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SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY.

In our last issue we presented our readers with front elevation views of four of the proposed buildings for our Southern Methodist University. The main or administration building is to be one of the most imposing and majestic structures of the kind ever erected in this country. It is to be known as "Dallas Hall," in recognition of the three hundred thousand dollar bonus presented by the citizens of Dallas in addition to the valuable site and other real estate donations also made to the enterprise. It will stand in a central position on the campus and at the head of a splendid boulevard stretching away in front of it down through Highland Park Addition leading toward the city. Contiguous to it and properly located will be the other three splendid buildings of modern design and beautiful in taste. These will constitute the first group of buildings on the campus and just as soon as they are erected the University air is already created and these great improvements will set the pace for others of similar importance to follow.

The Board of Trustees, or Commissioners, appointed by the several conferences met last week in this city and surveyed the progress of the enterprise, and heartily approved of the plans thus far inaugurated by Dr. R. S. Hyer and Dr. H. A. Boaz. They expressed delight with the progress made; they also appointed an Educational Day during the State Fair, selecting the 27th of October as the time; and the entire student body of the Methodist schools of Texas is invited, with the faculties also. Methodists throughout the State are expected to take an interest in this great occasion and to aid in making it a great success. All our Bishops are expected to be in the city at that time and their presence on this occasion will lend additional interest to the proceedings of the day.

Great interest is being taken in the enterprise not only in Texas, but in other States this side of the Mississippi. Even throughout the South messages of encouragement are being received by those in charge of the proposed institution. Dr. McReynolds, Dean of the Medical Department, appeared before the Commissioners and spoke of the prospects of that school. He is one of the leaders in the University movement and spoke with glowing hopes of its wonderful prospects. Dr. Boaz reported that in all his visits to different sections of the State he had met a cordial reception, and felt that the door of the Church is open to him in this work. He has already spoken to a number of congregations and received hearty response. He is enthusiastic in his plans and hopes. So is Dr. Hyer. The business men of the city have not abated their enthusiasm one iota, and they are giving every co-operation possible to the movement.

Texas Methodism, yea American Methodism, has never had such an opportunity as the one lying out before us in this University movement. It is big with promise and

rich in wondrous possibilities. It is going to put the Methodism of the Southwest many years in advance of its present status touching the cause of education. It will soon be the realization of the dreams and the hopes of those who labored and sacrificed for this cause in the former generation. We, their children and successors, are entering into the results of their labors more largely even than they ever imagined. Now let all Texas Methodists lend a helping hand and contribute their co-operation, and the Southern Methodist University will soon take on form and purpose and stand on its magnificent campus the glory of the Church and the pride of the whole Southwest.

A TRAGEDY WITH ITS LESSONS.

A few months ago a young husband in South Richmond, Va., took his young wife, after less than a year of wedded life, on an auto ride along a country road. About 10 o'clock he returned to her uncle's home crying for help, with her dead and bleeding body beside him in the auto. She had been shot and life was extinct.

His story of the tragedy was, that while driving along the highway in the country a man appeared just in front of them. In order not to run over him, the machine was brought to a stop. A few words with him developed the fact that he was a highwayman and the two became involved in a struggle. He held in his hand a single-barreled shotgun and in discharging it at the young husband the load of shot went into the neck and face of the wife. He grappled with the murderer, wrenched the gun from his hand, falling in the road, and the highwayman disappeared in the darkness.

At once suspicion was aroused against the husband. It developed that he had sustained improper relations with a seventeen-year-old girl prior to his marriage. Some months after his marriage, when his young wife was to become a mother, he renewed the relation with the evil girl and for several nights prior to the death of the young wife, he spent much of his time with her. As a result detectives were put to work to ferret out the crime and bring the perpetrator to justice.

It was not long until the young husband was arrested and put in jail and the grand jury indicted him for the murder of his wife. The case came to trial recently and the whole country became interested. His father employed for him the best attorneys in Virginia, and the State was well represented. The daily papers were filled with the sensational evidence, and it was surmised throughout the country that a strong case was made out against the young man.

The jury was composed of sturdy farmers, all of whom were men of strong religious sentiment. They were men who had extraordinary regard for the sanctity of their oaths, and their one aim was to learn the truth and the law and then render a verdict in accordance therewith. When they received the charge of the Judge they re-

tired to their room, and before entering into the discussion of the case they knelt in prayer, one of them leading in the devotion, asking God to give to them wisdom and guidance in the discharge of their responsibility. Justice has nothing to fear at the hands of men who thus acknowledge their dependence upon Almighty God and who are seeking to do the right thing regardless of sentiment or public prejudice. There was no resort to trickery, conspiracy or cunning, either in behalf of the prisoner or the State, upon the part of those honest, God-fearing men. They followed but one course, and that was to do their duty honestly in the fear of God and in accordance with their obligations as citizens. The Nation needs such men to sit on juries and to administer public affairs. When such is the case justice never bleeds and righteousness is never trampled in the dust. With such men trial by jury will never become a travesty and the administration of law will never become a reproach to our citizenship.

This jury, within fifty-two minutes, unanimously agreed upon a verdict of guilty and sentenced the young man to execution in the electric chair. His riches, his high social standing, his ancestral history and the sentimental pleadings of his attorneys did not avail. He received his doom just like any other criminal charged with a capital offense against the laws of his country. It will always be thus when true men like those sturdy Virginians make up the juries of the country. That H. Clay Beattie, the young man in question, undoubtedly murdered his beautiful young wife, the mother of his five weeks' old babe, was proven by the State, and the jury gave him his just deserts. It is sad for him to thus go to his death, but his fiendish act has forfeited his right to live, and the jury gave him and the country a just verdict. Let men who have pledged their truth to pure women learn a lesson from the illicit acts of this debauchee!

Christ is no namby-pamby personality. He is stalwart, positive and unyielding. He stands for high moral and religious ideals, and in order to make them possible he died on Calvary. When his truth enters the hearts and lives of people it revolutionizes them and they proceed to revolutionize the conditions of society and of government.

Christ did not come to send peace into the world, but war. His was a mission of conflict against wrong. As long as wrong exists the gospel of Christ is pledged to aggression and conquest. He came to promote peace among men upon the basis of righteousness, but in every instance this peace has been won as the result of the triumph of right over wrong. Christ makes no compromises with evil, and enters into no dicker with wrong in the personal or national life of the world. Hence, his gospel is a gospel of agitation, of warfare against all forms of vice, and of open-handed conflict with the powers of darkness.

"The Wrong and Peril of Woman Suffrage"

By Rev. M. Phelan.

Dr. James M. Buckley, whose opinions on many modern questions are accepted almost as "standards" among a large circle of Methodists, has recently sent forth a book bearing the above title. It is dedicated to "men and women who look before they leap," and among this class it ought to have a wide circulation.

It must be apparent to all who are abreast of current questions and events that the suffragette movement is gaining, if not in adherents, at least in vehemence and notoriety. In England the movement is filling the papers, and the battles for this so-called reform are not altogether bloodless, if one may believe the reports. "There is now in England a revelation of the depth to which previously respectable women will descend when under excitement almost equal to monomania. The suffragettes have left decency behind. Their deeds as yet do not equal the atrocity of those women whose actions gave additional terror to the first French Revolution, but their spirit is much the same, and their methods so exaggerate the least admirable traits of women that they become an army of termagants, throwing stones and slates, breaking windows, screaming in public meetings, violating every law of courtesy, and slapping the police (one woman striking the Premier three times), in hope of being struck in return, so as to be crowned martyrs or imprisoned, and appeal to the chivalric to denounce a government that will 'strike a woman.'" The quotation is from Dr. Buckley's book. Press dispatches confirm this report, and reveal yet other excesses—excesses that amount to rowdyism and anarchy.

In America full woman suffrage is in operation in four Western States—namely, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho—and restricted suffrage is in force in other Western States. It is a noteworthy fact, however, that the suffrage propaganda is more active from other sections—notably, from New York—than from these States where women already vote. Nor does it appear to be carried on as an independent reform. It allies itself, or is allied, with socialism in many quarters, and anti-religion movements, unattractive within themselves, put forward woman suffrage as one of their reforms. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who, next after Susan B. Anthony, is revered as the pioneer leader of the woman's "rights" movement in this country, at the meeting of the Woman's Council in 1888, held in the city of Washington, gave utterance to the following: "The time is not far distant when, if men do not do justice to women, the women will strike hands with labor, with socialism, with anarchists, and you will have the scenes of the French Revolution acted over again in this Republic." Dr. Buckley also shows that opponents to religion and those indifferent to it see that when women become involved in politics they will in large numbers lose their interest in religion, and devote their days and nights to other things. "The active opponents to all religion in Europe," he says, "and to a considerable extent in this country, advocate woman suffrage for this very purpose. One of the large parties into which modern socialism is divided avows this undisguisedly in tracts and speeches, advocating woman suffrage as the liberator of women from the tyranny of men and the 'shackles of religion.'"

The strong title the author chooses for his book is found to be in keeping with its contents. The subject is not put too strongly. The "wrong" of woman suffrage is found to fall upon woman herself; the "peril" to the home, the Church and the State. An extensive review of the book is given, but it is hoped that this will create a desire and a demand for the book itself.

It is shown first, that an act investing women with the ballot, with all that it implies, once passed can never be repealed, for the reason that the persons to be disfranchised would have the power of voting against the proposition to disfranchise them. This proposal, therefore, is the most important ever made since the founding of a limited monarchy or a republic. It is a scheme not only to double the number of voters, but is a scheme to change a relation which has existed since the foundation of the earth. Wendell Phillips, himself an advocate of woman suffrage, is quoted as calling it "a plunge," the consequences of which no one can foresee.

The author next considers the movement in France, England and the United States, showing how woman suffrage has fared in foreign countries—neither of the above having accept-

ed it—and showing how and why it got itself adopted in some of our Western States. A chapter on the "Disfranchised Classes" refutes the charge that non-voting women belong among the disfranchised. The chapter on "Womanhood in Relation to Society" goes to the heart of this whole suffrage question, and if space admitted is worthy to be set out here entire. The author holds that to impose upon women direct responsibility for civil government is incompatible with the nature of womanhood and with the highest conception of the State. The highest conception of society is, that it is not made up of individual units, but that the family is the foundation of all permanent social organization. As to the nature of womanhood in this relation, it is maintained that there is a feminine as well as a masculine soul; a spiritual sex as well as a corporeal, and that

Woman is not undeveloped man, But diverse. Could we make her as the man Sweet love were slain, whose dearest bond is this: Not like to thee, but like in difference.

The permanence of the family tie depends upon the difference in the mental and emotional constitutions of men and women. The family is a union of two different manifestations of a common human nature—moulding, governing and guiding the children, each after its own manner, and diffusing through society the blended influence of wife, mother, daughter, sister, and husband, father, son and brother. Such an institution involving two distinct personalities of the same kind, requiring life-long living together, day and night, would break down under the strain if there were no natural and spontaneous predominating tendency. The influence of the husband and wife in the family is equal, but not identical. The woman may be more intellectual than the husband, or she may be less so; she may have quicker perceptions and more tact, but she takes his name, and her sons and daughters after her.

The bearing of these principles upon the relations of wives and mothers to the question of suffrage is, that to govern in the State would unfit woman for her position in the family. It is a sophism to say that the mere dropping of a piece of paper in the ballot box could not produce such a result. The ballot for woman implies the whole mode of feeling, thinking and acting as governors, and to be qualified as voters, girls must be trained to think, feel and act in the spirit of men. Not only would the governing spirit become a part of the character of women, but it would make her position in the home an insupportable restraint. Imbued with the governing spirit, she would become restive in her position. Dr. Buckley shows that this is indeed avowed by many advocates of woman suffrage, and held up as an end to be desired. The more consistent go fearlessly to the end, and define marriage as a civil contract, to be terminated at the will of either party. Thus the movement in its ultimate bearings contains dynamite sufficient to break up families, and to prevent marriages. A prominent woman suffrage leader is quoted as follows: "I believe that womanhood is a greater fact than wifehood or maternity; that we should aim at being good women, rather than good wives and mothers. I honor the single women, and predict that the time is not far distant when they, rather than the married women, will be the distinguished and honored class." Another, a maiden lady of good, ripe years, assumes for herself more honor in that position than if she had been the mother of the Græchi.

In this connection, although it is not in Dr. Buckley's book, it is interesting to note what fruit such teaching bears in those States where women have the full suffrage. To quote only a word or two from the report of a personal investigation made in the four suffrage States by Mr. Richard Barry last year for the Ladies' Home Journal: "The newspapers of Denver constantly carry advertisements of divorce attorneys, and one of the diversions is to go on Friday afternoons to the County Court and observe the divorce mill. Ordinarily the average time required to grind out a divorce is four minutes and a half. I could not find from any of the records that women have made any successful efforts in any of the four States to correct the divorce laws. Nor has the fact that women vote done anything to correct the evil itself. Instead, as figures prove, divorce has been on the constant increase in all those States where women vote." And how do the children fare where the wom-

en vote? Oregon, a Western State where women do not vote, has only one illiterate child in every two hundred and forty of the population. In Colorado, where women have had the suffrage for seventeen years, there is one illiterate child for every sixty persons, or four times as many as in Oregon. Mr. Barry found that the question of child labor, which has agitated nearly every State in the Union, had never been discussed in Colorado. "While I was in Denver," he says, "a daily paper undertook an expose of a revolting child labor condition near the city. Nothing came of it. I sought the reason for this, and found, for example, that the most prominent women's political organization in Denver was absorbed in a factional fight. The organization held a meeting at which the members fought with their fists. Women who wore false hair lost it, and one woman lost a handful of real hair. Their debate was not over outrages committed on the childhood of their city; they did not even investigate these conditions, but their debate concerned the choice of one of their number for indorsement to an important office." These hair-lifting scenes might be multiplied, but to return to the book under consideration.

Dr. Buckley gives notable reversals of opinion of some men who earlier in their career had been friendly to the suffrage movement. Horace Bushnell comes to the conclusion in later life that it is "a reform against nature." Wm. E. Gladstone, only a few years before his death, with reference to the movement in England, said: "I am not without fear lest, beginning with the State, we should eventually have been found to have invaded what is yet more fundamental and sacred, the precinct of the family, and should dislocate or seriously modify the relations of domestic life. I have no fear lest the women should encroach upon the power of the man; the fear I have is lest we should invite her unwittingly to trespass upon the delicacy, the purity, the refinement, the elevation of her own nature, which are the present sources of her power." Bishop John H. Vincent, in a letter to the author, subscribes to the following: "When about thirty years of age I accepted for a time the doctrine of woman suffrage, and publicly defended it. Years of wide and careful observation have convinced me that the demand for woman suffrage is without foundation in equity, and if successful must prove harmful to society. I find some worthy women defending it, but the majority of our best women, especially our most intelligent, domestic and godly mothers, neither ask for nor desire it. The in-

stinct of motherhood is against it. This theory and policy, tending to the subversion of the natural and divine order, must make man less a man and woman less a woman. Woman now makes man what he is. She controls him as babe, boy, manly son, brother, lover, husband and father. Her influence is enormous. If she use it wisely she needs no additional power."

The closing chapters of this live book are devoted to setting up vital objections to woman suffrage and to refuting the arguments of the suffragettes. The author maintains with stalwart argument and present day facts that woman suffrage does not and cannot achieve what its advocates expect. The strongest and most attractive argument of the suffrage advocate is, that woman suffrage will reform public morals, close the saloons and other places of evil resort, and realize honesty and economy in government. But this is a dream. It is true that the recent extraordinary wave of successful anti-saloon efforts throughout the country was largely due to the work of women, and wherever the saloon has been banished the influence of women has been one of the most effective factors; but this is conspicuously true in States where women do not have the ballot. It has been in the capacity of wives, mothers, sisters and daughters, working in the home, from the home and in the name of the home, that the most telling effects have followed, and not as intriguing, speech-making, voting politicians. Proofs are given that the ballot in the hands of women does not hasten these reforms; on the contrary, in those States where women vote many of the present day reforms, including the anti-saloon movement, are far behind their advance in many other States.

Dr. Buckley clearly and irrefutably draws his arguments to the following conclusions: That should the duty of governing in the State be imposed upon women, all the members of society would suffer; children, from diminished care from their mothers; husbands, from the increase of contentions and the decline of attractions in the home; young men and maidens, from the destruction of that idealism which invests the home with such charms as to build up the hope of a home of their own; but the greatest sufferer would be the woman herself. "The office-holding, intriguing, campaigning, lobbying, mannish woman might celebrate the day of the ballot as a day of emancipation, but it would be, alas, a day of degradation, when grasping for sovereignty, she lost her empire." Even so.
Stamford, Texas.

WEEKLY PRAYER-MEETINGS

By Rev. W. V. Jones.

How to make our weekly prayer-meetings more attractive, and, therefore, a greater power for good, is a question with which many pastors are grappling to-day, with but little sign of solving the problem. And after forty years in the ministry of the M. E. Church, South, and having through all these years watched the ebb and flow of spiritual life and interest in the working of the Church, it may not be out of place for me to make a few suggestions, with the hope that they may be helpful to some busy preacher.

We think it will be a safe statement to say that not more than ten per cent of the membership of the Churches attend the weekly prayer-meeting, with any sort of regularity, and close count may put it below that per cent. We often hear the question asked, "Why don't the Church members attend the prayer-meeting?" but as yet we have not heard the question answered, and it may never be answered in a way that will remove the cause.

Perhaps one reason is, that we have failed to keep before the membership of the Church this arm of Church service in its true light, and have them understand the purpose of its mission.

The idea seems to prevail to a very large extent that the weekly prayer-meeting is only for a few of the old men and women, the pillars of the Church; that these ought to attend and keep themselves in touch with God, and drink in continually of the Spirit of grace so they will be able, when called on, to carry the load for the rest of the membership.

This condition ought to be corrected, which may be done in part by teaching the rank and file of the Church that the weekly prayer-meeting belongs to them, and that its success depends upon their attendance and the effort they put forth to make the meetings interesting and spiritual. The weekly prayer-meeting is not the place for the preaching of the gospel except by song, prayer and experience, but it is a worshiper's meeting, and a

time and place when laymen have an opportunity to exercise their gifts and graces, and develop their strength as workers for the Lord.

We believe it will be admitted, without question, that the membership of the Churches do not attend the weekly prayer-meeting services as well as they did a few years ago. As I remember it, when I was a young man, as a rule, the attendance at the regular prayer-meetings were large, and at these meetings prayers were offered, songs sang, experiences related, and very often penitents were called to the altar and sometimes there would be bright conversions. The prayer-meeting in those days was looked upon as the laymen's meeting, and the laymen usually conducted such services. When the pastor was present he conducted the meeting only when his turn came along with the laymen.

But times and methods have very much changed in the last quarter of a century, and, with the change, and the wonderful improvements along many lines, it seems that our people have drifted away from our meetings for prayer. We know that the increased number of organizations in the Church for special lines of work demands a division of interest, and, of course, a division of attention, and it seems that in many places the amount of attention given to the prayer-meeting is far too small. We say this because we regard no one meeting of the Church of greater importance, so far as the spiritual life and power of the membership is concerned, than the weekly prayer-meeting.

We believe that a remedy for the lack of interest in the prayer-meeting is to work the laymen in these meetings more than they are being worked. In some Churches they are kept in the background, so far as being put forward to conduct a service is concerned; especially is this the case in towns and cities. We believe it would be helpful to the Church to work the laymen more, because it would give them an opportunity to cultivate and devel-

op the working force which could be utilized to great profit in the work of the pastor. If the laymen do not cultivate and develop their gifts in the prayer-meeting, where will they be placed to do such work and be prepared for efficient work when they are wanted, and needed in the heat of battle? It is often the case when the pastor begins a revival or protracted meeting he finds that his lay members, both men and women, are in no condition to do efficient work, and sometimes takes half of the time allotted for a meeting to get the Church in a condition to work to any advantage.

We remember to have heard Bishop McTyeire say many years ago that it was not the pastor that does the most work that gets the most of his people to work. It is true that we have a great movement going on among the laymen, but this seems to be in a particular line, that of increasing the contributions to the mission cause, which is a great and good work, and all loyal Methodists are glad to see it. But if we are to be governed in our conclusions from the reports as given in the Church papers, we would say that the work of this Laymen Movement is confined to the larger towns and cities, and does not to any considerable extent touch the spiritual side of Church life in the small towns and rural districts. And we give it as our deliberate conviction, that to get the work the Church needs from our laymen, they must be worked in those meetings where there is afforded them an opportunity to develop their gifts, and no place is so suitable for this as the weekly prayer-meeting. We have served on stations and met with the prayer-meeting every week, and took a general oversight of its working, but did not always conduct it. At one place we for a term of months conducted the weekly prayer-meeting, and then for a term of months had the laymen conduct it as each one's time came around, and this we found to be much better and kept the membership in better working spirit; in fact, it kept the fire burning and they were ready for any work they were called upon to do.

We had the privilege of attending a District Conference this year where the subject of the pastor holding his own prayer-meeting was brought out, and, to some extent, discussed, and in answer to questions asked by the presiding elder, some of them said that they always held their own prayer-meeting. One brother said he would rather turn his Sunday service over to a layman than his prayer-meeting. Now, we do not know what kind of a prayer-meeting that brother has in his Church, nor how well it is attended, but we believe the best way to get our laymen fully identified with the work is to put them forward to hold prayer-meetings as often as will be practical.

A good attendance at prayer-meeting means a good attendance at the regular Church service, and there is no better way to get them to attend prayer-meeting than to have the laymen change about in holding it.

SAN FRANCISCO LETTER.

By Rev. W. P. Andrews.

Our M. E. Church, South, headquarters were visited last week by Bishop Waterhouse and the Church Extension Secretary, Rev. Dr. W. F. McMurry, representing the committee of three appointed by the Board of Missions to select a site for a new church in San Francisco. However, it became necessary for them to leave with this duty only half performed. A selection was made of a lot, or rather two were agreed upon, either of which it was believed would be almost, if not quite, an ideal location. They are in the very heart of the city, very near the proposed "civic center," and a creditable building upon either of them would be "like a city set on a hill"—it could not be hid.

The location of our present Centenary Church is the opposite of this—it is difficult to find. It is in the middle of the block, out of sight of a street car line, and with a steeple at the rear end. Then it is not up-to-date. It is said to be of sixteenth century architecture, and one can easily believe it. Bishop Waterhouse characterizes it a sepulcher, and says the Church must have had a great deal of vitality to have any life at all after having been incarcerated in it so many years. Further, in keeping with the architecture of the building, it is now in the center of an Oriental quarter, our Japanese friends having taken possession of that part of the city.

So a new church is needed, and badly needed. Without one we must give up San Francisco, and the sooner the better, though to do so would be a

great calamity. It would have a deleterious effect upon the Church throughout the State, and would detract from our influence in the Orient, yet the effect would not be quite so detrimental as to remain in our present dying, and almost buried, condition. The seriousness of the situation was recognized by the committee, yet they were compelled to leave without having secured a site, for the reason that no funds were available. We are hoping to be able to make a turn of the property we now hold, or that the boards will in some way come in possession of the needed cash before the desired lots are taken by others, or prices soar beyond our reach. Unfortunately, there is little demand for realty where our holdings are located. But we are firmly persuaded that a better day is dawning.

Recently a young man just from the East was asked to fill our Centenary pulpit on a certain Sunday. I told him what he might expect in the way of a congregation. It amused me to hear him tell how he could by advertising, etc., fill the house. I told him of a certain eminent D. D., one of the giraffes we read about, who being transferred to take charge of this Church, soon after his arrival wrote to the Church papers telling of the failure of his predecessors, and how easily the empty pews could have been filled, and would be by him. He "got cold feet," concluded that the climate did not agree with him, and returned to the East at the expiration of six months. While not all have been of that class, our Church in this city has been served by good preachers and men of note. Among them, O. P. Fitzgerald, W. M. Prottsman, T. H. B. Anderson, E. E. Hoss, Howard Henderson, C. B. Riddick, et al. We have ever been handicapped by an out-of-the-way location, and an unsatisfactory building. If there ever was a city on this continent that above others should have houses of worship conveniently located, and attractively built, that city is San Francisco. When conditions are most favorable it is hard enough to induce people to attend Church. We ought to do our part toward evangelizing this city, and we must do it. We should build an attractive house on one of the lots selected by the committee, give the pastor an adequate support, and when one is found to be a fit keep him in charge indefinitely. This done, we can next afford to give our attention to establishing Churches in different parts of the city.

Bishop Waterhouse and Dr. McMurry left this city last Thursday night for the seat of the Montana Conference, and were followed on Monday evening by the editor of the Pacific Methodist Advocate, Rev. W. E. Vaughan, who will attend the Columbia and East Columbia Conferences, as well, before returning home. While in the city the Bishop did some preliminary work, anticipating the approach of the Pacific Conference, by conferring with the presiding elders. He has purchased a home in Los Angeles.

Bishop Murrah spent almost a week in this city while en route to the Orient. He preached for Brother Batchelor, at Centenary, where it was my pleasure to hear him. The sermon was better than the congregation. All who met him and his cultured wife were much pleased with them. Both expressed themselves as captivated by California, though they really saw but little of it, and not the most attractive parts. They promised to come again, tarry longer, and see more.

It is needless to say that multitudes in the bounds of this conference sincerely mourn the death of Bishop Fitzgerald. Unless we except J. C. Simmons, no preacher ever had a greater hold upon the affections of this people. No sweeter spirited men ever lived than these two California pioneers. They were among the first to greet me on my arrival in 1875. I shall ever cherish their memory, and hope ere long to be welcomed by them to the New Jerusalem Conference.

At last the fair site has been chosen, and seems to give general satisfaction. It is quite comprehensive, taking in the whole of one of the rival sites and parts of others, "and then some." It embraces the city's greatest attractions. Taken altogether, I dare say the world cannot beat it. Many permanent improvements are contemplated, which are expected to add to the city's attractiveness for all time, or as long as it is suffered to stand. Work, if present plans are carried out, will be begun October 15, President Taft inaugurating it. A number of States and several nations have spoken for space, and it will un-

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doubtedly surpass all the great Expositions that have gone before it.

San Francisco is on the eve of a municipal election. While there have not been the evidences of corruption that were found during the Schmitt administration, the present McCarthy administration is a disgrace to the city, and is not creditable to the labor party. It is opposed by a clean non-partisan ticket, and the indications are that decency will triumph. If so, we anticipate a forward movement on every line, and it will doubtless contribute largely to the success of the great Exposition.

We have suffered a great loss in the recent death at the home of his father in North Carolina of Rev. Grever C. Neill. He was a young man of great promise, who came over a year ago last fall, and was appointed to the Gridley charge. Shortly after conference last fall he suffered an attack of la grippe, which went into quick consumption. He was popular as preacher and pastor, the very kind of young men we need in this section.

After conference last fall Norman Burley was transferred by Bishop Waterhouse from the Los Angeles Conference, and appointed to Oakland. He had been a Wesleyan Methodist and a missionary in Africa. While in Africa he was thrown from a horse and suffered severe injury of his spine. Physicians regarded it as miraculous that he lived, but live he did, and in a large measure recovered. But his trouble returned recently, and he has had to give up his charge, and has returned, or is about to return, to his friends in England. He is a good preacher, and a consecrated and spiritual man. Like Brother Neill, he has a wife and one child. Rev. J. C. Williams, a young man just out of college, has been employed to fill the vacancy created by the removal of Brother Burley. He tarried to take to himself a wife, and will preach his first sermon next Sunday.

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LOVE THE CONDITION OF REVELATION.

"He that loveth Me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." Thus spoke our Lord to show that the divine manifestation and revelation are only possible to those who love, for love is the condition of revelation. Hence it is written, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love."

The revelation of wisdom hidden from the foundation of the world is held in reserve for "them that love." Nor can it be otherwise. The things of sense can be seen with the eye, or heard with the ear; the things of reason can be grasped with the mind, but the things of God cannot thus be known. Neither in the world of sense, nor in the world of mind is there an organ by which to receive spiritual truth. Therefore "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned." Yes, "they are foolishness unto him!" It must be so. How can you impress with harmony the ears of those who cannot hear? How can you describe beauty to those whose eyes never saw? How can you impress with spiritual truth those hearts that do not love? Not only in things divine, but everywhere love is the condition of revelation. The mysteries of the universe are only unlocked to those that love. I walk into a garden of beautiful flowers upon whose velvety petals the dews of early morning lie fresh and sparkling. The air is richly scented with their fragrance. The birds and bees chirp and buzz in a paradise which to them has never been lost. But how can I discover in the flowers that hinted, yet hidden beauty, which no brush of artist can paint, no tongue or pen of mortals describe?

As this question becomes the passion of my inquiring heart, a thousand fragrant forms arise while as many silent voices answer, "If you love me, I will manifest myself to you." But no man ever saw beauty in flowers who did not first love them. Or, again, I step forth beneath the glorious arches of the night when ten thousand lighted lamps are being set in the dome of the sky. They

multiply in numbers and in radiance till my eyes grow weary with watching and become dazzled with their resplendent glory. Then my full heart cries out for a deeper revelation from those celestial travelers upon the highways of creation as from across unexplored immensities and from amid eternal galaxies they seem to whisper, "If you love me, I will manifest myself to you." But no man has ever walked in company with the stars, recognized them as his companions, and called them by name till first of all he loved them. Yet, again, I enter into a great library where the shelves groan beneath their burden of books which contain the works of the great and gifted of every age and nation. Here the wisdom and learning of the ages are brought to a focal point before my gaze. But how can I make such wisdom mine? Every volume in the vast domain of literature, eager to impart the truth it holds, lifts its silent voice as it answers, "If you love me, I will manifest myself to you." Ah! that is the answer which we hear coming from all quarters of this mysterious universe of ours. Nature will only confide her secrets to those who love her. Literature can only impart her treasures to those who love learning, so God can only manifest himself to those who love him.

This, then, may enable us to understand why Christ laid so much stress upon love. He was trying, like a divine optician, to so adjust our glasses that we might see clearly the things that are given us of God. He was seeking to legislate into our natures his new best law of love. Human life was corrupted at its source, hence the secret springs of existence must be purified. The eye can never be clear while "the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint."

The jaundiced eye is but an expression of a diseased body. The fountain must be cleared or the stream will remain impure. The love must be perfect or the life will be faulty. The thing that we love will determine the things for which we live. Hence we read, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him."

Life can only be exalted when "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." "Love is the crown of Christian graces; the fulfilling of the law; the condition of revelation; yet love is even more, it is unity with the life of God! Then hold fast to love, and though knowledge shall fail and tongues shall cease, they that love God and do his will shall abide forever." S. STEPHEN MCKENNEY, Nacogdoches, Texas.

Common sense is no common thing, though one believes he has enough of it.—Valaincourt.

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Notes From the Field

SOME WEEKS AGO I offered a prize of a nice volume for the one who would say the most things in fewest words in reporting a revival meeting. None have gone higher than 96 to date. No one is counted a competitor who uses more than 175 words in reporting a meeting. No one is a competitor who does not state at least five items about the meeting. No one is a competitor who does not give number of conversions and additions. Georgetown, Texas. C. G. SHUTT.

Holland.

This has been a very busy year on Holland Circuit. I made 25 speeches on the prohibition issue. Held four meetings and have received 61 into the Church. Everything bids fair for a very successful "wind-up."—Jno. W. Holt, Sept. 1.

Paducah.

We have just closed a great meeting at this place. Bros. McIntosh, Phillips and wife helped us. There were over one hundred conversions and reclamations. The best meeting here for years. Our Church was greatly benefited and we are in line now to do good work. Our collections will be in full; have received over forty into the Church. We will say at conference, "A good year, Bishop."—W. M. Pope, Aug. 29.

Anna.

I have closed my summer's meetings. Have had good meetings at each appointment on the work. Revs. C. L. Bowen, of Avery, and W. A. Pritchett, of White Rock, did excellent preaching for me at Coleman Springs, and Rev. M. C. Sooter, of Bagwell, did good service for me at Garland Chapel. Have had so far this year on the work eighty conversions and seventy-six accessions. The Lord has blessed us this year, for which we are thankful.—E. F. Brown, Sept. 5.

Lytton Springs.

I am still here with my old friend, Rev. N. E. Bragg; had some happy conversions. Just now crowds are small, especially in day-time. People busy picking cotton; rains run day and night. Since here it's my sad pleasure to visit the grave of Rev. Mordecai Yell. I came to the place where the lone pilgrim lay and pensively stood by his tomb, when in a low whisper I heard something say, "How sweetly he sleeps here alone." Yes, I felt sad when I found his grave without a simple slab of any kind to mark his last resting place. "Uncle Mordecai" was the pastor of my parents near Florence, Ala., many years before I was born in Tishomingo County, Miss. May angels keep vigil over his precious dust until the resurrection morn.—"Finch" M. Winburne, Aug. 30.

Mazeland.

On Friday night, August 18, Brother J. L. Speer met me at Mazeland to begin a protracted meeting. We had good interest from the beginning and Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour the Spirit manifested his presence and points came through the tabernacle, our presiding elder came Monday and preached until Wednesday at eleven o'clock; in the afternoon held our third quarterly conference which was a good one, well attended, with a good dinner, a good conference and a watermelon feast. We all had a good time, and we were glad to have other deacons, along with us to help throughout the meeting. Our membership at the beginning was only nineteen, but we ran it up to thirty-seven, only lacking one of doubling the nineteen—all coming by vow and baptism. We expect a few more yet. Brother Speer has given good help in two other meetings. He only claims exhorter's license, but the power of the Spirit is a part of his meetings, and none could do more efficient preaching. His influence is just as good at home as abroad. We are still in one meeting. We hope another good report later.—Preston Broxton.

Kokomo Charge.

We are not much given to reporting our work through the Advocate. Perhaps not as much as we should be, but the fact that we have not been writing does not mean that we have been idle. While we are not taking reports from the Advocate, we have made some progress during the year. Our protracted meetings are all over though not as good in fact as we had hoped for, yet we have had a good revival in the Church at every point and quite a number of conversions and additions to the Church over the charge. Have had sixty additions to the Church on profession of faith and otherwise during the year. Instead of seven Advocates we now have twenty-one or two making weekly visits in the home of our people. We believe our new presiding elder, Rev. C. E. Lindsey, is the right man in the right place. Our territory had been distressingly dry during a part of the year, but good rains have come at last, giving us new courage to still press the battle in our Master's name.—O. A. Morton, Sept. 4.

Whitt.

We seldom ever see anything from this section of the country in the Advocate unless it is an account of some one dying. Now, if you will allow me I will report something different. We have always heard that things were not always what they seemed to be, and we believe it a very true saying for to look at the Church people in this community one would think they were dead, spiritually, but a two weeks' meeting has just closed at the Methodist Church in which the members proved themselves to be the liveliest things you ever saw. We think they did the best work that has ever been our privilege to observe. Rev. Fayette Hutcherson assisted Brother VanZandt in the meeting. He did the preaching and it was certainly to the point. It seemed like every one was the best. Now, I am not going to try to estimate the amount of good Sister Hutcherson did among the children, for

I cannot do it; it was immense. I want to recommend Brother and Sister Hutcherson to any preacher who has a lot of old rusty backsliders and sinners that he wants saved and make your arrangements with them before it is too late. As a result of this meeting I want to report seventy-six conversions, twenty reclamations; forty-seven joined the Methodist Church, and there will be others. Thirty adults were baptized and fourteen babies. The weather being little unfavorable all the babies did not come out Sunday. Brother VanZandt no doubt feels proud of the harvesting, which shows that the sowing has been good. With best wishes I close.—J. D. Pickens, M. D., Sept. 2.

Sacul Circuit.

We have just closed our seventh and last protracted meeting on this charge for this year. We stop here to give God the praise for the wonderful success in bringing many souls to Jesus. At Trawick a union meeting—Bro. Self, a Presbyterian preacher—ran one week; five conversions; two accessions. Next Pine Grove, Bro. Pitman helped me some there; ten conversions, Church lifted up on higher planes of Christian living. Next, one week at Lindlat; thirty conversions and eight accessions; a part of the Church wonderfully revived. Next, twelve days at Adlibert; eighty-five conversions; twenty-nine accessions; some will join the Presbyterian Church and some will join the Baptist Church. Bro. Frank Wallis is the best worker in protracted meetings I ever had in the way of leading prayer and praise and testimonial meetings, and work for the salvation of souls. We owe Bro. Frank the praise for helping to lead sinners to Jesus. Brother Joe Irby, from Malakoff work, gave us a good start—preached four soul-stirring sermons for us that the people all enjoyed very much. Bro. Self, the Presbyterian preacher, preached some fine sermons for us. Strong men would come to the altar, weep and pray like they did of old. The power of the Holy Ghost would fall on them like it did in the beginning and rise from the altar and shout and leap for joy and go and bring their loved ones to the altar, old and young would come to the altar and God, for Christ's sake, saved them, and they would go to work to get somebody else saved. If some of the forgotten Christians and former preachers had been there they would have said who can forbid the altar, seeing they have received the Holy Ghost like they did in the beginning. So you see old-time power is still holding good. Amen. Next at Nat., run eight days. Here Bro. Smith, our beloved presiding elder, did all the preaching but these little sermons by this old stand-by, Bro. Smith's preaching was in the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. His sermons were heart-searching and soul-stirring. The power of the Holy Ghost accompanied the Word. My, my, how he did preach and the people came to altar and wept and prayed and were saved and rejoiced in hope of the glory of God. Our beloved presiding elder is still in the possession of that old-time power that convinces the people to love God and that he loves men and is willing to give his life for them. Bro. Smith is a power in a revival meeting. He did some of his best preaching at Nat., where he first started out to give his life to the work of the ministry, and here he did some of the best work of his life. He still proves himself to be a great revivalist. Visible results of the Nat. five accessions; forty conversions; forty will join the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches; backsliders reclaimed. Church glow for God and his Christ. I wrote up my Sacul and Douglas meeting some time ago. We have had 255 conversions and 115 accessions and great number of backsliders reclaimed and the Church led out on higher planes of Christian living. To God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost be all the praise. Sacul is one of the coming circuits.—D. F. Pulley.

Bryson.

Beginning Friday night before the first Sunday in August, we entered into an old-time union meeting—"only Presbyterians and Methodists gave their hearty support." Rev. John E. McLean, of Fort Worth (Presbyterian), did the preaching. From the start it was a revival. The Spirit guded, and all with one accord united to bring Bryson the much-prayed-for revival. Grudges were thrown down, differences were settled, men and women came from distances to profess faith in Christ, preachers confessing their wrongs, deacons ready to forgive, sinners coming home to God, then going out to bring others in. A great two weeks' meeting. Our Methodist Church was strengthened fifty-fold, while all other Churches were built up for two years. Brother McLean is a wheel horse. It was a great scene on the last Sunday to see Presbyterians and Methodists receive their members together. It was truly working together for the salvation of souls. We have seen the glory of the soul, and we are strengthened.—L. D. Shawver.

Gentry and Springdale.

Gentry Mill and Springdale Mission will be written up this time, as it is the first from this work. Held a meeting at both places. Began at the Mill on the 6th of August and ran over to the 14th; had no help except Brother Arthur Smith and Brother White and Miss Lena White. Brother Smith preached once. He was with me two nights and one day. Brother White was with me

three days; did some good help. We had several conversions; organized a Church with ten members, which number had reached twenty-four when the meeting closed; had to baptize five, all by sprinkling. Closed with twenty to forty up for prayer. Have a good Sunday-school. Took two subscriptions for the Texas Christian Advocate, and four for Disciples. Went from the Mill to Springdale. The meeting began there on the 14th and ran eight days, with good results; some of the brightest conversions that I have witnessed in some time. They had the old-time look and ring. Brothers Shade Register and Arthur Smith began the meeting; they worked well, and had the logs rolled, the chunks piled and the fire already burning when I got there. Yes, Brother Gus Jordan was in this meeting and rendered some good help. He is the superintendent of the Sunday-school at Springdale. We have no Church at this place, but hope to have one soon. Took in five members here, four by baptism. These are places that once had good Churches, but from neglect or other causes the fence has been pulled in and the places left to others, until last year the preacher on the Hamilton Circuit and the presiding elder came up to know about it, and began to make inquiry, and after confer- ence this scribble was sent here. We need more of this kind of preachers and presiding elders in Texas. There are plenty of such places all through Texas. I hope our people

eral additions to the Church. Our pastor, Brother J. D. Smoot, did the preaching until Monday night, and Brother J. F. Luker, pastor at Bangs, came to his aid. He did some grand preaching. He left a host of new friends behind him when he left here. He also helped Brother Smoot at Crews. Through the preaching of Brother Luker and the workings of the Spirit of God many were led to know their Christ in the pardon and forgiveness of their sins. Brother Luker is to be congratulated on choosing the appropriate subject for the occasion. Brother Luker, we learned to love you so much, and may God bless you. Our pastor tells us that his meetings at other points on the circuit were equally as good as the ones we have mentioned in these notes. Our people showed their appreciation of Brother Smoot and wife Sunday morning by a silver shower of several dollars. We were also aided greatly in the meeting by Miss Beulah Montgomery of Crews, who came and played the organ for us during our revival. We also had several other visiting brothers and sisters. Brother Smoot has also organized some Methodist Sunday-schools over the circuit, which are moving along nicely. Our school here at Glencoe is progressing nicely and growing fast. The Lord is certainly blessing us. We would not forget to mention the grand help given us in these services by some of the Baptist people. We are sure there are some who will have stars



PARSONAGE, MERIDIAN, TEXAS, REV. NEAL W. TURNER, PASTOR.

The above is a good cut of the parsonage at Meridian, Texas. This was built last year at a cost of \$2500. It is one of the best parsonages in the district, and was built last year during the pastorate of Brother Neal W. Turner.

will see their brothers at their own doors who have not the gospel as they ought to have. I have had four appointments of this kind this year, and depend on the farm for a living for wife and children. You can see why only two meetings have been held. I don't get more than enough out of the work to pay running expenses, but I am glad that I have been able to do what I have. When John had got into prison and doubt set up, he sent two of his disciples to Jesus to know whether "he be Christ, or whether we look for another." Jesus did not tell them to go back and tell John that he was he, but told them to go and "show John the things that you see and hear," and that the poor have the gospel preached to them. And that will be the answer that S. J. Vaughan and J. E. Tyson will carry back to the Annual Conference. In fact, that a part of the waste places are being supplied in part. I hope that they will be able to do better next year by being able to supply more of the territory with a better supply than they have at present. May the time soon come when Methodists will cover all of the ground at home.—D. Q. Owen, Sept. 4.

Greenville.

We have finished our revival work for the present. We began at Salem on July 2 and held for fifteen days, with Brother J. A. Wheeler, of Denison, five days and Brother C. I. McWhirter seven days, resulting in a great revival and uplift to the Church. Had about fifty reclamations and conversions. We went to Bethel and started July 15. Held nine and one-half days, with only seven conversions. Brother J. L. Fry sang for us in this meeting, but we had thrashing, singing schools, showers, prohibition election, and the world, flesh and the devil to fight in combination. At this time the pastor happened to an accident with a runaway horse and could barely secure assistance for our Concord meeting. Brother A. T. Bridges, a young local preacher, with which we also had Brother C. I. McWhirter part of the time at night. We had only six conversions. Next we went to Shady Grove August 6 and followed the Baptist meeting with fifteen conversions of the hardest in the community. We considered it a great victory, since the Baptists had twenty-four conversions ahead of us. Brother J. M. Culver, of Kellott, was with us six days, and our presiding elder preached five sermons, holding our third Quarterly Conference at the same time. We have had seventy-eight conversions and reclamations to date, and expect to take up the work at Bethel again in October.—W. E. Daff, Sept. 6.

Glencoe.

By request of our pastor I write to let the people know that Glencoe is still on the map in Methodism. It is truly said: "The harvest past, the summer is ended," and many will say we are not saved. What shall be the end of those that obey not the Spirit? Sad thought, indeed. Although we have had some gracious revivals over Glencoe Circuit, I had the privilege of being in the meeting some at Crews with our pastor. Had a gracious revival at Crews; twenty-four conversions in that meeting, and a great spiritual uplifting to the Church. Our meeting has just closed at Glencoe, with twelve conversions and conversions. Some of the strongest heads of families were converted in this grand revival. It was grand to hear these new converts stand to testify to the love of God and praise him for being so merciful in sparing them so long, while still they were spurning the workings of the Spirit. Had sev-

in their crown from the work they did here in leading souls to Christ, and may God pour out his richest blessings upon them. We are praising God for his goodness to us, and for those grand old sundown grove services every evening, and for those consecration, confession and prayer services. We will bring our remarks to a close. So may God bless the grand old cause of Methodism and its many followers.—Nolan Barmore.

Sunset Circuit.

We are closing out our third year on the Sunset Circuit, and are happy on the way. Have finished our round of revivals, with about ninety conversions, and fifty-two additions to our Church. Some have, and others will join other Churches. Brother W. E. Hawkins, our faithful Secretary of Sunday schools, was with us the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of September and held five of the most helpful Sunday-school meetings I ever attended. We think Brother Hawkins is entitled to a degree of D. D. or M. D. in Sunday-school work, for he is, indeed, a Sunday-school Doctor. Any pastor who fails to encourage this part of Sunday-school work is missing a great help in his field. Brother Hawkins, talk on "The Child: Its Characteristics and Its Training," is worth far more than the assessment on the charges for this work. And the many other points he brings out are of great value. Preachers who attend conferences and conventions and learn these things should not get the idea that the laity knows them; they don't, and they appreciate having a fellow layman coming into their midst and talking to them on the problems that confront the laity of the Church, and are willing to pay for it, if we will give them a chance.—Chas. N. Smith, Sept. 6.

Whitt.

We have held two meetings on this charge. The first was held at Pooleville on the first and second Sundays in August, resulting in seven conversions and eight additions to the Church, and a very good revival in the Church. The second meeting was held at Whitt, beginning on Friday night before the third Sunday in August. I was assisted the last week of this meeting by Brother F. L. Felt Hutcherson, of Snyder, Texas, who was converted and joined the Church about fifteen months ago. He came to us on Saturday night of the last week of the meeting, accompanied by his wife, and preached for us from Saturday night before the fourth Sunday in August until the first Sunday in September. As a result of the meeting we had seventy-six conversions and forty-seven additions to our Church, with a number to join the other Churches of the town, also a great revival in the Church. This means the reclamation of a number in all the Churches; in fact, it was the greatest meeting that the town of Whitt has ever had. It brought the Churches together as never before. You could not tell much about Church lines. The people worked and praised God and shouted in the good old-fashioned way. Brother Hutcherson and his wife are great in a meeting. To any preacher wanting help in a meeting I will say: You need not pass them by. Brother Hutcherson is a man of unwavering faith in God. He knows what it is to be saved from sin. He remembers the pit from which he was dug. The Lord saved him from the drink habit when the skill of man had failed. He has an experience to tell, and it has no uncertain sound. He is a good gospel preacher. He strikes at the root of sin. He believes in a God that is able to save from all sin. He does not believe in a little God, but one that has all power. He preaches Christ first, last and all the time.

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Revival at Lexington, Ok.

We closed last night one of the best meetings ever held in this town. Rev. Clovis G. Clappell was with us for two weeks, and did a splendid service. His sermons are pointed, powerful and persuasive. And this is no advertisement to get him more meetings, for he has more than two such men can do. But it is a delight to a pastor to secure such a revival aid. We had fifty-one conversions and thirty-two accessions to the Church. We have received fifty-eight members this conference year. Everything else in good shape.—Walter N. Vernon, P. C.

German.

We have just closed our meeting. We have no great upheaval to report, but there were showers of blessing. Rev. W. B. Wilson, of Weatherford, did the preaching. He offers nothing cheap, but presents the gospel in a plain way that searches men's hearts and leads to repentance. There were numerous difficulties, but he faced them like a prophet, and God blessed us all under his ministry. To date the net results of the meeting are ten additions to the Church and the congregation strengthened and advanced in the divine life. The courage of our people has been increased, and they are more ready to face the every-day trials and duties of the Christian life. We have many reasons to rejoice.—K. P. Barton.

Florence Circuit.

We are glad to report a good year for Florence Circuit, the best for a number of years. The revivals have just closed. Our last meeting was held at Mount Hurch. At Florence Rev. Hightower assisted several days, with twenty-one additions to the Church. At all other points the pastor did the preaching, with conversions and additions at each. On the work up to date we have had sixty-two additions, fifty of them on profession of faith. Conference collections are in full, which is something new for Florence Circuit, with prospects for a good crop and the preacher's salary. At Mahomet the preacher was presented with a nice watch, and he has received two poundings, which ought to be enough in one year. Our Woman's Home Mission Society is doing some grand work, and is in fine shape. Two Sunday-schools in fine shape; attendance growing. Our Bible Reading plan is going good. Our Junior League also must be mentioned in its work. They are a happy lot of young people, doing the Lord's work. When we get our new railroad you will hear from old Florence Circuit.—Noah Storey, Sept. 4.

Hamilton.

The Hamilton Circuit is rapidly closing the second year of its history. We came with very little expectation of a forward movement, but with much gratitude to God we chronicle the following results of our stay and the faithful co-operation of a first-class charge. We have received into the Church to date in this charge about 240 members. The circuit is one of the best charges in our conference. We have about eight recruits for the ministry and six volunteer girls for the foreign mission fields. Our Sunday-schools are 100 per cent in advance of two years ago. We will report 200 per cent over the record of three years ago in finances. The Advocate list is more than doubled, and we have bought and paid for a parsonage which cost \$2000 four years ago. The work will go forward next year. Brother B. L. Nance, our Conference Sunday-school field worker, has rendered very helpful assistance, both in Sunday-school and revival work. Our people all love him. He is the best Sunday-school worker I have ever had with me. He is strong, faithful and the hardest worker I ever saw. I know no pastor more worthy or more consecrated or zealous. The Church needs such men everywhere. Any brother will do well to secure his services.—J. F. Tyson, Sept. 3.

Huckabay.

I have held all my protracted meetings for this charge, beginning at Okalaha on July 23. I was assisted there by Revs. H. M. Courtney and R. M. Craft, and they were good help. They did some fine preaching. We had a good revival in the Church, with eight conversions and eight additions to the Church. It was good to be there. Next I held at Peigan, beginning July 30 and closing August 6. Here I was assisted by R. T. Breedlove, one of my local preachers. We had a very good revival and one conversion. Next we began at Hannibal on August 6 and closed August 13. Here I was assisted again by Brother Breedlove and Brother W. E. L. Snider, both my local preachers, and I want to say that they are fine young men, and are splendid preachers, true and loyal. We are proud of them, for they are young men of great prowess. We had a very good revival in this meeting, but no conversions nor additions. Next we began at Huckabay,

on August 18, closing August 27. Here I was assisted by my two local preachers, Brothers Snider and Breedlove, and Brother C. L. Cartwright, of Stephenville Station; and they all did fine preaching. Brother Cartwright did some of as fine preaching as I have ever heard any man do. He greatly endeared himself to me and my people, and we will be glad when he can come again, for we think he is one of the best preachers and men that has ever come our way, and want him to come again. We had a good revival and three conversions; no additions. We have not had the success in our meetings that we expected and desired, and I know that I have never done more hard work in a year with less visible results in all the thirty years of my ministry, yet I have not lost faith and hope; for I know the Lord is my judge, and I have his peace upon me. We have a good people to serve here, but we have the most peculiar conditions here I have ever seen anywhere. The Hardshell Campbellites outnumber all other denominations put together, hence they think they have this territory as theirs and aim to hold it. They do not try so hard to get the people to join them, but they try harder to get them to disbelieve in the necessity of being born again, and say there is no such doctrine taught in the Bible; hence they intimidate and hinder all they can, but we are still hopeful that there are better times in the near future for our work. We have been hurt by the drouth, but we want to bring up everything at conference.—J. E. Morton, Sept. 6.

Hereford Station.

We closed last night our second protracted meeting in Hereford for the conference year. There were nineteen accessions yesterday. We have received twenty-four since the meeting began. Rev. O. P. Kiker, our presiding elder, did all of the preaching, with the exception of two services. A very much needed work was accomplished in the Church. Brother Kiker is very popular with the people all over the Amarillo District, and is doing very acceptable work. He is wide-awake, aggressive and faithful in all the duties of his office. Of course, we expect nothing else but his return to the district for the next three years. There have been forty-six accessions to the Church here for the present year; twenty-eight of these by vows and baptism, the remaining eighteen by certificate. We expect to pay all of the assessments and the salaries in full. To do so will mean to many of my people much self-denial and sacrifice. The drouth still continues. While the range is good and stock are doing well, the crops are not as good as last year. The farmers, as a rule, will not get back their seed. Irrigation is the one solution of the farming problem here. There is no better land or finer climate anywhere than on the plains. The prospect is good for the Amarillo District to report everything in full. If it does, no other territory in Texas ought to report a deficit. We have many good people, and are happy in our work. We also expect to return to Hereford Station.—J. M. Sherman.

Rising Star.

I wish to report the result of our meeting beginning September 3 and closing September 10. This was our second protracted service this year. Brother Hotchkiss came in March and continued for one week and did some of as fine preaching as we need to want, and the Church was greatly strengthened, but on account of inclement weather we failed to reach the entire town, although great good was done to those who heard him. Our regular protracted meeting was set for the fourth Sunday in July, but the rains came and the meeting was postponed until September 3. And I must say that so many setbacks seemed to discourage the Church in attempting to have a revival. But Brother Bickley, of DeLeon Station, came on the scene, and from the first service the Church seemed to catch the revival spirit, and it began to widen and deepen until the whole town was under its influence. I for earnest, pointed and protracted preaching and illustration I never saw it excelled. In addition to this, he brought B. L. Nance, a consecrated layman, who made a house-to-house canvass and reached many and brought them to a sense of their condition and their duty to God and the Church, many of whom never attended church and had not been reached before. I do not know the number of conversions, but think there were nearly seventy-five, including some grace heads, up to the age of sixty-four years, while the most were in the Sunday-school. Indeed, the work of Brother Nance among the young people can not be excelled. Quite a number of family altars were erected, and I can safely say that the Church is in a better condition. This has been the best meeting we have had for years. We safely commend Brother Bickley to any who need assistance in revival work.—James Irbey, Sept. 8.

Bridgeport Station.

Bridgeport has had a good revival. On the second Sunday in August I began and ran for two weeks, doing all the preaching except a few sermons by Rev. Ira M. Brice, the former pastor, the last week. Brother Brice is much loved by the people here. The meeting resulted in between thirty and forty conversions and forty-nine additions to date, and we will receive several more. I have received sixty-five members since I came to this charge three months ago. I do not think I have ever served a more appreciative people, and all the interests of the Church are advancing. I have one of the best Sunday-schools in the district, two good Leagues, and 128 at prayer-meeting last Thursday night. We were rained out the last night of the meeting, and the only thing accomplished that night before we ran home was when I baptized four children and my Sunday-school superintendent took charge of the meeting and took a collection for the pastor as a free-will offering for my services in the meeting—a token of love that I have never received in my ministry before, and I have always had the best people to serve. Brother Brice was not forgotten, either. The meeting would have continued for at least another week, but my wife was taken very sick and I could not run a meeting and wait on a sick wife. She is very sick yet. Remember us.—R. B. Moreland.

Newlin.

The last meeting of the season has been held. I had with me the Rev. W. W. Gollighugh, of North Marshall Station. His father and many of his kin live here. Brother Gollighugh had a good time, and I am sure he did the Church good work that will abide. Any pastor who wants help will make no mistake if he can procure the services of our North Marshall pastor. In this meeting at Salsbury we had ten or twelve conversions, fourteen additions to the Church, baptized twelve children, paid Brother Gollighugh \$42



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James Whitehead was born on a vessel in the North Sea on July 26, 1800, and died at the Proctor Hotel, in Waco, August 26, 1911. This gives him, according to records which seemed to be authentic, one hundred and eleven years and one month old. He was the oldest man I ever saw. At the early age of nineteen he was legally apprenticed to an English shipmaster, and subsequently served in the English Navy until he was sixty-one years old. The ten years following he worked with his brother as a chemist in England, and in 1872 he came to Waco, Texas, where he has been a familiar figure ever since. He was a man of fine information and a most interesting conversationalist. Three years ago he joined the Elm Street Methodist Church, from which he was buried. He expressed beautiful faith in Christ in his closing words. Homeless on earth, he now has a home in heaven. J. J. CREED.

and made better Methodists of the Christians that we already had in the Church. Among the number who joined the Church was a promising young local preacher from the ranks of the Missionary Baptist Church, Brother W. E. Moore. Having a Methodist wife, he said that they would not ordain him, and, as he disagreed with his Church on the question of close communion and some other doctrines and practices, and wanting a full chance to do something and a fair chance to develop as a preacher, he has come to us and will ask for work from the conference this fall. Since my last communication to the Advocate we have painted nicely the parsonage at Newlin. The assessments ordered by the Annual Conference are all subscribed and over forty per cent paid. I am getting ready to make a good report at Plainview. We have a good and kind people here on the Newlin Circuit. It was a mission last year, but it is standing alone this year. Our people are religious, and live clean lives. The circuit is making progress, becoming more loyally Methodist, and some of these days there will be a neat little Methodist church at each preaching place. Just as soon as our people can be brought to see the need of a house of worship they will build one, and then, but not until then, will we be able to do for ourselves and for the people who wait on our ministry and for the cause of God, what we ought to do. We would be doing a new work not handicapped by "union" Sunday-schools, "union" churches and school-house congregations. The Lord hasten the day, and may his richest blessings rest on the people and the Church.—J. C. Carpenter, Aug. 15.

Copperas Cove.

The Pidooke camp-meeting closed August 27, running eight days. Pidooke community had been down and out religiously for several years, but she is on her feet once more. This was by far the best meeting for several

years. The Church was greatly revived; some twenty were converted, while only twelve had joined the Church when the meeting closed. Rev. Adams, of Lott, brother of Rev. J. F. Adams, the pastor, did the preaching. Brother Adams is a fine preacher, and he did not fail to declare the whole counsel of God with eloquence and power. Pidooke has a splendid Sunday-school, with two good Wesley Adult Bible Classes. That godly man, O. P. Patterson, is the efficient superintendent. Rev. J. F. Adams, the pastor, had done some very hard and efficient work on his charge this year. His people are delighted with him, and say they are anxious to keep him next year. This community is remarkable for its old people. There are nineteen old people over sixty-nine years old. Mrs. Cal Rosser is ninety-one, and has been a member of the Methodist Church eighty-two years, and is still "happy on the way." There are some noble Christian workers at Pidooke. May God bless them all.—B. L. Nance, Sept. 9.

Irving.

Our revival meeting for Irving closed last night with fairly good results. We have thirteen conversions, with twenty-two additions to our Church. Under all the circumstances, we regard it as a great meeting for Irving. The town of Irving is comparatively a new place, ten miles west of Dallas on the Rock Island Railroad, with a splendid future. Our Church being young in the town, and undisciplined to some extent, we look upon the results as a great benediction, not only to our Church, but to the town as well. I was assisted by Brother James A. Walker, of Fort Worth, who did splendid preaching from beginning to end. Brother Walker is not only a safe preacher, but he is a successful revivalist. Brother C. F. Nance, of Riverside, Fort Worth, also rendered valuable service as a personal worker. Our singing was conducted by Albert Wammack, of Bethel Church, this charge. Our meeting at Coppell, which embraced the first Sunday in July, was a success. We had a regular old-fashioned Methodist revival at Bethel Church, embracing the third Sunday in July. Brother Sibley, of Arlington, did some valuable preaching during the meeting, and was very helpful. We had a splendid meeting at Estelle, another appointment on my charge. The Lord has been good to me this year. He has graciously saved the unsaved and added to our Church between seventy-five and one hundred souls during the conference year, for which I am very thankful. We have just finished a splendid little parsonage at Irving, and with the promised blessing of the Lord the outlook for Irving Circuit is at least hopeful.—P. D. Hughes, Sept. 11.

Oglesby Circuit.

Our protracted meetings are over, and we are now after our conference collections. We had our meeting at Oglesby in the spring, of which an account was given. Our meetings at Station Creek and Stockton Chapel were very good. At Hackney we had with us Brother B. A. Evans, of Killen, who did most of the preaching. And to say that he did a good job of it is putting it very mildly. He is a "plumb good 'un." He is a Bible preacher, and the people were delighted with him. God bless Brother Evans. We had a good meeting. Crosses are being raised here, but are praying for it to stay dry until the people can save what little they have made. We have an excellent people.—A. C. Lackey.

Lorena.

We had with us as a personal worker in our recent revival at Lorena, Brother B. L. Nance, a layman. He is serving the Church very efficiently as a Sunday-school field worker, or under the direction of the Central Texas Conference Sunday-school Board, but as a pastor's helper in revival work he is also very efficient. A deeply religious, possessed of great zeal and energy, he does a work that counts much all the way through a meeting, and leaves an abiding influence for good when he is gone. This pastor cheerfully recommends him as a most worthy and useful man.—Chas. W. Irwin.

Peoria.

We have just closed our revival. We had five Churches on this charge. We had five meetings; forty conversions and thirty-one additions to the Church as a whole. We are getting along fine. We are going to be at conference this fall with a full report.—R. T. Capps, Sept. 9.

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STRANGE AND SAD.

We heard the other day of a preacher of some prominence who objects to our whole system of Sunday-school conferences and institutes because he said they are conventions and ours is not a convention Church. His premise and conclusion are both at fault. According to Mr. Noah Webster a convention is a "an assembly of delegates or representatives for consultation on important concerns, civil, political or ecclesiastical." The same illustrious authority defines a conference as "a meeting for consultation, discussion or instruction." Therefore the average conference is a convention and the average convention is a conference. What others would term a convention our Church designates as a conference, and there you are. But what difference does a name make? "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." And our book of Discipline makes provision for all the Sunday-school conferences and institutes we are trying to have, and more too.

We are charitably disposed to think that the above named preacher was jesting. But if so, his jest was a poor success, for he was taken seriously. If he was in earnest his attitude is very strange for a man who is yet alive and his words have a tendency to make one feel very sad and tired.

In this issue we print the plan of Sunday-school work that is being very successfully carried on by our progressive brethren in Oklahoma. This seems to us almost an ideal plan and it is certainly worthy of the careful study of all who are seeking to make better Sunday-schools. "Nothing succeeds like success."

TO OUR PASTORS AND SUPERINTENDENTS.

Dear Brethren: You have doubtless observed that our Church has settled upon a great annual rallying place for its various arms of service and that the Southern Assembly, Lake Junaluska, near Waynesville, N. C., a regularly incorporated company of prominent Methodist ministers and laymen, is now getting the beautifully located place in that "Land of the Sky" in readiness for the work.

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Our General Sunday-school Board has accepted the ground proffered and passed a strong set of resolutions asking that every Sunday-school in our Church give its next Rally Day offering to the erection of the said Model Building, and the Sunday-school Board of each annual conference is earnestly asked to urge every preacher and superintendent in the conference to heartily co-operate in order to raise an aggregate of not less than \$20,000.

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE, AMARILLO DISTRICT.

The Sunday-school Institute of North Plaines, Amarillo District, met at Dalhart, August 16, 17 and 18, under the splendid supervision of Rev. R. B. Bonner, Conference Secretary, and wife. Rev. O. P. Kiker, presiding elder, was present to help inspire the occasion.

Nearly all of the schools of North Plaines were well represented by pastors, superintendents and delegates. Texline had an excellent delegation of sixteen, which speaks well for her interest in this work.

Some very interesting and instructive programs were had, closing out with an inspiring sermon preached by Dr. E. E. Robison, of First Church, Amarillo.

All manifested great interest and seemed eager to learn any new tactics in advancing the great Sunday-school army, and went home spiritually and intellectually built up with a determination to make their schools larger and better.

In view of the amicable relations existing between this institute and the one to be held at Canyon City on August 22, 23 and 24, a delegate was elected to bear greetings to the latter, this writer being commissioned to go.

C. Q. SMITH, Secretary.

THE OKLAHOMA PLAN FOR THE EXTENSION AND PROMOTION OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

1. Organization: The first thing to be done is for the Conference Board so to organize as to enlist and put to work every member of the boards, and as many others as possible. To do this the following suggestions are given:

1. Let the Conference Sunday-school Boards have general oversight of all the interests of the Conference, as per discipline. (See par. 248). In the interim of the Conference sessions the Executive Committee shall direct the work. (The Chairman, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, of the boards, constitute the Executive Committee).

2. In each district the presiding elder, the clerical and the lay members of the Conference Sunday-school Board, shall constitute a committee to see after the Sunday-school interests of the district. The presiding elder shall be chairman, and the other two shall be the secretaries.

3. Each charge and Sunday-school shall so organize as to enlist as many in the work as possible. Of course, the quarterly conference is "A Board of Managers" for the school or schools (see Discipline, par 246); but it is urged that each school shall appoint or elect departments for the following interests: Cradle Roll, Home Study, Missions, Temperance, and Teacher-Training.

The pastor, the superintendent and the secretary might constitute an Executive Committee to look after the local school and its interests. We so recommend.

II. Plan of Operation: The following suggestions are made:

1: To hold a Conference Sunday-school Convention or Institute annually at the most convenient time and place. This meeting to be held in the general interests of the Sunday-schools throughout the Conference (See Discipline, par. 251). The Conference Sunday-school Board to provide the program and to select time and place for such meetings.

2. That at least one Sunday-school Institute or Conference be held in each district during the year. This meeting to be held in the interests of the schools of the district, and the program provided by the District Sunday-school Committee. These institutes may be held in connection with the district conference, if thought best. (See Discipline, par 250).

3. That each charge hold Sunday-school Institutes for the promotion of the work locally. Let the Conference Sunday-school Secretary attend as many of such meetings as possible. Each school should draw on its own local talent as much as possible. It will help to arouse interest and to develop workers.

4. That the Conference Sunday-School Board see to it that the "Sunday-school Anniversary" is observed at each annual conference and that a suitable program is prepared for the occasion. (See Standing Rule).

III. Some Practical Suggestions:
1. That the Conference Sunday-school Secretary keep the presiding elder, and the two members of the Conference Board in each district informed fully of any and all conference or district plans and policies so that they may look after the interests of the schools in their district in harmony with the general work.

2. That the clerical member of the Conference Board of each district shall keep in close touch with every pastor, and render him any assistance he can for the promotion of the Sunday-school interests in that pastor's charge.

3. That the layman render a similar service to the superintendents of the district, by keeping in close touch with them and aiding them in every way possible.

4. That each presiding elder shall have general oversight of all the Sunday-school interests of his district. It is expected that he shall at all times be in close touch with the Conference Sunday-school Secretary and Board on the one hand, and with his superintendents and pastors on the other.

IV. The Object and Results to Be Obtained:

1. The plan will harmonize and unify our Sunday-school work. It will form a chain of connecting links from the annual conference to the local school.

It will interest more people and put more people to work. It is better to put ten people to work than to do the work of ten people.

3. It will advertise and popularize the great Sunday-school movement among the people when they see that systematic organization and effort are put into it.

4. Last, but not least, it will give a new impetus to Sunday-school extension, will develop more workers, and will arouse and stimulate a greater interest in the conference, in the district, in the charge, in the school.

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of the parents, in which the children might furnish the literary feature. Imagine our pleasure when our desire found fulfillment in the beautiful plan suggested in the Teacher's Text Book. We went to work in earnest after discovering that plan, and with the help of our Junior Superintendent, Mrs. Murchison, arranged that each of the six classes in the second year's work should represent some scene from the life of the missionaries whom they had studied. Each teacher worked out her own plan and met with her class for practice. One of the classes in the first year's work represented the finding of the baby Moses, and we had a real baby hidden in the basket to the delight of the little girls, who were dressed in dainty robes as the princess and her companions. The three other classes in the first year's work sang "America," using the flag. A tent on the lawn from which stalked the four gorgeous Indians to ask Captain Clark for "the white man's Book of Heaven," served to impress that story as told in conversation. Then for Carey there was the cobbler with the open Bible on the bench by his side and before him a large map of the world, and the story of his life was told by various boys. A young man, one of the teachers, in student's gown, with two pupils in Chinese costume, represented the tableau of Morrison translating the Bible into Chinese, while several little girls told the story. The tent came into use again to represent Judson sick in the prison court, attended by his wife and faithful na-

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tive servant. The scene of the jailor destroying the pillow containing the Burmese manuscript translation of the Bible, which translation was providentially picked up by the native servant, was all acted out while the teacher of the class told the story. A brief account of Livingstone's life until he left England was recited by one little boy and another took up the thread of the story and followed until the finding of Livingstone by Stanley, which event was acted by two of the boys. The conversation was partly in the historic words that were spoken on that occasion as recorded in Livingstone's biography. The closing events of that great life were then told by one of the boys. Two of the girls gave an interesting account of Paton's marvelous record among the cannibals. Then followed the refreshments, partaken of under the magic glow of Japanese lanterns and moonlight. Mrs. Murchison had visited almost every home inviting the parents and asking help in serving the refreshments. Her efforts met with a hearty response and delicious sandwiches with lemonade and ice cream cones were served to about one hundred in all. As some families were away for the summer the attendance and prevailing spirit of good fellowship were gratifying. Added to these benefits were the re-awakened interest of teachers in their pupils and of pupils in their teachers. One class that was weakening has graded perfect in attendance ever since, and the closer contact of home and Sunday-school teacher will be an ever increasing asset. More than all else, the advantage of the Graded Lessons in giving missionary instruction to larger groups than can be gathered into the Junior Missionary Societies was most forcibly impressed upon all the workers present. We teachers never tire of praising the Graded Lessons. We are blessed in having a devoted Junior Superintendent who is determined with God's help to continue the good work so beautifully begun by Mrs. Godbey, and to make her department the very best in the State.

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THE AMARILLO DISTRICT SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

The closing of the Amarillo District Sunday-school Institute marked a new epoch in the progress of Sunday-school work of the district. This was not unexpected, for the wise planning and resourcefulness of our presiding elder make him master of those questions which are the very Alps of human thought. Rev. R. B. Bonner, Conference Sunday-school Secretary, was present and added much to the occasion. He is the right man in the right place. The great treat of the institute were the addresses of Hon. R. B. Cousins, Superintendent of the West Texas Normal, and Professor Stafford, a member of the faculty of that institution, the one on "The Teacher," and the other on "Teaching." These addresses did much to raise the standard of the teacher to that of the artist.

A. L. BOWMAN, Secretary.

GEORGIA LETTER.

By Rev. Geo. G. Smith.

My good Bro. Stevens, of Brookeland, has kindly sent me his book of "War Recollections." It happens that his division, Hood's, and mine, Jones', were close together in the campaign in which I was wounded, and while I rarely read anything about the war between the States I have read his sprightly story.

We had crossed the Rapidan and had gone toward the Rappahannock; the Yankees were on the other side of the river. When they found Jackson had joined us, and we were ready for them they returned toward Fredericksburg and General Lee, divining their purpose, ordered both corps toward the old battlefield of Manassas. The army was moving northward. I was in the cabin of one of the poor whites who lived on the ridge near the army when one of the girls came in greatly excited. "They is hanged a man down thar by our spring. I'll never go thar for water no more while I live." That was news. I went to the spring and there nearby was sure enough a handsome young fellow in gray hanging to a limb. Later in the day I heard the story. He was a spy. He had crossed the river and feigning to be a Texan he had joined a young South Carolina courier. The courier had in his pocket a plot of the river fords which had been given him to carry to headquarters. He was riding very confidently with his Texas companion when the supposed Texan suddenly drew his revolver and demanded the papers. The courier could do nothing else than give them up, and then the spy shot him. Before he was dead the

Confederates found him and heard his story. The spy was soon caught and the tell-tale papers were found on him. General Longstreet ordered him to be hung as a spy and a murderer. He said he was a spy, but not a murderer. His name was Mason, and he was from Pennsylvania. A Texan who was barefooted said, "Give me his boots and I will tie the knot," and so was it. The Texas men were called rangers. We Georgians were called goober grabbers. The North Carolinians were tar heels. Hood with his long hair and kingly bearing rode at the head of as fine a body of men as I ever saw. We had a hard time on that march and there is an unwritten story which explains what has never been explained, why General Lee's great army was so depleted that of a roll of 60,000 he was only able to bring 35,000 into the field at Antietam. The reason was this. It was in August, green apples and green corn were everywhere, ration wagons were way behind, and the soldiers gorged themselves on green fruit. The water was limestone and the result of limestone water and green fruit was an exhausting bowel complaint which threw the strongest upon their backs. Then the men were barefooted and the roads were stony. I made my first and only essay at cooking on this campaign. We had rations, but no cooking utensils with us, and I had my issue of bacon and flour, but no pan to mix the flour or spider to cook it in. Taking a piece of bark I mixed my flour, and digging a barbecue pit I placed the sticks over it and the coals under it and with my bacon on a stick I let the drippings fall on the dough, and so got my breakfast. I was in a railway cut at Thoroughfare Gap. They were shelling us. The shells went over our heads. We were very secure when I felt something fall on my breast, just over my heart. It did not hurt me for it fell as gently as if it had been from a child's hand. An exhausted shell had sent the missile which was spent. I gave the piece of shell to a gentle lady who gave me my supper. Then we marched on. There was no stream to cross. The wells had been drawn dry, and it looked as if we would faint from thirst. I found a little spring head where I filled the canteens with water and polliwogs. We at last found a spring in an old field, and while we were there the enemy found us, and their battery shelled us, and four of our finest fellows were killed and wounded. We lay that night on our arms in gun shot of their line. The day closed with the banging of the great guns and the rattle of musketry, and the next day we were on the extreme right while the Texans were on the left. That was the time of the second Manassas in which the famous Hooker was in command. The next day was Sunday. I rode over the battlefield, which Bro. Stevens so graphically describes. Then we marched toward Washington, and in crossing one of the creeks my old horse stumbled and fell and I was submerged, but save a wetting I escaped injury. Then we went through beautiful London and crossed the Potomac at a ford. I was afraid to trust old Rep in the ford and when I found a soldier who was not so timid I gave him my steed, and denuded of my nether garments, forded the great river and entered Maryland, one of the "Sans Culottes," sure enough. Then we went to Frederick, and thence to Hagerstown and then back again to South Mountain and then a bullet through my neck gave me a final discharge from the army.

God was very good and his grace was very precious when I expected death. A good Baptist preacher nursed me back to life and a good woman sheltered me. The Yankees were kind and in December I was back in Georgia.

I hate war. I never read an article about war. I am sure now, as I was then, that the South was right and was forced to fight, but I never had any animosity, and during the war and since have loved my brethren across the line. I wish this fifty years' war was over and we could have a real peace, but I never said I was wrong and never expect to now. I never say Jeff Davis, but President Davis, nor Civil War, but War Between the States. I am glad the nonsense about organic Union has about ceased and we Southern folk are going to stay Southern folks while we have a being.

Macon, Georgia.

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 Central Texas, Bishop Atkins, Polytechnic, Nov. 4
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The mid-year meeting of the Bishops will take place in Dallas October 25, 1911.

JOINT BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Joint Board of Publication, Texas Christian Advocate, will meet at the Methodist Publishing House, 1308 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas, Tuesday, October 3, 1911, at 10 a. m.

THE KIDD-KEY COLLEGE OPENING.

The North Texas Female College opened its annual session last week, and it is but stating the fact when we say that it was the most successful opening in the history of the institution. We have not accurate account of the exact number registered, they poured in so rapidly, but an examination of the figures show one hundred more registered at this writing than at any previous opening of the institution. And they are still coming in on nearly every train. Mrs. Key returned refreshed and greatly built up from her European trip, and was on hand to receive the young ladies. Her faculty is complete, and the college enters upon its most successful term. The new Binkley Hall to take the place of the old Cabell Hall, is nearly completed and when finished it will add twenty-odd more rooms to the list of accommodations.

THE POLYTECHNIC OPENING.

Polytechnic College opened last week and from all reports it was one of the most satisfactory openings of the institution. The large chapel hall was crowded with young men and young women when they assembled for registration and classification. The management of the college was delighted with the sight, and felt greatly gratified at the prospect. Just what the number is we are not prepared to say, but it is equal to, if not in advance of any other year. Dr. Culver and his efficient faculty have their hands full to put everything in working order. They are as busy as bees in honey time, and the college starts off with glowing promise. Dr. Culver, the new President, has been cordially received, and he is proving himself to be the right man in the right place. That the school will continue to prosper on a large scale under his administration is doubted by none.

LEAVE THE PARSONAGE IN ORDER.

The conferences are approaching, and there will be many changes in the appointments. This is always the case, however careful the Bishop and the presiding elders may be in their efforts to make but few changes. When the moves come, one family will vacate the parsonage and another will take charge. Let every preacher's family, before he leaves for conference, take the precaution to give to the parsonage a thorough cleaning. Take up the carpets or the matting, wash the floor and the woodwork, and replace the cleansed carpets or matting. Wash the chairs, the dining-room table and the kitchen table, the mantles, and the window glass. Also sweep up the yard, repair the gates, replace the palings, and have things in apple-pie order. If it so happens that you do not have to move, then your cleaning for the fall and the winter is done, and you will have a nice place to live. But if you have to move, then the ladies of the Church will not have to clean up your dirt and talk about you as a housekeeper. On the contrary they will think a sight more of you and speak in commendable terms of your cleanliness, and then be proud of their parsonage. Otherwise, the good women of the Church will place a low estimate upon your qualities as a housekeeper and be ashamed of the parsonage. But if the ladies do not look after the parsonage, and it falls to the lot of your successor to do it, how much better for you and for your reputation to have everything clean and in order for the family who comes in after your departure.

There is absolutely no excuse for one preacher's family leaving the parsonage dirty, run down, badly kept and repulsive. It is a downright shame to leave a parsonage in such a condition. No preacher and his family are entitled to a nice parsonage who will leave it in any such a state. Water and soap are not expensive articles, and a little industry expended will put matters in good shape. Not to take the trouble and the little outlay to do this is a disgrace. No family with any self-respect ought to transmit their dirt and a run-down and badly kept parsonage to their successor. It is an outrage on decency to be guilty of such a thing. And there are not many preacher's families who are guilty of such an unpardonable oversight. But once in a while such is the case. And this article is for the benefit of all such, and to remind them that they owe it to their reputation and to the decency of their characters, to leave no such an evidence as a dirty parsonage to reflect upon them after they have moved to some other charge.

We doubt very much if any family is fit to represent the Church in a community whose lack of a well-developed sense of cleanliness is made manifest in the repulsive condition of a filthy parsonage after they have vacated it. Therefore, this long in advance of the conference sessions, we are throwing out this hint to all families living in parsonages to take due notice of these things and to govern themselves accordingly.

AN ELECTION IN NAVARRO COUNTY.

The antis have brought on a local option election in Navarro County and the vote will be had Saturday, the 16th instant. We dropped down there and spoke last Saturday in the place of Attorney-General Lightfoot, who was detained in Austin on official business. We addressed a large congregation in the opera house in the afternoon in Corsicana, and at night ran down to Frost and spoke to a good sized audience. There was interest and enthusiasm.

At Corsicana we met Dr. Boggs and Brother Patterson, our pastors. They are taking a great deal of interest in

the contest. At Frost we met Dr. Jno R. Nelson, the presiding elder, and Rev. Walter Griffith, the pastor.

The preachers throughout the district are doing their utmost to aid in the fight. The antis are putting up their best fight to bring back the saloons. They seem to have forgotten all about the "beauties of our splendid local option system," about which we heard so much from them a few weeks ago when the State-wide contest was on. They hate local option now just like they hated State-wide prohibition then. Hypocrisy defines their position on this question.

THE MAINE CONTEST.

The prohibition election in the State of Maine came off last Monday and the Tuesday's daily papers announced a victory of about one thousand for the antis. But the next morning they announced the pros ahead about three hundred. This is the last account just before going to press. The pros had the combined liquor interests and their money from every State in the Union to fight, and the result is a marvel under the circumstances. The total vote cast was about 125,000. The antis expected to win by several thousand, but they are very much crest-fallen over the result. On with the battle!

ANOTHER COUNTY VOTES DRY.

Last Saturday there was a local option election of our far-western counties—Reeves—and it went dry by a pronounced majority. Pecos is the county site and the one precinct in which barrooms obtained, and that precinct gave a majority of two to one against the saloon. This makes 163 totally dry counties, fifty-six partially dry and twenty-three totally wet. Once in a while we gain a county, but we have about done all we can under local option except to hold our own. State-wide prohibition is now our slogan. On with the battle!

SAN ANTONIO FEMALE COLLEGE.

This splendid school under the direction of Dr. J. E. Harrison and his able faculty has already launched into another successful year. Its rooms are crowded and its classrooms are busy. The school is rejoicing in its most promising year, both in numbers and in the grade of its student body. Dr. Harrison is doing a great work for the young womanhood of Southwest Texas. From the beginning, he has touched a popular chord in the needs of that section, and he has always had as many pupils as he has had room with which to accommodate them. His institution does good and efficient work, and his graduates stand high in attainments and scholarship. There is a great future for San Antonio Female College.

CHURCH BUILDING INJURED AT STAMFORD.

Our pastor and his people at Stamford had been devoting their time, strength and means toward the erection of their handsome brick church. They had gotten up the walls, had the roof on, the art glass windows in, the floor laid and temporary seats for service. Two Sundays ago they were ready to begin services, though the building was still incomplete. Then a great storm came up, the lightning struck one of the tall gables, rent it asunder, the wind rushed in and lifted the roof and caused a hole to be made through the building as large as a common house. Both walls were partially thrown down, the roof destroyed, the windows greatly injured and the floor crushed in. It was all done almost in the twinkling of an eye. So half of the front and half of the rear, with the tower and the two side walls are intact, while the rest is in ruins. The estimated damage is \$16,000. But in the midst of this destruction, following the utmost tax upon the people of which they were

capable, they had taken the precaution to put a tornado policy upon the structure for \$20,000, and so their loss is fully covered. What a good piece of business sense this was! As a result, the repair will be made and the building completed as rapidly as possible. And when done, it will be the handsomest church building in the West.

As we go to press a telegram from Rev. J. T. Griswold, of the Stamford Institute, tells us that he has just had a great opening for this term. Some three hundred pupils registered the first day and others to come. This is fine and we congratulate Brother Griswold on the great success of the institution over which he presides.

PERSONALS

Rev. Jas. W. Downs, of Mineral Wells, made us a brotherly visit this week.

Brother C. C. Brodie, who graduated at Southwestern last spring, has removed to Dallas to make it his home. He gave us the benefit of a good visit recently.

B. M. Burgher, one of our leading laymen in Dallas, is spending a season in the East and North, accompanied by his wife. A card from him indicates that he is having a good time.

Brother H. H. Goode writes us that his precious mother died in Denton, Texas, Thursday, September 7. His friends will share his sorrow, and the Advocate extends its tenderest sympathies.

Judge Ocie Speer, of the Court of Appeals of Fort Worth, made the Advocate an appreciated visit. He is one busy layman who has time to devote to Church work as well as to secular affairs.

Rev. H. M. Long, of Polytechnic Heights, was to see us this week. He is closing out a successful quadrennium on that charge. He is among the prominent younger men of the Central Conference.

Bishop E. D. Mouzon has been rendering some very efficient service among the brethren in East Texas of late. He has visited a number of points and preached for the Churches and counseled with the preachers.

Rev. J. G. Putman, of the Stamford District, while at the meeting of the Educational Committee last week came in to see us. He is looking well and strong, and told us that the rains of the past few weeks had put all that country in fine shape.

We learn, as we go to press, of the death of the little daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Baird, of Guyton, Ok. These parents have many friends in Texas who will sympathize with them in their sorrow. The death occurred Tuesday, at 6:30 p. m.

Rev. I. Z. T. Morris has been having a great time visiting old scenes in Alabama. He attended a camp-meeting in one place over which his father presided nearly seventy years ago. He had a great time resting and visiting his relatives and friends.

We have received announcement of the marriage of Miss Irene, daughter of Rev. W. Vinsant and wife, of Big Hill, to Mr. D. F. Daniel, of Sealy, Texas. The happy event will take place at the 11 o'clock service at Big Hill September 24. The Advocate extends wishes for a long and useful life.

Rev. J. B. Bennett, who for many years was a resident of Dallas County, and who is now living in Fort Worth, made us a pleasant call the past week. His many friends in this section will be glad to know that though he has passed the eightieth milestone he is enjoying good health and is in fine spirits.

Rev. J. M. Binkley, the venerable minister of Sherman, made an address of welcome last week to the student body at the opening of the North Texas Female College. This made the fortieth time he has officiated on the occasion of the opening of this school. A large part of his life has been spent ministerially in Sherman.

Brother Long and his new congregation now in operation in connection with Grace Church, this city, have let the contract for the building of their new church, which is to cost \$12,000. It will be called St. John's Church, and it is our youngest Church organization in the city. May it grow and flourish and become strong and vigorous.

In the excellent article on the conference of workers in the Men's Religious Movement held at Silver Bay, which article appeared in the last issue of the Advocate over the signature of Rev. O. T. Moreland, the "Rev." ought to have been omitted. Judge Moreland writes us that he has been a practicing lawyer at the bar for many years, but this was the first time he has ever appeared as a preacher, and he thinks it hard on "Rev." to be used as a suffix to his name.

Rev. J. W. Cullen and one of his leading laymen, Brother Martin, of Cedar Bayou Station, which is located in the land of the fish and oyster, were in North Texas last week. Brother Cullen had pleasure in visiting the scenes of his early life, when he looked well after a herd of cattle in and about Oak Cliff, and could hardly realize that Dallas had grown to such magnificent proportions. But he and Brother Martin are both very loyal

to Houston, and were loath to confess that Dallas excelled that city at any point. We enjoyed a pleasant visit from them. The Texas Conference has no truer man nor harder worker than Brother Cullen, and he is backed in his present charge by loyal and progressive laymen.

Rev. W. H. Moss, of the Central Texas Conference, is now at the Baptist Sanitarium in this city for special treatment. We are glad to say that he is doing well, and we hope for him a speedy recovery. When his friends wish to communicate with him his address will be at the sanitarium for some time yet.

Bishop James Atkins has transferred the Rev. L. G. White from the North Texas to the Central Texas Conference and appointed him to the principalship of the Weatherford College. And we are pleased to announce that the prospects for the school are very encouraging. Brother White is a man of endowments and possessed of wonderful energy, and we predict for him a successful time in his new field.

Rev. Ben O. Hill and wife (Miss Ethel Starr Ellis) will spend the month of October with Mr. Hill's parents in Bastrop, Texas. They will attend the session of the West Texas Conference at San Marcos, returning to Cuba November 1. They have been visiting Mrs. Hill's parents, Rev. and Mrs. John Ellis, of Union Point, Ga., where they were joined by their little daughter, named Harriet Carson for the principal of our mission school at Cienfuegos, Cuba, who has been a fairly godmother to them in their absence from home and loved ones on the mission field. A vacation of three months, after an absence of three years, would be very unsatisfactory if it were not that, to the missionary, his work becomes the one absorbing passion.

LIQUOR INTOLERANCE IN FLOWER.

During the last week of the recent State-wide prohibition campaign saloon-protecting politicians were crying out in mortal terror against imminent "political proscription and religious intolerance," which they imagined would be visited upon them should prohibition win. Their lamentations remind one of the old fable wherein spiders were accusing a man of setting traps to catch innocent spiders, when the B. B. business of spiders is to spread their nets in the pathway of innocent insects. Knowing their own bent toward political and commercial proscription they naturally charge it upon their opponents. A person of just ordinary intelligence does not need to be told that the most heartless commercial boycotts, the most relentless political proscription and the most vindictive intolerance known to modern history have been exhibited by the liquorites toward those who have dared to oppose the traffic.

In most South Texas communities where the foreign-born vote and the negro vote and the Mexican vote give the liquor power undisputed sway, a candidate for office scounds his death-knell politically when he announces for prohibition, or even if he refuses to declare in favor of liquor. Business men and professional men likewise incur the implacable enmity of the liquorites if they dare to publicly espouse the cause of prohibition. Hence for business reasons as well as from political and social considerations many stifle their convictions rather than become targets for the ill-tempered shafts of booze-inspired liquor protectors in communities where they are in undisputed control. A striking illustration of this occurred at Shiner, a small town in Lavaca County, Texas, populated chiefly by Germans and Bohemians. Out of a vote of several hundred, Shiner gave just six votes in favor of prohibition in the amendment election. The indications are that there would have been fifty or more votes for prohibition but for the fear of commercial and social proscription by the ruling element of the town.

After the result of the election was announced and the liquor triumph was assured a lot of "lewd fellows of the baser sort" were publicly advocating the whipping of the six citizens who dared to vote their convictions against the liquor shops. And yet most statesmen from the soggy end of the State, in the investigation at Austin, are crying out against the intimidation of voters by the prayers of women and the songs of children.

But the crowning expression of liquor intolerance is found in the hanging in effigy at Shiner on Monday night following the election of Rev. J. Dobes, a faithful Methodist preacher, who dared to express his opposition to the saloons. Rev. Dobes is a member of the West Texas Methodist Conference, and does missionary work in that section among the Germans and Bohemians who can be induced to listen to a Protestant preacher. During the night of July 24, a band of exultant rummies stuffed an image to represent the preacher and vented their spleen by hanging it to a telegraph pole near the railroad depot in Shiner. Across the breast of the image was a large away a whole herd made it quite respectable. Our highland ancestors were quite respectable in their days, but they are now called robbers! And the day will come when many of the

thoughtful citizens of the town who realized that such an exhibition of most intolerance would make Shiner famous (or infamous) in the eyes of Christian decency wherever the story should be told by passengers on passing trains, if it remained hanging on that telegraph pole until train time. The accompanying illustration will assist the reader in getting an accurate impression of this concrete expression of liquor intolerance.

Think, now, of these alleged champions of personal liberty venting their spleen upon an inoffensive preacher of the gospel simply because he dared to exercise his personal liberty by talking and voting against liquor, in accordance with the dictates of his own conscience! And then think of that aggregation of "liquid statesmen," under the leadership of Jacob Wolters, knowing the vindictive spirit of their own associates, and yet ranting through the press about the religious intolerance and political proscription they pretend to expect from the pros, and their protesting against the intimidation of strong-hearted, full-grown men voters by the singing of children and the praying of women. Shame, where is thy blush!

Be it known that I learned of this occurrence from no one of the six pros

in Shiner nor from the preacher who was the victim of the liquor mob's vengeful ire. It was a California drummer who was an eye-witness to the occurrence and heard the liquor rowdies talking openly around the town about whipping the six pro voters, and saw the image cut down and burned by men whose names were furnished to me. I afterward verified the drummer's statement by inquiry of citizens of Lavaca County whom I know personally. The incident is thoroughly authenticated. I am mentioning it in this public way, not to advertise Shiner as one of the few places in Texas where such an exhibition of contempt for ministerial loyalty to conviction could have occurred, but rather to help all Texas see through a concrete illustration the intolerant spirit of liquorism wherever it holds despotic sway.

This most sensational occurrence did not seem to get into the Texas papers. There must be a reason. I wonder if it was suppressed by the liquor sympathizing press of the State in general, and, in particular, to shield the liquor ruffians who perpetrated the dastardly deed, and to shield the town that harbors them. Let all Texas guess.

H. A. IVY.

EASTWARD Around the World

In the Highlands of Scotland.

By DR. W. B. PALMORE—Article Eight

Walking in the footprints, or about the haunts and homes of literary men, makes the pages of their books seem much more real. Stroll in the footprints of Tennyson, along the shore, and the white waves seem to say, as they dash against the rocks:

"Break, break, break, on thy cold gray stones, O Sea! And I would that I could utter the thoughts that arise in me."

In the extreme north of Scotland were strolling on foot alone, back of the city of Oban, late in the afternoon, and was much surprised when we came upon working peasants talking to each other in the old Gaelic language. They were reaping and raking the hay in the valleys, while the black-faced sheep were grazing along the heath-covered mountain sides. The sun was going calmly down in the west, spreading a broad pathway of golden glory on the face or surface of the motionless sea. To the east a black cloud was hanging over the purple or heath-covered mountains, from which rain was falling straight to the earth. Against these silvery streams of gleaming water the sun was painting the most magnificent rainbow we had ever seen. With the heath-covered mountains in the distant background, the busy peasants and grazing, black-faced sheep in the foreground, the picture, over-arched by this rainbow, surpassed all the art galleries of all the ages. As we stood and gazed in wonder and ecstasy it suddenly occurred to us that we were in the haunts and home of the Poet Campbell, and that here in the heaven his Creator had painted for him an illustration for the opening stanza of his

"Pleasures of Hope."

"At summer's eve when heaven's ethereal bow Spans the bright arch, the glittering hills below, Why to yon mountain turn the mus ing eye Whose cloud-capped summits mingle with the sky? Why do those cliffs of shadowy tint appear More beautiful than all the landscape smiling near? 'Tis distance lends enchantment to the view And gives to the mountain its azure hue."

Campbell was a brilliant writer and gifted poet, but he could hardly have painted this word picture without having first seen the real picture hanging in the clouds.

We feel very much at home, up here in these Highlands, from the fact that some of our remote ancestors figured with Rob Roy, when they took pleasure excursions to the south, and drove back whole herds of the lowlanders' cattle. Taking only one ox, cow or calf would have been considered very disgraceful, but driving away a whole herd made it quite respectable. Our highland ancestors were quite respectable in their days, but they are now called robbers! And the day will come when many of the

leaders and manipulators of the first corporations and trusts in America will also be called robbers! Stealing or robbery by wholesale is no more genteel or respectable in the sight of God and truth than retail plunder or robbery.

Many of our people visit Scotland without going through the Caledonian Canal, or seeing much that is most thrillingly interesting in the extreme north. The islands of

Staffa, Iona and Mull,

lying between the north shore of Scotland and the Shetland and Orkney Islands, we found to be intensely interesting. They are so far north that in midsummer the darkness of the night is very brief. There are ruins on Iona, reaching evidently far back into prehistoric time. Fingal's Cave in the Isle of Staffa has exactly the same geological formations as are found at the Giant's Causeway in the extreme north of Ireland. The latter, so exposed to the roll of the sea, through the centuries, does not retain the clear cut angles in the rocks like those in the Fingal's Cave, which are somewhat protected from the roll of the sea. The formation here in the Isle of Staffa is doubtless connected beneath the sea with that in the north of Ireland. William Jennings Bryan was so impressed with the peculiarity of these formations that he took one of the heavy stones from the Giant's Causeway to America.

Glasgow, Scotland, and Belfast, Ireland, are the building places of the largest and greatest ships of the world. On a calm morning the sound of hammers on some enormous new ship on the Clyde is suggestive of the building of an ark to save a sinking world. Glasgow is now the second city of the British Isles, with about one million inhabitants. It is doubtless one of the most economically governed cities of its size in the world. It owns about all of its public utilities and controls them. Street cars, waterworks, gas and electric systems, and all sanitary devices and departments. At one point however, like our American cities, Glasgow, falls down ingloriously, and that is in her failure to control the uncontrollable. The legalized lawlessness that we call the liquor traffic. The best and only way to control

Mad Dogs and Rattlesnakes

is to kill them. The city, however, surpasses us in consuming or destroying the smoke from its many smokestacks and factories. One great system of iron works makes considerable money from by-products made in the consumption of the smoke.

The city hall in Belfast is sufficiently imposing in its exterior to be a national capitol, but its interior is nothing like so fine as the city hall of Glasgow. Every visitor to Scotland should see the interior of this building. Especially the alabaster halls and stairways and many varieties of fine woods from distant parts of the world. Two rooms are finished in red and black mahoganies from Cuba and the West Indies, one in satin wood from Ceylon, one in white walnut from Canada, and the banquet hall in teak wood from Burmah. All of which are polished to a high degree. In

front of this building is the famous George's Square, containing majestic monuments of many of the great and heroic people of the British Empire.

The immense Presbyterian Cathedral with about a thousand years of history should also be seen by all visitors. In it is a complex and clustered group of Gothic arches, which to us, is an architectural puzzle. The windows are also very large and interesting. The glass in one of them cost about fifteen thousand dollars. Overlooking this historic building is the lofty cemetery, which is surmounted at its highest point by a tall monument to John Knox. In the neighborhood is one of the oldest buildings in the city, once occupied by Mary Queen of Scots. An interesting object in the exposition here was the old hand printing press, on which the first of Scott's novels was printed.

To lovers of charming scenery and of Walter Scott there are few, if any more fascinating trips in all the world than the one from Glasgow to Edinburgh, by rail, stage coaches and steamers, over mountains and lakes, and through the Trossachs.

Loch Katrine

is now not only a poetic enchantment, but has also come to be the handmaid of human industry. Through an immense tube or tunnel under the mountains, thirty-five miles long, she now furnishes a million people in the city of Glasgow their entire supply of the finest of water. Our first voyage over this lake in the long ago was on the fairy-like little steamer, called the "Rob Roy," which is still here, but enjoying a "superannuated" relation. The new steamer on which we now travel is the "Walter Scott." Records may fade, monuments fall, and flowers, though carved in stone, may fade or crumble in the autumn of time, but so long as the stars mirror their westward march in the blue waves of Loch Katrine, so long will there be something which speaks of Walter Scott.

As our steamer approached Ellen's Isle, lying like a half submerged banquet on the calm surface, we could but listen.

"For though, upon her speech there hung The accents of the mountain tongue, Those silver sounds, so soft, so dear, The listener held his breath to hear."

We not only intensely listened, but eagerly looked,—

"For ne'er did Grecian chisel trace A nymph, a naiad or a grace, Of finer form, or lovelier face What though, no rule of courtly grace To measured mood had trained her pace, A foot more light, a step more true, Ne'er from the heath-flower dashed the dew."

As our four-horse coach dashed along the glen where Clan Alpine lay in ambush, a loud tone from a bagpipe, high on the mountain side, suggested the

Bugle Blast of Roderick Dhu

"Instant, through copse and heath arose Bonnets and spears and bended bows. On the right, on left, above, below Sprang up at once the lurking foe; From shingles gray their lances start, The bracken bush sends for the dart, And every tuft of broom gives life To plaided warrior armed for strife!"

Our stately, grown up readers, with mature tastes, must not criticize these letters too severely, for we are writing especially for our boys and girls. And we are glad to know that so many thousands of them are accompanying us on this long journey. We are not only trying to give geographic, biographic and historic glimpses, but here and there a literary suggestion or hint. We hope our little readers will realize the many disadvantages in thus writing on the wing. In quoting from memory as we do, we are liable to grossly misrepresent the authors from whom we quote. Look up such quotations and mark the points at which our memory has betrayed us.

The two eyes of history are geography and chronology. The place where and the time when a thing happened. If our little friends will read, not only our letters, but all biography and history with a map of the world open before them they will find they will read much more intelligently and retentively.

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THE MODEL CHAPTER AT EPWORTH.

The Key chapter or model Epworth League has been reorganized and yesterday held its model business session. The object of the League was stated to be: "To give instruction and practice in League activities," and to that end was recommended by the council and adopted by the League.

The aim of the first vice-president's department being to stimulate the desire for the friendship of Christ by the use of the following methods:

- 1. Prompting prayer in group.
- 2. Personal work.

The aim of second vice-president's department being to stimulate helpful interest in others by looking after strangers, visitors, the sick, employes and employers on the grounds.

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- 1. Good cheer committee.
- 2. Young peoples' choir.
- 3. Afternoon socials alternating with reading clubs.

Fourth vice-president's department being to create and stimulate direct missionary interest by use of the following methods:

- 1. Missionary study classes.
- 2. Missionary addresses.
- 3. Missionary giving.
- 4. Appeal and conference of missionary volunteers.

It was also voted that the claims of Epworth Era be presented to the League and subscriptions solicited.

The matter of chapter finances was deferred until a future meeting.

The Key chapter will conduct daily sessions of a League institute in the main auditorium from 11 to 12 a. m. All Leaguers are most cordially invited to join this chapter and cooperate and help its plans and work.

Remember that this is peculiar and special organizations for those desiring to know the latest and best methods for working in their home chapter.

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NEW JUNIOR LEAGUE.

We are wanting to organize a Junior League at Graford, Texas, and would like to have any instructions and information you may give us. We have never had a Junior League at this place.
MRS. ADDIE LEE,
Pres. W. H. M. Society,
Graford, Texas.

THE DESERTED CITY.

Truly to-day for the first time does Epworth-by-the-Sea present a deserted appearance. To-day those who had remained over for the Sunday-school workers convention began to go home for Sunday and as soon as a tent was vacated it was dismantled and the top prepared for shipment.

To all outward appearances we are a deserted city and will be for another year, but really are we thus abandoned?

In thousands of hearts made lighter and spirits revived Epworth, 1911, now lives and will continue to exert a most powerful stimulation for good.

In the quiet twilight hours of our widely separated homes, there will of times come the pleasant memory of this year's work.

And indeed is it not for this very purpose that we annually gather at Epworth-by-the-Sea?

If there be nothing save the temporary enjoyment of the delegates of our bench, or the intermingling with a congenial band for a short time, to be gained, then indeed has the mission of the encampment been a forlorn failure.

But there is more by far than this that is gained from these annual gatherings. Here indeed is the very fountain-head of inspiration for many of our best workers throughout the State. Encouraged and with renewed activities our leaguers and Sunday-school workers soon return to their home and the work of our 1911 encampment will continue to be a living, breathing influence throughout the State of Texas. Leaguers now in active will become alive and will take up their work with a more deep-root-

ed determination to do and be something for the Master.

Sunday-schools which have fallen into the rut of mere pharasaical routine will now be filled with renewed ambition and a fixed purpose to bear their part in the battle for the evangelization of the world.

And most of all will the influence of this encampment be manifested in the lives of the individuals who have been engaged in close application to the teachings of those who have led us.

No indeed—we are not a deserted city, but are thoroughly and permanently alive in the hearts and lives of the thousands who have been in attendance during these last three weeks, and God in his mercy has been kind to us that there should be planted within each of these a deep and undying love for Epworth-by-the-Sea.—Epworth Daily, Aug. 20.

OTHER CONVENTIONS.

While Epworth-by-the-Sea is essentially a Methodist encampment ground, the encampment period for these Methodists only covers a portion of the season, and we know no reason why other institutions in this or other Churches, should not be induced to come to our encampment ground.

For example, the Christian Endeavor Society have not any place for definite encampment, but they meet in the various cities of the State and are entertained by these cities. While this is a very pleasant arrangement, possibly our fellow workers in the Christian Endeavor would find as we have found, that if they were all gathered upon one campus, that they would be able to do more effective work and it remains for us to induce them to come down to Epworth-by-the-Sea.

Already arrangements have been made that this entire body, at its meeting in San Antonio, shall be brought down here to view the landscape over, and we trust that they will be sufficiently impressed, so that they will adopt our suggestion and establish this as their encampment ground.

This same invitation is extended not only to the Christian Endeavor, but all other conventions where morality predominates. Some one has suggested that there will be a large Farmers' Institute held on these grounds during next year, and again the plan of making a Summer Normal has been offered. All these suggestions are good ones, and but need development.

Therefore, the prospect is pleasing for enlisting the support of other people of great institutions.—Epworth Daily.

WOMAN'S WORK AT EPWORTH.

No department of our Church has been more ready to do valiant work at Epworth-by-the-Sea than have the good women who are organized into Home and Foreign Mission Societies throughout the State. Ever on the alert to take advantage of any forward movement, there has been active

support from its incipency and the present year just closed, has marked the most successful period in their work.

The Woman's Building is a beehive at all times, and there are no drones in this building. Everybody that comes here, gets down to work immediately and stays eternally and everlastingly at it until the whistles blow, and it has even been suggested that many of them work overtime, for fear they might lose something.

God bless the women, any way. If it had not been for the women, the work of the Church would have become well nigh extinct long ago. And indeed to their care has ever been placed the welfare of all that is good, noble and true.

Woman, the last at the cross, and the first at the tomb, has always been ready and willing to get in the midst of the conflict for righteousness and stay there to the bitter end. And thus it is no wonder that the Woman's Building at Epworth-by-the-Sea is a scene of so much activity, and that the forward movement project here is based largely upon the noble womanhood of Texas.—Epworth Daily.

S. C. RIDDLE—AN APPRECIATION.

Too much cannot be said in deserved praise of Brother Riddle for his tireless activities as treasurer. In fact the remark was made to the editor by some one, "Riddle has done everything any man could do and money could not buy such services." His loss to the board will be keenly felt by them although our new treasurer, who will assume his duties with the close of the present encampment, is held in highest esteem and will, beyond all doubt, make a most acceptable man.—Epworth Daily.

WILL REMOVE TO SOUTH CAROLINA.

Miss Mollie Womack, who has for a long while been an efficient and faithful member of the Nocona Epworth League, has volunteered her services to the Church and will in a short time take up special work in South Carolina. We are not advised just when Miss Womack will remove from Texas, nor the nature of the particular work in which she will engage. We infer that her going, however, is to be soon, since the Epworth Leaguers of Nocona have adopted and sent us for publication the following:

Resolutions of Appreciation.

"Whereas, God has especially honored our League in calling one of our number, Miss Mollie Womack, to a life of special service; and

"Whereas, This call has made it necessary for the Church to remove her from our midst to the South Carolina Conference; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we recognize in her those qualities of mind and heart that pre-eminently fit her for the work she has chosen, and that we heartily commend her to her associates in her new field of labor, assuring them that she leaves behind her a monu-



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"3. That we extend to her our love and appreciation of her beautiful and consecrated life and assure her of our prayers and confidence. While we shall greatly miss her, yet we rejoice in her continued success and larger usefulness. We further desire that she shall know, whatever her lot may be, her joy or sorrow will find a ready response in our hearts.

"4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Miss Mollie, a copy be placed on the secretary's books and also be sent to the local papers, the Texas Christian Advocate and Epworth Era for publication.

REV. T. N. WEEKS, Pastor.
MISS LULA HARWELL, President.
MISS MATTIE McINTIRE, Secretary.

THE MEN AND RELIGION MOVEMENT.

Rev George M. Gibson, D. D.

It would not be claiming too much to say that there has never been outlined by any body of Christian men in this country such a splendid program for a general religious forward movement as that which is now being worked out under the above name. For sanity, for thoroughness, for comprehensiveness, it seems easily to outrank any other effort in which the Churches of this country have ever united.

In the first place, it is an effort upon the part of the men of the Churches—business and professional men, as well as preachers—to bring the men and boys of the country to dedicate their lives to Christ and his Church, and then to enlist them in an intelligent and persistent effort to hasten the realization of the kingdom of God in the everyday life of the world.

To this end five distinct lines of work are being mapped out: Bible study, the salvation of the adolescent boy, social service, evangelism and missions.

That the whole country may be reached in this movement a hundred of the leading cities have been chosen as the centers of operations and these cities are to be made responsible for carrying forward the work in the surrounding territory.

Specialists in these various departments of work—the best men available throughout the country—are to be sent to these various centers. They will go in teams of a half dozen and spend ten days in each of the one hundred cities. Their work while in a city will be so planned as to make it possible for every Christian worker in that community to get the full benefit of every address. The work of this team of specialists will be educational and inspirational. Their coming is not therefore to be considered the culmination of the work of the movement, but simply a means of enlarging and intensifying it. It is made their duty to thoroughly acquaint themselves with the moral and religious conditions of a city before they come for their campaign. This is done through most elaborate information furnished them through local committees; then by comparing the information thus furnished with conditions in other cities they can easily show the Church people in any community the neglected features of their field, the work that needs most to be done and how it may be most effectively done. The logical thing, therefore, following this campaign, will be a united, persistent effort upon the part of the Churches to carry forward the various departments of work outlined—evangelism, social service, boys' work, Bible study, missions—until the whole city shall be quickened and uplifted.

This movement begins at the bottom. It plans to bring men and boys to Christ and then enlist them in those lines of activity that the wisdom of this day has pointed out as being most vital to the welfare of society and to the salvation of the world. Heretofore the Church has looked almost wholly to the preachers and evangelists as the men who must save the unchurched. This movement makes prominent the fact that Jesus Christ expects every saved man to invest his life and his resources in bringing in the kingdom of God. The women of the Churches have been organized for a number of years and are now doing a marvelous work—particularly in the departments of missions and social service. What a mighty forward stride the Church will take when her business, professional and working men dedicate their time and resources to the salvation of men and the uplift of society. This is what the "Men and

Religion Forward Movement" stands for.

The team of specialists will visit Dallas in November and some time after this there will be a great union evangelistic effort under the leadership of Gipsey Smith.

LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

The Conference Claims and the Every-Member Canvass.

By Rev. C. A. Tague, Pastor Highland Methodist Church, Ft. Thomas, Ky.

There are some of the brethren who honestly believe that in certain quarters it is absolutely impossible to raise in full the conference claims. I believe, however, that there is a plan which, if worked, will solve the problem anywhere and everywhere.

About two months before the last conference I asked my official board to adopt for the coming year the duplex envelope system. They agreed to do so. I then prepared and mailed to every member whose name appeared on our Church register a letter and card, asking each to make a subscription to the general collections, payable weekly by the envelope plan.

In reply only nineteen or twenty of the cards were filled out and returned to me, though I mailed out over two hundred of them. After waiting two weeks I sent out a post card to every member who had not returned the card, calling attention to the oversight. In reference to this second notice I received within a week some thirty more cards. That left the great majority yet to be heard from. As the mountain would not come to Mohammed, Mohammed decided to go to the mountain, so I mounted my bicycle and never stopped until I had seen every delinquent member. It was as hard work as I had ever done and it took a great deal of valuable time, but it was a good investment of both time and labor, for in the end, as will be seen, it has saved and will save a great deal more of both than was put into this one effort.

When I came to look over my cards I found that with few exceptions the whole membership of the Church stood

pledged to contribute to these claims. And those who pledged stood true to their promise. From the very first Sunday of the new year the envelopes began to come in and an examination of the treasurer's book shows that there have been but few irregularities. If a member chanced to be absent on a certain Sunday, or a series of Sundays, the envelopes due on those Sundays were turned in all at one time. Thus there are few blanks on the treasurer's book. The results may be stated as follows:

1. With no further effort the conference claims will be met in full—more likely there will be more than enough to meet them. The pastor will be spared those last few days of agony and suspense that usually mark the closing days of the conference year.

2. The money raised by the Sunday-school on Mission Sunday, and which pastors generally use to help pay these claims, can now be used for the purposes originally intended.

3. As this plan so largely increased the number of contributors to the claims, so it increased the number of contributors to the local support. In fact, it made a material increase in the pastor's salary and that without a single cent added to the assessment of these already contributing. The Board of Stewards added another \$100 to the pastor's salary simply because they saw that that much more would naturally flow into the treasury.

4. It made possible and paved the way to the payment of the last cent of indebtedness against the parsonage lot. That debt was \$1390, with a little interest added. It was likewise a very old debt, at least a part of it. Everybody knows how hard it is to get up any enthusiasm over the payment of an old debt. And yet when the matter was taken up \$1500 was subscribed so easily as to surprise everyone. This would have been very difficult, if not impossible, with the conference claims to be provided for and many in the Church without previous education in Christian liberality.

5. But the best will have been in the education of our young people. Whereas scarcely one of them was previously contributing any financial support to the Church, except perhaps in the penny collection, now there is hardly

one of them who is not a contributor. And from what I can learn, most of these young people and children are meeting their pledges from funds of their own; that is, from money that would otherwise be largely wasted.

Such is the plan and such are the results. Try it, brethren, and you will be surprised at what it will accomplish.

Some practical observations are suggested by Brother Tague's experience. First, that the correspondence plan of taking an Every-Member Canvass is not effective. No pastor should waste any time upon it. The personal canvass alone is worth while. Second, that the pastor may be relieved of a tremendous amount of work by having the Every-Member Canvass taken by a committee appointed for this purpose, a plan that would have the added advantage of enlisting a considerable number of the laymen and, at the same time, would be burdensome to none. Third, instead of militating against the pastor's support and other local expenses, the system proved a great advantage in this respect also, bringing about an increase in the pastor's salary and facilitating the payment of an overhanging debt.

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All communications in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society should be sent to Mrs. Milton Ragsdale, care Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas.

The many friends of our Miss Sophia Manns and Miss Johnnie Pearson will be glad to know that they are both returning to their work this fall. Miss Manns goes to China, Miss Pearson to Mexico.

MRS. W. F. BARNUM.

The district meeting for the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of Terrell District, will be held in Terrell, Thursday, September 14.

A full delegation from each auxiliary, and every pastor in the district is very earnestly requested to attend.

MRS. A. S. HOLMES,
District Secretary W. H. M. Society.
MRS. A. R. NASH,
District Secretary, W. F. M. Society.

NORTH TEXAS HOME MISSION AUXILIARIES.

The names of all delegates to the North Texas Home Mission Conference to be held in Wichita Falls, Texas, October 5, 1911, should be sent to me as soon as possible, in order that we may arrange for their entertainment.

MRS. E. PUCKETT,
Corresponding Secretary
1418 Thirteenth St., Wichita Falls,
Texas.

WAYLAND W. H. M. SOCIETY.

On July 28, during Brother M. S. Hotchkiss' meeting at this place, we organized a Woman's Home Mission Society, with twenty-four members. Officers were elected as follows:

Mrs. Dora Smoot, President; Mrs. B. S. Crow, Recording Secretary; Miss Ola Newman, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Lillie Hodges, Treasurer.

Time of meeting Wednesday afternoon. Quite a good deal of interest is manifested. Will report our work occasionally.

MRS. C. E. SIKES.

ATTENTION, NORTHWEST TEXAS WOMEN.

Mrs. C. M. Woodward, Abilene, has been appointed to act as first vice-president for the remainder of this year. Write her for all information and literature with reference to the Children's Work.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. Bullock, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department, has moved from our conference and the office is therefore left vacant.

Mrs. Rollins, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department, will, however, send out all Foreign literature as usual to your district secretaries, and you will receive the literature as before.

Write her with reference to any desired information until the office can be filled.

MRS. D. L. STEPHENS,
Conference President.

TO THE AUXILIARIES OF THE CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES:

Dear Sisters.—We are sure that these days of reconstruction in auxiliary and conference societies have brought you many puzzling questions. We are grateful that a solution to many of these has been reached, and we believe that within the next few months much that now confuses will be clear.

We write to-day concerning what is known in the Church as the "Every Member Canvass." This campaign was inaugurated by the Laymen's Missionary Movement in order to increase the income of the General Board of Missions. It is a noble effort at having every member of the Church recognize some responsibility in the support of missions. We, therefore, most heartily hope that every member can be induced to give something to the great cause of missions through this department.

While we recognize and endorse this every-member canvass, we would remind those who have joined our woman's organization that none of these funds thus collected will go toward the support of woman's work. The following resolutions, as adopted by the executive committee of the Board of Missions at its last monthly meeting, reveals this fact. This resolution says:

"Resolved, That the executive committee be authorized to instruct the secretaries for woman's work in the Home and Foreign Departments to

inform the Woman's Missionary Societies that the every-member canvass now being conducted in the Church is in the interest of the assessments levied by the General Conference."

We would, therefore, urge that you will remember your obligation to maintain the institutions already entrusted by the women, and also to support the missionaries, deaconesses and teachers whom we have in our employ. Please bear this point in mind when making your contribution to the Every-Member Canvass. Do not deduct from your contributions to the woman's work in order to give to it, but give to the General Board according as God has prospered you.

The close of the fiscal year, as you have learned through bulletins and other printed forms, occurs December 31. This makes our fiscal year short two months. Do not, therefore, forget to pay your membership dues up to date—that is, for the ten months which have been covered in this our fiscal year. Please make an effort to collect your conference pledge also and to raise as much for specials as possible.

The quarters will now end the 31st of March, June, September and December. Reports in each department should be forwarded to your conference officers by the first of the succeeding months. This year the second quarter will contain four months and will close September 30. It should carry large figures, representing the work done and money collected.

Yours in the kingdom and patience of the Lord Jesus Christ,

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT,
MRS. J. B. COBB,
MRS. R. W. MAC'DONNELL.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES. 1861-1911.

Fifty years ago the Woman's Union Missionary Society of New York, the first general missionary organization of women, was organized by Mrs. Do-remus. During the past year in more than thirty cities, west and east, women have gathered to celebrate this jubilee—the golden anniversary of women's awakening to the greatest work in the world. In order to round out the jubilees as a great National movement in the Women's Boards of the Southern Churches are united in the great desire and purpose to hold in the large cities of the South, during October and November, 1911, interdenominational jubilees, which shall deeply touch and stir the missionary activity of every Christian woman in those cities.

Miss Florence Miller, one of the speakers in the first series of jubilees, is expected to be of the jubilee party. Other speakers will be announced later.

Cities:

Norfolk, Virginia, October 10, 11; Greensboro, North Carolina, October 13, 14; Charleston, South Carolina, October 17, 18; Jacksonville, Florida, October 20, 21; Atlanta, Georgia, October 24, 25; Birmingham, Alabama, October 27, 28; Mobile, Alabama, October 31, November 1; New Orleans, Louisiana, November 3, 4; Memphis, Tennessee, November 7, 8; Little Rock, Arkansas, November 10, 11; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 13, 14; Houston, Texas, November 16, 17; San Antonio, Texas, November 20, 21; Dallas, Texas, November 23, 24.

The Call.

From the Edinburgh Conference went out this message:

"Just as a great National danger demands a new standard of patriotism and service from every citizen, so the present condition of the world and the missionary task demands from every Christian, and from every congregation, a change in the existing scale of missionary zeal and service and the elevation of our spiritual ideal.

"God is demanding of us all a new order of life, a more arduous and self-sacrificing nature than the old. But if as we believe, the way of duty is the way of revelation, there is certainly implied, in this imperative call of duty, a latent assurance that God is greater, more loving, nearer and more available for our help and comfort than any man has dreamed. Assuredly, then, we are called to make new discoveries of the grace and power of God, for ourselves, for the Church and the world; and in the strength of that firmer and bolder faith in him, to

face the new age and new task with a new consecration."

The Method.

The first essential in the preparation for such a great challenging presentation of the missionary enterprise is prayer. May the committees realize that whatever of business-like system and plans is needed (and there is much that must go into their work), the deep and fundamental necessity is constant, unremitting, united, tolling, prayer. Let us be definite in our requests and full of faith that "he is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," in using Christian women for his mighty purpose of redemption.

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Mrs. W. E. Norvell, Chairman, 1918, 19th Avenue, South Nashville; Miss Edith Campbell Crane, Advisory Chairman; Mrs. A. M. Elliott, Treasurer, 313 Clark Place, Nashville, Tenn.

THE ROVER RESTS.

Let me say to my friends in Texas that I am now located at Jackson, Tenn., where I am President of the Memphis Conference Female Institute. It is the unexpected that happens. I was desirous of some relation to a school in Texas, but could learn of no opening there. Now that I am here through a combination of circumstances that I must regard as providential, I shall do my best to build up this institution and to sustain its good name. It is one of the oldest colleges in the South. It has been in continuous operation for more than seventy years, except during the Civil War, when it was used as a Federal hospital. The building is a solid brick with walls two feet thick and put up to last till the judgment trumpet turns over the world. The brick in the building would put up two or three buildings as they build houses now. It is capable of accommodating about a hundred boarders and the faculty in comfort. has a beautiful campus right in the heart of Jackson, a little city of perhaps 25,000 people, and is well adapted to its work. When the improvements contemplated are made, and some of them are now under way, it will be equal to any college for girls in the South.

The harness so far fits, but I laughed when I read the title I put to this letter. I wrote it offhand, and because I have been so constantly on the go that when I stop I think I am at rest. But for some days now I have been doing the work of three men and one woman. I am surprised at the ease with which I have handled so far the countless details of the job, from selecting a music teacher to trying to make the plumber come to time. That is the hardest part of the business yet. It is a splendid school in which to learn patience, and more patience, and yet more patience. So I am already getting something out of it. Just so?

For many reasons I regret leaving

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Texas. I have become attached to the shack in the edge of the woods at Brownwood, and we will hold on to it, not knowing what may befall us here. This Jackson air is not the air of West Texas, and I lack the vim and the exhilaration that imparts. But one cannot have everything, and ought to try to make the most of what comes his way.

We have the prospect of a fine opening, and will have at least one Texas girl with us. She was booked for Randolph-Macon, Va., but reconsidered and, like a sensible woman, changed her mind. This is a good place for Texas girls, and Tennessee and Texas are inseparably linked in association. So let them come.

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Jackson, Tenn.

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EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION MEETS.

At 10 o'clock a. m. last Thursday, September 7, the Educational Commission met in the University offices at the publishing house in Dallas. Dr. Horace Bishop was chosen temporary chairman. Dr. Hyer stated the object of the meeting and the business of the day was begun.

The plan of campaign for the \$1,000,000 fund was outlined by Dr. Boaz and approved by the commission.

The contract with the architects, signed by Dr. Hyer, was ratified and the plans and specifications for the administration building were ordered. As soon as these plans are completed the committee will advertise for bids and the construction of the building started as soon as possible. The building committee was selected as follows: Dr. Horace Bishop, Judge M. M. Brooks, Hon. G. T. Jester, Rev. O. S. Thomas and J. M. Peterson. Drs. Hyer and Boaz were declared members ex officio.

A resolution passed unanimously authorizing the expenditure of the \$500,000 pledged by Dallas for the administration building and officially naming the building "Dallas Hall."

The report from Treasurer A. V. Lane, was read and referred to the auditing committee.

The following resolution was passed concerning diplomas to be issued from the Polytechnic College: "Be it resolved, that should the annual conferences pass the resolutions transferring the Polytechnic College property to this commission the diplomas granted to graduates of that institution should read: 'Polytechnic College of Southern Methodist University.'"

The report from the auditing committee was read and adopted. The work of the treasurer was commended also the excellent condition in which the pursar has kept his books and the records of the university.

A report to be submitted to the several annual conferences was prepared and adopted.

The meeting of the commission was very harmonious indeed. Everything done was by unanimous vote. The commission are all in the most hopeful mood. The prospect is very encouraging. The commission will be called to meet again during the occasion of the Rally Day, October 27.

AN AVALANCHE OF LETTERS.

In response to Dr. Hyer's letter in last week's Advocate, our office is being flooded with replies from everywhere. They all speak in no uncertain sound. From time to time, as space provides, we will give these letters to the public.

Dr. John H. McLean, D. D.

Dear Dr. Hyer: Responding to your communication of the 31st ult., ancient the Southern Methodist University, would say, the time for discussion has passed, and the time for action—united action—has come. Formally and authoritatively the Church has spoken through the annual conferences, committing Texas Methodism to a great university with emphasis on great. Our Church being connectional—the die having been cast, and Rubicon crossed—we have only to go forward in consummation of the end in view, patiently, prayerfully, looking to God, the Church and friends of the enterprise and the cause of Christian education, for eminent and permanent success. With the tentative and problematical period behind us, we come to essay the work in hand—a task herculean in proportions—involving time, years, many years of wise and patient toil, for this is to be no ephemeral affair—it is for the ages. This much promised, the enterprise launched, with a local habitation and a name, it remains to characterize every step of procedure—preliminary and progressive, with wisdom—the wisdom that comes down from above—in order to ultimate and permanent success. In your call for counsel and suggestions, you regard the scripture that says, "In the multitude of counselors there is safety," and with the com-

bined wisdom of the Church, the formative and future stages of the institution, under God, will be well assured. The commission acted wisely in selecting a broad country site—the broader, the better—accessible to the city, rather than within the city. The 550 acres, independent of the campus of 133 acres (which is none too large) can, as you say, be made a valuable asset in the way of endowment, if rightly managed, and to no better purpose could it be applied. This "nest egg" for endowment should not be incubated too soon. As to the buildings to be erected—build as for eternity—the best is the wisest—fireproof and enduring, and one at a time, if all can not be built at once, and build deep and broad and strong. Your plans are beautiful. The number and kind of buildings commend themselves to me. All this can not be done in a day. The friends must be patient, prayerful and helpful. May the Lord bless you and your co-laborers in this great undertaking.

Waco, Texas.

Rev. R. P. Shuler.

My Dear Dr. Hyer: Replying to your letter of August 31, I will say that it seems to me that any plan that would look to the placing of other than the best buildings upon the university campus would be unworthy of so great a company as the Methodists of Texas. I am sure we can build a great school and should. I feel sure we will. We can not have a great school with cheap equipment. I am in favor of having the best if we have anything. You may count upon me at any time to do the best I can for you and your great school.

Temple, Texas.

Rev. C. A. Long.

Dear Dr. Hyer: Your letter gives me an opportunity not only to reply to the letter itself but also to say some things concerning my attitude, not only as one of the preachers of Texas Methodism, but as an alumnus of Southwestern University and former student of yours. In the first place I believe in you; and am grateful for the training I received in Southwestern under your presidency. I am, and have been from the first, in heartiest sympathy with the effort to establish in Dallas a great Methodist University. We owe it to the Church, to the cause of Christian education, and to the youth of Texas. Consequently, all the fullness of the obligation I have felt for my alma mater, as the central institution of Texas Methodism, I now feel toward "The Southern Methodist University." I want to do all I can, at all times I can and in all ways I can, for our new educational institution.

Dallas, Texas.

Rev. W. D. Bradfield, D. D.

Dear Dr. Hyer: Your letter submitting plans for the new university duly received. The wisdom of these plans is almost an inspiration. These plans certainly will commend themselves to every Methodist in Texas. I shall do everything in my power to carry forward this the noblest of our enterprises.

Austin, Texas.

Rev. O. P. Kiker.

My Dear Brother: We are watching with much interest the initial movements in Dallas pertaining to Southern Methodist University. Personally, I am rejoicing in the greatness and adequacy of the whole business. I hope that no building blunders will be made. I am sure that nothing is too good for the great university in the way of substantial and harmonious buildings. By all means make everything strictly first class.

Amarillo, Tex.

Rev. J. E. Turrentine.

Dear Doctor Hyer: I have just read your letter carefully. Permit me to say in reply that I most heartily endorse your plans. If we are to ever build such a university in Texas as we ought to have, we must follow these or similar plans. You can count on my earnest co-operation in every way possible. Yours for a great university, one that our great Church will be proud of.

Palestine, Texas.

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In this department may be advertised anything you want to buy, sell or exchange. The rate is TWO CENTS A WORD. No advertisement is taken for less than 50 cents. Cash must accompany all orders. In figuring cost of advertisement each initial, sign or number is counted as one word. We cannot have answers addressed to us, so your address must appear with the advertisement. All advertisements in this department will be set uniformly. No display or black-faced type will be used. Copy for advertisements must reach this office by Saturday to insure their insertion. We have not investigated the merits of any proposition offered in these columns, but it is intended that nothing of a questionable nature shall appear. You must make your own trades.

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MERIDAN COLLEGE OPENING.

The third annual session of Meridan College began last Tuesday, September 5. The continued drought over the district, which has prevailed for the past three years, made our enrollment a little short of that which was expected, but the same is a splendid showing under the circumstances. About 120 have enrolled to date and 100 of these are taking the literary course. We were very much disappointed in not having Dr. Hyer with us as expected, but the opening program was made very interesting and profitable by music from the members of the Fine Arts Department and short talks from several citizens. Revs. S. J. Vaughan, presiding elder of the Gatesville District, was present and made some remarks suitable to the occasion. Altogether, we have had a splendid opening, and already everybody is down to hard work and things are running nicely.

We have quite a number of students who are preparing for the ministry, and might have had as many more if we could have furnished them employment whereby they might make expenses. O, how much good some wealthy layman might do by making it possible for these future leaders of the Church to get an education.

NEAL W. TURNER.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

It is now only two and one-half months until our conference meets. Up to this time but one pastor has made a report of any amount on the Church Extension assessment for the year. Our Bishops and General Secretary have issued special calls both publicly and privately proclaiming the need and urging early and full collections. The demands upon your board are so many and so urgent that it is impossible to meet more than about one-fourth of those showing high merit. Now under the recently adopted plan of the General Conference, nearly parsonage enterprises are dependent upon this year's assessment and collections for whatever of aid they may be able to get. Surely our obligation to the Church Extension and parsonage assessment has never been more urgent. May every pastor do his utmost and every charge send up a report "in full" to our approaching conference. Yours for the Master.

E. R. CHENOWETH, Treasurer Church Extension Board Central Texas Conference Bartlett, Texas

Burnet, Texas, Sept. 6, 1911. The Brotherhood of the West Texas Conference will convene in the Methodist Church in San Marcos, Texas, October 17, 1911. We specially invite those transferring to our conference and those applying to the conference for admission to be present.

J. T. H. MILLER, President.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTICE.

We are happy to announce that our new church will be in readiness for the approaching Annual Conference, November 8. In order that we may have ample time for all details, please let the presiding elders send the names and addresses of their lay delegates, together with such other brethren from their districts whose names do not appear in the conference minutes. We will do our utmost to entertain the wives of our preachers, and all who intend coming will please send their names at once.

H. M. LONG, Pastor.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The West Texas Conference will convene in the Methodist Church at San Marcos, October 18. The Committee on Entertainment is already at work. We desire to make out at once a list of all those expecting to attend the conference who are entitled to receive entertainment at the hands of the committee. Let all such persons please send their names to me at once. Of course, this does not apply to members of the conference and others whose names appear in the conference minutes.

The preachers who expect to bring their wives to conference are especially urged to notify me of that fact at once. The committee will make the assignments about October 1, and, therefore, cannot promise to furnish entertainment to visitors whose names are not in their hands by that time. Our situa-

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tion here is somewhat peculiar, owing to the fact that by the time conference meets there will be about 600 students boarding in the homes of San Marcos. Those who agree to entertain conference visitors will have to know some time beforehand just how many and who they will entertain, so as to reserve room for them.

However, there is no need for any fear that the conference will not be easily and amply entertained. The natural charms of beautiful San Marcos and its open-hearted hospitality, are so well known that I do not need to mention them.

CULLOM H. BOOTH, Pastor.

MARRIED.

Ragle-Richerson.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Richerson, near Abilene, Texas, September 2, 1911, at 2:30 p. m., Mr. W. P. Ragle and Miss Flora Richerson, Rev. John M. Neal officiating.

Enfess-Schultz.—At the residence of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schultz, of Abilene, Texas, September 2, 1911, at 2:30 p. m., Ernest Duffose and Miss Maudie Schultz, Rev. C. W. Godwin officiating.

Lynn-Dunn.—On August 29, 1911, at the residence of her father, Mr. James Dunn, of Abilene, Texas, Mr. Will Lynn and Miss Hottense Dunn, Rev. C. W. Godwin officiating.

Cobb-Dow.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dow, at Grand, Texas, on September 2, 1911, at 8:30 p. m., Mr. Delroy W. Cobb and Miss Louisa Dow, Rev. J. H. B. Berman officiating. After a trip of some of the Texas cities, Mr. and Mrs. Cobb will be at home at Grand, Texas.

Fenlow-Ridley.—At the Methodist parsonage in Lewisville, Texas, at 8:30 p. m., September 2, 1911, Dr. J. A. Fenlow and Miss Veda Ridley, Rev. W. R. McCarter officiating.

Chapman-Childers.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Childers, at Berhonia, Texas, September 1, 1911, at 4 p. m., Mr. L. C. Chapman and Miss Minnie Childers, Rev. John M. Neal officiating.

Rogers-Banks.—At the residence of Rev. D. D. Banks, near Abilene, Texas, September 2, 1911, Mr. John C. Rogers and Miss Kathie C. Banks, Rev. J. W. Houston officiating.

SAN ANTONIO FEMALE COLLEGE.

It was my enjoyable privilege to be present last Wednesday morning, the 6th instant, at the opening of the eighteenth session of the San Antonio Female College. It was an inspiring sight to see the large assembly hall filled with a splendid audience, largely composed of bright, happy-faced young ladies who have come to this school for the best of all educations. In the audience were to be seen all of the pastors of the Methodist Churches in the city, together with many of the old students and patrons of former years, all enthusiastic for the beloved college.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Buchanan, pastor at Mexia; the opening address was delivered by Dr. V. A. Goddley, pastor at Travis Park Church, and the concluding prayer was by Brother T. F. Sessions, the college pastor.

The President rejoices to open the doors for this session, with everything in excellent order. The building, the equipments, the dining-room service, the health conditions and the splendid faculty are all in the best condition and ready for the new work to begin, and everything is prophetic of the most successful session in the history of the school. The Department of Teaching has been added, and will be in charge of Mrs. J. T. Curry, who is twice over a graduate of the famous Peabody College of Nashville, Tenn., so that from the standpoint of advantages, the San Antonio Female College is fully equipped to compete with any like institution in the State. Not least of the many pleasing features I found about this place of many charms was the presence of Mother Harrison, the happy, smiling-faced mother of the President, Dr. J. E. Harrison. She is the recipient of the affection lavished upon her by all, down to the smallest child in the college.

At the first roll call over a hundred students associated to their names, and this does not include the special day students nor the pupils in the primary department. A more homelike place with more gladness and promise of better results would be difficult to find. After a two days' linger about the premises this winter found nothing to condemn, but everything to approve and commend. For the work of giving a young lady a solid, safe and sane education, this stands first.

C. H. BUCHANAN.

NOTICE.

Morris Chapel, on the Neocoma Circuit, will be dedicated September 24, 1911, by Dr. G. C. Rankin. All former pastors are cordially invited to attend.

GEORGE E. GLASSPOOL.

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Poetry Can In No Case Be Inserted.

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OTTES.—Mary Lou, the youngest child of Brother E. F. OTTES, of Harper's Chapel community, breathed her last just as the sun went down, August 30, 1911.

W. L. TITTLE.

GRIFFITH.—Mr. J. G. Griffith was born October 2, 1837. He served the full four years in the Confederacy as a good and loyal soldier and married just at the close of the war.

J. FRED DU PUY.

FERRILL.—Mrs. Louisa Ferrill was born March 19, 1834, and passed peacefully away January 17, 1911, in Granbury, Texas. She had been afflicted with heart trouble for sometime and died very suddenly.

W. C. HILBURN.

SIMPSON.—Mrs. Dona Simpson, wife of Bart Simpson, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Chambers, August 3, 1911. She was born in 1833 near Bryson.

L. D. SHAWVER.

WOOD.—Sarah Ella Wood, daughter of L. B. and Bettie Lassiter, was born in Louisiana April 15, 1869; was called to rest May 25, 1911, at her home, near Ranger, Texas.

JULIA LASSITER.

STRICKLAND.—Floyd Strickland was born February 7, 1911, at Grays, Woodruff County, Ark.; departed this life at Bryson, Texas, August 6, 1911, his father, H. L. Strickland.

L. D. SHAWVER.

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AGEE.—D. H. Agee was born January 2, 1828, and died July 22, 1911. So began and closed one of the most consecrated lives it has been the pleasure of this writer to touch. "Uncle Dan," as he was lovingly called, was married to Sarah A. Keeling, who was the daughter of Rev. Thomas Keeling, December 22, 1852. To them were born twelve children, all of whom lived to be grown.

W. E. MARTIN.

CHRISTAL.—Sister Mary Christal (nee McLaren) was born in Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, October 10, 1842; died at Guthrie, Texas, August 4, 1911. She was united in marriage to Mr. J. O. Christal September 4, 1910. To this union was born one baby girl, which lived to be only seven days old.

T. J. REA.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE

Hillsboro District—Fourth Round. Mungler Circuit, at Dover, Sept. 16, 17, 18. Hubbard, 7:30 p. m., Sept. 16, 17.

Waco District—Fourth Round. Bosqueville, at Mt. Zion, Sept. 16, 17, 18. Lorena, Sept. 23, 24.

Ft. Worth District—Fourth Round. Kennedale, at Thomas Chapel, Sept. 16, 17. Glenwood, Sept. 23, 24.

Smithfield, at Keller, Oct. 7, 8. Mulkey Memorial, Oct. 12. Grapevine, at Euless, Oct. 14, 15.

Brownwood District—Fourth Round. Coleman Sta., Sept. 16, 17. Coleman Cir., at Bethel, Sept. 17, 18.

Georgetown District—Fourth Round. Belton, Sta., at Belton, Sept. 16, 17. Temple, Seventh St., T., Sept. 17, 18.

Cleburne District—Fourth Round. Blum, at B., Sept. 16, 17. Burleson, at B., Sept. 23, 24.

Gatesville District—Fourth Round. Quarterly Conference, 8 p. m., Oct. 19. Gatesville Cir., Coryell City, Sept. 8-10.

Corsicana District—Fourth Round. Mt. Zion and Harmony, Mt. Z., Sept. 16, 17. Blooming Grove Sta., Sept. 17, 18.

Cisco District—Fourth Round. Ranger, at Pleasant Grove, Sept. 16, 17. Wayland, at W., Sept. 23, 24.

Dubin District—Fourth Round. Harbin and Green's Creek, H., Sept. 15. Stephenville Cir., at Smith Spgs, Sept. 16, 17.

Harmony Miss., at H., Oct. 7. Gustine, at Gustine, Oct. 7, 8. Huckabay, at Oakdale, Oct. 13.

Weatherford District—Fourth Round. Santo, at Santo, Sept. 16, 17. Mineral Wells Cir., H. C., Sept. 23, 24.

Waxahachie District—Fourth Round. Milford, at Hamletts, Sept. 16, 17. Italy, Sept. 17, 18.

Northwest Tex. Conference. Big Spring District—Fourth Round. Big Spring Sta., Sept. 17, 18. Lamesa Miss., Sept. 22.

Amarillo District—Fourth Round. Canyon, Sept. 15, 17. Bovina Charge—Summerfield, 8:30 p. m., Sept. 18.

Plainview District—Fourth Round. Floydada Sta., Sept. 16, 17. Lockney Sta., Sept. 17, 18.

Clarendon District—Fourth Round. Lakeview Cir., Lakeview, Sept. 16, 17. Shamrock Sta., Sept. 20.

Decatur District. Argyle Cir., at Roanoke (predecessor Cir.), at Alford Sta., Sept. 20.

September... Glazier Miss., Miami Cir., Goodnight, MI 20, Oct. 1, Claude Sta., O Cataline Miss., Wheeler Cir., Higgins Sta., Hedley Cir., O Vernon D... Crowell Sta., Estelline Cir., Kirkland Cir., Childress Miss., Childress Sta., Paducah Miss., Paducah Sta., Chilliotehe Mis... Stamford D... Weinert, Sept. Sunday, Sept. Sevour, 8 p. Spring Creek, Albany, 8 p. Bomarton, Sep Goree, Oct. 1, Haskell Miss., Haskell Sta., O Tuxedo, Oct. 1, Stamford, St. J. Ward, Memoriz Oct. 21, Avoca, 8 p. m. Hamlin D... Rotan Miss., I Rotan Sta., Sep Royston, Fish Sylvester, New MacCauley, at 3 Sagerton, at S. Ruler, Oct. 8, P. Pinkerton, at Rochester, at Knox City, Oct Vera, at V. O. Hamlin Sta., O Asperment Sta. Spur Sta., Oct Jayton, Oct. 21 Peacock, at 1 The Licensin meet at Roche... Abilene D... Baird, 8:30 p. Hawley, at N. Tenth St., Sep Nugent, at Bel Anson, Oct. 1, Tye, at Swith, Merkel, Oct. 1, Trend, at Unio Denton, at Det Clyde, at City Caps, at Caps. NORTH TE... Sherman D... Waples Memor Pilot Grove Cir Van Alstyne, S. Bells Cir., at 30, Oct. 1. Denison Miss., Howe Cir., F Pottsboro and Trinity and M Sadler and G. Whitesboro, N Southmayde C... Sulphur Spring Pecan Gap at Sept. 16, 17. Cumby Cir., at Lake Creek, at Cooper, Oct. 1. Klondike Cir., Yowell, at Yo Belle Springs Sulphur Bluff, Weaver & Salt Howe Cir., Fet Brasher, at E Como, at Com Purley, Jr., N Winnboro Sta Sulphur Spring W. D. Greenville I Commerce Station Wesley, Sept. 23, Lee Street, Sep Campbell and Jo Oct. 1, Kavanaugh, Oct. Commerce Mis., Wolfe City, Oct. Leonard and O. Lone Oak Sta., G Quinlan Cir., a Lone Oak Mis., Greenville Mis., Floyd and Caddo Celeste Mis., at Celeste and Lane Fairlie and West 12, (Business) Merit Cir., at Paris Dist... Clarksville Sta Bagwell Miss., Depott Cir., a Pattonville Ch Woodland & Blossom and Detroit Cir., at Emberson Cir, Clarksville Mis Rosalie Cir., a Cunningham M Annona Cir., a White R. and Oct. 29, 30. Avery, Miss., a Paris Cir., at Bonham Street Lamar Ave., N Centenary, No... Decatur D... Argyle Cir., at Roanoke (predecessor Cir.), at Alford Sta., Sept. 20. Boyd and G., Sept. 26, Oak Dale Cir., Oct. 1. Jacksboro Sta. Paradise, at M Bridgeport Sta. Decatur Sta., Decatur Miss. Chico Cir., at

Glazier Miss. at Glazier, Sept. 25. Miami Cir. at Miami, Sept. 27. Goodnight Miss. at Goodnight, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Claude Sta., Oct. 2. Cataline Miss. at Cataline, Oct. 4. Wheeler Cir., Oct. 7. Higgins Sta., Oct. 14, 15. Hedley Cir., Oct. 21, 22. J. W. STORY, P. E.

Vernon District—Fourth Round. Crowell Sta., Sept. 16, 17. Estelline Cir., Sept. 23, 24. Kirkland Cir., Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Childress Sta., Oct. 7, 8. Childress Sta., Oct. 14, 15. Paducah Sta., Oct. 21. Paducah Sta., Oct. 21, 22. Chillicothe Miss., Oct. 28, 29. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Stamford District—Fourth Round. Weinert, Sept. 16, 17. Munday, Sept. 17, 18. Seymour, 8 p. m., Sept. 22. Spring Creek, Sept. 23, 24. Albany, 8 p. m., Sept. 27. Homarton, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Goree, Oct. 1, 2. Haskell Miss., Oct. 7, 8. Haskell Sta., Oct. 8, 9. Tuxedo, Oct. 14, 15. Stamford, St. John's, 8 p. m., Oct. 18. Ward Memorial and Luaders, 11 a. m., Oct. 21. Avoca, 8 p. m., Oct. 21. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Hamlin District—Fourth Round. Rotan Miss., Dowell, Sept. 23, 24, a. m. Rotan Sta., Sept. 24 p. m., 25 a. m. Royston, Fisher, Sept. 26 11 a. m. Sylvester, Newman, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. McCauley, at M., 11 a. m., Oct. 2. Sazerton, at S., Oct. 7, 8 a. m. Rule, Oct. 8 p. m., 9 p. m. Pinkerton, at P., 11 a. m., Oct. 9. Rochester, at R., 3 p. m., Oct. 10. Knox City, Oct. 11. Vera, at V., Oct. 13, 11 a. m. Hamlin Sta., Oct. 14, 15. Aspermont Sta., Oct. 18. Spur Sta., Oct. 19. Jayton, Oct. 21, 22 a. m. Penecock, at P., Oct. 22 p. m., 23 a. m. The Licensing Committee is called to meet at Rochester, Oct. 19. G. S. HARDY, P. E.

Ablene District—Fourth Round. Baird, 8:30 p. m., Sept. 22. Hawley, at N. H., Sept. 23, 24. Tenth St., Sept. 24, 25. Nugent, at Bethel, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Anson, Oct. 1, 2. Tye, at Tith, Oct. 7, 8. Merkel, Oct. 8, 9. Trent, at Union Ridge, 11 a. m., Oct. 9. Denton, at Denton, Oct. 14, 15. Clyde, at Clyde, Oct. 15, 16. Caps, at Caps, Oct. 21, 22. GUS BARNES, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

Sherman District—Fourth Round. Waples Memorial, Sept. 17. Pilot Grove Cir., Cottage H., Sept. 23, 24. Van Aistyne, 8:30 p. m., Sept. 24. Bells Cir., at Ebenezer Memorial, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Denison Miss., 8:30 p. m., Oct. 1. Howe Cir., Ferguson's C., Oct. 7, 8. Pottshoro and Preston, P., Oct. 14, 15. Trinity and Messenger, T., Oct. 21, 22. Sadtler and Gordonville, S., Oct. 28, 29. Whitesboro, Nov. 4, 5. Southmayde Cir., Nov. 11. A. L. ANDREWS, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round. Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin at B., Sept. 16, 17. Cumby Cir. at Cumby, Sept. 23, 24. Lake Creek, at Enloe, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Cooper, Oct. 1, 2. Klondike Cir., at Tranquil, Oct. 6. Yowell, at Yowell, Oct. 7, 8. Reiley Springs, at R. S., Oct. 11. Sulphur Bluff, at Nelta, Oct. 14, 15. Weaver & Saltito, at S., Oct. 20. Mt. Vernon, at Mt. V., Oct. 21, 22. Brashear, at Brashear, Oct. 26. Como, at Como, Oct. 28, 29. Furley Cir., Nov. 2. Winsboro Sta., Nov. 4, 5. Sulphur Springs Sta., Nov. 11, 12. W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

Greenville District—Fourth Round. Commerce Station, Sept. 16, 17. Wesley, Sept. 23, 24. Lee Street, Sept. 24, 25. Campbell and Jones-Bethel, at C., Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Kavanaugh, Oct. 1, 2. Commerce Mis., at Columbia, Oct. 7, 8. Wolfe City, Oct. 8, 9. Leonard and Orange Grove, at L., Oct. 14, 15. Lone Oak Sta., Oct. 15, 16. Quinlan Cir., at Quinlan, Oct. 21, 22. Lone Oak Mis., at —, Oct. 22, 23. Greenville Mis., at Salem, Oct. 28, 29. Floyd and Caddo Mills, at F., Oct. 29, 30. Celeste Mis., at Ballard Grove, Nov. 4, 5. Celeste and Lane, at C., Nov. 5, 6. Fairlie and Wesley Chapel, at W. C., Nov. 11, 12. (Business session at Fairlie, Oct. 21.) Merit Cir., at —, Nov. 12, 13. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Paris District—Fourth Round. Clarksville Sta., Sept. 16, 17. Hagwell Miss., at H., Sept. 17, 18. Depot Cir., at D., Sept. 23, 24. Pattonville Cir., Shady G., Sept. 24, 25. Woodland & K., at W., Sept. 29, Oct. 1. Blossom and Sylvan, at B. Oct. 8, 9. Detroit Cir., at D., Oct. 8, 9. Emberson Cir., Mt. Tabor, Oct. 14, 15. Clarksville Miss., at McCoy, Oct. 21, 22. Rosaline Cir., at Bethel, Oct. 22, 23. Annona Cir., at A., Oct. 24, 25. Cunningham Miss., at C., Oct. 28, 29. White R. and Williams' Ch., at W. C., Oct. 29, 30. Avery Miss., at Lydia, Oct. 31. Paris Cir., at Elbethel, Nov. 4, 5. Bonham Street, at B. S., Nov. 5, 6. Lamar Ave., Nov. 11, 12. Centenary, Nov. 12, 13. J. M. SWEETON, P. E.

Decatur District—Fourth Round. Argyle Cir., at Chinn's C., Sept. 16, 17. Bonlake (preaching), 8 p. m., Sept. 17. Decatur Cir., at Oak Grove, Sept. 23, 24. Alvord Sta., Sept. 24, 25. Boyd and G., at Fairview, 10 a. m., Sept. 26. Oak Dale Cir., at Barton's C., Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Jacksboro Sta., Oct. 1, 2. Paradise, at Mt. Zion, Oct. 7, 8. Bridgeport Sta., Oct. 8, 9. Decatur Sta., 8 p. m., Oct. 10. Decatur Miss., at Shiloh, Oct. 14, 15. Chico Cir., at Pleasant G., Oct. 15, 16.

Ponder and Krum, at P., Oct. 21, 22. Justin and R., at Justin, Oct. 22, 23. Willow Point Cir., at Boonville, Oct. 28, 29. Bethel and G. Hill, at G. H., Oct. 29, 30. Greenwood, at Rush Creek, Nov. 4, 5. L. S. BARTON, P. E.

Dallas District—Fourth Round. Forest Ave., 11 a. m., Sept. 17. Maple Ave., 8 p. m., Sept. 17. Lewisville, Sept. 23, 24. Trinity, 8 p. m., Sept. 24. Cochran, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Oak Cliff, 8 p. m., Oct. 1. Hutchins and Wilmer, H., Oct. 7, 8. Grace, 8 p. m., Oct. 8. Oak Lawn, 11 a. m., Oct. 15. Lancaster, 8 p. m., Oct. 15. Cedar Hill and Duncanville, D., Oct. 21, 22. Ervay, 8 p. m., Oct. 22. Grand Prairie, 8 p. m., Oct. 25. Irving, at Bethel, Oct. 28, 29. Wheatland, Nov. 4, 5. First Church, 8 p. m., Nov. 5. Grand Prairie, 11 a. m., Nov. 12. Fairland, 8 p. m., Nov. 12. J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

Terrell District—Fourth Round. Mesquite Cir., Sept. 9, 10. Pleasant Mound Cir., Sept. 16, 17. Garland Sta., Sept. 17, 18. Fate Cir., Sept. 23, 24. Rockwall Sta., Sept. 24, 25. Elmo Miss., Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Chisholm Cir., Oct. 7, 8. Royse Sta., Oct. 8, 9. Mabank, Oct. 14, 15. Kemp, Oct. 15, 16. Forney, Oct. 21, 22. Scurry, Oct. 28, 29. Crandall and Seagoville, Oct. 29, 30. College Mound, Nov. 4, 5. Terrell, Nov. 5, 6. Kaufman, Nov. 11, 12. M. L. HAMILTON, P. E.

Mckinney District—Fourth Round. Princeton, Sept. 23, 24. Plano, 8 p. m., Sept. 24. Allen, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Anna, 8 p. m., Oct. 1. Prosper, at Elm Ridge, Oct. 7, 8. Frisco, Oct. 8, 9. Josephine, at Mays Ch., Oct. 14, 15. Nevada, Oct. 15, 16. Weston, at Liberty, Oct. 21, 22. Celina, Oct. 22, 23. Wylie, at Murphy, Oct. 28, 29. Copleville, at C., Oct. 29, 30. Plano, 8 p. m., Nov. 1. Blue Ridge, at Fayburg, Nov. 4, 5. Farmersville, Nov. 5, 6. McKinney, 8 p. m., Nov. 6. South McKinney and W. G., 8 p. m., Nov. 7. Renner, Nov. 11, 12. Farmers Branch and C., Nov. 12, 13. Let the Trustees be able to answer as the Discipline directs. CHAS. A. SPRAGINS, P. E.

Gainesville District—Fourth Round. Woodbine Cir., Whaley's Chapel, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Wesley and Bethel, at Hemming, Oct. 7, 8. Aubrey Cir., at A., Oct. 14, 15. Pilot Point, Oct. 18. Collinsville, at Tioga, Oct. 19. Dexter Miss., at Dexter, Oct. 21, 22. Sanger, at Sanger, Oct. 25. Valley View, at V. V., Oct. 27. Era and Spring Creek, Era, Oct. 28, 29. Myra and Hood, at Hood, Oct. 31. Marysville, at M., Nov. 4, 5. Denton Street, Gainesville, Nov. 7. Broadway, at Gainesville, Nov. 8. Denton Sta., Nov. 9. Rosston Mission, at Forrestburg, Nov. 11, 12. St. Jo, at St. Jo, Nov. 12, 13. E. H. CASEY, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE

San Augustine District—Fourth Round. Tenaha, at Joaquin, Sept. 16. Mt. Enterprise, at Concord, Sept. 23. Garrison Station, Sept. 24. Pinehill, at Longbranch, Sept. 30. Burke, at Burke, Oct. 7. Corrigan, at Corrigan, Oct. 9. Kennard, at Pennington, Oct. 14. Melrose, Oct. 21. Carthage Sta., Oct. 25. Snellyville, at S., Oct. 27. Appleby, Oct. 28. Navochoches Sta., Oct. 29. Geneva, Nov. 4. Hemphill, at Hemphill, Nov. 5. San Augustine, Nov. 6. Timpson Sta., Nov. 8. Livingston Sta., Nov. 10. Livingston Cir., Nov. 11. Lufkin Sta., Nov. 13. Center Cir., at S. G., Nov. 18. J. W. MILLS, P. E.

Jacksonville District—Fourth Round. Alto Sta., at Alto, Sept. 10. Caro and Cushing, at C., Sept. 16, 17. Saul, at Libert, Sept. 23, 24. Malakoff, at Malakoff, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Athens, Oct. 1. Troup, at Troup, Oct. 4. LaRue, at New York, Oct. 7, 8. Elkhart, at Elkhart, Oct. 10. Eustace, at Elm Grove, Oct. 14, 15. Keltys, at Keltys, Oct. 18. Frankston, at Sand Flat, Oct. 21, 22. Neches, at Neches, Oct. 28, 29. Jacksonville Cir., Nov. 4, 5. Centenary, Nov. 5. Grace Church, Nov. 5. Bullard, Nov. 11, 12. Rusk, Nov. 12. Brushy, at Mt. Vernon, Nov. 15. Mt. Selman, at Mt. Selman, Nov. 18, 19. Jacksonville Sta., Nov. 19, 20. J. T. SMITH, P. E.

Marshall District—Fourth Round. Rosewood Cir., Oxburn, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Kilgore, Hickory Grove, Oct. 7, 8. Elystan Fields, Bethel, Oct. 14, 15. Beckville, Allison's Chapel, Oct. 15, 16. Hallville, at Winterfield, Oct. 21, 22. Longview, Oct. 22, 23. Kelleyville, Shiloh, Oct. 28, 29. Jefferson, Oct. 29, 30. Bethel, at Soule's Chapel, Nov. 4, 5. Gilmer, Nov. 5, 6. Henderson Cir., Griffin, Nov. 11, 12. Henderson Sta., Monday, p. m., Nov. 13. Church Hill, London, Tuesday, Nov. 14. Marshall, First Ch., Wednesday, Nov. 15. North Marshall, Friday, p. m., Nov. 17. Harleton, Harleton, Friday, a. m., Nov. 17. Harrison, Union Chapel, Nov. 18, 19. The business sessions are crowded into October and November so as to give ample time for closing up the year with full reports. September is given to special work. H. T. CUNNINGHAM, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round. Queen City, at Q. C., Sept. 23, 24. Douglasville, at Union Ch., Sept. 29. Hardy Memorial, Texarkana, Sept. 30. Central Church, Texarkana, Oct. 2. Quitman Cir., at Pine Mills, Oct. 7, 8. Pittsburg Cir., at Ebenezer, Oct. 14, 15. Pittsburg Sta., Oct. 18. Winfield, at New Hope, Oct. 21, 22. Mt. Pleasant Sta., Oct. 22, 23. Linden Cir., Oct. 28, 29. Hughes Springs, at H. S., Oct. 29, 30. Daingerfield, at Bradford, Oct. 31. Wimbush Cir., at Morris Ch., Nov. 2. Dalby Springs, at Lawrence, Nov. 4, 5. New Boston and DeKalb, at New Boston, Nov. 5, 6. Nash Cir., Nov. 7, 8. Naples and Omaha, Nov. 11, 12. Redwater, Nov. 12, 13. Atlanta Sta., Nov. 16. Avinger Cir., at Mims, Nov. 18, 19. R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

Tyler District—Fourth Round. Big Sandy, at Hawkins, Sept. 16, 17. Canton, at Myrtle Springs, Sept. 23, 24. Colfax, Tunnels Chapel, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Alba, at Golden, Oct. 7, 8. Emory, at Point, Oct. 14, 15. Mt. Sylvan, at Sabine, Oct. 21, 22. Lindale, Oct. 23. Edom, at Edom, Oct. 28, 29. Murchison, at Murchison, Nov. 4, 5. Cedar Street, Nov. 9. Whitehouse, at Lane's Ch., Nov. 11, 12. Wills Point Sta., Nov. 13. Edgewood, at Edgewood, Nov. 14. Grand Saline, Nov. 15. Mineola, Nov. 16. Marvin Church, Nov. 17. Tyler Cir., at Bascom, Nov. 18, 19. C. B. GARRETT, P. E.

Brenham District—Fourth Round. Rockdale, Sept. 16, 17. Theodale, at Theodale, Sept. 17, 18. Waller, at Waller, Sept. 23, 24. Giddings, at Giddings, 3 p. m., Sept. 29. Lexington, Lexington, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Bellville, at Sempronius, Oct. 6. Sealy, Oct. 7, 8. Caldwell, Oct. 14, 15. Caldwell Miss., at Chrisman, Oct. 29, 31. Caldwell, Oct. 21, 22. Rosenberg, at Rosenberg, Oct. 28, 29. Chapell Hill, Nov. 4, 5. Hempstead, Nov. 5, 6. Fulshear, at B., Nov. 8. Somerville, Nov. 11, 12. Brenham, Nov. 18, 19. A. A. WAGNON, P. E.

Beaumont District—Fourth Round. Newton, Sept. 16, 17. Nederland, Sept. 20. Orange, Sept. 23, 24. Preaching, Brookland, Oct. 1. Port Bolivar, Oct. 7, 8. Buna, Oct. 11. China, Oct. 14, 15. Woodville, Oct. 21, 22. Warren, Oct. 22, 23. Silsbee, Oct. 25. Jasper Miss., Oct. 28, 29. Jasper Sta., Oct. 28, 29. Kirbyville, Oct. 30. Wallisville, Nov. 1. Watts, Nov. 4, 5. Kountze, Nov. 6. Orange, Nov. 8. Quarterly Conference, Liberty, 10 a. m., Nov. 11. Dayton, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 11. Cartwright, Nov. 18, 19. First Church, Beaumont, Nov. 19. D. H. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Houston District—Fourth Round. League City, Pasadena, Sept. 16, 17. Kee, Sept. 17. Grace, Sept. 24. Harrisburg, Sept. 24. Brunner, Oct. 1. McAshan, Oct. 1. Tabernacle, Oct. 8. Trinity, Oct. 8. Genoa, Oct. 11. Columbia, at Columbia, Oct. 15. Alcoa, Oct. 18. Katy, at Katy, Oct. 22. Washington Ave., Oct. 22. So. Houston & Texas City, Oct. 25. Cedar Bayou, Oct. 28, 29. First Church, Houston, Oct. 29. Dickinson, Nov. 1. West End, Galveston, Nov. 5. First Church, Galveston, Nov. 5. St. Paul's, Nov. 8. Velasco, Nov. 12. Angleton, Nov. 12. Humble, Nov. 15. Brazoria, Nov. 19. Alvin, Nov. 19. ELLIS SMITH, P. E.

Navasota District—Fourth Round. San Jacinto Cir., at Farris' Chapel, Sept. 16, 17. Madisonville Miss., at High Prairie, Sept. 23, 24. Madisonville Sta., Sept. 24, 25. Montgomery Cir., at Montgomery, Sept. 29, Oct. 1. Crockett Miss., Lathrop, Oct. 7, 8. Crockett Sta., Oct. 8, 9. Grapeland and Lovelady, at Grapeland, Oct. 10. Magnolia Miss., Stoneham, Oct. 14, 15. Navasota, Oct. 18. Shepherd and Cleveland, at Postoria, Oct. 21, 22. Trinity and Onalaska, at Trinity, Oct. 28, 29. Groveton, Oct. 30. Willard Cir., at Saron, Oct. 31. Oakhurst Cir., at Oakhurst, Nov. 2. Cold Springs Miss., at Point Blank, Nov. 4, 5. Augusta Cir., at Enterprise, Nov. 7. Huntsville, Nov. 9. Willis Cir., at Willis, Nov. 11, 12. Anderson, Nov. 15. Bryan Sta., Nov. 17. Bryan Cir., Nov. 18, 19. F. M. BOYLES, P. E.

Marlin District—Fourth Round. Calvert Sta., Sept. 16, 17. Hearne and Bremond, at B., Sept. 17, 18. Iola Cir., at Bedias, Sept. 23, 24. Kosse and Reagan, at Stranger, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Marlin Sta., Oct. 1, 2. Parkway Cir., at Owenville, Oct. 7, 8. Franklin Sta., Oct. 8, 9. I. P. BETTS, P. E. 310 Chambers Street, Marlin, Texas.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Austin District—Fourth Round. West Point, at Winchester, Sept. 15, 17. Manchaca, at Creedmore, Sept. 23, 24. South Austin, at Austin, Sept. 24, 25. McDade Miss., at McDade, Sept. 26. Cedar Park, Sept. 28. St. Luke's and Walnut, at Walnut, Sept. 30. First Church, at Austin, Oct. 7, 8.

University Church, Austin, Oct. 14, 15. Ward Memorial, at Austin, Oct. 16. NAT B. READ, P. E.

Cuero District—Fourth Round. Smiley, at Rocky, Sept. 16, 17. Nixon, at N., Sept. 17, 18. Pandora, at P., Sept. 21, 22. Stockdale, at S., Sept. 23, 24. Lavernia, at Elmendorf, Sept. 26. Yoakum, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Shiner, at S., Oct. 1, 2. Hope, at H., Oct. 7, 8. Leesville, at Wrightsboro, Tues, Oct. 10. Cuero, Oct. 14, 15. JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

Llano District—Fourth Round. Bertram, Sept. 15. Liberty Hill, Sept. 15, 17. Kempner, Sept. 23, 24. Lometa, Sept. 25. Goldthwaite, Sept. 26. Mullin, Sept. 27. Goldthwaite Cir., South Bend, Sept. 28. Center City Cir., Sept. 30, Oct. 1. San Saba Cir., Live Oak, Oct. 2. San Saba Sta., night, Oct. 2. Richland Springs Cir., Oct. 3. Bethel, Wednesday night, Oct. 4. Mason, Oct. 5. Johnson City, Oct. 7, 8. Blanco Cir., Oct. 9. Willow City, Oct. 11. J. D. SCOTT, P. E.

San Antonio District—Fourth Round. Harper, at Ingram, Sept. 16, 17. Fleaton, at P., Sept. 19. Modino, Cir., at M., Sept. 23, 24. Bandera, Sept. 24, 25. Laurel Heights, Oct. 1. Travis Park, Oct. 8. S. H. C. BURGIN, P. E.

San Marcos District—Fourth Round. Buda, at B., Sept. 16, 17. Lockhart, Sept. 23, 24. Waelder, 3 p. m., Sept. 30. Luling, Oct. 7, 8. San Marcos, Oct. 14, 15. W. H. H. BIGGS, P. E.

San Angelo District—Fourth Round. Paint Rock, Sept. 16, 17. San Angelo Cir., Sept. 23, 24. San Angelo, First Church, Oct. 1. San Angelo, Chadbourne Street, Oct. 8. L. C. MATTHIS, P. E.

Beeville District—Fourth Round. McAllen, 3 p. m., Sept. 16. McAllen, 11 a. m., Sept. 17. Brownsville, 8 p. m., Sept. 17. Brownsville, 8 p. m., Sept. 18. Aransas Pass, 8 p. m., Sept. 21. Sinton, 8 p. m., Sept. 22. Galallen, 8 p. m., Sept. 23. Calallen, 11 a. m., Sept. 24. Kingsville, 8 p. m., Sept. 24. Kingsville, 2 p. m., Sept. 25. Goliad, 2 p. m., Sept. 27. Falfurrias, 8 p. m., Sept. 29. Alice, 8 p. m., Sept. 30. Alice, 11 a. m., Oct. 1. Robstown, 8 p. m., Oct. 1. Robstown, 10 a. m., Oct. 2. Lebanon, 2 p. m., Oct. 4. Couch, 8 p. m., Oct. 5. Runge, 8 p. m., Oct. 6. Karnes City, 2 p. m., Oct. 7. Kenedy, 8 p. m., Oct. 7. Skidmore, 11 a. m., Oct. 8. Sinton, 8 p. m., Oct. 8. Skidmore, 3 p. m., Oct. 9. Rockport, 8 p. m., Oct. 11. Corpus Christi, 8 p. m., Oct. 12. Floresville, 8 p. m., Oct. 13. Beeville, 8 p. m., Oct. 14. Beeville, 11 a. m., Oct. 15. A. L. SCARBOROUGH, P. E.

Uvalde District—Fourth Round. Hondo Sta., Sept. 16, 17. Sabinal Sta., Sept. 17, 18. Moore, at Tehuacana, Sept. 20. Dilley, at Dilley, Sept. 23, 24. Cotulla, Sept. 27. Uvalde Cir., Batesville, Sept. 29. Rock Springs, Oct. 1, 2. Del Rio, Oct. 4. Carrizo Springs, at Asherton, Oct. 7, 8. Eagle Pass, Oct. 11. Uvalde Sta., Oct. 14, 15. Crystal City, at night, Oct. 15. S. B. BEALL, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE

Clovis District—Fourth Round. King, at Murphy and Allen, Sept. 11-17. Blacktower, Sept. 23, 24. Clovis, Sept. 24, 25. J. RUSH GOODLOE, P. E.

Albuquerque District—Fourth Round. Cimarron, Sept. 16, 17. Carrizozo, Sept. 23, 24. Bard, Sept. 26, 27. Tucuman, Oct. 1, 2. Logan, Oct. 3, 4. J. H. MESSER, P. E.

El Paso District—Fourth Round. Sacramento Miss., Sept. 16, 17. Carlsbad, Sept. 17, 18. Pecos, Sept. 23, 24. Alamogordo, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Grants, Oct. 3. Highland Park, Oct. 4. J. R. CRAWFORD, P. E.

A FACT ABOUT THE "BLUES"

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FRONT VIEW MISSION HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL, DALLAS, TEXAS.

THE RECALL

Of An Old, Old Story—Lest You Forget! Lest You Forget!

First, we thank sincerely our grand old Advocate for a fine editorial on our work in a recent issue. Without the help and influence of the press, we could have done nothing.

Our readers will remember that some months ago we said in the columns of this paper that we must have \$25,000 more to complete our new Mission Home and Training School and furnish and equip it. We want Texas to honor herself by making this investment. If each of our ministers would preach a sermon on this work as Jesus saw it, how easily the offering would come?

Dr. Hubert D. Knickerbocker is helping us plan this collection. He recommends the first of October, but those who prefer may make an earlier date.

Brethren, we all know by years of hard experiences, that there will always be some difficulties to overcome, and that nothing really worth while is ever accomplished without persistent determination. But it is like our City Commissioners said, when we asked to be admitted into the city and given water and sewerage, "We might as well let those women have what they ask, for they are going to have it anyhow." And they were right. We are ambassadors for our King, and must have what we need to carry on his work.

The last finishing touches are almost completed on our new building, and we will then move into it. What member of our Church wishes to see the first great home and school for friendless girls ever built by an evangelical Church in America; the first, yes, and still the only one owned by the whole of Southern Methodism and have no part in it?

Brethren, if you have a "restriction law" regarding collections in your Church, say with Rev. J. W. Downs, of Mineral Wells, "We make an exception when our women come to us, for St. Paul charges us 'to help those women who labor with us in the gospel.'" We know you are

going to help us, but please do so quickly!

The Dallas News, our great daily, has taken two views of our majestic buildings as they stand on the ground, and now we present the cuts in this paper, and make another plea for our cause, and then, again, until Dr. Rankin declares the



Mrs. W. H. Johnson.

battle is off, which he will never do, until the twin monsters—the liquor traffic and immorality—are swept off of the face of the earth—it is on with the battle! with him and all of us, for it is the Lord's battle and we not declare even an armistice.

There are two hundred rooms to furnish, costing from \$50 to \$500 each. It is inspiring to see checks come in, three from California, one from Arkansas, some from Georgia, and many from our own State. We hope every State where our Church has a charge will memorialize itself in this Christ-like institution, thereby stand with our Church in its protest against the iniquity that is destroying our nation. Your sister in service,

MRS. W. H. JOHNSON.

THE GREAT MISSION HOME IN OAK CLIFF.

Crowning eighteen years of hard and consistent work by the superintendent, the Mission Training School in Oak Cliff will be ready for work this week. In honor of its founder and superintendent the institution is to be called by official designation the "Virginia K. Johnson School." The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, more specially its organization of women, stands sponsor for the institution, to whose successful operation Mrs. Johnson has given many of the best years of her busy and useful life. And all over the South, from whose territory the unfortunate young women have come to learn anew the lessons of the life of love and purity, the founder and director is awarded the praise for her splendid work.

On a campus of eighteen acres on Madison and Bishop avenues, Oak Cliff, a short distance south of the corline, the new buildings are ready for use.

Two years of good work developed many of the things hoped for and showed wherein improvements must be made if the undertaking was to do the things for which it was founded. In 1895 the founder, believing that only the Church has the promise of performance, offered the school to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, if it would build a suitable plant and maintain the school. The offer was accepted.

Pioneers in the field, without trained workers, with inadequate buildings, with voluntary support, the work began, grew and prospered. "Only the grace of God could have overruled our mistakes and given such wonderful blessings to the work," the founder said. For a long time the place was called the Ann Browder Cunningham Home and the Mission Home and Training School.

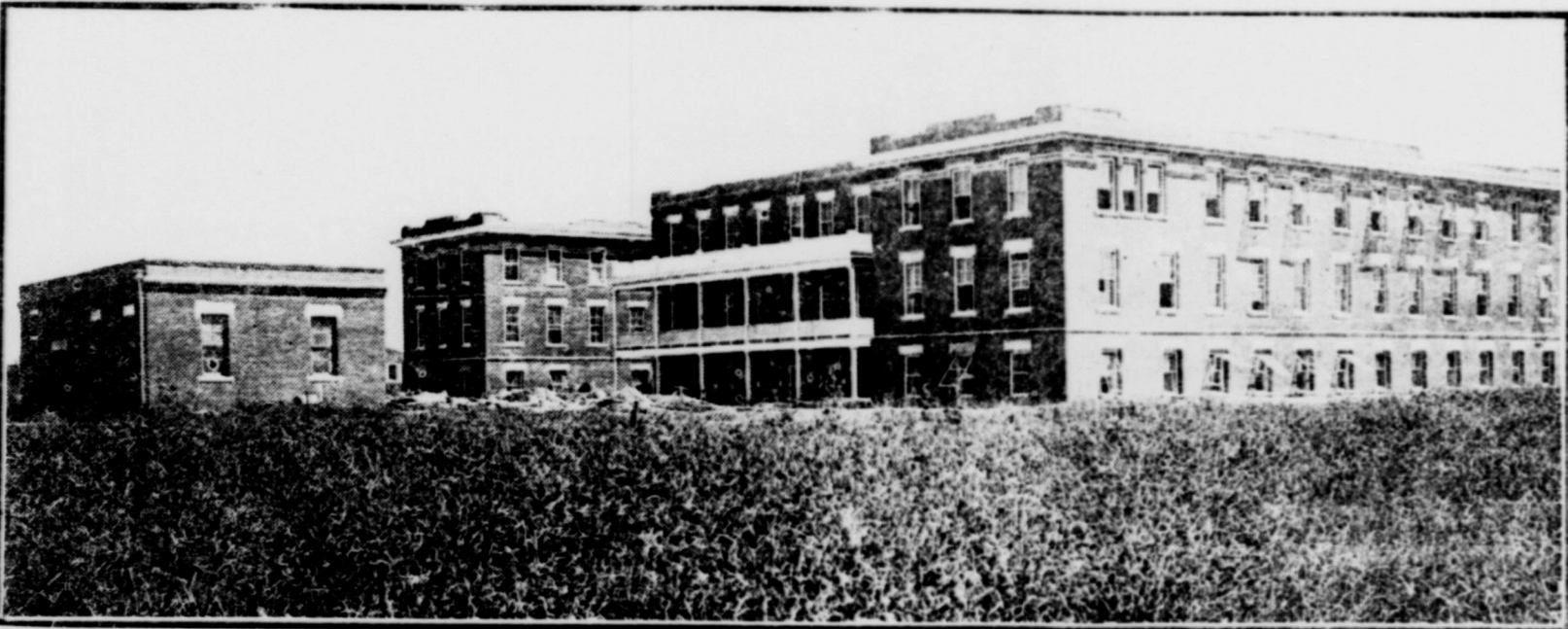
Experience, the study of the problems and methods elsewhere, and the systematizing of the work have made this one of the most remarkable undertakings of its kind. It stands without

a rival. For nineteen centuries young and innocent girls were snared, deceived or betrayed and cast out, segregated or made moral lepers, no matter how bitterly they repented. But the tears of mothers and the broken hearts of fathers, with the kindly charity of those who had not outraged moral laws with flagrancy, have brought about a better day. In summing up the results of work at this school, it is found that some 1400 girls have been trained, and that with the two years of spiritual, educational and industrial training more than eighty-five per cent of them have become self-supporting, self-respecting, Christian women. With such results, who would count the price?

Besides this, more than 300 infants have been cared for until adopted into Christian homes, ignorant, as they are guiltless, of their heredity, and hampered with nothing to bring home to their faces or to be a hindrance to their usefulness and happiness in life.

"It is the hope of the workers that the social reconstruction for which they stand and to which the buildings are dedicated will thoroughly rouse the people," Mrs. Johnson says, "so that not many years away may come social regeneration for which the whole world groans, when the sanctity of the home and of human rights will be so regarded that only dependent girls will need our care. But great moral reformations do not come of themselves; they are from the earnest, persistent, ceaseless efforts of every good man and woman, each doing the particular share of the work by God allotted."

Persistently, carefully, tactfully, sweetly, with never a harsh word of disappointment, with gratefulness and with evidence of deserts, this good woman and her helpers have labored. She has gone before Bishops who doubted the propriety of permitting the presentation of such a work by a woman, and she has appealed successfully to conferences, assemblies and congregations. None could look upon her face and hear her story and turn away. Until now the work has prospered. And now it enters upon a new epoch. It rests upon the hearts of the people. It has proved its value.



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