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EDITORIAL

INFIDELITY TO THE MARRIAGE VOW.

Infidelity to the marriage vow is one of the distressing sins of the age, and its results are manifest in society. Divorce courts are reaping a harvest from its sowing and scandals are the order of the day in certain circles. The time is now upon us when marriage is regarded by many people as a mere convenience, and men often feel that it is easily dispensed with when their "affinities" appear upon the scene.

In one of our leading Texas cities recently we have had tragedy to follow in the wake of this disregard of the marriage-vow. It has not been long since a married man, with children practically grown and a devoted wife became enamored of a divorced woman and often sought her company by day and by night. His wife became apprised of it, for his performances often reached her ears. She approached the woman in question and begged her for the sake of herself and children to desist from her evil influences over her husband, but her pleadings were scorned. One day she went to the phone to call up her husband and after the connection was made the fatal wire brought her face to face with a conversation in progress between the divorced woman and her untrue husband. She heard enough to stagger her reason. She dropped the phone, threw a wrap around her, gathered up a pistol, and went at once to the business house where the woman in question was employed and shot her dead in her tracks. The only question we raise is, did she shoot the right party? Was the evil woman alone to blame? What about her husband? Was he not more largely guilty?

Just the other day, or rather evening, a young wife in the same city had supper prepared for her husband and was waiting for his arrival. Her telephone rang, and she heard from an unknown voice that her husband was down town in a grill room at supper with a young divorced woman, having a gay time. She lost all self-control, stuck a pistol in her muff, took a street car, appeared in the room face to face with her husband and his guilty partner, and put a bullet directly through his brain!

What business has a married man seeking the illicit company of another woman? He promised at the marriage altar to forsake all others and cleave only unto his wife—yes, he promised to forsake father and mother and cleave to her. With such a vow resting upon his conscience, how can he get the consent of his mind to accept the attentions of another one and find pleasure in her companionship? The thing is unthinkable. Yet married men are doing this to the ruin of their own homes and the destruction of their own domestic relations. They put their lust and gratification of passion above de-

votion to their own wives and children. And such men are sowing to the wind, and they will reap the whirlwind.

And, we blush for the statement, there are married women who so far forget themselves as to court the attentions of other men. They grow tired of the monotony of their present married relation and inveigle other and illicit attentions. The divorce courts and the physician's secrets contain the tragedies of these transactions.

One of the factors in such estrangements and in such excesses is the standard of society. The fashionable ballroom contributes its part. Just the other day we were told of a certain couple, supposed to be past the foolish age of life, who attended one of these "functions," and the woman became so tipsy that she sprang out in the floor, yelled like a wild Indian, and kicked her slipper over the heads of some of the guests. She was finally gotten in a carriage and driven home, where one scene followed another, and the divorce court concluded the alliance. And one who heard the above related said: "Yes, and she had company of the same sort in that ballroom gathering." Society is becoming lax and indifferent to these things. The marriage vow becomes lightly esteemed. Wines flow and familiarities develop. Scandal follows and the court or the pistol gives the finishing touches to the domestic embroglio. Married men and married women need to ponder these things. If home virtue goes, what is left?

OFFICIALS AT AUSTIN AT CROSS PURPOSES.

We have an anomalous condition of things at Austin. Nothing just like it has ever been known in Texas. What the outcome will be awaits to be seen. Some weeks after Governor Colquitt was elected and prior to the time he was inaugurated Governor he served notice on the Attorney General that when he came into power he would put a stop to that department's further use of money to pay special assistants to prosecute certain land suits and certain so-called social clubs that were selling liquors without a license. And just as soon as he came into power he made good his former notice. He refused to sign warrants on the treasury, and the Attorney General took the matter into court; and thus the war began. From that time to the present the Governor has let no opportunity go by to obstruct the efforts of the Attorney General along the lines above indicated.

And when the last Legislature met an appropriation was made by that body to meet the expenses of the Attorney General's department for the ensuing two years, and the Governor proceeded to veto the appropriation for one of those years, and when the present year expires and the appropriation is exhausted that department will be without funds. Yet the people elected the Attorney General and the Legislature duly provided for the

support of his department. The Legislature also made an extra appropriation for the use of the Controller's department. The business has so increased that there was need for an increase in the force to handle it. But the Governor vetoed this also, and thus precipitated an issue between himself and that department. And he and the land office are not on good terms. As to the merit of the controversy we offer no criticism, but the spirit prompting the Governor came out when he registered his veto and remarked that he would make the Attorney General "feed out of my hand."

But this is not all. The Court of Criminal Appeals at Austin is also in a war among themselves. There are three members of this tribunal. Judge W. L. Davidson is the Chief Justice of the court, and has been for a great many years. Judges Harper and Prendergast are the remaining members. The last named was appointed by Governor Campbell toward the close of his administration. Recently it developed that Judges Harper and Prendergast rendered decisions touching some phases of the local option question, and later on other decisions touching the Sunday question; and Judge Davidson entered his vigorous protest in dissenting opinions. But the decisions of the two Judges settled the law involved, and they sustained the local option questions and also the Sunday question, putting Sunday theaters and Sunday picture shows out of business.

Recently there came a question of a three thousand dollar tax levied by the Legislature against the sale of "Hiawatha" and soft drinks of that character before the court, and these same two Judges held that the lower court ruled correctly when it found a citizen of Orange County guilty of violating this law, and affirmed the decision. This seemed to horrify Judge Davidson, and he delivered himself of a terrific rebuke to his two brethren on the bench for their action in the matter. He showed much feeling and took advantage of his position on the bench to exonerate Judges Harper and Prendergast. We quote one paragraph from his dissenting opinion:

"I wish to say my brethren have not even measurably met the case as presented in the argument of applicant's counsel and the question therein discussed. There is much said in the prevailing opinion, which seems to have no particular bearing on the issues involved. These I do not care to notice. What has been said therein will pass into history as evidences of the strenuousness of the present-day environments. It is doubtless of little use to dissent. At present it will avail but little. Its practical value is to be looked for in the future, and I write this dissent as I have written others, feeling it to be for the present unavailing, but yet I do so with the hope born of the abiding faith that at some time not far distant there will be a return to the correct legal principles and sound jurispru-

dence—a home-coming to the guaranties of liberty sought to be established by the fathers and perpetuated in our constitutional form of government."

This is astounding! And what does the venerable Chief Justice mean by the language, "I write this dissent * * * feeling it to be for the present unavailing, yet I do so with the hope born of the abiding faith that at some time not far distant there will be a return to correct legal principles and sound jurisprudence"? He can mean but one thing, and that is he hopes for the defeat of Judge Prendergast at the approaching primary election. Thus we have the Chief Justice of that high court, by implication, seriously reflecting upon its other members, and using his place on the bench to encourage the effort of politicians to defeat one member of it on the ground that he saw fit, in his judicial capacity, to render a decision according to his honest judgment and his understanding of the law. What are we to think of a state of things like this? Was the head of a great court ever placed in such an unseemly predicament before the people of the Commonwealth? Has it come to pass that when the Chief Justice of this tribunal cannot have his way about interpretations of law, that he will send forth a fulmination before the populace to have the one associated with him, whose decisions he dissents from, stricken down in the arena of politics? If there is any meaning in his language, this is exactly what he meant by the words in question.

Usually it is not regarded as good taste for the press or the laity to indulge in criticisms of courts, and ordinarily it is not done. But when the Chief Justice puts himself in this attitude before the public, then the press and the laity feel released from the charge of bad taste or a sense of impropriety. Yes, the capital of the State seems to be involved in petty and grotesque political jealousies, and the people are quietly surveying the situation.

It is wonderful with what facility our system of appointments adjust itself to new conditions and emergencies. It takes hold of a thousand preachers in Texas each autumn and perhaps on an average changes them from one part of the State to another, placing them in new fields and with strange congregations; and ordinarily it seems that dissatisfaction, misfits and confusion would follow galore. But such is not the case. It has only been a few weeks since the last conference session adjourned, and to-day all these ministers, subject to change, are moved, installed in new parsonages, and as hard at work as if they had been stationed for life. No other Church system in the world is comparable to ours. Its machinery works like clock regulation. Of course, now and then there is a little surface friction for the moment, but in the course of a month it is gone and the preachers and the people are happy in their work.

The Inauguration of Dr. Bishop

For a good many weeks past Georgetown had been giving special attention to her "best foot," making ready to put it forward prominently on the 28th, 29th and 30th of December.

"Inauguration" was the word on everybody's lips, townspeople's as well as student's, for in Georgetown no interest outweighs in importance the affairs of Southwestern University. With the wonted Georgetown hospitality, the homes of the people were placed unreservedly at the disposal of the University's guests. And they were needed, for a week before the inauguration it became evident that we were to have a greater number of distinguished representatives of other universities in our midst than had ever before been here at one time. There were five visiting Presidents of higher institutions of learning, namely, Dr. William P. Few, of Trinity College, Burnham, N. C.; Dr. Frank K. Sanders, of Washburn College, Topeka, Kans.; Dr. S. E. Mezes, of the University of Texas; Dr. E. O. Lovett, of Rice Institute, Houston, and Dr. F. P. Culver, of Polytechnic College, Fort Worth. Besides these gentlemen, there were here a great number of others representing various colleges and universities throughout the country. Thus, the University of Texas had two representatives in addition to its President—its Dean, Dr. W. J. Battle, and the professor of English, Dr. Morgan Calloway. Baylor University was represented by its Dean, Dr. Kessler; Harvard, by Prof. John A. Lomax; Yale, by Prof. Jesse D. Johnson; Columbia, by Dr. W. W. Phelan; Woford, by Dr. Robert A. Law; Ohio Wesleyan, by Prof. John D. Woods; Western Reserve, by Dr. Edward L. Dodd; Mt. Holyoke Seminary, by Miss Sarah Coates Scofield, and Missouri Valley College, by our own Prof. McGinnis. The entertainment of these guests and of the many others who came was of such nature as to call forth many expressions of admiration for Georgetown's ability to "do things."

The Banquet.

Inopportunist weather dampened the ground Friday and Saturday, but dampened enthusiasm very little. The festivities began Friday evening with a banquet, whose comfort and good cheer formed a welcome contrast to the rain and gloom outside. Covers were laid in the dining-room of good material for one hundred and fifty. The ladies of the Georgetown Federation of Clubs had given their labor without stint or recompense toward making this banquet a success; such success, indeed, had been taken, that success was inevitable as far as concerned the gastronomes of the occasion. And the speakers attended no less thoroughly to the dialectics.

The Hon. W. H. Atwell was Toastmaster, and he fully exercised his prerogatives. At one time he caused great merriment by his instructions to the "beautiful waitresses (meaning Georgetown girls) and homely waiters," the latter being the regular Mood Hall staff. But he should have remembered that "handsome is as handsome does," and that judged from this standpoint the boys were a particularly good-looking lot.

Dr. W. D. Bradford replied to the first toast, "Southwestern and the Church." Being the accredited representative of Vanderbilt University, he delivered its greetings to the assembly, and then briefly and pointedly called attention to the relation which Southwestern has held to the Church. He told of the thousands of laymen and ministers who have passed through the halls of the college, and as regards the future, declared that there are many who believe that Southwestern will never have a lesser place in the hearts of Texas people than she has held in the past. Dr. Jas. Kilgore, President of the Board of Trustees, was to have responded to this toast, but being unavoidably kept away, had an able substitute in his Tenth Street confrere.

Other toasts were numerous and felicitously responded to. The list follows: "The College and the Nation," President Frank K. Sanders; "The Ministry and Southwestern," Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker; "Baylor and Southwestern," Dean Kessler; "The College and the South," President W. P. Few; "Southwestern and the Preparatory School," Rev. Jno. M. Barcus, D. D.; "The Student Body," Mr. Frank Smith; "The University of Texas and Southwestern," President Mezes; "It's a Small College, But There are Some of Us that Love It," Judge T. L. McCullough, and "Southwestern," Dr. C. M. Bishop.

Only a few striking passages from these excellent speeches can be mentioned. Dr. Sanders assured us that the college, as distinguished from the ambitious high school on the one hand and the overshadowing university on the other, still held and would

continue to hold a vital relation to the Nation in the formation of character. The Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker called for football rules, and demanded "time out" while he told a couple of excellent stories in the genuine Knickerbocker manner. Dean Kessler pointed to the similarity of aims of Baylor and Southwestern, and urged all possible co-operation in these aims. President Few delivered the freshest and most priceless "bon mot" of the whole occasion when he told of a college President who was supposed to be able to "hear the inaudible, see the invisible, define the illimitable, sound the unfathomable and unscrew the inscrutable!" Mr. Smith reflected great credit upon the student body of which he is a member by his little masterpiece of a speech. President Mezes took occasion to compliment it as being representative of Southwestern's capabilities in this line. And he told how the University of Texas had come to realize its responsibility toward the safeguarding of the characters of its undergraduates, lending its countenance and moral support to the erection of church buildings in its vicinity, and fostering the work of the Y. M. C. A. Judge McCullough engaged in some badinage with the Toastmaster as to who was the greener upon entering Southwestern. If left to a vote of the audience, the result would probably have been a tie, so nearly equal were the arguments presented. Dr. Barcus brought a message of good will from the preparatory schools, assuring Southwestern of their loyalty amid their own trying struggles. He reminded us that Mood had devised a system of correlated schools, and that we to-day are merely carrying out his idea, not instituting anything new.

At about the middle of the proceedings, the Toastmaster remarked that a semicolon was needed, and forthwith introduced Dr. Calloway. The Doctor said that while he had found it hard to teach certain persons (referring to the Toastmaster) the difference between a comma and a semicolon, nevertheless he had spent several very happy years at Southwestern trying to do so. He expressed great pleasure at being once again with his first love, Southwestern.

In the closing speech, Dr. Bishop fully justified his reputation as a delightful speaker. Heavily handicapped by the lateness of the hour, he voked his audience once more to enjoyment, and inspired them with his own enthusiasm. He found himself, he said, in the finest position in the world as President of Southwestern; while he was aware of his responsibilities, he did not dread them, but rather gloried in the task of helping to pass along undimmed the torch of learning to generations following. Southwestern was not afraid of the truth, but would vindicate it and be vindicated by it.

And so, amid general and genuine expressions of pleasure, there ended the most successful affair of the kind Southwestern has ever seen.

Formal Inaugural Exercises.

Saturday morning dawned cloudy and threatening, but important affairs were afoot, and every man did his duty in spite of the rain. A great academic procession had been arranged, to start from the Annex and march to the main building. Students, faculty, and visitors were to be in line, but all this had to be given over. A shorter procession of faculty, visitors and trustees was formed in one of the lecture-rooms, and these filed on to the platform to face a house closely filled with students and townspeople. Promptly at ten o'clock, the appointed hour, the solemn strains of a professional hymn were heard from the main corridor, and in a few minutes the immense chorus choir of seventy voices appeared and marched to its appointed place, singing the inspiring, "God of Our Fathers." For solemnity of effect no better introduction to the exercises could have been chosen.

After the invocation by our revered Dr. McLean, the choir rendered with great spirit and precision, and with beautiful expressiveness, "Mauder's Harvest Anthem, 'Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem.'" Miss Boyer, the musical director, has charge of the choir, and, while the material at her disposal is in the main excellent, she does not stint her unusual powers of leadership; hence the justification of the boast that the Methodist choir at Georgetown is the best in the State.

After the anthem, Dr. William P. Few, introduced by Judge T. L. McCullough, presiding, made the academic address. His topic was the

"Administration of American Colleges," and he soon proved himself a man of fit proportions to grapple with his subject. He classified American colleges in three groups: First, the so-called private colleges, directed by Trustees answerable to nobody but

themselves, and administering the trust of some philanthropist. Such colleges are most common in New England. Second, the great State universities, whose influence in the West is predominant, and third, the colleges under the supervision of the various Christian Churches. These colleges are to be found most commonly in the South.

To the first group, Dr. Few made the objection that they were in danger of growing out of touch with the public mind, and becoming the retreats of vaporizing theorists; to the second that their intimate and immediate connection with the democracy made them subject to every fitful gust of popular opinion, and deprived them of that continuity of policy which is essential to the true usefulness of an institution of learning. This continuity, said Dr. Few, could best be obtained by a blending of the two other systems, e. g., where the institution was directed by a board which filled its own vacancies under the final sanction of some great democratic religious body, such as our Methodist Church. By this argument the speaker established the "raison d'etre" of Church colleges in stern political necessity, apart from any consideration of character-building. "And," said he, "I had rather train dogs to point birds than to make polished calculating-machines out of boys by sharpening intellect at the expense of character." Dr. Few carries the fiery glow of conviction in his eye and the quiver of passionate earnestness in his voice.

After the academic address, Judge McCullough in fitting words entrusted to Dr. Charles McTyeire Bishop the keeping of the seal of the University, and the new President had formally begun his tenure of office.

Dr. Bishop chose as the subject of his inaugural address, "Religion in Education," and his treatment of it proclaimed in no uncertain sound the depth and firmness of his intellectual moorings, and announced to all disputants that here was a foe man worthy of their steel.

He showed that religion is becoming more and more a vital part of the thought of the new century, pointing out that the materialistic standards of thinking in the late nineteenth century were in danger of overwhelming the world in a bottomless abyss of absolute despair. He told of the fall of a celebrated mathematician, "The great Companion is dead!" But a better day is dawning. Man is studying things less and man more, and his contemplation of man must lead him to a belief in man's Creator.

So that the religious nature should not be neglected in education, Dr. Bishop made an eloquent plea for the study of the Bible and of the history of Religion in our colleges. Unanimous and prolonged applause marked the conclusion of his speech.

The closing part of the ceremonies was as impressive and interesting as anything that had gone before. This was the conferring of honorary degrees upon certain distinguished visitors. President Few was first presented by the Dean of the faculty, Dr. Cody, to President Bishop as being recommended for the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. The degree was conferred by Dr. Bishop in a dignified and formal speech which briefly set forth the services Dr. Few had rendered the cause of Christian education. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was then conferred upon Dr. Sanders, in virtue of his several published volumes in behalf of the Christian faith, and upon Dr. Mezes by reason of his scholarship and dissertations upon ethical subjects. The exercises ended with the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. W. D. Bradford for distinguished service to the Church in the pastorate and pulpit.

But after the benediction, visitors were accorded unexpected entertainment by the students, who had only recently mastered the new Southwestern song, composed by Professor Eddy, of the German Chair. The student body broke forth spontaneously into this song, and the effect was truly inspiring as five hundred voices sang as one.

"Again we hail thee, mother dear, Hail to thee, Southwestern; Thy sons are loyal, never fear, Loyal to Southwestern."

And the climax of the song voiced the unanimous sentiments of all present:

"All hail to those who offered most, To Mood, who counted not the cost; Our Bishop now shall lead the host, Bishop of Southwestern!"

President's Reception.
Dr. and Mrs. Bishop were at home to all their friends Saturday evening from eight to ten-thirty. The bad weather reached its climax shortly before this function, and many residents of Georgetown were deterred from the journey up to the Annex

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(henceforth to be known officially as the Woman's Building). But in spite of torrential rain, there was an attendance of something like three hundred. The receiving line was headed by President and Mrs. Bishop and President Sanders, and otherwise made up of professors and their wives, Trustees and representatives of other colleges. There were as many as sixty in the line, which was not by any means devoid of distinction.

From an adjoining room the Southwestern orchestra of twenty-five pieces discoursed excellent music under the leadership of Miss Long, the head of the Department of Music. The percentage of men in the orchestra is unusually high, and with their wood-wind instruments they lent admirable support to the leading violin parts played for the most part by girls.

After general introductions and much profitable conversation the assembly dispersed feeling that it had been welded more firmly into a Nation-wide academic unity.

The Inaugural Sermon.

Sunday was "the great day of the feast," and the elements lent their best aid to glorify it. The sun rose in a cloudless sky, a Texas winter sky, whose quiet perfection is unmatched save by that of Egypt. Of course the mud was still underfoot, but Georgetown's sidewalks are the best kept in all the State; hence people were not kept indoors as they would have been in more careless communities.

The great Methodist Church was packed from front to back and from floor to roof long before the appointed hour for worship to begin; so that Dr. Sanders faced an audience numbering in the neighborhood of two thousand souls. The other Churches of the town had suspended their services, and all Georgetown united to honor the celebrated college President who had come hundreds of miles to grace this occasion.

After an impressive and well-arranged preliminary service, in which the choir once more did credit to itself and its director, Dr. Sanders arose and announced as his text, Job 28:28: "The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." Dr. Sanders is a man in whom his auditors instinctively put their confidence; his quiet and unhurried but eloquent and convincing manner of speech soon makes plain to his listeners that here is a man too honest to treat of a subject which he has not mastered, and too profound in scholarship to make an address which does not merit undivided attention. The audience was quick to expect great things, and the speaker was not slow to fulfill their expectations.

His topic was, "The National Values of Christian Education," and he showed that the problem confronting the religious life of the Nation at this time is an institutional one. As compared with the Elizabethan age, in which men seemed to stand face to face with the Creator, our own age seems to be one which cannot gaze into the heavens with the old idealizing vision. Our times are discredited by a lack of faith, and a too great dependence on the facts of science. Men are studying God's works to the neglect of God himself.

Dr. Sanders mentioned among the problems we are facing, that of keeping our democracy free and yet efficient, both in Church and in State. His own Church, the Congregational, was struggling to do its part in the solution of this problem.

But while many and various problems might be discussed, they could all be summated in one, namely, the problem of the relation of religion to our national life. How are we to restore to the race its birthright of a pure, simple trust in a higher power?

He showed that the leaders of thought of the present day are less confessedly under the domination of Christianity than they were even ten years ago; and what is more appalling, that the homes of the Nation are not living up to their religious privileges and duties. A religious revival, he said, bore its fruit rather in the life of the individual than of the Nation; so that the task of restoring religious faith to the Nation was obviously an institutional one. It was a question of the development of capable and sympathetic leadership, expressive of the Spirit of Christ, for the cultivation of an idealism which broadens and deepens life, and for the laying of a new emphasis upon character as being founded squarely

in Christianity. And the institution in all respects best fitted for this tremendous task was the Christian college.

But of this aspect of the problem a great deal had already been said, and Dr. Sanders addressed himself rather to the survey of other methods whereby, incidentally as it were, the Christian college could assist in making this land once more a land of faith. As in the secular world many new professions had recently arisen with our modern expansion of life, so in the Church many new fields for trained leadership had opened up. Young men nowadays could devote themselves to Christian service without entering the ministry.

The speaker told of the responsibility of the Christian college in raising up efficient leaders for the myriad forms of intelligent social service of the present, such as college settlements, the students' volunteer movement, and the Young Men's Christian Association.

But in addition to this responsibility, there is an even greater one confronting us: that of inculcating a nobler idealism in current thinking. We need to work not at a higher pressure, but with a broader sweep.

Here Dr. Sanders gave a striking illustration to his idea. He told of the efforts of Sir William White, the designer of the Lusitania, to construct a model for the ship which would attain really great speeds. But with no matter how great power from his engines, no greater speed than twenty-two knots could be attained. Finally he decided to enlarge the propellers, which had been constructed from theoretical considerations. This enlargement of sweep solved the problem, for the speed immediately leaped forward from twenty-two to more than twenty-four knots an hour.

We worship efficiency, but do not realize that the broad sweep of a great idealism is more efficient than brute force. It was idealism that made Japan victorious over Russia. The Japanese battle-cry, "Banzai," means "ten thousand years," and it was the thought of ten thousand years of glorious ancestry and ten thousand years of grateful posterity which made the Japanese unconquerable heroes in fight.

Dr. Sanders closed with an earnest and cogent plea for the study of the Bible as the best means of instilling the true principles of a great idealism.

Such men and such messages are indeed inspiring, and make the Church college surer of herself, her position and her destiny.

The Rev. F. P. Culver, D. D., President of Polytechnic College, preached a convincing and eloquent sermon at night upon the "Reason and Necessity of Faith." Dr. Culver is an orator of the old-fashioned Southern type, and he held his audience as if spell-bound through several ornate descriptive passages.

So ended the inauguration of Charles McTyeire Bishop as fifth President of Southwestern University. It was an occasion of great dignity, and was carried through to a successful conclusion, to the inspiration of all concerned. We are all confident of Southwestern's future, and are convinced that her forward march shall not be retarded. The Trustees, in session during the inauguration, decided immediately to set on foot plans for the erection of a Library Building to cost \$50,000. The best of all is, God is with us, and so we thank him and take courage.

T. J. MOSLEY.

The grandeur of life may come through its combats, but its sweetness comes through the cheery portals of content.—Robert Collyer.

Mrs. John Drew Better

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ITEMS

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THE CONFERENCE OF CHAIRMEN AND FIELD SECRETARIES OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

We have before us a provisional program of the third Annual Conference of Chairmen and Field Secretaries of Sunday-school Boards, which convenes in New Orleans, January 19 to 23, 1912. The first of these conferences met in Nashville and the second in Memphis. In our judgment the present program is better than either of those used at former meetings. The general subjects to be discussed are "Conference Sunday-school Boards," "Field Secretaries," "Annual Conference Business," "Presiding Elders, Pastors and Superintendents," "District Organization Work," "Sunday-school Equipment." All Chairmen and Field Secretaries of Conference Sunday-school Boards are ex-officio members of this conference. A rate of one dollar and fifty cents a day has been secured at a leading hotel for any others who may desire to attend. This would be a good time for our Sunday-school workers to see the historic city of New Orleans, and at the same time enjoy the feast of good things for Sunday-school workers that Dr. Chappell is providing in the program.

OUR STATE SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

For the last seven years the Sunday-school workers of our Church in Texas have been holding a State Conference. More or less directly this work has been under the direction of the Conference Sunday-school Boards and the conferences themselves. Meantime, two other Sunday-school institutions have developed that see a State-wide patronage. One is the Sunday-school Encampment at Epworth-by-the-Sea, and the other is the similar Encampment at Wichita Falls. The latter was held last year under the auspices of the North Texas and Northwest Texas Conferences, and we understand that another Encampment is planned for this year. As far back as year before last it was contended by members of the State Executive Committee that if we maintain Sunday-school work at Epworth the State Conference should be discontinued, as there would not be patronage and interest enough to justify two State meetings. Accordingly, when the aforesaid committee met last spring, it decided that it would be wise to discontinue the State Conference for a year and hold in its place a series of meetings for the various Annual Conferences. At its fall meeting the committee took another step and asked the conferences for a State Secretary to look after this and other features of the work. This plan was rejected at the West Texas Conference, which was the first to meet, and of course was not pressed at the other conferences as the success of such a plan would depend upon the hearty support of all the conferences in the State. The West Texas Conference gave its hearty approval to the Sunday-school Encampment at Epworth, and also made a liberal appropriation to the State Conference, contingent upon the action of the Executive Committee in holding such a conference. The Central Texas Conference took similar action. The Northwest Texas Conference, which employs a Field Secretary, found itself short of funds, and so made no appropriation for the State work. We are informed that the North Texas Conference "took no action whatever. They did not appropriate any money to the work, but simply endorsed the efforts being carried on at Epworth and Lake Shore Assembly." We have no authentic information from the Texas Conference, but have been told that the board of that conference endorsed the work being done at Epworth, but formally withdrew from the State

Sunday-school Conference. We have no report from the German Mission Conference. From the above statement it will be seen that only two conferences, the West Texas and Central Texas, have appropriated anything for a State Conference, and that one conference has repudiated the State organization. What appropriations were made were contingent upon similar action by other conferences, and as some conferences failed to act at all and one acted unfavorably, we see no reason for putting the State Executive Committee to the trouble and expense of a meeting. By invitation of the Epworth management the editor will do what he can to produce a first-class program for the Sunday-school Encampment, which will convene July 18, and a meeting of the State Executive Committee will be called at the Encampment, or at such other time and place as its members may desire, to consider the future of our State work.

THE EDITOR'S BOOK-SHELF.

"Our Boys and Girls," by Mrs. M. G. Kennedy. This book, which is a discussion of Sunday-school work with juniors, or boys and girls between the ages of nine and twelve, meets a distinct want in Sunday-school literature. Until recently most books on the Sunday-school related to the school as a whole. But the recognition of the fact that there are well-defined periods in the mental development of a growing child, and the attempt to adapt lesson material and instruction to each stage of development by a system of graded lessons, have created a demand for a new type of literature, namely, that which deals with the particular work of each department in a graded Sunday-school. And perhaps less has been written concerning the junior and intermediate departments than upon any other phase of the work. Mrs. Kennedy started out to help those who deal with the juniors, and has done her work well. She evidently knows children and loves them. Also she knows how to tell others what she knows. If she has not given in her book a lucid and helpful discussion of everything connected with the organization of a junior department or the teaching of a class at the junior age we have failed to think what it is that has been omitted. The book is intended for study as well as reading and each chapter closes with an outline lesson for the teacher training class. But for a teacher of boys or girls, whether the work is in a graded school or not, whether there is a training class or not, this book is of great value and should be bought and read.

"The Teaching of the Lesson," by G. Campbell Morgan. This is a concise commentary on the International Sunday-school Lessons for 1912, and may be carried in an ordinary vest-pocket. For traveling men, preachers and others who are liable to find themselves from time to time without the usual lesson helps such a

book is both convenient and valuable. Another book on the same order, and which contains also the Epworth League topics for 1912, is "The Self-Pronouncing Lesson Commentary," by Coons.

"Peloubet's Notes" and "Tarbell's Teacher's Guide." A teacher asked us the other day which of these books we would recommend in preference to the other, and we replied that some like one best and some the other. Both are good, both can be bought for one dollar, and both are valuable additions to a Sunday-school worker's library. If you cannot afford both, take your choice.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL EDITORIAL NOTES.

Sunday-school worker, write and tell us what you are doing. Last summer Mrs. Primer, of Austin, was kind enough to tell of a lawn sociable they had given for the juniors, and the article was so suggestive that it was captured by Dr. Chappell for the Sunday-school Magazine, and so went into all places where our literature goes and may become a means of light to many perplexed workers with the juniors. If you have any light on any phase of Sunday-school work let your light shine.

Brother pastor, go to Sunday-school. Take part in the opening exercises along with the rest. If necessary in order to appreciate the difficulties and work of the other workers, teach a class now and then. You can do that and still preach with vigor at both preaching hours on Sunday, if you will not preach too long. And your people will forgive a short sermon more gladly than any other sermon short-coming of which you can be guilty.

Brother Superintendent, make your opening exercises brief. Don't wear out the scholars, especially the younger ones, before the teacher gets a chance. Send them to their classes fresh and eager. If you have any elaborate exhortations to deliver, in mercy for the teacher reserve them until after the class period. And perhaps by that time you may decide that they are not needed.

Secretary, be at Sunday-school on time and ready for work. When you poke in a few minutes' late it puts everything out of joint. Be a good Secretary or quit. And don't quit.

Brother teacher, the way for you to destroy your class is: First, be late; second, be lazy; third, be without a studied lesson. The way to make your class grow is to be on time every time with a warm heart, a bright face, a studied lesson, and a heart of prayer. Where it is possible the teacher should go to bed early and sleep well on a Saturday night, and bring all the possible vigor of mind and body to the teaching task on Sunday.

Epworth League Department

A NEW YEAR'S WORD.

The happy, joyous Yuletide season is again with us. We sincerely trust that in truth it means a season of rich enjoyment to all of our readers. Old year has gone. Maybe we have made mistakes, even failures, but because of this let us not be discouraged. The new year is here. Splendid achievements await us if we but be up and doing. Our wish is that 1912 may be the best in all our Epworth League history, to each member. May the days be fraught with happiness, peace, prosperity and progress for all of our friends in the great Epworth League circle.

G. W. T.

A RESULT-ACCURRING CAMPAIGN.

By G. W. T.

The special forward movement campaign which came to a close recently in the writer's home chapter (Trinity League, Dallas), resulted in the organization securing seventeen new subscriptions to the Epworth Era, the sum of \$111.25 in dues, 191 new members and an attendance for the period over which the contest extended of 1512. This was all done in exactly thirteen weeks.

On September 17 the League roll was evenly divided and the divisions were designated "Capitalists" and "Industrialists," these names being chosen because they offered something different from the usual run of contests. The campaign was to be progress and development, and each of these terms seemed satisfactorily appropriate.

A leader was appointed for each division, designated a "General." Co-

lors were chosen (violet and red) and badges were designed showing the picture of an eye surrounded by a large capital "C." The contest from the start became the "C and I Contest." Points were agreed upon to be scored as follows: New member, 100; Era subscription, 25; \$1 on dues, 20, and attendance, 1.

There were at that time 167 names on our roll, of whom probably one-half represented active members. It was our ambition to increase this number to 300. The contest opened with this purpose in view, and December 19 was set as the time for it to close. There was hard work from the very start, and each division alternated in leading. This condition lasted until well along in November, when the Industrialists scored the remarkable record of 30 new members for one evening, and took the lead with a heavy majority. This majority proved to be the one which finally brought victory to their division, for never after that did their opponents regain the lead.

We are publishing a detailed schedule showing the weekly progress. It presents an interesting study. A committee composed of three members, who were not permitted to align themselves with either division, served as a council throughout the contest, passed upon the details and announced the results at the devotional services each Sunday evening. There seemed to be but one disappointing feature and this was in the lack of returns for the Era. We should have allowed a larger credit of points for subscriptions. We did this, finally, on December 3 and 10, and secured then twelve of the seventeen subscribers.

Advertisement for Uneeda Biscuit. Features an image of a biscuit box and the slogan 'Always Ready'. Text includes: 'Wise foresight should lead you to keep in the cupboard a half dozen or more handy packages of Uneeda Biscuit. They won't get broken, musty, soiled or soggy like ordinary soda crackers because their crisp, clean freshness is protected by the moisture-proof and dust-tight package. 5c. In the moisture-proof package. NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY'.

When the contest closed on December 19 it was found that we had a total membership of 358. In order to celebrate our success we held a banquet at one of the downtown hotels, which, by the way, was the third annual event of this kind, at which new and old members met for a social evening and better acquaintanceship. In our many years of Epworth League work this campaign has been the most successful we have ever witnessed.

A LEAGUE "AUCTION SALE." How do you like this announcement written by a young Epworth League President and read by pastor to congregation. Auction Sale!

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JOHNSON CITY LEAGUE. We wish to write to let the Advocate readers know something of the work done by our League. The number of members of the League are forty-five, the most of whom are Christians and live workers.

We have had many compliments on our League by members of other Leagues. We have very interesting programs gotten from the Epworth Era. One of the great works we are putting forth is to raise money for the education of a young lady who is applying herself for the foreign fields. We would appreciate the prayers of the readers of this letter. TULA GALLOWAY, Secretary. Johnson City, Texas.

ALEXANDER COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE. We are closing our first term which has in many respects been one of the most successful in the history of the school. The attendance of out-of-town students has been very gratifying and the home patronage has assured us that our citizens are determined to co-operate with us in building up a great school in their midst. Our teachers and pupils have all been very enthusiastic in their work with thanksgiving and hopefulness.

Our boarding students will all be at home during the holidays, but most of them will return, and we have the prospect of a number of new students at the beginning of the second term, January 3. I felt a little lonesome at Marlin when the appointments were read, and I realized that for the first time in nearly thirty years I would have no regular place to preach. But the brethren have been very considerate, and I have had a number of invitations to preach. I should like to preach somewhere every Sunday, both for the joy of preaching and also that I may have a chance to lay on the hearts of our people the claims of this, the Texas Conference School. The only justification I have for turning aside from the pastorate is the conviction I had and still have, that Alexander Collegiate Institute is providentially called to do a work for Christian education among the young people in this section that no other school can do, and the further conviction that I can, with the help of God, be of service in enabling the school to do this great work. The task to which we are set is not an easy one—no great or lasting work is easy—but we are determined to make it a delightful task. My brethren of the Texas Conference can greatly help to make it such if they will invite me to their charges and open the way that I may have access to our people. I wish for all our patrons and friends a happy Christmas time. Whenever any of them are in Jacksontonville let them come and see us. JNO. M. BARCUS.

Whatever effort men may make their nothingness appears everywhere.—Bossuet.

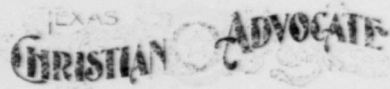
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HALF SHEET THIS WEEK.

The Advocate never misses a number during the year. It matters not what comes or what goes, the Advocate reaches its readers fifty-two times a year. But in the holiday week we reduce the size so as to give the faithful force whose toil prepares the mechanical make-up of the paper, a little surcease from labor. So this issue comes to you one-half its original size; but its subject matter as far as it goes is up-to-date and important. Hoping you all had a delightful Christmas, the Advocate wishes you well and happy as the old year closes. Next week we will be on hand with our full pages crowded with good things for the young and the old.

We have a letter from a Baptist minister who was sometime ago the pastor of the "Rev. Joel S. Graves," the man of lurid telegram fame, and this minister tells us that Joel was a member of the Baptist Church at Clifton, but he was excluded from its membership. So he is not now even a Baptist, and we write this note in order to apologize to the Baptists. The last we knew anything about him he was a Baptist. Now since it is impossible for a Baptist to fall from grace, we are at a loss to know how Joel ever got out of that enclosure, but since he is out, we are not disposed to hold the Baptists responsible for his antics.

DEATH OF MRS. JNO. T. JONES.

This eminently good woman died at her home in Garland very recently and it was a great shock to her devoted husband and children and a large circle of relatives and friends. She was prominently connected and all her life lived a devout member of the Church. Her husband, Brother J. T. Jones, is one of the prominent citizens of Dallas County, and the whole family have been Methodists from time immemorial. Her death is a loss not only to the home so sadly stricken, but to the entire community where she spent her useful life. Her funeral services were attended by one of the largest processions of mourners ever seen in that community. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

We have received a curious sort of communication from some unknown writer who asks us to publish it, but we have no idea who he is, and it is out of the question to publish a communication from an unknown author. It is written on the reverse side of a proof-sheet of newspaper, and it is typewritten. He says he has always been a skeptic, but his wife is a member of the Methodist Church, and so are his children, and that his wife takes the Advocate and he pays for it. Will he send us his name?

PERSONALS

Rev. L. L. Naugle, of Wylie, made us a pleasant call the past week. He has begun his year's work hopefully.

The editor's friends were the recipients of fine Christmas turkey from that generous layman, Mr. Clarence Kidd, who lives in Grayson County, near Sherman.

Rev. T. E. Bowman, of Venus looked in on us recently. He has one of the best circuits in the Central Conference, and the good rains down that way have already put things in good spirit. He has an excellent field, and he is a good workman.

Rev. W. H. Matthews, of Main Street, Cleburne, called in to see us while in Dallas spending the day with his brother, S. Y. Matthews. He says the work starts off nicely. The pastor's salary has been raised, and he feels that he has one of the best charges in the conference.

We had a pleasant visit last week from Rev. S. C. Riddle, the brand-new presiding elder of the Decatur district. He is getting his bearings and already looks like a full-fledged "beloved." He is expecting a fine year, and we look for good results from his administration.

We noticed recently an account of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Craig, she lived in Dallas, though she spent much time in California and New York, in which latter State she died. She was the sister of Mrs. Florence Howell of this city, who was for several years the editor of the Woman's department in the Advocate.

Brother Robert Smith, a leading lay member of the Webberville charge, died recently, and his departure leaves a vacancy in that community, felt by a large circle of friends. He was a devoted Church worker and lived to a ripe old age. His pastor speaks in high terms of him as a man and devout Christian.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Henry Zaak, of Sherman, gave their daughter, Miss Clara, in marriage to Mr. James Malcolm Binkley, Jr., on Thursday, December 28. Mr. Binkley is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Binkley, and his bride is one of the popular young ladies of that city. The couple will make their home for the time being in Chicago.

Mr. W. M. Winton, eldest son of Dr. G. B. Winton, for the last two years professor of Biology in the Central State Normal, Edmond, Okla., has accepted a position in the department of biology of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, beginning with January 1. He is an M. S. of Vanderbilt University and a successful instructor.

Rev. W. D. Thompson, who has come back for the second time to the South Ervay Street charge, this city, has been received with great favor by his old parishioners, and he has entered upon what promises to be a most pleasant and successful year. South Ervay is one of our best city charges, and they give to their pastor ample support and hearty co-operation.

"The Real Palestine of To-day," by Dr. Lewis G. Leary, and published by the Jno. G. Winston Co., Philadelphia. This is a charming little volume of 200 pages, and prepared by a man who lived for years in Palestine and Syria. He spoke the language of the country and studied it by personal investigation. It gives the reader a clear idea of what Palestine and its people are to-day. His intimate knowledge of the country's legends, those that are well substantiated and those that are fanciful, helps to make the book reliable and entertaining. We have read the book with pleasure and profit and commend it to those who want an intimate knowledge of the Holy Land and its people.

Notes From the Field

As the Central Texas Conference is something of the past, I find myself happily and pleasantly located at Gouldbusk. I arrived here November 20 "a stranger in a strange land," but I at once began to visit my people, and I no longer feel a "stranger." The brethren have shown me many courtesies and have been very hospitable to me. I have been to all of my appointments with the exception of one, and have found a loyal, cultured and a refined people—a people of high ideals. We have four splendid Sunday-schools, with an enrollment of about two hundred and fifty pupils. We have arranged and set dates for our summer meetings, and are hoping for a great year in the Gouldbusk Circuit. Everything is moving on very well.—H. Arthur Nichols.

San Antonio. Last Sunday was a great day at Tabernacle Church, San Antonio. Rev. S. B. Johnson, after herculean efforts, ably assisted by the presiding elder, Rev. S. H. C. Burgin, was ready to open the new church for services. Bishop E. D. Moulton, D. D., preached the dedication sermon to a large congregation, and the presiding elder took the collection which amounted to about \$700, which was \$200 more than he asked for. Brother Johnson and his people are to be congratulated for their enterprise, industry and zeal in bringing about so speedily this monumental result. They had three conversions last Sunday night and about fifteen additions to the membership.—J. T. Pinnell, Press Correspondent.

Ladonia. After a two years' stay at Sherman, the conference handed us at Ladonia. We left many friends and good people at Sherman, but we are finding others here. Brother Lovell, our predecessor, was in great favor with this people. They all love him. On last Thursday evening, the 14th inst., many of the good people of Ladonia broke into the Methodist parsonage, and when they left we found most everything good to eat, from canned goods up to a gobbler for Christmas. May God's richest blessings rest upon all the people, and may he enable us to minister to them in spiritual things. And to-day (December 19), the Woman's Home Mission Society sent some needed pieces of nice furniture to the parsonage: Two rockers, one dresser, one dining table, davenport, washstand, library table, kitchen cabinet, buffet, curtains and other things. This preacher and his wife are keeping house now just like grown folks. Many thanks to the good women. What would we preachers do if we did not have them?—J. R. Atchley and Wife.

Killeen Station. Our reception in Killeen has been delightful. Bro. B. A. Evans did a fine work during the three years of his pastorate here. The results of which can be seen in the number of men brought into the Church under his ministry who are among the leaders at present. Brother Evans deserves credit for the growth of the Sunday-school. Last Sunday we had present all we could care for in our present situation. We are planning now for a modern Sunday-school church to cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Our people seem ready for the task, and we are corresponding with architects at present for suitable plans. The Board of Stewards very cheerfully made an assessment for the preacher in charge of \$1200, to be paid monthly. Our home mission assessment is in the hands of the Conference Treasurer, and in the near future the same can be said of the foreign assessment. Many nice things have been placed in the parsonage, and we feel that we are in the hands of good people.—C. C. Hightower.

Meridian. After about one month's residence among the people at this place, I think I have a pretty good idea about the town and people—I had held a meeting here two years ago and had formed a good opinion of the people. So when we arrived we found some of the Official Board at the train to meet us. Dr. Marshal, with his automobile, soon carried us to Bro. C. W. Tidwell's, where we were served a good supper and was cared for during the night. Our household goods having arrived the same day we came, had been unloaded and were in the parsonage. So the next morning we went over to the parsonage and took possession and soon felt ourselves at home. On the day be-

fore Thanksgiving the people gave us a liberal pounding, and since we have received many kindnesses at the hands of the people, and now we have a big turkey in the pen for Christmas, which was presented by Rev. G. F. Winfield and two Baptist brethren. We have had good congregations and have received six members since conference. Last Sunday was a great day for Meridian College. Brother Winfield has started a campaign to raise \$15,000 for Meridian College, to pay off all the indebtedness against the college. He preached Sunday morning and raised over \$1000, and has since run the subscription up to over \$7000, and I confidently believe we will reach \$12,000 in the town of Meridian. The school is in fine condition, with as fine a student body as can be found in any of our schools. Parents wishing to send their children off to school can find no better place than Meridian for them as the surroundings here are ideal for health and morals. We have a number of fine young men studying for the ministry. We are hopeful of a great year.—I. E. Hightower, Dec. 20.

Gibtown. I trust that it was the will of God that I should be appointed to Willow Point Circuit. This was first called the Gibtown Circuit. We are now in the parsonage at Gibtown—a nice, comfortable house, sufficient room—the best furnished of any parsonage that we have lived in for eight years. I have made the first round on the circuit; have received encouragement from the good people. My desire is that I may be able to render such service as will do this people good. I ask the prayers of all who may read this note that feel interested in the cause on this circuit. I am trying to get our people more interested in reading the Bible, Discipline, and other goods books, also the Texas Christian Advocate which has been one of the best helps that I have on my circuit. When I estimate its value I call it one of the cheapest papers published. To all who may be interested I wish to say my postoffice address is changed from Seebree to Gibtown, Texas.—P. W. Byrd, P. C., Dec. 19.

Murchison. Another great storm at Murchison in the absence of the pastor yesterday afternoon, about 3 o'clock. There was a great commotion at the parsonage. The good people of Murchison and Red Hill, also Brother Dewit Hamill, of Shady Grove, and others gave us the great pounding. The procession was led by L. G. Scott, Grandma Scott, Miss Fannie and Mrs. Tom Scott, of Red Hill; Dr. Horton and wife, Jim Loper and Mrs. Frank Killingsworth, of Murchison. When the preacher got home it was about night; everything had calmed down and the people had gone home; wife and children were all smiles; the baby boy told me they had pounded us; the children led the way and I followed them into the dining room, and there it was. With all the good things to eat was included a big Christmas turkey and \$6 in money. The good Baptist brethren also took a part in remembering the Methodist pastor and his family. Brother Tom Luker, Sister Maggie Splawn and others. May the good Lord bless the people and help us to prove ourselves worthy. This is the beginning of our third year at Murchison, and if it continues this way I hope the Bishop will send us back again. A happy Christmas to all!—G. M. Fletcher, P. C., Dec. 22.

Pandora Circuit. We were read out for this charge at conference, and are more than pleased with our work. The people received us with open arms and hearts, and made us feel at home at once. Of course, they gave us a good pounding to begin with. We are starting off well. In regard to the material interests of the charge, we are making progress; have paid some money on old debts; have built a small barn; new furniture has been bought for the parsonage. We are in debt some for these improvements, but it is all safe. The assessment for the preacher's salary has not been made yet, but we feel sure that we will be well-provided for. As to the spiritual interests, there is room for encouragement; congregations large and attentive, and as a general rule, the people seem anxious to work. Our Sunday-school work is not as it should be, but we are hoping for better things. Last Sunday we held a rally in Pandora of the two Sunday-schools (Methodist and Baptist), and it was indeed an enjoyable and help-

ful occasion. We had with us Sister V. A. Godbey, and she made a most excellent talk on the subject of "Modern Sunday-school," and it was well received. She will be long remembered by the people of Pandora. She is certainly "onto her job." I forgot to mention above that we have made a substantial beginning on the conference collections, mostly in subscriptions. We are hoping and praying for a good year.—J. P. Chambers, Dec. 19.

Hagerman, New Mexico. We have just closed a two weeks' meeting at Hagerman. We closed on account of rain and snow. There was considerable interest, and the audiences were increasing. I have received eight into the Church as part of the results. This is in a beautiful section in this famous Pecos valley. Alfalfa and apples are the leading products. Our Church leads in this section. We have a great work and a great future—this field.—Seba Kirkpatrick, P. C.

Iowa Park. We have been returned to this charge for another year, and nothing could have pleased us more. No preacher and family were ever more kindly received than we have been, and almost every day there has been some expression of appreciation that has found its way to the parsonage. We received on last Monday night the best pounding that we have enjoyed for a number of years. They even brought the pastor a new pair of patent-leather shoes. We appreciate these tokens of love and good will, and we expect, by divine help, to do the very best work that it is possible for us to do this year. Our Church is in a very bad condition financially, being heavily in debt on their building, but it has rained at last in this country, and it will put new life into things. Our congregations are very large. I have preached to more people during the past conference year than I ever did in life before. We are glad to have in Wichita Falls Bro. J. W. Hill, under whose ministry, nearly twenty-five years ago, I was led to Christ. Though but a lad the recollection thereof still lingers. Of course, we hear good reports from him. We are hoping and praying for a profitable year. We wish for you all the very best of everything.—H. B. Johnson, Dec. 23.

Guanah Mission. The above mission was created at the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference, and it being a new work the good Bishop thought it would be nothing but right to put a new man on this work. We are here and doing our level best to hold down the situation, and taking all things into consideration, we are progressing nicely. We have made one round on our work and have started on the second and at all of our appointments have done our best to impress on the minds of our people that they have the responsibility of making a preacher on their hands, at the same time keeping ever before us that we have, by the help of God, the laying of the foundation of a work that is not to last just for a day, but one that is to go down through the ages to come, yes, throughout eternity. We know that we cannot do this within ourselves, but with the Holy Spirit to guide us we feel assured that we will accomplish the work whereunto we are sent. Pounded us? I hope they did! Everything from a hundred-pound sack of potatoes down to a can of corn. This was something new to us, but we accepted it with grateful hearts that our lot has been cast with a generous, big-hearted people. When the crowd went away the dining table groaned under its weight of fifteen dollars worth of groceries. If this does not find its way to the wastebasket, you will hear from us again. Three cheers for the grand old Advocate and its editor. Brethren, let us put the Advocate in every Methodist home in Texas, or know the reason why.—R. E. Burns, Dec. 29.

Clyde. It has been a little more than a month since we moved into the parsonage at Clyde, and we are getting settled down to work in earnest. Clyde and Eula are half stations, with Bethlehem and Hubbard as afternoon appointments. The usual pounding came Thanksgiving night. Dr. Bailey and wife, Brother Campbell and wife and Brother Shelton and wife led the way in the pounding, and many who were not here sent liberal donations in the pounding, which we appreciate more than we can tell. However, the presence of the people at the parsonage is one of the most appreciable features of such an occasion. A hearty personal reception of a preacher and his family is one of the most helpful expressions that a congregation or community can give. The

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people here have been kind indeed to us, and we are feeling very much at home. Fresh backbones, spareribs and sausage have been coming in from Hubbard and Eula, but the best of all came yesterday from Brother Hurst, of Eula—a backbone and a large, fresh ham. Now, with all these tokens of appreciation, how could a preacher keep from getting down to business. The Clyde stewards have agreed to pay their assessment for the support of the ministry monthly. We have a good citizenship here; some very fine characters in our Church membership; a most excellent Official Board and the best presiding elder in the State. We must have a great year for our Lord and his Church.—M. H. Hudson, Dec. 22.

Sherman.

After conference we came to Sherman to live. You know the average superannuated preacher is like a shipwrecked sailor, he takes any port in a storm. And this port has been to us an increasingly pleasant one. We live close to Mrs. Key, and she never forgets us, and when she thinks of us it is in a substantial way. The night we came here was cold and gloomy, but she and the good Bishop made us feel at home. We attend the Travis Street Church, where Brother Morris preaches "the sure-enough gospel" twice every Sunday. He has a fine Sunday-school and Epworth League and a superb Board of Stewards. They are arranging now for a revival in the spring. Last Monday night they gave us a great pounding (by they I mean, of course, besides the members of the Travis Street Church, Bishop and Mrs. Key, Brother Binkley, Brother Morris, Brother Kirk, of Key Memorial, and Brother Andrews), by far the biggest pounding we have had since coming to Texas—it almost made me forget that I was a shepherd without a flock. My sick boy is improving, and is able to do light, outdoor work; the other boy also is at work. Our little girl is attending school at Kidd-Key, so you see our Heavenly Father knows it all and the meaning of it all. We are all happy and trying to be good and true. Personally, I feel a great relief; while I miss the pay of the pastorate, I also miss its responsibility. I have been appointed Field Agent for the Advocate here, and intend to do my best to increase its circulation. I have always believed that every Methodist ought to take the paper and read it. I am very glad we came here; it is a good place to live, and we expect to remain here. The Sherman District is a live district—could not be otherwise with the live presiding elder it has over it. God bless the Advocate, and increase its power for good.—John Moore, 511 W. Elm Street, Dec. 22.

Wortham and Thornton.

The writer has been cordially received by the Churches in this charge and deems it a great privilege to serve so appreciative a people. The congregations are good, the Sunday-schools are flourishing, and the evidences are abundant that my predecessor wrought well. The work is arranged in a rather unusual manner, the two appointments (each a half station) are twenty-seven miles apart on the Texas Central Railroad, and two larger towns, Mexia and Groesbeck, are between them. The interests of the work demand that a half of the preacher's time be applied to each work, so the preacher, with his wife, boards half the time at Thornton, and then they keep house half the time at Wortham. On Saturday evening before Christmas the membership in Wortham sent to the parsonage a generous pounding composed of substantial edibles and on Monday morning the preacher was notified that there were two boxes for him at the depot, they were soon at the parsonage and proved to be a liberal pounding from Thornton—seldom has so much choice edibles been packed in two boxes. This double pounding is the finest thing yet. While the preacher is the servant of

his people for Christ's sake it is encouraging to know that they shower courtesies and favors upon him for Christ's sake, and we give him the praise. A Sunday-school institute is to be held at Wortham, January 19. The church at Thornton is to be dedicated by Bishop Key, January 21, and a Sunday-school institute for Thornton at Steeles Creek, January 23, and preparation is being made for protracted meetings at each place.—C. W. Macune, P. C.

Howe Circuit.

The ladies have thoroughly renovated the parsonage. Varnish and enamel have been used until the furniture is renewed. Window glass replaced, new matting put on three rooms, a new cookstove for the kitchen and grate for the fireplace, and the kitchen papered, etc. Electric lights will be placed in the church at Howe. Weather has interfered with attendance at three of our places, but the services have been held and were quite helpful. We are dismissing a number of valuable members, and the work weakened by division at conference is more so by these removals. May the good One give us a great year.—D. F. Fuller.

College Mound.

Here we are at College Mound with three appointments, well received and everyone seems glad to have us, so we, too, are glad. I am here on the ground where I played sixty years ago and more. So many are asking why we did not go to our little home. Well, in the first place, we did not have anything to go to housekeeping with, nor anything to live on afterwards, and our home was not ready for us, there being only four hundred dollars paid on it, with a balance of three hundred and fifty dollars due. The love letter Brother Hines wrote has produced one hundred and thirty-five dollars, and our wedding anniversary one hundred and forty-seven dollars. I want to thank one and all, indeed I do, for their kindness, especially the five brethren of the conference that contributed in any way to our wedding anniversary—only five responded—I suppose all were busy moving. The last and best reason why we did not go to our home is, I am in as good health as I ever was in my life, and I feel the call to preach just as strong as I did fifty years ago. I do not believe a stout, able-bodied man ought to be a claimant on the sacred fund for worn-out preachers, widows and orphans.—J. P. Sherwood.

SAN ANTONIO METHODISM.

The association called to order by the President; prayer by Brother Weeks; the pastors reported as follows:

Johnson: Great day at Tabernacle. Bishop Mouzon preached at the morning service; Dr. Burgin took a collection of \$700, with which to seat the new building; three conversions at the evening service; twelve additions to the Church.

Curry: Preached at the Pine Street Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Godbey: Very busy week; fine services yesterday and several additions.

Tomy: Preached for Brother Cross at South Heights yesterday; good service.

Davidson: Collected \$70 for insurance; four additions; four men requested prayer.

Liles: Very good day; preached at South Heights in the evening.

Young: Good services; nothing special.

Gregory: A very good day at West End; the students are hurrying home now for the holidays.

Pinnell: Congratulations are gradually growing and interest deepening.

Rylander: Good services at Rio yesterday morning; congregation at Englewood at night not so large; several prospective members in sight.

Muennick: The work among the German people is taking on a brighter aspect; congregations growing; six new members received since conference.

Dr. Burgin: Had a glorious service at Tabernacle Sunday morning, and after a hard pull, raised about \$200 more than he called for; brightest kind of future for that Church; had a fine congregation at Laurel Heights Sunday evening; expressed his appreciation of the helpful spirit with which the pastors co-operated with him and others in making the missionary institute such a grand success.

Weeks: Glad to be with us; thanked every one for their noble co-operation in the missionary institute; planning with Dr. Reid, Dr. Pinson, et al., for an effective missionary campaign throughout the Texas conferences.

Dr. Wilcox, an old friend of the Preachers' Association, was introduced and made appropriate remarks.

Brother Howe, Secretary of the

Men's Religion and Forward Movement, addressed the body relative to its plans and asked for our co-operation.

Dr. Wilcox dismissed us with prayer.
J. T. PINNELL,
Press Correspondent.

The Woman's Dept.

W. H. M. SOCIETY MEETING.

The Woman's Home Mission Society met with Mrs. H. B. Houston Tuesday afternoon, December 12. This was made one of the most interesting as well as one of the most important meetings of the year as it was the time to elect new officers.

Promptly at 3 o'clock the auxiliary was opened by the President reading the second chapter of Proverbs, after which Mrs. Ella Hawkins led the society in an earnest prayer.

It has been decided to send a Christmas box to some orphanage in the State, which will be done next week.

In reviewing the work of the society for the year, we find that this has been one of the most successful years in the history of W. H. M. Society of Madisonville. Everyone has seemed to enjoy any work assigned to them, but 'tis largely through this effort of our faithful President, that our society has made the marked progress that it has. At the request of all the members Mrs. Emma Evans, in a few words, presented to Mrs. Jopling a brooch as a token of our appreciation of her work among us this year; to which Mrs. Jopling responded in a few well-chosen words of thanks, and we each and everyone feel glad to win her consent to serve another year as our President.

After all other business matters were discussed, the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. J. J. Jopling; First Vice-President, Mrs. W. O. Carter; Second Vice-President, Mrs. T. J. Ford; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Jesse Lee; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. W. L. Turner; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Willie Randolph; Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Lena Dean; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. A. Yarbrough; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. Georgia Lindley; Press Superintendent, Mrs. C. E. Bullard; the Agent for the Missionary Voice is Mrs. Bessie Randolph.

Let us all, officers and members, strive to make 1912 the banner year of our society.

At the close of the meeting nice refreshments were served by the hostess. **PRESS SUPERINTENDENT.**

TO THE AUXILIARY MEMBERS OF NORTH TEXAS WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

No doubt you already know that our fiscal year will close with the calendar month of the year. Our year's work must be brought to a close December 31. Our obligations to the Woman's Missionary Council must be met December 31, or our record of failure will go down on printed pages to remind us of the "love gift" we failed to lay at our Savior's feet.

As the holidays approach and we make our gifts of love to our friends may we not forget the great love which our Heavenly Father felt for lost humanity which prompted him to give his only Son for a "love gift" to us. May this thought awaken in each one of our hearts the desire and the willingness to bring unto him this Christmas time an offering worthy of this great love.

Jesus Christ hanging on the cross is an emblem of self-sacrifice for our redemption. He points with indexed finger to the millions of unredeemed souls, who know not of his mission to earth and asks of his redeemed children to give to them the bread of life. Can we fail to know that such self-sacrifice calls for a ready response upon our part to make unto him a gift of self-sacrifice to help in some small degree, to heed his command. If we but could know how much it would mean to lost humanity for us each one to make some small sacrifice this Christmas for God's work I am quite sure our obligations to the council would all be paid. Does not the Christian religion mean enough to your life, to constrain you to make the offering now, when it is so much needed? I await anxiously the receipts of our last quarter's report for 1911. I pray that God may move us to make the offering we must have to meet our obligations. May every member of the North Texas Woman's Foreign Missionary Society feel in her heart that she has done her very best, when our year's work shall have been ended. May each and all make the offerings now: First, of our own-selves; second, of our gold and silver (it matters not in God's sight whether great or small, if it is only measured by the prosper-

ity which God has given us), and in fervent prayer ask him to use them for his glory.

MRS. C. B. BRYANT,
Treasurer of North Texas W. F. M. Conference Society,
Whitewright, Tex.

MARSHALL DISTRICT HOME MISSION.

Report of the Meeting Held at Kilgore a Few Days Ago.

At the Marshall District meeting of home missions at Kilgore on November 14 and 15, the number of delegates was the best we have yet had, and enthusiasm and real faith and spirituality left little to wish for and much for which to be grateful.

Tuesday, November 14, at night the services were opened by a devotional half hour led by the District Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Hey. An address of welcome followed by the pastor, Rev. O. W. Hooper, a strong, bright, thinking young man who took the word, "Organization," as the keynote of his subject.

Mrs. (Dr.) Hamilton, of Kilgore, welcomed us on behalf of the auxiliary of the hostess town in a pleasing, humorous, whole-hearted way that rang genuine to her hearers. A response on behalf of the district was given by Mrs. Slaughter, of Henderson, expressing the appreciation of the visitors and the anticipation of all the good things coming. To the great report of the whole assembly Mrs. J. W. Spivey, of Marlin, our Texas Conference Press Superintendent, was unavoidably absent, but her splendid, helpful paper was read by the Marshall Press Superintendent to an attentive audience and the matter contained therein referred to all during the session.

Wednesday opened with a prayer and praise service, followed quickly by the opening of the business session by our capable, winning District Secretary. Her report showed a gain along many lines in the district work, but much still to be done, and a better knowledge in the use of our literature and in the work as specified by each Vice-President's department hoped for. Auxiliary reports were encouraging on the whole and revealed some banner societies. A tender, Christian, womanly worker among and for women and girls shows perhaps the greatest advance and a newer, finer attitude along this heretofore mistakenly, almost tabooed subject. The new order of things and union of home and foreign had been considered in most auxiliaries and will be acted upon according to the wisdom of each.

Much real information and some fun was enjoyed by Mrs. Bramlette's (Longview) demonstration of a model auxiliary. The proper presenting of written instead of oral reports, the order of business, etc., in a real, live auxiliary was a lesson to many, and we predict fewer haphazard business meetings as a result.

"Our Needs of Trained Workers," by Mrs. F. C. Wilson, of Gilmer, was a fine paper. Every member ought to have heard it and learned the necessity of method and preparation and training in our work, quite as much as in secular teaching and leadership.

"The Workers' Conference" was an open symposium on our deaconesses, co-operative homes, mission schools, training schools, our support of them, etc.

"The Immigration Problem," by Mrs. Sherrell (Jefferson) covered this growing home mission problem in a masterly way. Mrs. Sherrell pointed out the dangers, strategically, geographically, denominationally and religiously till one was appalled almost at the responsibility at our doors.

Mrs. W. T. Spencer (Marshall) was given an hour for her "Ideal Literary Meeting." Maps and charts and posters were hung around the walls to illustrate some phase of literary work and of a study class and to suggest ways of emphasizing the subject contained in our home mission textbooks, programs and course of study. An uninformative society means a dead society and the same routine and procedure, Mrs. Spencer said, was slow death to any auxiliary. She told the story of the death-germ found in one desolate, though magnificent, church—

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Roll call quotations, bright, brief and appropriate, debates on Church and secular subjects, music, magazines, drills, promptness and atmosphere were all urged for an ordinary, much less an "ideal" auxiliary. And last, but not least, patience and co-operation and gray-matter and prayer.

At 7 p. m. reports of committees were heard, resolutions, courtesies, extension of work, etc. This was followed by a sermon by Rev. W. W. Armstrong, of Troupe. A home mission sermon that made our work look stupendous. Brother Armstrong has heard humanity's cry and has evidently given much thought to today's problems of society and the Church's duty toward solving them, and the work of women in the solving.

A consecration service and administration of the sacrament closed this most profitable meeting.

Notes.

The question box was one of the most edifying features.

Jefferson, Henderson, Gilmer, Kilgore, Longview, Marshall sent delegates and visitors.

Kilgore's choir supplied excellent music, with solos, etc.

Rev. Hooper's violin solo lifted us up and out of every-day thoughts and things.

The Gleaners, of Longview, composed of young girls, are live-wires.

Marshall is the next meeting place.

The absence of the Conference President, Mrs. Woldert, was a great disappointment.

PRESS SUPERINTENDENT.

HELP SOMEBODY.

Every living man may help some other man. This helpfulness reaches to the highest and strongest as well as to the lowest and weakest. Our lives are rich or poor as they are full or empty of helpful deeds. Dissatisfaction and unrest belong to the self-centered and self-seeking; but joy and sweet content to those who forget their own need in ministering to the need of their fellows. The reward of helpfulness lies not in the applause, nor in the gratitude of men, but in the inner consciousness that we have lightened the world's burden and cheered its gloom. To increase the stock of human gladness and to lessen its pain, to dry the tear and bring back the banished smile, to bring God and heaven nearer to men, is the possibility and privilege of every man. Help somebody.—Christian Guardian, Toronto.

Effect of One Bottle

Crandall, Tex.—"After my last spell of sickness," writes Mrs. Belle Teal, of this city, "I remained very ill, and stayed in bed for eight weeks. I couldn't get up, all this time, and though my doctor came to see me every day, he didn't do me any good. I had taken but one bottle of Cardui, when I was up, going everywhere, and soon I was doing all my housework." Cardui helps when other medicines have failed, because it contains ingredients not found in any other medicine. Pure, safe, reliable, gentle-acting—Cardui is the ideal medicinal tonic for weak, sick women. Try it.

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TO MRS. S. J. SMITH ON HER SEVEN-FORTH BIRTHDAY.

Dear woman, true and noble of God, We know of a surety thou hast passed under the rod.

In youth, the violet-bordered path thy foot hath pressed, While, in thy soul, lay hope and strength for the hill crest.

Every harrowing of thy heart has been swept; Barely of thine own, the tender notes of "motherhood," thou'st kept. While the deep, plaintive notes of the heart's grief, Thou hast subdued to tender unto other's relief.

And now, while thou art facing the sunset glow, With mental faculties bright and milestones seventy-four;

God grant thee health and length of years; And, when at last 'tis said, "He'll wipe away all tears,"

MRS. EMMA R. McBRIDE, Anna, Texas.

BED-TIME.

By Elsie Malone McCollum.
Come, "long, honey, come 'long-time yo' pails wuz said;
Time you wuz 'a-sleepin' in yo' little bed,
Come 'sister, gather 'flowers, 'long the dream lan' way.
An' 'wail or babies down in dream lan' play.
What's dat? you ain' comin' yo' of mammy'll cry.
By her sel in Naptown—well, come kiss me 'night.
Here he come, a-dim'in' up in mammy's lap;
Dat's de beaut'ful 'lum in de town of Naps.
Den we'll gather 'flowers, 'long de dream lan' way.
Bring 'em back to mammy, at de peep o' day;
Mammy 'uh de flowers, dat de baby brings,
An' she look so happy, all de time she sings:
'On his cheeks is roses, 'v'lets in his eyes
'Gathered as he wandered under dream lan' skies;
Then, past Naptown, on o'er Napland streams,
Baby and black mammy reach the land of Dreams.

PLAINVIEW DISTRICT PREACHERS' MEETING.

The Plainview District Preachers' Meeting and Sunday-school Rally met in the beautiful little city of Floydada on the 5th of December, and closed on the evening of the 7th.

The program was carefully and well-prepared, covering every phase of pastoral and Sunday-school work.

Most of the preachers in charge and several of the leading laymen of the district were present. The program was rendered almost to the letter. Every man present seemed to feel responsible for the success of the meeting, and therefore came with his part well-prepared. There was not a dull moment during the whole time. Special emphasis was put on the spiritual feature of the work. Right of way was given to preaching services, morning and evening. How the brethren did preach! The spiritual tide rose higher at every service and session until "high-tide" was reached on the late afternoon of the last day of the session when J. Sam Barcus led in an "old-time" class meeting. The burden of his query was, "Have we the same passion for souls that we once had?" Many honest confessions were made and as many new resolutions were formed.

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REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE, METHODIST PASTORS' ASSOCIATION, DALLAS, TEXAS.

We, your committee, recommend that the association take up the study of the Bible beginning with the minor prophets; that we use as the basis of our study, G. Campbell Morgan's "Living Message of the Books of the Bible, Job-Malaehi."

We suggest as reference books, Kirkpatrick's "Doctrine of the Prophets" and George Adam Smith on the Minor Prophets.

The program is as follows:
January 8, Hosea, New Harris.
January 15, Joel, E. L. Egger.
January 22, Amos, W. D. Thompson.
January 29, Obadiah, C. A. Long.
February 5, Jonah, T. G. Peterson.
February 12, Micah, D. K. Porter.
February 19, Nahum, J. M. Peterson.

February 26, Habakkuk, G. C. Rankin.
March 4, Zephaniah, G. M. Gibson.
March 11, Haggai, Leonard Rea.
March 18, Zechariah, H. A. Bourland.

March 25, Malachi, C. M. Harless. We request the preachers to take care of this list and be thoroughly prepared when their time comes without further notice.

J. M. PETERSON,
C. M. HARLESS,
D. K. PORTER.

Subscribers who desire the Advocate discontinued must notify us at expiration, either by letter or postal card. Otherwise they will be responsible for continuance and debt incurred thereby. We adopted the plan of continuance at the request and for the accommodation of our subscribers, and they in turn must protect us by observing the rule which stands at the head of the first column on the eighth page.

NOTICE.

To the Supernumeraries and Supernumeraries of Northwest Texas Conference:
I have sent your names to Mr. J. E. Harnegan and in writing you may refer to the list.

A. L. MOORE.

CHARGE SUPPLIED.

With reference to the supplying of Frankston Circuit, this will answer the many applicants. The charge is now supplied.

J. T. SMITH, P. E. Jacksonville, Texas.

DATES FOR MEETINGS.

I will take this opportunity to announce my meetings for 1912. I hold at Crisp July 12, and run ten days or more. At Alma July 26, and run ten days. At Garrett August 2, and run ten days. At Palmer August 16, and run ten days. Rev. F. L. Hutchinson, of Snyder, Texas, will conduct these meetings. Bro. Hutchinson gave up a lucrative law practice to obey a divine call to the ministry. If ever a man since the days of St. Paul could say, "For me to live is Christ," Brother Hutchinson is that man. Jesus shines in his face, intones his voice, sparkles in his eyes. His sole aim is to lift up Him who stooped so graciously to lift him up. Christ is "all in all" to Bro. H. To be with him is like being in the presence of Jesus. He is broad, deep and high. We are expecting showers from above.

W. H. CRAWFORD, P. C. Palmer, Texas.

DEDICATION NOTICE.

The new church at Thornton, being nicely finished and seated, will be dedicated by Bishop Key on Sunday, January 21, 1912. All former pastors and members are cordially invited to be present. C. W. MACUNE, P. C.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

The postoffice address of Rev. D. C. Ellis is Italy, Texas.

Bowie, Texas, Dec. 18, 1911.

I take pleasure in recommending Rev. E. S. Hursey, as a successful revivalist. He was appointed Missionary Evangelist of the Paris District for two years while I was presiding elder of that district, and he was very successful, holding some really great meetings.

I wish also, in this connection, to mention his good wife, who was his co-worker and who is tireless and eminently successful in evangelistic work.

You can make no mistake in engaging these good people to hold revival meetings. Very respectfully,
J. M. SWEETON, P. C. Paris, Texas.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Movement in the Paris District, North Texas Conference, the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas, we have concluded the work which the laymen of this district undertook for the years 1909, 1910, 1911, and 1912, and whereas, we feel that God signally blessed our efforts in securing the service of Brother E. S. Hursey as an evangelist, and

Whereas, Brother Hursey will now probably go into larger fields; therefore be it

Resolved, (1) That we recognize in this good man one of the most faithful evangelists who has ever labored in this territory.

(2) That his work in the Paris District as an evangelist for the last two years has been productive of much and lasting good.

(3) That we deplore the necessity that compels us to discontinue this glorious work, and renders us unable to continue the services of Brother Hursey and his faithful and useful wife.

(4) That our prayers and best wishes will follow Brother and Sister Hursey wherever they may labor for our common Father, Signed,

ED. H. McCUTCHEON,
GEORGE T. COLEMAN,
SAVERS BOYD,
ELWOOD BOYERS,
CLARENCE SPERRY, Committee.

As presiding elder of the Paris District I heartily concur in the above resolutions.

Paris, Texas. (Copy.) W. F. BRYAN.

The above action shows that I am no longer confined to the Paris District. I will go to any pastor who wishes my service. My work is to compel us to discontinue this glorious work, and renders us unable to continue the services of Brother Hursey and his faithful and useful wife.

If any pastor desires our services he will please let me know early so I can arrange his dates. I have a large tent 45x65 for use this summer. Yours for great revivals,
E. S. HURSEY.
Write me at Paris, Texas.

MARRIED.

Sims-Gray.—At the home of Mrs. C. I. Thomas, Lewisville, Texas, December 24, 1911, Mr. Sam H. Sims and Miss Anna Gray, Rev. W. R. McCarter officiating.

Mays-McReynolds.—At Wesley, December 17, 1911, Mr. Howard Mays, of Pilot Point, Texas, and Miss Ruth McReynolds, Rev. E. F. Brown officiating.

Garner-Rhodes.—December 17, 1911, at Live Oak Cottage, Glen Rose, Texas, Mr. Tony E. Garner and Miss Pearl Rhodes, Rev. F. M. Winburne officiating.

Blair-Peel.—Peel-Nixon.—At the home of the writer, near Maria's Mill, Van Zandt County, Texas, December 10, 1911, at 3:30 p. m., Mr. Charles Blair and Miss Minnie Peel, Mr. Elmer Peel and Miss Carrie Nixon, Rev. Frank Everitt officiating.

Strickland-Kelley.—December 21, 1911, Hardin County, Texas, Mr. Oscar H. Strickland and Miss Myra Kelley, Rev. I. B. Manly officiating.

Spalding-Bessent.—On the night of December 21, 1911, Sadler, Texas, at 8:30, M. E. Church, Mr. Luther Spalding and Miss Hazel Bessent, Rev. A. C. Steading officiating.

Voils-Mann.—At the home of the writer, in Van Zandt County, Texas, December 17, 1911, at 11 a. m., Mr. Oscar Voils, of Henderson County, Texas, and Miss Kate Mann, of Canton, Texas, Rev. Frank Everitt officiating.

Jones-Knight.—At the home of the writer, in Van Zandt County, Texas, December 22, 1911, at 6 p. m., Mr. E. L. Jones and Miss Alta Knight, all of Palace, Texas, Rev. Frank Everitt officiating.

Merrell-Webb.—December 21, at the home of the bride's mother, Mr. Luck P. Merrell and Miss Bertie Webb, Rev. F. M. Winburne officiating.

Hart-Worthington.—On December 21, 1911, at Mr. Joe Worthington's, in Valley View, Fort Worth, Texas, Mr. W. S. Hart and Mrs. Emma A. Worthington, Rev. Thos. Reece officiating.

Whitworth-Reynolds.—December 24, 1911, at Live Oak Cottage, Glen Rose, Texas, Mr. Joe Whitworth and Miss Myrtle Reynolds, Rev. F. M. Winburne officiating.

Bryan-Knight.—December 24, 1911, near Glen Rose, Texas, Mr. Joe E. Bryan and Miss Myrtle Knight, Rev. F. M. Winburne officiating.

CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

To the Members of the Central Texas Conference:

Journals are being sent out this week by American and Wells Fargo Express, and by mail. If you fail to obtain yours in due time, write me. Extra copies can be had for 15 cents per copy; in quantities, 10 cents. Please notify me of all mistakes in names, addresses, omissions, etc. Take your pencil and make the following corrections in each copy you have. On page 3, under Board of Missions, insert "W. H. Vaughan, Waco, Treasurer." In the Polytechnic College ad, correct the spelling of Dr. Culver's name and write, "W. G. Moody, Bursar." You will note that cents columns had to be omitted, as was also the assessment for Sunday League of America. S. J. RUCKER, Editor, 700 Galveston Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas.

NOTICE.

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I. E. HIGHTOWER, Meridian, Texas.

NOTICE.

I hereby appeal to all Epworth Leagues, Sunday-schools, Christian Endeavors, Baptist Young People's Unions and all other Protestant religious organizations to send us hymn books, song books and school books, good literature, Testaments, Bibles, slates, pencils, copy books, pens and ink, for the use of the convicts in my charge. I have about one-third of the prison population under my care as Chaplain. They have no books or literature except what has been contributed by a few friends. Many of the men want to study and read. We have calls for blue back spelling books; others will do. We need first, second and third readers, etc. All kinds of good books will be acceptable. Send sacks and boxes of books and literature, prepaid, as we have no funds to pay for same.

This is a fine field for Christian work. It will be sowing good seed. I urgently urge that all good people will remember us and help us, during the holidays and as often as they can. Perhaps some kind-hearted individual would be glad to contribute. Second-hand books as well as new will be highly appreciated. We trust that all religious papers, dailies and weeklies will copy this appeal and thereby place it before all our people. Friends, let us hear from you soon. We are very grateful to the few who have already helped us. Address: Chaplain on State Farms, Sugarland, Ft. Bend County, Texas.

NOTICE.

The brethren of the North Texas Conference who attended the late session at Gainesville will remember the sermon preached by Rev. J. L. Pierce, D. D., on the atonement. Bishop Munson in speaking of the sermon says: "I appreciated and greatly enjoyed the atonement. And this is the very center and heart of the gospel. God was in

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Christ reconciling the world unto himself." The Bishop, with others, has expressed a desire that the sermon should be printed. There is no doubt but that the sermon was a classical and spiritual presentation of the great subject. Now a word to the readers of the Advocate and public. Bro. Pierce has not known whether the demand is sufficient for him to go the expense of having the sermon printed. Believing that it would be a loss to any gospel preacher to be without the sermon I am taking the liberty to ask all who desire a copy of the sermon at a nominal cost, say twenty or twenty-five cents, to drop me a card at 407 E. Munson St., Denison, Texas. Now, brethren, if you want the sermon at a cost just sufficient to cover the expenses of printing and mailing, please drop me a card at once, stating how many copies you can use.

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BROOKSHIRE.—J. W. P. Brookshire was born in Bedford County, Tenn., January 19, 1837; moved to Missouri with his parents in the year 1852. He was married to Miss Nancy B. Deskin, October 13, 1856; to them were born six children; four are still living and two are dead. Brother Brookshire moved from Missouri to Texas in 1874, settling in Bell County; lived there four years; from there he moved to Coryell County, and lived the remainder of his life. He joined the Methodist Church, South, when thirteen years of age and lived a faithful life to the day of his death, which occurred August 21, 1911. Brother Brookshire was one of the most faithful men I ever knew—as steward, as Sunday-school superintendent, or in any other position in the Church he was faithful, but now he has served, by the will of God, his day and generation and has laid down the armor and gone up to join those who have come up through great tribulations and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

J. W. MONTGOMERY.

McCARTER.—J. G. McCarter, son of J. M. and Dora McCarter, was born in Benjamin, Knox County, Texas, and died at Bosqueville, Texas, October 29, 1911, aged 9 years, three months and twelve days. He gave his little heart to God very early and was formally received into the Church on his sixth birthday. He lived a most beautiful, Christian life from then until his untimely and tragic death. Johnnie was a bright, promising boy. His life was full of sunshine. His kindness, politeness, truthfulness, good sense and manliness won the admiration and love of all who knew him. His teachers were especially fond of him, and strangers rarely passed him without giving him a kind word. His love and devotion to his mother was something rare indeed. He was a called preacher from the very first. This was his conviction, and it was perfectly evident that the Lord had his hand on him for some great work. Sometimes he would weep over it and talk to me about it. He being our only son, the star of our earthly hopes in this regard went down to arise on the eternal shore. While standing in front of the fire discussing his plans for being in readiness for Sunday-school the next morning he received his death wound. A few minutes previous to this he was at the piano beautifully playing, "Home, Sweet Home." How could we realize, as we listened to the strains of his favorite piece that within ten short hours our own precious boy would be in that beautiful home. Most marvelous of all was his triumphant death. He said from the first that the doctor could do him no good, that he must die. But he talked about it as calmly and submissively as if he were going off to play. Though bleeding from his wound and suffering, no one knows how much, he would try so hard to console his mother. Seeing her deep grief he put his little arms round her neck and said, "Oh, Jesus, let me live for mamma's sake!" Then as if he heard the voice of God in answer he would pat her on her cheek and say, "You are a sweet mamma, but I will have to leave you now. I know where I am going, I am going to heaven to live with Jesus." At last he said, "I am gone," smiled on her and kissed her and said, "Good-bye." Then he closed his little eyes to open them in the presence of that blessed Savior whom he loved so well. Oh, dear, precious boy, your early and tragic taking away fills us with unspeakable sorrow, but we know where to find you! We will meet you again. His grief-stricken parents.

J. M. AND DORA McCARTER.

PECK.—Bro. P. A. Peck died at his home in Miami on December 5, 1911, at the age of 65 years, after an illness of nearly four months. He had been a faithful and consistent member of the Southern Methodist Church for many years. He leaves a widow and three daughters to mourn their loss, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope, for the life he lived gives assurance that he is now safe at home in our Father's house above. As a useful citizen, a good neighbor, a devoted husband and father he will be greatly missed by his neighbors and bereaved family.

L. C. W.

BARNHART.—Sarah Jane Barnhart (Nea Ball) was born August 25, 1837, in the State of Ohio. She departed from this life December 6, 1911. Sister Barnhart was a Christian from childhood; one of the first things she ever learned was to trust in the Lord Jesus, and through her long life of more than seven-four years she implicitly confided in him. She was married to J. P. Barnhart in 1864, who, by a former wife, was the father of five children. These children all testify that in Sister Barnhart they had a true mother. Afterwards there were born to Brother and Sister Barnhart six children. Of these eleven children seven remain on this side of the river. In 1898 Sister Barnhart was left a widow by the death of her husband, but this sad affliction only drew her closer to the Master to the day of her death. In the Spring Creek community of Cooke County, Texas, where Sister Barnhart lived, she was loved by all who knew her. She belongs to the Church of the Friends, but worshipped with the Methodists, there being no Church of her own near. She was one of the most excellent Christian characters I have ever known. Her home was the home of the Methodist preacher, and being often in it I knew her well. Her life with its calm confidence in God has more than once inspired me to something better in the Christian life. She was a true neighbor, a devoted wife, a loving mother and a loyal Christian. Her deathbed was transformed into a pentecostal scene as she gave her parting message to her children. Since last August she has been suffering with a broken limb, which was indirectly the cause of her death. She said in leaving, "I will soon be where there are no more cripples." Heaven actually came down to meet her. The Master was nearer to her in death than he had ever been in life. The writer assisted the pastor, Rev. J. W. Slagle, in the funeral services, and we laid her body away in the Spring Creek Cemetery to await the resurrection of the just. A multitude of mourning friends were present at the last sad services. May the Lord bless and save those she left behind.

E. A. MANESS.

COOPER.—Mrs. Rhoda Ann Cooper was born in Upson County, Ga., March 10, 1825, and died at Crockett, Texas, December 6, 1911, at the age of 86 years and nine months. She gave her life to God so early in childhood that she had no recollection of a conversion. She only knew that at the age of seven she was conscious of the fact that she was a child of God, and for eighty years she lived the life of a faithful, obedient, trustful Christian. On March 26, 1845, she was married to L. W. Cooper, at Colodon, Ga. In 1856 she came with her husband and three children to Crockett. All through her long life she was blessed with good health, and her death is simply the result of old age. The machinery of the body wore itself out and the spirit went home to God. For many months she felt that her life-work was done and she longed and prayed to depart and be with Christ. She always spoke tenderly and beautifully of her relation to the Father and of the glory of the heaven which her faith and imagination pictured to her mind. She leaves four children to mourn their loss: Mrs. H. W. Moore and Mrs. W. B. Wall, of Crockett; Judge L. N. Cooper, of Hillsboro, and Dr. Cooper, of Fort Worth.

GEO. W. DAVIS.

PHILLIPS.—Jeremiah Daniel Phillips was born in Troupe County, Ga., May 11, 1835; moved to Cotton Valley, Ala., when a small boy, and to Texas in 1870. He was reared by Christian parents, and, when ten years old, united with the M. E. Church, South. He was married to Civility E. Zachry, December 22, 1855, who became the mother of his two children—a daughter and a son. She left the earth for her Father's home June 3, 1882. In June, 1896, he was married to Miss Jane Hart, who survives him. August 3, 1911, God sent his messenger to call him home. His faith in God was strong; his interest in mankind deep and true. He believed much in prayer, and he leaves behind him the record of a consistent, Christian life. His earthly labors are over, but the heritage he bequeathed his children and grandchildren—a legacy rich in goodness—still lives on to inspire the faith and life of spirituality which he so nobly lived. His grandson, NORMAN A. PHILLIPS, Quanah, Tex.

LATTIMORE.—Mrs. Nellie C. Lattimore, daughter of Edward and Lucy Knight, was born in Choctaw County, Mississippi, December 13, 1846, and came to Texas with her parents in 1850. In the year 1863 she was converted and joined the Methodist Church, and on February 4, 1866, was happily married to J. H. Lattimore, who, with seven children out of a

family of ten, survives her. Her sudden departure on Thanksgiving day, November 30, 1911, from a stroke of paralysis, removes from the Church at Jacksonville one of its most useful and honored members, and one whose Christian life was a real contribution to the highest and best interests of the community. At her death, she had possibly been a member of the local Church longer than any other living member. In a quiet, unassuming way she went forward from day to day and from year to year serving the Lord. Her life was beautiful, consistent and uniform and her course was firm. Onward and upward till God said, "It is enough, come up higher." May the blessings of the good Father be upon the husband and father and children, and may they so follow her as she followed Christ as to meet some future day where parting is no more.

B. R. BOLTON.

JACKSON.—Thos. A. Jackson, son of Bro. J. K. and Sister M. C. Jackson, was born in Grayson County, Texas, July 31, 1871, and departed this life August 4, 1910. He was converted in early life and lived a consistent life, and when the time came that he must bid adieu to earth and loved ones below he said he was ready to go. He leaves a widow and four children—two boys and two girls—and a father and mother and three brothers and two sisters, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his death. The writer was well acquainted with the deceased and I am well assured that he is at rest, for his life was a good witness that he is safe. His pastor, Brother Oaks, laid his body to rest in the Perryman Cemetery to await the great resurrection morn. There was a great concourse of friends there to witness this solemn scene. May the great and good God of all comfort the loved ones left behind and bring them all to heaven at last, where parting will be no more forever.

JOHN M. CULVER, L. E. Hardy, Tex.

VANDERBILT NOTES.

Perhaps never before in the history of Texas Methodism has so many of her young preachers attended the Vanderbilt Theological Department at the same time as are here this year. In the senior class of twenty-five men four are from Texas, and the Texas

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juniors are scattered all over the hall as there is a baker's dozen here. At least three more are expected to enroll after the holidays. Texas is represented by more men than any other State. Five or six have appointments from an Annual Conference. The other men expect to join the Texas ranks, and we might say that every Texas conference is represented.

We believe that this marks an era of progress for Texas Methodism. It is evidence that she is fully awake, and is interested in education for her young preachers. The preacher needs preparation for his profession as well as the lawyer for his, and the young men entering the ministry should be encouraged to get some special training for their work. These young men going back into Texas with high ideals of their calling, and the realization of what their work in the seminary meant to them will further the great work of influencing other young preachers to get some technical education.

Vanderbilt is making herself more useful to the Church every year, as is shown by the fact that during the first term of the present session more men have enrolled in this department than during any other whole year in its history, the enrollment so far is one hundred and eleven, and will be increased by fully fifteen after Christmas. The department is making every effort possible to help young preachers to get theological training. Besides the scholarship offered to every college graduate, and the loan fund available to others, an employment bureau has been established and any young preacher who is in earnest in getting some technical instruction in preparation for his great calling is given an opportunity to help himself financially while he pursues his studies. The preacher boys of Texas should take advantage of these opportunities and more thoroughly prepare themselves for the work they feel called to do.

Since the first of October Dean Til-

lett and family have been on a tour of Europe. They have visited England, France, the Levant, etc. They are now en route home, expecting to arrive in time for the beginning of the middle term in January. The Dean will be gladly welcomed by the entire department. During his absence Dr. O. E. Brown has been acting Dean, and everything has moved nicely under his efficient management.

The Texas boys are following with interest the progress of the great University enterprise, and we hear it often mentioned in and out of University circles.

The Advocate comes to Wesley Hall every week, and we do not hesitate to say that it is one of the best, if not the best, in the connection.

At present we are being entertained by the final examinations for the first term which closes the 22nd.

J. FISHER SIMPSON.

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THE SOLDIER'S DREAM.

By Col. J. R. Cole.

The Confederate Veterans of Camp Sterling Price with their wives, sons and daughters had assembled in their hall to carry out the annual exercises in honor of the living and dead heroes and patriots of the South and I had been selected to deliver the address to the audience before the flowers were laid upon the graves of the dead at the cemetery. The following is the address:

My Comrades: It is a sad pleasure to bear testimony to the virtues of the dead. Time marches with silent steps to the sunset of life and we pass into the darkness of night. Another anniversary has come calling us together to speak of heroes in war and struggles in peace—lest we forget, lest we forget. Springtime with her roses and breezes, summer with her sunshine and golden harvests, autumn with her horn of plenty and smiling nature and winter with her snowy mantle and whistling winds have come and gone and the cemetery has received into its embrace some of our noble dead. The stars rise in the early evening, cast their bright light over the universe, pass along the quiet avenues of the heavens and sink behind the dark clouds of the West and others take up the march and the pathway to eternity is always crowded. But our hearts are full of joy when we know that though they have crossed the great divide they will rise again with greater splendor and beauty "in the sweet bye and bye" in that "land that is fairer than day."

Life is a great bridge spanning the river of time and three-score years and ten is the time allotted to mortals for the march. As humanity steps upon this bridge in the morning of childhood the journey begins. What a sight to immortals above who are leaning over the battlements of the heavens and with palpitating hearts gaze upon the procession. They see the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the beautiful and the homely, the brave and the timid. They hear the sounds of the marching millions; they listen to the music of the multitude whose voices are raised in praise of Jehovah. They hear the shout of battle and the acclaim of victory. Sweet voices sing out with joy and sad refrains come echoing over the hilltops of the ages. Ah, there goes a noble boy through a broken panel of the bridge and he sinks beneath the waters and a wail of sorrow rises from a mother's heart. Oh, why is the bridge of life so full of broken pannels, so full of pitfalls? The gray-haired veteran is approaching the far end of the bridge and will soon pass over. He had escaped many wrecks, he has passed through fire and disease and storms and still he keeps the step with the drumbeat

of time and he seems to listen to the bugle blast sounding out the charge on the battlefield of the '60s. But the time is coming when he can march no further and he passes into darkness with his banners flying. Another follows in his footsteps and another and another until the line is very thin and the bridge is filled with a new generation. Oh, memory, sad, sweet memory, fling open your golden gates and let us look back through the misty years upon the scenes of our young manhood. Comrades! about face! look backward for half a century! Lift the veil of old age from your vision, smooth out those lines in your face, shed those gray hairs and put on the golden locks of your youth! Now, look! What do you see? The boy in his gray uniform clasped in the embrace of his weeping mother, giving the kiss to his gentle lover, marching away under the flag presented by loving hands, keeping the step with the rattling drum and the shrill fife. From the Potomac to the Rio Grande they are marching; some will never see that mother again; some will never press those sweet lips again; some will never see the smoke curling from the chimneys of the dear old home again. Go on, go on, what more do you see? The moon shines down from the skies spreading her light over land and sea. The gray dappled clouds, like giant snowflakes, dance along the pathway of the heavens. The breezes blow softly and nature stretches out her hands over the land in a benediction of love and peace.

"All's quiet along the Potomac to-night,
Except here and there a stray picket
Is shot as he walks all alone on his beat
By a rifleman hid in the thicket.
"There's only the sound of the sentry's tread
As he tramps from the rock to the fountain,
And thinks of the two on the low trundle bed
Far away in the cot on the mountain.
"His musket falls slack, his face dark and grim,
Grows gentle with memories tender.
As he mutters a prayer for the children asleep,
And their mother, 'May heaven defend her!'

"He passes the fountain, the blasted pine tree,
And his footsteps are lagging and weary;
Yet onward he goes, through the broad belt of light
Towards the shadows of the forests so dreary.

"Hark! was it the night wind that rustled the leaves?
Was it moonlight so wondrously flashing?
It looked like a rifle: 'Ha, Mary, good-bye!
And his life-blood is ebbing and splashing.

"All quiet along the Potomac to-night,
No sound save the rush of the river:
While soft falls the dew on the face of the dead,
And the picket's off duty forever."

Look again! We see the gathering hosts of the South marching with quick step by companies, by regiments, by brigades toward Manassas, and the long lines of gray take their place in battle array; we see the flying courier on his black charger lean towards the North over the plains, across the rivers, climb the mountains, far away carrying the message of Beauregard to Johnston "If you intend to help me, now is the time." We hear the crack of the rifle, the boom of the cannon, the shout of

triumph, the shriek of the wounded, the cry of Lee, "They are driving us back, they are driving us back," and Jackson's stern reply, "Sir, we will give them the bayonet." We see Johnston leading his hosts waving his banners; Beauregard charges on a heedless horse; Fisher falls; Barstow is dead; Bee is dying; Hampton is bleeding. Oh, fair Southland, you are in the storm and your children are falling fast, but look to the North! What banner is that floating in the breeze? Is it the South or the North; is it Kirby Smith and Elzy or Patterson? Steady, quick, eager, forward, the banner unfurls its wings and thirteen bright stars float out and—

"I hear the distant thunder hum
Maryland, my Maryland.
The old line bugle, life and drum,
Maryland, my Maryland;
She is not dead, nor deaf, nor dumb,
Hurrah! She breathes, she burns,
she'll come, she'll come,
Maryland, my Maryland."

The enemy is startled, halts, hesitates, wavers, retreats, flies—forward the long, gray lines, forward the booming artillery, there goes Stuart with his "Black-horse Cavalry;" we hear the rebel yell, the song of victory, but thousands have fallen through the broken bridge into the cold waters of death.

Comrades, this is a picture of the veterans of the '60s, the photograph of yourselves nearly half a century ago. The years moved on, your lines grew thin, your steps become weary, your faces were pale with hunger, the rivers were red with blood, the highways in the east and in the west, in the valleys and across the mountains were marked with the graves of heroes—Johnston, at Shiloh; Branch, at Sharpsburg; Fender, at Gettysburg; Pettigrew, at Fallingwaters; Jackson, at Chancellorsville; Cleburne, at Franklin; Polk, in Georgia; Stuart, at Yellow Tavern; Jenkins, in the Wilderness; Ramseur, in the Valley; Hill, at Petersburg. The pictures of these great battles and the heroic forms of these great soldiers are painted upon our hearts in colors that will never fade. We see the moving pictures of our army of ghosts marching with noiseless step along the valleys of Tennessee, over the mountains of Georgia, across the rivers of Virginia; we see the smoke curling from the camp-fires, the weary soldier sleeping on the frozen ground; we hear the sharp challenge of the sentinel as he cries, "Who goes there?" and the sweet notes of "Home, Sweet Home," from the band and then a voice tender, weird, with melody rises upon the air and brings tears to every eye—

"We're tenting to-night on the old camp-ground,
Give us a song to cheer
Our weary hearts a song of home
And friends we love so dear.

"Many are the hearts that are weary to-night,
Waiting for the war to cease;
Many are the hearts praying for the right,
To see the dawn of peace.
Tenting to-night, tenting to-night,
Tenting on the old camp-ground."

MEETING OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

The presiding elders of the North Texas Conference met in annual session in the Publishing House in Dallas, Tuesday, December 19. All the elders were present.

J. M. Peterson was elected Chairman and S. C. Riddle, Secretary. Rev. F. O. Miller, Agent for Superannuate Homes, reported concerning the work he is doing. In an informal discussion the fact was made known that another home would probably be built soon. A committee was appointed to codify the constitution and by-laws. Dr. A. L. Andrews was appointed to represent this body on the Executive Committee of the State presiding elders' meeting.

A motion was carried that the College of Bishops be requested to assign Bishop E. D. Mouzon to hold the next session of the North Texas Conference.

Dates of the District Conferences were fixed as follows:
Dallas, April 2-4; Bonham, April 4-7; Sherman, April 4-7; Gainesville, April 9-11; Sulphur Springs, April 9-11; Decatur, April 11-14; Bowie, April 11-14; McKinney, April 16-18; Paris, April 16-18; Terrell, April 17, 18; Greenville, April 19-21.

Midwinter missionary institutes were appointed as follows:

Dallas and McKinney, January 16, 17; Greenville, Terrell and Sulphur Springs, 17-19; Gainesville and Sherman, 22-25; Decatur and Bowie, 24-26; Bonham and Paris, 30, 31.

It was decided that all special collections for missions in excess of assessments should go to the "surplus." Pastors are to be urged to raise the assessments for foreign missions, Or-

phanage and Bishops before April 1. A resolution was passed pledging sympathy and co-operation to Rev. L. S. Barton, in his work of securing a hundred thousand dollars for the Southern Methodist University.
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