part of the young lady debaters. The speeches by the young ladies were delivered in a graceful manner, and were interspersed now and then with much wit and humor. The debate showed that our girls had acquainted themselves fully with the subject under discussion, and deserved great credit for the investigation they had made.

The decision rendered by the judges was that it was best for woman to keep out of politics and take care of the "sacred precincts of home."

The alumni address was delivered by Brother Ed Graham, one of our alumni. Clarendon College feels proud of Brother Graham, for what he has done and for what he is doing. He is a young man of much promise, and will make himself useful on all occasions.

Brother Graham's address was interesting and helpful to all who heard it.

The debate between the two literary societies of the young men on the question, "Resolved: That the election of United States Senators should be by direct vote of the people," had snap, interest and enthusiasm about it. The debate showed that the young men had read and studied much on the question. Their speeches had been carefully prepared, and were delivered with much force. The affirmative won the question.

We wish to say that our Clarendon College boys have never lost an intercollegiate debate yet. They have won on all occasions—Decatur, Amarillo and Stamford. Perhaps it is not saying too much when I say that Clarendon College has two of the liveliest debating societies of any other school of like grade in the State of Texas. In these societies our boys learn to debate, and to become forceful speakers.

The oratorical contest between the boys and the elocutionary contest between the girls eclipsed that of anything of the kind that has ever taken place within these college walls. "We have never heard it on this fashion before," was often repeated by those who were present. Mr. G. G. Ordway won the oratorical medal and Miss Lola Lacy won the elocutionary medal.

The grand concert given by the music department was up to the high water mark in musical lines. The execution and interpretation on the part of the pupils were highly commended by those capable of appreci-

ating these things. One lady was reminded to remark that the music reminded her of Milton's L'Allegro:

"In notes with many a winding bout, Of linked sweetness long drawn out."

Bishop Seth Ward.
The sermon on Sunday morning by Bishop Seth Ward on the "Temptation of the Master" was great from every point of view. An intelligent, aged brother told me that he had heard many sermons, but the sermon by Bishop Ward gave him a grander conception of the power and uplift of Christ than any one that he had ever heard. The beauty of Bishop Ward's sermon was that our boys and girls were stirred and thrilled by it. It is by such preaching as Bishop Ward did in our college auditorium that is to save the world.

The Bishop's discussion at night of the condition and needs of Japan was a remarkable presentation of this very important subject. Come again, Bishop Ward; our hearts and our homes will always be open to you.

Dr. R. S. Hyer.
The literary address by Dr. Hyer charmed everybody by its beautiful diction and by its impressive style. This address would be popular before our great universities, such as Yale, Harvard, John Hopkins, etc. The Doctor's address had all the qualities which produce conviction, clearness, coherence, unity, force and earnestness. I asked an old German friend of mine how he liked the Doctor's address, and he said that it was very much for it smacked of zeit geist.

I was truly glad to meet my old friend one time more. For eleven long years I was intimately associated with him in professional work at the Southwestern University, and having had him with me in my home there for a long time. He stands every inch a man, and you always know what side he is on. The Doctor will always be welcome in Clarendon College.

The address to the graduating class by Brother Stewart, presiding elder of the Vernon District, on the "Sure Foundation," was full of the most wholesome advice. Brother Stewart is a man of pleasing personality, and makes himself felt in the way he presents the truth. He made a fine impression upon the young men and women of the graduating class.

Brother Slover's parting remarks to the young men and young ladies of the graduating class were very appropriate and forceful. He has been a great success in administering the affairs of Clarendon College. He sees things and does things; has convictions and the courage to concrete them. He is a fine all-round college President.

Mr. Sim E. Sheffy, of Plainview, was awarded the first honor, getting there by the scholarship in the Southwest-ern University. The second honor was divided between Miss Mary McLean and George Palmer.

Monday afternoon the Athletic Society held its field meeting, in which there were twelve contests. The society was divided into two sections, the reds and the blues. The reds won. In the evening the young ladies of the dormitory gave a basket supper on the college campus and had a very enjoyable time.

We clip the following from the Banner-Stockman:
"Into history and recollection another commencement has passed at Clarendon College. None more pleasant and profitable has ever been enjoyed in this city. Everything passed off in good shape, and the management and pupils deserve much credit for the splendid programs rendered and for the general excellence of work of the past year in our college."

S. E. BURKHEAD.

RUBY KENDRICK MEMORIAL FUND.

All persons who subscribed to the Ruby Kendrick memorial fund will please make remittances to Miss Mary Ferguson at McKinney, who is treasurer of this special fund. The committee to see that this fund is properly used, also to keep in touch with and furnish proper literature, etc., to those who volunteered for foreign and home mission work, is: Miss Mary Ferguson, McKinney; Miss Floy Haley, Denison; Mr. A. B. Hardin, Denison; O. L. Hamilton, Lewisville.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.

This was the most largely attended and enthusiastic meeting ever held in North Texas. Two hundred and fifty delegates and visitors present. The spiritual atmosphere was radiant with the inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

More pastors in attendance than ever before.

Rev. Thompson, pastor of First Church, McKinney, in which the conference was held, said the meeting from beginning to end was the greatest he ever attended.

Dr. Cameron, pastor of Centenary Church, Paris, preached the Annual Conference sermon. Every word he spoke went to the very depths of every heart. This sermon would be hard to equal and impossible to excel.

Dr. Cameron also attended the missionary mass-meeting Sunday afternoon, at which fourteen young men and women came forward and surrendered their lives to God for either home or foreign missionary work, and pronounced it the grandest scene he ever witnessed in his life. At this meeting more than enough money was subscribed to put a missionary in the Korean field to take the place of our dearly beloved Ruby Kendrick.

The consecration sermon by Rev.

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Franklin Moore, of Winnsboro, was an inspiration to every one present.

Never in the history of this conference was there such a desire manifested on the part of the different cities to entertain the next conference. All, however, withdrew in favor of Sherman and Bonham, and delegates from these cities "fought a hard battle" for their respective localities, but Bonham came out victorious and will entertain our 1909-10 session.

Officers elected were: O. L. Hamilton, Lewisville, President; J. B. Jared, Pottsboro, Vice-President; Miss Lucy Davidge, Paris, Second Vice-President; Miss Lou Harwell, Nocona, Third Vice-President; Miss Floy Haley, Denison, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. Mercer, Roysse City, Junior Superintendent; A. B. Hardin, Denison, Secretary-Treasurer.

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Our Texas Christian Advocate continues to maintain its high standard of excellence; and whereas, it persistently and forcefully represents the attitude of our Church toward all questions of morality and civic righteousness in its fearless attacks upon iniquity in high places and persons, as well as low; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we commend and endorse our editor, Dr. G. C. Rankin, in his work and pray that God may increase his strength for such service among us; and be it further

Resolved, That we use all diligence in extending the circulation of the Advocate among our people; and be it further

Resolved, That we make special campaign for its extended circulation between this date and July 1st.

C. W. IRVIN,
W. P. GARVIN.

A MINISTER'S GRAVE.

The Mexican War veterans have been holding their reunion here and on the 26th ult. were taken by boat to the San Jacinto battlefield, and I being a son of a veteran was given a ticket for the trip. While walking around on the grounds I came to a monument raised to the memory of the men killed in the battle and buried there. I noticed there were quite a number of other graves near by and one the head-stone of which had fallen down. I read the inscription as follows: "Sacred to the memory of Williamson Williams, of the Texas Conference; born in Virginia; died September 18, 1855, near Lynchburg. Erected by the preachers of the conference."

Looking over the list of preachers who have died in Texas, as given in Thrall's History of Methodism in Texas, I fail to find any mention of this name. The grave has been neglected and the head-stone is down. The committee appointed by the State to fix up the grounds have fenced it and sunk an artesian well and I suppose will fix up all the graves that are on the grounds.

I write this thinking the matter will be of interest to someone.

E. H. ALEXANDER,
2110 Hamilton St., Houston, Texas.

A BIT OF HISTORY.

These lines to add to the history of our Church in Texas: The first Bohemian baby baptized by our Church was not the one recently dedicated by Brother Cejner at Temple in 1885, August of that year Rev. W. R. Davis, Dexter Circuit, Cooke County, Texas, baptized three Bohemian babies. These people were on the plantation of Col. W. B. Manion, whose relative now resides in Gainesville, Texas. Bro. Davis, Col. Manion and others were enterprising a mission to these people, but the appointment for the following year ended the matter. I understand some of these people are yet in the same vicinity where they were twenty-four years ago. Let me add: Sister Davis was well and sprightly at our last conference, and

we spoke together of these baptisms. Her home is Ridgeway, Texas. Brother Davis has been in heaven several years.

D. F. FULLER.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

Rev. C. S. McCarver, Pecos, Texas.

CORRECTION.

In Advocate of June 10 occurs a typographical error on page 12. The name of the District Lay Leader is H. L. Griffin, and not Griffith, as the printer has it.

H. T. CUNNINGHAM.

Marshall District—A Correction.

In second round, just after Gilman Station, you have Groveton, Harleton Cr. It should be "Graceton" instead.

H. T. CUNNINGHAM, P. E.

Gainesville District—Third Round.

Valley View, June 26, 27.
Marysville, at Vanslyke, July 2, 4.
Denton Street, July 11.
Broadway, July 11.
Woodbine, at Friendship, July 17, 18.
Era and Rosston, at Spring Creek, July 24, 25.
Myra and Hood, at Hood, July 25, 26.
Dexter, Walnut Bend, July 31, Aug. 1.
Aubrey, at Oak Grove, Aug. 7, 8.
Denton Sta., Aug. 9.
Sanger and Bolivar, at B., Aug. 14, 15.
Wesley and Bethel, at B., Aug. 15, 16.
St. Jo., at Forestburg, Aug. 21, 22.
Collinsville and Tioga, at T., Aug. 28, 29.
Pilot Point, Sept. 4, 5.
D. H. ASTON, P. E.

Plainview District—Third Round.

Floydada Sta., June 12, 13.
Hereford Sta., June 15, 20.
Tulia Sta., June 26, 27.
Kress, at Happy, June 28.
Hab. Center, at Norfleet, July 1.
Lubbock, July 3, 4.
Dickens, at Wichita, July 10, 11.
Matador, at Dutchman, July 12.
Turkey, at Northfield, 3 p. m., July 14.
Bovina, at Hurley, July 17, 18.
Gomez, at Gomez, July 23.
Brownfield, at Meadow, July 24, 25.
Barton, at Lone Star, July 31, Aug. 1.
Post City, at P. C., Aug. 5, 8.
Tahoka Sta., 3 p. m., Aug. 9.
Wildorado, at Day School House, Aug. 14, 15.
Hereford Mis., at Arney, Aug. 17.
Silverton, at Beulah, Aug. 18.
Lockney, at Ellen, Aug. 21, 22.
Plainview Sta., Aug. 29, 30.
Lammitt, at D., Sept. 4, 5.
G. S. HARDY, P. E.

Beaumont District—Third Round.

Orange, June 29, Aug. 2.
Sour Lake and China, Greysburg, June 26, 27.
Call, at Watson's Ch., July 11, Sept. 2.
Kirbyville, July 11, 12.
Port Bolivar and Amelia, A., July 15.
Jasper Mis., July 17, 18.
Jasper Sta., July 18, 19.
Brownell and Brookland, July 19, 20.
Kountze, July 24, 25.
Nederland and S. P., Deweyville, July 26.
Port Arthur, Aug. 1, Sept. 6.
Dayton, Aug. 7, 8.
First Ch., Beaumont, Aug. 8, 9.
Cartwright and Spindletop, C., Aug. 13.
Liberty, Aug. 18.
Silshoe, Aug. 21, 22.
Aldridge, at Wolf Creek, Aug. 24.
Woodyville, at Rockland, Aug. 29.
Warten, at Nona, Aug. 30.
Burkeville, at Farris' Ch., Sept. 1.
Saratoga and Batson, at B., Sept. 3.
Wallisville, Sept. 8.
Cedar Bayou, Barber's Hill, Sept. 11, 12.
D. H. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Houston District—Third Round.

Brunner, June 26.
Columbia and Brazoria, June 26, 27.
Angleton, June 27, 28.
Trinity, July 4.
Shearn, July 6.
League City, at L. C., July 16.
Arvin, July 18.
Tabernacle, June 25.
Grace, Aug. 1.
St. Paul's, Aug. 3.
Harris Co. (at Dairy), Aug. 15.
Harrisburg and Pasadena, Aug. 21, 22.
Humble, at Katy, Aug. 29.
Galveston, First Ch., Sept. 5.
Galveston, West End, Sept. 5.
CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

June 9.—W. W. Armstrong, subs. J. A. Stafford, has attention. W. T. Kinslow, sub. J. T. Hooks, has attention.
June 10.—L. E. Green, sub. J. M. Adams, O. K. J. W. Childress, sub. June 11.—J. A. Carr, sub. W. F. Campbell, sub. C. N. Morton, sub.
June 12.—W. H. Keener, sub. S. D. Harger, subs. T. S. Barcus, sub. and change. Simon Shaw, sub.
June 14.—M. H. Major, sub. R. R. Bolton, sub. J. L. Sullivan, sub. A. E. Carraway, sub. C. J. Atkinson, sub.
June 15.—J. D. Hudson, sub. R. B. Bonner, sub. D. C. Ross, sub.

Considerate little girl: "Please, Mr. Keeper, will it hurt the elephant if I give him a currant out of my bun?"

OBITUARIES

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 170 or 180 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full as written should remit money to cover excess of space, to-wit: At the rate of One Cent per Word. Money should accompany all orders. Resolutions of respect will not be inserted in the Obituary Department under any circumstances, but if paid for will be inserted in another column.

Poetry Can in No Case be Inserted. Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent. Price, five cents per copy.

SHUMATTE.—Mrs. Mary J. Shumatte (nee Bowen), relict of the late W. M. Shumatte, of Palestine, Texas, was born in 1830 in Hickman County, Tennessee. She was converted and joined the X. E. Church, South, when fifteen years of age. In 1848 she was happily married to W. M. Shumatte, of Williamson County, Tennessee. In 1852, they removed from their native State, settling in Anderson County, Texas. Early in 1850 these good people moved to Palestine, Texas, where they lived the rest of their wedded life. Mrs. Shumatte living there with her adopted daughter, Mrs. Dill, until two years ago, when they moved to Mart, Texas, where she died in peace April 16, 1909. Mrs. Shumatte was a truly pious woman, though not demonstrative. She was quiet, unobtrusive and lovable. Her meekness was observable even to strangers. All their lives Dr. Shumatte and his devoted wife were most liberal supporters of the Church of their choice—not only liberal, but cheerful, glad givers. For many years Dr. Shumatte possessed much of this world's goods, but they showed themselves wise stewards. They loved the Church and its institutions and supported the same in a generous way. To their home came always as a glad visitor the Texas Christian Advocate, and to her dying day she enjoyed reading his bright pages. This dear, good sister was always delicate, but after the death of her beloved husband she went into a gradual decline, and seemed only awaiting the summons of her Lord. But these good people were most fortunate in falling into the hands of their adopted daughter, Mrs. Lou Dill. No child could have done more and been more patient and kind in administering to the needs of these foster parents. No pains, no effort was spared to make them comfortable and happy. To her they looked, not to be disappointed. Her motto was not to let her left hand know what her right hand did, so her works remain. Not having children, their hearts went out to orphans, having some in their home all the while. And truly they found a home. When taken sick she seemed to know the end was near and talked freely to the family, giving directions as to what she wanted done. A kind, true friend, a model wife, a devoted Christian woman, has gone to her reward. Such a life enriches those whom it touches. I am glad to have had the privilege of knowing this true woman. May many emulate her virtues. Many will remember Mrs. Shumatte as a friend in need and a true friend. Farewell, dear friend, till the resurrection morn, when we hope to meet you in that home over there. A quiet, sweet rest be yours. May angels watch your sleeping dust till He shall bid it rise. Till then a long farewell. A LOVING FRIEND.

FARREL.—Leama Iola (Little Leama), bright little daughter of Odes and Leida Farrel, was born in Gibtown, Texas, Dec. 29, 1897, and departed this life May 21, 1909, aged seventeen months and eleven days. She was the only child of her fond parents, whose devotion to her was near adoration. She was so sweet, and bore her two weeks' sickness with such a loving hands ministered to her wants and did all they knew to do, but all to no avail. We laid her tenderly away to await the resurrection, and placed beautiful white flowers—emblems of her purity—on her grave. Little Leama had been a very delicate and frail child all her life, but is now free from suffering. She had a mission in this life and filled it. She touched lives and made impressions that can never be erased. Jesus, the lover of little children, has transplanted the sweet little flower in His garden of fadeless beauty and endless sunshine. He has removed this little sunbeam—perhaps too bright for earth—and we now miss her presence so much. Just before she got so bad she gathered up all her little playthings and put them away—something she had not been accustomed to doing. Thus she deeply impressed us with the great need of shaping our affairs for our departure to the next world. We miss her, yet she is not so far, after all—only acrossed over the river, and stands with outstretched arms, beckoning papa and mamma on. Look up, dear parents; she is only removed from you a while. You know where to find her. Be true to God and need little Leama again, where parting comes no more. One who loved her. S. E. PRITCHETT.

CASWELL.—Thomas J. Caswell was born Nov. 3, 1834, in Putnam County, Georgia, and died April 19, 1909. He came to Texas in 1854 and settled in Smith County, where he was married on Aug. 10, 1858, to Miss P. H. Ansley. To this union there were born eight children, six of whom are now living: Mrs. W. M. Crow, of Dallas; Mrs. B. C. Franklin, of Belton; Mrs. B. R. Bolton, of Fort Worth; Mrs. C. D. Smith, of Sonora; James Caswell, of Bullard, and Mathis Caswell, of Tyler. His wife died in 1885, and he was again married in 1890 to Mrs. Laura Smoot. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, about 1858. In 1862 he enlisted in Sharp's Company, Hubbard's Regiment, and served during the Civil War. I have known him for about fifty years as a devoted Christian and steward in his Church. I was his pastor for five years, and knew him to be a true and good man, and a public-spirited citizen who was always fearless and devoted to the right. He was always loyal to his God, his family and his neighbors, and was indeed the true friend and helper of his pastor. On my last round each year he would ask me if everything was up, and if not he always paid it up himself. His death came suddenly, and his earthly life ceased without a struggle. He has just passed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees of immortal life, and we shall know where to find him in the resurrection morn. C. H. SMITH.

IRBY.—Reginald Heber Irby, son of Albert and Mrs. Eva Irby, was born Jan. 2, 1863; died May 22, 1909, and his body quietly laid to rest in the Sipe Springs cemetery. Reginald was peculiarly the favorite of the family, but the Heavenly Father took him and he is now at home with the angels. May the dear father, bereft of their darling little boy, be comforted in the fact that when the Son of Man shall come in all of his glory, with him shall come all the holy angels, and Reginald will be one of the number. Look to Jesus, the life and light of the world, and he will comfort us in our sorrows and help to bear our burdens. M. M. SMITH, P. C.

HOLDEN.—Mrs. Stella F. Holden (nee Reeve) left her dear husband and two children May 28, 1909. She had been a sufferer for a long time with that awful disease, consumption, but the good Lord came for her at last, and the best of all, found her ready. She gave her heart to God when she was a girl. She was about 25 years old. She had lived God, being, she was ready to go to him when he called for her. Her dear sister hated to leave her dear husband and two little children, but she could say, "Not mine, but the will of the good Lord be done." May the good Lord keep her dear boy and girl in the way until their work is done. May the both meet their dear mother in that home where there is no sorrow. S. N. ALLEN, P. C.

FERGUSON.—Little Ina Mai Ferguson was born May 28, 1897, and died May 27, 1909, just a few hours before she was 2 years old. During these months she not only lent sunshine to the home of the fond parents, but became a part of their very life, so that her going left them broken-hearted and sad, but since they are Christians they sorrow not as others who have no hope. Like a child of old, they can say, "We can go to her, but she can not return to us." The bereaved mother is a daughter of Rev. H. J. Hodges, of Oklahoma, an efficient local preacher in charge of a work in Oklahoma Conference. To the stricken parent was tender sincerest sympathy, and would direct their thoughts to heaven, where little hands are beckoning them to come. FRANK HUGHEN.

LEDBETTER.—Bro. S. E. Ledbetter was born Feb. 7, 1826. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church at 22 years of age. He was married to Miss Susanna Cash, Jan. 18, 1850. They raised a large and happy family, many of whom have families now. They are indeed good people. It was our pleasure to know Bro. Ledbetter, and he was a genuine Christian gentleman. A pleasant companion, a kind father, a tender grandfather. He departed this life at his own home near Wayland, Stephens County, on May 20, 1909. We regret that this good man was called from his household, for his counsel was needed. Nevertheless, "God's will be done." He left a many to mourn, among whom a devoted wife, several children and a number of sorrowing grandchildren. Weep not as those who have no hope, for he is in heaven. MRS. BEN CROW.

WOLFE.—Bro. S. H. Wolfe was born in North Carolina, June 21, 1862, and departed this life at Kerrville, Texas, April 11, 1909, to which place he had gone about six weeks before the onset of his illness, his home being in the Salem community, near Duffalo. Bro. Wolfe was converted when 19 years of age, and joined the Methodist Church the year following, and lived a consistent member until his death. His influence in the Church and in the community was felt. He came to Texas when 14 years of age; was married to Miss Lou Cargil Sept. 28, 1881. Eleven children were born to them, ten of whom, together with their mother, survive. Bro. Wolfe was one of the most popular men that we ever knew, and leaves behind him a host of sorrowing friends. His influence in his home was the very best, and his family feel the force of their loss. Galloping consumption took him quickly to his grave, his being sick about three months. So we bid him farewell, but expect to see him again. J. H. BALDRIDGE.

CROCKETT.—Elbert Crockett, son of R. E. and P. A. Crockett, was born Jan. 10, 1890, and died May 29, 1909. Elbert was converted several years ago and joined the Methodist Church, South, and lived a consistent life. On the morning of May 29 he left the house with his father and three of his brothers to attend to some business on the farm, and in a short time he met with an accident and lived only a few hours. He had just returned from the Southwestern Military School at Dallas, where he was taking a course in pharmacy. His friends were numbered by all who knew him. By his manly conduct and his kindly regard for others he had the esteem and confidence of all. It is sad that a life so young and full of promise should be taken so suddenly, but we bow in humble submission to the will of our divine Lord. Elbert leaves a father, mother and six brothers to mourn their loss. On May 21, at his father's house one mile east of Prosper, the funeral services were held, conducted by his pastor, assisted by Uncle Jere Martin and Rev. S. E. Kennon. A. P. HIGHTOWER.

WISEMAN.—James H. Wiseman, Jr., son of Rev. J. H. Wiseman, was born Jan. 14, 1880, and died in Blooming Grove, Texas, April 17, 1909. It is impossible for us to form any estimate as to what he would have been had he lived. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when he was only 5 years old. He lived a consistent life, and in no way was he ever a reproach to the Church of his father and mother. He often led the League exercises, and would work in young men's meetings acceptably. Before his death, as well as now, the testimony of his companions was uniform. He had their entire confidence as a Christian young man. We can not even imagine why such an angel should be called away. It would seem to us as if they were sorely needed here. He had not fully determined what would be his field of labor for the Master, but he was decided that no matter what the field might be, he would be true to his Lord. With full, clear faith in Jesus and the resurrection, his father and mother submit to the Heavenly Father's will and look forward to the time when they will understand. His parents, two brothers and one sister survive. HORACE BISHOP.

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McCRELESS.—Miss Catherine Caroline McCreless was born in Edgelfield District, South Carolina, March 2, 1818. Died April 25, 1909, being 91 years of age. She and her twin sisters moved from South Carolina to Alabama in 1830, and moved to Texas in 1861. They settled at Union, near Westbrook. Here she was summoned to come up higher. We laid her to rest in the Union Cemetery, the writer conducting the funeral services. She had a sunny disposition and was always cheerful, making the best of life. She loved to assemble and worship with God's people. She was devoted to her twin sisters, who were her care for many years, and who in turn were her solace in the long, dreary weeks of her illness caused by a fall. Her dying testimony was, "I am ready and willing to go." There was not a cloud to obscure her spiritual vision. What a legacy of faith, hope and love she leaves her loved ones! Heaven seems nearer than ever now, that Aunt is there. She leaves a host of relatives and friends and her twin sisters, Misses Margaret and Martha McCreless, to mourn their loss. It will only be a little while when they will be united above, and she is waiting at the beautiful gate to welcome them home. JOHN A. SWEENEY.

there are a disease of sad separations. LITTLE MAURICE PIERCE RUMPH was born in Taylor County, near Tecumseh, April 16, 1889, and died near Jim Ned June 2, 1909. Little Maurice was a good boy; his mother said the most affectionate child she had. His stay was enough to convince himself about the hearts of mother and father and other loved ones. We weep, but not as those who have no hope. We look beyond the transitory things as they really are. He that said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not," has in his heart a faithful steward, Sunday-school superintendent and class leader. He was a Methodist of the old type, having strong conviction on the question of holiness. He believed it the privilege and duty of every Christian to live a pure, clean, holy life every day. This he taught by example, as well as by precept. We can surely say that a good man has been taken from our midst, and that the Methodist Church at New Hope has lost one of her strongest stays. Let the wife and son and other relatives follow on, knowing some day God will unite again the ties that have seemingly so long been separated. L. B. TOOLEY.

LOWE.—Mrs. Jalle Lowe (nee Embree) was born in Arkansas Feb. 1, 1852; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of about 14. She was married to Peter W. Lowe in 1870. She was the mother of twelve children. Six of them are yet alive and were all present at her death and funeral. She was a good woman, a consistent Christian. She was devoted to her family and children. Her husband died about seven years ago, and thus she was left with her four girls and two boys to fight life's battles. Her children were devoted to her and have learned to worship and serve the God of their mother. Her youngest child, a son, graduated just four weeks before his mother's death, from the High School in Midlothian. One of her daughters, Miss Elsie Lowe, offered herself some two years ago for foreign mission work. She has graduated in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and was recently assigned to Korea, for which she will depart in September. May all these dear children finally meet their sainted mother in the Father's home of many mansions. Sister Lowe departed this life at her home in Midlothian on the morning of May 29, 1909. The writer preached her funeral at the Methodist Church at 10:30 Sunday, the 30th, in the presence of a large congregation, and we laid her weary body to rest in our beautiful cemetery, to await the resurrection of the last day. S. W. TURNER.

ROWELL.—Mrs. Virgil Schluter Rowell was born July 6, 1871, and died June 5, 1909. Her father and mother are still living. Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Schluter. Not only are they very religious and love the Methodist Church with all their hearts, being what they can to advance its cause in the town and in the world, but he is also prominently known throughout Texas. She also has an only sister that survives her. It was indeed an ideal, happy family. Her father and mother were her home the night she died. They sat on the front gallery until the time to retire and bade each other "Good-night" with nothing to indicate that in a few short minutes she would be in eternity. Her father and mother had scarcely reached their beds, before they were phoned by her husband to come at once, that she was gone. "Let not your hearts be troubled, loved ones, ye believe in God, believe also in me." "I am the resurrection and the life; though she is dead, yet shall she live." "My grace is sufficient for thee." What comfort these passages of God's holy word bring to our aching hearts in the hour of sadness and sorrow. When our loved ones leave us to go home, it helps us to loosen our grasp on the world. May the Holy Spirit comfort and keep these loved ones. H. J. HAYES.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Sherman District—Third Round.

Van Alstyne Sta., June 18-20. Key Memorial Sta., June 20. Whitewright Sta., June 27. Waples Memorial Sta., July 1-4. Tom Bean Cir., at New Prospect, July 9-11. Pecan and Friendship, at F., July 14-18. Sadler Mis., at Gordonville, July 23-25. Trinity and Preston, at P., July 31, Aug. 1. Pottsboro Sta., August 4-8. Southmayd Cir., at Ethel, Aug. 14, 15. Whitesboro Sta., Aug. 18-22. Sherman Mis., Aug. 27-29. C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

Waco District—Third Round.

Hubbard City, June 29. Aquilla Mis., at Wesley, June 23. Hewitt Cir., at Spring Valley, June 26, 27. Peoria Mis., at Red Point, July 3, 4. Whitney, July 4, 5. Penelope Mis., New Hope, July 10, 11. Lorena Cir., July 17, 18. Bosqueville Cir., Evergreen, July 24, 25. Reisel, at Reisel, July 31, Aug. 1. Mount Calm, Aug. 7, 8. West, at Elm Mott, Aug. 11. Mart, Aug. 15. Abbott Cir., Aug. 21, 22. Axtell Mis., Aug. 28, 29. W. L. NELMS, P. E.

Greenville District—Third Round.

Greenville Mis., at Concord, July 3, 4. Quinlan Mis., at Williams Ch., July 4, 5. Farlie Cir., at Olive Branch, July 10, 11. Wolfe City, July 11, 12. Leonard and Orange Grove, at O. G., July 17, 18. Lee St. and Jones-Bethel, at J.-B., July 24, 25. Wesley Sta., July 25, 26. Lone Oak Cir., at Miller Grove, Aug. 1, 2. Kavanaugh Sta., Aug. 7, 8. Merit Cir., at Bethel Grove, Aug. 14, 15. Floyd Cir., at Floyd, Aug. 15, 16. Campbell Cir., at Friendship, Aug. 21, 22. Celeste and Lane, at Lane, Aug. 28, 29. Kingstons Mis., at Kizer, Aug. 29, 30. Commerce Mis., at Smith's Ch., Sep. 4, 5. Commerce Sta., September 5, 6. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Third Round.

Winnboro Sta., June 19, 20. Cumbly Cir., at Oakland, June 26, 27. Brashear Cir., Greenview, July 3, 4. Mt. Vernon, at Creezy, July 7. South Franklin Mis., Clear Water, July 10, 11. Hagansport, Lavada, July 17, 18. Sulphur Bluff, at Lone Star, July 21. Sulphur Springs Sta., July 24, 25. Cooper Sta., Aug. 1, 2. Klondike Cir., July 31, Aug. 1. Pearley Cir., Harmony, Aug. 4. Jewell Cir., Aug. 7, 8. Lake Creek, Bushy Mound, Aug. 10. Riley Springs, Aug. 14, 15. W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

McKinney District—Third Round.

Allen Cir., at S. McKinney, June 19, 20. McKinney Sta., June 20, 21. Frisco Cir., at Frisco, June 22. Princeton Cir., at Culleoka, July 3, 4. Nevada Sta., July 10, 11. Wylie Cir., at P. V., July 17, 18. Renner Cir., at Alpha, July 24, 25. Farmers Branch and Carrollton, at C., July 25. Blue Ridge Cir., at P. G., July 31, Aug. 1. Farmersville Sta., August 1, 2. Josephine Cir., at Sabine, August 7, 8. Weston Cir., Cottage Hill, Aug. 14, 15. Celina Sta., Aug. 21, 22. Anna Cir., Chambersville, Aug. 28, 29. J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Bonham District—Third Round.

Honey Grove Cir., at Allen's Ch., June 26, 27. Guber Mis., at Bartley, July 3, 4. Trenton, at Marvin, July 10, 11. Dodd and Windham, at Shady Grove, July 14, 15. Bailey Cir., at Bailey, July 17, 18. Brookston, at Pleasant Hill, July 24, 25. Telephone at Elwood, July 30, Aug. 1. Petty Mis., at Georgia, Aug. 7, 8. Petty and White Rock, at W. R., Aug. 11, 12. South Bonham, at B., Aug. 14, 15. Bonham Sta., Aug. 15, 16. Ladonia Sta., Aug. 22, 23. Honey Grove Sta., Aug. 29, 30. J. B. GOBER, P. E.

Paris District—Third Round.

Deport Cir., at Bogata, June 19, 20. Shady Grove and Marvin's Chapel, at Rock Ford, June 20, 21. Annona Cir., at Garland's Chapel, June 26, 27. White Rock and William's Chapel, at W. R., July 3, 4. Woodland and Kanawha, at Blakeny, July 10, 11. Detroit Sta., at Red Oak, July 17, 18. Blossom and Sylvan, at S., July 18, 19. Rosalie Cir., at Bethel, July 24, 25. Avery Mis., at Shawnee Chapel, July 31, Aug. 1. Clarksville Mis., at Union, Aug. 7, 8. Clarksville Sta., Aug. 8, 9. Paris Cir., at Elbethel, Aug. 14, 15. Bonham Street, at Cross Roads, Aug. 15, 16. Bagwell Mis., at Robbinsville, Aug. 21, 22. Lamar Av., Aug. 28, 29. Centenary, Aug. 29, 30. J. M. SWEETON, P. E.

Dallas District—Third Round.

Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at C. H., June 19, 20. Grace, 11 a. m., June 27. First Church, 8:30 p. m., June 27. Forest Ave. and West Dallas, at W. D., July 3, 4. Fairland, 8:30 p. m., July 4. Oak Cliff, 11 a. m., July 11. Oak Lawn, 8:30 p. m., July 11. Lancaster, July 17, 18. Ervay, 11 a. m., July 25. Trinity, 8:30 p. m., July 25. Grand Prairie, at Irving, July 31, Aug. 1. Cochran, at Cochran, Aug. 7, 8. Grace, 8:30 p. m., Aug. 8. Hutchins and Wilmer, at Wilmer, Aug. 14, 15. Wesley Ch., 8:30 p. m., Aug. 15.

Wheatland, Aug. 21, 22. Oak Lawn, 11 a. m., Aug. 29. Oak Cliff, 8:30 p. m., Aug. 29. J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

Decatur District—Third Round.

Rhame, June 19, 20. Greenwood, June 26, 27. Alvord, June 27, 28. Argyle, July 3, 4. Boyd and Garvin, July 10, 11. Chico Cir., July 17, 18. Jacksboro, July 18, 19. Chico, July 24, 25. Bridgeport, July 25, 26. Mexican Mis., July 26. Ponder and Krum, July 31, August 1. Justin, August 7, 8. Bryson, August 14, 15. Oak Dale, August 15, 16. L. S. BARTON, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Brownwood District—Third Round.

Indian Creek Cir., at Turkey Peak, June 19, 20. Ridge Star Sta., June 25. Sipe Springs Cir., at Macedonia, June 26, 27. Gustine Cir., at Energy, July 2. Comanche Sta., July 3, 4. Bangs Cir., at Concord, July 9. Santa Anna Cir., at Salem, July 10, 11. Talpa Cir., at Midway, July 15. Coleman Cir., at Mt. Olivet, July 16. Valera Cir., at Fisk, July 17, 18. Brownwood Sta., August 3. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

Bowie District—Third Round.

Montague, June 26, 27. Fruitland, June 28, 29. Crafton, July 3, 4. Nacona Cir., July 10, 11. Nocona Sta., July 11, 12. Wichita Falls, July 16. Electra, July 17, 18. Iowa Park, July 24, 25. Bowie Sta., July 30. Bowie Mis., July 31. Bonita, Aug. 7, 8. Byers, Aug. 14, 15. Post Oak, Aug. 21, 22. Holliday, Aug. 28, 29. Henrietta Cir., Sept. 4, 5. Henrietta Sta., Sept. 5, 6. JNO. E. ROACH, P. E.

Abilene District—Third Round.

Abilene, June 19, 20. Merkel, June 20, 21. Trent, at Trent, June 26, 27. Nugent, at Delk, July 3, 4. Albany, at Luders, July 4, 5. Lawn, at Drasco, July 10, 11. Dudley, at Oplin, July 11, 12. Putman, at Scranton, July 17, 18. Sabanno, at Curtis, July 18, 19. Clyde, at Eula, July 24, 25. Baird, July 25, 26. Caps, at Tuscola, July 31, Aug. 1. Nubla, at Knight's S. H., Aug. 1, 2. Tye, at Stith, Aug. 7, 8. Eskota, at Lawlis, Aug. 8, 9. Moran, at Moran, Aug. 14, 15. Cross Plains, at Dressy, Aug. 21, 22. GUS BARNES, P. E.

Stamford District—Third Round.

Royston, Pledger, June 25. Rotan, June 26, 27. Stamford Sta., July 3, 4. West Stamford and Liberty, July 5. Stamford Mis., Ericsdale, July 6. Haskell Sta., July 10, 11. Weibert, Rose Ch., July 12. Avoca, Avoca, July 17, 18. Tuxedo, Anderson Ch., July 21. Goree, Hood, July 24, 25. Bomarton, Ample, July 26. Rule, July 31, Aug. 1. Haskell Mis., Ketrion, Aug. 3. McCauley and Silvester, Neander, Aug. 6. Knox City, Thorp, Aug. 7, 8. Munday, Aug. 14, 15. Pinkerton, Jud, Aug. 28, 29. District Conference at Hamlin, 9 a. m., June 17. J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Vernon District—Third Round.

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., 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.

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, 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 Della, 11:30 a. m., Aug. 27, 28. Coolidge, at Coolidge, 8:30 p. m., Aug. 27, 28. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Georgetown District—Third Round.

Salado, at Prairie Dell, June 19, 20. North Georgetown, at Berry's Creek, June 20, 21. Florence, at Gravis, June 24, 25. Bartlett, June 26, 27. Hutto, at Round Rock, June 28, 29. Temple, Seventh St., July 3, 4. Temple, First Ch., July 4, 5. W. H. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Colorado District—Third Round.

Hermleigh, at Wastella, June 13, 20. Colorado Mis., at Buford, June 26, 27. Colorado Sta., June 27, 28. Loraine Mis., at Zelma, July 1, 2. Big Springs Sta., July 4, 5. Big Springs Mis., Richland, July 3, 4. Camp Springs, at C. S., July 3, 4. Snyder Sta., July 10, 11. Snyder Mis., at Plainview, July 11, 12. Coahoma, at Vincent, July 18, 19.

Westbrook, at Iatan, July 25, 26. Clairmont, at Elkins, Aug. 1-6 (camp-meeting). Dunn, at Dunn, Aug. 7-15 (camp-meeting). Lamesa, at Pride, Aug. 15, 16. Seminole, at Andrews, Aug. 22, 23. Stanton Mis., at Courtney, Aug. 18, 29. Stanton Sta., Aug. 29, 30. SIMEON SHAW, P. E.

Cleburne District—Third Round.

District Conference, at Godley, 10 a. m., June 25. Grandview, July 3, 4. Anglin St., Cleburne, July 6. Grandview Cir., at Chappell Hill, July 10, 11. Brazos Ave., Cleburne, July 11, 12. Covington, at C., July 13. Joshua, at Crowley, July 17, 18. Alvarado, July 24, 25. Main St., Cleburne, July 26. Granbury, July 31, Aug. 1. Granbury Mis., at Fairview, Aug. 2. Morgan & Kopperl, at K., Aug. 7, 8. Cresson, at Falls Creek, Aug. 11. Godley, at Godley, Aug. 13. Walnut Springs, Aug. 14, 15. Harleson, at Harleson, Aug. 18. Main St., Cleburne, 11 a. m., Aug. 22. Blum, at Rio Vista, Aug. 22, 23. Glenrose Mis., at George's Cr., Aug. 26. Glenrose, Aug. 28, 29. E. A. SMITH, P. E.

Gatesville District—Third Round.

Clifton, June 25, 8 p. m. Valley Mills, at V. M., June 26, 27. Nolan, at Nolan, July 3, 4, 11 a. m. Killen Sta., July 4, at 8 p. m.; 5, at 9 a. m. Jonesboro, at Union Grove, July 10, 11. Hamilton Sta., July 17, 18. Gatesville Cir., at Stockton, July 21. Evant Cir., at Lund, July 24, 25. Gatesville Sta., Aug. 1, 8. 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 Young's Port, Aug. 24. Crawford at Coryell City, Aug. 28, 29. J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Third Round.

Missouri Avenue, June 20, 11 a. m. Mulkey Memorial, June 20, 8 p. m. Glenwood, June 23, 8 p. m. McKinley Avenue, June 30, 8 p. m. Handley and Diamond Hill, July 7, 8 p. m. Riverside, July 11, 8 p. m. First Church, July 14, 8 p. m. Azle, July 21, 3 p. m. Mans, 11 a. m. Smithfield, July 28, 3 p. m. Grapevine, August 10, 3 p. m. Kennedale, August 12, 3 p. m. Brooklyn Heights, August 18, 3 p. m. Arlington, August 31, 8 p. m. SAM R. HAY, P. E.

Dublin District—Third Round.

Stephenville Cir., June 26, 27. Carlton, 11 a. m., July 2. Hico, July 3, 4. Desdemona, 11 a. m., July 7. Gorman, 8:30 p. m., July 9. Carbon, July 10, 11. Cisco Mis., 11 a. m., July 12. Stephenville Sta., July 17, 18. Huckabay, 11 a. m., July 20. Polar Star, 11 a. m., July 22. Cisco Sta., July 25. Dublin, 8:30 p. m., July 28. DuFau, July 31, Aug. 1. Ireddell, 11 a. m., Aug. 3. Bunyan, Aug. 7, 8. Harbin, Aug. 8, 9. Bluffdale, Aug. 14, 15. DeLeon Sta., Aug. 22. DeLeon Mis., Aug. 22, 23. Proctor, Aug. 28, 29. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Weatherford District—Third Round.

Santo, at Tarlton, June 19, 20. Gordon, at Gordon, July 3, 4. Thurber, July 4, 5. Strawn, at Strawn, July 6. Ranger, at Oakley, July 7. Wayland, at Union Hill, July 10, 11. Breckenridge, at Aedion, July 12. Mineral Wells, July 17, 18. Grafad, at Lucille, July 24, 25. Whitt, at Whitt, July 31, Aug. 1. Peaster, at Peaster, Aug. 1, 2. Graham Mis., Connor Creek, July 7, 8. Graham Sta., Aug. 8, 9. Farmer, at True, Aug. 10. Eliasville, at Chandler, Aug. 12. Crystal Falls, Crook's Ch., Aug. 14, 15. Throckmorton, at T., Aug. 15, 16. Davis Mis., Aug. 17. M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Clarendon District—Third Round.

Memphis Sta., June 19, 20. Groom, at Goodnight, June 23. Amarillo Sta., June 26, 27. Clarendon Sta., July 3, 4. Panhandle, at Panhandle, July 8. Miami, at Moleetle, July 10, 11. Shamrock, at Ramsdell, July 12. McLean, at Heald, July 14. Canyon City Sta., July 17, 18. Higgins Sta., July 23. Glazier Mis., at Glazier, July 24. Canadian Sta., July 24, 25. Wheeler, at Cataline, July 31, Aug. 1. Ochiltree Mis., at Ochiltree, Aug. 7, 8. Hansford Mis., at Grand Plains, Aug. 10. Stratford Sta., Aug. 12. Dumas Cir., at Dumas, Aug. 14, 15. Dalhart Sta., Aug. 20. Texline Mis., at Hartley, Aug. 21. Channing Sta., Aug. 21, 22. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Third Round.

Italy, June 26, 27. Milford, at Midway, July 3, 4. Venus, at Barnsville, July 10, 11. Lovelace, at Pleasant Hill, July 11, 12. Alma, at Avalon, July 14. Britton, at St. Paul, July 17, 18. Ovilla, at Long Branch, July 21. Bethel, July 24, 25. Lillian, at Prairie Grove, July 29. Red Oak, at Red Oak, July 31-Aug. 1. Maypearl, at Oak Branch, Aug. 2. Midlothian, Aug. 22, 23. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Brenham District—Third Round.

Giddings, June 19, 20. Brenham, June 25, 27. Wharton, July 3, 4. Glenflora, 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. Caldwell Mis., 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.

Marshall District—Third Round.

Jefferson Sta., preaching a. m., June 20. Marshall, First Ch., preaching p. m., June 20. Longview Sta., preaching p. m., June 27. District Conference, Beckville, June 29-July 2. Gilmer Sta., July 4, 5. Groveton, Harleton Cir., preaching p. m., July 5. Hallville Cir., Summerfield, July 10, 11. Gilmer Cir., Glenwood, July 17, 18. Rhonesboro Cir., Hamill's Ch., July 19, 20. Longview Sta., Quarterly Conference, Aug. 25. Church Hill Cir., Pleasant Hill, July 22, 23. Henderson Cir., Bethel, July 24, 25. Henderson Sta., July 25, 26. Beckville Cir., Allison's Ch., Aug. 1, 2. Harrison Cir., Karnak, Aug. 7, 8. Waskom Cir., Bethel, Aug. 14, 15. Marshall, First Church, Quarterly Conference, Aug. 16. Kellyville Cir., Smithland, Aug. 21, 22. North Marshall, Quarterly Conference, Aug. 25. Jefferson Sta., Quarterly Conference, Aug. 26. Harleton Cir., Harleton, Aug. 28, 29. H. T. CUNNINGHAM, P. E.

Jacksonville District—Third Round.

Elkhart, Holmes, June 19, 20. Centenary, June 29. Keltys, at Huntington, June 26, 27. Caro, at Caro, June 27. Cushing, at Nat, July 3, 4. Alto Cir., at Lynch's, July 10, 11. Jacksonville Sta., July 11. Trope and Overton, at Bethel, July 15. Athens, July 18. Eustace, Meredith, July 18-21. Neches, Fields, July 24, 25. Grace, July 25. Jacksonville Cir., at Turney, July 31, Aug. 1. Brushy Creek, at Brush C., Aug. 18, 19. Lurie, at Baxter, Aug. 21, 22. Kilgore, at Hopewell, Aug. 25, 26. Mt. Selman, Tatum's, Aug. 28, 29. Bullard, Aug. 29, 30. Malakoff, Sept. 4, 5. ELLIS SMITH, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Third Round.

Douglassville, Jarvis C., June 19, 20. Dalby Springs, at Lawrence Ch., June 26, 27. New Boston and DeKalb, at N. B., June 28. Nasah, at Buchanan, July 3, 4. Central, Texarkana, July 4, 5. Hardy Memorial, July 10, 11. Redwater, at Concord, July 17, 18. Winfield, at Oak Grove, July 24, 25. Mt. Pleasant Sta., July 25, 26. Pittsburg Cir., at Ebenezer, July 21, Aug. 1. Pittsburg Sta., Aug. 8, 9. Quitman, Aug. 12. Winnboro, Forest Home, Aug. 14, 15. Hughes Springs, Aug. 20. Daingerfield, Aug. 21, 22. Naples and Omaha, Aug. 28, 29. R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

Calvert District—Third Round.

Hearne and Broomfield, at B., June 25. Petteway, at Boon Prairie, June 26, 27. Marlin Sta., June 29. Lott and Durango, at Lott, July 3, 4. Fraxis, at Snodgrass S. H., July 10, 11. Calvert Sta., July 14th. Kosse and Reagan, at Alto, July 17, 18. Rosebud Sta., July 24, 25. Fairfield and Dew, at Dew, July 21, Aug. 1. Teague Sta., Aug. 1, 2. Tola, at Gum Springs, Aug. 7, 8. Centerville, at Centerville, Aug. 14, 15. Mansfield, at Port Sullivan, Aug. 21, 22. Wheelock Cir., at Harris' Chapel, Aug. 28, 29. Franklin Sta., Aug. 29, 30. Jewett, at Buffalo, Sept. 4, 5. District Conference meets at Lott Wednesday morning, June 30. E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

Austin District—Third Round.

Cedar Park, at Hopewell, June 19, 20. West Point, at Ford's Prairie, June 26, 27. Weimar, at County Line, July 3, 4. McDade, at Lawrence Chapel, July 17, 18. Smithville, at S., 7:30 p. m., July 21. LaGrange, at L., 7:30 p. m., July 23. Columbus, at Columbus, July 24, 25. Eagle Lake, at Altair, July 25, 26. Walnut, at W., 2:30 p. m., July 28. University Church, at Austin, 11 a. m., August 1. First Street, Austin, 7:30 p. m., August 1. Tenth Street, Austin, 11 a. m., August 8. South Austin, Austin, 7:30 p. m., Aug. 8. NAT B. READ, P. E.

Houston District—Third Round.

Brunner, June 20. Columbia and Brazoria, June 27. Angleton, July 3, 4. (Other dates later.) CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E.

Huntsville District—Third Round.

Madisonville Mis., Hollis, June 26, 27. Madisonville Sta., June 27, 28. Montgomery Cir., at Harmony, July 3, 4. Grapeland and Lovelady, at L., July 8. Augusta Cir., at Augusta, July 10, 11. Crockett Sta., July 12. Navasota Sta., July 18, 19. San Jacinto Cir., at Bay, July 24, 25. Willis Cir., at Willis, July 31, Aug. 1. Huntsville Sta., Aug. 1, 2. Dodge Mis., at Black Jack, Aug. 3. Conroe Sta., Aug. 4. Bryan Sta., Aug. 8, 9. Cold Springs Mis., at Evergreen, Aug. 14, 15. Shepherd and Cleveland Cir., at Lamb, Aug. 28, 29. Willard Cir., at Willard, Sept. 4, 5. Groveton Sta., Sept. 5, 6. H. C. WILLIS, P. E.

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THE SUNDAY SERVICE

I have a friend whom I have loved as a brother for thirty years. He is the pastor of one of our great Churches. Upon hearing that he had a surprised choir and that the Processional and Recessional were sung by this choir, I wrote to this brother beloved a loving protest, and received a loving reply. I shall give the main points in his reply, after I say that so far as I can see he gives a better argument for a vested choir than those others give for the use of the creed and the gloria patri. But his argument for the vested choir, and the others' argument for the creed are nothing more nor less than the Episco-

palian's argument for the liturgic prayer.

First let me quote a reason given for the creed and the gloria:

"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."

Now, that is the best statement of the liturgist's side of the question I have yet seen. So far as I can see, it is the very best statement that can be made on that side. Now let my dear friend with the vested choir and the processional give his reasons for these things. He has gone beyond the creed and gloria stage of liturgical development. But hear him:

"The first reason was to develop a choir spirit, for if you do not know it, there is no child's play in organizing and holding and using to the best advantage a voluntary chorus choir in a downtown church where these members of the choir, as a rule, live miles away from the church. The uniform develops that choir spirit, so that it is not difficult to secure their attendance at the choir practice, etc.

"In the second place, it solves an economical question with our chorus choir. Some of them are rich and some are poor. Some can afford to dress elegantly, and some, to be honest, must dress poorly, and the contrast puts the poor boys and girls in the choir at a disadvantage, but the uniform makes them all alike, etc.

"And another consideration is found in the worshipful spirit that the processional promotes. In most Methodist Churches there is an obvious lack of devout and worshipful spirit preceding the hour for services to begin. An interim between Sunday-school and Church services occurs, when a good deal of confusion obtains, which is dissipating to a proper decorum and a genuine worshipful spirit. The uniform choir, and especially the processional just before the regular services begin, has aided us in promoting that preparation for prayer and worship in the regular services."

Now I beg to be permitted to add the argument of the Episcopalian for liturgical or printed prayers, briefly, as follows: "Objection to liturgical prayer," say they, "is urged only by those who are unaccustomed to it." "Those familiar with it find it promotes attention and devotion in prayer; that it corroborates the sentiment of the communion of saints in all times and all ages, since the Church, from a very early period till now, and throughout the larger part of Christendom, has worshiped and continues to worship by means of the same forms; that it would be as reasonable to insist that the minister should make his own hymns as his own prayers; and that, if a prayer book in the hands of a worshiper is unfavorable to spirituality of worship, a hymn book should be equally so; that worship, being the common act of the whole congregation, may properly be conducted by forms common to all; while preaching, being the work of the minister for the instruction of the people, is necessarily the act of one."

Now, that is a stronger argument for liturgical worship than either of the two arguments made by our above liturgical Methodists. It is stronger, but it is the same kind, and it is stronger because the Episcopalian is wholly for it, while the Methodists above are only partially for it.

But let us go a little further and hear a brief statement from the Roman Catholic ritualism. Let him tell us something of the sacrifice of mass.

"Why do you (Protestants) pray, and go to Church, and why are you baptized and receive communion and the rite of confirmation? What is the use of these exercises, if the sacrifice of the cross is all-sufficient? You will tell me that in all these acts you apply to yourself the merits of Christ's passion. I will tell you, in return, that in the sacrifice of the mass I apply to myself the merits of the sacrifice of the cross," etc.

Of the ceremonies: "The ceremonies of the Church not only render divine service more solemn, but also rivet our attention and lift it up to God."

Of the service of mass: "Here you have not merely a number of prayers strung together, but you witness a scene which rivets pious attention, and warms the heart into fervent devotion."

Let the reader go back and trace up the central thought in these arguments—from gloria patri up to the sacrifice of mass.

The Methodist argues that the creed and the gloria produce a "worshipful frame of mind." The second Methodist argues that a vested choir and

the processional promote "that preparation for prayer and worship" and a "worshipful spirit." The Episcopalian argues that liturgical or printed prayers promote "attention and devotion in prayer."

The Catholic argues that the sacrifice of mass "rivets pious attention and warms the heart into fervent devotion."

Now, if I accept the arguments of the Methodist brother for the gloria, I must accept that of the other for the vested choir, and that forces me to accept that of the Episcopalian for the liturgic prayer, and then I must accept that of the Episcopalian for sacrifice of mass.

J. E. HARRISON.

ORDER OF SERVICE.

It seems strange to a number of us that Methodist ministers should grow excited about the order of service. Our editor tells us that a number of them are really making faces and calling each other bad names. That is never in good taste. Dr. Harrison is a Christian and a gentleman and has a perfect right to express himself on any matter pertaining to the Church through our Church organ. He is in favor of the old order. Other brethren are equally devoted to the new, and loyalty becomes a watchword with them.

I think I am well within the mark when I say that the great majority of Methodist ministers do not care a cent about either order. To insist that we follow either is ritualistic. The essence of ritualism is to teach that in our public worship we must approach God in a certain way. To say that we must worship according to the old order is ritualistic; to say that we must worship according to the new is equally so. It is six for the one, half a dozen for the other. The bulk of Methodist ministers will go along as they have always done, varying the order as they think best for the spirit of worship. Lack of uniformity has no terrors for them. They are neither old nor new order ritualists; they are Methodists.

There are some who believe that in the baptismal service we ought to use the ritual and all the ritual. There are those who even insist that in the marriage ceremony we must not leave out the word "obey." I have known some who objected to the new order of worship who were sticklers for all of the ritual in baptism, marriage, etc. These tithers of mint and anise and cummin do not represent the great body of the Methodist clergy who will proceed calmly to give out a song when they think it best and have two prayers before the service, if they so desire. Methodism has stood for liberty and will not be bound by the grave clothes of formalism.

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Harvey-Kelley.—At the Methodist parsonage at Columbus, Texas, on June 6, 1909, at 2:30 p. m., Mr. Jesse Harvey, of Glidden, Texas, and Miss Rose Lee Kelley, of Glidden, Texas, Rev. J. W. Rowland officiating.

Stewart-Chaddie.—In Boonsville, Texas, on January 17, 1909, Mr. Grover Stewart and Miss Callie Shaddie, Rev. S. E. Pritchett officiating.

Reynolds-Franklin.—Near Westbrook, Texas, on May 23, 1909, Mr. L. N. Reynolds and Miss Hattie Franklin, Rev. S. E. Pritchett officiating.

Heath-Cox.—Three miles west of Gilbourn, Texas, at the residence of the bride's father, June 6, 1909, Mr. L. S. Heath and Miss Nanna Belle Cox, Rev. S. E. Pritchett officiating.

McAlester-Barns.—At the home of the writer, near Martin's Mill, Van Zandt County, Texas, May 19, 1909, at 10 p. m., Mr. William B. McAlester and Miss Addie Barns, Rev. Frank Everett officiating.

Brown-Miller.—At the home of the bride's father, J. W. Miller, in Bondo, Texas, June 2, 1909, Mr. C. B. Brown and Miss Agnes Miller, Rev. W. W. Nunn officiating.

Lovell-Battle.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in Farmersville, Texas, at 8:30 p. m., June 2, 1909, Mr. Thomas M. Lovell and Miss Milton Battle, Rev. Jesse G. Forester officiating.

Pratt-Connervey.—At the residence of the bride's mother, in Midlothian, Texas, on the evening of June 2, 1909, Mr. J. E. Pratt, of Ferris, Texas, and Miss Mabel Connervey, Rev. S. W. Turner officiating.

Henderson-Bourland.—At Willis Point, Texas, at the residence of the bride's parents, on the morning of May 28, 1909, Mr. Claude S. Henderson, of Pittsburg, Texas, and Miss Effie Louise Bourland, of Willis Point, Rev. H. T. Cunningham officiating.