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EDITORIAL

PRESIDENT TAFT AND HIGH POSTAGE.

In his recent message to Congress President Taft discussed the large deficit now confronting the Postal Department, and as a means of relief, he recommended that the rate on second class matter, such as magazines and weekly papers, be raised from one cent to a much larger amount; and Congress now has the matter under consideration. If his recommendation is adopted, then a heavy burden will fall on the magazines, and especially the weekly newspapers. As we are more concerned with the weekly paper, we want to point out the grave injustice done to these publications. The magazine will be involved, but it will have some relief by virtue of the fact that much of its shipments can take the freight route instead of the postal. The weekly paper, therefore, is the one to be badly crippled by this arrangement. And in the suggestion is a gross discrimination, in that the political daily and semi-weekly papers are not touched. They are to be continued at the one cent rate.

If the suggestion becomes a law, then the weekly paper will be forced to raise its subscription price, and this will be an additional burden upon the people. They will have to pay a larger price for the weekly, or be deprived of its visits. And this in the face of the fact that the weekly paper is the medium through which the common people get the largest measure of their intelligence. Comparatively few of them take a daily paper, but the great majority of them take weekly papers. These papers are published at a reasonable subscription price because the postal rate on second class matter is only one cent. But the moment that it is doubled and tripled then the publisher can no longer afford to keep his subscription price down to its present rate, for he is working already on a low margin of profit. So that the President's suggestion is a blow at the educational needs of the common people. It will levy a tax where the tax is least able to be borne. Beside this, it will retard the educational development of many of this class, for with an increased price of subscription they will be unable to meet it, and hence the weekly paper, in many instances, will cease to carry intelligence to their homes.

In the same message of the President he recommends to Congress a large ship-subsidy to be paid out of the taxes of the people so as to promote commerce with other countries, thereby placing a greater emphasis upon commercial development than upon the religious and moral development of the people. Instead of this, the Government ought to encourage the latter rather than the former. What will be the effect of laying this embargo upon the dissemination of general and religious intelligence among the common people? It will be a blow at the stability of our National Government. Our form of government is dependent upon the virtue and intelligence of the common people. Now let the President's suggestion meet with

favor by Congress, and the masses of the people will but cut off from this source of moral and religious growth.

Besides this, we hold that the deficit in the Postal Department is not caused by the one cent rate granted to the magazine and the weekly paper, because these publications create such a demand for first-class postage, in the way of letter correspondence, that the publications actually bring money to the department. They are one of its sources of income, rather than a tax. When you come to think about it, the Government is creating this deficit by the large amounts it pays to the railway corporations for the transportation of its mails. If it would cut this waste down, the deficit would disappear. But instead of making these huge corporations bear their part of the burden, the President proposes to make the magazines and the weekly periodical bear it, which is another form of trying to make the hard working people bear it. We hope therefore that every reader of the Advocate will write his Congressman and United States Senators a personal letter, protesting against this burdensome demand upon the masses of the people of this country. The suggestion of the President must be defeated by Congress, or disastrous results will follow. Whenever it can be shown to Congress that this burden will fall upon the people by this additional tax upon them for their weekly papers, then that body will look elsewhere to find a way in to meet this deficit. Therefore, write without delay to your Representative in Congress protesting against this raise in postage on the weekly paper.

A GREAT VICTORY.

The many friends in Texas of the American Bible Society will rejoice to know that its campaign to raise \$500,000.00 in order to secure an offer of a similar amount from Mrs. Russell Sage is now fast assuming the form of a great victory. The great task seemed to move slowly for quite a while, and the society came down to the last month of the time allowed it by Mrs. Sage with a balance of over \$200,000.00 to raise. It seemed as though Mrs. Sage's offer would go by default, but December had better things in store. An aroused Christian sentiment for the giving of God's Word to the world during that month poured into the society's treasury something like \$160,000.00 of the \$200,000.00 needed. On the first of January what had been accomplished was laid before Mrs. Sage and she cheerfully consented to extend the time a few weeks longer that the small balance of forty odd thousand dollars might be secured. January has brought in over half of this balance and today something like \$18,000.00 only is needed to wind up the great campaign. This, however, must be forthcoming in a few weeks. The Southwest, and Texas especially, has done surprisingly well in the matter, Rev. Glenn Flinn reporting from this section almost \$28,000.00 in cash and pledges. Many have given largely, and a multitude have made smaller gifts, but there are many more who ought to have a part in winding the matter up. Let those interested write Brother Flinn, whose of-

fice is in Dallas, at once. Good subscriptions are wanted; payments may be made later.

The American Bible Society is abundantly vindicating its claim to the help of the people of our section. Under its auspices during the past year thirty persons were used in supplying the destitute sections of our Southwest with the Word. Fifteen of these did work among our foreign population. The report of the society's secretary for the year shows that these workers actually spent 1954 days in their work, traveled 22,430 miles, visited 467 towns and villages, and 66,715 homes. 22,789 of these homes were found without a bible and a large part of these were supplied. Over 26,000 Bibles, Testaments and portions in twenty-nine languages were circulated in the Southwest, and nearly 7,000 of these were gifts. The visible results of this distribution have been the reformation of drunkards, the conversion of sinners, and in quite a number of instance the opening of effectual doors among the foreign population for the preaching of the gospel. There is no more fundamental form of Christian service being done today in our country than this of putting the Word into the hands of those who do not have it. The organization that stands for this should command at once our earnest prayers and support.

THE NUMBER OF BISHOPS.

We now have seven Bishops on the active list. One of them is nearing four-score years and quite feeble, and another one is beyond that mile-post in the way of life. Really we have only five men in this office between the ages of fifty and seventy, and they have nearly two millions of members and several thousand preachers to oversee. These are scattered over our Southland, portions of the West, Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, China and Korea. There are more demands now being made upon our chief pastors than ever before; but such is their limitation, on account of the depleted condition of the college, that they are unable to do but little more than hurriedly preside over the conferences and assign the preachers. We can not depend upon them to lead any of our great enterprises or to assist in the extension of our borders into new fields of operation. They are being worked to death by the drafts now drawn upon their time and strength, and the Church is suffering on account of this fact. We, therefore, need to strengthen our Episcopacy by the addition of a large number of new men to our present force. The Church everywhere demands this, and we are sure that the General Conference will heed the demand. If Bishops are a vital force in our work, then we want that force multiplied so that the Church will have the largest benefit from this source. Heretofore the Committee on Episcopacy has been composed of certain brethren who long occupied that position, and they have always followed the policy of keeping the number of Bishops at a minimum figure. But three-fourths of the Committee on Episcopacy in the next General Conference will be new men, and they will doubtless stand for a maximum number. At least we have heard of several of them expressing themselves in that way.

Readjustment of Our Boards of Missions

Rev. John M. Moore, D. D.

That there is need of a readjustment and a new alignment of our Boards of Missions is very evident from the fact that our Home Mission work is now conducted under three independent boards, while our Foreign Mission work is conducted in the General Board with the Home work, and has loosely co-ordinated with it the Woman's Foreign Missionary Board. We need to unify, as far as possible, our Home work, and to bring about a unitary plan in our foreign work. To achieve these results, the boards having control of these fields should be closely co-ordinated. Church Extension is a species of Home Missions, and during the last quadrennium much Home Mission work has been done by the Church Extension Board. The Assistant Secretary of Home Missions and the Secretary of Church Extension have been laboring frequently in the same field, independent of each other. Church Extension and Home Missions should be carried on by the same board. Home Mission work should not be conducted under any board independent of the Church Extension work. The two are one, and must go hand in hand, as the experiences of the past quadrennium have clearly shown. The need of readjustment has been clearly brought out by the independent working of the Board of Church Extension, the Home Department of the Board of Missions, and the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Co-operation has been secured in certain fields of labor by the three Secretaries agreeing upon what should be done, but co-operation should not be left to the Secretaries, but it should be incorporated in the very plan of the Church. The Woman's Home Mission Board should be closely co-ordinated with the board that has charge of Home Missions and Church Extension.

There are two ways of bringing about this readjustment. One is the forming of one great Board of Missions with various departments. These departments may represent Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Church Extension, the Laymen's Missionary Movement, the Woman's Home Mission Board, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Board—six departments, over which would be an Assistant Secretary, and over the entire board one General Secretary. This is a great merger and appeals to men who are caught by the corporation idea of the times. Is there any one man in Southern Methodism who is capable of being Secretary of the world? If he is to be a real Secretary, and not a figure-head, he must be able to direct the interests of each of these six departments. Only a master mind, moving in a master body, upheld by a master spirit, would be able to do anything that approaches passing work in such a great system as this. If the heads of these six departments are more than figure-heads then their personalities in the directing of the interests of their various departments would soon produce a rivalry in the administration—a rivalry, which even the General Secretary, with his limited knowledge of the multitudinous details of the departments, would be unable to allay. Each of these Assistant Secretaries would be more or less under the control of the General Secretary, and consequently, only the one man, in all the work of the Board of Missions, would have unlimited play of his powers.

A second method would be to create a Board of Foreign Missions that will have charge of all the missionary work of the Church, including Church Extension, in all countries outside of the United States, and of any missionary work that might be established in Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands; and a Board of Home Missions and Church Extension that will have charge of all the general missionary work and Church Extension in the United States, excepting Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands. Put over these boards a Secretary and an Assistant. These two boards would represent the two fields. The Secretary of Foreign Missions would have his whole thought and time and powers for Foreign Missionary work. The Secretary of the Home Missions and Church Extension Board, with his Assistant, would have free play of their abilities in the solution of the home problems. By these two boards we could develop specialists, and the boards themselves would be much more able to adopt adequate methods for reaching the fields under

their direction. Someone may say that there would be friction between the two boards, due to rivalry in the securing of funds and in the success of their work. There is no more chance of rivalry with two boards than there is with two departments under the same board, with the two Assistant Secretaries giving full vent to their personalities; and that there would be a more effective administration, business-like and direct, by means of the two boards having control of two distinct territories, there surely can be no question.

The two Women's Societies have been eminently successful. To destroy their autonomy at this date might bring disaster upon their remarkable labors. Should the leaders of these societies find it wise to unite their work in the Home field with the work of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, and do away with their board and control their work through a general board, of which some members would be women; and should the Foreign Missionary Society be willing to follow a similar plan in regard to the Board of Foreign Missions, I would have no objections, but if the women desire to maintain their autonomy, thinking that thereby they would be more effective in their work, I think they should be allowed to do so. Yet, at the same time, such a co-ordination of the boards should be brought about as will insure co-operation in all the fields of labor. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Board should be closely co-ordinated with the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Woman's Board of Home Missions should be closely co-ordinated with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. The purpose of the co-operation is to secure a unitary plan of operation in every field in which the General Boards and the Women's Boards now have work, or may have work. To secure this co-operation, two General Councils may be created, composed of men and women, one for the foreign work and one for the home work. The General Council on Foreign Missions may be composed of three Bishops, five ministers, two laymen, who should be appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions, and the General Secretary, also the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and five women, who may be appointed by the Woman's Board. This General Council on Foreign Missions should act as the Joint Commission on Foreign work for the General Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. The purpose of this council should be the bringing about of thorough co-operation of the two boards in their respective fields of labor. It should be the duty of this council to give careful study to the various fields and the important points in the fields, and to agree upon recommendations to be made to the respective boards concerning the places to be occupied, the amount of money to be appropriated to the various fields, districts, or cities, and the number and kind of workers to be employed in the same. While the work of this council will be advisory, yet the respective boards should be required to give careful consideration to its recommendations that thorough co-operation in the work of the two boards may be secured.

The General Council of Home Missions may be composed of two Bishops, five ministers, three laymen, and the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, who shall be appointed by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; also the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the General Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and five women, who shall be appointed by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. This council shall act as a Joint Commission on Home Missions for the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The purpose of this council shall be the establishment and the maintenance of thorough co-operation of the two boards in the work of missions in the United States. This commission shall give careful study to the needs of the country district, the mining sections, the factory population, the mountaineers, the foreign colonies, and the cities, and shall agree upon recommendations to be made to the respective boards concerning the places to be occupied, the

amount of money to be appropriated to the various fields, classes, and cities, and the number and kind of workers to be employed in the same. The work of this commission is advisory, yet the respective boards should be asked to give careful consideration to its recommendations, as only through this commission can thorough co-operation in the specific work among needy sections and classes be secured and maintained.

This plan of co-ordination will secure effectiveness by insuring to the four Secretaries free use of all their powers for planning and operating within the limits prescribed by a General Council. It will unify the work on the foreign field by bringing the two boards to working upon the same plan, and a similar unification in the specific general missionary work in the cities, among the mountaineers, the mining population, the foreign colonies, and other such classes. There would be no laboring at cross purposes, and there would be, by virtue of these two General Councils, only co-operation continually. The women's society would retain their desired autonomy. There would be no more danger of rivalry and friction than under any other plan, and at the same time harmony, co-operation and united effort would be secured.

St. John's Church, St. Louis, Mo.

SAN ANTONIO METHODISM.

It is always such a pleasure to me to say nice things about men that I can not resist the desire to tell something good about the preachers who represent our Church in San Antonio.

I think that, without reflecting upon any other town or city in the State, it is safe to say that there is less of rivalry and more of the spirit of real connectionalism in this city than in any place of its size in the State, if not in the entire Church.

The reports of the preachers at the regular pastors' meetings are not only listened to with relish and delight by those who are only waiting to make their own reports, but there is such a genuine and robust pride taken in each report by those who listen that you feel you are among a band of conquerors fresh from a field of victory where every soldier is proud of what his comrade in arms has done.

The presiding elder is in sympathy with every man he has, and is always at the preachers' meeting, if possible.

The spirit manifested by S. H. C. Burgen has, I think, done more to extend and solidify this connectional work than anything else, since he is the Central pastor.

With the least tinge of centralization he could easily thwart any movement of church extension and brotherly helpfulness projected by those in authority. "Honor to whom honor is due." He deserves it. He has not stood idly by to see and possibly complain of the progress made by other men in the city, but has, on the contrary, gone into the work himself, with his coat off and his shoulder to the wheel. And when it would have been easy to discourage a change of membership in the interest of his own congregation, he has made it his business to advise such a change if it would be conducive to a larger growth and a stronger hold upon the strategic points of the city. It takes the grace of God and an unselfish catholicity to do such a thing as that.

I would be glad to tell of Beall, and his belt of revivals around San Antonio; and of Buchanan, in his new charge; and of Groves, with his splendid League and his spiritual congregation; of Allbritton, with his increasing crowds; and of Moore, who is "more" of a Texan now than a Tennessean; of Lyle, with his new church project, because of a house too small in which to hold his Sunday-school; of Swanson, now riding on the "front seat" and in the saddle; and of Dr. Harrison, with his great school, and his uncompromising opposition to formalism, but my space forbids.

I think, however, that every man whom I have named will agree with me in saying, that J. D. Young has wrought one of the most remarkable works in this city ever seen in the same length of time. Indeed it has been phenomenal. It is true that the ground had been well prepared, but there are the fewest number of men who could have taken advantage of the conditions, and rushed it to success as quickly as he has done. And yet he says he has "only begun to work." He came here (from my old conference please remember; the greatest conference in the Church)

on the 24th day of November, and took charge of some lots prepared for him by the united efforts of the pastors last year. That was all he had. When he was introduced by Brother Burgen to the Travis Park Church as "The pastor of some lots at Laurel Heights" we all laughed, and Young had on his face that beautiful grin, that has made some folks think he was handsome. He looked really embarrassed. But he didn't stay embarrassed. He went to work. He got a crown together who lived near his "lots" and organized a committee which in Mexican parlance would have been called a "Comite de Fomento." They were made up of some of the foremost men in professional and business life of San Antonio, and they went to work and "fomented" the indispensable necessity of a Church at Laurel Heights. They projected a new church and built a shack known as the architect's home, and called it a "tabernacle." The rain and sleet and cold weather came, but it did not deter them from holding services even before the windows were in place. Young kept at work, and in two weeks he reported nearly one hundred members. Then the people began to see he meant business, and sent in their requests to be entered as charter members. But Young does not believe in absorption as a means of growth. He went out among the people of the city, and dug them up in gangs. Today, he has 185 members, 110 of whom he has hunted out from the offices and homes of men, many of whom did not go to church.

He had a big blowout not long ago, and had it opened, and led by laymen who had never been to the forefront before. They horoscope the future of that Church in glowing colors, and spoke of their pride in being permitted to help lay its foundation stones.

The official board met, and attended to all the financial interests of the church in a broad and generous way, that would do credit to a church of a thousand members. They put all the collections into one general budget, and made the pastor's salary \$3,000 (counting the parsonage at \$500.00).

Now I think that is grand. There was no one to tell it without the charge of self-aggrandizement, and as I am not in the regular work I have told it for them all. I am sure that every man whose heart beats in the right place will say it ought to have been told, if by any means it would inspire others to braver and more aggressive work for God.

J. H. COLLARD.

BRO. FIELDS AND THE LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

Bro. M. D. Fields, Conference Leader Laymen's Missionary Movement, was with us January 12. It was regular prayer-meeting night, and the two interests gave us a comfortably filled house. Bro. Fields is in earnest and made his audience feel it. He gave us much needed information and we all appreciated it. This is one of the great needs of the Church. Information would give the masses, as well as the few, the "vision." Once the "vision" of the world's needs and the Church's possibilities are caught by the great body of the Church things are going to happen, such as we have not yet dreamed of. I cannot conceive of a more efficient or desirable Church than through these consecrated, busy laymen for this information to come. The most of the preachers and a goodly number of consecrated women have had this great "vision" of the world's need and the Church's possibilities.

But they could not arouse the men who held the keys to the great safes, and who at the same time were capable of pushing the work by word as well as deed. But great numbers of them are seeing "men as trees walking," and are seeking the full "vision" of the great promise of the father to the son—ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession." Psa. 2:8.

How long the Church has been praying for the Lord to open the doors and let workers into the vineyard, and yet how long the doors seemed shut and bolted. But when God saw the Church getting ready to enter the open doors, in a strange way the five allied powers of the world marched in front of the gates of Peking when the thunder of their artillery, practically, shook wide-open every provincial door of China. Even before this the Sunrise Kingdom had thrown wide her doors, and now Korea has absolutely taken every door off the hinges, and like

Macedonia, is crying "Come over and help us."

Old Africa with her millions of sable sons is plaintively singing as anon they catch a ray of light, "Swing low sweet chariot." Priest-ridden Mexico, South and Central America, who so long have been sitting in the region of the shadow of death, are hailing joyfully the light that is springing in their midst.

The fact is God has surprised the Church in "doing more for it than it was able to ask or in any wise worthy to receive." What we need now is men, women and money to go in and occupy. These century upon century prayers have not only opened effectually the doors, but its reflex is in the awakening the laymen at home. Hence this great missionary movement among the laymen of Houston just at this time. I happened to be at a meeting of the pastors' co-operative union a short time since, and the laymen had two of their speakers addressing the city preachers on the great Laymen's Conference to be held there, February 18-21.

Every Sunday laymen are going out over the county and addressing the people on this great Laymen's Missionary Movement. "What meaneth this?" the multitudes inquired on the day of Pentecost. May we not believe it is the descent of the cloven tongues, like as of fire, and the infilling of the Holy Ghost for service. Having had a taste of these laymen's enthusiasm in the coming of Bro. Fields we are going to have others of them. Dayton is entitled to and must have the best that is going. On with the Laymen's Missionary Movement until every man, woman and child shall marvel at the wonderful works of God.

THOS. G. WHITTEN.
Dayton, Texas.

DIVERSITY IN RELIGION.

Rev. J. H. Brunner, D. D.

One star differeth from another star in glory. So it is with the fruits and flowers of earth. Why then do men contend for uniformity in the worship of God? Non-conformists so-called are as sincere as can be—the straightest devotees of formality. Such the reflections I had on reading a letter from a granddaughter, now in New York City. She is there taking a post-graduate course in the Columbia University and seeing the sights of the town and vicinity. She writes in part as follows:

"I had a visit Saturday and Sunday from a Yale friend who had been back to Mississippi to spend the holidays, and on Sunday we went to three different Churches—St. Patrick's Cathedral, which is said to be the equal of the Old World's cathedrals; the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, where the first man I noticed was John D. Rockefeller, and where we had a fine sermon on "Give us this day our daily bread," and fine music also; and in the afternoon to the famous McAuley Mission down on the East Side almost under the Brooklyn bridge. One can hardly conceive of a greater religious contrast than we saw between the showy formality of St. Patrick's and the red-hot zeal of the mission service. The locations, the music, the words spoken, the congregations and the very air were different. One might almost dare to say that the God worshiped was not the same. At the mission of course the services were mostly songs and testimony, and some of the stories were almost stranger than fiction, though you could not for an instant doubt their truth. The converts would tell to the minute, almost, the time since they had been saved. Some numbered their new life by many years; some by months, others by days. And in the backward space were men who were certainly in need of the news, lured in, most of them, by the promise of a free meal afterwards; some of them stolid and sullen, others restless, and even crying as the testimony went on. I saw one convert offer his handkerchief to a poor fellow near him to wipe away his tears. I think it was the most powerful meeting I ever attended."

Such the diversity observed in one day by a school girl far away from

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home, who can tell which service was most acceptable to God?

Poor Bunyan, jailed twelve years because he differed from a State Church! And martyrs unnumbered, because they failed to conform with established usages. We ought to be thankful that we live in a land where all men are free to worship God in their own way.

CLEAN UP YOUR MORAL PREMISES.
Number Three.

The writer cites a case to illustrate the point more fully under consideration. The reader may take this as fact or fiction, so it serves the purpose of bringing the matter clearly to the mind of the reader:

Many years ago he took from mother and father the beautiful young woman with promises both strong and tender. A comfortable home follows with such appendages as a plethoric purse and loving heart can devise and secure. One by one the roses fade from the maternal cheeks to reappear on glowing cheeks of her interesting brood, and the glint of her once beaming eyes now gleam in other eyes. The hot season is at hand; the tourist rates are on with the railroads; the loving and thoughtful husband suggests the idea of his faithful spouse taking the children to the mountains to spend the hot months. The devoted wife avows that it would look selfish in her to be so cool and comfortable in sight of eternal snow by day and gazing at the leaping flames of glowing spruce logs at evening time while her loving husband is roasting by day and disconsolate by night. But she reluctantly consents to go. All preparations are made and at 10:30 a. m. the train separates that husband and father from a little company who would sacrifice life if need be for him.

Late in the evening of that same day that man is seen in a hug-tight buggy, a young woman by his side, spinning around like a veritable sixteen-year-old boy out with his first love.

Next evening he is seen in his auto, same woman by his side, heading for the country lanes with a speed that would put old Boreas to shame. O friends take note of these things, shake their heads and say nothing except to their wives. These good wives deplore the matter to other wives until all the wives around the circle of friends know this thing except the one most deeply interested.

The writer suggests that good wives when going off summering should take their hobbles along or lock them up in the ice-box and take the key with them.

Back of this there is more fact than fiction.

Another source of evil is the recognition by the courts of the claims of common law wives. A judicial recognition of sin must be pernicious in effect upon social life, and its extensive practice endangers the pillars of civil government. The man who sacrifices himself on the altar of lust and leaves to those who are supposed to think of him when dead the mortification of hearing in open court an unblushing daughter of Venus relate her story of mutual sin—such a man forfeits the right to be called a man.

The closing paper of this series of papers will suggest some things as possible preventives of crime. It is not expected that said suggestions will be adopted. If they lead to serious thought by men and women who really love humanity for humanity's sake, the writer will be satisfied.

The seducer of young girls is an unaccountable phenomena among human beings. His thought and mode of life must furnish ample opportunity for reviewing constantly the long line of ruined girls over each one of whom there is a heart or hearts riven by sorrow that no language can express, yet this human fiend constantly pursues new victims. His infamous trail may be traced from city to city, from town to town and from ocean to ocean.

The writer met at a hotel in another State a well dressed, smooth Adonis. In brief conversation he replied to inquiry as to his home and business that he was cosmopolitan: In winter skating and hugging the girls was his chief business, with some side lines which he failed to mention. He intimated that a good skater, well dressed, had an open field at a skating rink.

Another incident illustrates this feature: The writer was on a train connecting two main lines by cut-off. There were four men and two young women in the car. The young women

were seated on same side of the car, but several seats apart. The men were seated on opposite side of car and some distance from the young women. At the first station one man got on—a bull-necked fellow, carrying two or three grips. Passing several empty seats on either side of the car, he switched himself into a seat next to one of the girls. In a few minutes he was resting his arms on the back of her seat and trying to get up a conversation. That young lady seemed in no humor for conversation that morning. Getting no comfort from that quarter our hero changed his seat in a short time, landing in the next seat to the other young lady and promptly offered to talk. If the thousands of clean, manly young men would combine and act in concert, these impertinent and heartless scoundrels would be less brazen in their infamous conduct.

W. P. WILSON.
Dallas, Texas.

HOME-COMING FOR POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS—ALL INVITED TO RETURN APRIL 21, 1910.

By unanimous and enthusiastic consent a great home-coming has been arranged for all former students of the Polytechnic College on April 21 of the present year. This plan has been in mind for some time, but not until now has it been thought advisable to undertake the enterprise. The remarkable material progress of the past few years, and the practical completion of the present plans for buildings mark this spring as the most favorable time possible for such a home-coming.

Nothing will be spared to make it the greatest day ever known thus far in the history of this great and rapidly growing institution. Special rates will be secured on all roads and entertainment will be provided for all who come. The pastors and other friends from over the State are also cordially invited to be present to rejoice with the former students in the great growth and prosperity of the college. Every loyal student from far and near will be expected. On account of the accessibility of Fort Worth and the loyalty of former students a great gathering is assured. Wherever it has been mentioned among the "old boys" the idea has been hailed with enthusiasm.

A splendid program, which will be published later, has already been outlined for the day. Every hour will be crowded brimful of interest. Hand-shaking, athletic stunts, barbecue, etc., etc., are all to be given due prominence. Former Presidents and professors are to be on hand and a general reunion of all interested.

Elaborate plans are being perfected by various committees. The new administration building will be completed throughout. New cement walks are being laid and driveways planned. The athletic field will also be given a new treatment and be put into first class condition for the athletic meet. The new gymnasium will have on her Sunday dress, also, and ready for inspection. Six new tennis courts will be in readiness. In fact, everything and everybody will be in the best trim and in the best humor possible—just like a young woman looking for her best beau.

All former students are hereby asked to write in their intention to be present and also to write others urging them to come. It will be a great day.

H. A. BOAZ.

THE PASTORS' INSTITUTE, JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.

Rev. J. T. Smith, presiding elder, published his program in a December number of the Advocate and called the pastors of the district to meet in Jacksonville, January 14 and 15, 1910. To this call the greater number responded—all in fact who could do so. Those who were unfortunate enough to have to miss failed to receive such blessings as always result from an intelligent discussion of living issues, and that warm-hearted fellowship which makes the world brighter and better, and creates in the heart a spirit of responsiveness to the nobler calls of duty.

The program as published was carried out to the letter, and there seemed just enough, without the least redundancy; in fact each topic was so treated by every one on duty as to stand upon its own merits; not-being allowed to impinge upon the territory which legitimately belonged to another. So that the matters discussed were informing to the last limit of excellent ability, each one on duty indicating painstaking thoughtfulness concerning the subject he had in hand. Many were profound enough to justify

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the conclusion that they had "set up at night" in order to get the best of the subject assigned.

Two days of more profitable work concerning the most important interests the Church has in hand were scarcely ever spent by the same body of ministers. And if this meeting is a prophecy of what may be accomplished on Jacksonville District in 1910, it will be, evidently, the greatest year of its history.

If our limits would allow, the name of each serving, with what he said would find a place in this report, because of the worth of the former to the Church, and the value of the latter as a matter worthy of future reference. Wise utterances should be preserved, if possible, for the benefits to all derivable therefrom.

The interpolation which punctuated the evening and night of the 14th in the way of an oyster supper at the dormitory was an event not to be forgotten, not only because of its "internal effects," and the delightful association with Prof. Butler and his excellent faculty, but because also of the toasts so judiciously arranged by the presiding elder as a pleasant aftermath. The President and His Faculty, Prof. Butler, The Teacher and His Pupil, W. W. Armstrong, The Pupil and the School, Prof. Runyon, The A. C. I. and Jacksonville, Dr. R. A. Burroughs, The S. W. U., D. Kilgore, The A. C. I. and Jacksonville District were not quite a dessert, but they deserved to be.

The names of the above brethren are sufficient to justify the conclusion that each subject received its just reward, and that magnificent circle of ladies and gentlemen were richly entertained. After Brother Smith (T. J.) had given such convincing evidence of his hospitality we repaired to the parlors of the dormitory where Miss Butler entertained us with several of the most delightful vocal numbers, evidencing a well trained voice controlled with rare skill, while the Sister displayed excellent judgment and fine discrimination as accompanist.

Altogether the occasion, involving two days of work and social enjoyment, will be remembered by every participant.

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FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Last Sunday night, at Hubbard City, my first meeting of 1910 was closed amidst a veritable flame of the Spirit's influence. It is hoped that the revival fire may continue as an inextinguishable blaze. The people of this town had made a habit of having annual meetings in summer, when all could go to Church because they had nothing else to do. The last several years very little visible good had resulted from these efforts, and yet the pastor's announcement of a mid-winter meeting met with some surprise and no little opposition. The preacher and the few faithful ones, however, planned and pled for success regardless of weather conditions. Such another meeting, many say, Hubbard never saw. We had good congregations from the first. Soon chairs had to be put in the aisles. Not only would the church be filled at night, but the attendance at the day services was the largest I ever saw in a town of that size. The tide rose constantly to the last. The closing Sunday we had a mighty overflow. The much hearty shouting we had seemed perfectly in order. There was a general revival in the Church, which resulted in conversions and reclamations and thirty-eight accessions to our membership. Brother Carraway and his people are determined to conserve the interest of the work and make permanent the good results, not only by organized effort for spiritual up-building, but by making needed material improvement. They already have in view a new church enterprise in keeping with the character and growth of their splendid town.

Hubbard is a prosperous, promising town. The hot wells and fine sanitarium will make it a health resort equal to our best. The many good homes and unusually clean streets indicate a thrifty and elegant citizenship. Mayor Bowman takes pride in making the place cleanly and attractive. The Commercial Club, with its wide-awake and efficient Secretary, J. E. Surratt, is making things go.

My stay among these clever people was, indeed, delightful. In fifteen days I gained two or three pounds, and was entertained at the parsonage, too. Brother and Sister Carraway and their three good children—Alleen, Archie and Lloyd—did everything possible for my comfort and pleasure. Hubbard Church is already a very desirable pastoral charge, and will rapidly be made better. With fine railroad facilities, good surrounding country, healthful climate and enterprising citizenship, the town will go to the front.

The Advocate was in nearly every Methodist home. I made my speech for the paper and secured two new subscriptions. The Texas Advocate is more than apt to prepare the way for great success.

Tonight Mrs. Green and I will leave for Selma, Ala. After spending a few days in the old home State, I expect to go on to Russell, Ky., to conduct a meeting. Providence permitting, I shall return to Texas about the first of March. A few stray notes may be sent in from the older States.

JOHN E. GREEN. Houston, Texas.

SUPERANNATED AND MORE.

I would lay much emphasis on the last word of the above title. It is the "more" that modifies the sting of the unexpected. A stranger among strange friends is what I found myself to be; but as unwittingly among strong friends, also. These are also meant in the "more" of the heading. Brethren of the conference, I have often had my good wife to say that she never "saw me want for a word to say." I have many times wished she might have been present at the session of the conference and for one time had the exquisite pleasure of seeing me without a word wherewith to express myself; and I have not gotten in much better shape for a speech yet. Your kindness surpasses my power of speech.

Your generous response to my need has given us bodily comforts for which we would have otherwise suffered. The feelings that prompted you have warmed the inner man, when otherwise there had been nothing left but chill and loneliness. Again accept my heartfelt thanks and my well-meant "The Lord reward thee."

The minutes of the conference have just come to my notice, and I see my postoffice address is given as Childress. I do not know how this came to be, as I had no thought of going there.

I took the superannuated relation, as I stated to the conference, under the advice of Bishop Key. I came to Clar-

endon under the same advice given at the same time. Through the kindness of you brethren I was able to make a small payment on a house and lot directly in front of and adjoining our splendid college. The children are all attending there now. I hope to see them finish there.

Meanwhile I can think of many things that make present conditions better than a year ago. Instead of sickness and death, as we had following the conference session last year, we have had health and blessing of a temporal sort from sources we did not anticipate.

We are able, through the good health of wife, to room and board a family, and this makes bread and meat for our own. I have no desire to be a loafer, and have opened an office in the First National Bank Building, where I will handle a general line of insurance, real estate, etc.

I have a splendid line and large selection of monuments and gravestones. If any of the brethren wish to help me, they can do so by sending me business rather than regarding and ministering to me as an object of charity. And I can and will as fully appreciate the former as the latter. I would like very much to do some preaching during the summer, and would appreciate an invitation to help some of you in revival meetings. I am able to preach at least a month two or three times a day. I did this for three weeks at a time last year, and I am stronger and heavier now than then. Brethren, pray for me and mine.

Fraternally, LEON O. LEWIS. Clarendon, Texas, Jan. 21.

BROTHER PORTER SAYS AMEN TO BROTHER HENDRICKSON.

In the Advocate of January 27 Rev. J. D. Hendrickson, of Hewitt, has an article, "The Methodist Hymnal and the General Conference," to which I wish to say amen. I believe it is as necessary to place the words of all the stanzas of a song between the bass and soprano staves as it is to have the balusters extend across the entire bridge. It would take no more space, and as to appearance, in the eyes of nine out of ten singers, it would be far more attractive.

When a suit of clothes does not fit the purchaser the tailor is ready to alter to the purchaser's liking. Why, then, when the overwhelming majority of those who are to use the hymnal desire it to appear in a more convenient form, why, then, I ask, are the makers of it not willing that it should be thus rearranged?

I wish to say "Amen" to Brother Hendrickson.

A. D. PORTER. Waxahachie, Texas, Jan. 31.

MISS KASAWARA, BISHOP WARD'S NURSE, HAS BEEN BAPTIZED.

Yesterday, Sunday, was a glad day for some of us. Miss Kasawara, Bishop Ward's devoted nurse, was baptized and received into the Japan Methodist Church in Kobe, by the Japanese pastor, Rev. M. Hori. I was not present, but saw her in her brother's home only a few minutes after her return from the church. She seemed happy in her new-born profession as a Christian. She made this remark: "I have been led by Bishop Ward." What a witness to the power of personal Christian influence! Bishop Ward knew no Japanese; was most of the time unable to instruct anyone, even if he had had the language, but there was something in the man that bespoke the servant of God even in his most distressing condition, and that noble, pure-hearted young woman felt that he, the "man of God," had something she needed and longed for. Would it were possible to tell him that his faithful and tender Japanese nurse had embraced the common Christian faith and is now numbered among God's people on earth. Possibly he knows it already. I request not only Mrs. Ward, but all the late Bishop's friends to pray daily for Miss Kasawara that she may become a bright and shining light. Her family is a good one in a social way, but not Christian, at all. J. C. CALHOUN NEWTON. Kobe, Japan, Dec. 27.

NOTICE.

It seems that I have a double in the Texas ministry in the person of Dallas A. Williams. All who wish to hear from him may address him at Corpus Christi, Texas, as I am altogether a different individual.

D. ANDREW WILLIAMS. Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

WARD MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT.

Returns from Ward Memorial Day up to this time have thrilled all Texas, both in the Church and out of it. If all the preachers had observed the day we would now have more than the \$100,000. It is the easiest subscription I have ever assisted in securing. Why not, when it has two of the most appealing sides to it possible—the endowment of the Theological Department of the Southwestern University for the ministry, and the dedication of the same to the memory of Bishop Ward, to whom we owe the splendid work that is now being done in this department?

Let all the preachers who had situations that prevented them from observing the day appointed, attend to it at once, and give the people an opportunity now, and let the circuit preachers continue to present this interest till they get around. If we run by the first \$100,000 station stop, remember that we have orders from all the conferences in Texas to run to the \$500,000 station. All aboard! Send in your contributions to Frank Reedy, Bursar, at Georgetown, and have part in the greatest and most far-reaching work before the Church in Texas. From the best information I can get on the wing, we are now up to about the \$70,000 mark, and reports coming in with every mail. I am grateful to all the brethren for their co-operation. B. R. BOLTON. Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 31.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

Twenty-three have responded to my call for a man for Weatherford Circuit. If you want to find anything, advertise in the Texas Christian Advocate. These came from Atchison, Kan., to Corpus Christi, and are of the best circuit men in this and other conferences. Wish my district was large enough for all. Bishop Key has appointed Rev. H. Lee Vincent, of the Texas Conference. M. K. LITTLE.

AN APPEAL FROM OKLAHOMA.

Maud, Okla., Jan. 17, 1910. To the Pastors of the M. E. Church, South:

Dear Brethren.—On the morning of December 12, 1909, our Church which was just completed at the cost of about \$3000 was destroyed by fire. As we had made great sacrifices to build this Church, we are not able to rebuild the kind of Church we need, without help. I have a plan that will very materially help us and not burden any of our congregations, if the pastors of our Churches will come to our assistance. The plan is this: Let the pastors of our various congregations present our case and calamity, and give us the incidental collections of each congregation, morning and evening, say about the first Sunday in February, or as soon thereafter as is practical. This, if properly presented and emphasized, will enable us to rebuild, and not work a hardship on any of our people. Believing that you are in great sympathy with us, and feeling that you are willing to help us in this great time of need, and awaiting your early action in the matter, I am, yours fraternally, B. HENSLEY, P. C.

CHURCH EXTENSION, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the Northwest Texas Conference will meet at the Publishing House, Dallas, March 22, 1910, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of passing upon application to the General Board of Church Extension. Since personal representation is not allowed before the committee, it is important that all applications for loans and donations be complete and in form. W. B. ANDREWS, President of the Board.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Committees: Abilene District. License to Preach—T. S. Barcus, J. W. Fort, J. H. Chambliss. Admission—J. T. Hicks, C. S. Cameron, W. J. Lee. Deacon's Orders—R. D. Steward, M. D. Hill, M. L. Story. Elder's Orders—M. H. Hudson, Frank Hughen, E. L. Sisk. GUS BARNES, P. E.

Do not hush life's lullabys, Do not hush them all, I say; Out of life's fitful sleep Do not take the dreams away. —J. L. Whitson.

NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

Bishop Cyrus W. Foss, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died last Sunday. He received a stroke of paralysis a few days ago, and never rallied. He was one of the great men in his Church, born in 1834, and died at the age of seventy-five years.

Dr. H. S. Bradley, who recently left our Church and went to the Congregationalists, was recently installed pastor of Piedmont Congregational Church, at Worcester, Mass. He was unanimously accepted by a committee appointed to examine him on his beliefs, and we trust that he will be both happy and useful in his new-found home.

Rev. D. F. Fuller, of Collinsville, Texas, says the St. Louis Advocate, has a great record as a reader of three Church papers. He has read the St. Louis Advocate thirty-nine years, the Texas forty years and the Nashville thirty-six years. Yes, and we may add that the Texas has no more loyal friend than D. F. Fuller.

The Western Methodist, published at Little Rock, is the only paper in the connection, among the conference organs, that stands by Dr. Winton and Dr. Kirkland in the Vanderbilt controversy, so far as we have observed. And that paper thinks the matter has had discussion enough. Maybe so, but the other papers are of a different mind.

The Midland Methodist is making it warm for the saloons and the saloon defenders. It recently had a hot editorial on the Nashville American, the paper that stands for illicit liquor and the present State Administration. It will continue to be a difficult matter to enforce the prohibition laws of Tennessee as long as Governor Patterson is in office.

Bishop Candler hits off the following bright paragraph:

"You will not solve your problem with improved music. The cry for the regenerative influence of art is proven to be a poor substitute for the gospel. Much of your Church music is vocal ignorance. Great organization is no solution. I would not depreciate the organizing power of such men as Paul and Wesley, but they organized the life that existed for definite work. It's not a system of sanctified pulleys we need. "The need is a strengthened gospel, a mightier faith in the old truths. The newness comes in applying them. The preacher for today is the man with courage and powers of endurance cut loose from and non-dependent upon the world. The preacher begins to be timid when he begins to be dependent."

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Notes From the Field

Bagwell.

We came to the work as early as we could, and were very kindly received by the people. The storms came from several different directions and at different times. We received many good things, and among them a good range cook stove. We have five Churches in this charge. I have made my second round on the work, and find myself in the midst of a good people. Our first Quarterly Conference convened January 22, 23. We had a good time. Brother Sweeton did some close, straight preaching, with good results. We made a good showing on finances for the first quarter, and the Board of Stewards raised the assessment for the preacher in charge about \$75 over last year. We are expecting a very prosperous year on all lines.—M. C. Sooter, Jan. 27.

Key Memorial, Sherman.

After having been appointed by Bishop Key as evangelist for the Dallas, Terrell, Greenville and McKinney Districts, and after having moved into the field, furnished a house, made about half of a slate for the year and made other arrangements, he has changed me to Key Memorial, Sherman. No doubt this will be a great surprise to many. But we consented to the change, and landed in Sherman January 20. We are already at work trying to get an insight into the work. A few nights ago the pounding came, and it showed that the people are going to try to appreciate us. May they not be disappointed. This is certainly a great field for work. We need the Church lifted up spiritually, backsliders, the cold and indifferent, revived, and hundreds of souls brought to Christ. And we need a new church, and must have it. May the Lord help us do the work.—J. R. Atchley, Jan. 27.

Blue Grove Circuit.

We reached Blue Grove Circuit only in time to fill our second Sunday appointment in December. Have been all around our charge, and have been received kindly by our people. They seem to be getting along fairly well, both spiritually and financially. However, we hope to improve our spiritual condition. There are six appointments on this charge. Five Sunday-schools doing very well. They are helping support a missionary in Mexico. Have six houses of worship. Two of these are new and will be dedicated soon. All in all, we think we are moving off on the new year fairly well. We are hopeful, and, God helping us, we purpose to make some advancement in divine life. Last, but not least, the preacher and family have had two good poundings. Last week two good women from Friendship came driving up to the parsonage with a buggy loaded down with good things to eat. The next day we received from Dear Creek another, and we have four appointments to hear from yet.—P. S. Warren, Jan. 25.

Corrigan.

We are moving out nicely on the Corrigan charge. Were kindly received, and many remembrances have

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found their way to the parsonage; and the regular pounding came on time, and was administered in due and modern form. Our first Quarterly Conference was held Friday, the 21st of this month. Brother Tower was with us, looking closely after the interests of the Church in general. We have organized a Senior League at this place with about twenty members; quite an interest manifested on the part of the young people in the League work. We hope soon to organize a Woman's Home Mission Society. The outlook, we think, is encouraging for a good and successful year's work. I am planning, praying and working for great things on the Corrigan charge. I want to see believing children built up in the faith, backsliders reclaimed and sinners converted by the score. We think the prospects are fine for a good year for the Church.—J. D. Burke, Jan. 26.

Anson Station.

The new year has opened auspiciously. We found here a new \$20,000 church just completed, and the order placed for steam heating, which has been installed since conference. The stewards met promptly and placed the salary at \$300 above the last year's assessment. Our conference collections have all been secured. More than half have been sent to the Conference Treasurers. Our congregations are inspiring. The interest in the prayer-meeting is deepening. Have organized a Junior and Intermediate League, which give promise of great usefulness. The Sunday-school is in splendid working order. Have the best choir I have ever had. We have received one of the greatest poundings I ever saw. It was simply immense. We are laying plans for, expecting and praying for a great revival.—Thomas S. Barcus, Jan. 25.

Gomez.

We are back on Gomez charge for our second year, and are glad that we were returned. No pastor ever served us with glad hearts and open arms, and made us feel we were really welcome. On Saturday night, the 15th instant, while being entertained in the home of Brother Robert Harris ("the converted real estate agent" of last summer's revival at Plains, and who is now one of my stewards, and a good one, too), the good people of Plains gave us a real pounding, bringing about \$14.00 worth of groceries and \$21.05 in cash, which made our hearts glad and caused us to invoke the blessings of God upon them. The W. H. M. Society of Gomez is doing things in the way of repairing the parsonage. They have moved the parsonage from off that "awful hole," and I'm sure all my predecessors will say, "Amen" to it (I know their wives will). We've lowered the floor, readjusted the doors and put in some nice new windows, repapered both rooms and put new weatherboarding on the outside. We haven't had any help from the Mission Board, either. We will paint and add a porch when we are able. We are not buying or having work done on credit. Truly, the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places, and we are praying, planning, trusting.—C. E. Jameson, Jan. 25.

Olney.

Last year it was expected of this scribe that he get into just as many pulpits as possible. In performing the duties assigned we had to travel extensively. This year we are assigned to only one. We are trying to fill that to the best of our ability. The people received us kindly. They have built for us the prettiest house in town. Any preacher who may be hereafter sent to Olney may be sure of an elegant home. We have not had the pounding, of which we see so much in the Advocate, but tokens of appreciation are coming in all along. My predecessor wrought well, putting the matter of the new parsonage on foot, and in gathering up the scattered Methodists all over the country, until there is not much left for us to do in that way. But we are not idle. We are directing all our energies in an effort to do such preaching and praying and urging as will be fruitful of a great revival. We see some encouraging signs. Last Wednesday night we had more than forty at our prayer-meeting. We are giving the Sunday night services entirely to the irrel-

gious. We are glad to say that they come to these night services until we have about reached the limit of our capacity without more room. We hope to see the time soon when the Methodist people will have a church in this rapidly-growing town that will cost at least \$20,000. Why not? Many brick and stone buildings are going up in the business district, and work began this morning on an \$18,000 school building. Shall God's Church be behind? We have found many old friends here, among them quite a number of old students who used to go to school to us. The stewards have assessed about \$300 for the salary than they thought they would. May God help us to serve them well.—C. M. Shuffler, Jan. 25.

Rising Star.

Our brand new pastor, Rev. R. W. Nation, came on time and entered into the year's work with cheerfulness and zeal, and to say the Church is well pleased does not half-way express it. We are simply delighted and have been drinking in the good sermons from time to time to our heart's delight, but yesterday he gave us a double portion, and for more than one hour our souls drank in and feasted on one of the greatest sermons it has ever been our pleasure to enjoy. His theme was "education" and Georgetown University, and the large audience pronounced it a great sermon. The Church is moving upward, the congregations growing every Sunday, and the Sunday-school and Leagues are taking on new life, and we are expecting great things this year. Two railroads are now building to our town. The grading began in three miles of town this morning, and by September we expect two roads in the shining star, that has been isolated so long from any railroad. A test oil well is being sunk here and oil has been found to the amount of fifty barrels' output, but it is being put deeper with fine prospects of a fine well. So don't be surprised if you see a brilliant star in the West. Let me say I have read the dear old Texas Advocate for twenty-five years and it becomes dearer all the time, and the great work being done by its editor is highly appreciated by this people, and the good accomplished will never be known until God reveals it in his final accounts. Let the good work go on for God is in it.—H. E. Anderson, Jan. 24.

Petteway Circuit.

We are getting started off nicely on the Petteway charge, and by the help of God we are going to try to make this the best year of our life up to the present. The people have received us kindly and with open hearts and hands. Our first Quarterly Conference was held January 8, at Beck's Prairie. Our beloved presiding elder, Bro. E. L. Shettles, was on hand and looked well into every interest pertaining to the Church. While I am a new man here

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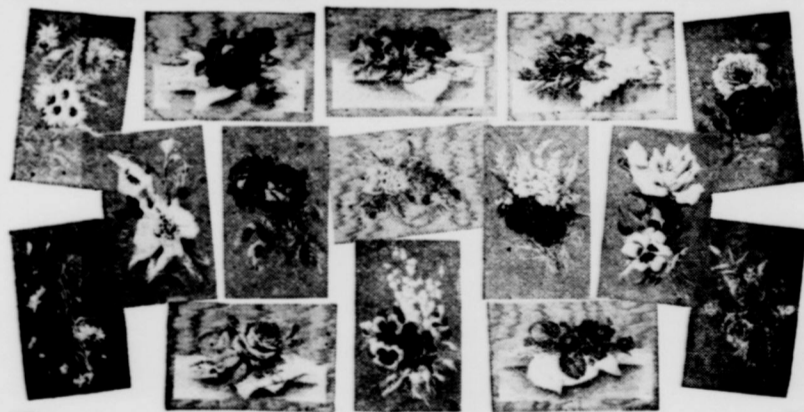
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in the Marlin District, I see every indication to substantiate the fact that the district is going on to higher heights, and the administration of Rev. E. L. Shettles, and with the prayer and co-operation of the people we are looking forward for a great year. I spent two very pleasant years on the Quitman charge. We packed our goods and started for Franklin, Texas, which is our nearest railroad station. We reached the parsonage December 16, and took up the work. We have plenty to do, but that is what we are here for. I thank God for a place to work in my Master's Church. I am well pleased with my charge. We are praying for the leadership of the Holy Ghost and a great spiritual uplift. It our people were all, or the majority of them, on shouting ground, our finances would come up all right. When a man gets happy enough for his pocket to shout something is going to be done. It will put the Texas Christian Advocate in their homes; the paper is our Church organ and a friend to our pastors and to our people, and the only thing that will keep them informed on the workings of the Church. The happy pocket will make a man shout to the bottom of his soul, and his money goes out in the Master's cause. His children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren will reap

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they cried.

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As she cuddled with joy her new-found
toy.

And sang in its waxen ear.

But the days flew by, and she missed
her friends.

Though she cherished the new love,
too;

But the waxen girl with the flaxen
curl

Played none of the games they knew.
So she hunted around till she found
them all.

And they snuggled up close to her
breast.

And never a word of reproach was
heard.

As she whispered, "old friends are
best."

—John Rutland, in Leslie's Weekly.

THE PRISONER AND THE DRUNK- ARD.

In a hotel in St. Louis sat a group of merchants from the Southwest discussing their business interests and the marvelous development of their part of the country. The conversation presently turned to cattle-raising.

"If we are to discuss the cowboy and his work, we might as well drink to his health something like what he seems to be so fond of," said one of the group. To this proposal the company agreed, and wine was ordered. It was soon observed, however, that an elderly gentleman who had engaged freely in the previous conversation was neglecting his glass.

"Won't you join us?" urged one of the group.

"I must ask to be excused," was the reply.

If I mistake not, added another who happened to know the elderly man, "the gentleman has not always been averse to taking a drink, and I believe there is quite a story connected with the matter."

"Good. Tell it to us," the others agreed.

Being pressed, he began: "It happened in the early days of Western Texas. My home was back East; but my parents died while I was young, and my guardians put many restraints about me. This and my natural disposition caused me to rebel not only against my guardians but in time against the restraints of civil law as well. Thus by the time I became a young man I was sadly discontented and longed for what I fondly fancied to be my freedom. I of course had heard of the wild, free life of the West, and resolved to strike for that ideal region. When I became twenty-one, I gathered all together and boarded a West-bound train. My destination was a town I had heard about in Western Texas. I arrived late in the afternoon; and as I stepped from the train onto the depot platform, a stranger in a stranger land, there swept over me a wave of feeling such as I had never before experienced. But the sternness of my early training and my natural strength of will came to my relief, and I stepped resolutely from the rude platform and strode rapidly toward the main part of the town. Now I had left the East to seek freedom from restraint; but almost the first object I saw proved to be the county courthouse and jail. I tried to feel disappointed; but well do I remember the sense of relief that I experienced as I realized that the law might be not only a restraint but a protection. But as you will see, those who stood nominally for the law were not always its best friends. It so happened that on this very evening a ranchman was in town seeking help. I offered my services and was engaged on the spot, and the next morning I was initiated into the order of Western cowboys. I soon found that such a life, though not devoid of charm,

was not nearly ideal as I had expected. I soon drifted into the habits, virtues, and vices of my companions, and ere long became one of them. I soon learned that between Grawson, the man for whom I worked, and some of the local officers a bitter enmity existed. These officers were Robberds, the Mayor, the Sheriff, and an Alderman. Robberds had once been a ranchman living near Grawson. The two men had a little misunderstanding about their boundaries, and this matter, with other things, finally led to a desperate enmity. Robberds left his ranch, and with the future County Sheriff engaged in business in the town. The enmity continued, with both men now against Grawson. These two men, Robberds and the Sheriff, had long been lawless characters, but were men of some ability, and had acquired a reputation in that frontier section. The third officer, an Alderman, was a foolhardy, disturbance-loving scapegrace from Arizona, and became a ready ally against Grawson. While the enmity between these men and Grawson was at its height the store owned by Robberds and the Sheriff was burglarized. I happened to be in town the day before the burglary, and, falling in with a reckless crowd, drank rather heavily. Now I believed that my employer's cause was just and could have defended it had such a course been proper; but common sense of course kept me from interfering when I was in my right mind. But on this occasion I happened to meet Robberds, and approached him on the subject of his controversy with Grawson. The anger my words provoked and the effect of my recent drinking caused me to lose all self-restraint, and I vaguely remember that I left him in a great rage. I stayed in town over night, and remembered but little that occurred except that I was up till a late hour. Robberds and his associates brought charges of burglary against me, and the case began to look pretty dark for me. Soon, however, chiefly by the aid of a young fellow named Carley, the evidence was refuted. I was confident of immediate freedom; but I was first to pass through an ordeal such as few men experience. Well do I remember the time—a Saturday night in September, the beginning of a rainy season, the first in months. I was kept in the log jail, from which, though well built, more than one prisoner had escaped. But I had no idea of escaping, as I believed my acquittal was certain. During the night in question I suddenly awoke with a sense of violence being done me, and almost before I was awake I found myself muffled, bound, and being borne away into the darkness! It was so sudden, so breathless as at first to forbid all thought. But I was aroused into full consciousness by a mutter of thunder, for the sky was overcast with clouds and for hours an ominous rain cloud had hung in the northwest. At the same instant the men who bore me almost dropped their burden. "Let's hurry, boys," said one of the men in a muffled undertone. The voice somehow seemed familiar, and then it suddenly dawned on me that these men were Grawson's old enemies, taking the law into their own hands, bearing me away to hang me! This terrible thought overwhelmed me, and before I had time to collect my scattered senses the men had halted and begun to prepare for their terrible deed. Soon the rope was being drawn tight. I was brought face to face with death, utterly helpless in the hands of these lawless men. It was an awful moment. I was at first laid helpless on the ground, and just as I felt my body being raised to the overhanging limb of the tree there flashed from the northwest a flame of lightning. The startled men let go their hold. The flash though momentary waked in me a wild and breathless hope. My eyes had been bent on the ground, and at my very elbow there gleamed the blade of a knife! It was the knife the men had just used in readjusting the ropes above me. Instantly all else was forgotten; my whole being was centered on the consuming desire to secure the knife and cut myself free. I inclined my body so as to grasp the knife, and cut myself free. I inclined my body so as to grasp the knife, and soon by a desperate effort was free and on my feet! You may ask what had become of the men that they thus allowed me to free myself. When I rose to my feet it had begun to rain, and the darkness was intense. I had had a vague idea that something had gone wrong

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with them, that their plan was being thwarted in some way unknown to me, and I soon found that they were themselves confronted by a danger undreamed of. I must go back to explain. I have already mentioned Carley, a young fellow who aided me by his testimony. He was in town on the night of the attempted murder and drank more freely than usual, and night overtook him in his drunken stupor. He afterwards explained to me that during the night he was slightly aroused and thought of me, and decided to try to get into the jail or at least find a shelter from the approaching rain. He reached the jail just as I was being carried into the woods. In his semi-conscious condition he was not clear as to just what was taking place, and followed at a distance to see what was being done. It happened that the flash that revealed to me the knife also revealed to my would-be murderers the presence of Carley. They of course thought that I was securely bound, and turned their whole attention to ridding themselves of this unexpected danger. Carley had by this time come to his senses and it dawned suddenly upon me that some one had discovered the attempted crime, and I decided that he was trying to rescue me. I knew that if this was the case whoever was trying to aid me was in greater danger than myself, since I had freed myself from my enemies unknown to them or had at least cut loose from the ropes that had bound me. But I had no time to ponder; whatever was done must be done at once. So I struck off through the woods, yelling at the top of my voice: "Run for your life!" With awful oaths the men turned toward me, and as I plunged through the woods several bullets whistled by me, but I escaped unharmed. I hurried on, and as soon as I reached town I aroused a number of men; but by the time we reached the spot the men had made good their escape. We found that Carley was badly wounded; but he told us that the men did not even know they had struck him, but immediately mounted horses and galloped away. They had, of course, prearranged a plan of escape in case they failed to carry out their scheme. I was of course soon acquitted. But Carley and myself both decided to return to the East. However, I soon became dissatisfied again. I missed the wild charm of Western life and began to appreciate too its opportunities, as boundless as the Western plains. Thus, having but little to bind me to the East, I soon found myself westward bound once more, and I was not now in search of fancied freedom, but was to spend my life in promoting the development of the great Southwest. That night's experience so sobered Carley and myself that we have never tasted liquor since."—Exchange.

HEPHZIBAH'S DREAM.

Grandfather Gray came to this country from England in 1839 and settled in London, Ontario, or as it was then called, Canada West.

He had belonged to the British Army in the Old Country and brought out with him among other things a handsome gun-case containing a number of valuable guns. How these firearms would compare with those now in use in Canada I do not know, but I suspect there would be as decided a difference between them as there is between the light of the tallow candles used in grandfather's time and the electric light which now dispels the darkness for his grandchildren. Be that as it may, the case and its contents were the admiration and envy of many of grandfather's neighbors.

In appearance the case was very much like a big coffin, and his little daughter Hephzibah always felt an awe of it and never liked to pass the door of the room where it was kept, alone after dark, but she concealed these foolish fears, for grandfather was a brave man and could not tolerate anything like cowardice in his children.

It was in the year of the Rebellion of 1837 when Hephzibah was about twelve years of age that she had the remarkable dream about which I am going to tell you. It was so vivid that she could not get it out of her thoughts, so as soon as she was

dressed in the morning she went and told her mother. "Mother," she said, "I dreamed that a lot of men came here, they made a loud noise and talked very roughly and they made you let them have father's case and took all the guns away with them."

The child's words made such an impression on grandmother's mind that, as grandfather was away, she had the gun-case removed from the house and hidden among some bushes in the back garden. She also took down a gun that always hung over some hooks in the kitchen and hid it, putting a broom-stick in its place.

About eleven o'clock that morning a number of men from the surrounding country who were preparing to take part in the up-rising, did come to grandfather's door and demanded all the guns that were in the house. Grandmother, with the terrified Hephzibah and three other children clinging close behind her, confronted the men and told them there were no guns in the house. One man spoke up and said, "That is not true. I know Mr. Gray owns a number of guns and we've come to get them and use them where they will do most good."

Grandmother reiterated that there were no guns in the house, "and if there were," courageously said she, "I would not give them to you; my husband is loyal to Queen and country and we will give no encouragement to lawlessness."

With that one of the men pushed past her into the kitchen with the remark, "I know where one gun is kept," and reaching up to the hooks his hands came in contact with the broom-stick. This made him very angry and just then one or two of the others crowded in and began a search for the missing gun-case which, failing to find, they began to be abusive. Among those who had remained outside was one whom grandmother now recognized and she addressed herself to him: "Mr. Brown, do you think it a manly thing to come here and frighten a defenseless woman and little children?" "No, madam, I do not," he emphatically replied, "and for my part I beg your pardon. Come men," he said, "we have had enough of this," and with that they all went away.

There was considerable excitement in the neighborhood for some time, but this was the only attempt made to gain possession of Grandfather Gray's property.—Exchange.

HARD TO DROP

But Many Drop It.

A young Calif. wife talks about coffee:

"It was hard to drop Mocha and Java and give Postum a trial, but my nerves were so shattered that I was a nervous wreck and of course that means all kinds of ails.

"At first I thought bicycle riding caused it, and I gave it up, but my condition remained unchaned. I did not want to acknowledge coffee caused the trouble, for I was very fond of it. At that time a friend came to live with us, and I noticed that after he had been with us a week he would not drink his coffee any more. I asked him the reason. He replied, 'I have not had a headache since I left off drinking coffee, some months ago, till last week, when I began again, here at your table. I don't see how any one can like coffee, anyway, after drinking Postum!'

"I said nothing, but at once ordered a package of Postum. That was five months ago, and we have drank no coffee since, except on two occasions when we had company, and the result each time was that my husband could not sleep, but lay awake and tossed and talked half the night. We were convinced that coffee caused his suffering, so he returned to Postum, convinced that coffee was an enemy, instead of a friend, and he is troubled no more by insomnia.

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IS THE CHILD IN CRIST? IS HE UNINFECTED BY NATURAL GENERATION.

Article Two.

We have intimated the inapplicability of the Scriptures usually cited in proof of the moral infection of the race by natural generation.

The parable of the Savior is introduced to prove that the race has not the germ of life. This parable, however, I think rightly understood in nowise contradicts the existence of life in germ, but rather suggests the necessity of its presence.

You could as rationally look for good results from sowing good seeds on bare rocks, as to look for satisfactory results from preaching the Word, or sowing the good seeds of the Word on the barren soil of a dead soul, which must be the condition of humanity if the penalty threatened was inflicted; and no repairs made by Divine grace for the race suitably fitting it for probation under a new system, the system of the grace of pardon. The power to act under the new way of life is of God, a gift from Him and is life. "By grace are ye saved," says the apostle.

This without violence refers to the race. "Through faith and that not of yourselves" applies to developed minds whose privilege and duty it is to develop this life by the grace of God.

It seems that it must be admitted that the power to act is of God; action on man's part is a voluntary use of the life given of God in correspondence with God's Word. Now in case of non-action, the soul life lies dormant, and ever will, until used in obedience to the law of its nature.

The parable of the talents is suggestive of universal life to man. It is arbitrary to restrict this parable to the Church or any class of humanity. These three are selected in recognition of the varying capacities of mankind; and is intended to reveal the fact that God deals with men in correspondence with their respective abilities, together with the facts that what they have is the gift of another, and the proper use of it conditions its increase or growth.

It is to be noted that the unfaithful servant retained his talent until the final day when it was ruthlessly taken from him.

This fact makes it rational to preach the gospel to every creature, for every creature is in possession of the moral capacity (for that is what is signified by the talents which was the gift of God), and constitutes the ground of expectation of enlargement. This construction of the parable is applicable to every human being, and is the rational ground and reason for his reprehensibility and punishment should he fail to enlarge his possessions. The idea of growth and enlargement is taught everywhere.

This suggests that regeneration is as it is in other realms of life, a growth or development.

The knowledge of this new life, regenerated life, may not be known to the child if handled in a normal way. The development of soul-life in the child may be as much hidden from it as the development of intellectual life as to its beginning. By experience we do not know when we did not know. So is it, with the properly trained child it need not know when it did not love God. But one may ask, Will not the child sin? More than likely. Adam sinned; it is hardly likely that his descendants would excel him in maintaining a perfectly sinless life, since there are so many more things to entice him to the wrong. Fortunately for him, however, he is under the system of grace, the grace of pardon, giving an opportunity to mend his ways, and by grace in spite of his weakness, develop the life of the soul to such strength that it will assert its authority over the carnal mind, which is not subject to the law of God nor can it be; for it is only subject to the will of the possessor who finds himself possessed of two sets of emotions—each wanting the ascendancy, and it is the high prerogative of the will to settle the contention between the two opposing elements that very man knows himself to possess. It is only the will to which the carnal mind can be made subject.

On set of emotions are based on the claims of our material nature; the other on the claims of our spiritual nature. From the beginning it was not intended that the carnal should dominate the spiritual. In the first instance of disobedience the death of the soul was the result. Under the dispensation of grace, sin does not result in the death of the soul in the same sense and degree; but lays the necessity of repentance. Some are wont to treat the carnal mind as sin. But is it? It was a constituent element in man at his creation. It did and does address and influence the will to choose the forbidden at the behest of the carnal appetite. But these inclinations are natural and innocent. Man would not be man without them.

Admitting the germ life of the soul, since the fall is the gift of God, it makes the race proper subjects for moral and religious training. It guarantees the well-being of the infant in case of its death. It is the most valid reason for beginning the religious training of the child as soon as it opens its eyes on the light of this world. We begin to talk to the child as soon as it is born, not because it understands what is said, but because we know that if the child is normal it has the germ of intellectual life, and this attention is the law ruling and conditioning the development of intellectual strength.

For the same reason we should give the child religious instruction and counsel; give it the Word of God, the good seed, not to generate life, but to develop the germ life of the soul which it has in embryo, as it has in its physical and intellectual being.

The notion that this theory makes null and void the new birth is rather its most natural explanation so far as it is possible to explain the processes of Divine grace in preparing man for endless happiness.

If every form of life of which we have any knowledge has its beginning in germ, and the development from the development from the germ state is made to depend on very different surroundings from that which resulted in its germ state, why the same facts are not recognized as is applicable in the development of spiritual life as is in all forms of life, whether in the animal or vegetable kingdoms, is found in the fact that all other theories deny that the race has been begotten to life by Divine clemency.

In that case we are left in the meshes of fatalism. If the race has not life to begin with, when and how did that part of the race that has life get it? It is hardly rational to say by hearing and believing the gospel, for that is equal to saying that the dead are expected to respond, and action is always a sign of life. It is hardly agreeable to say through the preached word, since that does not generate life. But is it not rational to understand that the word is addressed to life for the purpose of improving and developing more life? Conversion is the prime object in preaching the gospel.

The terms, conversion and regeneration, are not the same as used in the Scripture. Conversion may lead to an adjustment before God that regeneration may be a sequence. Regeneration is strictly a Divine work, man having no part in it; while one man may convert another, a man cannot regenerate another.

The case of Nicodemus has been referred to in proof of the fallacy of universal life being the heritage of humanity.

One writer in the Nashville Advocate says: "Christ made it distinctly impressive in speaking to Nicodemus that the kingdom of God cannot be entered by any human until he is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus, like humanity at large, in the absence of the proper cultivation of his spiritual nature, had acted under the impulses of his carnal nature, or mind, while the germ life of the soul had been lying almost dormant, like the chick in the egg, or the seed corn in the crib.

While Nicodemus had perverted notions of the character of the kingdom of Christ, he had discernment enough to feel that he would like a place in it. It must have been the promptings of the germ life of the soul that sent him to Christ. In this, as in the development of all forms of life, law and rule must be observed in order thereto. All seeds that are sound and healthy represent forms of life, but the life in them will remain dormant until environments obtain suited to the life to be evolved; and when that condition obtains the new life hidden will begin to show itself; that is, the God-side of life. So, in the adult world, the carnal mind has been allowed to run riot; no attention having been given the soul life, it has been kept dwarfed, and but little dis-

covery of its presence has been possible.

This being the case, we see the necessity and wisdom of preaching the gospel to induce men to change their course and adjust themselves to the requirements of their spiritual natures and secure the work of regeneration.

By reason of this state and condition the child is susceptible of being trained so that it may never know anything of its conversion, and yet it is a new life, a regenerated life.

A life begotten of God, a gift from God, the original life having been lost, and being passive in the loss, and in no sense responsible for this depleted and morally dead condition, was passively restored to life by Divine fiat under a system of the grace of pardon in case of sin, when repented of. The child, not being a sinner, having been restored to life by Divine grace, we have no trouble about dying infants.

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UNCLE BUCK HUGHES AT EIGHTY-TWO.

On the 27th of last month Uncle Buck Hughes celebrated his eighty-third birthday anniversary. He is now eighty-two years of age. He had at his home on the evening of that occasion a large number of the ministers of the city, and the spread was ample and delicious. It was a happy occasion, one filled with reminiscences, congratulations and good cheer. The venerable minister received his friends in the style of a majestic patriarch and gave to them a royal welcome. Though so far advanced in age, yet his health is good, his eyesight keen, his hearing acute and his natural strength unabated. His mind is as clear as a bell and he rings clear and with no uncertain sound on any great issue. His interest in the Church is as intense as in his earlier days when he was in the forefront of her conflicts. All the brethren love him like a father and often counsel with him on questions of polity and doctrine. Long may he live to bless the Church with his influence. There were present on the occasion of the anniversary his children and his grandchildren, to rise up and call the good man blessed. They love, honor and respect him; and they are among the best people of the city. Also Mrs. Cerena Knight was one of the guests—the aged sister of Brother Hughes. She is eighty-eight years of age, and one of the most noted women of this section. She, and her husband long since dead, have given to the country many of its best citizens. They are found in all the walks of life. For her years, her health is also measurably good, and she rarely ever misses the services of the Church. She is making her home with her son, Epps G. Knight, of Oak Lawn.

God will help us to do whatever the Bible says we must do.

A Few Speakers at the Dallas Laymen's Conference

W. R. LAMBUTH, D. D.

Four times across the Atlantic Ocean, six times across the Pacific, twice around the Cape of Good Hope and three times around the world, traveling in thirty years a distance of half a million miles—such has been the remarkable record of Dr. Walter R. Lambuth in following his vision of an evangelized world. An American by parentage, he is a Chinaman by birth and spent many years of his earlier life as a missionary in that country, following the example of his father. More than fifteen years ago he was elected Missionary Secretary by the General Conference which met in Memphis, and has held that position ever since, in which position his efforts have been greatly blessed and marked by splendid ability.

He was born at Shanghai in 1854, whither his parents had gone as missionaries shortly before. At the age of thirteen he came to the United States alone to be educated and studied at Cumberland University, Emory and Henry and Vanderbilt, taking from the latter institution the degree of M. D. Marrying in Tennessee the daughter of Dr. D. C. Kelley, who had himself been a missionary in China, he sailed with his bride from San Francisco in 1877 to take up the work of medical missions in the country of his birth. He established an opium refuge in Shanghai; then went to Mantsing for medical work, and was later appointed to Soochow, the provincial capital, to establish a hospital. About this time it was necessary to return to the United States, and he took advantage of the opportunity to further prosecute his medical and surgical studies in New York, Edinburgh and London. Upon returning to China, the hospital was established and became a powerful factor in reaching the heathen masses of that great city. After a few years, Mrs. Lambuth's health failed and they were obliged to go to Peking, where the Doctor took charge of the Methodist Hospital. Later he was called to Japan to take charge of the Japan Mission, which was opened in Kobe in 1886. He is to speak at the Dallas Laymen's Conference on "The Sufficiency of the Gospel to Meet the World's Need."

W. W. PINSON.

W. W. Pinson, now eminent in the councils of Southern Methodism, is an example of what a man may achieve in the face of adverse circumstances when inspired by ambition and the grace of God. He was born amid the rugged hills of Tennessee and left an orphan at the age of eight to make his own way in the world and fight for all he was to get. While working in a logging camp he found a worn volume of Robinson Crusoe, which he devoured as a hungry boy would eat a biscuit. He determined to have an education, left the farm, took a course at Webb's School at Culleoka, and in 1878 joined the Tennessee Conference. In 1885 he was transferred to the Texas Conference and stationed in Austin. There he soon identified himself with the spirit of the West, vigorous, energetic, optimistic. He was a member of the Ecumenical Conference in Washington in 1892 and of the General Conference which met in Memphis in 1894. He then saw service in the pastorate in the South Georgia and Louisville Conferences, where he was prominently identified with successful efforts to maintain special missionaries in the foreign field, by the Churches of Macon, Columbus and Louisville.

Dr. Pinson was one of the pioneers of the Laymen's Movement in Southern Methodism and from his pen has come much of its best literature. To

him is largely due the inauguration of the Every Member Campaign, which aims to bring the Church to an average of two dollars per member for missions, a total for the connection of \$3,000,000 per year. In connection with expert laymen he will direct the discussion of financial methods at the Dallas Conference.

ED. F. COOK, D. D.

Comparatively young in years, but old in experience and judgment, is a fair characterization of Rev. Ed. F. Cook, Secretary of the Educational Department of the Southern Methodist Board of Missions, who will appear on the Dallas program as one of the speakers. For many years a successful pastor, then a presiding elder, incidentally a veteran of the Spanish-American War, in which he served as Chaplain, and of a yellow fever epidemic in South Georgia, where he did heroic service, and last for some years one of the General Secretaries of a great Church, he has certainly not lacked experience of the strenuous life. He is peculiarly fitted to be the head of one of the missionary bureaus from the fact that for many years he was prominently connected with the South Georgia Conference, perhaps the most progressive in the connection along missionary lines. For four years also he was at the head of the banner missionary district of the conference, the Thomasville District, which alone supports a number of Missionaries. In 1906 he took charge of one of the most important and responsible offices in the gift of the Church, that of Secretary of the Educational Department, which concerns itself chiefly with the development among the young people of an intelligent and abiding interest in missions. He is perhaps the best posted man in Southern Methodism in mission study and up-to-date methods for enlarging the life of the Sunday-school, the Church and the Young People's Society along lines of world-wide missions. He will be with the Laymen's Meeting at Dallas.

T. H. YUN.

One of the most unique and interesting personages who will take part on the program of the Laymen's Conference in Dallas will be Prince Yun, of Korea, whose history reads like a romance. A Korean of high birth, the son of the Minister of War, he entered the Anglo-Chinese College in 1885, where he soon took leading rank among the students. The college, a branch of Southern Methodist missions, soon proved its efficiency by making of the young Korean an earnest inquirer after the truth and then a professed follower of Christ, a profession that has been fully borne out by his later life. He came to the United States in 1887 and was a student in Emory and Henry College under Dr. Candler, and later in Vanderbilt University. On leaving Georgia, he placed \$200 in the hands of Bishop Candler to be used as the nucleus for a fund to open a mission in Korea.

SKETCH OF REV. A. P. PARKER, D. D.

In 1875 Rev. A. P. Parker, then a modest young Methodist circuit rider in Missouri, went to China as a pioneer missionary. He was the first to place the standard permanently in the great walled city of Soochow, where for nine years he buried himself in this center of heathen thought, religion and superstition. He emerged one of the greatest missionary preachers and educators in that great field, and the peer of any missionary in the empire

in his mastery of the Chinese language. His going to China marked the beginning of a new era in the work of Southern Methodism in that country. No reinforcement had been added to that field during or since the Civil War, but Parker carried the hope and prophecy of a new and better day. The hope was not in vain and the prophecy did not fail of fulfillment. Bishop Marvin and Dr. E. R. Hendrix soon afterward made a visit to the field and were encouraged to renewed effort in behalf of the people of the Kiangsu province.

In Soochow Dr. Parker established the Buffington Institute, which later became the Soochow University, an institution which has given the mission nearly every trained native preacher which it has in the field and has been a power in the building of character and Christian manhood. He has translated the entire course of mathematics, from Algebra to mechanics into Chinese, besides a number of other books, treatises on theology, etc. For a number of years he was a member of the committee on translation of the Scriptures into the Soochow dialect, and in this work the entire Bible passed through his hands. For unselfish devotion to a great cause and for success in its pursuit and for steady and powerful influence among the Chinese, Dr. Parker has few, if any, equals. Methodism is justly proud of his distinguished record.

DR. JOHN R. NELSON.

Rev. John R. Nelson, one of the Secretaries of the Board of Missions, will represent before the Dallas Conference certain phases of the mission work in the home fields, which has been his special department for a number of years and of which he has made an exhaustive study. Throughout his whole career, which began as a Methodist preacher at an early age, his work has been largely along this line. Converted at eleven years of age, he entered the ministry at eighteen in the North Alabama Conference. Later he went to Vanderbilt and in 1883 was admitted into the Northwest Texas Conference, where his ministry was greatly blessed with revival power. For seventeen years he was Secretary of the Northwest Texas Conference Board of Missions—one of the most aggressive of the domestic boards. In 1900 he was a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference in London, where he had an opportunity to study the city mission work of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. When elected by the General Conference at Birmingham to the Home Mission Secretaryship he was Commissioner of Education for Southwestern University. Dr. Nelson is splendidly equipped, both by experience and study, to handle the subject which he will present at the conference.

SKETCH OF REV. WILLARD G. CRAM.

From the standpoint of personal success on the foreign field, few men are better qualified to speak on missions than Rev. Willard G. Cram, who for five years, beginning in 1902, represented Southern Methodism in Korea, and who is now at home for a few months on his first furlough. Though quite a young man, having been born in 1875, he has proved himself one of the most efficient and successful men ever sent out by his Church, a man whose work has been clearly stamped with evidences of divine approval. Up to his nineteenth year Mr. Cram had given little attention to the claim of God upon him, but at that age he was converted and his life was marked by a complete transformation.

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Three years later he became a member of the Kentucky Conference and for several years was a successful pastor. In 1902 he applied to the Mission Board of the M. E. Church, South, for work on the foreign field and was accepted and assigned to Korea, where, as stated above, he has done signal service. For a time he served as Superintendent of the Korean Mission. Mr. Cram was fortunate in winning as his helpmeet a wife excellently fitted for the work by character and training, Miss Rosella Hogan, of Williams-town, Ky. Mr. Cram, too, is a Kentuckian, a native of Pendleton County. He had the advantage of a college education and one of the things that have distinguished his work in Korea has been the facility with which he acquired the language and the remarkable fluency with which he handles it. Mr. Cram is not only a man of the highest type, but a speaker of grace and ability who delights those who hear him.

SKETCH OF REV. CHAS. G. HOUNSHELL.

Rev. Charles G. Hounshell, missionary to Korea, is a native of Virginia, having been born in Wythe County in 1874. In 1890 he became a student at Emory and Henry College, where he spent five years and took a graduate course. During this time he became greatly interested in foreign missions, and in 1892 offered himself as a student volunteer, an ideal to which he remained faithful for nine years before it at last became possible of realization. Two years in the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University, from which he graduated in 1899, further fitted him for his chosen work, and he was at once admitted to the Holston Conference and became pastor of East Fifth Avenue Mission, Knoxville, which he served two years successfully, and from which he was called by the Mission Board to Korea.

Mr. Hounshell's work in Korea began in 1901 and through the seven years of his stay in that country was marked with God's blessings. He is now back on furlough and for more than a year has been giving himself to the movement among the laymen of the Holston Conference to raise \$50,000 for Korea. Just now he is doing excellent service in connection with the National campaign of the Laymen's Movement. He is a man of earnestness and a speaker of power.

SAN ANTONIO LAYMEN.

The Laymen of San Antonio, Texas, have accepted the plan for an Inter-denominational National Laymen's Missionary Convention in that city, and have made a call for the convention for February 22 to 24, 1910.

All of the Protestant denominations in that city are standing back of the movement and are earnest in making it a success. The members of the co-operating or executive committee are business men of the city; are known for their capabilities as such, and also thoroughly interested in every movement that looks to the advancement of the interests of their respective Churches.

Mr. R. H. Wester, who has been selected as Executive Secretary, has

been the Lay Leader for the West Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for two years, and is thoroughly posted in the history and objects of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. He is also an active Sunday-school worker, being at this time adult superintendent of the Texas Sunday-school Association; a member of the adult committee of the International Sunday-school Association, and a former Vice-President of the world-wide Baraca.

SANDERSON CHURCH.

The picture of the above church, which appeared in the Advocate of January 27, is a correct representation of that building. Rev. F. G. Cox, the pastor, says: "It is being built by \$1.00 donations. I have made a careful estimate of the cost of the building, and find that \$1.00 will make four blocks. Now, brethren, how many blocks will you take? I expect to lay the foundation this week. I trust you may appreciate my position here." Sanderson is in the bounds of the New Mexico Conference, but on Texas soil. Bro. Cox and the Methodists of that place need the help of their fellow laborers in the vineyard and we trust they will receive it.

The slogan of Presiding Elder H. T. Cunningham, of the Marshall District, is worthy of repetition, to-wit: "At least one thousand converts; a revival of family altars; collections up and over; a Sunday-school at every appointment; a forward movement in the whole district." This is a high key. May his district attain to it.

PERSONALS

Rev. Christopher C. Childress and Brother A. C. Vail, of Kemp, made us a pleasant visit last week.

We had a pleasant visit from Rev. J. C. Mimms, of Mexia, recently. This is his second year down there, and things are making progress.

Rev. J. H. Scrimshire, of Fate, brightened this office with a good visit the other day. He likes his new field and the year promises good results.

Rev. E. L. Wright, of Forney, made us a brotherly call last week. This is his second year, that is he began there during last year, and his people are very much pleased with him.

We had a pleasant visit this week from Mr. R. M. Broyles and daughter, of Blum, Texas. He reports prosperous times in his section. He was visiting Dallas on other business, and did not fail to pay his respects to the Advocate office.

We had a most delightful visit from Rev. C. L. McWhirter, of Greenville. For years he was an active member of the North Texas Conference, and the keeper of its records. He is the same jovial and goodnatured "Charley." He is now a useful local preacher.

In a private note from Rev. G. F. Winfield, of Higgins, we learn that his work is making progress out there. Last year his people paid \$22.05 per capita for all purposes, and he organized three new congregations in the country.

Mrs. J. J. Tigert, widow of our lamented Bishop Tigert, whose residence is Nashville, has made an announcement of the marriage of her daughter, Miss Amelia McTyeire, to Mr. Ernest B. Cooper. The event transpired January 19, 1910.

Rev. Casper Wright, of El Paso, has of late been giving his people some very wholesome sermons on various phases of the temperance question. And he has put in some good licks against the evils of the liquor traffic. Of course, the "liberals" in that city are very much concerned lest Brother

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Wright injure his usefulness in that community. But he seems to his business as a preacher of righteousness, and he is doing his duty.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Morris, devoted wife of Rev. W. C. Morris, of Caldwell, who died peacefully last Saturday night. Brother Morris is our pastor at that point, and this affliction falls heavily upon him. May Divine grace be given to him in abundance for this great trial.

Rev. L. S. Barton, presiding elder of the Decatur District, dropped in to see us last week on his way to visit Dr. T. B. Spaulding, whose home is near Celeste. Dr. Spaulding is Mrs. Barton's father, and he has been quite ill for a few days. We trust that by this time he is on the road to recovery.

Rev. J. U. McAfee, of Groom, came this far to meet his wife, who was returning from a visit to the home folks in Louisiana recently, and he made us a brotherly visit. When his good wife met him she introduced him to his son, who is one month old and born in Louisiana, and the meeting was a happy one.

Rev. J. T. Curry, of the Tennessee Conference, who has been in Texas for a few weeks visiting relatives and friends, stopped over to see us on his return home this week. He is one of the leading men in his conference and a strong preacher. He has brothers in the Northwest Texas Conference and he has been to see them.

A note from Rev. G. E. Cameron, of Centenary Church, Paris, tells us that there is a great meeting in progress in his Church. Rev. D. A. Coale is doing the preaching and it is in power and demonstration of the Spir-

it. More than one hundred and fifty conversions, and the meeting still going on. This is good news. The old-time power is still accessible in revival services.

NOTICE.

To Pastors of West Texas Conference: Copies of the Journal were sent to every clerical member of our conference by either mail or prepaid express. The last shipment was made December 12. Every day or so I get inquiries about when they will be mailed. If you will inquire at your express office you will get your Journals. One brother paid express charges on his package. If any other brother has been required to do that, and will report, sending receipt, I will see to it that the company reimburses him. I did not think it necessary to write each brother that his Journals had been shipped. I thought the express companies would send him notice.

J. H. GROSECLOSE, EDITOR.



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PRESIDENT RAGSDALE IN DALLAS.

President Ragsdale stopped off between trains and spent a few hours in Dallas one day last week. Several of the resident workers joined him at the luncheon hour and informally discussed matters pertaining to Epworth and the Encampment.

Some time back, about the last of December, a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the State League was held at which a plan was agreed upon by which it was hoped to relieve the organization of the financial stress under which it has been laboring for some time, this plan being an appointment of the indebtedness among the several trustees to cover through special loans. At the luncheon table the other day Mr. Ragsdale, who was charged by the board with the duty of closing up the details, reported splendid progress made, with prospect of the entire matter being closed up within a few days.

Another encouraging feature is the situation at Corpus Christi respecting a street car line. An extension is promised to the League grounds without bonus if arrangements can be made to keep the grounds open as long as four months. Three conventions have been secured and others are pending and there seems to be a reasonable hope that the condition named may be met. With a car line the future of Epworth is assured.

NOTES.

The date for the next Encampment has been set for August 3-14.

Miss Mabel Head will be at Epworth again this year.

Mr. James Chapman, of Georgetown, has been appointed musical director for the 1910 Encampment.

The Missourians are announcing Frank S. Onderdonk as a member on program for the 1910 League Conference at Pertle Springs.

League Editor Sweat, of the Florida Christian Advocate, is now at Arcadia.

Good reports come from Field Secretary Appleby's work in South Texas. Read his report in this issue.

State First Vice-President J. L. Goggans is entering upon his new duties with characteristic energy. Write him for plans.

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ties with characteristic energy. Write him for plans.

The San Antonio City Epworth League Union has thirteen offers and despite this unlucky number is one of the liveliest organizations of its kind in Texas. Its officers consist of a President, four Vice-Presidents, General Secretary, Recording Secretary, Musical Director, Era Agent and Press Reporter. Mr. L. E. Appleby was its President before entering upon the State League work.

Mr. A. B. Hardin, Secretary-Treasurer North Texas Conference Epworth League, was a Dallas visitor recently. We are told when he met a Leaguer his first question was, "What are the names of your League officers?" While reply was being made he was busy filling in blanks on a certain little card which he had in a convenient place.

DALLAS CITY LEAGUE UNION.

At a recent business meeting the following officers were elected to serve the Dallas City Epworth League Union for 1910, viz.:

President, Gus W. Thomasson. Vice-President, Ralph A. Porter. Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur Skillern.

Chorister, Miss Josephine Wolfe. Organist, Mrs. Ralph Porter. Grace Church was selected as the next place of meeting and Thursday evening, February 17, as the time.

Miss Capers, Mr. Goggans and Mr. McNeny were appointed as a committee to prepare Constitution and By-laws.

FIELD SECRETARY APPLEBY IN SAN MARCOS.

On January 22 and 23 we were honored with a visit from our Field Secretary and his good wife. It was a great occasion for us. On Saturday evening at Coronado Institute we held a League social, nearly two hundred young people being present. Mr. and Mrs. Appleby having proposed to conduct for us a social along the lines of the great social evening at Epworth, we turned the entertainment entirely over to them. They interested the crowd from the start and, by varying the features, held their attention during the evening. There were no dull moments, neither any disinterested young people, but everyone entered into the spirit of the occasion, laughed with the crowd, and went away feeling that he had attended something that was really worth while. Through this demonstration we are convinced that there is a practicable solution of the social problem in the League. By taking the ideas advanced here and enlarging upon them and varying them, the social department of any League could be made attractive to its young people. And I am sure that a properly conducted social department is an invaluable asset—if not an indispensable attribute—to every active, energetic, progressive League. An especially commendable feature of the plan is that it can be carried out at a minimum of cost, the refreshment feature—that very much overdone idea in all our social gatherings—being entirely eliminated.

On Sunday morning Brother Appleby spoke on the Ward Memorial Fund, our collection amounting to a little better than a thousand dollars, and in the afternoon we had Round Table discussions on the departments of the League, led by Mr. and Mrs. Appleby and Mr. John H. Keen, of Tenth Street (Austin) League. At 7:30 Mr. Appleby again addressed a large congregation on the importance of League work.

Jas. W. Chapman came down from Southwestern and sang for us at every service. Those who know him need no further assurance that the music was of the highest order.

The entire meeting, then, was full of interest and of inspiration, and we feel confident will bear fruit in a more active and more aggressive work on the part of our chapter in San Marcos.

DAVID PEEL. San Marcos, Texas.

FIELD NOTES.

Cuero, January 16.—Spent Sunday at Cuero with Brother A. B. Davidson. He has just recently organized a Senior League and the young people have not yet taken hold as they will when they see the value of a live League. Cuero is a wide-open town

and there are many attractions to draw the young people away from such organizations as the League, but there are a faithful few who, if they will stick together and keep eternally vigilant, will soon find that these attractions of Satan will not attract so much and the young people will rally to the work. We met with the Juniors and Seniors at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and talked along the line of practical League work, and at 6:30 p. m. had the pleasure of leading the Seniors in their devotional meeting. At 7:30 p. m. the service was given over to a mass meeting for the young people of the Church and city and about a hundred gathered to participate in this rally. The Field Secretary addressed the audience on the importance of definite work as an individual and as an organization. Brother Davidson is a fine Leaguer himself and is deeply interested with his young people, and we feel sure that in time he will have one of the best Leagues in Southwest Texas.

Victoria, January 17.—There is quite a great deal of rivalry between Cuero and Victoria and we are glad to state that it is of a friendly nature. Victoria people will not admit that there is a rivalry, as they feel that they are far ahead of Cuero along all lines. The Field Secretary doesn't feel like constituting himself as a judge, so he will withhold his opinion of the matter, as they are both good towns and have a great many good people and some splendid Leaguers. I will go this far and say that Victoria has the lead in Leaguers. On Monday evening we had a splendid rally, attended by about a hundred who were mostly young people. After the rally a social was given at the parsonage and forty or fifty of the Leaguers were in attendance. We were much impressed with the fraternal feeling between the young people of the League and of other young people's organizations of the other Churches; they seem to work together and we are sure that this character of work is the kind that counts. We spent an altogether enjoyable evening and are much indebted to the kindness of Brother and Sister Plummer and Dr. Rape and his family, as well as to all of the Leaguers of Victoria.

Beeville, January 18.—There is only one redeeming feature about the mixed train which runs between Victoria and Beeville, and that is the fact that it runs so slow that it permitted us to longer see reminders of the hospitality of the Victoria Leaguers. But then, too, it kept us away from Beeville that much longer and deprived us of the pleasure of being with Brother Morris and his splendid body of young people. On our next trip we will try to have an air ship so that time will count for naught. On Tuesday evening we had a rally and conference with the Leaguers at Beeville, and though there were only forty or fifty present the service was a helpful one. These young people are doing a definite missionary work and it is an inspiration to the Field Secretary to mingle with them. Beeville, too, is right down close to the Encampment where they can have a large representation each year and it is natural that they should have a fine League and one that is up to all the new methods of work.

Corpus Christi, January 19.—On our way into Corpus Christi we passed Epworth and though everything seemed deserted it looked inviting. It was quite a contrast from the Encampment season. It reminded me a great deal like a good many of our Leagues throughout the State—it is full of everything but life. The presence of a few young people would transform it into a live, wide-awake assembly. The Corpus Christi League ought to be the best League in the State and though it was not at its best on Wednesday evening at the rally we feel sure that they have some grounds to base their claim upon that they have as good a one as can be found anywhere. Being right in sight of Epworth where every member can attend all its sessions and have the opportunity of meeting and mixing with so many splendid Leaguers from all over the State, it is no wonder that they are doing a fine work. The local chapter has something like seventy-five members; they have completed the mission study course; are doing definite missionary work; they are raising three or four hundred dollars towards a new church, and have contributed \$50 towards the State Epworth League work, and, best of all, they are developing one of the finest bodies of young people anywhere. The service was a good one, though it

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	Where	When	Where	When		
Joshua Soule.....	Maine.....	August 1, 1781	Baltimore.....	1834	43	Died in Tennessee, March, 1867.
James O. Andrew.....	Georgia.....	May 3, 1794	Philadelphia.....	1822	38	Died in Mobile, Ala., March, 1871.
William Capers.....	South Carolina.....	January 26, 1790	Petersburg, Va.....	1846	56	Died in Anderson, S. C., January, 1855.
Robert Paine.....	North Carolina.....	November 12, 1799	Petersburg, Va.....	1846	47	Died in Aberdeen, Miss., October, 1855.
Henry B. Bascom.....	New York.....	May 27, 1796	St. Louis, Mo.....	1850	54	Died in Louisville, Ky., September, 1850.
George F. Pierce.....	Georgia.....	February 3, 1811	Columbus, Ga.....	1854	43	Died near Sparta, Ga., September, 1884.
John Early.....	Virginia.....	January 1, 1786	Columbus, Ga.....	1854	68	Died in Lynchburg, Va., 1873.
H. H. Kavanaugh.....	Kentucky.....	January 14, 1802	Columbus, Ga.....	1854	52	Died in Columbus, Miss., March, 1884.
William M. Wightman.....	South Carolina.....	January 8, 1808	New Orleans.....	1866	58	Died in Charleston, S. C., February, 1882.
Enoch M. Marvin.....	Missouri.....	June 12, 1823	New Orleans.....	1866	43	Died in St. Louis, Mo., November, 1877.
David S. Doggett.....	Virginia.....	January 23, 1810	New Orleans.....	1866	56	Died in Richmond, Va., October, 1880.
Holland N. McTyeire.....	South Carolina.....	July 24, 1824	New Orleans.....	1866	42	Died in Nashville, Tenn., February, 1889.
John C. Keener.....	Maryland.....	February 7, 1819	Memphis, Tenn.....	1870	51	Died in New Orleans, La., January, 1906.
Alpheus W. Wilson.....	Maryland.....	February 5, 1834	Nashville, Tenn.....	1882	48	Residence, Baltimore, Md.
Linus Parker.....	New York.....	April 23, 1829	Nashville, Tenn.....	1882	53	Died in New Orleans, March, 1885.
John C. Granbery.....	Virginia.....	December 5, 1829	Nashville, Tenn.....	1882	53	Died in Ashland, Va., April, 1907.
Robert K. Hargrove.....	Alabama.....	September 18, 1829	Nashville, Tenn.....	1882	53	Died in Nashville, Tenn., August, 1905.
William W. Duncan.....	Virginia.....	December 20, 1829	Richmond, Va.....	1886	47	Died in Spartanburg, S. C., March, 1908.
Chas. B. Galloway.....	Mississippi.....	September 15, 1849	Richmond, Va.....	1886	37	Died in Jackson, Miss., May, 1909.
Eugene R. Hendrix.....	Missouri.....	May 17, 1847	Richmond, Va.....	1886	39	Residence, Kansas City, Mo.
Joseph S. Key.....	Georgia.....	July 18, 1829	Richmond, Va.....	1886	57	Residence, Sherman, Texas.
Atticus G. Haywood.....	Georgia.....	November 19, 1829	St. Louis, Mo.....	1890	51	Died in Oxford, Ga., January, 1896.
Oscar P. Fitzgerald.....	North Carolina.....	August 24, 1829	St. Louis, Mo.....	1890	61	Residence, Nashville, Tenn. (Retired.)
Warren A. Candler.....	Georgia.....	August 23, 1857	Baltimore, Md.....	1898	42	Residence, Atlanta, Ga.
Henry C. Morrison.....	Tennessee.....	May 30, 1842	Baltimore, Md.....	1898	58	Residence, Leesburg, Fla.
Elijah E. Hoss.....	Tennessee.....	April 14, 1849	Dallas, Tex.....	1902	53	Residence, Nashville, Tenn.
A. Coke Smith.....	South Carolina.....	September 16, 1849	Dallas, Tex.....	1902	53	Died in Asheville, N. C., December, 1906.
John J. Tigert.....	Kentucky.....	November 25, 1856	Birmingham, Ala.....	1906	49	Died in Oklahoma, November, 1906.
Seth Ward.....	Texas.....	November 1, 1858	Birmingham, Ala.....	1906	47	Died in Kobe, Japan, September, 1909.
James Atkins.....	North Carolina.....	April 18, 1850	Birmingham, Ala.....	1906	56	Residence, Waynesville, N. C.

was raining and the attendance small, there being about sixty present. After a talk by the Field Secretary and some special music, thirty minutes was spent in a conference on methods. It was a regret indeed to find that Brother Thomas had not returned from Wales, where he went early in December to spend the holidays with his parents. We found though that his good wife had everything well in hand and in addition to doing his pastoral work, she was keeping up all her multitude of duties with the ladies' societies and the League.

Floresville, January 21.—During this trip the Field Secretary contracted a severe cold and it impaired his voice to such an extent that he found it necessary to go into San Antonio from Corpus Christi and send Mrs. Appleby to hold the rally in Floresville. She reports a splendid rally with about fifty young people in attendance; found the League organized in its different departments and doing fine work along all lines and ready to send a good sized delegation to Epworth next summer.

San Marcos, January 22-23.—On arriving at San Marcos we were met at the train by Mr. David T. Peel, and Misses Parks and Smith, and taken for a drive around the beautiful little city or San Marcos. This we enjoyed very much. The League had arranged for a social to be given Saturday evening in the Assembly Hall of Coronel Institute, and at the appointed hour, 8:30 p. m., we found gathered there some two hundred young people. Everyone seemed to enjoy this entertainment to the fullest extent. Some of the features of the program being the singing of Mr. James W. Chapman, of Southwestern University, who will have charge of the singing at Epworth at the coming Encampment. He is well known to all Leaguers who attended Epworth last summer and needs no introduction to them. Miss Wade, of San Marcos, gave a reading and Miss Butler sang "Daffodils." The social was really a demonstration of the character of entertainment the League can give, and should give, each month during the year to supply the social needs of their young people.

At the morning service Sunday morning, which was given over to the raising of the endowment fund for Southwestern University, we had the pleasure of speaking to the congregation for a few minutes on "An Educated Ministry from a Young Man's Point of View." There were other speakers at this service, and with the singing by the choir and Mr. Chapman, the service was enjoyed by all present.

In the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock a Conference on Methods was held, the outline of which was as follows:

Round Table on Devotional Department, led by Mr. Appleby.

Round Table on Charity and Help Department, led by Mr. John Keen, President of Tenth Street League, Austin.

Round Table on Missionary Department, led by Mrs. Appleby.

There were about sixty young people that participated in these conferences and many were the interesting and instructive points developed and

discussed. The work of the three departments was gone into from every point of view and carefully considered.

The evening service was turned into a mass meeting for the young people, the music being under the direction of Mr. Chapman and the local choir. The following program was rendered at this service:

- W. P. Rylander presiding.
- Doxology.
- Song.
- Prayer.
- Solo—Mr. James F. Chapman, of Georgetown.
- Scripture Reading—Harold Goodenough.
- Song.
- Address—Mr. Appleby.
- Offertory.
- Male quartette.
- Benediction.

L. E. A.

A NOBLE EXAMPLE.

The following letter speaks for itself. It was not written for publication, we know, but we cannot refrain from publishing it. This is the second bond to be cancelled and adds another name to Epworth's Honor Roll. This is

The Letter.

Mr. A. K. Ragsdale, San Antonio, Texas:

Dear Brother Ragsdale — I don't know whether I can make myself clear, but I want to cancel my bond, interest and all, in favor of the Epworth League. I don't want you to pay me any more interest and will refund the interest already paid and also keep the twenty-five dollars.

I am not angry, but want you to accept it as a Christmas gift. The Lord has been so good to me I feel like repaying, in a very small measure, however, some of his kindness to me.

My sister and I are thinking of taking a scholarship in Brother Onderdonk's school. We wanted one in Instano Colon, where I taught, but Miss Davis wrote me about a young man who is anxious to be a preacher, so I expect my sister and I will take his scholarship.

If possible I want to attend the Encampment this year and if you need anyone to play for any of the services, don't hesitate to call on me, because I love to play for Church. Am organist for Sunday-school and Church both, out here.

Hoping that you make this Encampment the best yet and knowing you will, I am

Yours sincerely,
MISS EULA THOMAS.
Valentine, Texas, Box 102.

FROM MEXICO.

San Dieguito.

This is the name of a little town between here and Tampico, being 110 miles from the gulf coast. It is an American colony, composed of people principally from Oklahoma. We have been under promise to visit them and preach there. We were told that it had been nearly two years since any outside minister had visited them. There is a flourishing Sunday-school of something like fifty in attendance, superintended by Bro. J. W. Doolen, a

consecrated member of the Methodist Church. This colony, composed of something like thirty-five families, is represented by many of the Protestant denominations, but they are standing together in their religious work, all attending services when such are held. They have a well-organized day school with two teachers. There is a telephone system, two railroads and as fine a valley as can be found. Oranges, bananas, cane and many other profitable crops are being raised with great success. Tomatoes are being grown in great quantities this year, one man having in as much as thirty-five acres. These will be marketed in the United States. The oranges grown there are as fine and juicy as we have seen. As yet there is no church building, but a roomy schoolhouse serves as general meeting place. This was packed to its utmost capacity on Sunday as well as Monday night. We have never preached to a more attentive and eager throng. It did the heart good to feel that this gospel hungry multitude was being fed with the sincere milk of the word. They are anxious to be counted in the regular appointments of the conference and should be. In the meantime we have promised to serve them with an occasional visit.

We were entertained in the hospitable home of Brother and Sister Doolen, who certainly treated us in the good old way. The other brethren and sisters were exceedingly kind about extending invitations to partake of their hospitality. Surely this is a great opportunity to do good work for the Lord. The number of children was astonishing and as bright and nice a lot as we have ever seen. It is our purpose to visit them and hold a revival meeting as soon as it is possible to do so.—Frank S. Onderdonk, in St. Louis Christian Advocate.

IT'S EDITOR WALKER AGAIN.

Mr. Andrew J. Walker, 705 Title Guarantee Building, Birmingham, Ala., is again League Editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate, the gentleman who was selected to succeed him not having the time at his disposal to devote to the work. We understand from the announcement made concerning the matter that it is the custom for the Alabama and the North Alabama Conferences to each in turn furnish a League Editor, and this is how it happened that Editor Walker was relieved. For our part, we are glad he is again "in the harness." He says some very pointed things in his card of acceptance, from which we quote as follows: "We fear that the value of our League page to our League work is generally underestimated. It could, and should be, a means of great inspiration to all Leaguers. We should have a full page every week of real live League news and interesting items and helpful suggestions. It should fairly

sparkle and be running over with League enthusiasm—a page that no one could read without catching the spirit. We can make it this if we will. But no editor can do it by himself. The spirit of all the Leaguers must be reflected there."

MISSION STUDY CIRCLES.

One month of the new year has passed, but I trust that a majority of our Texas Leagues have already begun, or finished, some of the books outlined in our lesson study course. Let us take the eighth verse of the first chapter of Acts as a motto for our Mission Study classes:

"Ye shall be witnesses of me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

We can—none of us—be interested in something before we know about it. How quickly we respond to any suffering or need at our doors, and how great is the need of the people in the faraway lands! Is it not our duty to become acquainted with their needs and help them? Acts 1:8. Will each League that has completed a course in mission study this fall, or that is now studying a mission course, please send me their names, as I want to begin an Honor Roll in the League Department of the Advocate. If you haven't a Mission Study class, organize one and send me your name.

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The chief secret of comfort lies in not suffering trifles to vex us, and in prudently cultivating our undergrowth of small pleasures.—Archbishop Sharp.

TO THE AUXILIARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE:

Dear Sisters: Just a month remains before our work for the fiscal year must come to a close. What remains to be done must be done quickly. There is yet much to be done.

The Jessie Douglas Scholarship in Scarritt Bible and Training School is not completed. Sixty-eight dollars must come before this fund is complete. Will not the auxiliaries that have not contributed to this fund come to our rescue? Just a little time and effort from you just now means so much to our work. Then our obligation to Mr. Ragsdale for the balance due on the furnishing of the Woman's Building at Epworth-by-the-Sea is fifty dollars. This bill must be paid. If we neglect to meet our assessment for this fund, who will have to bear the burden? Surely our North Texas women are not willing to heap more burdens upon the shoulders of our already overburdened Mr. Ragsdale. Only a very small amount of this fund has been sent in. The amount is very small for each auxiliary, but let us not neglect it. Let every Auxiliary Treasurer in the W. F. M. Society of North Texas Conference look well to her work for this one remaining month of our fiscal year, and use all her powers to help complete the year's work successfully.

MRS. C. B. BRYANT,
Treasurer Conference Society,
Whitewright, Texas.

(The foregoing important call from the Treasurer of the W. F. M. Society of the North Texas Conference was received last week, but reached us too late for publication in last week's issue. It is sincerely hoped that the auxiliaries will rally to the earnest call thus made from this faithful officer who has these important interests in charge, and that this month will see a general and active rounding-up of all claims, so that there will be no deficit in any department of the work at the close of the year, March 1, 1910.—Editor Woman's Department.)

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

The conference year books are now ready. They are such as will be suitable for guide books for programs throughout the year, taking the program for Our Homes as a basis. They are dainty, in violet and hold—our home mission colors—printed on good paper, a blank page left between each program for notes.

We have 3000 copies printed, and hope that every auxiliary will order as soon as possible from Mrs. Frank Bennett, Pottsboro, who is the Treasurer of our Conference Society. Auxiliaries can obtain them so much more cheaply than they could procure them separately, and in furnishing them this way all have an opportunity to be supplied with enough to furnish each individual member with a copy.

MRS. F. B. RUDOLPH,
Press Superintendent Conference Society,
Dallas, Texas.

We appreciate the kindness of Mrs. Rudolph, Press Superintendent of the Woman's Home Mission Society, North Texas Conference, in sending us a copy of the year book prepared by the Conference Society for the use of the auxiliaries. It is important that the auxiliaries will realize the advantage thus offered for the promotion of the work in this well-arranged and attractively-prepared book, and it is

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important that the auxiliaries—one and all—will send in orders for these books to Mrs. Frank Bennett, of Pottsboro, who has them in charge, so that they may get the benefit of the advantage thus offered them as an aid in their work.—Editor Woman's Department.

W. H. M. SOCIETY.

To the Members in the Rank and File of Our Northwest Texas Conference:

Dear Sisters.—May I have your attention for just a moment?

As we approach the close of another fiscal year, March 1, in our beloved home mission work and go into our annual election of officers for the ensuing year, let us ask the guidance of our all-wise, heavenly Father in our selections of our corps of new officers.

May I not beg of you to choose one of your very best, most capable and enthusiastic workers in each auxiliary to serve you as Reporter this next year? I plead with you—do not select your Presidents, Treasurers and Secretaries from your best material, leaving your Reporters as a minor selection—just because your corps must include a Reporter—but get a woman who loves our organization and who is willing to give herself as a medium through which your women may learn each month of our H. M. current events; one who will be a Reporter both to your society and your local papers in reality and not merely nominally.

With an eye to His business and a heart and life for His service, let us enter the new year more determined to serve Him to the full extent of our ability than we have ever before done.

Thanking you for your attention and begging you to not forget my request in the selection of your very important officer, Reporter, I am, with best wishes, yours for service,

MRS. KATE SIMS,
Press Supt. Conference Society,
Gordon, Texas.

A RALLY OF THE W. H. M. SOCIETY.

A district rally of the W. H. M. Society was held at the Methodist Church, in Haskell, January 11. An interesting program had been prepared and preparations made by the ladies of the local auxiliary to entertain a large number of delegates. Owing to serious illness in their respective families our Conference President, Mrs. Bloodworth, and Conference Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Rollins, could not meet with us. We were fortunate, however, in having our District Secretary, Mrs. Patillo, present and as she is authority on all W. H. M. work was a great help to us in every way. Sixteen delegates were present representing six different auxiliaries. After the meeting at the church an informal reception was tendered the visitors in the club rooms. We trust these district rallies will become more frequent, for they furnish a great opportunity for the exchange of ideas on the work.

MRS. WALTER SCOTT,
Press Reporter.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, WILMER, TEX.

Rev. Kerr, pastor of the Church at Wilmer, phoned us to come down and organize a Home Mission Society. We knew from the start we had the pastor's help (do not have that in every Church). Mrs. Rudolph and I went down to Wilmer on the 12th. The pastor met us at the station, took us to the parsonage for dinner and to talk over the work. Mrs. Kerr is every inch a pastor's wife. Such a dear little baby girl they have! Mrs. Kerr says she is to be a Foreign Missionary, some day. God grant it!

The ladies were called to meet at the Church at 3 o'clock. A good percent of the women of the Church were out. They had really already effected an organization, but wanted us to instruct them about home work. Mrs. Rudolph told them of the connectional work, of the reading course and Home Department. I told them of the local work and perfected the organization by reading the by-laws and constitution. I never saw such enthusiasm and interest. They wanted to learn and nothing shows that more than their willingness to subscribe to the

papers of the society. There were six subscriptions to Our Homes, and eight to King's Messenger. They wanted all the literature they could get on all subjects pertaining to the work. Fourteen joined. We feel like we are going to be very proud of this auxiliary. May God bless them and Bro. Kerr. We go to Hutchins on the 23rd for organization.

MRS. PAUL JONES,
District Secretary Dallas District,
Dallas, Texas.

FROM HEARNE.

The Home Mission Society was organized in Hearne, November 17, by Mrs. B. C. Nettles, of Marlin. Elected officers as follows: President, Mrs. H. W. Cumming; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. H. Bivin; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Keith; Third Vice-President, Miss Rachel Welch; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Chas. Karney; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Bishop; Treasurer, Mrs. F. Klopp; Press Reporter, Mrs. T. P. Griffin; Agent for Our Homes, Mrs. J. F. Lane. We have fourteen members paid in full for November dues, conference fund and subscription to Our Homes. We believe they have gone, with correct steps, toward success during these few weeks of our existence. We have held several business meetings which were profitable. A social meeting was held with our Corresponding Secretary which was instructive and enjoyable and a tea given by our President from which we realized a neat sum. We are enthusiastic and anxious to learn more of the connectional work. Meet twice a month in business and social meeting. While we have not grown in number we feel we have grown in love for the work. We have a set of ladies who believe in "doing things," as their work in the Church as a local organization the last two or three years, under the leadership of Mrs. C. G. Wood, will prove. Although we have been silent and idle as far as connectional work, or public press notice is concerned, we have taken up the connectional work with interest, but need more light, which we trust will come with prayerful study of the work.

MRS. T. P. GRIFFIN,
Press Reporter.

FROM GEORGETOWN, TEXAS.

The Woman's Home Mission Society at Georgetown is in a very flourishing condition. We have quite a large membership, and the past few months an infusion of new members has added greatly to both the enthusiasm and spirituality of the society.

The Week of Prayer was observed with good results, both financially and spiritually.

Of late we have been doing a good deal of local work. The parsonage has been repaired and the superannate home repapered and painted inside.

Every fifth Monday is devoted to a social meeting of both Home and Foreign Mission Societies, to which every lady of the Church is invited. These social meetings have proved very successful in getting the women of the Church more interested in the work and more in touch with each other. Our society is also very diligent in the way of visiting the sick and strangers. No sick person goes without all needed attention, and every stranger is given a hearty handshake and pleasant smile.

We hope, as the fiscal year draws to a close, to have our collections all up and our reports in full.

MRS. D. D. FOWLER,
Press Reporter.

MISSION WORK AT THURBER, TEXAS.

Just a little more than a year ago Mrs. J. B. Price, our beloved District Secretary, came out from Weatherford and organized the Circuit Mission Board, of Thurber, Texas, consisting of three representatives from each of the auxiliaries of Strawn, Mingus, Gordon and Thurber.

The board meets quarterly. The members of the Executive Committee live at Thurber and transact any business that may arise during this time. At our last meeting it did our hearts good to witness the joy of our dear Miss Smith over the prospects of our Wesley House, at Thurber.

She has labored so faithfully, and her prayer and ours are realized in having a splendidly-located, roomy Wesley House and a kindergarten teacher for helper.

We feel very grateful to the General Board for returning Miss Smith to this field, for no one else could carry this work to completion as she, having won the love and esteem of the

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The mining company has agreed to let us use its circulating library of about 2000 volumes, if we furnish the librarian.

Miss Smith feels that this will be an opportunity to know and reach more of the people, and she and her helper will gladly look after the library. Ere this quarter closes we hope to have the Wesley House furnished and with doors wide open, ready for work in the kindergarten, boys' clubs, mothers' clubs, sewing class, etc.

If we keep the work of the coal fields on our hearts and pray daily for our workers there, we have the assurance that success will be ours and souls will be saved.

MRS. LOLA ODEN,
Secretary of the Board.

MARRIAGES.

Gorman-Taytum.—In the County Clerk's office, at Fort Worth, Texas, on January 23, 1910, Mr. Andrew Gorman and Miss Maggie Lee Taytum, Rev. Thomas Reece officiating.

Runnells-Blackwell.—In Glenrose, Texas, January 14, 1910, Mr. D. R. Runnells and Miss Opie Blackwell, Rev. F. M. Winburne officiating.

Walker-Freeman.—At Rylie, Texas, Sunday afternoon, January 23, 1910, Mr. Arthur Walker and Miss Ida Freeman, Rev. W. R. McCarter officiating.

Miller-Baker.—In the parsonage of the First Methodist Church, in Austin, Texas, January 21, 1910, Mr. Deen Miller and Miss Lena Baker, of Creedmore, Texas, Rev. V. A. Godbey officiating.

Parsons-Hatcher.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Mexia, Texas, Jan. 2, 1910, Mr. Tom Parsons and Miss Kate Hatcher, Rev. O. B. Turner officiating.

Webb-Moore.—At the parsonage in Cotton Gin, Texas, Jan. 6, 1910, Mr. R. Webb and Miss Vera Moore, Rev. O. B. Turner officiating.

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the benefit of it when he has crossed over the dark valley of death and joined the happy host above. It will double and treble to him before the year is gone. If you have some of the Lord's money don't rest until you put it out in the cause. Permit me to advise all Methodists who have been in the habit of saying they give so and so to the Church to not say it until they have paid the Church what they owe it. Then all over and above that amount is a gift, and not until then. God grant that we may have a great revival all over the Marlin District this year. My address is Franklin, Texas, Route 1.—J. S. Ogle, Jan. 20.

Glenrose.

The annual turn of the ecclesiastical wheel at Stamford, in November, dropped us at Glenrose Station. After two years spent in a hired house, with the water question ever present, the change to a nice, roomy parsonage furnished with plenty of housekeeping utensils and an overflowing well of white sulphur water just outside the kitchen door, was pleasant, indeed. We spent a week en route from Bronte, our former charge, visiting the home folks, and arrived here on Friday, November 26. We began at once to familiarize ourselves with the conditions in our new field of labor. The first fact disclosed was that the Church was somewhat discouraged. The almost unparalleled crop failure last year, together with the loss of some of the best-paying members, had so crippled the financial strength of the Church that some of the brethren thought it unwise to try to continue as a station. In the second place, the incidental expenses for the past twelve months were out of all proportion, and necessitated the carrying over of a debt. And, lastly, the congregation was very much run down. Even the faithful few could not conceal the fact of their discouragement. Two months of the conference year have passed, and the outlook is more promising. The stewards have made a liberal assessment and are proceeding to pay by monthly installments. The good women of the Home Mission Society have supplied what was needed to make us comfortable in the parsonage, and the preacher and his family have been the recipients of many tokens of love and esteem. Our congregations are increasing in numbers and interest, the debt has been paid off, and our incidental expenses have been reduced to a cash basis. The Sunday-school has taken on new life, the enrollment during January running close to a hundred. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the 15th and 16th instant. Brother E. A. Smith, the efficient presiding elder of the Cleburne District, was on hand, and helped and encouraged us greatly by his preaching and godly counsel. And right here permit me to say that, whatever defects there may be in this much-discussed office, it will be a long time before the average preacher can dispense with the advice and help of a faithful presiding elder. We are praying and working to the end that this may be a year of great spiritual progress in Glenrose Station.—C. N. Morton, Jan. 28.

Fort Worth Methodism.

Rev. B. R. Bolton was present and led in an opening prayer. He spent Sunday morning at Missouri Avenue and Sunday evening at Mulkey. Brother J. L. Green, of the United Charities, was present and reported his work. Dr. Knickerbocker had a wonderful day at First Church, about 1500 taking the pledge not to drink any more intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Dr. Boaz spent Sunday at the college. Services at all the churches were splendid. There were between thirty and forty additions and conversions reported. Dr. Hay spent Sunday at Smithfield.—Ashley Chappell.

Graham Mission.

We have been received by the people very kindly. We have a nice little work of only eight appointments. I think, however, by good management I can keep busy most of the time. We had our first Quarterly Conference the 25th of this month. Rev. M. K. Little, our presiding elder, was on hand and preached a fine sermon, after which we gathered around the Lord's table and partook of the bread and wine. Then we gathered around another table filled with such good things to eat as always appear when the good women of Rocky Mound have anything to do with it. We have not been

pounded as most of our preachers have been, but often something good to eat finds its way in our buggy or home. I think that we have some of the best people on earth. They seem to love to go to Church. We have received nine into the Church since conference. We have built a place to put some feed, and a shed for my horse and buggy. I feel like we can do a great work for my Lord by his help this year.—Henry Francis, Jan. 26.

Hubbard.

Sunday night, January 23, saw the closing of a 15-days' meeting in our Church at Hubbard. Jno. E. Green, our Advocate's Field Editor, was with me from the first. He did good service. We love him much up this way. Had 28 additions to our Church. Much good in the Church. Our presiding elder, W. L. Nelms, was with us the last two days of the meeting. Held first Quarterly Conference Monday night, January 24. Pastor's salary advanced \$100. Our great need is a new church. We must have it.—A. E. Caraway, Jan. 25.

Cushing Circuit.

After one pleasant and fruitful year at Harleton, we were read out by Bishop Key for Cushing. We soon made the landing. Have completed our first round on the work. Our first Quarterly Conference convened January 8. Our presiding elder was sick and could not be there, but he sent Rev. S. W. Lowe in his place, who acted just as if he was old in the business. We are located at Sacul. The work is badly scattered, and some of our people are discouraged, but we are working and praying for the greatest year in the history of the charge.—A. A. Rider, Jan. 29.

Livingston Station.

We were returned here for our second year. Since conference our good ladies of the W. H. M. Society have re-matted one room and matted the dining room and hall and stained the dining-room. They are quite successful financially, as well as otherwise. Their meetings this year have been unusually well attended. They have paid \$55 on our church pews, and intend to make it \$100. The Sunday-school is growing rapidly. The attendance since conference has been larger than in a number of previous years. It has an unusually good corps of officers and teachers. Our prayer-meeting is also growing, and will continue to do so. Our W. F. M. Society is also quite active, but has been somewhat retarded by sickness among its members. The Junior League has resumed active operation under the leadership of Mrs. B. C. Marsh and Miss Edna Geer, and its services are well attended. Our Official Board is well organized, and doing business in a business way for God and the Church. This is our first year as a station, and we hope to make good every way. Our great need is a stirring revival, begotten of God, and stirring hearts and consciences. Our people are uniformly kind to us, attending well at all hours of worship and showing their appreciation in many ways. Last year we were well pounded three times, and we do not expect to suffer this year. Our Advocate needs larger circulation here, and we shall give it our attention.—H. B. Smith, Jan. 29.

Call Mission.

At the close of conference Bishop Key read us out for our second year on Call Mission, and we were truly glad of this; for it would have been a disappointment to us not to have had the privilege of serving these good people the second term. On our return the people of Bessmay showed their love and appreciation by giving us a nice pounding. This was no small affair. Just imagine a large-sized barrel packed completely full of nice eatables. It came just in time. Money and no meal in the barrel. We should judge from the contents of that barrel that nearly all the Bessmay folks had a hand in this much-appreciated act of kindness to us. We promise in return our love, and pray that the good Lord may bless you and yours with an abundance of everything necessary for your comfort and happiness. Saturday and Sunday, the 22nd and 23rd, our first Quarterly Conference convened. Brother Hotchkiss, our presiding elder, was present. The conference passed off pleasantly and harmoniously. Our stewards raised the salary \$50 over what it was last year, making a raise of \$150 from what it was when we came to this charge. Brother Hotchkiss

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preached us three good sermons. We only make mention of his Sunday night sermon. Text: "All things are yours." It was a missionary sermon from start to finish. At the close we took up a collection for the Seth Ward Memorial Endowment Fund. The result was a very nice little sum, with more to follow. God bless our presiding elder. May the good Lord strengthen him for the hard year's work that is before him.—W. H. Summy.

Tye.

We have just closed the most spiritual Quarterly Conference it has been the privilege of this writer to attend. S. A. Barnes, presiding elder of Abilene District, was present and presided to the delight of every one present. He is a most princely man, a natural leader of men, is an ideal presiding elder, and he is a taking man with the common people. He gives eminent satisfaction in the pulpit and in the chair. Rev. Joe Fort, of First Church, Abilene, was present, and preached at 11 a. m. Saturday, and a great sermon it was. Joe is a fine preacher, and is bringing things to pass in First Church, Abilene. We were also favored with the presence of Rev. J. C. Moore, of Eskota charge. He preached a fine sermon Saturday night. We had some old-time shouting in open Quarterly Conference. A fine crowd was present. This conference will go down in the history of this charge as one of great spiritual power. The charge made a fine showing financially and otherwise. The officials made a fine showing in answer to question No. 8. It exceeded any former report of this charge for the first quarter. They made a liberal assessment for the pastor for this charge, in view of the fact that we had a failure of crops last year. The charge made a fine showing. The pastor reported twenty new members and several conversions to date and fifteen new subscriptions to the Texas Advocate. The charge is advancing on all lines. We have a very fine class of people out here, and Methodism is in the forefront—where she should be. And why not, for we have the best doctrines, the best polity to be found? Methodism will take any community, where her doctrines are faithfully preached, and where we carefully and prayerfully take care of the children; but let us take heed to ourselves and the doctrine of our Church. We have nothing to be ashamed of, except the fact that in many places we have failed to present the doctrines of our Church. Others preach their doctrines long and loud. Why not Methodist preachers? Our Church is all right out here, and we are pressing on and gaining greater victories for our Lord.—C. S. Cameron, Jan. 29.

Bronte.

Our beloved, Rev. J. A. Whitehurst, presiding elder of this the Brownwood District, has come and gone in his first round, and our first Quarterly Conference for the year 1909-10 on Bronte Circuit has gone into history. And splendid history it was, indeed, that went to record, showing the rapid progress of Methodism in this section and the advancement of our work on this charge. The answer to question No. 5, "What statistics have been reported to the Annual Conference?" shows last year an epoch-maker, under the wise leadership of Brethren Whitehurst as presiding elder, and C. M. Morton as preacher in charge, and the energetic efforts of this good people. Besides the total of \$212 collected on the charge for all purposes, being \$1176 above salaries and assessments, the report shows ninety-eight

additions and a total membership of 395. This includes the four appointments—Bronte, Fort Chadbourne, Norton and Maverick—these constituting the circuit. The latter two were cut off into another charge by our last Annual Conference at Stamford in November, leaving the first two as the present charge, with Bronte a three-quarter station. As an evidence of further progress, the salary of the preacher in charge for the present conference year 1909-10 was advanced to \$900, being \$250 above that of the previous year on the four appointments formerly on the charge as aforesaid; and that, too, in the face of the drouth and short crops of the year 1909. Likewise was the assessment for the conference collections increased on the present two appointments of the charge \$50 over and above those of the previous year on the former four appointments. The pastor's report at this first Quarterly Conference showed sixteen accessions to the membership of the charge during the quarter and \$16 collected and sent to our Orphanage at Waco, being \$6 in excess of our assessment therefor for the present conference year. Upon motion, the presiding elder appointed a committee to select and obtain a site for a church building at Fort Chadbourne, looking to the erection of a Methodist Church at an early day. This is a crying need in behalf of Methodism at that little town on the Orient Railroad, eight miles north of Bronte, and if any reader of this desires to contribute any amount whatever to this worthy enterprise, it will be thankfully received by this pastor and people, and due credit given therefor. Send amounts in cash or subscription to me.—Chas. D. Spann, Jan. 28.

Bonham Street, Paris

We are glad to be with the good people of this charge this year. To know how very kindly we were received by them and how nicely they are treating us, is to know some of the reasons for our being so happy in our new home and so well pleased with our new charge. The pounding came as a New Year's gift and was one of the largest poundings we have ever received. The stewards met at the parsonage recently and made the pastor's salary \$100 more than it has been their custom heretofore to make it. Of course the presiding elder's salary was raised accordingly. Our Board of Stewards consists of men who are loyal and progressive Methodists, and they are ready to assist their pastor to "bring things to pass" this year. Our Sunday-school in quantity is not the greatest in the city, but in quality few surpass it. It could not, however, be otherwise than good with a man like W. E. Hogue as Superintendent. Bro. Hogue's heart is in the work, and he is planning great things for our school. We expect to see an average attendance of 150 pupils before the year is out. The W. H. M. Society is doing fine work. They have spent about \$25 in parsonage improvements since we came. We are indeed glad to report a live Senior League. They promised \$25 last year to the Ruby Kendrick Memorial Fund to be paid this month. The money was raised and sent the first of the month. Our Junior League starts out this year with a bright future before it. We have an appointment five miles southwest of Paris included in this work, where we preach in the afternoon of the second Sunday of each month and also every fifth Sunday. We have good, true and loyal Methodists at this appointment and we are expecting to have a great year among

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OBITUARIES

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 175 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.

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WILSON.—Nicholas Wilson was born in St. Charles County, Mo., October 13, 1833, and died at Pilot Point, Texas, May 15, 1908. He came to Texas in 1852. He was happily married to Miss Martha Elmore, of Grayson County, and settled in the delightful town of Pilot Point. Here he engaged in a successful business life, and he and Aunt Matt (as her friends called her) lived as loving twins. "They two were one flesh." To them was born one child, who is now Mrs. Alice Harrison. The grandchildren, the offspring of this only daughter, were the pride and comfort of Uncle Nick and Aunt Matt in their old age. Brother Wilson raised a company, and as Captain served in Demoss' Regiment during the war between the States. He was a brave and faithful Confederate. Just before the war he professed religion, and his chaplain says largely through the influence of Captain Wilson a ten-months' meeting was held in the army, in which hundreds were converted, many of whom rise up in judgment and call him blessed. After the war he returned to Pilot Point and began life anew. By diligence and close attention to business, he acquired a comfortable competency. He carried his religion into his business, into his home and every-day life. He did as much as any one man to build up the beautiful town of Pilot Point and place it on a good moral and financial basis. Religiously he was the Abraham of the place, full of faith and good works. He was the friend of God, the Church and his preacher. I was his pastor for two years, and I am free to say I never knew a man more faithful and prompt to meet all religious obligations. Wherever duty ordered him he gladly went. With him religion was first, not secondary, and to it everything else had to bend. His house was the home of the preacher. His home was like that of Martha and Mary, where Jesus was always welcome. Uncle Nick and Aunt Matt happily journeyed together through nearly a half century, when God took the companion of his youth to the better world. Thus his home was desolate, and he was left solitary and alone. After a period of time, on November 20, 1901, he married Miss Nora Ried, of Pilot Point, who broke the solitude of the home and ministered to his comfort till the end came. Brother Wilson's steps were ever upward and heavenward, and he has reached his destination and rests from his labors. Christ said to his disciples: "I go to prepare a place for you, and will come again and receive you unto myself." We know where to find him. W. H. HUGHES.

LAYMAN.—Little Alma Hellin Layman, daughter of Brother and Sister Walter Layman, of Grosvenor, was born September 16, 1903. On December 9, 1909, her clothing was accidentally caught while warming, which resulted in such a severe burn it was thought by physicians and friends that she would die in a few hours; but it was after thirty-five days of intense suffering that she passed away, January 13, 1910. Little Alma was an exceptionally sweet child, obedient to parents and affectionately tender to loved ones and friends. She had been trained to love God and the Church. She had a special respect for her pastor, and seemed to know his mission, being so interested in me and my work she sent for me to come to her bedside. As I held her by the hand and looked her in the face, such suffering I never witnessed; but through it all she would bear down her pain, and such a sweet smile passing over her face as she formed my acquaintance that I thought surely she is suffering for Jesus' sake. Papa and mamma say: "She had a consciousness of the presence of Christ in her own heart." If she can suffer such intense pain for such a period of time, surely we can face the hardships of life more bravely; and let us do it and meet little Alma in the glory world. J. F. LUKER.

SCOGGINS.—The only son of Rev. B. B. Scoggins, of Mesilla Park, N. M., died in Providence Hospital, El Paso, Texas, after an operation to relieve an affection of the brain. Olin was a bright boy of fifteen years, and gave promise of a useful life. His illness was long and severe, but he bore his suffering with great patience and fortitude. The end came January 13, 1910. Olin was converted and joined the Church in 1906. His last testimony was of his readiness to go and be with the Lord. To the bereaved parents and sisters I would say: Be comforted; you shall see him again. His pastor, W. E. FOULKS.

Las Cruces, N. M. TRAYLOR.—Little John Milton Traylor, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Traylor, was born January 15, 1910, and departed this life January 17, 1910. So this little child was permitted to stay in his earthly home but two days till the Master called him to his heavenly home. It goes to be with Jesus, who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me." The Master will take good care of little Milton till the parents come, and he will be there to welcome them to the beautiful city of God. So look forward, dear ones, to the meeting on the other shore. J. A. BIGGS.

OWENS.—Chas. F. Owens was born December 3, 1850. He was a consistent member of the M. E. Church at Dickinson, Texas, for seventeen years, in which he served as steward, trustee and Sunday-school Superintendent. Religion was to him a real part of life, and he was never happier than when engaged in active service. His was a peaceful, hopeful, trusting nature, and his disposition was to avoid all strife and contention. He possessed the rare faculty of being able "to renounce," when necessary, without bitterness, and of holding the respect and friendship of all men without capitulation. Kind, helpful and honest, he will be mourned by all who knew him. For many years he served as postmaster, to the satisfaction of all parties, his wife and four children are left to sadly miss his loving counsel and watchful care, for he was a devoted husband and father. But they are comforted in the thought that their dear one was prepared, for he expressed himself a few days before he died as resigned, and assured that whatever God willed would be right. The end came peacefully, and he was laid to rest in the cemetery overlooking Dickinson Bayou. May we be encouraged and stimulated by his life to be more faithful to the Master's cause. ONE WHO KNEW AND LOVED HIM.

DUNBAR.—Miss Annie A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Dunbar, was born July 29, 1832, in Garrard County, Texas, and departed this life December 29, 1909, at Uvalde, Texas, whither she had been carried a few months previous in the hope that she would regain her health, which had been failing for quite a while. Miss Annie was converted at the age of sixteen years and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the Ashby Church, near her old home, and remained a consistent member of the same until she was summoned to the brighter world. It was, indeed, a sad parting, but there in the blessed assurance that it will not be for long, as we know where to meet her, and it is possible for all to be with her "in the house of many mansions." God knows best, and his will, not ours, be done. She leaves behind her loving parents, several brothers and sisters, besides a host of other relatives and friends, to mourn her departure; but they are commended to God, who doeth all things well. In the presence of a large number of friends we laid her to rest in the Ashby Cemetery on December 23, to await the resurrection. J. P. CHAMBERS, P. C.

PROCTOR.—Bryan Proctor, only son of W. H. and Ida Proctor, was born June 14, 1897, and fell on sleep in Christ October 12, 1909. Bryan was a good boy, a dutiful son, a loving brother, a kind and generous playmate, he loved the Sunday-school, and was always present; also the Junior Epworth League, of which he was President. He delighted to contribute to the support of both, always laying aside his money carefully, that he might be ready when the collection was taken. He was a member of the Church, having been converted and joined under the ministry of Rev. D. F. Fuller. With sad hearts we bore his body to the church where he loved to much to go, and after the funeral, conducted by the reverend pastor, the casket was taken to the cemetery, where we laid it to rest in the full hope of the resurrection of the just. It seems strange that a life so young, so full of hope and promise, should be taken away; but God knows best, and since he has given his only begotten Son to the cross for us all, we bow in submission to his will and await the light that shall come with the vision of the eternal. J. W. CLIFTON.

HENDRIX.—Lillie Hendrix (nee Miller) passed peacefully to rest January 16, 1910. She was born September 2, 1885; was married to Mr. A. H. Hendrix November 11, 1906. The end came after a long struggle for life and health. Though the struggle was long, it was endured with that patience and fortitude which is characteristic of a Christian heart. Through all the months of her illness she was the center of household affection and the object of every kindness that father, mother, brother, sister and husband could show; and countless friends esteemed it a pleasure if by any means they could alleviate even the least of her sufferings. She professed faith in Christ in her childhood days, and united with the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent Christian until her death. God has taken her to himself. She is forever exempt from suffering and pain. Will all who read these lines live so as after death to live with her and rejoice at her growth and heavenly advantage? S. H. SMITH, P. C. Lake Creek, Texas.

AUSTIN.—Miss Edna Ada Austin was born July 14, 1892. She was the next youngest daughter of Brother and Sister I. J. Austin, of Rockwall. January 12, 1910, Sister Edna was called to her reward in heaven. Her death leaves a broad breach in the ranks of Methodism and many sad hearts in Rockwall. Intensely religious, faithful in the discharge of every duty, devout and unconditionally surrendered to the will of God, she easily made herself felt as the most devoutly religious girl in Rockwall. Early in her short life here she gave her heart to God. Edna was loyal to her Church. She was a loving, obedient child, and she was faithful and true to her pastor. She sought many times to lead the trellis to Christ, whom she knew as her own Savior, and her deeds of love and kindness, her words of peace and admonition will continue to bear fruit for many years to come. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Loved ones, let the life she lived and the promises of God comfort your aching hearts, for you are not left comfortless. HER PASTOR.

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ROSE.—Patrick Henry Rose was born in Jones County, Ga., December 29, 1830, and died in Del Rio, Texas, December 16, 1909. He was married to Miss Julia Martin in Gonzales County, Texas, December 1, 1857. To this union were born twelve children, seven of whom, with the wife and mother, survive. The deceased came with his family from Karnes County to Del Rio twenty-five years ago, and has resided here ever since. Brother Rose was converted fifty-two years ago. For more than forty years he held official position in the Church. He adorned his profession by a life of uniform cheerfulness and fidelity. Until failing strength kept him at home, his place was never vacant in the house of the Lord. When his feet touched the cold waters of death he called about him his wife and children and grandchildren, and with a handclasp of good-bye spoke a personal word to each, asking sadly that they join him in heaven. We shall see him again over yonder. He will be sorely disappointed if any of his loved ones should be absent. His Savior opens wide the door for all who will come. J. P. WILSON.

BRISHIN.—Mrs. Delilah Cumi Brishin (nee Walker) was born June 27, 1847, and departed this life November 6, 1909, at her home in Altus, Okla. She was married to H. W. Brishin March 15, 1866. She leaves a husband and seven children and one brother and sister and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn for her. But there were four of her boys waiting at the pearly gates to welcome her home. She was converted in childhood, joined the M. E. Church, South, of which she remained a constant member. She was always ready to testify for Christ, and counted him her every stay in time of trouble. Reading the Bible was her pastime, and holding up a crucified Savior to a sinful world was her delight. We know our loss is her gain, but still children miss her affectionate letters and presence, and husband misses her companionship. May we all be faithful and meet mamma in the sweet by-and-by. Her son-in-law, J. A. AARON.

LAMBETH.—Our Church in Amerillo has lost one of its most devoted members in the death of Mrs. Roda L. Lambeth, who died December 25, 1909. Sister Lambeth was born July 5, 1848, in Abingdon, Va., and came to Texas with her parents when only a little girl. She was married to Mr. John M. Lambeth November 25, 1875. Hers was a life of devoted service, forgetting self in her desire to do good to others. To the last her care was for her loved ones and the Church she loved so dearly. We mourn our loss, but rejoice in the rich treasure left to us in the beautiful Christian life she lived. Her body was laid to rest in the family graveyard in Cooper, Texas, beside the grave of her husband, who preceded her to the better land only a few years. O. F. SENSABAUGH.

MILLER.—On January 21, 1910, death claimed Louis Willard, aged fifteen months, the old child of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller, of Albuquerque, N. M. The little fellow had been ill for some time, and his parents, thinking a change of climate would be of benefit to him, brought him on a visit to his grandparents, at Giddings, but the Lord knew best, and on Friday afternoon his little soul winged its way heavenward. This was a sad blow to the fond parents, but it may stimulate them to greater efforts to meet their darling in the great beyond. J. FISHER SIMPSON.

GLAZNER.—Mrs. Edna Wilson Glazner was born in Alabama February 19, 1842, and was married to J. M. Glazner in 1867. To this union ten children were born, all living. She united with the M. E. Church, South, in early womanhood and lived a consecrated life till death claimed her, November 27, 1909. The sweet fragrance of her Christ-like life will linger through the coming years. There were no tears, no doubts, when she came to cross the Jordan, and leaving evidence of her readiness, passed away in the blessed hope. May the God of all grace and comfort keep those left behind, and bring them all to the saints' everlasting rest in heaven. F. A. WHITE. El Campo, Texas.

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BOSTICK.—Sister Elizabeth H. Bostick (nee Wright) was born in Tennessee December 3, 1848, and died January 18, 1910. She was reared in Alabama and was married to F. B. Bostick October 8, 1868. Sister Bostick was converted in early life, and joined the Methodist Protestant Church, and lived a consistent member for twenty years. In 1908 she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and lived a true Christian till death. Sister Bostick has thirteen living children, and the majority of them are true Christians. She was true in all the relations of life: A true companion, a true mother to her children, a true friend and neighbor, true to her Church, true to her Lord. Eternity alone will reveal the good done by Sister Bostick. Brother H. B. Clark, her preacher in charge, and the writer held the funeral service in the church at Bunyan, where she held her membership. May the good Lord bless her aged companion in his sadness, and her children. May they all live so that they will make an unbroken family in heaven, is my prayer. A friend.
J. E. MORTON.

HANKS.—On the morning of January 25, 1910, the little town of Blum was made to feel sad on account of the death of Eunice Hanks, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Hanks. Eunice was a sweet, unobtrusive girl. She had a winning turn, consequently she had many friends, which was demonstrated by the large concourse of people who followed her remains to the cemetery. She was very fond of her mother. Her mother sobbingly said: "No one will miss her like I will." She leaves a father, mother, brother and three sisters. Dear loved ones, be of good cheer. You shall see Eunice again some sweet day. She said: "I am ready; I am willing to go, if it is the Lord's will." Dear friends, this is only a debt that we all have to pay, so let us live the pure life that Eunice lived. Her life was short, yet it was an inspiration to many of that goodness that dwelt within. She was 16 years, 4 months and 22 days old. "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Her pastor's wife.
MRS. A. B. C. DEBNAM.

WILSON.—Mrs. M. A. Wilson (nee Mayfield), was born May 14, 1816, in Maury County, Tenn., and died January 21, 1910, at Ledbetter, Texas. On December 27, 1832, she was married to Jefferson Wilson. Eleven children came from this union, of whom only two survive—Mrs. M. E. Taylor, of Midland, Texas, and Mrs. Jennie Hodges, of Ledbetter, with whom Aunt Polly had made home for the past twenty-five years. In 1852 the Wilsons moved to Texas and settled in Washington County, and in that and adjoining counties Aunt Polly has lived ever since. She was of the good old Methodist type, uniting with the Church in early life and living a consecrated Christian life to the end. She was well acquainted with the old pioneer preachers, such as the Whipples, H. S. Thrall, O. Fisher, Alexander, and others, and could talk interestingly of the pioneer days. Sister Wilson leaves a large connection of relatives to mourn her death. May the Lord comfort them in their bereavement.
J. FISHER SIMPSON, Pastor.

PETTIT.—William Lafayette Pettit was born in Cartecay, Ga., in 1853, and went home to God January 2, 1910, at the age of 56 years, 5 months and 11 days. His boyhood days were spent in Georgia. At the age of fourteen years he was converted to God and joined the Church. After his marriage he moved to Arkansas in 1892, and in 1897 he came with his family to Texas and settled in Erath County. He resided here until 1905, when he moved to Taylor County, Texas, where he lived until his departure for the heavenly world. Brother Pettit was a good, useful man. He loved God and the Methodist Church; was a constant reader of the Advocate. He leaves a sad, lonely widow, and several boys, all nearly grown, and one daughter to mourn their sad loss. His end was peaceful. To him to die was infinite gain. We laid his body away in the Stith Cemetery to await the general resurrection on the last day. May the lonely widow and sorrowing children meet him in heaven. His pastor,
C. S. CAMERON.

DUNHAM.—Mrs. Mary W. Dunham, (nee Lewis) was born in Autauga County, Ala., in 1856, and died in Florence, Texas, January 12, 1910, only eight days after her mother, with whom she lived, had passed away. Sister Dunham came to Texas with her parents when only two years of age, and had lived with them near Florence for the past several years. She was a good Christian, as all who knew her testify. She had been a member of the Methodist Church for thirty-eight years. Her only child, Eugene Dunham, of Hamlin, Texas, four brothers, one sister and her aged father survive her. She was the oldest of the six children, and the first to cross the river. Let each strive to meet her and her mother in heaven, where family ranks are never broken.
W. M. C. HOUSE, P. C.

NORMAN.—Jeff Eugene Reynolds Norman, son of L. E. and S. C. Norman, of Shiro, Texas, died on January 19, 1910, aged 2 years, 2 months and 14 days. Brother and Sister Norman were very much heartbroken over the loss of little Eugene, as he was the only son, the family consisting of several girls and only one boy. The physicians, assisted by a devoted mother, a loving father and kind friends, did all in their power to arrest the malignant disease, pneumonia, but in vain. Death scored another victory, and another little cherub has gone to live with Jesus and the angels. A large concourse of sympathizing friends gathered around the grave and deposited his little body in the grave according to the Ritual, and turned sorrowfully away to meet little Eugene at the judgment bar. Will we be ready?
G. W. HENDERSON.

MURPHY.—Sister A. Murphy was born July 13, 1877. When only ten years old she was converted in a meeting held by Rev. John R. Nelson. Sister Murphy lived a true Christian and a faithful member of the Methodist Church. On July 27, 1902, she was married to A. Murphy. To this union were given four children. Death claimed this good woman on November 5, 1909. In departing this life she left a husband, four children and many other loved ones, with a host of friends, to mourn their loss. I was her pastor for three years, and always found her to be a faithful Christian woman. Her home was the home of the preacher, as she felt the pastor's influence was always a blessing to her family. She enjoyed the Church service, and was often found in her pew on the Sabbath day. She was a true wife and loving mother. May the blessing of the Lord be with those left behind.
M. J. ALLEN, Lometa, Texas.

FERGUSON.—Earl, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ferguson, was born May 31, 1906, and died of scarlet fever in Grapevine, Texas, January 13, 1910. Earl was a very bright, sweet child. He was very diligent at the school, and took great interest in singing, although he was not yet four years old. He would often come to his mother with a book and say: "Let's sing." He suffered very much in his last illness, which was only about one week. The river parents and all they could to keep him here, but on Thursday—just a week from the time he was taken ill—his little spirit took its flight; and now heaven is nearer and more real to papa and mamma, because little Earl is waiting for them hard by the river. Yes, Earl is not for God took him; and we weep only for a night, but joy will come in the morning of eternal day, where all sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
I. E. HIGHTOWER, Grapevine, Texas.

LOVINGOOD.—Nancy A. D. Toland was born near Highland, Tishomingo County, Miss., October 16, 1857, and died January 19, 1910. She was united in marriage September 26, 1876, to Neil Lovingood, who survives her. Six children were born to this union, two of whom died in infancy. Two sons and two daughters not only mourn their mother, but are bereft of the privilege of tenderly caring for her. She had been a faithful member of the Church for many years, uniting with the Baptist Church in her early teens. About fifteen years ago she became a member of the Methodist Church, living a life of faithful and earnest Christian piety. To the husband and her sons and daughters we extend our heartfelt sympathy, commending them to our Heavenly Father, "who doeth all things well." Already she knows the joy of meeting loved ones gone before, and of being in the presence of her Savior. Already she sings the song of redemption, and for her beneficent and forever is the crown of life that fadeth not away. She has heard the welcome plaudit, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." A faithful wife and mother has passed through the valley of the shadow of death and has entered the light of eternal day.
A FRIEND.

Beeville District—Second Round.
Feb. 5, Rockport.
Feb. 11-12, Pettus and Mineral.
Feb. 19-21, San Benito Circuit.
Feb. 22-23, McAllen Circuit.
Feb. 24, 8:00 p. m., Brownsville.
Feb. 25-27, Cal Allen.
March 2, 3, Premont.
March 4, Mathis.
March 6, 7, Alice.
March 9-13, Floresville.
March 13-17, Beeville.
March 19, 20, Couch.
March 26, 27, Oakville.
March 30-April 3, Goliad.
April 8-10, Runge.
April 15-17, Aransas Pass.
April 16, 17, Rockport.
April 23, 24, Sinton Circuit.
April 25, 8:00 p. m., Kingsville.
April 26, 8:00 p. m., Corpus Christi.
April 29, Jourdanton.
The District Conference will be held at Floresville, beginning with a sermon on Monday night, July 5, and closing on Friday night, July 8.
A. L. SCARBOROUGH, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round.
San Marcos, Feb. 6, 7.
Belmont Cir., at B., Feb. 12, 13.
Gonzales, Feb. 19, 20.
Luling, at Luling, Feb. 20, 21.
Seguin, at Seguin, Feb. 26, 27.
Martindale, at Prairie 5, 6.
Staples, at Harris Ch., March 6, 7.
Kyle and Maxwell, at K., March 12, 13.
Waelder and Thompsonville, at T., Mar. 19, 20.
Dripping Springs, at Fitzhugh, March 26, 27.
Buda, at Lytton Springs, April 2, 3.
Harwood, at Harrison's Ch., April 9, 10.
Lockhart, April 10, 11.
San Marcos, April 16, 17.
Belmont, April 23, 24.
District Conference will meet at Seguin April 28, at 2:00 p. m.
Pastors, please see their year Recording Stewards have their records there for examination.
W. H. H. BIGGS, P. E.

Austin District—Second Round.
Bastrop, at Bastrop, Jan. 30.
Manor, at Manor, Feb. 5, 6.
Webberville, at Hornsby's Bend, Feb. 12, 13.
McDade, at Morgan's Chapel, Feb. 19, 20.
Elgin, at Elgin, Feb. 20, 21.
Manchaca, at Pleasant Hill, Feb. 26, 27.
Hyde Park and Walnut, at H. P., Feb. 27, 28.
Liberty Hill and Leander, at L. H., March 5, 6.
Bertram, at Mount Horeb, March 12, 13.
Smithville, at S., March 19, 20.
LaGrange, at LaGrange, March 26, 27.
Columbus, at Columbus, Apr. 9, 10.
Weimar, at Oakland, April 16, 17.

Eagle Lake, at Chesterville, April 23, 24.
Cedar Park, at Merriltown, April 30, May 1.
West Point, at Winchester, May 7, 8.
Ward Memorial, at Austin, 11 a. m., May 15.
South Austin, at Austin, 7:30 p. m., May 15.
First Church, at Austin, 11 a. m., May 22.
University Church, at Austin, 7:30 p. m., May 22.
District Conference at Bastrop, March 30 to April 3, inclusive.
NAT B. READ, P. E.

El Paso District—Second Round.
Deming, Feb. 2.
Lordsburg, Feb. 3.
Pecos, Feb. 5, 6.
Toyah, Feb. 6, 7.
Odessa, Feb. 8.
Judds, Feb. 9.
Sierra Blanca, Feb. 12, 13.
Highland Park, Feb. 19, 20.
Trinity, Feb. 20, 21.
LaMesa, Feb. 22.
Carrizozo, Feb. 26, 27.
Clint, March 1.
Malaga, March 5, 6.
Carlsbad, March 9.
Dayton and Lakewood, March 12, 13.
Artesia, March 16.
Hope, March 19, 20.
Hagerman, March 23.
Dexter, March 26, 27.
Roswell, April 2, 3.
District Conference will convene in Carlsbad April 13, at 9:00 a. m.
J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.

Harry, aged five, had never happened to see the moon in the daytime. He came down the other morning shrieking with laughter. "Why, Harry, what's the matter?" inquired his mother. "O mamma," said he, as soon as he could speak, "what a joke! I've forgotten to take the moon in!"

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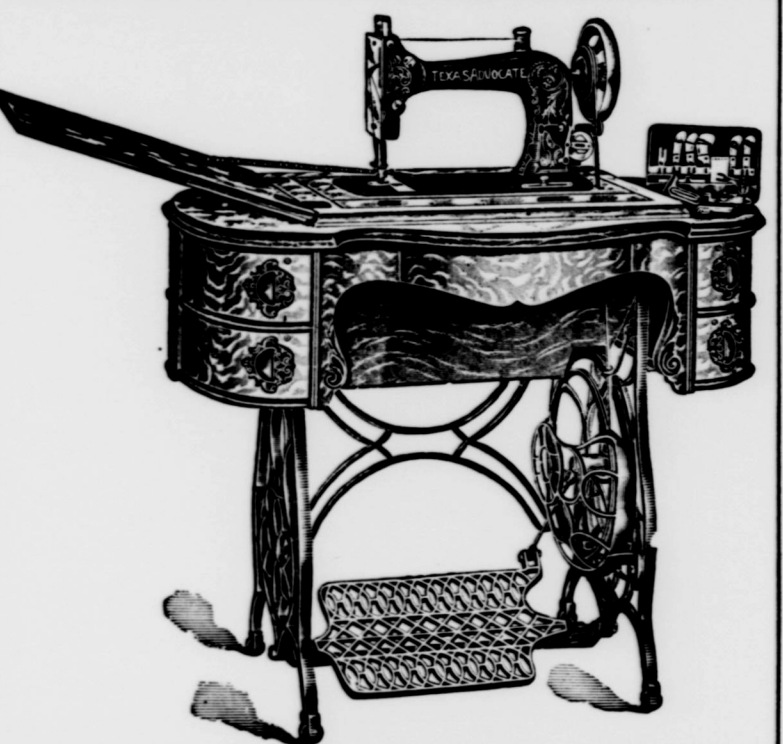
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them. We have a good Sunday-school there. Bro. Martin is the Superintendent. We have a presiding elder in Bro. Sweeton who is alive to his duty and active in the discharge of it. His record wherever he has been shows great accomplishments. He was the writer's pastor three years once at Clarksville, where he (Bro. Sweeton, of course) built a \$20,000 church. To say that we are glad to be under this good man of God whom our love for has been great ever since we have known him is but mildly putting it. Bro. Sherwood, whom we follow here, served this charge two years and did the people good work. He left many friends here who wish for him and his good wife continued prosperity and happiness wherever they might go.—Hugh E. Anderson, Jan. 25.

Florence.

This is our second year on the Florence charge. The people received us back with a glad hand and so far as we can see the work is encouraging. Our congregations, especially at Florence, are much larger than this time last year. We were generously pounded about two months before conference and ever since hog-killing weather came good things have been finding their way to the parsonage, but last Friday just after noon several women brought in a great backload of nice things they had gathered from the good people. We appreciate these tokens of kindness very much and pray for greater power in breaking eternal bread to the people. Last week the Home Mission women of Florence put down a new carpet in the church. Beginning with the pulpit they covered about one-third of the floor-space and down the aisle to the front door. We also placed an elegant pulpit stand. This makes our church comfortable and inviting. The Home Mission Society is planning to do much this year; they recently added three new names to the roll and they are trying to enlist more women. God bless them in their great work. January 23 was our first Quarterly Conference day. Our beloved, Rev. W. H. Vaughan, was in fine spirits, as he always is. His coming is looked forward to by preacher and people. The conference was encouraging, the brethren are beginning the year well. Bro. Vaughan gave us four excellent sermons. The service Sunday morning was indeed gratifying. The pastor baptized the little baby of Bro. and Sister J. W. Story. Bro. Vaughan preached and presented the Bishop Ward endowment proposition. Prof. H. H. Bain gave us \$1000 on this fund, total \$1650. We administered the Lord's Supper, the pastor announced the reception of seven members by certificate, and we went home feeling that God was in his sanctuary. Florence is going forward; several houses under construction; a lumber yard recently opened up, and a railroad to reach us in the spring. Where material prosperity abounds may the grace of God and spiritual blessings much more abound, is our prayer. Brethren, pray for us.—Wm. C. House, P. C.

Giddings.

Yesterday was a busy day for Giddings in Church circles. It had been previously announced that Hon. J. C. Hutcheson, Jr., of Houston, a layman of the International Laymen's Movement, would speak at the M. E. Church, South, at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 7:15 p. m., explaining the origin, the purpose and the workings of the Laymen's Movement. Mr. Hutcheson was, however, prevented from filling his appointment by unforeseen circumstances and Mr. B. L. Palmer, chairman of Committee on Deputation of Work, of the Houston Committee, came in on the 2:10 train and filled the afternoon and evening appointments. Owing to the failure of Mr. Hutcheson to fill the morning appointment there was not a very large crowd at the afternoon services, but at the evening service the largest crowd that has been assembled in Giddings for some time, greeted Mr. Palmer when he appeared. He went into his subject in a masterful way, explaining how the idea had originated and showed the possibility of the evangelization of the world within this generation by concerted action of all denominations if business methods were followed. He explained that no funds were solicited or disbursed by the Laymen's Movement, its mission being simply to encourage the different denominations to a greater effort and a concerted action looking toward the evan-

gelization of the world. Mr. Palmer's address was well received and a temporary organization of a Deputation Committee was effected by electing R. P. Elrod, of the M. E. Church, South, President, and H. C. Joekel, of the Presbyterian Church, Secretary. A meeting was called then by the Committee for next Wednesday night in order to form a permanent organization by electing permanent officers. Agreeable to previous announcement an Epworth League was organized at the M. E. Church, South, also. The following officers were elected: R. P. Elrod, President; G. S. Clark, First Vice-President; Miss Bessie Black, second Vice-President; Herman Joekel, Third Vice-President; Mrs. R. P. Elrod, Fourth Vice-President; Tom Cherry, Secretary; Ed. Sinks, Treasurer. Mrs. G. S. Clark, Epworth Era Agent. By vote it was then decided to have the League meet every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.—J. Fisher Simpson, Jan. 31.

Mesquite.

We have just closed an excellent meeting here at Mesquite. Brothers G. A. Marvin, of Alvord, and M. L. Hamilton, our presiding elder, did the preaching. Great good was accomplished and their faithful work will aid in the years to come. Did not have many conversions out of the Church, but great numbers were reclaimed and the membership greatly revived and strengthened. We are now upon higher and firmer ground and feel that the future has much in store for us. On account of serious sickness in my family I did not get to attend all the services in the meeting, but feel fully justified in saying that there was not a dull service, and not one but that in which the power of God was felt. Many differences and scores, some of long standing, were adjusted and settled, and some who had not been awakened in years were quickened by the mighty power of God and felt a new sense of pardon and acceptance. An offering was made to Bro. Marvin for his faithful, heroic work amounting to \$130. But for the serious sickness in his family he would have remained with us longer. The prayers of our people follow him and they will ever hold him in grateful memory. The day before the meeting began our people gave us the most liberal and royal pounding it has ever been our pleasure to receive. It was one of those open, free, spontaneous poundings coming from the heart of the entire membership of the Church. It was more than we could bear. If kindly neighbors, friends and a loyal membership count for anything in giving promise of a successful year, then we will have the greatest year of our history.—W. R. McCarter, Jan. 25.

DALLAS PREACHERS' MEETING.

The Dallas Methodist Preachers' Association met at the Publishing House Monday, January 31. The reports from the pastors indicated a very fine day all round Sunday, with eighteen accessions to the various Churches. The Committee on Program made the following report for February and March: Feb. 7: Paper by Rev. D. K. Porter on the last chapter of God's message to the human soul. Feb. 14 we begin the study of "Wesley and His Century," by W. H. Fitchett, and the following papers will be read on the book: Feb. 14 "The Making of a Man," Book I, E. L. Egger. Feb. 28: "The Training of a Saint," Book II, W. D. Bradford. March 7: "The Quickening of a Nation," Book III, J. M. Peterson. March 14: "The Evolution of a Church," Book IV, J. T. McClure. March 21: "Personal Characteristics," Book V, S. L. Crowson. March 28: No. 3 of a series of papers by Dr. H. A. Bourland. April 4: "Notable Conversions I Have Known," R. W. Thompson.

AUSTIN NOTES.

The First Church, under the leadership of Dr. Godbey, is doing most excellent work. The spiritual condition of the Church is good. Large audiences greet the pastor on Sunday and they have a wide-awake mid-week prayer service. And while the Church lost thirty-four of its members by letter the first quarter, there were thirty-eight added to the roll, making a net gain of four. The work at the University Church is progressing nicely. Bro. Booth at the last preachers' meeting reported six additions to the Church, three of them being on profession of faith. He

also said that \$750 had been paid on their new heating plant.

Ward Memorial is doing good work. They have a splendid Sunday-school of nearly two hundred. The pastor, Bro. Pennybacker, has organized a Bible class for working men. This class meets on Sunday afternoons and the pastor is the instructor. The Junior League is doing good work and is supporting an orphan in the city. A parsonage has been bought adjoining the church property. The building will be repaired and will make a very pleasant home for the preacher. They have paid \$340 and subscribed \$700 more on this debt. Pennybacker is rushing things.

Brother Long is very much encouraged with the outlook in South Austin. He seems to be the man for the place. He and his people are planning to move their church to a more desirable and central location. His congregations are growing numerically. The Church has paid \$130 on the parsonage debt and recently purchased a new piano on the installment plan.

The work in Hyde Park is progressing nicely. They will enter their new tabernacle on the fifth Sunday. The membership is growing and the outlook very encouraging so the pastor, Bro. Hunter, reports. SECRETARY.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT.

The Methodists of Asheville are making ample preparation for the entertainment of the General Conference, which is to meet in that city during the month of May. Not only will the delegates be handsomely entertained, but every care will be taken to provide for those who wish to attend the conference as visitors. Reasonable rates at hotels and boarding-houses have been secured.

A strong central committee has been appointed which, through various subcommittees, will look after every detail of the entertainment of delegates and visitors. Capt. W. T. Weaver is chairman of this committee and Mr. J. P. Kerr is Secretary.

All persons who desire information of any kind are requested to write to the Secretary, Mr. J. B. Kerr, Asheville, N. C., and their inquiries will receive prompt attention.

A BLESSING TO A HOME.

We started thirteen years ago to make a home, with the Texas Christian Advocate as one of its helpers. We feel that it has been a great blessing to us; indeed we can't get along without it. The editorial some months ago on "My Old-Fashioned Mother" has been worth twice the price of the paper to me.

MRS. J. M. THOMPSON, Waco, Texas.

JOINT PREACHERS' INSTITUTE OF BOWIE AND DECATUR DISTRICTS.

On January 19 the preachers of the Bowie and Decatur Districts, led by their presiding elders, met in a joint institute at Bowie, Texas. The evening of the 19th and the two following days were spent in the discussion and consideration of topics of live interest to every preacher. Thos. H. Morris opened the institute with a stirring sermon on "Rural Evangelization." F. A. Rosser preached at 11 the next day an inspiring sermon on "The Holy Spirit in World Evangelization." While these were the only sermons, many thoughtful talks on practical topics were heard with much interest. Mrs. Williams, of Decatur, addressed the preachers of the institute on the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," and J. H. Matthews, of Bowie, spoke enthusiastically on the "Laymen's Missionary Movement."

If the tone of the entire institute could be expressed in one word, the word would be organization. Every preacher surely returned to his charge feeling that he must organize and systematize his work for most efficient results. The Sunday-school, the League, the local Church and its needs, church extension, the spread of our distinctive doctrines, and cause of missions—each received due attention. It proved a most helpful and inspiring school for all who attended. Some of the preachers could not attend on account of sickness.

Bowie and her pastor entertained to the great delight of all. The outlook for these two districts is, indeed, most hopeful. S. M. BLACK, Secretary.

You have the Bible by the wrong end when it seems useful to prove others wrong.

Greenville District—Second Round.

- Kavanaugh Sta., March 5, 6. Celeste and Lane, at Mt. Carmel, March 6, 7. Wesley Sta., March 12, 13. Commerce Sta., March 13, 14. Leonard and Orange Grove, at O. G., March 19, 20. Loneoak Sta., March 29, 21. Floyd and Caddo Mills, at C. M., March 26, 27. Quinlan Cir., at Q., March 27, 28. Merrit Cir., at Harro's Chapel, April 2, 3. Kingston Mis., at White Rock, April 3, 4. Greenville Mis., at Cash, April 9, 10. Campbell Cir., at Shady Grove, April 10, 11. Fairlie and Wesley Chapel, at W. C., April 16, 17. Commerce Mission, at Center Chapel, April 17, 18. Wolfe City Sta., April 23, 24. Lee Street and Jones-Bethel, at J.-R., May 1, 2. Loneoak Mis., at —, May 7, 8.

District Conference will meet at the Jones-Bethel (Jacobia) Church Thursday, April 29. The opening sermon will be preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. C. W. Dennis, and the conference will organize immediately after dinner. The following are the examining committees: For License and Admission on Trial—W. L. Clifton, E. H. Casey, C. W. Dennis. For Deacon's Orders—E. B. Thompson, J. A. Thomas, C. Pugsley. For Elder's Orders—J. P. Lowry, W. A. Clark, A. W. Gibson. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Abilene District—Second Round.

- Seranton, at S., Feb. 12, 13. Putnam, at Moran, Feb. 13, 14. Baird, Feb. 14. Clyde, at Eula, Feb. 19, 20. Denton, at Dudley, Feb. 20, 21. Ovale, at O., Feb. 26, 27. First Church, Feb. 27, 28. Abilene Mis., at N. H., March 5, 6. St. Paul, March 6, 7. Anson, March 12, 13. Hawley, at Truby, March 13, 14. Esota, at N., March 19, 20. Tye, at 8th St., March 20, 21. Trent, at C. R., March 26, 27. Merkel, March 27, 28. Buffalo Gap, at B. G., April 2, 3. Caps, at Wiley, April 3, 4. Albany, April 7. Cross Plains, at C. W., April 9, 10. Nugent, at N., April 16, 17. The District Conference will meet at Merkel March 28, at 4:30 p. m. Rev. R. D. Steward will preach the opening sermon at 8:15 p. m. GUS BARNES, P. E.

Sherman District—Second Round.

- Travis Street Sta., at 11 a. m., Feb. 13. Key Memorial Sta., at night, Feb. 13. Van Alstyne Sta., Feb. 26, 27. Sherman Cir., at Cedar, March 4-6. Whitewright Sta., March 12. Bells Cir., at Everhart Memorial, March 18-20. Pilot Grove Cir., at Blackman's Chapel, March 26, 27. Howe Cir., at Gunter, March 21-April 2. Trinity Mis., at Harless Chapel, April 10. Cooke Springs, at 3 p. m., April 10. Pottsboro and Preston, at View Point, April 16, 17. Sadler and Gordonville, at G., April 23, 24. Waples Memorial Sta., May 1. Southmayd Cir., at S., May 29. Whitesboro Sta., June 5, 6. District Conference will convene at Sadler June 6, at 3 p. m., and continue in session until June 8. C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

Gatesville District—Second Round.

- McGregor, Feb. 12, 13. Clifton, Feb. 13, 14. Meridian Mis., at Montgomery, Feb. 19, 20. Meridian Sta., Feb. 29, 21. Crawford, at Osage, Feb. 26, 27. Valley Mills, at V. M., Feb. 27, 28. China Springs Mis., at Smith Bend, March 5, 6. China Springs Cir., same time and place. Gatesville Mis., at Coryell City, March 12, 13. Gatesville Sta., March 13, 14. Oglesby, at Hackney, March 19, 20. Hamilton Cir., at Lund, March 26, 27. Hamilton Sta., March 27, 28. Fairy and Lanham, at L., April 2, 3. Copperas Cove Cir., at Reece's Creek, April 9, 10. Killeen Station, April 19, 11. Copperas Cove Mis., at Brown's Creek, April 16, 17. Nolanville, at Sugar Loaf, April 23, 24. Turnersville, at —, April 30, May 1. Pearl, at —, May 7, 8. Jonesboro, at J., May 16, 17. District Epworth League and Sunday-school Conference, at Meridian May 24, 25. Let all the pastors see that their charges are well represented. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Second Round.

- Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin, at B. F., March 5, 6. Klondike Cir., at Foster's Chapel, March 12. Cooper Sta., March 13, 14. Rely Springs, at Parks Chapel, March 19, 20. Mt. Vernon, at Creasy's Chapel, March 26, 27. Lake Creek Cir., at Brushy Mound, April 2, 3. Cumbly Cir., at Gafford's Chapel, April 9, 10. Sulphur Springs Sta., April 19, 11. Hagensport Mis., at Hagensport, April 16, 17. Yowell Cir., April 23, 24. Sulphur Bluff, April 30, May 1. Winnsboro Sta., May 7, 8. Brashear Cir., at Shirley, May 14, 15. Como Cir., May 21, 22. Furlay Cir., May 27, 28. Weaver and Saitillo, May 29, 29. The Sulphur Springs District Conference will convene at Mount Vernon, Tuesday, June 7, 1910, at 8 p. m. W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

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