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The Northwest Texas Conference

The Northwest Texas Conference is next to the largest Conference in the State in point of territory. It extends from Harrold on the south to Texline on the northwest and from the Red River to the New Mexico line and the Pecos River round to Big Spring and Abilene. It comprises a little empire of its own. It has a number of leading towns, such as Amarillo, Plainview, Haskell, Clarendon, Vernon, Colorado, Sweetwater, Abilene, Stamford, and many others of lesser note. The country districts are, for the most part, sparsely settled. If it were thickly populated it would be immense. And all that it needs is rain at the proper time. With good seasons there would hardly be any limit to the productiveness of the soil. The land is naturally very fertile. From 1896 to 1908 all that section had fairly good seasons, and its growth was marvelous. Land went up in value from two and ten dollars per acre to ten and forty. People moved in and bought land, some of them for homes, but many of them for speculation. It looked like the whole country had entered upon an era of development. A sort of boom characterized the whole territory.

But the drouth came and lasted four or five years. In fact it is still on in most of the country. Many of the people became discouraged and moved away and the influx of population is greatly diminished. But the more experienced of them know how to live in a dry country, and get on measurably well. Owing to this fact the country is holding its own with remarkable success. Cotton does well with seasons. In some portions wheat is a great crop. Kaffir corn and feed stuff of this sort flourish; but the livestock business is the principal industry throughout most of the section. So there is a good deal of wealth among many of the people. But throughout the rural portions the work of the Church is difficult. It is surprising, however, to see the progress made under the circumstances. The preachers are a heroic band. They are the sort of men about whom we read in the pioneer days of Methodism. They know how to labor and succeed on limited support. But they have a future. That whole section is bound to develop and become the garden spot of the State, and Methodism has the territory largely pre-empted. In the years to come we will have one of our great conferences in this northwest portion of Texas. All the signs point to this result.

Vernon is at the foot of the plains. It is not in the Panhandle proper. It is a town of 5,000 population. It was this large more than twenty years ago, but the first drouth knocked the bottom out of it and it became greatly reduced. Several years ago it started up again and its development has been gradual and normal until now it is a place of success and permanency. It has substantial brick business houses and elegant wooden residences. It has good water supply, electric light plant, sewerage and

other conveniences. In fact, Vernon looks like a modern little city. It has a fine population. They are moral and law-abiding. They have not had saloons for several years, and the tough element is gone. The barrooms will never return, for nearly all the people see the benefit of prohibition. It is one of the cleanest towns in the State.

Our Church is strong and influential. It holds a conspicuous place in the community. The building is one of the best in all this section. Bishop Atkins stated that it was the best structure he had ever seen in a town of 5,000 people. It is large, commodious, convenient and beautiful. It has splendid art glass windows and polished oak furniture. The membership is large and the Sunday School progressive. It is one of the most desirable churches in the State.

All Vernon threw open their doors to welcome and to entertain the Conference. It was the most royal hospitality we have ever seen. Nothing to be desired was left out.

Promptly at 9 o'clock Bishop Atkins took the chair and called the Conference to order. He announced the hymn, "And are we yet alive?" and it was sung with much spirit. The spacious auditorium was filled. The singing was inspiring. Not only preachers were present, but the people were on hand to enjoy the Conference. The Bishop led in an earnest prayer and to it were many hearty responses. The members of this Conference are a very religious body of men. They love one another and they live in brotherly accord. They seem to have no cliques or factions. It is refreshing to meet them and grasp their hands. It is a new Conference, and it has a great work on its hands. They live in touch with each other and drive to a common end.

What a beautiful day it was. For one time the Panhandle elements put on their best behavior and the sky smiled with its brightest sunshine, and it flung its most beautiful and healthful mantle of weather over the land. It thrilled one to breathe the fresh, crisp air. Living was worth while. It put everybody in a good humor, and the Conference was in fine trim for work. No wonder they sung and prayed with fervor. They could not help it.

Again they sang a hymn; this time, "My faith looks up to Thee." It was worth a trip to Vernon to hear them. The Bishop read a lesson from the 6th chapter of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians; and he departed from his usual custom, and made a few pertinent remarks on the Scripture. He brought out a number of wholesome truths and applied them to the work before the body.

Rev. A. L. Moore, former Secretary, came forward and called the roll. The most of the members responded. There was a large representation of the membership present. A. L. Moore was unanimously re-elected Secretary. A good number of helpers were given him, and the Con-

ference had the organization complete and its business launched. The presiding elders announced the standing committees and they were elected.

It was moved and adopted that immediately after the reception of the class into the membership of the Conference on Friday be made the order of the day for the election of delegates to the General Conference.

Rev. J. G. Miller, presiding elder of the Vernon District, delivered an address of welcome to the Conference, to the members of the body and all visitors. He spoke cordially of the pleasure the Vernon people experienced in having the Conference meet among them to be their guests. His address was very favorably received, and to it there were many warm responses. Hon. Henry Mason followed in a few happy remarks along the same lines. Bishop Atkins responded on behalf of the Conference to these addresses.

The names of the presiding elders were called and they reported as follows:

Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson, P. E., Abilene District: Had a year of progress, notwithstanding the hard conditions. We have had five hundred conversions, a good many more accessions and a good net increase. We raised fifteen thousand dollars for Christian Education. One church has been built and paid for by Bro. Yeats. Comer M. Woodward has made improvements and paid out a good sum of money on indebtedness. Simeon Shaw has installed a splendid pipe organ at First Church, Abilene. Other minor improvements have been made in the district. The salaries of the preachers in many instances are behind, also the conference collections. Four hundred and twenty-two copies of the Texas Advocate and twenty-six copies of the Nashville are taken. The preachers of the district have wrought well and accomplished much under great difficulties.

Rev. J. G. Putman, P. E., Stamford District: We have had a very good year under very hard conditions. The preachers have all been at their post and faithful. We have lost by death one of our preachers—Bro. J. H. Chambliss, of Goree—who died Oct. 23rd. His going was sudden, but he died at his post and in the harness. We have built one church, adjusted the outstanding debts on some others. The pastors salaries and the conference collections are about 95 per cent up. We have had between four and five hundred conversions and between five and six hundred additions to the Church this year. We have raised cash and in good notes a little over \$32,500 for Stamford College and about five or six thousand dollars for the Southern Methodist University.

Rev. J. G. Miller, P. E., Vernon District: Have had the worst drouth in the history of the country. In spite of this condition we have had a very good year. Have paid all church debts. Have built two new churches. Have improved other churches and parsonages and have entered other improvements, which will materialize as soon as the country has in some measure recovered from the present depressed conditions. Have had many good revivals; about 800 conversions and about the same number of additions to the Church. Have responded to the S. M. U. and Stamford College. Our people are liberal.

Rev. O. P. Kiker, P. E., Amarillo District: Five hundred conversions and a splendid net gain membership. Five new churches dedicated this

year. Large number of new subscribers to the Texas Christian Advocate secured and a 100 per cent gain in subscribers to the Nashville Christian Advocate. The Sunday School enrollment in the district exceeds by far the membership of the Church. Under the leadership and inspiration of the Conference lay leader, Judge F. P. Works, of Amarillo, the Laymen's Missionary Movement has been greatly promoted. A district church extension loan fund has been created. Collections not quite in full.

Rev. J. T. Hicks, P. E., Plainview District: All the men have done good work. Nine hundred conversions, 750 additions; nice net gain; one new church; parsonages improved; school in fine condition, and doing fine work. Raised for all purposes in cash and notes \$120,000.

Rev. J. W. Story, P. E., Clarendon District: We have had an excellent year on the Clarendon District. The reports of the preachers will show about 800 accessions to the Church, giving us a net gain of 480 members on the district. We have had more than 700 conversions. Drouth conditions have prevailed to a greater extent than I have ever known in the territory of this district, and yet we have built three new churches, repaired parsonages, and finances are well up over the district. We have raised in cash and good notes for S. M. U., Stamford and Clarendon Colleges about \$10,000. The preachers have wrought faithfully and the people have done well. We think Clarendon District is in good condition.

Rev. J. M. Sherman, P. E., Sweetwater District: We have completed one twenty thousand dollar church at Sweetwater. Rev. J. W. Hunt has a twenty thousand dollar church going up and will soon be roofed in. There have been 500 conversions and about 600 accessions to the Church. Three young men have been licensed to preach and we have three up for admission on trial. We have advanced along all lines of Church work. We raised \$11,000 for S. M. U. and \$4,300 for Stamford College.

Rev. G. S. Hardy, P. E., Hamlin District: Have had 800 conversions and 650 accessions to the Church. The Sunday School enrollment is about equal to the Church membership. Have expended \$20,000 in building, repairing, furnishing and paying debts on church property. Have raised \$12,000 for our educational institutions. Eighty-five per cent of salaries and general collections paid.

Rev. W. H. Terry, P. E., Big Spring District: This district was just organized three years ago and the drouth has prevailed through all its history; but in spite of the hard times it has gone forward in all lines of Church work. The membership has grown in numbers and churches and parsonages have been built, and liberal contributions have been made to our educational enterprises. Since Bro. Terry has been on the district, now two and a half years, he has not missed but one Quarterly Conference, and, although it involves a great deal of travel by private conveyance, yet in all kinds of weather he has gone, often driving three or four days to reach the work. A heroic band of men have wrought out there with zeal and devotion, and the work prospers. A better day is just ahead for them out there, as good rains have fallen over the entire territory and our people are in fine spirits.

Rev. J. T. Griswold, Childress, reported 52 net gain and a number of conversions. Rev. M. Phelan, Chillicothe, paid off church debt, improved the parsonage and had a net gain of 28. Rev. G. J. Irvin, Crowell, fine

collections full and Sunday School in good shape. Rev. J. L. Rucker, Crowell Mission, a net loss, two Sunday Schools. Work in fairly good condition. Rev. T. J. Rea, Dumont, net increase of 50, 65 conversions, finances in full, Sunday School more than Church membership. Rev. T. B. Hilburn, Estelline, net increase. Sunday School good, finances full. Rev. J. A. Laney, Kirkland, 30 received, two Sunday Schools, collections in full. Rev. J. B. Wood, Margaret, 24 accessions, good Sunday School and finances a little short. Rev. J. O. Quattlebaum, Medicine Mound, hard year financially; had some good meetings, good Sunday School. Rev. Leslie Robeson built a new church. Rev. C. S. Cameron, 150 conversions and 100 or more accessions, and finances good; built one church worth \$10,000. Rev. G. S. Wyatt, Quanah, good year, collections full, Sunday School equal to Church membership; working on new church enterprise. Rev. R. E. Barnes, Quanah Circuit, good year spiritually, but finances light. Well prepared to go into the next year. People are true and heroic. Rev. J. W. Martin, 10 conversions, 20 net gain, finances good, improved parsonage. Rev. A. W. Hall, Vernon, a year of hard work, had 85 accessions, Church work in good condition and Sunday School in fine condition, 200 more in Sunday School than in the Church, and paid the Church debt, and improved the Sunday School room. Rev. L. B. Tooley, Vernon Circuit, 100 conversions, increased in membership 20, finances a little short, and dedicated one new church. Sunday School good. Rev. R. B. Bonner, health still poor, not able to take work, trying to get well. Have had calls for work, but not able to do it. Am improving and hope to be well within a year.

Rev. E. E. Robinson, Amarillo, 90 increase, finances in full and average good. Rev. W. I. Caughran, Amarillo Mission, Sunday School good; built a new parsonage and things in good shape. Rev. H. K. Monroe, Bovina, good work done. Rev. F. M. Neal, Canyon, Sunday School twice as large as membership, improved parsonage. Rev. J. W. Mayne, Dalhart, good mission, 48 increase, and collections good. Rev. B. J. Osborn, Dumas, a very fine year, collections in full. Rev. Thomas Hanks, Glazier, 56 conversions, dedicated one church, and collections full. Rev. J. R. Henson, Hereford, have held our own, but made no increase. Sunday School nearly as large as membership. Rev. Z. B. Pirtle, Higgins, Sunday School larger than membership, collections good. Rev. D. W. Hawkins, Ochiltree, 40 increase, finances good and Sunday School excellent. Rev. P. G. Huffman, Panhandle, very good year. Rev. J. P. Patterson, Stratford, conditions extreme, small increase and salaries up. Rev. G. B. Carter, Texline, made progress, built one church, Sunday School good, and good revivals and 35 additions. Rev. John R. Stewart, representing the Superannuate Fund of Nashville, Tenn., was introduced and spoke for that interest.

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Origin Of Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Day was first celebrated in the autumn of 1621. The previous winter had severely tried the courage and endurance of the band of Pilgrims at Plymouth. But the summer of 1621 changed the course of events and when the autumn came with fair crops the survivors were all ready to withstand the rigors of the coming winter. Governor William Bradford decided that there was cause for giving thanks and for feasting, and he detailed four men to go hunting to supply the table with wild fowl. Wild turkeys were plentiful in the woods at that time, and in one day, historians say, the four hunters killed enough game to supply the company for a week. Thrifty wives supplied the necessary pies made from the yellow pumpkins recently gathered, and thus turkey and pumpkin pie formed a principal part of the first Thanksgiving celebration, as they have of every anniversary of the day since that time.

The Pilgrims were not content with celebrating one day, and feasting and merrymaking lasted for a week. Chief Massasoit and ninety of his copper-colored followers paid a visit to the colony during the week and were heartily welcomed and royally entertained.

Thus Thanksgiving was born. It continued to be celebrated in the New England colonies, though not with any regularity, for about fifty years. Thanksgiving was observed in July, 1623, because of the timely arrival of a shipload of supplies. Six years later the accession of William and Mary to the English throne was similarly celebrated and the victory over the Pequods was the cause of a day of thanksgiving in 1637.

It was about 1680 when the celebration of the day became an annual custom in Massachusetts colony, and was regularly ordered by the General Court. During the Revolutionary War there were eight public observances of the day by act of the Continental Congress. The first National Thanksgiving was ordered by Congress and proclaimed by President Washington in 1789, and since that time the last Thursday in November has been regularly declared a National holiday. Gradually the various States adopted the custom of recognizing the institution by proclamations by the various Governors.—Selected.

THE "HARVEST HOME" THANKSGIVING IN ENGLAND.



Our American Thanksgiving Day is fairly eclipsed, as homage to the great Giver of harvests, by the "Harvest Home" religious festivals in England. They occur in different parts of the country, and upon different Sabbath days, in different Churches during October and September. They are always very impressive to my mind and to the minds and hearts of all true worshippers of the Lord of the harvest. It has been religiously observed in England upon the Lord's day for many centuries beyond the memory of man. It is the heir of an ancient pagan custom, as we well know, but transferred from Pan, Bacchus, Ceres, Zeus, or other gods and goddesses to the worship and praise of the true God. Here, in our "mother country" all religious sects are very observant of these harvest festivals at the harvest thanksgiving, which are truly giving of thanks to Almighty God by prayer and praise in the Sabbath worship, morning and evening, with cantatas, oratorios and suitable hymns for both young and old. Besides these appropriate exercises the churches in the country or city are adorned with fruits, vines, autumn leaves and vegetables of all kinds, as well as sheaves of wheat and various shapes of bread in immense loaves, the product or ultimate results of the grain. During the previous week it gives the young people of all the Churches much to interest them in tastefully arranging these decorations, often very profuse.

It has been my happy privilege to find myself in England on four different autumn seasons, each time in a different part of the kingdom, and yet everywhere I find these harvest festivals largely observed in the Churches of all denominations. Even in the smallest parish Churches of the country district I have found the festivals religiously and bountifully observed with decorations of the finest specimens of agricultural products.

But more than all is the large attendance of the people, adults and children, upon these Sabbath harvest services. The hymn books have many beautiful poems written expressly as songs of gratitude to God for his harvest bounties. They are most fervently sung by all, as congregational singing is very excellent and universal

A THANKSGIVING HYMN.

BY JUSTINIAN

It was in golden days of long ago— Praise God for days of long ago! When hearts were simple and when love was true— Praise God for simple hearts and true In days of long ago! They sat at feast within the olden hall, And there was a happy cheer for all; And happy every heart that long ago— Praise God for such blest long ago Within the olden hall! Come, let us join in thankful feast today— Praise God for hearts as true today! And let us lift to heaven a grateful song, And feast as those now silent long With happy hearts today! Sometimes our day shall seem a long ago; And love shall bless our memories so; Then let us lift true hearts in grateful song As they who made their hearts a song In days of long ago!

here. The children are well drilled in voice culture. The tendency and effect of this old-time method upon the mind and hearts of those who attend is fine, leading to reverence, love and a much higher appreciation of the divine hand that so surely bestows annually his gifts upon man.

All the fruits of the harvests contributed at these festivals are very appropriately donated to the parish poor, or to the poor more or less needy or connected with each Church. Thus I am glad to note that this method of thanking a kind Providence for the autumn bounties is productive of many good results. First, it awakens emotions and serious thoughts toward the Master of the harvests; it impresses his wonderful care for humanity upon all minds and hearts, awakening gratitude and love. It also employs the young in the artistic arrangement of the beautiful vines, flowers and other of nature's gifts, and teaches some also a greater love for country life in contrast with more artificiality. It also cultivates music and true worship of tongue and spirit. This festival also, in a religious, Churchly, Christlike spirit, fosters true consideration for the poor; and also leads the unfortunate to appreciate the donations as the result of the teachings of Christ, and thus aids to lead them to love God. The rich and poor are therefore more closely united by these thanksgiving services in a bond of worship and fraternity.

Our grand old Thanksgiving days of colonial times have lost this early religious tinge, and although the Thanksgiving days of November in America still draw families together in reunions and hilarity, yet to a vast extent, they are neglected as days of thankful worship. In the towns and cities they are more or less given up to professional baseball and football exhibitions and quasi gambling games, etc.; while in our country towns the day, as one of worship, is almost a nullity.

This is a sad and degenerating state of an originally grand institution. We should return to our ancient English harvest thanksgiving methods or to the dear old New England and colonial Thanksgiving Day of worship and home influences.

Every autumn season that I have spent in our mother country within five years has shown me a variety of "harvest home" Church services, all enchanting to my heart. In Tunbridge Wells, Kent, where I spent six Sabbaths in 1906, I attended, on different Sabbath days, churches of nearly every denomination, and found in most of them a profusion of nature's har-

vest gifts and great congregations. Just so in other quarters of this beautiful island.—Henry M. Hall, in the United Presbyterian.

THANKSGIVING.



If you are grateful, say so. Thanksgiving is only half thanksgiving till it blossoms into expression. Learn a lesson from the noble-hearted Indian in whose village the missionary, passing through, had left a few pages of the gospel in the Indian tongue. Our Indian read and rejoiced. Measuring the missionary's footprint, he fitted it with magnificent moccasins and traveled two hundred miles to give them to the missionary as an expression of his gratitude. Thus the missionary was enriched by the present, but the Indian was enriched far more by the thanksgiving.

The best thanksgiving is a happy heart. Blossoms mean nothing on a dead stick. Once when the Czar visited Paris the ingenious French, it being winter, fastened to the bare boughs of the trees innumerable paper flowers, very pretty as a spectacle, but very unworthy as a symbol, since they were false. Our praise will be quite valueless unless it is rooted in the daily life.

Train yourself to be grateful for the common blessings. There had been a great cotton famine in Lancashire, England. For lack of material to work upon, the mills had been idle for months, and there was great distress among the operatives. At last came the first wagon load of cotton, the earnest of returning opportunity to labor. With what new eyes did the people look upon that commonplace material! They met the wagon in an exultant procession. They hugged the bales. At last, moved by a common impulse, they broke out in the noble hymn: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." There are in every life a thousand blessings, now little noticed or not noticed at all, of which, if we were deprived, their return would be welcomed with equal transports.

But the going does not excuse us from the sending, any more than sending excuses us from going. If giving still went by the rule of the tenth, as in the spiritual days, then ten average Christians could anywhere constitute themselves into a Church and support a pastor; and twenty could both support a pastor and a missionary.

No work is done at its best until it is done in an atmosphere of thanks-

giving. Beethoven understood this. He had his piano placed in the middle of a field, and there, under the smiling sky, with birds singing around him, flowers shining and grain glistening in the sun, the master musician composed some of his great oratorios. Few of us can take our work into the fields, though all of us would carry lighter hearts if we would live more out of doors; but we can all of us surround our work with cheery atmosphere which our Father has breathed into all his works.—Selected.

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING.



An exchange tells some things about the first Thanksgiving and a girl's share in it which all our twentieth century girls will be glad to hear:

"There could not be a Thanksgiving without turkey any more than there could be an English Christmas without roast goose. Turkey has been the National dish for the day ever since the first Thanksgiving was kept in Plymouth in the November of 1621. That was the day Governor Bradford had appointed on which the men and women of the stricken infant colony might come together and rejoice in a special manner for the small harvest and the promise that the brave hearts thought they read in it for future prosperity. It was considered just and right to give thanks for blessings and mercies which had been vouchsafed before asking an increase; and so the first festival of Thanksgiving was to be held. The hunters went scouring the woods for wild turkeys, which abounded about Plymouth, and which were to furnish the chief dish for the feast. Kitchens were put in readiness for the cooking, and pretty Priscilla Mullins, she who played such havoc with the heart of stout Miles Standish, was put in charge of the biggest one of all, that belonging to worthy Dame Brewster. For Priscilla was not only the belle of the colony of Plymouth, but was the most notable cook as well, and so it was she who was put in charge of the big kitchen to prepare the chief dishes of the dinner which was to become so historical, and to which were bidden not only the colonists, but Chief Massasoit and his principal followers. The routine of work was suspended, and the day began with a special service of praise and thanksgiving, after which the people engaged in innocent pastimes. But through all the merriment the people were not allowed to forget the purpose of the festival, and there was frequent praise and prayer."

JUST ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER

By Gulliver.

It is a common thing for those living in the bounds of a presiding elder's district to "boost" the "beloved" some time during the year, and especially as the conference session approaches. This may mean most anything, out it oftener means really nothing. Sometimes, when the "elder" has been "carried" all the year, he is written up to be a wonderful man—some going so far as to say that "he has Bishop timber in him," etc.

I have always tried to avoid such foolishness. But it is not out of place, I take it, to say something about the general work of a district, and, incidentally, to give the presiding elder what is coming to him. So, if the reader will indulge me a few minutes, I will say "a short piece" about the work on the Bowie District, in the North Texas Conference.

First of all, let it be carried in mind that this territory has been one of the heaviest sufferers from drought for several years. Crops have been short and, as these are generally an agricultural folk, the Church finances, especially, have suffered for quite a while. So that the following exhibit I think, all things considered, is remarkably good.

There are twenty-one pastoral charges in the district scattered over Montague, Clay, Archer and Wichita Counties. Much of this territory has been, until lately, strictly "missionary." Four or five are still in that column. But during the past two years there has been a marked advance, and a few charges have become self-sustaining. For instance, Electra, when Brother Preston took charge two years ago, was a mission; now it is a \$1000 station. Burkburnett, under the care of Rev. W. F. Davis, has been raised to an \$800 station in one year. Rev. W. R. Kirkpatrick has brought the Ringgold mission far on toward a self-supporting circuit. He has paid over \$1000 on church debts, bought a good seven-room parsonage, and what will please the Advocate people very much, has added thirty-two subscribers to the list as he found it.

Rev. I. N. Crutchfield has traveled the Electra Mission, which, when he took charge one year ago, had little else than a mere name. He has had thirty conversions, the same number of accessions to the Church; has raised money to build one church and has organized a Sunday School. Besides this he has helped the brethren here and there; and though his name stands on the "Honor Roll" of our conference, he does not work like a superannuated man.

The Megargle Mission has been served by Rev. Arthur Wall—a supply. He has built a \$1800 church, has had 100 conversions and the same number of accessions to the Church, and has all the "institutions" of the Church in good shape. This charge will soon be self-supporting if the work moves on at the same rate it is going now.

The North Wichita Falls Mission has been served by Rev. C. M. Clark. He has taken a census in the mission territory of the city, has repaired the church in North Wichita, has held meetings at all his other appointments (three in number), has had eighteen conversions and fifteen accessions, and will make a creditable report at conference. This is one of the most important missions in the whole conference, as the city is growing rapidly, and the need for wise missionary effort is more and more pressing.

Rev. I. F. Tannery has done a fine work on the Vashti Circuit. He bought this year two acres of land and built thereon a splendid six-room parsonage, besides making other improvements all amounting to about \$1200. He has had thirty-six conversions and thirty-two accessions to the Church. Has three Sunday Schools and a good Epworth League.

Rev. J. R. Parr, who has served the Dundee Mission this year, has been working as a supply for twenty-six years out here in this country. Because of the protracted ill health of his wife he has never been able to join the conference. He is an intelligent, consecrated, forceful preacher, and comes up with the usual good report to conference.

Rev. R. L. Patterson another local preacher, has been supplying the Sunset Circuit. He reports a number of improvements on the church and parsonage at Sunset and at other points on the work. Has had twenty-seven conversions and thirty-two accessions to the Church. Brother Patterson is a man of unusual ability as a preacher, and had entered the conference in his young manhood, and had devoted his whole time to the work of the ministry, in my judgment, we would have today no more capable and successful travelling preacher in our conference.

Rev. George R. Slagle is serving his second year on the Post Oak Circuit.



ROCKWALL M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

REV. C. W. DENNIS, PASTOR.

Our beautiful brick church at Rockwall is modern in all of its appointments. Besides the main auditorium and Sunday School room, it has six splendid class rooms and pastor's study down stairs. Upstairs there are two large rooms together with a large hall-way and cloak room. The upstairs rooms can be thrown down one by sliding doors. The auditorium and Sunday School room are separated by rolling partitions. The building is finished without with fireproof brick; lighted by electricity; heated by a splendid heater system. Beautiful memorial windows adorn the entire auditorium. The best grade of circular oak pews have been installed. The large chair space is seated with opera chairs. A beautiful new piano has been purchased. The marvel of it all is, how all of this just cost us the sum of \$15,000. We think we have the best plant for the money in all Texas. Rockwall Methodism is to the front. The Church has advanced 50 per cent in the support of the ministry during the past two years. Besides this the preacher has been presented with a new suit of clothes, and pounded all the year round, culminating on last Wednesday night with a general pounding. How is this just before conference? Fortunate, indeed, the preacher who serves these good people. C. W. DENNIS, P. C.

I do not know whether "Judge Yellow and Judge Shallow" are members of his charge or no; but I do know that he has done a fine work over there this year. As he always does wherever he goes. He has built a beautiful chapel at Post Oak, and has bought six acres of land and built a splendid six-room parsonage on it. Has had about seventy-five conversions and has raised for all purposes \$2040. Slagle has fine tact in handling difficult situations, and is one of our coming men.

Rev. J. D. Thomas is serving his first year on the Petrolia Circuit. Has had thirty-five conversions, and has raised for repairs on churches and for other items aside from salaries, etc., \$1620.

Rev. P. S. Warren has been in charge of the Blue Grove Circuit for the past four years, and his people, so they say, wish the time limit removed so that Warren might stay with them indefinitely. He has made a number of improvements on churches and on the parsonage this year, at a cost of something like \$1029.

Rev. J. S. Sessums is supplying the Crafton Circuit, and the presiding elder says that the salary on that work will be paid in full. He has had twenty-two conversions and twelve accessions to the Church.

Nor have the station preachers been behind in "bringing things to pass" this year. There is Rev. H. B. Johnston, for instance, our pastor at Iowa Park, who is closing his third year in a blaze of glory. He has had forty-five conversions and fifty-six additions to his Church; has paid off a debt of more than \$5400 on church and parsonage and comes to conference with a good report. In the language of the presiding elder, "he controls the situation absolutely."

Dr. N. R. Stone is the station preacher at Nocona. He has had a good revival in his charge, receiving fifty-six new members into the Church. Has raised for all purposes, to date, \$3015. He has a fine Sunday School and a good Epworth League, and comes to conference with flying colors.

Rev. F. A. Rosser, in many respects, is the best preacher in the district, the "beloved presiding elder" not excepted. He has had a good revival; has received thirty-two new members into the Church, has his conference claims all in hand and comes to the conference in good shape.

Rev. W. C. Howell is serving his first year in Bowie Station. He had Lockett Adair with him in what the "elder" says was a great meeting. Brother Howell got 100 members out of it. He is planning for a \$20,000 church, has furnished the parsonage to the tune and words of \$600, has all his collections in full and will enter the conference room with a smile like the full moon.

Rev. Finis Crutchfield is in his second year at Bellvue Station. He had one of the most marvelous revivals last year that has ever been held in this part of the country. He has devoted most of his time and energy this year to educating and building up the large number he took into the Church last year. His Sunday School grew to such proportions this year that he had to remodel his church at a cost of \$2000. The elder says that

Brother C.'s work this year is greater than that of last year.

Rev. J. W. Beck, the station preacher at Archer City, has had forty-five accessions to his Church this year. Has all his collections in full and all the "institutions" of the Church are well oiled and running smoothly. Just at the time of his protracted meeting, the anti got an election ordered, with a view of bringing whiskey back into the county; but, while it killed Beck's meeting, he went out and "took it out of" the liquor people in the greatest possible shape. Beck is fast coming to the front. Fact is, his people think he is there now.

As to Wichita Falls Station, I have done almost what I could. I say "almost" for I feel, with regret, that I might have done more. I have received over 100 members into the Church—mostly by certificate, though we have had a few conversions. We hope to report the payment of \$6000 on our old church debt, and the installation of a good furnace for heating the church. We have a regular attendance in our Sunday School of nearly four hundred, and have a good Epworth League. Our assessments will all be reported in full. We have secured a splendid lot on which, when the time comes, we can build another church. The site is a good one.

But some man may ask: "What about the elder?" Now, brethren, I will tell you about that. Rev. T. H. Morris is four square as a presiding elder. He is, as most of you know, a sound, safe, sensible preacher; but his strongest point—his long suit, as they say—is his business capacity and his tact in handling men and measures. Much of the success I have been writing of in this article, and especially of the material success, belongs to the clear business brain of Brother Morris. Now, this is just the plain truth as I see it. As to his industry, the man who goes beyond him in "traveling through his district, overseeing the temporal and spiritual interests of the Church," will be compelled to stay away from home all the time. Old Tom is on the job every day in the week and twice on Sunday. But he does not suffer. Though in "labors abundant" he thrives and flourishes day by day. Reader, do you know anything about "longbook singing, and dinner on the ground"? Well, Tom does. And when he shoves a leg on each side of a big pan of chicken pie—man alive! he is not only conscious of what he is doing, but is loftily indifferent to what others think about it.

But perhaps I had best let up. If this does not go into the waste-basket I may write some more—not about the Bowie District, but about "Just one thing after another."

P. S.—The following is a brief summary of the work on the Bowie District as furnished by the presiding elder at my request:

Conversions, 1120; additions to the Church, 1060; churches built, 3; money raised for that purpose, \$9350; two churches remodeled at a cost of \$2800; other churches improved at a cost of \$400; church and parsonage debts raised and paid off, \$15,097; one parsonage built, \$1270; two parsonages furnished, \$1220; other parsonages improved, \$680; total, \$31,197.

Some Temple Observations

I have just returned from Temple where I spent three days with the Central Texas Conference and I would like to say a few words of what took place there, but my affliction prevented me from learning much. So will not attempt any kind of description, but give place to some more fortunate brother who can tell you so much more than I.

One thing which impressed me, however, was the magnitude of the great Methodist machinery and the perfect harmony in its workings.

First, there was a big, beautiful church, so big, indeed, that it looked out of place in a little city like Temple. But to me it proved two things. Firstly, that our Temple brethren are certainly up with the one-tenth and also ready to cash our drafts. Secondly, that they can see a skyscraper a long way off and they built a church for future use.

Temple possesses the largest number of church buildings I think I ever saw in a city of its size. Any of them would be an ornament to a city of twice its size, however; it seems that the age of the little square, shiplapped church and boxwood stave is past and we are now living in an age when the Lord is getting a portion of his dues. Let it be hoped that he is getting as many souls as dollars.

Well, now this may appear as a very small amount of comment on such a big meeting as the Central

Texas Conference, and already you are asking what I wanted on this page. Well, dear brethren, I was thinking—just thinking—but if I could have talked I would have told them why I went to Temple, but since I could not I will tell it here.

In my last letter to the Advocate I said something about the great number of deaf in the State and the South. I have since learned that there are actually over eight hundred in Texas between the ages of sixteen and fifty years, and also that the greater amount of this number live in the large cities—from thirty to one hundred in each city.

I think I said something, too, about the deaf not going to Church (not their fault, of course, for what could they do there?) I shall now prove that particular assertion by telling you that when I got into Temple I met a mute who has lived there seven or eight years and he could not direct me to the Methodist Church. But this same man pointed out the City Hall and jail very easily. Think it over, brethren. Is it reasonable to suppose that this is the only case I could cite? This same man asked me before we had conversed a half hour to preach to the deaf of Temple one night before I left. I spent the night with him and his sweet wife. They kept me up until 12 o'clock, midnight, and all we talked of was Jesus Christ and the Holy Bible. They never go to Church, but just the same they like a good sermon and never tire of Bible stories when related so they can understand it.

Many of my brethren who read this have now seen Temple, noted its size and possibly compared the number

of Mexicans, negroes and other races represented there—were pleased that they had churches and preachers. There are ten or twelve deaf in Temple, and with those around Temple and Belton in the rural districts, will put the total up to twenty-five or thirty. No church, no preacher, no Sunday School.

They asked me to come often. It was my first trip to Temple and my railroad fare one way was \$3.70. I have often been asked to go to Austin, Houston and Galveston, as well as every other city in Texas. How often could I go to the fine, large cities in Texas in every three months, paying full fare, or if the deaf paid my railroad fare, how much would I have left for my family?

It may seem that I am speaking rather sharply, or trying to blame some one, but if I must raise the dander to make you take notice and consider these people, then here goes, thank God, and I assure you I am here to stay until something is done for the deaf of the South, or Texas at least. If I can't get the whole

WEAK LUNGS

Seventy-five years' experience with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral gives us great confidence in it. Ask your doctor what he thinks of it for colds, coughs, bronchitis, weak lungs. He knows.

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however, is that you send in some good books for my people at once. They are sadly in need of mental training along the lines of Scripture, and I note with surprise that the public libraries do not keep these books. I remember a book I read when a boy, "In His Steps, or What Would Jesus Do," and I think it impressed me more with the fact of the feeble effort we make in daily life to live as Jesus would than any book I ever read. There are others, perhaps, just as good, but I have never been able to buy many books. Anything, however, that is calculated to inspire the reader with some high and holy aim, with just enough realistic life in it to hold

MARRIED.

Williams-Ingraham.—At the residence of the bride's father, John Ingraham, of Cusseta, Texas, October 2, 1913, Mr. H. L. Williams, of Mabank, Texas, and Miss Floy Ingraham were united in holy wedlock, Rev. D. A. Williams officiating.

Griffin-Cameron.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cameron of Cedar Grove, Texas, on November 2, 1913, Mr. R. H. Griffin and Miss Bernice Cameron were united in wedlock, Rev. D. A. Williams officiating.

Vanlaningham-Horton.—At 5:30 p. m., November 1st, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. J. C. Calhoun, Mr. Turner Vanlaningham of East Tyler and Miss Mattie Lee Horton, of South Augusta Street, Tyler, were united in marriage.

Boyd-Cornett.—In the County Clerk's office, Fort Worth, Texas, November 10, 1913, Mr. T. M. Boyd and Mrs. Dora Cornett, Rev. Thos. Reece officiating.

Holloway-Razor.—On November 9, 1913, Fort Worth, Texas, Mr. Freeman Holloway and Miss Izora Razor, Thos. Reece officiating.

Waldrum-Ratliff.—In the County Clerk's office, Fort Worth, Texas, November 10, 1913, Mr. W. L. Waldrum and Miss Mary Ratliff, Rev. Thos. Reece officiating.

Cole-Lee.—In the County Clerk's office, Fort Worth, Texas, November 8, 1913, Mr. O. A. Cole and Miss Bessie Lee, Rev. Thos. Reece officiating.

Hall-Evans.—In the County Clerk's office, Fort Worth, Texas, November 10, 1913, Mr. N. J. Hall and Miss Agnes Evans, Rev. Thos. Reece officiating.

Grider-Bostick.—At the bride's residence in Bunyan, October 15, 1913, Mr. J. E. Grider and Miss Pearl Bostick, Rev. MacM. Smith officiating.

Grissom-Compton.—At the bride's home, in Bunyan, October 22, 1913, Mr. Claud Grissom and Miss Annie Compton, Rev. MacM. Smith officiating.

Green-Davenport.—At the bride's home, in Bunyan, October 31, 1913, Mr. Dennis Green and Miss Gertrude Davenport, Rev. MacM. Smith officiating.

"The ideal life, the life of full completion, haunts us all. We feel the thing we ought to be beating beneath the thing we are," says Phillips Brooks "Sometimes its beating inspires us, and we strive to be our best and utmost; sometimes it irritates and discomforts us because we want to be left in peace on a lower level with some sin we are unwilling to give up. But however it is, whether aspiration or conscience—so long as it will not let us rest we know that it is the voice of God calling us to higher things. It is the 'Love that will not let us go.'" —Selected.

Give a man a little authority or money if you want to see what is in him.

FAMILY OF FIVE

All Drink Coffee From Infancy. It is a common thing in this country to see whole families growing up with nervous systems weakened by coffee-drinking.

That is because many parents do not realize that coffee contains a drug—caffeine—which causes the trouble. (The same drug is found in tea.)

"There are five children in my family," writes an Iowa mother, "all of whom drank coffee from infancy up to two years ago.

"My husband and I had heart trouble and were advised to quit coffee. We did so and began to use Postum. We now are doing without medicine and are entirely relieved of heart trouble.

(Caffeine causes heart trouble when continually used as in coffee drinking.)

"Our eleven-year-old boy had a weak digestion from birth, and yet always craved and was given coffee. When we changed to Postum he liked it and we gave him all he wanted. He has been restored to health by Postum and still likes it."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Write for the little book, "The Road to Wellville."

Postum comes in two forms: **Regular Postum**—must be boiled. **Instant Postum** is a soluble powder. A teaspoonful dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. Grocers sell both kinds.

"There's a reason" for Postum. (Adv)

Hymn of Thanksgiving

(By S. S. McKenney.)

Today, our thankful hearts we lift
In humble, grateful praise,
While on life's sea those souls do drift,
Who know not heav'nly ways.

We thank Thee, Lord of truth and grace,
That we Thyself have known;
That we have seen Thy smiling face,
And are not left alone.

Thy promis'd presence guides our feet
To pastures ever green,
Where we are fed on manna sweet,
And Thy bright smiles are seen.

O may we ever grateful be
For all that Thou hast done!
On earth is none compared to Thee—
In heaven there is none.

Dear friend, of all who seek Thy face,
We, many more would call,
Till each shall know Thy saving grace,
And Thou art known to all.

Thanks, Lord! for all Thy mercies past;
Thanks, for Thy grace now given!
We'll praise Thee while this life shall last
And evermore in heaven.

Nacogdoches, Texas.

South all at one rake. I'll keep on until I get Texas. It's the biggest slice and the softest spot to strike. I have never doubted your sincerity in co-operating in anything for the good of the Master, but you have got the saw and can't see the wood pile.

God help me to show you the wood pile, then, and let me assure you that there are some pretty tough poles in it. Regular old hardened and seasoned hickory—so hard that, as the boy once told his father, it takes two or three good licks to make a dent in one. But, bless you, when you get it ready for use it will make a fire that we can warm by and throw light all over the house.

To make good my promise to show you the wood pile: Here it is, right under your nose. So now let's tackle the saw, pull and push until we have it all in the wood shed, out of the rain and snow, and hear the Master say, Well done, thou good and faithful servant, come in and take thy rest.

It gives me much pleasure to state that my efforts before the Conference Board of Missions were rewarded, inasmuch as that body recommended me to the General Board of Missions, which convenes in May, 1914. Right here is another witness of the Master's answer to prayer. I have had many letters of inquiry since my first letter appeared in the Advocate. To all I replied at length, stating facts, as they are, and begging for the prayers of all Christian people. So now beloved brethren, that we have got past the Conference Board of Missions, what shall we do until May? Won't you help me to get around and establish a few Sunday Schools and preach to these unfortunate people so that I may have some good report to give the General Board?

I am ready and eager to answer all inquiries as to what can be done and enquires as to what can be done and help devise plans for raising funds to carry on the work until May. One thing I want to suggest right here,

their interest to the end, will be most acceptable and very much appreciated by these people who are not able to buy books.

In conclusion, I wish to say a few words about my last trip to Waco. I went from Temple to Waco and spent three days there. The deaf there have gotten up an exhibit of their own work, just to show the world what they can do, and it was very gratifying to me to note the large crowds which continually hung around our booth. They came up through curiosity, vaguely trying to conceive what a deaf-mute's exhibit might be. The sign over the booth is a big one and can be seen afar. These people came, looked and departed, filled with genuine amazement, for what they saw there were the best of every-day necessities in food, clothing and ornaments and everything in that big booth was the handiwork of a deaf-mute. I am planning an extra large exhibit for next year, to be opened, first at the Waco Cotton Palace, then at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

On Sunday a congregation of fifty-three deaf people assembled at church where I delivered a temperance sermon. Service was closed by Miss Ruby Rice, the deaf, dumb and blind lady (the Helen Keller of Texas) reciting the Lord's Prayer.

They have a good Sunday School class of about twenty-five regular members there, and some good work is being done. I was warmly pressed to return and preach on Thanksgiving Day.

On my return home I was greeted by a large crowd of our Fort Worth deaf, eager to learn what the Mission Board had done for us.

I have met with success every step of the way so far, hallelujah and it is only a question of time when we shall have Sunday Schools and church services throughout the South. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. L. BLACKSTOCK, 1223 Gould Ave, North Ft. Worth.

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The Bishop called Rev. J. G. Putman to the bar of the Conference and presented to him a beautiful traveling grip as a token of love and appreciation from the preachers of the Stamford District. Bro. Putman responded very feelingly. He is greatly loved by the whole Conference as well as by the preachers of his district.

Rev. B. W. Dodson preached a very forceful and thoughtful sermon to a large congregation Tuesday night before the opening of the Conference. He is one of the prominent members of the Conference and has done a splendid service at Memphis the past two years.

Wednesday afternoon Rev. C. M. Bishop, D. D., preached a thoroughly seasoned gospel sermon on "Faith." It was good to the use of edifying. Dr. Bishop is one of our great preachers.

At night the Sunday School Board held their anniversary. A great crowd packed the auditorium. The report showed a healthy condition of this department of work. Bishop Atkins made the leading address. It was full of well digested matter, for the Bishop is an adept in Sunday School work. Before he was elected a Bishop he was Sunday School Secretary and had been for a number of years.

Thursday morning came in fresh and balmy, but with slight indications of a change. The brethren were a trifle slow gathering. Rev. George S. Wyatt led the opening service.

The call of the preachers was resumed, Simeon Shaw, of First Church, Abilene, collections all in full. Good condition in all departments, many accessions. Comer Woodward, St. Paul, during three years paid \$40,000, and everything in good shape.

A. W. Waddill, Baird, net gain of 8, Sunday School growing; salaries up.

R. E. L. Stutts, Caps, good revival, 35 accessions, Sunday School equal to Church membership.

H. M. Hudson, Clyde, 48 accessions and collections good.

A. L. Boyd, Cross Plains, gave up his work and the charge was supplied. Bro. Boyd discontinued.

George Smallwood, Hawley, 40 accessions, good revival and did well.

R. A. Clements, Merkel, 30 conversions, 52 accessions, raised good collections.

E. A. Yates, Marquet, 30 accessions, built a new church, raised for all purposes \$2,000.

E. L. Sisk, Ovalo, good revival, net increase, good Sunday Schools and renovated our church.

J. W. Caldwell, Putnam, Sunday Schools doing good work. Finances short.

C. W. Young, Trent, good year and successful work.

C. E. Lynn, Tye, 45 accessions net increase of 32. Sunday Schools good, 15 subs for Advocate.

T. H. Davis, View, fine increase, good accessions.

S. H. Young, Andrews, net gain of 8, fine Sunday School, full collections.

C. W. Hearon, Big Spring, 69 accessions, good meeting, collections full.

A. D. Jameson, Brownfield, 53 conversions, net gain 35, collections short.

M. D. Hill, Coahoma, not present, but did a good work. Asked a supernatant relation.

S. B. Cox, Plains, collections in full, a good year, a new parsonage, building a church.

S. H. Adams, Lamesa, finances full, good Sunday School, fine revivals, and conversions.

J. T. Howell, Post, live meeting, net gain of 16, finances behind.

C. H. Ledger, Seminole, new parsonage and good year.

W. C. Hinds, Stanton, finances a little short, good Sunday School.

H. M. Long, Clarendon, three good meetings, 161 accessions and collections in full, for all purposes \$19,000.

C. D. West, Claude, fairly good year, but finances short.

J. B. Callaway, Tahoka, finances short, but better up than ever before. Wants to go back.

M. E. Hawkins, Canadian, a good Sunday School, raised for all purposes \$3,000.

W. H. Averyt, Goodnight, built a good church; collections full.

G. H. Bryant, Hedley, finished new church, paid \$4,000 on church, 100 conversions.

B. W. Dodson, Memphis, church debt raised and the building dedicated. Everything full.

J. P. Lowry, Miami, had a great year, great drouth, 260 conversions, net increase of 100 and a new parsonage.

A. V. Hendrix, Newlin, the best year of his life, new church and fine revivals.

The other preachers of this district made good reports.

Wellington Circuit, J. E. Eldridge, made one of the best reports in the Conference. Everything up and raised for Southern Methodist University \$2,000.

We were called out of the Conference room and missed the call of the Hamlin District. But the preachers all did well notwithstanding the dry year. They had meetings and accessions and built churches and parsonages.

Rev. R. A. Stewart at Spur had 200 conversions.

Rev. S. A. Barnes made a remarkable report from Plainview. Had 182 accessions, raised more than \$25,000, had nearly 200 conversions, and put the Advocate in nearly all the homes of his people. I. A. Smith did a year of splendid work at Dimmitt. G. W. Shearer of Floydada paid out everything in full and had a year of prosperity. Rev. W. M. Lane of Lubbock brought up a good report. Paid up everything in full and for all purposes \$8,000. Leon Henderson had sickness and was hindered in his work, but the charge came up very well. He asked for a nominal relation. All the Plainview preachers made a good showing. They raised a great deal of money and they put Seth Ward College out of the woods and placed it upon a good financial basis. Every man exerted himself and the result was magnificent.

Dr. R. S. Hyer spoke in the interest of S. M. U. and gave a history of the origin and progress of the institution and of its present outlook. His address was well received and elicited applause.

Clyde Mission made a fine showing under the pastorate of Rev. David Crockett. He moved up to a good point every department of the charge.

Dr. H. A. Boaz of Polytechnic College made a strong statement concerning the work and the prospects of this institution. He was given a close and appreciative hearing.

Dr. Charles M. Bishop of Southwestern University was presented to the Conference and he spoke eloquently and impressively of the work of this great institution. He is one of the strong platform men in Texas and he always commands an undivided hearing when he comes before an audience.

Rev. J. D. Scott of the San Antonio Rescue Home was introduced to the Conference.

Rev. G. S. Wyatt read a strong paper concerning the Vanderbilt University, committing the Conference to the action of the Bishops and the minority of the trustees, and the paper was unanimously accepted by the Conference. The paper sent forth no uncertain sound touching this matter.

In the afternoon Rev. R. A. Burroughs of the Orphanage preached an

edifying sermon to a good congregation.

At night the Education Anniversary was observed. Rev. J. M. Sherman presided. Dr. John A. Rice, by special invitation, was present and delivered the address. A great audience greeted him and he was at his best.

We can truly say that it was one of the most magnificent deliverances on the subject of Christian Education ever heard by that audience, and throughout the whole of it there was running deep and broad a strikingly religious spirit. It met with enthusiastic responses and elicited expressions of earnest appreciation. Dr. Rice is a man of masterful intellect and comprehensive scholarship.

Friday morning the weather was still on its good behavior and perfectly lovely. Rev. J. T. Griswold led the religious exercises. The call of the preachers was resumed.

O. P. Clark, Albany, have a good people, Church is religious, and Sunday School growing.

M. L. Moody, Avoca, dry weather retarded finances, but people have done their best.

J. B. McReynolds, Bomarton, a good year and the work growing.

Haskell Station, Rev. W. P. Garvin, Church well organized, good meeting, Sunday School good, and finances up.

Haskell Circuit, L. N. Lipscomb, dry weather, but the people have been true and loyal.

W. C. Childress, Munday, good meeting, a number of accessions and Church in good case.

Seymour Station, Rev. Hardy, good condition, finances full and good Sunday School.

Weston, Ed Sharp, 47 additions, built a good church and one parsonage. Finances full.

Stamford, A. L. Moore. We are burdened with debt, congregations good, and we are putting forth best effort.

Ward Memorial, W. R. McKeown, 30 accessions, Sunday Schools in good condition.

Throckmorton, F. L. Meadow. Had a good year, made progress in Church work and Sunday School good.

Weinert, R. D. Stewart. Have a fine people, finances in good shape and the people are religious.

Woodson, J. W. Watson. Have made progress and the work is well organized.

Stamford College, W. K. Strother. In the midst of a good year, 200 on the rolls; good Board attendance. Our increase is in the higher classes, a graduating class of 25. The college is now self-sustaining and the debts are provided for.

Blackwell, C. C. Wright. Had a good year and the work is in good shape, 30 conversions.

Colorado Station, W. E. Lyon, 48 additions, fine Sunday School, finances are good and missionary interest good.

Colorado Mission, J. R. Plant. Busy year, 8 appointments, 6 meetings and one Sunday School.

W. E. Caperton, Dunn. Health gone, and he asked for a superannuated relation.

G. H. Gattis, Fluvanna, 27 conversions, finances behind, people on time to the Church.

C. E. Jameson, Hermeligh. Had a good year and the work is going forward.

J. W. Smith, Loraine. Good year, finances fine, 20 conversions, and a good parsonage.

I. N. Anderson, Roby. Good meeting; had accessions and the work has promise.

M. W. Clark, Roscoe. Good year, 50 accessions, collections somewhat behind.

J. W. Hunt, Snyder, 130 conversions, building a new church, and raised for all purposes cash \$10,000.

A. M. Martin, Sweetwater, 150 conversions, Sunday School 200 and Epworth League doing good work, raised \$12,000.

Sweetwater Mission, J. C. Moore. Had revivals and accessions.

B. J. Osborn. Had a fine year and doubled the Advocate list.

C. F. Carmack, Westbrook, 5 Sunday Schools, 105 accessions and finances are good.

The call of the preachers having been completed, the reports were called for, and the Committee on Orphanage was read and adopted. The report showed the institution to be in good condition. Rev. R. A. Burroughs spoke at length on the report, showing the Orphanage to be up to date and a credit to the Church.

Rev. R. P. Shuler of the University Church, Austin, was present looking after the material welfare of that Church.

Rev. J. J. Morgan of the American Bible Society mingled with the brethren. That great work is in safe hands in the person of Bro. Morgan.

Dr. H. A. Boaz of Polytechnic College was well received by the Conference.

Nearly all the Crutchfield brothers were at the Conference visiting their brother, W. M. Crutchfield. He is about the only layman of the name, and he is a good one, too.

The class for admission on trial was called and received. They are: A. C. Aston, C. A. Duncan, G. W. Smith, J. E. Yeats, T. A. Jackson, J. R. Plant, Jas. W. Martin, L. B. Smallwood and B. W. Wilkins.

Rev. J. D. Scott spoke in the interest of the Rescue Home at San Antonio. He had a good hearing.

Five young men, T. J. Rea, S. H. Adams, G. T. Palmer, I. C. Kiker and E. A. Tharp, applicants for full membership, were called to the altar, and after the Bishop propounded the questions and explained them, all of them were unanimously received into the full connection of the traveling ministry. The Bishop's address to them was practical, pointed and replete with suggestions, not only to the young men, but to preachers generally.

The order of the day arrived and the Conference proceeded with the election of delegates to the General Conference. The Bishop announced that the Conference was entitled to four clerical and four lay delegates. The ballot was taken and the tellers retired to count the vote and to report later.

Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson, presiding elder of the Abilene District, was called to the altar and the Bishop presented to him, in the name of the preachers of the district, a handsome traveling bag; and Bro. Ferguson made a felicitous response.

Report No. 1 of the Board of Church Extension was made, assessing the amount of \$1,000 for the University Church at Austin; and Rev. R. P. Shuler spoke to the Conference. The report was adopted. All the Conferences are taking a part in helping to pay the debt off that splendid plant, and the above action is in harmony with this movement. The Bishop spoke earnestly and approvingly of this work.

The members of the Old Guard were called. A number of them were present and made feeling remarks touching their experiences and hopes. It was pathetic to listen to their words of love for their brethren and Church in their age and feebleness. A good many of them were not able to be present and answer the call.

Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss, member of the Board of Missions of the Central Conference, spoke to the Conference

concerning the foreigners in the midst. The whole Church in Texas is interested in this question.

The clerical tellers reported the first ballot, and it resulted in no election. The lay tellers reported and its result was no election.

At the afternoon session Rev. Simeon Shaw conducted the opening exercises. The second ballot for clerical delegates was announced, resulting in the election of three delegates. Rev. J. G. Putman and Rev. J. W. Story receiving 78 votes each, making a tie, and Rev. G. S. Hardy, who received 64 votes, they were declared elected. The second ballot for lay delegates resulted in the election of two delegates, Nat G. Rollins and J. S. Means. The third ballot was spread and the business proceeded.

Rev. Ed Wallace, transfer from the Central Conference, was announced and given a warm reception. He spent many years in this country and he is at home. He was put on the Board of Church Extension to fill a vacancy and was elected by the Board president of it. He is already a veteran member of the Northwest Texas Conference.

The third ballot was announced and the clerical ballot showed no election. The lay ballot resulted in the election of F. P. Work and G. W. Backus. This completed the lay delegates, and it is a very strong and representative set of men. The call of the old men was continued. Dr. Ellis of Philadelphia was introduced, and spoke a few words to the Conference, greatly to the delight of all. He was announced to speak at night.

The lay tellers announced the ballot for alternates and resulted in the election of Judge H. G. McConnell. The clerical tellers announced the fourth ballot and there was no election.

The selection of a place for the next session of the Conference was brought before the body and Sweetwater and Clarendon were nominated. Representatives of these two communities had a spirited contest over the selection. But just as the vote was about to be taken Clarendon withdrew in favor of Sweetwater, and the vote was unanimous.

The death of Rev. W. F. Lloyd at Dublin the day before was announced and the Conference sent a vote of sympathy to the family.

The committee in the case of Rev. F. G. Cox reported its verdict of guilty and his excommunication from the ministry and membership of the Church was pronounced.

The Conference voted on the proposed change of the name of the Church and resulted in four in favor of the change and 132 against.

The report on the spiritual state of the Church was read by Judge McConnell and it was adopted. It was a well prepared document and showed the state of the Church to be good and promising.

The next lay ballot showed that there was no election. The fifth clerical ballot resulted in the election of Rev. J. M. Sherman. This completed the clerical delegation. The votes for alternates were taken.

The Conference adjourned.

J. P. Lowry of Miami and Pampa

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reported 250 conversions, 154 additions, 136 net gain. A splendid parsonage built or added to the amount of \$1,000 and paid for. The salaries and collections all paid in full.

The Missionary anniversary was observed at night. An immense audience filled every inch of the seating and standing capacity of the auditorium. It was an inspiring scene. Dr. Griswold had charge, and he introduced Dr. W. T. Ellis of Philadelphia, the great editor and lay worker of the Presbyterian Church, and one of the best informed men in mission work in America, and he delivered the address. It was a masterful presentation of the missionary problem of this age. We have never heard its equal. For one hour and a half he held the attention of the throng. He was humorous, witty, practical and profound. The address left a lasting impression and marked a notable epoch in the history of the Conference. No one who heard him will ever doubt the wisdom of our doing everything in our power to promote the great missionary interests of the Church.

Saturday morning came in cloudy and lowering, with every indication of a Panhandle norther. The preachers gathered early and they found the church more comfortable than on the outside.

Rev. J. D. Young conducted the opening services.

G. A. F. Parker was elected the second lay alternate delegate to the General Conference, and Rev. E. E. Robinson clerical alternate.

The report on the Board of Missions was read by Rev. C. E. Lyon, and it was adopted. The Mission Board is now out of debt and doing a fine work for the Conference.

The committee on memorials to the General Conference made a report asking the General Conference not to cede the Colorado territory of the Denver Conference to the Northwest Texas Conference, and instructed the delegates of this conference to vote against the action of the Denver Conference. The question was discussed with spirit. The brethren manifested a good deal of interest in the matter. The memorial was adopted by a large majority. Another memorial was adopted asking the General Conference to change the name of the Church to "The Episcopal Methodist Church" and send the same back to the Annual Conference for action. The memorial was lost by a vote of 75 to 52. The committee asked the General Conference to return two or three counties about Midland in the West Texas Conference to the Northwest Texas Conference. It was unanimously adopted. The General Conference was asked to strike out of the ritual "The Holy Catholic Church" and substitute therefor "The Church of God," or "The Church of Christ." This memorial was adopted. A memorial was offered asking the General Conference to grant laity rights to women, and it provoked a warm discussion. Rev. J. W. Hunt made a notable speech in favor of the memorial and he was given a close hearing. Nat Rollins also made a strong speech for the memorial. Rev. J. M. Sherman spoke with enthusiasm against the memorial. The fireworks blazed and sparkled as the conflict proceeded. G. S. Wyatt made a Scriptural argument against it. Rev. J. G. Miller replied with spirit to Dr. Wyatt. The Bishop made a few explanatory remarks and the vote was taken and the memorial was lost by a vote of 56 to 75.

The report of the committee on the American Bible Society was read by Rev. W. Y. Switzer, and it showed that during the year more than 4,000,000 copies of the Scriptures had been circulated throughout the world by this society. Rev. George Pickens spoke to the report and it was adopted.

W. C. Everett was introduced and he spoke for the Summer School of Theology, and also of the work of the Publishing House. He spoke of the course of study for the Summer School and pointed out the value of a number of the books to be studied in the Summer School.

Rev. S. A. Barnes was elected second clerical alternate delegate to the General Conference.

The Board of Education submitted their report through Rev. C. M. Woodward. It was a well-prepared and a well-digested paper. It covered every phase of the education question. It recommended the conference to the work of our General Commission, and an assessment for Southern Methodist University, Southwestern University and Polytechnic College to be equally devoted to them. Rev. W. K. Strother and Rev. George S. Slover spoke to the report asking for an amendment granting help to the secondary schools. Rev. J. M. Sherman spoke vigorously against the amendment. The substitute of the amendment was adopted, and it was agreed to take from the assessment for education the amount of \$500 each to the secondary schools, and the report was adopted.

The Bishop called this editor to the front and in the name of the conference presented to him a beautiful gold fountain pen with an appropriate speech. A suitable response was made. The gift was an expression of the love and esteem of the members of this conference and it is appreciated, not only for its intrinsic value, but also for what it represents, and it will ever be held sacred as such.

The Epworth League Board made their report and among other things accepted a proposition from the Plainview people to establish a summer assembly on the Plainview lake and make it a summer resort. The conference discussed the report at length, and an amendment was adopted expunging all reference to the lake proposition; and a committee was appointed to take the whole question under advisement with power to act. The report was then adopted.

The committee on books and periodicals was read by Rev. G. S. Wyatt, and it was comprehensive and well prepared. It did full justice to the publishing interests of the Church. The Texas Christian Advocate was generously treated and its endorsement was hearty and cordial. The editor was accorded a good hearing.

Following these exercises the Bishop took the chair and ordained a class of elders.

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The Discipline as to require young ministers enlisting in the traveling ministry to give up the tobacco habit as a condition to their acceptance by the conference. It was adopted with applause.

The other standing committees reported, rapidly winding up the business of the conference.

A night the Extension anniversary was observed. Rev. E. R. Wallace had charge, and the editor of the Advocate made the address in the absence of Dr. W. F. McMurry. There was a full house present despite the rain.

Sunday was a red-letter day for Methodism in Vernon. The Protestant Churches were thrown open and the ministers of the conference occupied them. Love feast was the first order of the day at the Methodist Church. It was a great meeting. Rev. George Fair conducted it. It pitched the spiritual feature of the day on a high key. At 11 Bishop Atkins preached a great sermon to a record-breaking throng, and his sermon was followed by the ordination of the deacons. At 3:30 the memorial services were conducted, Rev. J. M. Sherman presiding. Rev. J. H. Chambliss was the only member who had died, but the conference added the name of Rev. Jerome Duncan to the list. Memoirs were read to the memory of both these good men and impromptu tributes were paid them by the brethren. Also Sister Mills and Sister Crutchfield, wives of two of the superannuates, had died and suitable notice was taken of them.

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Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? F. G. Cox expelled from the ministry and membership of the Church.

What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the conference? 36,497.

How many infants have been baptized during the year? 572.

How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1347.

What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 99.

What is the number of Epworth League members? 3480.

What is the number of Sunday Schools? 276.

What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 2504.

What is the number of Sunday school scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 28,372.

What was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$6011.

What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$4789.

What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$5454; domestic, \$12,017.52; Special, \$106,956.44.

What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$4463.80.

What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$378.64.

What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? \$19,432.70; preachers in charge, \$106,956.44.

What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$1433.21.

What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 502; number of houses of worship, 196.

What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$838,200; indebtedness, \$135,509.05.

What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 136; number of parsonages, 136.

What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$202,710; indebtedness, \$16,626.

What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 9; number of district parsonages, 5.

What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$18,000; indebtedness, \$—.

What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 3; amount of damage, \$240.

What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$472,898; losses sustained, \$272.50; premiums paid, \$4273.92; collections on losses, \$272.50.

What are the educational statistics? \$3983.58, Educ. Ext., \$1032.28) \$5015.86.

Who is elected Conference Leader? F. P. Works, Amarillo.

When shall the next session of the conference be held? Sweetwater.

Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

APPOINTMENTS.

ABILENE DISTRICT.

Abilene, First Church—C. W. Hearon. Abilene, St. Paul's—C. M. Woodward. Anson—A. M. Martin. Baird—A. W. Waddill. Cape—R. E. L. Stutts. Clyde and Eula—J. W. Smith. Cross Plains—E. L. Sisk. Hawley—J. T. Ross. Merkel—E. R. Wallace. Nugent—E. L. Yeats. Ovalo—A. D. Jameson. Tuscola—George Smallwood. Putnam and Moran—J. W. Caldwell. Trent—C. W. Young, supply. Tye—M. H. Hudson. View—T. H. Davis, supply. Clyde—C. A. Duncan. District Commissioner of Education—Comer M. Woodward.

AMARILLO DISTRICT.

J. T. Hicks, Presiding Elder. Amarillo—Polk Street—E. E. Robinson. Amarillo Mission—W. I. Caughran. Bovina—C. L. McDonald. Channing—H. K. Monroe, supply. Canyon Station—F. M. Neal. Canyon Mission—To be supplied. Dalhart—J. W. Mayne. Dumas—P. J. Osborn. Glazier—P. J. Fort, supply. Hansford and Plemmons—C. R. Thomas, supply. Hereford—J. R. Henson. Higgins—Z. B. Pirtle. Ochiltree—J. W. Kizziar, supply. Panhandle—P. G. Huffman. Stratford—J. P. Patterson. Texline—W. P. Edwards. Wildorado—G. T. Palmer. District Commissioner of Education—E. E. Robinson.

BIG SPRING DISTRICT.

W. H. Terry, Presiding Elder. Andrews—A. C. Aston. Big Spring Mission—J. T. Trice, supply. Big Spring Station—A. L. Moore. Brownfield—J. B. McReynolds. Coahoma—Thomas Hanks. Gail—W. C. Hart, supply. Lamesa—S. H. Adams. O'Donnell—T. A. Jackson. Plains—S. B. Cox. Post—D. W. Hawkins. Seminole—C. H. Ledger. Stanton—W. C. Hinds. Tahoka and Slaton—J. P. Callaway. District Commissioner of Education—A. L. Moore.

CLARENDON DISTRICT.

J. W. Story, Presiding Elder. Clarendon Station—H. M. Long. Clarendon Mission—A. Scoggins, supply. Claude—C. D. West; C. A. Clark, supernumerary. Canadian—M. E. Hawkins. Cataline—L. B. Smallwood. Goodnight—W. H. Avery, supply. Hedley—G. H. Bryant. Lakewood—T. W. Sharp. Memphis—B. W. Doobson. McLean and Groom—J. T. Howell. Miami and Pampa—J. P. Lowry. Mobeetie—C. C. Carpenter. Newlin—C. O. Huff. Plymouth—J. S. Aaron, supply. Quail—J. A. Aaron, supply. Shamrock—W. M. Pope; R. B. Bonner, supernumerary. Washburn—A. Lynn, supply. Wellington Station—A. L. Bowman. Wellington Circuit—J. E. Eldridge. Wheeler—A. V. Hendrix. President Clarendon College—G. S. Slover. Professors Clarendon College—S. E. Burkhead, P. E. Riley and W. Y. Switzer. District Commissioner of Education—H. M. Long.

HAMLIN DISTRICT.

G. S. Hardy, Presiding Elder. Aspermont—M. M. Beavers. Hamlin—J. E. Stephens. Knox City—J. H. Hamblen. Layton—A. B. Keen. McAnally—L. K. Smith. Peacock—G. W. Smith. Pinkerton—To be supplied. Rotan—M. L. Story. Rotan Mission—To be supplied. Rochester—R. D. Steward. Rule—A. M. Addison. Sagerton—L. K. Malone, supply. Spur—G. J. Irvin. Spur Mission—To be supplied. Sylvester—F. T. Johnson. Vera—C. D. Pipkin. Tuxedo—M. L. Moody. District Commissioner of Education—J. E. Stephens.

PLAINVIEW DISTRICT.

O. P. Kiker, Presiding Elder. Aiton—J. M. Owen, supply. Bartonite—D. C. Ross. Crosbyton—C. E. Lynn. Dimmitt—L. A. Smith. Floydada—G. W. Shearer. Happy—B. T. Sharp. Hale Center—J. A. Sweeney. Kress—B. W. Wilkins. Lubbock—W. M. Lane. Littlefield—B. V. Dickinson. Lorensen—E. J. Upton, supply. Lockney Mission—V. L. Farmway, supply. Matador—J. R. McCarley. Plainview Station—S. A. Barnes; Leon Henderson, supernumerary. Plainview Mission—Z. R. Fee. Silverton—G. R. Fort, supply. Tula—M. S. Loveladies. Turkey—T. C. Willett. District Commissioner of Education—S. A. Barnes.

STAMFORD DISTRICT.

J. G. Miller, Presiding Elder. Albany—O. P. Clark. Avoca and Bethel—H. H. Liles. Bomarton—L. N. Lipscomb. Goree—J. H. Watts. Haskell Station—W. P. Garvin. Haskell Mission—J. L. Mills, supply. Monday—W. C. Childress. Seymour Station—Ben Hardy. Seymour Mission—W. M. Murrell, supply. Stamford, St. John's—W. E. Lyons. Throckmorton Station—F. L. Meadow. Throckmorton Mission—To be supplied. Ward Memorial and Leaders—W. B. McKeown. Weinert—V. H. Trammell. Woodson—J. W. Watson. Westover—Ed. Tharp. District Commissioner of Education—W. K. Strother. Commissioner of Education of Stamford College—C. B. Meador. Student Southwestern University—O. B. Annis. Missionary to Bohemians—Chas. Chval. District Commissioner of Education—Ben Hardy.

SWEETWATER DISTRICT.

J. M. Sherman, Presiding Elder. Blackwell—C. H. Catts. Colorado—R. A. Clements. Camp Springs—J. E. Yeats. Fluvanna—S. H. Young. Hermleigh and Dunn—C. C. Wright. Ira—J. R. Plant. Lorraine—C. E. Jameson. Roly and Rowston—J. D. Crockett. Roscoe—M. W. Clark. Snyder—J. W. Hunt. Sweetwater Station—Simeon Shaw. Sweetwater Mission—J. C. Moore. Westbrook Circuit—C. F. Carmack. District Commissioner of Education—J. W. Hunt.

VERNON DISTRICT.

J. G. Putnam, Presiding Elder. Childress Station—J. T. Griswold; A. T. Culbertson, supernumerary. Childress Mission—J. O. Quattlebaum. Chillicothe—M. Phelan. Cowell—R. A. Stewart. Dumont—J. W. Martin. Estelline—T. B. Hilburn. Kirkland—T. J. Rea. Lazarre—J. S. Sessums, supply. Margaret—J. B. Wood. Odell—Leslie Robeson. Paducah—C. S. Cameron. Quanah Station—G. S. Wyatt. Quanah Mission—R. E. Burns. Tolbert—J. A. Laney. Tell—J. L. Rucker. Vernon Station—A. W. Hall; L. E. Riddle, supernumerary. Vernon Circuit—L. B. Tooley. District Commissioner of Education—G. S. Wyatt. Conference Commissioner of Education—Rev. C. M. Woodward.

TRANSFERRED—A. C. Smith, Central Texas Conference; S. R. Twitty, Little Rock Conference; T. S. Barcus, Central Texas Conference; L. N. Meyers, West Texas Conference; T. E. Graham, East Oklahoma Conference; D. B. Doak, Ira C. Kiker, Gordon B. Carter, North Texas Conference; W. E. Garrison, East Oklahoma Conference; Lavnic Jackson, New Mexico Conference.

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Treasurer has received from various churches during the year for Bishop's funds, \$78, from Conference Teller, \$1457.61, making a total of \$1535.61 for Bishop's fund, which we remit to Smith and Lamar. The Treasurer having received during the year for conference claimants \$358.50 and from Conference Teller \$4485.79, from L. Blaylock \$112.70, from interest on Superannuate Endowment fund 109.20, our pro rata of the Marquis Fund \$77.33, from the Trapp Fund \$41, from the reserve fund \$124.50, from Smith and Lamar, Calvin Fund, \$10, Publishing House \$126. Total for Conference Claimants, \$5445.02. We recommend that a reserve fund of \$500 be left with our Treasurer said fund to be paid out during the conference year to any preacher who may be superannuated at this session of the Annual Conference, or to any person who may become a claimant during the year, in sums not exceeding \$100 upon the written recommendation of his or her presiding elder, said payment to be left finally to the discretion of the President and Secretary of this Board. We apportion the assessments for Bishop's fund \$1943 among the districts as per scale. Our Treasurer received during the year for delegates expenses to the General Conference \$26, and from the Teller \$452.41, making a total of \$478.41, which we have paid to Smith and Lamar. This leaves an amount of \$175 due this fund, which we apportion among the districts as per scale and urge that this be collected in the early part of the year and sent to our Treasurer. We recommend that the different boards be assessed for printing minutes as follows: Mission Board \$205.

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Our Letter From New York

Why Tammany Hall Was Overthrown—The Amazing Plurality—A Word for the Texas Advocate.

On October 16 the Advocate printed a letter of mine forecasting the result of the coming election in this city and State. I foretold the complete overthrow of Tammany Hall by a union of forces against it, made up of independent Democrats, Republicans and Progressives—the moral Protestant elements of the city and State. The election more than sustained the prophecy I made in that letter, written a month before it was printed. It also verified my statement that the voting power behind Tammany Hall is the Catholic Church, the saloon and gambling elements, the vicious immoral classes, the army of city officeholders, over 100,000 strong, and thousands of dishonest contractors, who, like Boss Murphy, and his captains and lieutenants, rob the taxpayers of the State and the city to put millions in their own pockets. For two or three months the daily papers have been full of details regarding the general system of robbery. Every department of the city and State Government has reeked with it. The dishonesty in the awarding of contracts for the building and improvement of canals and highways had been especially enormous; the school department, the prisons and the charitable institutions had not escaped contributing their quota of toll to enrich an army of Tammany thieves at an enormous expense to the institutions, toiling masses and the taxpayers.

Governor Sulzer was dumbfounded with the long list of thefts that were called to his attention, and he started investigations in the Highways and Canal Departments and in various State institutions. He called to his aid as an investigator a Mr. Hennessey, a Democrat who later became a campaign orator against Tammany and in favor of fusion. Mr. Hennessey's investigations revealed monstrous robberies and more than confirmed the reports that had been made to the Governor, all of them reaching back through the Dix-Tammany Administration. Many indictments followed and it was expected that the penitentiary would soon be well filled with thieving contractors and Tammany politicians. Then it was that a Tammany Legislature cut off the appropriations to stop the investigations, and the next move made to protect the thieves and keep them out of prison was the impeachment of Governor Sulzer. Think of a band of thieves impeaching an Executive on a charge they made that he had used a part of a campaign fund and had sworn to a false statement regarding the amount of money he had spent during the campaign. These were the charges made against him, and he was impeached, not for what he had done while Governor, but for what he refused to do at the command of a big Irish Catholic Boss who runs one hundred saloons in New York City, with the names of dummy figure-heads as the proprietors.

I hardly think Tammany would have been overthrown—certainly not by such a decisive plurality as 121,000—had not Governor Sulzer been impeached, and had not he and Mr. Hennessey taken such an active part in the campaign. The speeches of such prominent Democrats as the Mayor-elect, Mr. Mitchell, Collector of the Port of New York, by appointment of President Wilson; Mr. Malone, Assistant Secretary of State to President Wilson; Burke Cochran, one of the finest orators in New York City; Congressman Mark W. Littleton, elected to Congress from the strong Roosevelt Republican District, and formerly of Texas, and many other leaders of Democratic faith also contributed much to the uprooting of this corrupt organization, which, with its 5000 members, has assumed to be the Democratic party of this State with a voting power of 6,000,000.

But with all the exposures, and with the aid of the Wilson Administration and the noted men mentioned above and many others, Tammany polled its usual vote for the past twelve years. The World last week gave the vote for that time and on that this statement is made. The Tammany vote in the city was 229,000. As usual it had the Catholic vote, the saloon men and gamblers, the riff-raff and the officeholders and contractors behind it.

Not more than 70,000 Democrats broke away from Tammany to help the Fusionists overcome the usual majority of 60,000 and to roll up a Fusion plurality for Mitchell of 121,000. To accomplish this result the Republican party had to supply eighty per cent of the Fusion vote. I mention this as a base for what I shall say after some quotations from the World, November 9th, Democratic paper, as to the need of new party alignments, spoken of in my letter of October 16th.

"A State Demoralized."

"On the trail of unacknowledged contributions to political funds or leaders, District-Attorney Whitman's 'John Doe' inquiry is already justified by definite results. To what it promises of further disclosures there is eloquent testimony in the anonymous threats Mr. Whitman is receiving. The inquiry must be continued, broadened, turned upon other fields of corruption and followed by grand jury and court proceedings. It should incite to vigorous similar action in other counties and cities where Tammany methods can be traced, and in the Executive Mansion.

"What are the conditions charged by competent persons; in many cases by public officials empowered to take depositions; in not a few instances set forth by testimony in court? Capitol repairs for revenue only; men paid for twenty-four hours' work a day; electricians hired at overtime rates to move furniture back and forth; \$500,000 stolen or wasted upon the Great Meadow Prison; the contemptible fortnightly robbery of boys earning \$4.50 a week on State work, for the benefit of political padrones; graft upon road contractors, upon canal contractors, upon aqueduct contractors. The manner of awarding such contracts is cast into suspicion by the political profligacy of those who obtain them and by proof less circumstantial. We see \$30,000 paid to James E. Gaffney for 'expert advice' upon getting or doing city work. We see contractors of capacity and experience who refuse to pay bribes set aside and the Hudson River siphon job given out at \$216,000 above the low bid, with enough demurrage later remitted to furnish another \$30,000 fee if necessary. We see State roads that are cheats and shams; costly patent processes that are palpably frauds, rotten inspection; slovenly construction at highest prices; the open theft of State material to sell again to the State. The last public utterance of Mayor Gaynor tells us of drunken officials lying about Long Island taverns while unheeded road contractors do their licensed worst. These things touch the pockets of the citizens; they smirch the honor of the community. They are a disgrace. They call not only for amendment but for punishment. To little purpose would the serenity of the community have been disturbed by such shocking disclosures if out of them there did not come punishment for scoundrels and the cleansing of the State. To bring about reparation and a strengthened and reorganized public service is not only the duty of public officials but their opportunity."

In my previous letter I said the Democrats of the South and the Republicans of the North should work together instead of pulling against each other, thereby centralizing each others' efforts for doing good. Go where you will in the cities of the North the Catholic vote, the saloon men, brewers and gamblers and the disturbing, reckless elements, generally, are behind the Democratic party and form its main strength. Boss Guffey, of Pennsylvania; Boss Taggart, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Boss Sullivan, of Chicago, represent the same bad elements that Boss Murphy and Tammany Hall represent, and hold together in New York. In Massachusetts the Democratic party has just elected a Catholic Governor, and New York has a Catholic Governor and a Catholic United States Senator, both Democrats.

Men should not be kept out of office because they are Catholics, but neither should they be put in office because they are Catholics, an invariable rule as far as possible with the Democratic party in the North. In the South, whenever the Prohibition question comes up the Catholic vote, the saloon men and the gamblers are against the moral, temperate Protestant element in the Democratic party. In Texas the whiskey end of the Democratic party does not hesitate to win victory by buying negro and Mexican votes, and in the North the moral element has to contend with

the same thing, and with bribery, corruption and assassination and with the impeachment of duly elected officers. Others have to obey the big Irish Catholic Boss or be denied a nomination, and some of the swag stolen from the people is divided among legislators to secure the passage of "ripper" bills and "graft" bills. How is such outrageous brazenness, such evils, to be stopped? Can it be done in any other way except by a united effort to attack them at their source? Will it not be necessary for the intelligent, moral, industrious elements North and South to come together to overthrow such an evil, threatening power? To do that people will have to forget past dead issues, strangle their prejudices and form new party alliances. Why should conditions be allowed to continue that are detrimental to the interests of more decent people and a menace to good government, city, State and Nation, all for the want of sensible action on the part of the people, North and South, who should control this Government? There may be some trifling differences between Democrats and Republicans on the tariff question and possibly on the currency question, but they are not as important as moral questions and honesty, or as necessary as an absolute separation of Church and State. I have read the able articles in the Advocate from the pens of Texas ministers on Catholicism, its history in Europe,

South America and Mexico, and its expectations and aims in this country. The trouble in Mexico at this time partly springs from Catholic interference with government and from the ignorance of the masses of the people, three-fourths of whom are illiterate and of Indian nativity and mixed blood.

Had we not better take warning by the evil such elements have brought on other countries, and prepare in a practical way to resist them? To do that only one door is open to us: Intelligence, morality and patriotism must unite. Extreme partisanship is incipient war, and we must have less partisanship and more common sense.

The Advocate is doing a world of good in admitting to its columns so many able articles from ministers on Catholicism and Prohibition. Its able editorial management has attracted attention here in New York and throughout the North, especially with the religious press, and I have often seen it quoted. It has taken its place as one of the very best and most influential religious publications in the United States, and it should have a circulation of 200,000. The more readers, the greater good it can do. The subscribers it has could double or triple its circulation if they would try. In helping the Advocate they would be helping themselves and doing good for this generation and the next. E. H. QUICK, New York, Nov. 10, 1913.

:: Our Mexico Letter From Texas ::

Today, the thirteenth of November, is my spiritual birthday—the silver anniversary of my conversion. Where would I be, or what would I be, had not the good Lord had mercy on me and visited me with his grace? I was a student at Southwestern University and considered among the "bad cases." The Christian influences thrown around me in that grand old institution were used of God to bring me face to face with myself, and in a little up-stairs room in Giddings Hall, standing erect, but with a heart burdened to the breaking point on account of sin, I said, "Lord Jesus, by Thy help, my life is thine from this moment." Only the angels, who shouted for joy, and God, who gave the peace, could know what I felt at that moment. Rev. Joe Webb was the only one present and I have never seen him happier than he was at that moment, for he had prayed a great deal for me. There are some men in whom we believe, and there are others with whom this confidence assumes a certainty. That is the way I feel about Joe: I know he is pure gold.

I have never backslidden, as we usually understand that term, but when I look back over these twenty-five years, I see a few things which I would have otherwise, but they are now irreparable. I wish I had committed to memory more Scripture and more of our great hymns. I find it more difficult to do these things now. I wish I had improved my time to better advantage. Mr. Wesley was wise in urging young men to "never be triflingly employed." I have wasted enough time during these twenty-five years to have mastered many subjects. Do I mean by this that I have been a lazy sluggard? By no means, for I have accomplished a few things, but where I have lost out has been, not in neglecting the work to which I have been appointed, but neglecting myself. I have failed to appreciate and practice Paul's admonition to Timothy: "Take heed unto thyself."

These opportunities are gone forever, but I am trying to do better. The past is beyond repair, but the future, thank God, is mine. I trust that some younger man may read these lines and be benefited by them.

Much against our wishes, we are still detained in Texas, cut off from home and the work that is so dear to our hearts. We had placed our four daughters in dear old Southwestern University and started back to Mexico, planning to visit the old conference, the West Texas, for the first time in seventeen years. We found that the railroad lines were all cut and our return impossible.

While attending the conference, Dr. Pinson called all the Mexico missionaries together, and after a conference, decided that we were not to return for an indefinite time. Well, Kitten and I feel somewhat "up in the air." Everything in the world we have, except our children, is in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. We are now wishing for some of our winter clothing, to say nothing of some priceless little things one always has about a home. The fact is, after sixteen years in a foreign country, we feel out of place up here, and long to be at home again.

kind of work, but naturally feel all the time like my real work is in Mexico, which it is. Colegio Wesleyano did not open, as very few of our boys could have reached San Luis Potosi, on account of the interrupted railway traffic; and then serious study is quite impossible among young men while the country is passing through such strife.

Hundreds have asked me what I think about the situation in Mexico. I hardly know what I think. It has been about six months now since I came out, but as far as the revolution in Mexico is concerned, there seems to be but little change. The action of the United States has produced the real tension in Mexican affairs. Those of us who know something of the country and the people, are unable to understand what President Wilson can hope to gain by his tactics. It is assumed that he knows what he is about, and surely he is doing what he thinks is the right thing. And yet, we are asking, if Huerta, who is at the head of what there is left of government in Mexico, is forced out, who is to step in and prevent anarchy? Some of us happen to know that all who are fighting Huerta are not patriots by any means. To get Huerta out is one thing, but to restore order and peace in that unhappy country is another. We sincerely wish that we could even hope for as much.

The destruction caused by the rebels in that country has been something terrible to contemplate. In railways and rolling stock alone, it will probably be enough to financially enslave the future government. In the attack on Monterey, over six hundred and fifty freight cars and twenty locomotives, with the round-house station and some passenger coaches, were destroyed, amounting to something like seven millions of dollars. The caliber of such rebels can be imagined. It makes us heart-sick to think of it all.

For the present we are domiciled in San Antonio. I am engaged in a revival meeting with my old schoolmate, Rev. N. B. Read. Things are moving on well for beginning. The brethren of this city have treated me royally. Our Church has a fine set of men in charge of the work here. San Antonio Methodism is going forward by leaps and bounds. Three revival meetings are now in progress in our Methodist Churches. Besides our meeting on Prospect Hill, Brother Johnston is in the midst of a gracious meeting at



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McKinley Avenue, while the Mexican brethren, under the leadership of Brothers Phillips, Sein and Torres are pressing the battle in the Mexican Methodist Church. We have never seen a finer prospect for a great meeting than among these dear people. Some fine folks are coming into the Church. A few nights since they subscribed five hundred and twenty-five dollars toward the enlarging of their church.

Some of our missionaries are still in Mexico. Rev. L. B. Newberry and family and the Misses Stroeter and Varner are in Guadalupe, while Rev. R. C. Elliott, Misses Maney and Booth are in Mexico City. Dr. Harrison, Rev. N. E. Joyner and family are in Monterey, where they passed safely through the recent battle and bombardment. Bro. J. B. Cox is also in Monterey. In San Luis Potosi we have the Misses Aifter, Moring and Cunningham, while at Chihuahua Misses Wilson and Harper, are staying by the work. Much prayer is going up to a throne of grace for these faithful souls. In spite of the fact that we seem to be providentially out, it makes us "feel just a little mean" that we are not there to share with these dear fellow workers the burden and heat of those trying days.

How all this trouble will terminate we do not know, but we are trusting God to glorify Himself and advance the work. Somehow or other we feel sure that all the effort, prayer and expenditure made in that country will not be lost. Let God's people remember Mexico when they pray.

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The Time Limit

By REV. M. A. TURNER.

Only recently the astute and wise editor of our own conference organ touched the question of the "time-limit" in a kind of left-handed way in his very interesting discussion of a Biennial Conference instead of an Annual Conference. Again, in the Advocate of November 7, 1912, under the heading, "The West Texas Conference Appointments," he so strongly deprecates the frequent removal of pastors as to, in the last analysis of his argument, suggest even the removal of the "time-limit" altogether. For one, having, I suppose, read all objections alleged hitherto, I am heartily in favor of such enactment. My first reason is precisely the one most urged by Dr. Rankin for the Biennial Conference, viz: The development of a higher efficiency in pulpit ability and pastoral resources. Much as we may dislike to own it, it is a fact nevertheless, that our Church has not a single pastor today, who is conspicuous in the eye of the American people. Mark you, I am not taking account of school men, editors or Bishops, who in the real sense are not pastors at all. Where are our Truets, Broughtons and Van Dykes? We have not a single pastor, at least in this State, and I believe, not in our whole connection, so well and favorably known as Geo. W. Truett, of Dallas. Nor do I believe we have one with nearly so much influence for social and civic righteousness, not only locally but abroad. I could name a man in our Church in Texas who began his ministry about the same time as Truett and who would not have suffered by any sort of comparison with him then, but now for no fault of his, only having been wasted by a system, he, like many of the rest of us, is a mere nobody, so far as either name or influence is concerned. This is no exceptional instance; it is rather typical.

Does any one doubt that Broughton's long pastorate at Atlanta made him one of the most conspicuous figures in every line for good all over the United States and even in Great Britain? But why go on? It is true the prophet of God must not strive either for place or honors; but the time is on us now when, if he has no place, he has no honors, neither is his voice far heard, nor his influence much felt.

My second reason is close akin to the first. What I am going to say now is extremely painful, but is nevertheless a melancholy fact. The bulk of the sons and daughters of Methodist pastors seldom rise above the level of the mediocre, measured by any standard. It is true, there are some notable exceptions, but if they are exceptions, that fact proves my contention. Truth is, other things being equal, they ought to stand abreast of all foremost contemporaries. The reasons for this lamentable condition as I believe, are:

1. Both they and their parents are greatly handicapped in the matter of choosing their associates during the period when character is forming. It often happens by reason of frequent changes, that ere either parents or children have any sufficient data upon which to base discrimination, the pastor's children often form associations insidious and hurtful, from which the their parents may tear them when they finally discover the awful mistake, gaping wounds and ugly scars are left.

2. Having partially corrected these mistakes in the course of one, two, or three years, or maybe four years, and having gotten into proper alignment with the literary, social and religious life of the community, the "system" steps in, and with mailed hand thrusts them all into a situation which, because it is new and strange, involves a set of new risks, new difficulties and new dangers. Is it any wonder that so many of our pastors and pastor's wives lose all proper ambition and sometimes become even "disgruntled"? Is it not a wonder that all such itinerant children do not become hopelessly discouraged and even silt downward, instead of holding their own against such odds? Just as a tree or plant must have some congenial soil in which to take root, if it ever fills the real offices of plant life, so must growing boys and girls have some particular domicile and environment which may at least take the place of a real home, if they are to be relied on for the making of first-class citizens.

My third reason does not come so close home, but it does come home, nevertheless. Is Methodism as a distinct type of thought and theology to survive or perish? Do we know it even now as the fathers knew it? Theoretically, perhaps so. If our "views" are modified, why? Without giving our-

selves up to an ultra conservatism, these questions are pertinent.

Is it not true that the books in our Conference courses and our schools of theology are relied on by our Church as the mental guides and stimuli of our young preachers, and are they not expected to absorb their thought and teachings, and in turn give them out to their flocks? If the answer be affirmative, who but Methodists should write these books? Truth is, almost all of them, especially those that have merit enough to command the respect of a discriminating student, are written either by Calvinistic pastors and school men on the one hand, or, what is far more ominous, latitudinarians of a very broad (?) type, on the other.

Obviously, the "system" is at fault in this. What ever may be said in its

favor as an evangelical force, it is not conducive to leadership in the world of letters and thought, as it is known today. Our pastors, by reason of their office and sympathies, ought to be the Church's oracles in matters of thought and theology, whether new or old, but they are not. They are kept so continuously on the pad that they have neither time nor opportunity to prepare for nor to execute the tremendous task of writing books that while yet Methodist, will stand the strain, and bear the fiery tests of this critical age.

With all due respect to our honored brethren who have contributed of late some worthy additions to our already plethoric stock of tracts, themes, handbooks, etc., subject treatises. We are in the anomalous situation of a great Church with a great history and proud traditions, but without a literature, and with no apparent desire for one; and what is infinitely worse, if the desire were present, no ability adequate to its production.

that our pastor might do on as little as we, do you not?"

"I see no reason why he should not, Brother Taylor."

"Let's look at it this way, Brother Johnson. You work and make all your supplies without any great outlay of money. You appropriate to yourself and family the products of your own labor. But it is not so with our pastor. His labors are not remunerating in the same sense as yours and mine. The products of his labors, of his masterful mind, and his best efforts at study are given almost wholly to others. We receive the benefits of his most laborious efforts."

"But, after all, Brother Taylor, I think the preacher ought to work and make his own money, and not depend so much on the contributions of his flock. Don't you?"

"If he did so, Brother Johnson, he would not be respected by his flock. They wouldn't long respect a pastor or anyone else, as for that matter, for whom they had no respect. But to the main issue again. You see, Brother Johnson, our pastor has more calls for money than we. He has to buy most everything he and his family use. He has to have books, papers, magazines, commentaries and a number of things that call for a great deal of ready cash. This proves to me that he can't do on as little as we and be respectable and efficient in every way. Don't you think, my dear brother, that we should liberally and freely contribute of our temporal things to him who so faithfully and earnestly administers to us in spiritual things?"

"You know, too, that there has been much talk of late years about our pastor being in debt. You are well aware how ruinous debt, without the possibility of paying, is to the reputation of a preacher. These things being so as you so freely admit, what are we to do for our pastor under the circumstances with these facts staring us in the face?"

"It seems my brother, that we must do a better part by our pastor. So here goes for double my assessment. We must make him free from financial embarrassment and relieve him of every care except those peculiar to his sacred calling. What do you think of it, Brother Taylor?"

"That is the way I see it," said Simon with a quick hand grasp and a hearty amen."

Irredell, Texas.

RESOLUTION ON THE MEXICO QUESTION.

Whereas, There is among the people of these United States a state of unrest, and fear of war with a sister Republic, and

Whereas, There is great need of wise and farsighted diplomacy in regard to the International relations between the United States and the Republic of Mexico, and

Whereas, We feel a keen interest in the welfare both of our own country and that of our sister Republic south of the Rio Grande, and

Whereas, We believe that God rules over and directs the destiny of all nations, and

Whereas, We believe that good rulers are essential to God's purpose among men, and He uses them in shaping the policy of nations to serve the best interest and ends of humanity, and

Whereas, We believe that we now have as good and godly men for our rulers as the nation can furnish, men who are fitted by birth, culture, training and experience as could be found the world over; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we, the Texas Central Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session in Temple, Texas, on the 10th day of November, 1913, tender to the Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President of these United States, and his Cabinet of eminent and proficient advisers, this expression of our highest respect and esteem for them personally, and confidence in the policy of their administration in dealing with the delicate and embarrassing state of affairs as now exist in the Republic of Mexico as regards this nation.

2. That we plead for Divine wisdom to direct them in the management of the affairs of this nation at this critical time. Pray that some way may be divinely suggested so that in our dealings with our war-stricken sister Republic on the south this nation show to the Mexican nation or people that our relation to them is one of sympathy and help in this the most critical moment in their history.

3. That whatever state of affairs may arise in the near future it is our most earnest prayer that this nation may prove to Mexico and convince the world that our participation in the political affairs of the Republic of Mexico is one of peace-maker only.

4. That the Secretary of this Conference be instructed to prepare and send a typewritten copy of these resolutions to the President of the United States, and send copies to the Texas



MRS. OLIVER HARDEN STAPP.

The subject of this sketch, Mrs. Oliver Harden Stapp, was born in Pike County, Missouri, in 1824, and moved with her parents to Texana, Jackson County, Texas, in 1840. With the exception of a few years spent in her native State she has lived in Texas ever since.

At ninety years of age Grandma Stapp's mind is still alert and active. Indeed, if we should extend the rights of life to our women she might cause H. G. H. to look well to his laurels when it comes to recounting the stirring scenes of frontier life. She lived in Clinton, DeWitt County, in old fued days and a number of the victims of these fueds were buried from her home.

Not only the privations and hardships of frontier life were hers, but in middle life she was left a widow with a large family; yet being led of an unseen hand all these changing scenes, together with the associations which they brought her, have fitted and prepared her for a higher and better association in a home not made with hands.

Grandma Stapp has lived in Tenyville since 1895, and for twelve years she was a faithful attendant at Sunday School as well as the Church services.

Seventy-five years have passed since she united with the Church, but Grandma is no back number, but is a constant reader of the Advocate and keeps up with the affairs of her Church.

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At the Northwest Texas Conference we were so completely taken by surprise that to this good day we have scarcely recovered our equanimity. For fifteen years we have gone in and out before the conferences faithfully reporting their proceedings and rendering the brethren all help possible. We have never lost an opportunity intentionally to speak of them in terms of kindness and to preach and lecture for them on all convenient occasions. In return for all this we have expected nothing but the confidence, the love and the co-operation of all of them; and in the main we have had this in a generous way. When in the pastorate we learned to expect other little tokens of appreciation from the congregations served because of their repeated expression in this way. But nothing, as a rule, has come to us in a tangible way since we have been editor. We recall only one exception to this rule and that was at Paris four years ago. But at Vernon last Saturday, the Northwest Texas Conference almost paralyzed us. We were busy at the table reporting the proceedings when Bishop Atkins called us to the front and in a few words presented to us in the name of the Conference a handsome and a costly gold mounted fountain pen. We were so completely taken by surprise that words left us and in our embarrassment we had to surrender and retire. If the brethren had flung a few brick bats at us we would have known how to respond—but not to this unexpected remembrance. Before we could regain our equanimity, the Bishop again called us to the front and finished his work. He handed to us a \$35 alligator traveling bag! And this, too, was from the Conference. If words failed us before, they literally forsook this time, and we were left speechless. Along with these two tokens of love and esteem came a large card and there was written on it in great letters: "On with the Battle!" May the good Father ever bless such generous and kind preachers and laymen. This editor will never forget them. He loves them as deeply as they could love him, and his life and talent are at their service.

Northwest Texas Conference Notes

Until Saturday afternoon the Panhandle weather never behaved more beautifully than it did during the session of the Northwest Texas Conference. The sun shone brightly and the air was warm and balmy, but Saturday we had a little touch of what that climate can do when it wants to exhibit its varieties of moods. But the temperature did not run low, and outside of the drizzle and the mud the atmosphere was pleasant, in fact, the elements behaved admirably and we have no criticism to make of the weather.

Never was a conference better entertained. All Vernon citizens threw open their doors to the delegates and visitors and ample provision was made for all. Rev. A. W. Hall, his good wife and the laymen did everything necessary to make the welcome complete and Rev. J. G. Miller contributed much to the pleasure of the occasion. It was the general remark that no better homes could be found anywhere in Texas than those that received the conference at Vernon.

Rev. A. L. Moore, Dr. H. A. Boaz, Rev. R. P. Shuler and this writer were entertained in the good home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Pierce. They are prosperous people and they love the Church and its servants. They have an elegant home, a most delightful family, and their hospitality is of the old and revered type. We were not treated as company—we were made to feel that we were members of the home circle. It was wonderfully delightful to spend those days and nights under that generous roof.

Bishop Atkins endeared himself more than ever to the members of the conference. He made himself one of them. He was brotherly, he was considerate, he was kind and he was wonderfully social in his contact with them all. There was no semblance of anything in his manner of stiffness. He was open and accessible to them all. They adopted strong resolutions of confidence and appreciation toward him and seemed sorry that they could not keep him in their midst. They presented him a costly overcoat and a handsome traveling bag. And he seemed to enjoy every moment of his stay among them.

Rev. B. W. Dodson reported the proceedings of the conference in the Fort Worth Record and right well did he do his work. We hear his accounts of the meeting often praised. He did not turn aside to pick up rumors and foolish side remarks for his paper. He confined himself to the facts and his work was satisfactory to the conference and a credit to the paper he represented. Major Lesesne is the standing representative of the Dallas News and his reports of the proceedings are of the finest character. The conference asked the News management to send him to the General Conference next May to report the proceedings of that body.

There were but comparatively few changes made among the preachers, evidently only those that were absolutely necessary. Rev. J. G. Miller of the Vernon District, and Rev. J. G. Putman, of the Stamford District, exchanged places. The former was entitled to one more year, but the time of the latter was up. They are both very active and painstaking men.

The election of delegates to the General Conference was an orderly and a brotherly task. If there was any questionable work carried on we never discovered it, and a strong delegation was elected. Two of the clerical members were in the last General Conference, but neither one of the lay members was a member of that body. All four of the clerical members are presiding elders. Not a single pastor or school man was elected, though there were many complimentary votes cast

west and she has spent her life in frontier sections of the State. She is a devout Methodist, reads the Advocate, and says she has but one more "degree" of Methodism to take, and that will be to attend the General Conference at Oklahoma City next May, and then she will have completed the sum total of Methodist conferences. She lives now in Clarendon. She set the love feast on fire Sunday morning.

Rev. J. G. Putman and Rev. J. W. Story were elected on a tie vote on the second ballot. Then in the ballots following Rev. G. S. Hardy and Rev. J. M. Sherman were elected. These are all seasoned and well qualified men and are worthy of the honor thus bestowed upon them. And they are capable of discharging the obligations of their positions. The Northwest Texas Conference will be well represented by them next May.

Nat G. Rollins, of Aspermont, a prosperous merchant of that town and a fine Church worker, was elected a lay delegate on the first ballot. Later on J. S. Means, of Andrews, was elected. He is a man of large business and a liberal supporter of the Church. Sometime ago he gave \$1000 cash to Southern Methodist University and later another \$1000 to Stamford Collegiate Institute. He is one of the leading Methodists of that section. F. P. Works, formerly of Hillsboro, but now of Amarillo, and the Conference Lay Leader, was elected. He is a lawyer. G. W. Backus, extensively engaged in the marble business, was the fourth delegate elected. He is a devoted member of the Church at Vernon and the Conference Teller.

Rev. O. P. Kiker, of the Amarillo District, and Rev. J. T. Hicks, of the Plainview District, exchanged places. They had both served their third year in their respective appointments and now they begin a second term as each other's successors. They are strong and vigorous men and capable of unlimited service in their fields of labor.

Rev. C. W. Hearon, after four years at Big Spring, goes to First Church at Abilene, and Rev. Simeon Shaw goes to Sweetwater. Rev. A. L. Moore, the efficient Secretary of the conference, goes to Big Spring from Stamford and Rev. W. E. Lyon goes from Colorado to Stamford. Rev. A. M. Martin, after a fine term of service at Sweetwater, goes to Anson. These are a few of the changes made.

Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson did a year of splendid work on the Abilene District and so did Rev. G. S. Hardy, of the Hamlin District. Rev. J. W. Story, of the Clarendon District, rendered valuable service and his brethren esteem him highly. Rev. W. H. Terry, of the Big Spring District, has nine big counties in his territory and his work is very exacting. He is making himself felt all through it. Rev. J. M. Sherman, of the Sweetwater District, is one of the strong men of the conference and his influence is felt in every department of the Church.

Rev. G. S. Wyatt is one of the leading men of the conference and takes an active part in the conference work. He did a fine year of work at Quanah. Rev. J. T. Griswold is a dominant character in the conference, strong, energetic and full of enterprise and optimism. He did well, exceedingly well, at Childress. Rev. J. P. Lowery, formerly of the North Texas Conference, had a phenomenally successful year at Miami and his report was at high-water mark. He remembers his North Texas brethren with much kindness and made special inquiry about them. Rev. H. H. Liles, of the North Texas Conference, transferred to this body. He is at Avoca.

Rev. J. G. Miller, whom we have already mentioned as going to the Stamford District, was serving his second term on the Vernon District, having been there four years on a previous occasion, and the preachers and the people all wanted him back. But as Bro. Putman had to vacate the Stamford District the Bishop selected Bro. Miller to succeed him, and he will go there with his experience and aid in every way in the development of Methodism in that section. He will take hold of every enterprise and aid in pushing it to a finish. The Stamford Collegiate Institute will find

The two addresses made by Dr. John A. Rice and Dr. W. T. Ellis were notable deliverances. The former spoke on Thursday night on Education and the latter on Friday night on the "World Vision," from the gospel standpoint. Two such addresses are rarely, if ever, heard at one Annual Conference. The one covered the domain of Christian education and the other the domain of gospel activity. They constitute an epoch in the history of the Northwest Texas Conference.

Rev. H. H. Goode, Rev. H. B. Johnson and Rev. J. W. Beck, all of the North Texas Conference, were visitors during the session. They were given a cordial welcome. Rev. G. B. Carter, Rev. Ira Kiker and Rev. D. B. Doak were transferred to the North Texas Conference. There were scarcely any Connectional men at the conference. Dr. J. R. Stuart was the only one from Nashville. Dr. Boaz, Dr. Hyer and Rev. J. D. Young took in the proceedings and had a pleasant time with their former brethren.

The Vernon Weekly Record made itself eminently useful to the conference. Its reporter was present at every session and published practically every item of interest as it transpired. We have never seen a better account of the proceedings. And it was published and placed in the hands of every member of that body. It was a stroke of enterprise greatly appreciated by the delegates and visitors. The paper is a clean, up-to-date weekly and a faithful exponent of that section of the country.

No man was ever more cordially received by preachers and laymen than this writer. From all over the Panhandle country, men, women and children were present and their greeting was delightful. They read the Advocate up that way and though we had never met many of them personally, we were not strangers when we grasped hands. A nobler people do not live than these Panhandle Methodists. They are of the registered type.

Rev. A. L. Moore is the efficient secretary of the conference and we want to express our appreciation of the help he and his assistants rendered us in their readiness to furnish us with needed matter for the Advocate. They are painstaking, polite and brotherly and they faithfully looked after every duty of their positions.

The Advocate fared well at the hands of the conference. Notwithstanding the years of drouth and hard times, the Advocate reports were in advance of anything known in that section, both in collections and subscriptions. The preachers and the people did splendidly, and Mr. Blaylock says their work went far beyond anything he had expected under the circumstances. These men love and appreciate the Advocate and they know its worth.

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in him a warm co-worker, just such an one as was Bro. Putman.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE PERSONALS.

Rev. J. E. Eldredge is one of the faithful men of the conference. He stands by the Advocate and always brings up a good report.

Rev. B. J. Osborn does not make much noise in the conference proceedings, but when it comes to good work he is in the forefront. The Advocate esteems him among its long list of friends up that way.

Rev. J. B. McKeynolds can always be depended upon to master the details of his work, and when it is known that he makes the Advocate his right hand man, no one need be surprised.

Rev. M. M. Beavers is said to be one of the best preachers and pastors in the conference, according to his looks, and he does not look badly either. He is as solid as a rock, a preacher of rare ability and an Advocate worker.

Rev. T. S. Barcus did a faithful work at Anson, but he now comes to the Central Conference. Like all the Barcuses he is a most devoted and loyal preacher and loves the Church. He did good work for the Advocate.

Rev. R. D. Steward does not believe it right to bring up a full report on other matters and neglect the Advocate. He brought up the money for every subscriber on his charge, and he has a good list.

Rev. J. L. Rucker reported every head of family on the Crowell Mission on the Advocate list but one, and he thinks he will be added shortly.

Rev. F. L. Meadow did good work for the Advocate at Throckmorton and brought up a fine report. The Advocate now goes to nearly every home in that charge.

Rev. C. W. Young can always be depended on for good work in every department and he never fails to bring up a good report for the Advocate.

Rev. J. T. Trice is one of our "old stand-bys." He has been in the extreme drouth section for five years, but somehow manages to bring up the Advocate collections.

Rev. C. E. Lynn brought up one of the best Advocate reports of the conference from Tye Circuit, Abilene District. He now has all his stewards on the Advocate list.

Rev. C. F. Carmack added eighteen new Advocate subscribers at Westbrook the past year and brought up good collections.

Rev. A. C. Aston, a brother of Rev. D. H. Aston, of the North Texas Conference, maintained the Aston Record for good work. He took the Cross Plains charge in the middle of the year and brought up a good report, and the Advocate was not neglected.

In addition to others mentioned we are indebted to the following brethren for good reports for the Advocate: Revs. O. M. Addison, A. L. Bowman, A. E. Butterfield, C. S. Cameron, W. C. Childress, W. P. Edwards, W. P. Garvin, G. H. Gattis, J. H. Hamblin, Ben Hardy, C. W. Hearon, A. V. Hendrix, J. T. Howell, G. J. Irwin, C. E. Jameson, L. N. Lipscomb, W. B. McKeown, J. W. Martin, M. L. Moody, J. C. Moore, G. W. Shearer, E. L. Sisk, C. B. Smith, R. E. L. Stutts, V. H. Trammell, J. W. Watson and C. D. West. And there are many others who, circumstances considered, did equally as faithful work. In fact we do not believe there is a preacher in that conference who does not appreciate the Advocate and do good work for it.

Some fellows get tired out hunting a job, and if they found one they would run.

Blood Medicine

That originated in a famous doctor's successful prescription, that is made from the purest and best ingredients, that has a record of relief and benefit believed to be unequalled the world over—such is **HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA.**

Mr. and Mrs. Willis W. Sledge of Ada, Okla., have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Alpha, to Mr. Paul Emanuel Alderson, and the happy event will transpire November 26th at the Methodist Church, Ada, Okla. Mr. Alderson is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Alderson of the North Texas Conference, and his father will be present next week to officiate at the marriage. The Advocate extends congratulations.

Rev. D. L. Collie of the Central Conference was appointed at the recent session to the work of securing superannuate home for the retired ministers of that conference. He is to take the place of the lamented Rev. C. E. Brown. He will prove the right man for that department of work. Bro. Collie, has just closed out a very successful quadrennium at Arlington, and while there did some of the best work of his life. He and his family endeared themselves to all the people of that community and they go from them with the love and esteem of the entire congregation.

Haskell County recently had a local option election, the anti bringing it on. They are now sorry that they did it, for they were largely defeated. All they have gained is that the penalty from this time on for violating the law will be a penitentiary offense. Before, it was only a misdemeanor. They are grieving over their sad plight, but they have no one but themselves to blame.

We are sorry to note that Rev. G. A. Lehnhoff, pastor at Pilot Point Station, is seriously afflicted. He is suffering an infection of his face and is suffering very much pain on account of the illness. We hope for him a speedy recovery, and in the meantime ask the brethren to remember him at a throne of grace in his affliction. He is one of our true and good men.

Rev. Abe Mulkey is taking a needed rest at his home in Corsicana and among his people, whom he loves and who love him. And since he is not trying to enter the active evangelical field for a season, he is not content to spend his time in merely resting. So his pen is at work and he is contributing a sermon every day to one of the local papers. In this way he is accomplishing good results. You can't keep Abe still or quiet. He is bound to be doing something.

PERSONALS

Rev. S. L. Crowson, of the Jacobia charge, was a pleasant visitor this week. He is just about ready for Conference. He has done a year of hard work. He has taken in some new territory and has a Church enterprise on foot.

Rev. H. H. Liles of Wheatland, but recently transferred to the Northwest Texas Conference and appointed to Avoca and Bethel, was a pleasant caller at this office this week. We regret to have him leave the North Texas Conference, but the brethren over that way will find him worthy and true as a brother beloved.

Rev. J. A. Old is in the city this week winding up his work preparatory to going to the Lawton District, West Oklahoma Conference. His

people at Oak Lawn are very loath to give him up, but he was needed elsewhere and will have to go. He is greatly loved by his people and throughout our Conference.

Rev. C. C. Childress of Anna will carry a good report to Clarksville. He and his people have gotten along well this year.

Rev. J. B. Adair of Hutchins was to see us the other day. He is one of the faithful workers of the Conference and always true to his conviction. And you can always locate him on any proposition.

Next Sunday we will be with Rev. J. D. Cunningham on the Honey Grove Circuit to take part in the dedication of a new church. We were due there some Sundays back, but continued wet weather forestalled the appointment.

Rev. Rex B. Wilkes of Plano was a brotherly caller this week. He is closing out a successful year in that good appointment, and he and his people are on the best of terms. He is a great force, not only in the community, but especially with the boyhood and young manhood of the place. His influence is wholesome and abiding.

Rev. H. A. Bourland, D. D., a man whom all people love, is now living with Rev. G. M. Gibson in Oak Lawn. Since the death of Mrs. Gibson, Bro. Gibson felt that he needed these two splendid people in his home, and it is a happy arrangement that has taken Dr. and Mrs. Bourland into that sorrowing circle.



REV. S. A. BARNES.
Plainview Station.

Brother Barnes has the record of turning in the best Advocate report of the State, up to the present date, counting both new subscribers and renewals. We heard Brother Barnes spoken of among his brethren at Conference as "The man who does things," and we endorse this description.

A good brother writes us, sending \$4 to be applied to the subscription of worthy poor widows who are unable to pay for the Advocate themselves. We will meet him on the proposition by sending the paper to four widows for the amount.

100 PER CENT ROLL.

Tye—Rev. C. E. Lynn.
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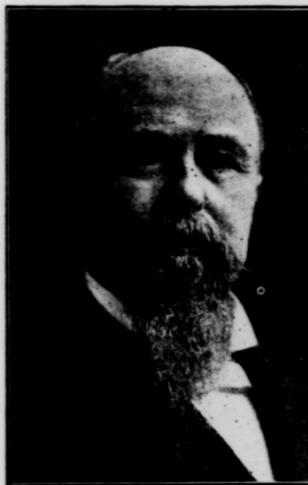
A MOTHER IN ISRAEL GONE HOME.

The aged and consecrated mother of Rev. W. B. Andrews, of the Waco District, recently passed to her reward from her home in Birmingham, Alabama. She has made such splendid contributions to Texas Methodism that we number her among our own, and we want to reproduce a tribute to her sacred memory, sent us by her son at Waco:

A message from Birmingham tells of the death of my mother in that city today. She has been the wife of a Methodist preacher more than fifty-five years. Sixteen years ago she

was stricken with rheumatism, and has gradually grown worse all the while. Every remedy known, was used to relieve her, to no avail. About seven years ago my father superannuated, to take care of her. Mother has been entirely helpless the past three years, and father has been her constant ministrant—doing everything for her. For many months she has wanted to go home. Today the cords were loosed and she went away. She leaves a husband, Rev. W. T. Andrews, of the North Alabama Conference, and five sons and one daughter. Two of the sons are Methodist preachers, J. B. Andrews, the evangelist, and myself. One, Dr. C. F. Andrews, is practicing medicine in Fort Worth. The eldest son lives in Nashville, Tenn., while the youngest son and the daughter live in Birmingham. There are twenty-one grandchildren. Mother professed religion and joined the Church when she was a small girl, and all these years she has been journeying toward her heavenly home. The agonies of bodily suffering are over, the body will rest in the cemetery in Birmingham—mother is at home.

Your brother,
W. B. ANDREWS.
Waco, Texas, Nov 17, 1913.



DEATH OF REV. W. F. LLOYD, D. D.

The death of this distinguished minister at the home of his son in Stephenville, Nov. 13th, while not altogether unexpected, nevertheless comes with a shock to us all. He had been in declining health for several years, but only November 3rd was he stricken down with serious and immediate illness. His funeral services were conducted in Stephenville, and he was interred in the cemetery at that place. Rev. W. M. Hayes of Prescott, Ark., will at an early day prepare a suitable obituary notice of his life, his character and his extended labors in the vineyard of the Master.

Dr. Lloyd for years was one of our most prominent ministers. He wrought well in his day and generation and leaves a record of fidelity and integrity of the highest character. He was a man of strong and well trained intellect, a preacher of splendid ability and power in the pulpit, and a man of deepest consecration of heart and mind. In his palmy days he towered up as a pillar of strength in our midst and he was in the forefront of every great movement. We can hardly realize that a man of such stalwart physique and such impressive personality is gone from us before his zenith was reached. But such is the case, and we express to his widow, his children and numerous relatives our profound sympathy in this day of their sorrow.

A PATHETIC AFFLICTION.

Last week the little nine-year-old son of Doctor and Mrs. R. W. Baird of this city, and grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Horace Bishop, passed from this world to the life above, after several days of serious illness. This comes with a crushing blow to the fond parents, grandparents and a large host of relatives and sorrowing friends. He was a promising boy and up to the time he was stricken with illness he was the picture of health and buoyant childhood. Every indication pointed to the gradual maturity of robust manhood; but in the midst of life we are in death. When

they least expected it the visitation came to that good Christian home and it has left them in sadness and bereavement. But God knows what is best, and though he often works in darkness and mystery, He always works wisely and kindly. May the everlasting arms be round and about those stricken loved ones to strengthen and to support them in this day of pathetic sorrow! We extend to them our heartfelt sympathy. We know what they are suffering. But best of all is a loving Savior knows and he has the remedy in his abounding grace.

DEATH OF REV. DAVID G. STOKEY.

Rev. David G. Stokey, one of our most useful and faithful local preachers, died last week in this city, aged 68 years. He was born in Tennessee, but lived in Texas most of his life. He was a brave Confederate soldier and a faithful man in all the walks of life. His character was pure, his spirit consecrated and his record without a blemish. For many long years he wrought well in the Church, loved to preach the gospel and lived in peace with all his brethren. His funeral services were conducted at Grace Church by Rev. J. L. Morris and his going was mourned by a large concourse of friends. He leaves a widow and two sons, but he has gone to a certain reward.

LET'S KEEP THE ORPHAN CHILDREN WARM.

And so the work of Warming the Orphans goes on. Previously reported \$1,088.29. This week's report is as follows:

A Friend, Fate	\$ 5.00
A Friend, Sulphur Springs	5.00
S. S., Sulphur Springs	21.00
W. H. M. Society, Howell Chapel, Ft. Worth	5.00
Miss Maggie J. Broyles, Palestine	1.00
Mrs. John W. Gray, Marysville	1.00
McMill Clayton, Tahoka	5.00
R. H. Andrus, Dublin	1.00
C. R. DeLong, Kress	10.00
Classes 3 and 4, Wesley Chapel, Aquilla Circuit	1.20
Valley Mills Church	3.00
John L. Russom, Whitesboro	.25
Dolores Conwill, Cuero	.50
D. E. Conwill, Jr., Cuero	.50
W. M. Society, Era	10.00
Sunday School, Lavernia	5.00

Total for the week \$74.45
Grand total \$1,162.74

The plumbers are rushing the work of installing the plant. We are trusting the kind hearts of the people of Texas for the balance of the money. Let's hasten the good work for this good cause.

Yours in the name of one hundred and sixty orphan children.
A. D. PORTER.
Morrow St., Waco, Texas.

THE PAYNE GIFT—A CORRECTION

Late in the conference year Brother and Sister Windrow Payne, of Ozona, made a gift of seventy-five dollars to each superannuated preacher in the West Texas Conference. Some have failed to get the check intended for them on account of a misunderstanding of postoffice address, etc. The gift of these godly people was not made to include all the conference claimants as some seem to suppose. It simply includes the old heroes who still abide among us as the representatives of a past generation of men who bore the Lord's banners in the forefront of the fight with a devotion that never cooled and a courage that never failed. This is a fitting tribute to men whose presence still among us is a constant benediction to all who look into their faces and love them for their work's sake.

WALLACE M. CRUTCHFIELD.

CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD NOTICE.

One of our most honored members, Dr. W. F. Lloyd, after a lingering illness passed to his reward from the home of his son, Rev. Earnest Lloyd, November 13, 1913. An immediate payment of this mortuary fee will be greatly appreciated. The Northwest Texas Conference division will send theirs to Rev. C. Bruce Meador, at Stamford. The Central Texas will send to me. We have a great Brotherhood. Let us keep it going and growing.
JNO. M. BARCUS,
Secretary-Treasurer Central Texas Conference Brotherhood,
Waxahachie, Texas.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

Rev. W. H. Crawford, Polytechnic, Texas.

OUR NEW MEXICO ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

By W. M. Sanford, Alpine, Texas.

We had at the Conference more than the usual number of connectional men, some of whom were visiting us for the first time. Dr. Ivey, of the Christian Advocate, wrote a most entertaining letter of his trip, and of his impressions of the country, the people and the Conference.

It requires much travel by preachers and delegates to get to Conference in New Mexico, this scribe having to go nearly 500 miles to reach Albuquerque, and there are places still more remote.

In order for our preachers to attend the two Conferences of the year, they must spend a large per cent of their salary in traveling expenses. Among the various things done, and the various resolutions introduced, was one by Brother Sam Allison which proposed that the Conference memorialize the next General Conference, that it be made the law of the Church that no young man should be admitted into the traveling connection who was addicted to the use of tobacco.

I do not recall the wording of the resolution, but this was the sense of it, as I remember it. I expected to see the resolution adopted with scarcely a dissenting voice, for I am sure that a very large majority of the preachers of the Conference do not use the weed in any form, and because no reasonable excuse can be offered in justification of the habit. But it was like flirting a red flag in the face of a bull. Allison had hardly finished reading the resolution before Brother Evans was on his feet and moving that the resolution be tabled, which was promptly done by a large majority.

Now I say this surprised me, and I do not yet understand why a body of preachers who are not addicted to the bad habit themselves should be willing to palliate it in young men who propose to enter the ministry.

Now, the fact is, there is a frowning sentiment against the use of tobacco, and it is known to be injurious to most people, and utterly bad, why should a Conference of Methodist preachers refuse to go on record as favoring such a resolution?

Why should they refuse to take the lead in condemnation of the habit by our young preachers, who are not supposed to have as yet fixed the filthy habit, and become so confirmed in its use as to be able to quit? Any young preacher, with the tobacco habit who would not be willing to give it up, is not sufficiently consecrated to be permitted to enter the ministry. St. Paul, who is held up by the preachers as an example for us all to follow, said he would not eat meat while the world stands, if it should cause his brother to offend. Now, the use of tobacco is not nearly so necessary as the use of meat, and it does cause many to offend, and it is an offense to many more. What do you suppose St. Paul would have said to young Timothy about using tobacco, if he had known him to be addicted to the habit; he could not have even advised him to its moderate use "for his stomach's sake."

The laity will not excuse it in a young man; it lowers him in the estimation of the general public in and out of the Church; it cripples his usefulness; it offends.

To say that a man who uses tobacco is as spiritual as one who does not use it, proves nothing; it detracts from any man's influence for the best, be he a layman, a preacher, or even a Bishop in the Church. Tobacco must, like some other things more pernicious, go, and the first to let it go should be our preachers, who ought to be our leaders in every movement for reform.

It is inconsistent in our preachers to vote down such a resolution and at the same time to say that the use of tobacco is not good for the young, and I hope there will be such legislation enacted by our General Conference as will debar our young preachers from its use, and enable them to throw the whole of their influence against so pernicious a habit, and allow them to say as much against its use at least as is said in the curriculum of our public schools.

This is the view of one layman who has the good of the Church and the preachers' interest very much at heart.

November 15, 1913.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION.

I desire to express my appreciation of the interest shown in me by my brethren of the West Texas and Central Texas Conferences. For the financial aid, generously liberal, I am grateful. But more does this expression of love and confidence from my brethren at once humble and inspire me. I fear it is undeserved. I hope I may somehow prove that it is not entirely so. As far as I am able to judge prospects for the early restoration of my health are better than since March, 1911. My health.

R. B. McSWAIN.

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STATE NOTES.

President O. L. Hamilton, of the North Texas Conference Epworth League, is proving himself a versatile speaker, filling many engagements of late throughout his conference and emphasizing the importance of the

League work. We have no more faithful worker in Texas than Brother Hamilton and he is doing splendid service as a "come back" in the office of North Texas President.

There is considerable interest being manifested in certain sections of the State regarding the proposed re-location of the Assembly. Texas seems to have very many splendid sites for an institution of this kind.

Plans are going steadily forward for the realization of the Ruby Kendrick Memorial Hall, and as soon as the new site is decided upon for the Assembly grounds, this will be one of the first buildings, it is hoped, to be erected. In the meantime those who have made pledges toward the fund are urged to pay same without further delay.

How about your 1913-1914 officers? Their names should be reported to the State Secretary, whose address is given in the directory at the head of this department. G. W. T.

THE MISSIONARY VICE-PRESIDENT'S DIGEST.

Edited by Miss Mary Hay Ferguson. Everyone should know all about the missionary machinery of his Church and denomination. At some meeting have short papers or talks on:

1. Our Missionary Board. Where it is, and what it does.
2. Our Woman's Board.
3. Our Relation to the Boards.
4. How the Money is Sent.
5. Our Connection with Conference Work.
6. Our Special Objects for this Year.

BELLE M. BRAIN.

A Testimony Meeting.

"Why I believe in Missions" is the theme. Choose for speakers some bright business men, a few attractive women speakers, a teacher, a lawyer, a physician and the like, covering as wide a circle of occupations as you can. Get the best speakers in the community to sum up the argument in a few pointed sentences at the close. AMOS R. WELLS.

less likely to keep him faultlessly dressed and clean in body.

The external of a man is an outward symbol of his inner life. You may not be able to wear high-priced clothing, but you may keep them respectably neat. You may not be able to have a handsome bathroom with all its accessories, but you may keep your body clean without these. Of course we could not require spotlessness of a man who works in the mill, or drives an engine or shovels coal. But cleanliness consistent with one's business and environments is the unremitting demand.

The care of your hands and nails is always worth while. You may not be able to keep them without blemish, but you may demonstrate by ceaseless attention that the blemishes are accidental and not habitual. A determined and persistent habit of personal cleanliness will elevate the ideals of your life. It has been shown by high medical authority that a person striving always to be clean in body is far less likely to be vicious than the person who habitually slouches through life.

An important matter of cleanliness is the thorough care of the mouth and the teeth. If you will ask any dentist he will tell you that people's mouths are unspeakably filthy. He will prove to you that the majority of people keep their mouths not only foul but reeking with decayed particles of food and swarming with all manner of disease-producing bacteria. A fixed habit of keeping the mouth scrupulously clean will invariably tend to make the individual cleaner in his conversation. Fewer filthy words will issue from a physically clean mouth than from one that is sodden with putrescent remnants of beef and chicken bread crumbs and pastry.

No person can hope to have health if he keeps a filthy mouth. A dog has a cleaner mouth than nine persons out of ten. This is not harsh. It is the truth. The shape of the dog's teeth and the abundance of his saliva enable him to catch less and throw off more impurities than the human being can do naturally. Many diseases are traceable to neglected gums and teeth. Cleansing the mouth thoroughly after every meal is essential.

HISTORY OF SOME WORDS.

We have often given the histories of words. The origin and development of a language is a subject so beautiful and words are the bearers of so many dignities that we cannot lightly use them or wilfully neglect their ancestry and their genealogy.

Take the word "romance." In the ninth century the Latin was dying out and a new modification of Frankish speech was coming in in France. This modification was known as the Romana Lingua, that is the Romans or Romance tongue. In this language were written the extravagant tales of troubadours, the songs of minstrelsiners and the stories of chivalry. Then came other changes in languages in which these literary productions were written and they were all called the Romance languages, the Italian, the French, the Spanish, the Portuguese and some others.

"King" is the "can" man, that is, the man who can, the able man, the mighty man. It is of German origin and comes through the Old Anglo-Saxon. The word "gazette" is usually associated with a newspaper as its name. The term is, or was, the name of a Venetian coin and was the price charged for the paper. There is still in England a coin called the gazet or gazetta.

Hypocrite is a Greek word, and it originally meant a stage-player, a person acting on the stage, and hence not acting or living genuinely, but merely representing himself as another or as different from his real self for the time. Owing to the great size of the Greek theaters the actors had to be made of extraordinary size artificially in order to make them look natural sized to the audience. They were also generally masked. And they used secret trumpets to enlarge the volume of their voices. So that hypocrite is a very old Greek word, and the transformation to our present understanding of the term makes it far more striking because of what it originally was.

"Witch" is from the Saxon and means simply "wise." It means supernaturally wise, and we can readily see how it came to have an uncanny significance. "Comrade" is a beautiful word. It is found in nearly all modern languages in some form, and is more corrupt in form in English than in any of the rest. The word has its Latin root, "camera," a chamber, and the full spelling is "camarade," and it means a chamber-fellow that is one so close in friendship and confidence as to be closeted in sacred association.

"Adieu" means "a. to, and dieu," God. That is, the elision is supplied and altogether means, "I commend you to God." "Good-bye" is only a contraction of the words "God be with ye." You, of course, know that the

word "Methodist" is a term applied to the followers or associates of the Wesleys who met at stated intervals for worship and mutual spiritual helpfulness. They had assembled often without any desire to create a new organization, but the name was applied to them by Sidney Smith in the Edinburgh Review, then the most powerful literary organ in the world. These worshippers were systematic, they entered into their religious services with business methods, they were methodical, and the term "methodists" was applied to them in derision. They have long since redeemed it and glorified it by making it one of the most attractive words in the language—a word that is known in every language on earth as the name of a great Christian Church.

WHY CHANGE THE NAME?

By Rev. D. A. Williams.

The above is a pertinent question, which demands in reply, deliberate action. The agitation of this question is foreign to Southern Methodism. 'Tis but the resurrection of the bones of Scott, Birney, Lundy, et al. who would flaunt the tattered rag of sectional strife in the faces of the sons of Southern aires.

Some one has said to my surprise that the Methodist Episcopal Church of 1844 was not divided, separated because of the "slavery question," but a glimpse at history will show that he was in error. For at the General Conference of 1844, "Memorials" from New Hampshire took exception to Dr. Carers as a slave-holder. Also an appeal came up from the Baltimore Conference, and was fought to the bitter end. The appellant was an elder who had married a lady who owned five slaves. These were his wife's slaves and not his own. The General Conference sustained the decision of the Annual Conference. The fight was on.

Level-headed Dr. Olin pleaded for peace, but there was no peace. "A Committee of Compromise" was appointed; but Bishop Soule reported that they "were unable to agree upon a plan of compromise."

Then, Bishop Andrew, who was a leal but unwilling "slave-holder," was arraigned. There was a stormy debate. Affirmative Griffin and John Davis offered a resolution requesting Bishop Andrew to resign his bishopric; but J. B. Finley offered a "substitute," requesting the Bishop to "desist" from the exercise of his official functions. The substitute carried and a protest was entered.

On June 5, 1844, Dr. Longstreet offered the "Declaration of Southern Delegates." On motion of Dr. J. B. McFerrin, of Tennessee, a plan for the mutual division of the Church was called for; and the "Plan of Separation" was adopted June 8, 1844, and thus the M. E. Church, South, was born, and our Southern brethren bade the M. E. Church a fond farewell and went their way.

In 1848, the General Conference of the M. E. Church, met in stormy session. Dr. Lovick Pierce went as a fraternal delegate to that conference with loving salutations from our Southern Church, but they "did not consider it proper to entertain fraternal relations with the M. E. Church, South." And thus our Northern brethren kept the flames of strife burning until the States were bantized in the blood of brothers, and the "slavery question" was undoubtedly the fuel that fed the fire!

Now then, from whence springs the demand for a change of name? Surely not from within our own ranks—but from the grave of the dead past. There are those to whom the word "South" is offensive. Yes, but there are those of us, for whom it has a charm. I never saw a Southern saint or sinner, who was too old or weak or lame or lazy to throw up his hat and yell, when he hears the strains of "Dixie."

Some object to the word "South" because it is local; but from a world-wide standpoint is not the word "America" just as local?

We note that the West Texas Conference has memorialized the next General Conference to change the name to "The Episcopal Methodist Church" in order to dodge the "provincial" issue. But, is that a wise thing to do? Would our missionaries not have trouble in explaining everything to the "heathen" regarding the change of name? Or, if asked, which of the Episcopal Methodist Churches this is, would we not have to resort to Campbellite tactics in explaining by saying: The Episcopal Methodist Church?

Again, our property title is vested in the M. E. Church, South. To change the name might involve endless litigation; or, to say the least, a lot of useless changes in deeds, records, etc., etc. For a change of name, demands other changes accordingly.

Then too, would the change of name bring greater results of our missionary activities? Would it give us a stronger arm-clasp on a lost world. Hardly. We already have a firm clasp on the world, and what we need most is not a change of name, but a deeper consecration, a fuller vision and a more persistent effort to draw men to Christ.

For one, I am unequivocally opposed to any change of name at all. I was born in the lap of this old Church; was led to the baptismal font by hands that have long since turned to dust where grave-flowers grow, and was dedicated to God in baptism by a son of one of her venerable Bishops—Dr. J. C. Keener. Later, I was converted at her altar, took her vows upon me; was licensed to preach by her, and finally was admitted into her traveling connection, was ordained by two of her Bishops and have spent the happy years of my ministerial life within her pales.

Brethren, clustered about the word "South," suffixed to the title of our Church, are many sacred memories—too sacred to be cast aside to satisfy the whims of those who dislike the name because it is offensive to their "provincial" sensibilities.

Let that name stand forever! For it means so much that is dear to the Southern heart; and may it ever stand immortalized in the galaxy of Churches, to light the feet of earth-pilgrims from all climes and all lands up to the City of Pearly Gates and Jasper Walls where peace, rest and joy abounds. Let's "whereas, resolute and vote" to retain the name. Change the name? Why, please? Douglassville, Texas.

CHANGING NAME OF OUR CHURCH.

As there is being much said about the change of name of our Church, in a sort of emphasis, I will give a real, or supposed, occurrence.

A preacher rode into a little town (for convenience will say Alvin). The first person he met was a darky.

Preacher—"Good morning; how are you?"

Darky—"Well, bless de Lord." Preacher—"I see several churches here."

Darky—"Yes, we be a religious people, bless de Lord."

Preacher—"What church is that over there?"

Darky—"Dat am the Presbyterian, bless de Lord."

Preacher—"That other over there?"

Darky—"Dat am the Episcopal Church, bless de Lord."

Preacher—"What church is that down there?"

Darky—"Dat am de Baptist Church, bless de Lord."

Preacher—"I see another over there. What is that?"

Darky—"Dat am the Campbellite Church, bless de Lord."

Preacher—"Well, I see two up there. What are they?"

Darky—"With a nod of the head, said: "One over dere am de Methodist Church, north of de Lord and de order am de Methodist Church south of de Lord."

Now, if we will eliminate Episcopal and South and call ourselves the Methodist Church, the Church and the world will know who we are.

Yours truly,

R. O. BRAZILETON, L. E.

RESOLUTIONS.

At the fourth Quarterly Conference of Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Palestine charge, Jacksonville, Monday evening, November 10, 1913, the following resolution was offered and unanimously passed by a rising vote:

Whereas, according to the laws of our Church, our beloved brother and residing elder, I. T. Smith, will, with the closing of this Quarterly Conference, sever his official connection with this charge; and

Whereas, he has all through these years served us faithfully and efficiently, inspiring us, both by his precept and example, to live more humbly, more religiously and more self-sacrificingly; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is with the deepest regret that we sever this relation, and that he carries with him our love, our confidence and our esteem.

I. GOOCH,
E. H. BAKER, Sec.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

REV. E. HIGHTOWER, Editor, Weatherford, Texas.

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NOW LET US ACT.

The Educational Commission has resolved to have a chair of Sunday schools and Religious Pedagogy in Southern Methodist University. They have further decided to endow this chair. They have calculated that the smallest sum that will suffice for this purpose is fifty thousand dollars. They have asked the Sunday Schools for this amount. A majority of the Texas Conferences have approved the whole plan, and he others will do so when they meet.

WE NEED A DEPARTMENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Southern Methodist University is now a settled fact. Whatever any one thought of the wisdom of the enterprise at the start our Church has spoken and acted, and for every loyal Methodist that is the end of the controversy. In future years many of those who fill our pulpits and work in our Sunday Schools will receive their training at Southern Methodist University. The character of their work must to a great extent depend upon the kind of training they are given. Heretofore much of our college train-

ing seems to have been too theoretical and not practical enough. Graduates from our academic and theological schools have taken their places in the practical work of the Church with no idea as to how their knowledge and training are to be applied. The Department of Religious Pedagogy aims to supply this lack. It means that we are to train as well as inform our future workers. It means that pastors and superintendents of our future Sunday Schools are to know how to deal practically with the young life which shall be committed to their care. Such an enterprise will readily commend itself to every intelligent Methodist in Texas.

OUR STATE PLANS.

The Sunday School Board of the Central Texas Conference endorsed every feature of the plan submitted by the State Executive Committee and made the necessary appropriation. We do not doubt that the other Conference Boards will fall in line with the West and Central Texas Boards. That central office at Dallas is absolutely necessary to our plans for endowing the Chair of Religious Pedagogy and stimulating the Sunday School interest in other lines.

Boys' and Girls' Self-Culture Club

Conducted by H. L. PINER, Denison, Texas

THE GOSPEL OF CLEANLINESS.

It was the custom amongst the royalty in England even up to the sixteenth century not to bathe. If the body became unsightly from dirt it was oiled or pasted over with something to cover the defect. This is a terrible arraignment of kings and princes, but it is history.

But you cannot afford to belong to royalty at that price. The time has come when personal cleanliness is the imperative demand by every law of sanitation health and decency. No half-way measures will meet the requirements imposed by the highest

health authorities on this subject. Modern scientific investigation has demonstrated that disease of almost every kind may come of ill-kept bodies because they are ill-kept.

The moral effect of personal cleanliness is unquestionably manifest. No man who is persistently filthy in person or dress will have as high ideals as the man of immaculate body and apparel. It may often be true that the man in spotless apparel is a villain, but whenever this is true you will find that he is spotless in apparel for a purpose and that his tendency aside from this purpose would be far

Woman's Department

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

ERVAY STREET (DALLAS) AUXILIARY.

A very unique, entertaining and instructive program was arranged by Mesdames Gillham and Turner for the Ervay Street Methodist Church Missionary Society on November 3. Circle No. 3 was the hostess. Each member represented an active Chinese missionary now in the Methodist fields in China. When the roll was called each missionary gave her name, her past and present addresses, the term of service in the field and other interesting data. The scope of work being done in the Methodist schools and hospitals in one little corner of this great, rising foreign republic, was told by two of the members.

A pathetic story in verse of a Chinese maid was beautifully rendered by Miss Dorothy Tongue.

The songs, the prayers and the selections were all in keeping with the Chinese theme.

Mrs. Turner, chairman of Circle No. 3, made a plea for more active work and interest among the Chinese and other foreigners of our own city.

After the intellectual feast in the auditorium, the fifty ladies present were invited to an Oriental feast up stairs. They were ushered into a regular Chinese bowery. The gorgeous Chinese colors and decorations were everywhere in evidence. Immense Chinese umbrellas were suspended from the ceiling and festoons of bright, varicolored banners extended across the room. Numerous small tables were centered with Chinese bowls filled with Chinese nuts, which proved to be quite palatable. The menu consisted of chop suey, rice and tea served in Chinese ware. A gentle hint was given by one who knew that the cups should be held in both hands to avoid a breach of Chinese etiquette. Chop sticks were on exhibition on a table of curios, but as there were not enough to serve all the guests, forks were resorted to. The napkins were regular Chinese puzzles, so folded that a grotesque Chinese face grinned at each guest. Tiny Chinese flags were presented as souvenirs of the occasion.

Among the curios were a Chinese shoe, a bracelet, card cases, chop sticks, a Chinese letter two yards in length, a Chinese scarf on the piano, Chinese goods and post cards galore, showing the customs of the country. There was a Chinese doctor with his long finger nails, Chinese pagodas and many interesting scenes from Hong Kong, Peking, Canton, Shanghai and other cities of China. It was a delightful entertainment and we felt that we had indeed paid a visit to the "Flowery Kingdom." A great and noble work in the home and foreign fields is being done by this small band of busy mothers and housewives of the Ervay Street Methodist Missionary Society.

All honor to them and to their worthy President!

MRS. J. W. WOODLAND,
Press Supt. Ervay St. Meth. Mis. Soc.

C. I. A. PHILATHEAS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF DENTON, TEXAS.

At the beginning of each school term of the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Texas, the C. I. A. Philathea class is reorganized. This year the enthusiasm of the class seems to promise a bright and helpful year not only to each individual member, but to all with whom they come in contact in their Christian work.

Already the membership of the class has reached 102. With the aid of our teacher, Mrs. F. B. Carroll, various officers and committees have been selected to promote interest in the social and religious work the class has mapped out for itself.

This is only one of many ways in which Mrs. Carroll has encouraged the development and growth of the class: her knowledge of the Bible and her forceful way of impressing its teachings on the minds of the girls can hardly be emphasized too much. More than all, she is familiar to them and loved and respected as the one who brings home nearer to many of the girls at Methodist Dormitory.

Besides the advantage to be derived from having a splendid teacher, the girls who have attended college before this year invite each new girl personally to become a member of the class, and she is accorded a hearty welcome in responding to the invitation.

We want to make our class stand for all that is good and pure and holy, and how can we fail if each one of us shall say: "I am only one, but I am one; I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do, and, by the grace of God, I will do."

ISABEL ANDREWS,
Reporter.

Marble Falls, Tex., Nov. 6.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT MEETING.

The Gainesville District Conference met October 8-10 in St. Jo, Texas. The rain ceased just in time for our meeting to be a success.

Wednesday morning the sun shone so brightly and every one seemed to have a new vision of the Christ. Our District Secretary was never better in conducting a meeting, and the people of St. Jo never entertained any grander. Flowers greeted the eye on all sides and every one was made to feel that hearty welcome which only true Christians can feel in company with God's people. The first day was taken up with organization and reports, which were very good considering the transition. Ten of the fourteen Auxiliaries were represented and a fine conference followed.

The welcome address by Rev. Cole on Wednesday night was followed by an address by Mrs. L. P. Smith, Conference President, on Our Work, and we were made to realize that in the next three years North Texas must furnish four young ladies to go into the work for the Master.

Thursday was a very busy day. Children's work was well handled by Mrs. Nannie Gilmer of Sanger. Mrs. J. F. Bennett, of Pottsboro, Treasurer of the Home Department, explained where and for what our money goes. The book in our study course, "The King's Business," was explained by Mrs. L. P. Smith. Our own missionary, Miss Roberts, from Mexico, entertained the conference, telling of her work, and Miss Payne, of the Presbyterian Church, who has work in Mexico, was also a pleasing talker. Mrs. Mitchell, of Pilot Point, showed us our duty to the immigrant very plainly.

After a few plans for raising money were discussed, the conference closed to meet next year with the good people of Sanger.

MRS. W. R. NUTTING,
Recording Secretary.

LANE CITY SOCIETY.

Since the hot summer months are over the Lane City W. H. M. S. came together and reorganized with the following officers elected:

President, Mrs. T. W. Lane; First Vice-President, Mrs. C. A. Dayvault; Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. A. Dayvault; Third Vice-President, Mrs. H. J. King; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. E. L. Stone; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ed. Wolters; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Fred Sanders; Agent for Voice, Mrs. D. P. Dayvault; Press Agent, Mrs. D. S. Burke.

All are indeed glad to work and seem to be starting off with fresh zeal. All dues and pledges have been paid to date. We are few, but we have the promise, "I am with you always."

Mrs. Sanders, our delegate to Rosenberg, reported a delightful and profitable time. We hope to accomplish much good for the Master this year.

MRS. D. S. BURKE, P. R.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT MEETING.

On November 4, 1913, at Dayton, Texas, was held an interesting and helpful District Convention of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Beaumont District. The following organizations were represented by delegates: China, Port Arthur, Orange, Dayton, Liberty, Kountze, three societies of Beaumont First Church, one Roberts Avenue Church, Beaumont, report read, delegate not present; Vice Tevis Church, Beaumont.

We had four district officers present: Mrs. George Call, Mrs. Hugh McFarlane, Mrs. H. F. Banker and Mrs. W. A. Langham.

Miss Ora Durham, deaconess in the Girl's Co-operative Home, Houston, Texas, was with us and interested, enlightened and enthused many of us by telling us of things we are all interested in but don't know much about. Every subject was well covered, showing that the committee on arrangement chose well in the assignment of work for the convention. The people of Dayton served dinner in the

church. These good women not only showed to the convention that they were a live, wide-awake Missionary Society of fifty-seven members, putting some of the other societies represented there to shame, but they also showed their ability as hostesses and their art in the culinary line. Kountze and Liberty extended invitations to the convention to meet with them next. We wanted to go to both places, but those arrangements were left to a committee.

The delegates left voting themselves better informed, more earnest, more determined Christian women.

MRS. WILL. H. RAYBURN,
Secretary of Convention,
958 Calder Ave., Beaumont.

FULSHEAR SOCIETY.

The ladies of the Fulshear Missionary Society began the year 1913 with new courage, higher ideals of greater work and a strong determination to prove 1913 a lucky number in their work; and now that the year is growing rapidly away from us, it is safe to say that it has been a most peaceful and prosperous year for the society. The same interest and enthusiasm marks each meeting a success and with the three departments—Local, Home and Foreign—the Society furnishes work specially suited to every member. A recent donation to the Co-operative Home in Houston was made, consisting of jellies, jams and preserves, with an extra donation of two large pound cakes from the President of the Society, Mrs. E. S. Wilson.

The special local work is raising funds for various improvements to be made on the Methodist church, and for that purpose the treasury shows already a neat sum and the work on the church will begin in the near future.

The new public school building which has been recently completed was last Friday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock the scene of a household linen shower given by the Ladies Missionary Society for the Laredo Seminary. Invitations were extended to the ladies of the Missionary Societies at Brookshire and Wallis to assist in giving the shower, and a most generous donation was received. Many gifts came in from those who were unable to be present, until the basket to receive the gifts was filled to overflowing, besides a few gifts of money.

When all the guests had arrived a march was played and the school children marched in and sang a song of welcome. Under the charge of Mrs. Mary Tugle they entertained in a most pleasing manner with songs, recitations and music after the conclusion of the program, refreshments were served consisting of salad sandwiches and hot chocolate and cake.

The ladies visiting from the other societies were: Mesdames J. A. Pickens, F. D. Brandt, J. C. Matjerka, D. N. Harris, J. E. MacFadden, B. G. Serogins, O. G. Frayard, R. A. Irvin, M. Coolbar, O. G. Harris, F. L. Williams, J. C. Williams, Miss Estelle Hood and Rev. W. W. Horner.

It is our annual custom to always remember the orphans, and this year they received a special gift. In October a nice box of clothes, valued at \$35 was sent to the Methodist Orphans' Home in Waco.

(Mrs.) T. H. RELEW,
Recording Secretary.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT MEETING.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Jacksonville District met in Palestine November 5 and 6.

Miss May Ora Durham, our beloved deaconess who has charge of the Young Woman's Co-operative Home, Houston, Texas, conducted the opening consecration service.

The delegates' reports showed sixteen auxiliaries, one young People's Auxiliary and three Junior Divisions Wednesday evening, Mrs. H. T. Cunningham, of Galveston, District Secretary Home Department, gave a brief outline of the work in general, coming down to the work in the district. She then briefly explained what the women meant by the Petition for Laity Rights.

Mrs. W. T. Spencer, of Marshall, Publicity Superintendent, presented her department in a most attractive and instructive manner. Mrs. Spencer also spoke enthusiastically of the School of Missions held each summer at the Denton Dormitory. Miss Durham conducted the Institute hour. The Petition for Laity Rights was passed unanimously. There were ten delegates and the two District Secretaries present. Rev. J. T. Smith, presiding elder, was present and conducted the devotions for Wednesday evening, and at the close of the service administered the sacrament.

The aim of the district for next year is an Auxiliary in each pastoral charge; each member one new member; each member a subscriber to "The Missionary Voice," and special prayer that some young woman



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District Secretary Home Department,
Jacksonville, Texas.

NAVASOTA DISTRICT MEETING.

District Conference of Navasota District of the Woman's Missionary Society, Texas Conference, met at Bryan, October 15 and 16.

At 4 p. m. on Wednesday, the 15th, we were cordially invited to spend an hour socially at the hospitable home of Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Flinn, complimentary to the visiting ladies. The house was beautifully decorated with roses and numerous pot plants, which were artistically arranged and showed that much pains had been spent for the occasion. After the usual handshaking and greetings, our hostess invited us to the dining room, where refreshments were served. Words are inadequate to express how much this "Social Hour" was enjoyed, and meeting the Bryan ladies who had prepared so many nice things for our coming. Following the social hour in the evening the first session was opened by singing the Council Hymn. Service conducted by Rev. Glenn Flinn, his theme being an earnest appeal for "more perfect love, more self-consecration" which was a fitting beginning for the district meeting.

After announcements and sacrament, the meeting adjourned to meet Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

The second session opened promptly in the auditorium of the First Methodist Church with delegates and officers in places. Devotional services were conducted by our Deaconess, Miss May Ora Durham, of Houston, in her own impressive and charming manner.

Mrs. M. M. Buyers, our District Foreign Secretary presiding. Mrs. Cline was nominated to act as secretary for the meeting.

After enrolling delegates and nominating committees the meeting began in real earnest for the regular routine of work.

A very interesting and entertaining paper was read by Mrs. E. L. Shettles of Navasota on "Christian Stewardship," from which many discussions arose as to the better way in which God's truth should be given. We should deny ourselves a few luxuries in life to pay this tithe. We are not only supposed to give a tenth of our income, but a tenth of our "time and talents" belongs to the Lord.

"Social Service, Immigrant and the Negro" was discussed by Miss Durham in which she extended many useful plans, showing us how we could assist the working girl. Many ways that we might help the negro and urge us to lend a helping hand to the immigrants that are pouring into our country without any knowledge of our customs and perfectly ignorant of our language. If we do not extend to them the Christian hand of fellowship, what will be the outcome?

Susan B. Wilson School in Hung King, China was presented by Mrs. R. O. Allen, President of Brown Auxiliary giving us an outline of the work being done there and the needs of the school.

Mrs. Snivey was on program for "Station Plan and Pledges," but on account of serious illness in her family she failed to be with us, which was very much regretted by all.

Mrs. Buyers made a few remarks, stating that both departments were very much in need of their pledges. There is such a demand for more room in our school buildings and other obligations that we must meet we feel that it will be necessary for each Auxiliary to come forward with their pledge in full, if possible this the last quarter of the year.

Reports from Auxiliaries that were represented showed that all were pro-

gressing nicely along most every line of the work. Special mention must be made of Miss Mabel Zimmerman's report of the Young Ladies' Missionary Society at Bryan. This being the only Young People's Society in the district we feel glad to give their report in full.

They have seventeen members meeting regularly with Mrs. Flinn as their leader, and are doing most excellent work. We hope other Auxiliaries will follow Bryan's example and organize their young people as soon as possible. Adjourned for noon hour to meet at 2:30 p. m.

The afternoon session opened promptly with Mrs. W. H. Beazley, District Secretary of Home Department, presiding.

Devotional conducted by Miss Durham.

After singing hymn, "Lead on, O King Eternal," Rev. E. L. Shettles, presiding elder, was presented to the conference and spoke of the needs of the district parsonage.

Mrs. Beazley, as chairman of the District Parsonage Committee, reported \$90 sent in from Auxiliaries over the district last year. This amount was applied to furnishings of the parsonage.

On Mrs. Buyers' motion the conference voted in favor of doing away with the old committee and appointing a new, making Mrs. Buyers chairman of this committee, the committee to make an assessment on each Auxiliary in the district funds collected to be used in furnishing district parsonage. It was further recommended by the conference that all funds intended for parsonage be sent to our Conference Treasurer, Miss E. L. Hill, and she in turn send it to the Chairman of the District Parsonage Committee.

An interesting and helpful paper was read by Mrs. Flinn on "The World's Need of Young People." This called our attention to the great need the world has for our young men and young women, when we find so many places at home and abroad where the demand is so great, we feel that we must make an effort to interest them.

Miss Durham's "Institute Hour" was splendid. The beautiful way in which she explained each subject would encourage us to work harder for our Master's cause and extend our aid and sympathy to the uttermost parts of the earth. "Prayer" was the lead.

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Those Bad Spells

Lebanon, Ky.—Mrs. Minnie Lamb, of this place, says: "I believe I would have been dead by now, had it not been for Cardui. I haven't had one of those bad spells since I commenced to use this medicine." Cardui is a specific medicine for the ills from which women suffer. Made from harmless, vegetable ingredients, Cardui is a safe, reliable remedy, and has been successfully used by weak and ailing women for more than fifty years. Thousands of women have been helped back to health and happiness by its use. Why not profit by their experience? A trial will convince you that Cardui is just what you need.

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

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ing theme of her talk. We can accomplish little without being consecrated and to be fully consecrated to God's work we must pray. She insists that we enlist every woman of the Church in the missionary work by visiting, inviting, inspiring, interesting and informing them. Keep the subject constantly before them in different little ways of attention—if one plan fails, try something else.

Organize Mission Study Classes. If we wish to be informed we must study diligently. Give according to our ability and self-denying. Love passionately, pray conqueringly, serve willingly and rejoice always.

Mrs. Nutter, of Conroe, led discussion on publicity work and Missionary Voice. The Voice being a very important organ of our society, she thinks every member should be a subscriber.

It was stated by Mrs. Beazley that Navasota District pledged 160 new subscriptions for the district at the Annual Conference held in Texarkana, and will depend largely upon the Auxiliaries to help raise these subscriptions.

Publicity Superintendents should present the news of the Bulletin at each monthly meeting, condensing the news and giving it as interestingly as possible. Let your Auxiliary know what is being done. If you have a little item of interest, have your local paper publish it. Send it to your Conference Publicity Superintendent and to the Christian Advocate. They will be glad to publish it, and it will encourage your workers.

Mrs. Buyers introduced Laity Rights. After a short discussion, Mrs. Beazley read the petition concerning Laity Rights from the General Conference, followed by signatures to aid the petition.

News from the treasury was given by Mrs. Beazley, in figures, stating what each Auxiliary had paid in every phase of the work the past year, and showing an increase along most every line.

Miss Durham spoke of the Relief Fund, urging the members of every Auxiliary to try to bring up that part of the small assessment of 5c per member for each department for the aid of our worn-out deaconesses and missionaries. She said they gave the very best part of their lives to the work, and this little fund meant so much to them.

District Secretaries gave their reports in a general way.

Mrs. Buyers reported eight Auxiliaries of the Foreign Department which she had heard from regularly the past year.

Mrs. Beazley reported seventeen Auxiliaries of the Home Department which reported last year, with 460 adult members, two Junior Divisions, one at Conroe and Madisonville with fifty members—thirty-two members on baby roll.

Conroe and Madisonville lead on Junior Division and Baby Roll.

Number of subscribers (reported) to Missionary Voice for 1912, 156.

Adult dues sent Conference Treasurer, \$467.56; Young People's dues, \$6.55; special, \$593.61. Total amount sent Conference Treasurer for entire district, \$1067.72. Local work amounting to \$3270.37.

Navasota District had largest increase for the year on cash collections of \$265.25.

Reports from committees were read and adopted.

It was recommended by the conference that each Auxiliary make a donation of some well selected book for the Co-operative Home in Houston; that each representative woman from each town go home and attempt in some definite way to organize a Young People's Missionary Society and continue to lead them. Where there are as many as six young people in the Church an effort should be made to get them organized. That the Treasurer of each Auxiliary be asked to stress the need to respond to the call in behalf of Relief Fund and also the assessment of Scarritt Bible Training School.

We thank the good ladies of Bryan for their kind hospitality and courtesy shown us, also the young ladies that rendered such beautiful musical numbers during our meeting.

We feel that we are under lasting obligations to Brother Flinn for his untiring service and for placing us in such comfortable homes, for each delegate felt that she had the very best home.

We earnestly thank Miss Durham for her never failing and faithful service. It was a great pleasure to have her with us.

Trinity was selected as our meeting place for 1914. We hope the entire district will be represented.

All business having been finished "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" was sung by the conference, an earnest prayer was offered by Miss Durham and the conference adjourned.

MRS. M. M. BUYERS, F. D. S.
MRS. W. H. BEAZLEY, H. D. S.

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Church Extension Board \$85, Board of Education \$95, Sunday School Board \$25, American Bible Society \$15. Total \$425.

Rev. John R. Stewart appeared before us and requested that at least a small assessment be made for the superannuate endowment fund, in view of which we assessed the conference for the next year \$6500 and five per cent of the amount collected on this assessment will go to this fund. We have received from the Conference Teller \$28 for the superannuate endowment fund; this we remit to Rev. John R. Stewart.

After prayerful consideration of the needs of all the claimants upon the Board we have apportioned to them as follows:

Mrs. J. T. L. Annis	\$101.00
Rev. J. M. Baker	350.00
Rev. J. W. K. Bachman	350.00
Mrs. L. F. Collins	201.00
Mrs. W. F. Compton	101.00
Rev. J. H. Cutchfield	50.00
Rev. Geo. F. Fair	50.00
Mrs. W. B. Ford	101.00
Mrs. J. W. Gibbons	436.00
Rev. B. F. Gassaway	125.00
Rev. J. A. Hyder	150.00
Mrs. S. E. Houk	201.00
Rev. R. S. Heizer	100.00
Rev. W. L. Harris	100.00
Rev. J. L. Hollers	300.00
Rev. H. C. Jolly	300.00
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Mrs. J. S. Lane	101.00
Rev. C. S. McCarver	100.00
Rev. L. L. Mills	100.00
Rev. R. M. Morris	125.00
Rev. J. R. Mood	350.00
Rev. A. B. Roberts	150.00
Rev. J. R. Steel	100.00
Mrs. C. M. Shuffler	301.00
Mrs. E. M. Simmons	251.00
Revs. S. C. Vaughan and J. M. Solie waive their claim, hence nothing is appropriated to them. Respectfully submitted,	

H. C. WILLIAMS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

ORPHANAGE

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The Northwest Texas Conference is to be congratulated, in that she has a part in the happy work of the development and maintenance of a home for orphan children.

Your committee has had before it Rev. R. A. Burroughs, Manager of the Orphanage, and we are very much gratified at the report he brings. We are especially pleased at the substantial improvements in the Orphanage property—the making of the whole plant thoroughly sanitary, and the adequate provision for the physical comforts of the children.

We commend the work of Rev. A. D. Porter, one of our pastors in the city of Waco, in his effort and success at installing proper heating facilities for the home. The management is to be congratulated in having added so much in permanent improvements, and coming to the close of the year with so little debt.

We are also pleased to note the addition of large and well equipped play grounds for the physical exercise and recreation of the children.

The ingenuity of the present management has solved the problem of clothing the children by a method which is full of merit. A Sunday School class, Missionary Society or individual is furnished the measurements and needs of child, and, instead of sending a miscellaneous collection of old cast-off clothing, the individual needs of each child is being met in a way which blesses the donor and inspires the individuality of the child.

As the exponents of Christian education, we commend most highly the action of our manager in transferring the children of the home out of the public schools, and the establishing of a school within the Orphanage. Surely a great Church which is multiplying its colleges and universities and calling the youth of the State away from secular institutions of learning to her own tutelage, would be inconsistent to thrust her own wards into the doors of the public schools; and yet if this work is to be done by the Church, adequate equipment must be provided. There is, therefore, a pressing and immediate need for well equipped school buildings on the Orphanage grounds; and we earnestly recommend to Texas Methodism that such a building be provided for by the opening of another scholastic year.

We give God devout thanksgiving for his spiritual blessings upon the home of the past year. Forty-eight of the children have been converted, one of the older boys has yielded to a divine call to the ministry, and two young ladies have consecrated themselves to special Christian endeavor.

Two hundred and eighteen children have been enrolled in the home during the year; fifty seven children have been placed in Christian homes, and there are 158 inmates in the home at this time.

We call attention to the fact that at the opening of this Annual Conference, less than one-third of its assessments for the Orphanage had been paid. For the incoming conference year, we urge our pastors to take the collection for this cause not later than the Christmas holidays.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the following:

Whereas, in view of the need for the immediate enterprising and construction of suitable school facilities for the orphan children in our home; and

Whereas, such equipment cannot be provided from the regular assessment coming from the patronizing Annual Conferences; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage be hereby authorized to make special appeal to Texas Methodism for such equipment, either through the Manager and his assistants, or through a special field Secretary selected by them; and we hereby pledge our support and co-operation to such representatives of the Orphanage, and will open our pulpits for the representation of this worthy cause. Signed,

W. C. HINDS, Chairman.
C. A. CLARK, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

To the Bishop and Members of the North West Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren—We, your Committee on Sabbath Observance, after prayerful deliberation, beg leave to submit the following report:

The Sabbath was instituted in the beginning of time by our Infinite Father, who, after having finished the work of creation in six days, rested on the seventh day, which he blessed by a definite act made holy.

In so doing he set it apart from all secular purposes whatsoever, whether of work or pleasure, thereby constituting it a day for rest and worship, therefore, no man has right to use the day for any other purpose. This Holy Day has been perpetuated by divine authority as the Lord's day to the present and will be to the end of time.

Our fathers and mothers of the past generation were strict in observing the sanctity of this day, but we regret to note that there is an increasing laxness in observing this day according to his design.

This we believe is patent to every student of present condition, although the Bible and

our book of Discipline both positively prohibit the buying and selling on the Sabbath, yet we have ministers and members who buy milk, meat and cold drinks, gasoline and other things on this day, also travel on the trains.

We have members who patronize Sunday excursions, attend baseball games and fairs and others who leave their churches and Sunday Schools for auto rides to the neighboring towns and elsewhere.

One other thing we mention is the Sunday picnic, which is called a singing convention. These things ought not to be for they contribute to the breaking of this holy day.

On the outside of the Church we find flagrant wholesale desecration.

What have we to offset these things? First it becomes the imperative duty of both ministers and members to refrain from doing any of the things specified in the above or anything else that may be considered a desecration of this day.

Second. On all proper occasions, by precept as well as example, emphasize the importance of this day.

The conference referred a communication to us from the Sunday League of America which we have duly considered and desire to quote approvingly the following:

"Whereas, our General Conference eleven years ago put the Sunday League of America in the Discipline by the side of the American Bible Society as one of the two interdenominational societies worthy of special note and which we have duly recognized since has prominently recognized its value and

"Whereas, the Rev. R. C. Armstrong, of the Central Texas Conference, has for a number of years made a special study of the Sunday question and has been duly appointed the Texas representative of the Sunday League of America, we will welcome him to our charges and assist him in his work, hoping to secure the interests of other denominations and great results from his labor. In order to give the widest publicity to this report; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Secretary of this committee furnish the Texas Christian Advocate with a copy of this report for publication." Faithfully submitted,

C. S. CAMERON, Chairman.
C. E. JAMESON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING BISHOP ATKINS.

Whereas: Bishop James Atkins was with us at the organization of our Conference, as our Presiding Bishop, and has continued in that relation for the four years of our existence:

And, Whereas: His conduct has been uniformly correct in all these years and his courteous and kind treatment of his brethren has drawn him very close to our hearts; and we can truthfully say that we love him as a brother beloved:

Be it resolved: (1) That we do hereby express to him our high appreciation of his great brotherly spirit, his uniformly kind treatment, his righteous and just administration of the affairs of our Conference, and his great statesmanship in the management and direction of the educational interests of our Church in the State, to do which has entailed upon him many hardships in making long journeys from his home in Waynesville to Texas, at every call that his co-laborers have made upon him, and the uncomplaining way in which he has done all this work:

(2) That it would be our special pleasure if the College of Bishops would in their godly judgment return him to us another year, in fact through the years to come, till our great Southern Methodist University is an assured fact, for we know the danger of exchanging horses till the load is securely resting on the top of the hill, and we feel that Bishop Atkins, with his knowledge of our great work, and with the hold that he has upon it, is the one to keep in the team until we reach the top of the hill:

(3) That a copy of this paper be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication, and also the College of Bishops, by the Secretary of the Conference.

G. S. WYATT,
P. G. HUFFMAN.

Adopted Nov. 16, 1918.

RESOLUTIONS.

The fourth Quarterly Conference in session at Caviness, Texas, passed the following resolutions concerning W. T. Carpenter, who was one of its valued members, spoke feelingly of his pure life and his valuable service to the Church:

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has seen proper to take from us our dear brother and friend, W. T. Carpenter; and

Whereas, he was a valuable member of this conference, being one of the stewards, always favoring every forward movement that looked to the betterment of the Church. And at each meeting he was always able to give us wholesome advice; therefore be it

Resolved, That this conference has sustained a great loss in the death of W. T. Carpenter, and that we hereby express our sympathy for the family in this hour of grief.

And that a copy of this paper be sent to his family and that these resolutions be sent to the Christian Advocate. Signed,

LEE CAVINESS,
G. W. CAMPBELL,
A. A. FERGSON.

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Notes From the Field

Winnboro.

The fourth Quarterly Conference for Winnboro Station has just been held. Advance has been made along every line. Pastor's salary has been paid in full and the Board voted to advance the salary for next year to \$1500. A pipe organ has been purchased and will be installed in January. The Woman's Missionary Society reported over \$1200 raised and expended. Our presiding elder, Brother Hicks, preached two excellent sermons Sunday, which were an inspiration to our people. This is the close of my fourth year. Fortunate, indeed, will be the brother who succeeds me. There is not a more inviting field in which to labor for the Master, and no man will serve a more appreciative people.—P. C. Archer.

Teague.

We are closing out one of the best years of our ministry; the Church has made progress along all lines. The Sunday School is the largest in the Marlin District; we have in attendance from 250 to 330, with an enrollment of something like 400 in the regular school and 113 members in the Home Department and eighty babies on the Cradle Roll. We have organized two Epworth Leagues, and they are doing a great work. We have received 145 into the Church and dismissed thirty-five by certificate and otherwise. We have paid on the church debt \$1538, and will pay for all purposes more than \$5000. God has been gracious to us and we give him all the glory.—A. T. Walker.

Bremond.

Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held November 15. The report showed about \$300 cash raised to pay on our pews for our fine new church. The connectional claims and pastor's salary are paid in full with a special of \$490 paid on education and \$96 on Orphan's Home. Thirty-eight members have been added to the Church and five infants baptized.—John W. Wardlow.

Alba.

The fourth Quarterly Conference for this charge is past and everything rounded up for conference. The charge has the best report in its history: Seventy-six members received into the Church during the year, conference collections paid in full, pastor's salary \$25 in excess—and all this in the face of the fact that just year before last this charge paid only \$62 on all the Conference Collections. They paid out last year, however, on Conference Collections, but had an \$85 deficit on pastor's salary. This year all is full. In addition to this, we have had three or four poundings,

besides other money and goods handed in that did not count on the salary. The women of the Woman's Home Missionary Society presented Mrs. Huddleston with a nice dress suit. Besides, this scribe has been presented with a \$24 suit of clothes. That suit, hat, shoes and overcoat which I hope to wear to conference are all tokens of the friendship of the good people of Alba and not part of the salary. Lookout, boys, I am diked up. As stated before in these columns, a band of women known as "Willing Workers" have done some very nice work. And the Woman's Home Missionary Society was reorganized in June and in less than five months have raised about \$65, besides collecting the pastor's salary, after the stewards had failed to collect it. We organized a Church with thirty members at a new schoolhouse three miles from Alba on the Emory road, which bids fair to be a splendid success. There are some as fine people in this charge as are to be found anywhere, and the success of the year's work is due, in a very large measure, to their splendid co-operation and work. Also we are indebted very much to Brother J. B. Turrentine, our efficient presiding elder, who has stood by us on every inch of ground. He is every inch a man and has been true to the right when tried. We have had a hard fight, but have gained the victory. To the Good Father be all the glory.—J. C. Huddleston.

Wheelock.

On next Tuesday will be held my last Quarterly Conference for this year; and when the presiding elder calls Question 18, the following will be my report: Good literature has been called by the old Greeks "the medicine of the soul." Pope, in speaking of the destruction of the Alexandrian Library, says "Whole ages perished there; or a vast blaze turned learning into air." We have a membership on this circuit of 347 members, and only twenty-seven Advocates are taken. I have done what I could to get others to subscribe for it; but I only succeeded in securing two new subscribers. In most homes we find a farm journal, a county paper and sometimes two; and in some homes we find a daily with the others. I claim that if a man is able to take a daily paper he is able to take the Texas Christian Advocate; and if he is able to take two or three smaller papers, he is able to take his Church paper. If the choice was given to me, and I were not able to take more than one paper, I would say, "Send me the Texas Christian Advocate, and drop the others. There is nothing like the Texas Christian Advocate. It is the best sheet published west of the Mississippi. If your soul is han-

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gry, you will find bread for it to feed upon. If you are in sorrow, you will find consolation upon its pages. If you are wanting the general news of the Church, and its many institutions, you can secure it here; if you are wanting the news of your State or county, such as Christians should read, you will find it here. If you desire to read something that comes from a clean heart, and clean pen, and a clear mind, take the Texas Christian Advocate, for in the editor, G. C. Rankin, we have a Christian gentleman and a scholar. Many of our members are well read upon many subjects, such as farming, good roads, political conditions, but it is really surprising how little some of us know about our Church and its institutions; it is the biggest thing of its kind in the world, and many of us have been members of it for many years, and still many of us are fighting against the support of its institutions. It is a fact that on this charge we have those who do not believe in Foreign and Home Missions, Education, Church Extension, and a few who do not believe in Sunday Schools; and we have the devil, and he does not believe in these worthy institutions, either. I have a sure cure: If they will take the Texas Christian Advocate for one year and read every issue of it, I am quite sure that the end of the year they will believe in everything that is for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God. It will help you in other ways. It will make a better man out of you; it will get you and your family out to service on Sunday, and it will put your children in the Sunday School, and our Church institutions will not go begging for the want of funds.—W. H. Beatty.

Justin and Roanoke.

We are coming rapidly to the close of another year's labor in the Lord's field. In just a few more days we shall all gather at the seat of our Annual Conference, which is Clarksville, and there render an account of the work that has been done during the year. Many of us, perhaps, have met with difficulties that were hard to solve, mountains, so to speak, that were hard to climb. Doubtless, to many, there have come many "blue Mondays," and other "blue" days as to that; but these experiences that we have undergone will be largely forgotten when we meet together and grasp the hands of our brethren again after

a year's separation. And especially when we shall be permitted to grasp the hand of our dearly beloved Bishop Mouzon, who so lovingly and brotherly will say to us: "How have you been getting along this year?" and when we shall sit together under the inspiration of his great sermons, such as he has preached on former occasions of this kind, the memory of all these hardships and trials will vanish away like mists before the morning sun. Our hearts are encouraged when we hear our brethren report, "A good year, Bishop," and then go on to say that many souls have been born into the kingdom, backsliders reclaimed and the Church greatly strengthened, spiritually and otherwise, and tell how God has honored their ministry during the year. Such are great occasions to this preacher. They give us new visions, new hopes and new aspirations. But this is not what we intended to write about when we sat down here. We want to say something of the work on this charge. We have had a very pleasant year in many respects. Have had more than one hundred and fifty conversions and reclamations. That list that has been added to the Church has almost reached the "one hundred mark," and feel sure that it will reach it before the year is closed. Salaries and conference claims are almost out and the small deficit remaining on these will be paid. Have served a very excellent people at each point on the work. In the main they have been very loyal and kind to their pastor and his family, and have expressed their kindness in many ways. We love them very dearly. We have now under construction at Roanoke, one of the nicest and most convenient parsonages to be found in the conference. With all things finished and furnished it will cost about \$1400. Roanoke is a thriving little town and our people are grasping the situation and making use of the opportunity that has come to them. They will have a preacher living there next year and will take three-fourths of his time. Look out, boys. This is going to be a fine place for some fellow. Justin has a parsonage and we think the prospects are good for some much needed improvements to be made on it in the near future. When this is done this will be another fine place. Our presiding elder, Rev. S. C. Riddle, is much loved and highly esteemed by our people. He is a very brotherly man and greatly in earnest about the work of the Church in his district. The fact is, we think Decatur District will make an excellent showing this year. The Advocate is coming into many of the homes of our people and it, too, with its great editor, is in high favor with all who read it. It is a great paper indeed, as we all know, and growing better all the time. All in all, we have had a good year and we are just about ready for conference. May we have an interest in your sympathy and your prayers.—E. H. Crandall, P. C.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION.

Resolutions of appreciation passed by the Quarterly Conference of Winthoro Station, November 17, 1913: Whereas, Rev. P. C. Archer has served us as pastor faithfully for the past four years, and the time having now arrived when he must be transferred to other fields of labor; and, Whereas, We recognize him as an able minister of the Word, and a faithful pastor; therefore, Resolved, That we regret a relation so pleasant must be severed and we heartily commend him to whatever charge he may be sent and pray God's blessings to rest richly upon him and his ministry. Resolved, That we also keenly regret the loss of Sister Archer from our midst. We realize that her place among us will be hard to fill, and we shall follow this godly man and his wife with our love and prayers, and hope for them a pleasant place among an appreciative people. We know that our loss will be the gain of whatever congregation they may be appointed to serve. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Quarterly Conference and a copy furnished the Texas Christian Advocate.

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Following resolutions of appreciation were read and adopted at the last Quarterly Conference held at Dundee, Texas, November 15, 1913: "We, the officials and members of Dundee Mission, want to tender our heartfelt thanks to our Bishop and presiding elders and Board of Missions for their interest in us in giving us the pastoral service of our Brother Parr, and the liberal appropriations to assist us in our pastor's support, and we regret that we must give up Brother Parr, since he has given us such faithful service for these six years out of seven. As he leaves us he is leaving the deep impress of his life upon our hearts, and we pray God's blessings to follow him wherever he may go.

N. M. RAYBORN, Rec. Sec.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES

TEXAS.

According to the request of Bishop Mouzon, I am calling the presiding elders to meet him in this city at 3 p. m., on Tuesday afternoon, November 25th for a special session of the Cabinet, and also announcing that on the evening of same day the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered by the Bishop, assisted by the presiding elders. The opening sermon will be preached on that occasion by Rev. Glenn Flinn, of Bryan. In view of this splendid program with which the conference opens, and as all the day trains arrive in the city from 11:15 a. m. to 2:22 p. m., I would urge every member and delegate to be present at the opening. Failing to heed this admonition means that scores will be arriving on midnight trains (and later) without adequate hotel facilities, when no assignments can be made to their respective places of entertainment. S. S. MCKENNEY, Nacogdoches, Texas.

The railroads traversing the territory of one Texas Conference have granted a rate of one and one-third fares for coming session at Nacogdoches. Tickets will be on sale November 24 and 25, with final limit to December 3. Ask your agent a few days before you want to leave that he may have time to get authority to sell, in case it has not already been sent. If for any reason, you can't get rates from your home station, buy to the nearest junction station, and then re-buy.

O. T. HOTCHKISS, Sec. Texas Annual Conference.

To the Preachers, Tyler District, Texas Conference: I want to meet every one of you, if possible, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 in the Methodist Church at Nacogdoches. Have your "reports" all ready. Rev. F. E. Luker is District Auditor. J. B. TURRENTINE, P. E.

The examination in Ethics, Logic and the required sermon, will take place at Nacogdoches, at the Methodist Church, at 2 p. m., November 25. This is necessary owing to bad railroad connection. Class of the fourth year. H. B. SMITH, Member of Committee.

The Committee on admissions, Texas Conference, will meet at the Methodist Church, Nacogdoches, at 7 p. m., November 25. C. A. TOWER, Chairman.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Texas Conference Board of Missions will meet in the Methodist Church, Nacogdoches, Tuesday, November 25, 7:30 p. m. The following are appointed as Committee on Estimates: J. W. Bergin, C. U. McLarty, A. S. Whiehurst, C. W. Boone, H. B. Goodman. Presiding elders will please try to have their applications in the hands of the Estimate Committee by Tuesday afternoon. Let every member of the Board be present at the first meeting. I. F. BETTS, President.

The Committee and Class of the First Year will meet at First Methodist Church, Nacogdoches, Tuesday morning, November 25, at 9:30 o'clock. GEO. W. DAVIS, Chairman.

The Committee and Class of the Second Year will meet at the Methodist Church in Nacogdoches at 9 a. m. Tuesday, November 25, 1913. Members of the class who have completed the work at Georgetown, or the Correspondence School will please notify me at once, at Crockett, Texas. D. H. HOTCHKISS, Chairman.

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At the recent meeting of the presiding elders it was recommended that the district auditor of each district be made responsible for the whole work of preparing the statistics of his district for the minutes, so that I will ask these auditors to collect the statistics of his district during the first session or by noon of the first day and then meet at the close of the session to divide the work out, secure the necessary blanks from the Secretary, etc.

Let the pastors of each district hand their reports to the auditor of his district promptly the first day of the conference. The contract for printing the next minutes is the best that I have ever had and we hope to get them out earlier than ever and in better shape than ever. The brethren can very greatly assist in this matter by getting all their statistical reports in promptly. R. G. MOOD, Secretary.

The committee and class of the first year will meet in the Methodist Church at Clarksville, Texas, Tuesday morning at 8:30 a. m., Nov. 2. Written examination. CHAS. A. SPRAGINS.

The committee and class for admission on trial will meet in the Methodist Church, Clarksville, Tuesday, Dec. 2, 9 a. m. Written examinations. E. L. EGGER, T. N. WEEKS, W. R. MCCARTY.

The class of the second year will meet the committee at the Methodist Church, at Clarksville, December 2, 9 a. m. Those who have not taken the course will come prepared for written examination. O. S. THOMAS, Chairman.

The committee and class of the third year will please meet in the Methodist Church at Clarksville, at 9 a. m., December 2. Those who have certificates for having done the work, will please have their certificates in the hands of the committee on Tuesday. W. F. BRYAN, Chairman.

Dublin District—First Round.

Dublin Sta., Nov. 23, 24, Harbin and Green's Creek, G. C., Nov. 29, 30. Comanche Sta., Dec. 6, 7. Gustine Sta., Dec. 13, 14. Comanche Mis., at Hebron, Dec. 15. Comanche Cir., at White Point, Dec. 16. Stephenville Sta., Dec. 20, 21. DeLeon Sta., Dec. 27, 28. DeLeon Cir., at Downing, Dec. 28, 29. Runyan, at Owen Chapel, Jan. 3, 4. Huckabay, at Oak Dale, Jan. 4, 5. Duffan, at Pleasant Hill, Jan. 10, 11. Hico Sta., Jan. 11, 12. Irebell, at Irebell, Jan. 17. Carlton, at Carlton, Jan. 17, 18. Proctor, at Proctor, Jan. 18, 19. Bluffdale, at Bluffdale, Jan. 24, 25. Tolar and Lipan, at Lipan, Jan. 27. Alexander Sta., —. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Obituaries

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 150 or 180 words. The privilege is reserved for condensing all obituary notices. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full as written should remit money to cover excess of space, to-wit: At the rate of One Cent Per Word. Money should accompany all orders.

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SNODGRASS.—Joseph Snodgrass was born September 4, 1830, in Washington County, Ohio. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and at the age of twenty-two went to Iowa, where he was happily married to Miss Elizabeth Keister, daughter of Captain William Keister, of Virginia, January 1, 1857. Five children came to brighten the home of these good people. One died in infancy and one, a married daughter in 1885. The rest survive him and are all doing well. In May, 1857, Brother Snodgrass came to Texas and bought 320 acres of raw, prairie land in Collin County. He had hardly made himself comfortable in his new home, however, when the Civil War broke out and in 1862 he enlisted in Company H, 29th Cavalry, but was soon transferred to Company K, of the same regiment and assigned to the commissary department where he remained till the close. He then returned to his home and has since been recognized as one of our most progressive and successful farmers. In 1879 he made a bright profession of religion and joined the Methodist Church in Celina, and his faith grew stronger and his love richer and sweeter with the passing years. Immediately after his conversion he was elected steward, in which capacity he served the Church gladly, faithfully and well, until his release by the Great Head of the Church. Realizing the weight of years, he came to Celina some four years ago, that he might be closer to church. The last two or three years, owing to his age and feebleness, he was not assigned any active work in the stewardship, but was retained as an expression of appreciation of his long and faithful service. The homelife of Brother Snodgrass, as marked by the writer, was beautiful and inspiring, always gentle, kind, thoughtful and considerate of others. Perhaps no man among us had more friends than he; as proof the stores closed, school was dismissed and the town and surrounding country came and filled our large church on Friday evening, October 31, while the writer preached his funeral, after which we laid his body to rest in the Celina Cemetery. While the machinery of the once robust frame seemed to have gradually worn out the immediate cause of his death was arteria sclerosis and the old man fell on sleep as gently as an infant resting in his mother's arms, when the kind messenger came at midnight, October 30. We thank God for his long and useful life, for his devotion to the Church and especially for his faithful discharge of every duty, and we pray that his grace and blessing may abide in large degree and in unfailing comfort upon the wife, children, and grandchildren of our dear brother.

J. F. ARCHER.

CELINA, TEXAS.

LEDBETTER.—Mrs. Ella B. Ledbetter was born in Camp Hill, Alabama, April 11, 1864, and died October 14, 1913, at Paris, Texas. Sister Ledbetter was married in 1887 to Rev. R. W. Ledbetter. To this union were born six children—three boys and three girls. Brother Ledbetter preceded her only a few months ago. Sister Ledbetter joined the M. E. Church when a child, and lived a faithful member of the same until her death. During her last illness she was a great sufferer, and bore her affliction with great patience. She was a true Christian, a faithful wife and mother. She has joined the Church above. God's richest blessings on the children and may they all meet in the Church above.

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JORDAN.—Miss Dena Jordan, our sweet little conference missionary, employed by the German Mission Conference in the home mission work in San Antonio for a year and a half (until about a month before her death) and who was loved by all who knew her has gone from us all too soon. Born in Mason County, Texas, February 1, 1888, she died after an operation in Austin, Texas, November 3, 1913. She was reared in a Christian German Methodist home, her parents, Brother and Sister Dan Jordan, being active members in the Mason charge of the German Mission Conference. She was early converted and joined the M. E. Church, South. She loved God, the Church and humanity and was entirely devoted to her mission work. Many souls were brought to Christ through her labors. Her life was short, only a little over twenty-five years, all too short, we think, but glory to God, it was not in vain. It was a life of zealous work and powerful prayer. She has gone ahead and we shall follow one by one. May God richly comfort the grief-stricken parents and bereaved relatives and heal their wounded spirits.

F. W. RADETSKY.

STEPHENSON.—John Morgan Stephenson was born in Giles County, Tennessee, April 11, 1856; died in Midlothian, Texas, October 17, 1913. Brother Stephenson was married to Miss Sarah J. Curry October 2, 1877. To them three children were born, one daughter and two sons, all of whom are living. They moved to Texas in 1884, making their home the first year near Nash, Ellis County, Texas, after which time they moved to Mountain Peak, where they remained for some twenty years. Nine years ago they came to Midlothian, at which place the spirit of this good man passed to its reward. The immediate sickness of Brother Stephenson did not last but a few days, however he had not been well for some time, his general health having been on the decline for the last two years. He was ready for the summons, having made peace with his Lord in the year 1885, at which time he united with the Methodist Church. Since this time he has been a faithful Christian, and a loyal member of the Church he loved so well. Our town and community have lost one of the best men who ever lived in Ellis County. He was a splendid citizen, always standing for the best in his community, a loving companion to her who stood by his side for more than thirty years, a good father to his children, a friend universally loved by all who knew him, and above all a strong Christian man who loved his home, his Bible, his Church and his Lord. Thank God for such men; they are the salt of this earth. Brother Stephenson wrought well in this life; now he is enjoying the company and bliss of heaven. Weep not, dear loved ones, some sweet day you shall see him again. Only be faithful to Him who can help in such trying ordeals. May the grace of a kind and loving Heavenly Father sustain you as you go through the deep shadows is the prayer of your pastor.

R. F. BROWN.

MIDLOTHIAN, TEXAS.

ALLEN.—John William Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Allen, was born July 10, 1893, and departed this life Aug. 7, 1913. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at eight years of age, and was faithful to his Church and to its institutions until he was called away. In school he stood at the head of his class and would have graduated from high school in 1914. The writer has never been associated with a young man of cleaner habits and higher ideals; and, while we are unable to understand why the Father above would suffer one so young and full of promise to be taken, yet we can but bow in humble submission to his will for "He doeth all things well." May the remembrance of his clean, manly, young life bring consolation to his heartbroken parents, and may it serve as a beacon light to guide his sorrowing brothers and sisters in the path that leads to the home beyond.

I. H. TERRY.

MIDLAND, TEXAS.

CURTRIGHT.—Mrs. Gertrude Curtright was born in Troup County, Georgia December 19, 1841; educated at LaGrange (Ga.) Female College; moved to Texas in 1855; married to C. R. Curtright in 1858. They lived two years in Georgia and then moved to Texas again in 1860. She joined the M. E. Church, South, at old Liberty camp-ground in Greene County Georgia in 1859. Sister Curtright was a true type of Southern womanhood—refined, intelligent, gentle and kind. She was a devoted wife, an affectionate mother and a generous neighbor. Her life was an open book, known and read of all men, the last chapter of which was written November 4, 1913, when she fell on sleep at her country home near Cusseta, Texas, at 72 years of age. Peace to her soul and rest to her weary spirit. She leaves an aged husband and five children to mourn their loss, but may again lose heaven's gain. May we meet again "where all tears cease from flowing." Her pastor, D. A. WILLIAMS.

DOUGLASSVILLE, TEXAS.

GARRISON.—Our Church on the Garrison charge has suffered greatly in the death of Bro. G. H. Garrison, who died August 25, 1913. He was born in Polk County, Georgia, July 19, 1847, making him at the time of his death sixty-five years, ten months and twenty-four days old. In 1854 his parents came to Texas and settled in Rusk County, where Brother Garrison spent his entire life. He was married to Miss Martha M. Alexander December 19, 1872. This union was blessed with ten children, all of whom are living and were with their father when he died. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the old Watts camp-ground in Rusk in 1880. He was a faithful and efficient member of the Church to the time of his death. It is not at all strange that he was a good man for he was of good, religious stock. The writer was intimately acquainted with him for over thirty years and was with him in his last illness almost up to the time of his death. From this long and intimate association with him there is not a shadow of doubt in my mind that he has gone to live with God and the angels. He was not only respected by his neighbors, but was a leader and admirer among them and their esteem and respect for him was shown by the immense throng that followed his remains to their last resting place in the old family graveyard at Caldonia. He was buried with Masonic honors as he was a loyal member of this Order. He was faithful and true in all these relations of life, but the real beauty of his noble character was shown in the home he loved so dearly. He is gone but some sweet day we will meet him in that land that is not very far away.

HIS PASTOR.

FLANNAGAN.—Sarah Amelia Flannagan was born in Falls County, Texas, November 8, 1874; departed this life October 16, 1913, at Stony, Texas; professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Church at the age of ten. She married William Flannagan at the age of nineteen. A son and daughter are the children. They, with the husband, survive her. She had no home to call her own here, but said just before she went away, that she had a "through ticket to her eternal home." We pray that her life may bring her husband and children closer to God.

L. D. SHAWVER, P. C.

WHITE.—Rev. White was born in Nashville, Tennessee, 1833, and died November 7, 1913, at Campbell, Texas, lacking but little of being 80 years old. Brother White was an exhorter since a boy and had done much for the Master's cause. He was good help in a meeting. Many sinners have been saved under his preaching. He had been ailing for several days, but not confined to his bed. On going to his room Friday morning he was found dead. Brother White spent about half of his life in Texas. He raised six children, four of whom, with his wife, preceded him. He was truly a good man—one of the most patient, uncomplaining men I have ever known. He was a great sufferer, but bore it patiently. May his loved ones emulate his virtues and after awhile meet him in a fairer clime, where death cannot separate. He was buried at Rockwall, C. W. Dennis officiating.

C. B. GOLSON.

HOW TO REPORT S. M. U. MONEY?

Rev. D. F. Fuller asks:

1. Shall our reports to the Annual Conferences embrace the amounts subscribed by our charges for Southern Methodist University, or only the cash paid?

2. Shall these sums be written in our reports, "For Education, together with amount paid on regular assessment, or incorporated with amounts under caption, 'Other Causes'?"

As answers should be given I would say:

1. Report only cash actually paid. Subscriptions may not be paid at all. We are expected in our financial reports to report only money actually paid out during the year. If I should report the full subscription and my successor should report the payment of future installments (which he would have a right to do) the money would be reported twice.

2. Place payments in column headed "Other Purposes." If it were reported under head "For Education" the Conference Teller would be calling for more money in order to make cash and report correspond. The heading "For Education" has reference to assessment order by Annual Conference.

W. L. TITTLE.

DENVER CONFERENCE

Denver District—First Round. W. L. TITTLE.

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque District—First Round. Clayton, Nov. 22, 23. Watrous, Nov. 25. Carrizozo, Nov. 29, 30. Tucuman, Dec. 6, 7. San Jon, Dec. 9. Tucuman Cir., Dec. 10. Gallup, Dec. 13, 14. San Marcial, Dec. 19. Magdalena, Dec. 20, 21. Albuquerque, Dec. 27, 28. GEO. H. GIVAN, P. E.

El Paso District—First Round.

Alamogordo, Nov. 15, 16. Tularosa, Nov. 16, 17. Van Horn, Nov. 22, 23. Toyah, Nov. 24. Seira Blanca, Nov. 25. Alpine, Nov. 26.

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A Few Days Will Be Sufficient to Prove Its Value in Your Disease

A few minutes of your time for a few days and I will demonstrate to you, without expense to yourself, that I have a medicine that drives Uric Acid poison from the system and by so doing conquers kidney trouble, bladder trouble and rheumatism. I don't ask you to take my word for it, but simply want you to let me send you some of this medicine so that you can use it personally.



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I am trying to convince sufferers from these diseases that I have something far better than the usual run of remedies, treatments and such things, and the only way I can demonstrate that fact is to go to the expense of compounding the medicine and sending it out free of charge. This I am glad to do for any sufferer who will take the time to write me. Understand, I will not send you a valueless "sample, proof or test treatment," nor will I send you a package of medicine and say that you can use some of it and pay for the rest, but I will send you a supply free of charge and you will not be asked to pay for this gift nor will you be under any obligations.

All I want to know is that you have a disease for which my medicine is intended, as it is not a "cure-all," and I give herewith some of the leading symptoms of kidney, bladder and rheumatic troubles. If you notice one or more of these symptoms you need this medicine, and I will be glad to send you some of it, if you will write me the numbers of the symptoms you have, give your age, and your name and address. My address is Dr. T. Frank Lynott, 5388, Deagan Building, Chicago, Ill. You promise me nothing; you pay me nothing for it. All I ask, so there shall be no mistake, is that you send me the numbers of your symptoms or a description in your own words, and that you take the medicine according to the directions I send you. It is my way of getting publicity for my medicine so that it will become widely known.

You will agree when you have used it that it dissolves and drives out uric acid poison. It tones the kidneys so that they work in harmony with the bladder. It strengthens the bladder so that frequent desire to urinate and other urinary disorders are banished. It stops rheumatic aches and pains immediately. It dissolves uric acid crystals so that back and muscles no longer ache and crooked joints quickly straighten out. It reconstructs the blood and nerves so that you soon feel healthier and stronger, sleep better and eat better and have energy throughout the day. It does all this, and yet contains nothing injurious and is absolutely vouched for according to law. Sufferers from these dreadful and dangerous diseases can surely afford to spend a few minutes each day for a few days to demon-

strate to their own satisfaction if they are curable, especially when you consider no expense is involved, and I willingly give you my time and my medicine. All any fair-minded afflicted person wants to know is if a certain thing will relieve HIM or HER, and here is an opportunity to find out without cost, obligation or important loss of time. THESE FEW DAYS may be the turning point in your life.

All who are interested enough to write me for the free medicine will also receive a copy of my large illustrated medical book which describes these diseases thoroughly. It is the largest book of the kind ever written for free distribution, and a new edition is just being printed. I will also write you a letter of instructions and medical advice that should be of great help to you; but in order to do this I must know that you need my medicine. Write me the numbers of the symptoms that trouble you, and your age, and I will promptly carry out my promises. Show an inclination to get well and write me, and I will gladly send you a supply free.

These are the Symptoms:

- 1-Pain in the back. 2-Too frequent desire to urinate. 3-Nervousness, loss of flesh. 4-Pain or soreness in the bladder. 5-Weak, watery blood. 6-Gas or pain in the stomach. 7-General debility, weakness, dizziness. 8-Pain or soreness under right rib. 9-Sciatic rheumatism. 10-Constipation or liver trouble. 11-Palpitation or pain under the heart. 12-Pain in the hip joint. 13-Pain in the neck or head. 14-Pain or soreness in the kidneys. 15-Pain or swelling of the joints. 16-Pain or swelling of the muscles. 17-Pain and soreness in nerves. 18-Acute rheumatism.

Fort Stockton, Nov. 29, Dec. 1. Fort Davis, Dec. 3. Client and Ysleta, Dec. 6, 7. Lordsburg, Dec. 13, 14. Deming, Dec. 14, 15. El Paso, Highland Park, Dec. 16. El Paso, Alta Vista, Dec. 17. El Paso Mis. Dec. 18. El Paso, Trinity, Dec. 19. Las Cruces, Dec. 20, 21. La Mesa, Dec. 22. J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.

WEST TEXAS

Pecos Valley District—First Round.

Malaga, Nov. 19, 20. Portales, Nov. 22, 23. Rodgers, Nov. 25, 26. Roswell, Nov. 29, 30. Artesia, Dec. 6, 7. Odessa, Dec. 10, 11. Pecos, Dec. 13, 14. Toyah Valley, Dec. 16, 17. Clovis, Dec. 20, 21. Blacktower, Dec. 23, 24. Texico, Dec. 27, 28. Elida, Jan. 3, 4. Hope, Jan. 3, 4. Sacramento, Jan. 11, 12. Lovington, Jan. 18, 19. J. H. MESSER, P. E.

Austin District—First Round

Weimar Circuit, Nov. 22, 23. Flatonia, Nov. 23, 24. McAdair Cir., Nov. 29, 30. LaGrange, Dec. 6, 7. Walnut, Dec. 13, 14. Liberty Hill and Leander, Dec. 21, 22. Elgin, Dec. 27, 28. Webberville, Jan. 3, 4. Manor, Jan. 18, 19. Smithville, Jan. 17, 18. West Point, Jan. 24, 25. Bastrop, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. First Church, Feb. 2. University Church, Feb. 3. Ward Memorial, Feb. 7, 8. The District Stewards will meet at Elgin Texas, November 28, at 1 p. m., and it is important that every one be present. The pastors are requested to come also, as a short Missionary Institute will be held on the same day, from 9 a. m. to such time in the afternoon as may be thought advisable. Plans will be arranged for revival work and forward movements in the District. Let us secure subscriptions to the Texas Christian Advocate this quarter. V. A. GODBEY, P. E.

Beeville District—First Round.

Nov. 22, 23, Aransas Pass. Nov. 23, Rockport. Nov. 29, 30, Sinton. Nov. 30, Oakville. Dec. 6, 7, Beeville. Dec. 12, Calallen-Odom. Dec. 13, 14, Brownsville. Dec. 14, 15, San Benito. Dec. 16, Mission. Dec. 16, McAllen. Dec. 17, Pharr. Dec. 17, Harlingen. Dec. 18, Mercedes. Dec. 19, Robstown. Dec. 20, 21, Riviera. Dec. 21, Kingsville. Dec. 28, Berclair.

Jan. 3, 4, Karnes City. Jan. 4, Kenedy. Jan. 10, 11, Floresville. J. H. GROSECLOSE, P. E.

Cuero District—First Round.

Goliad and Fannin, at Goliad, Nov. 22, 23. Victoria, 7 p. m., Nov. 24. Nursery, at Nursery, 2 p. m., Nov. 27. Ganado and Louise, at G. Nov. 29, 30. Edna, 3 p. m., Dec. 1. Yoakum, 2 p. m., Dec. 5. Hallettsville, at Hallettsville, Dec. 6, 7. Port Lavaca & Traylor, at P. 7 p. m., Dec. 12. Seadrift, at Bloomington, Dec. 13, 14. El Campo, 7 p. m., Dec. 19. Midfield, at Midfield, Dec. 20, 21. Palacios, 7 p. m., Dec. 23. Cuero, 7 p. m., Dec. 26. Runge, Dec. 27, 28. Proident, at Cordile, Jan. 3, 4. Nixon, Jan. 10, 11. Pandora, at Pandora, 2 p. m., Jan. 12. Smiley, at Rocky, Jan. 17, 18. Stockdale, at Stockdale, Jan. 24, 25. Lavernia, at Lavernia, 2 p. m., Jan. 27. The District Stewards will meet at the Methodist Church, Cuero, at 7:30 p. m., November 20. JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

Lampasas District—First Round.

Center City, at South Bennett, Nov. 21. Mullen, at Mullen, Nov. 22, 23. Richland Springs, at R. S., Nov. 25, at 3 p. m. San Saba Sta., Nov. 26, at 7:30 p. m. San Saba Cir., at Colony, Nov. 27. Cherokee, at Cherokee, Nov. 29, 30. Llano Cir., at Mays Chapel, Nov. 30, Dec. 1. Llano Sta., Dec. 3. Fredonia, at Fredonia, Dec. 6, 7. Mason, at Mason, Dec. 7, 8. Johnson City, at Johnson City, Dec. 13, 14. Marble Falls, Dec. 17. Willow City, at Chick, Dec. 20, 21. J. W. COWAN, P. E.

San Angelo District—First Round.

Eden and Menard, at Eden, Nov. 22, 23, a. m. Paint Rock, at Paint Rock, Nov. 23, 24. Edith, at Edith, Nov. 29, 30. Ozona, Dec. 6, 7, a. m. Sherwood, at Sherwood, Dec. 7, 8. Garden City, at Garden City, Dec. 13, 14, a. m. Midland, Dec. 14, 15. Miles, Dec. 20, 21, a. m. San Angelo, Chadbourne St., Dec. 21, p. m. San Angelo, First Church, Dec. 28. Sonora, Jan. 3, 4, a. m. Eldorado, at Eldorado, Jan. 4, 5. Sterling City, at S. C., Jan. 10, 11, a. m. Water Valley, at W. V., Jan. 11, p. m. F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

San Antonio District—First Round.

Laurel Heights, Nov. 2. Travis Park, Nov. 9. Alamo, Nov. 9. South Heights, Nov. 9. West End, Nov. 16. Los Angeles Heights, Nov. 16. Alamo Heights, Nov. 23. Government Hill, Nov. 23. Englewood, Nov. 23. San Antonio Miss., at Fairview, Nov. 30. Jourdanton, Dec. 7. Medina, at M., Dec. 14. Barlerra, Dec. 14. Center Point, Dec. 21. Borera, at B., Dec. 21. Prospect Hill, Dec. 28.

McKinley Ave. Dec. 28. Kerrville Jan. 4. Pleasanton Jan. 11. Fawcett, at F., Jan. 18. Poteet, at P., Jan. 25. S. H. C. BURGIN, P. E.

San Marcos District—First Round. Kyle and Buda, at Buda, Nov. 22, 23. Blanco, at Blanco, Nov. 29, 30. Lockhart, Dec. 4. Lytton Springs, at Lockhart, Dec. 4, 3 p. m. Gonzales, December 5. Luling, at Luling, Dec. 6, 7. Waelder, at Waelder, Dec. 8. Seguin, Dec. 9. Martindale, Dec. 13, 14. San Marcos, Dec. 16. Manchaca, at Pleasant Hill, Dec. 17. Belmont, at Nixon, Dec. 20, 21. Leesville, at Bebe, Dec. 23. Staples, at Staples, Dec. 27, 28. THOMAS GREGORY, P. E.

Uvalde District—First Round. Moore, at R. H., Nov. 22, 23. Pearsall, Nov. 24. Batesville-La P., at B., Nov. 29, 30. Hondo Sta., Dec. 6, 7. Laredo Sta., Dec. 10. Cotulla Sta., Dec. 13, 14. Del Rio Sta., Dec. 20, 21. Eagle Pass-Spofford, Dec. 21, at night. Uvalde Sta., Dec. 27, 28. Sabinal Sta., Dec. 28, 29. Devine-Lytle, at Lytle, Jan. 3, 4. Crystal City, Jan. 10, 11. Carrizo-Big Wells, at C., Jan. 11, 12. Utopia-Leaky, at U., Jan. 17, 18. Rock Springs, at R. S., Jan. 24, 25. S. B. BEALL, P. E.

CENTRAL TEXAS

Brownwood District—First Round. Bangs, at Bangs, Dec. 6, 7. Robert Lee, at Robert Lee, Dec. 13, 14. Bronte, at Bronte, Dec. 14, 15. Novice, at Silver Valley, Dec. 18. Winchell, at Brooksmith, Dec. 20, 21. Brownwood Miss., at Chapel Hill, Dec. 21, 22. Coleman Miss., at Thrifty, Dec. 23. Norton, at Pleasant Retreat, Dec. 27, 28. Wingate, at Pumphrey, Dec. 28, 29. Ballinger, Jan. 3, 4. Winters, Jan. 4, 5. Gouldhusk, Jan. 10, 11. Indian Creek, at Indian Creek, Jan. 17, 18. Talpa, at Valera, Jan. 24, 25. Santa Ana, Jan. 28. B'anket, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Coleman Sta., Feb. 7, 8. Brownwood Sta., Feb. 10. The District Stewards will meet at Brownwood, Wednesday, December 10, at 2:30 p. m. J. H. STEWART, P. E.

Cisco District—First Round. Wayland, at Necessity, Nov. 29, 30. Breckenridge, Nov. 29, Dec. 1. Gordon, at G., Dec. 6, 7. Thurber and Mings, at T., 7 p. m., Dec. 7. Strawn, at S., 2 p. m., Dec. 9. Raner and Bullock, at R., 11 a. m., Dec. 10. Eastland and Pleasant Grove at E., 11 a. m., Dec. 11. May, Dec. 13, 14. Rising Star, Dec. 14, 15. Gorman, 11 a. m. and night, Dec. 17. Eolian, at Pisgah, Dec. 20, 21. Sipe Springs, at Duster, Dec. 27, 28. Staff, at S., Jan. 3, 4. Pioneer, at P. Valley, 11 a. m., Jan. 7. Daxidmona, at Victor, Jan. 10, 11. Scranton, at S., Jan. 17, 18. Cisco Mission, at Rich, Jan. 24, 25. Cisco Sta., Jan. 25, 26. Romney, at R., 11 a. m., Jan. 28. Carbon, at C., Feb. 1, 2. The District Stewards will meet in the Methodist Church in Cisco, at 3 p. m., Nov. 25. C. E. LINDSEY, P. E.

Cleburne District—First Round. Cleburne, Main St., Nov. 23, 11 a. m. Cleburne, Anglin St., Nov. 23, 7 p. m. Burleson, at B., Nov. 30. Quarterly Conference Dec. 17, 3 p. m. Cleburne, Brazos Ave., Dec. 7. Barnesville, at B., Dec. 13, 14. Grandview Cir., at Watts Chapel, Dec. 20, 21. Lillian, a Cahill, Dec. 27, 28. Venus, Dec. 28, 29. Grandview Sta., Jan. 4, 5. Cresson, at Waples, Jan. 9. Granbury Miss., at Membrino, Jan. 10, 11. Granbury Sta., Jan. 11, 12. Godley, at Bono, Jan. 17, 18. Joshua, at Egan, Jan. 18, 19. Glen Rose Sta., Jan. 3, 4. Glen Rose Miss., at Buck Creek, Jan. 5. Walnut Springs, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Morgan, at Morgan, Feb. 1, 2. W. W. MOSS, P. E.

Georgetown District—First Round. Granger, Dec. 6, 7. Bartlett, Dec. 7, 8. Belton, Dec. 14, 15. Temple, 7th St., Dec. 14-16. Salado, at Belle Plains, Dec. 20, 21. Holland, at Wilson's Valley Dec. 27, 28. Temple, First Church, Dec. 28, 29. Oenaville, at Oenaville, Dec. 29. Jarrell, at Jarrell, Jan. 3, 4. Florence, at Florence, Jan. 4, 5. Weir and Jonah, at Weir, Jan. 10, 11. Georgetown, Jan. 11, 12. Thrall, at Thrall, Jan. 17, 18. Hutto, at Hutto, Jan. 18, 19. Troy and Pendleton, at Troy, Jan. 24, 25. Rogers, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Taylor, Feb. 7, 8. Belton Cir., at Midway, Feb. 14, 15. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Waco District—First Round. Mt. Calm, Nov. 30. Conference later. Aquilla, at Aquilla, Dec. 6, 7. Bruceville and Eddy, at B., Dec. 13, 14. West, at Elm Mott, Dec. 14, 15. Riesel and Axtell, at R., Dec. 20, 21. Mart, Dec. 21, 22. Hewitt, at Spring Valley, Dec. 27, 28. Fifth Street, Dec. 28, 7 p. m. Houserville, at Greenwood, Jan. 3, 4. Lorena, at Lorena, Jan. 10, 11. Elm Street Jan. 11, 7 p. m. Austin Avenue, Jan. 18, 11 a. m. Clay Street, Jan. 18, 7 p. m. China, at China, Jan. 24, 25. Morrow Street, Feb. 1, 11 a. m. Herring Avenue, Feb. 1, 7 p. m. W. B. ANDREWS, P. E.

Waxahachie District—First Round. Hardwell Cir. and Mis., Nov. 29, 30. Ferris Sta., 7:30 p. m., Dec. 5. Bristol, at Carroll, Dec. 6, 7. Palmer, at Palmer, Dec. 13, 14. Ennis, Dec. 20, 21. Forrester, at Nash, Dec. 27, 28. Waxahachie, Dec. 28, 29. Bethel, Jan. 3, 4. Maypearl, Jan. 4, 5. Britton, Jan. 10, 11. Mansfield, Jan. 11, 12. Midlothian, Jan. 12. Ovilla, Jan. 17, 18. Red Oak, Jan. 18, 19. Italy, Jan. 25, 26. Millford, Jan. 25, 26. District Stewards will please come to the district parsonage for District Stewards' meeting November 26. You are needed and a big

McKinney District—Fourth Round. Blue Ridge, at H. C., Nov. 22, 23. Farmersville, Nov. 23, 24. Anna, at A., Nov. 26, 3 p. m. (Q. C.) Plano, Nov. 26, 8 p. m. (Q. C.) McKinney, Nov. 27, 8 p. m. (Q. C.) McKinney Cir., at W. G., Nov. 28, 11 a. m. (Q. C.) Renner, at Renner, Nov. 29, 30. CHAR. A. SPRAGINS, P. E.

Paris District—Fourth Round. Paris Ct., at Palestine, Nov. 22, 23. Deport Cir., at Lone Oak, Nov. 23, 24. W. F. BRYAN, P. E.

turkey awaits your coming and you will please invite your pastor. Come in time for dinner. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round. Mineral Wells, Nov. 23, Dec. 5. Loving, at Loving, Nov. 25. Olney, at O., Nov. 26. New Castle, at N. C., Nov. 27, 28. Graham Mis., Upper Tank, Nov. 29. Graham, Nov. 30. Eliasville, at Southbend, Dec. 1. Graford, at Graford, Dec. 4. Springtown, at Springtown, Dec. 7, 8. Whitt, at Whitt, Dec. 11. Santo, at Santo, Dec. 13, 14. Millsap, at Millsap, Dec. 14, 15. Weatherford Cir., at Bethel, Dec. 20, 21. Aledo, at Aledo, Dec. 23. Azle, at Azle, Dec. 27, 28. Courts Memorial, Jan. 2, 3. Weatherford, Jan. 9, 10. JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

TEXAS

Brenham District—Fourth Round. Brenham, Nov. 23, at 11 a. m. B. W. THOMAS, P. E.

Beaumont District—Fourth Round. Nederland, Nov. 23, 23. E. W. SOLOMON, P. E.

Houston District—Fourth Round. Angleton, Nov. 23. Columbia, Nov. 23. J. KILGORE, P. E.

Jacksonville District—Fourth Round. Pusk, Nov. 19. Huntington, at Huntington, Nov. 22, 23. J. T. SMITH, P. E.

Marlin District—Fourth Round. Milano, at Gauss, Nov. 23, 23. I. F. BETTS, P. E.

Marshall District—Fourth Round. Marshall, First Church, Nov. 23, 24. F. M. BOYLES, P. E.

Navasota District—Fourth Round. Montgomery Mission, at Montgomery, Nov. 22. Cleveland and Shepard, at Fostoria, Nov. 23. E. L. SHETLES, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round. Pittsburg Cir., at Reeves Chap., Nov. 22, 23. Pittsburg Sta., Nov. 21-23. O. T. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

San Augustine District—Fourth Round. Nacogdoches Sta., Nov. 21. Appleby Cir., Nov. 22. Timpana Sta., Nov. 23. J. W. MILLS, P. E.

Tyler District—Fourth Round. Tyler Cir., at Liberty Hill, Nov. 22. Tyler, Cedar Street, Nov. 23. Tyler, Marvin Church, Nov. 24. J. R. TURBENTINE, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS

Bonham District—Fourth Round. Leonard Sta., Nov. 23, 24. Bonham Sta., Nov. 25. Windsor, Thursday, Nov. 27. Ladonia Sta., Nov. 30, 31. O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

Bowie District—Fourth Round. Nocona, at Nocona, Nov. 22, 23. Henrietta Sta., Nov. 23, 24. Bowie Sta., Nov. 28, 30. T. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Dallas District—Fourth Round. First Church, Nov. 20. Trinity, Nov. 23, 24. Grace, Nov. 23-25. Forest Ave., Nov. 26. Oak Cliff, Nov. 28. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

Decatur District—Fourth Round. Bridgeport Mis., at Pleasant Valley, Nov. 22, 23. Willow Pt. Ct., at Booneville, Nov. 23, 24. Mexican Mis., Nov. 24. Decatur Ct., at Sweetwater, Nov. 29-30. Decatur Sta., Nov. 26 and 30, at night. S. C. RIDDLE, P. E.

Gainesville District—Fourth Round. Valley View Sta., Nov. 22-23. Sanger Sta., Nov. 23-24. Era and Spring Creek, at Era, Nov. 25. Denton St. Sta., Nov. 29-30. J. F. FIERCE, P. E.

Greenville District—Fourth Round. Merit Circuit—Quarterly conference at Merit, 2:30 p. m., Saturday, Nov. 22. Preaching at Merit, 11 a. m., Saturday and Sunday; Antioch, Saturday night, Nov. 22; Alliance, 3 p. m., Sunday, Nov. 23; Bethel Grove, Sunday night, Nov. 23. Floyd Mission—Quarterly conference at Floyd, 10 a. m., Wednesday, Nov. 26. Preaching at Clinton, Tuesday night, Nov. 25; Floyd, Wednesday night, Nov. 26. Caddo Mills Mission—Quarterly conference at Caddo Mills, 2:30 p. m., Saturday, Nov. 29. Preaching at Caddo Mills, Saturday and Sunday at 11 a. m.; Union Hill, Saturday night; Hendrix, 3 p. m., Sunday, Nov. 30. C. E. WATKINS, P. E.

McKinney District—Fourth Round. Blue Ridge, at H. C., Nov. 22, 23. Farmersville, Nov. 23, 24. Anna, at A., Nov. 26, 3 p. m. (Q. C.) Plano, Nov. 26, 8 p. m. (Q. C.) McKinney, Nov. 27, 8 p. m. (Q. C.) McKinney Cir., at W. G., Nov. 28, 11 a. m. (Q. C.) Renner, at Renner, Nov. 29, 30. CHAR. A. SPRAGINS, P. E.

Paris District—Fourth Round. Paris Ct., at Palestine, Nov. 22, 23. Deport Cir., at Lone Oak, Nov. 23, 24. W. F. BRYAN, P. E.

Sherman District—Fourth Round. Key Memorial, Nov. 23. Dates for Quarterly Conferences. Key Memorial, Nov. 19, 8 p. m. Whitesboro Sta., Nov. 20, 8 p. m. Van Alstyne Station, Nov. 21, 8 p. m. Whitewright Station, Nov. 24, 8 p. m. Travis Street Sta., Nov. 25, 8 p. m. Waples Memorial, Nov. 26, 8 p. m. Trinity, Nov. 27, 8 p. m. Harless Chapel, Nov. 12, 8 p. m. E. G. MOOD, P. E.

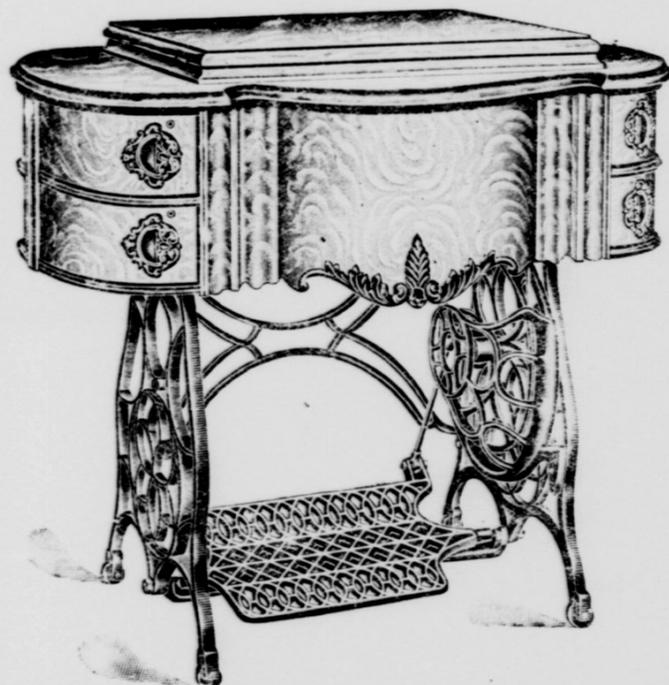
Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round. Purley Cir., at Pine Forest, Nov. 22, 23. Brushar Cir., at Brushar, Nov. 23, 24. Birthright and Thr., at Thr., Nov. 26. Sulphur Bluff Cir., at S. B., Nov. 29, 30. R. C. HICKS, P. E.

Terrell District—Fourth Round. Lancaster, Nov. 23, 23. Quilaca Cr., at Williams Ch., Nov. 23, 24. A. L. ANDREWS, P. E.

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work for the Church. The Woman's Home Mission Society has a large membership and is rendering a noble service. The Senior Epworth League is doing a great work by assisting in the preparation of the young men and the young ladies for a more useful service to the Church. The League has a large membership, and the greater per cent of them will respond readily when called on to lead the services. We need the assistance of able, consecrated young men and young women to help win this world for Christ. We are indeed proud of the two young preachers who are now in the Texas Conference, but were formerly members of our Church. One of our young men is now in Georgetown University studying for the ministry, and one of the young ladies of our Church feels that she is called to do special work in the foreign fields, and we hope within the near future to see her enter the Scarritt Bible Training School to make preparation for this great work. When Brother Morgan took charge of the work here four years ago, Hardy Memorial was then on the Board of Missions, the Church paying only a little more than six hundred dollars of the pastor's salary. During these four years we have been able to make many advances. Last year we asked to be taken from the Board of Missions, and, with the rounding out of four years, the Church is paying about one thousand dollars more toward the pastor's salary than at the beginning of this time. For the past two years, Hardy Memorial has said her Conference Claims is full during the month of January. We have become greatly endeared to Brother Morgan and family during these four years, and it is with much regret that we realize he must soon go into other fields. As a consecrated minister of the gospel, a devoted and never-tiring worker, an organizer and leader among men, we know we will miss him, yet we pray that Divine providence may place him in even larger fields of usefulness that others may receive such blessings as we enjoy by having been associated with this noble man. While our prayers will go with Brother Morgan and family to their new place of work, yet we are mindful of our duty to his successor and shall be loyal to him. We know we will have a good pastor sent us another year, because Hardy Memorial is destined to become a greater Church and do greater service for the Lord than it has in the past. This is but the spirit of Christian growth.—C. A. Bonham, Church Lay Leader.

Burnet.

At the late session of the West Texas Conference I was appointed to this charge and came at once to the work. Have met a cordial reception, preached six times to responsive congregations and regard the outlook hopeful. Find this people have the mental, social and financial ability to make this a strong, influential charge—capable of doing much for the Kingdom of God. Had been here but a few days when a pounding set in and lasted for several days, for which the preacher and his family are very thankful. It is the purpose of this pastor, by the help of the Lord, to make this the best year for this charge which it has had for many years.—P. B. Summers.

Hewitt and Spring Valley.

Our fourth year on this splendid charge starts off auspiciously. I believe that nearly, if not quite all our constituency are really pleased at our being retained. Many encouraging things have been said to us by many of our best people, and if there is any dissatisfaction at all it has not reached our ears. Speaking for the parsonage folk, I can truly say we "are delighted!" With the loyal support of one of the most intelligent bands of helpers that any pastor ever served anywhere, and by the blessing of the good Father above, we did well last year. Our conference report showed a good increase in membership, greatly enlarged interest in our Sunday School work, women's societies all in action and doing splendidly, one fine and growing Epworth League and all finances in full. Out of sheer appreciation for their able service and my personal regard for them individually, wish to mention Revs. A. D. Porter and S. B. Knowles, the former of whom assisted me in my meeting at Hewitt, and the latter at Spring Valley. While I am "bragging," allow me to say that I believe that we have one of the very best all-around preaching elders in Methodism. His every visit is an inspiration to both preacher and people, and his interest effectively spans all the interims. May the Lord increase the like of W. B. Andrews. Our desire, aim and prayer for this year is for increased efficiency on our own part, and a general advance along the whole line of all that splendid division of the "Grand Army" providentially committed to our poor leadership and care. If we can get all, or nearly all, of the people to see as the pastor and some of them see, we expect to remodel our church building at Spring Valley, adapting it to the needs of our growing Sunday School work; and also to make such improvements on the parsonage as to make it meet the needs of a comfortable and attractive home. Our people are prosperous, business-like, and with all are not wanting in property and good taste; so we expect them to respond to each of these needs in a becoming and effective manner. Greetings to the Advocate force, and the Chattanooga salute to all my friends and collaborators who may chance to read these lines.—M. A. Turner.

Kirbyville.

We are closing out our first year at Kirbyville and to say it has been a pleasant year is a mild way of expressing it. The people

received us kindly. When we came we found the table loaded down with good things to eat and the tokens of kindness have continued to find their way to the parsonage. The Sunday School is in splendid condition and has grown so much that we have just completed a nice Sunday School annex, which accommodates the Primary Department, the Baraca and Philathea classes and some additional room; the most appreciated is an office for the pastor. The Baraca and Philathea classes have been organized during the year, and are doing well. We have Senior, Intermediate and Junior Leagues under the supervision of wide-awake superintendents and doing good work. We had a revival in April in which near a hundred claimed conversion and sixty joined the Methodist Church. The conference collections are all sent in to the Treasurer. So far as I know there are no petitions for the removal of the preacher in charge, nor for his return, but the man of wisdom may know some things that he does not tell; not even smoke in his pipe, though he still smokes sometimes, but as long as he can get tobacco we want him for a presiding elder.—P. R. White.

Sulphur Springs.

The Quarterly Conference met at the Methodist Church Tuesday night. This was the fourth and last conference for the year and every department of the Church was shown to be in excellent condition. Accessions to the Church during the year have reached nearly 100, while a good number stand ready to join and the number will doubtless reach the 100 mark by the end of the month, which ends the conference year. The finances are in excellent condition. A tabulated exhibit will appear later. This Church has a very large membership and Rev. Gober has allowed no grass to grow under his feet. He is closing out his first year with this charge, and has his hand well on the situation and is in position to do a great work another year should the conference return him, which is the wish and hope not only of his own Church, but the entire city, regardless of denominational lines. Nearly every official member was present at the Quarterly Conference, and all unite in pronouncing it the best occasion of the kind they ever attended.—Sulphur Springs Evening News, per Mrs. J. H. Miller.

First Church, Beaumont.

"Yours truly" has given you very little trouble for quite a long while, and now as one of the little members of one of the big Churches I want to break into your columns and tell a few things that I believe the Methodists of Texas would not object to hearing, about First Church, Beaumont, Texas. I have just been reading an article which was published in the Advocate of September 15, 1904, from the pen of W. A. Bowen, telling about this Church as it emerged from the smoke and sulphur and rich, greasy soil and financial flurry of the great oil boom. And it gratifies me to say that Bowen is a prophet and the son of a prophet. When that article was written "the indomitable V. A. Godbey" was pastor. Since those days we have had J. B. Turrentine, Sam Hay, J. W. Moore and W. J. Johnson, all equally "indomitable," and each leading the hosts on the upward way. Sunday, the 16th of November, was a red letter day in the Church, printed in capital letters. The Sunday School was overflowing. The adult classes showed marked increase. Many visitors who were attending the Southeast Texas Fair, and who oppose the opening of the Fair on Sunday, came out to Sunday School. The Campbell Class numbered forty-six, and the Wesley Class about as many. After the Sunday School lesson, the school assembled in the auditorium of the church and the International Diploma for Teachers was awarded to nine teachers who had completed the course. A new Teachers' Training Class has been organized with twenty-five members, and it is studying the Advanced Course, and having a recitation every Wednesday. Two additional training classes have been formed and they will recite during the regular Sunday School hour. At the 11 o'clock the pastor baptized five babies. The reason there were no more, is that he baptizes them right along nearly every Sunday, and these five were just waiting to get big enough to be brought out to Church. Thirty-two people, all in a row (put the long sword to that o), all to be baptized and received into the Church, was a pretty sight, but that was not all. There were sixty-eight others received, making a total of one hundred received Sunday on profession of faith and by letter. Only one more week remains before conference meets at Nacogdoches, and Dr. Johnson will leave for the seat of the conference at the close of his second year with us, carrying a most remarkable report of progress for the year. (Note—Please send the Bishop a marked copy of this paper, and send me bill for same.) Among some things accomplished during the year this congregation has built, equipped, paid for, and set in operation, on lots deeded to our Church, with trust clause in the deeds, two missionary chapels; one on Finis Street, near Buford Street in south end of the city, called Deaton's Chapel; and one in the north end on Live Oak near Magnolia. We don't know what conference will do about this, but if the brethren think we did the wrong thing, please ask them to deal gently with us, because our presiding elder, Brother Solomon, and our pastor, Brother Johnson, told us it was all right to do it. You will pardon me if I reverently paraphrase a line or two of Scripture, and say with us "when Johnson and Solomon are agreed as touching any matter, it shall be done." We have no official notice from Bishop Mouzon, but we know of no reason why Brother Johnson will not be permitted to graze in this pasture for two years more, as he has kept the grass growing so

well for the past two years. The financial affairs of the Church are well in hand; and will not only be "reported" in full, but paid in full. The benevolent collections are all in, and everybody is happy from the pastor on through the membership and clear up to the janitor. Our janitor is a Coon, but has straight hair, and his name is on our Church roll, and we have no colored members. Dr. Solomon, the presiding elder, is in good humor. He has made a magnificent showing under fearfully adverse circumstances, not the fault of the preachers nor the elder nor the people. He will doubtless be allowed to carry out the plans he has made for two more years. Now, I'll tell you a secret, which is pretty well out anyway. It is this: E. W. Solomon is the finest preacher in Southern Methodism. My signature attached to the statement. For the past year our Church has been paying the preacher \$250 per month salary; to the elder \$55, to the janitor \$60, organist \$50, assistant pastor \$60 part of the time; and what with lights and water and street lights for "White Way," and repairs, insurance coal and an occasional blowout, you will see that if we get off with \$500 a month for running expenses, we are doing fine. We have four Missionary Societies, about 1800 Sunday School pupils enrolled, including the mission schools, and we will likely report 1600 Church members at conference, as so far during this year we have received 248. To remember these figures just begin with "2" and double it, which makes "4," and double that and you have "8," which means that our motto is "Double Up." Our two missionary enterprises have cost \$2600; Conference Collections and elder's salary \$2301. We have two big adult classes. One of them is named after the writer. Brother Blaylock said I might write an article about it and he would publish it. An overgrown case of modesty has kept me from doing it yet, but if somebody else does not do it soon, somebody had better look a "ceddle out." The Wesley Class is supporting a Korean student, one of our members is supporting a native Chinese worker, one society supports a student at Laredo, individual members of the Missionary Societies are clothing individual orphans at the Home. Of what we call legitimate missionary contributions, not counting the expense of the chapels, we have paid about \$1538. I don't know just how they are taking the Advocate, but judging from what has been done, I believe the Advocate is pretty well sowed down around Beaumont. There are lots of other things I could tell you, but you won't let me have the whole paper and I won't ask it. Thank you for this, if it goes in. If you fail to print it, the thanks don't go. Yours, "feelin' good."—J. D. Campbell, Nov. 16, 1913.

Marlin Station.

This closes the third year of our pastor, Brother Bergin. As he has not written a line during this time for the Advocate I want to give at least a resume of what has been accomplished. More than two hundred and fifty people have united with the Church, and over one hundred of that number have been received the present year. Many of the business men of Marlin have become members of the Church. The large church debt has been almost paid and will easily be wiped out next year. The Church is supporting a missionary in China and one that we raised ourselves. Our Church has the honor now, and has had for three years, of entirely supporting Miss Maggie Rogers. Brother Bergin and the Missionary Committee have organized what will become a good, strong circuit contiguous to Marlin. The stewards have raised his salary twice since he became our pastor—once \$200 and another time \$400, making a total raise of \$600 during the three years or an increase of thirty-three and one-third per cent. Does all this sound like he ought to come back? Of course he will finish his four years and the next will be the best year of all, as each year so far has been better than the one before.—J. M. Stewart.

Ozona.

We are entering upon our second year in this pastorate. Our reception has been gracious and gratifying. Last year we did the usual work with usual fidelity. All finances were reported in full and the salary nearly doubled. The laymen look after all the finances of this charge and in that way unite the pastor's hands for other lines of work and study. The salary will be further increased this year and we confidently expect advancement along every line. At the close of the conference year our people seemed a bit more religious than when we came. With no collections to look after and nobody to nurse into a good humor after supposed offenses, I have had much time to study and to think during the last twelve months. It has been my joy to prepare some seventy-five new sermons and to write a dozen magazine articles. It need not be said that we have an appreciative, thoughtful class of people to preach to and that their intelligence is above the average. One from the outside world would wonder at the number of university men that live down here among the hills and away down on the rivers. Just before conference week the retiring pastor was tendered a banquet at the home of Judge Chas. A. Davidson. There were nearly a hundred men present and it is not needed that I tell any who are familiar with the West that we had a great time. This banquet was followed during conference week with a reception to the wife of the pastor at the home of Mrs. L. B. Cox. At both of these delightful gatherings good fellowship was enjoyed that will not soon be forgotten. One very notable thing that occurred during the year was a gift of two thousand dollars, made by Brother and Sister Windrow Payne, to the superannuated preachers of the conference and the rescue

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Jacksboro.

The conference year is near its close. We have not realized all for which we have prayed and labored, in this charge, during the year. There has not been the spiritual and numerical development for which we had devoutly hoped. Yet we believe much good has been accomplished. We believe the sowing of the seed of the gospel will yet bring a rich harvest to the glory of God. Our Sunday School is a promising factor for great good in the near future. It is one of the best in the district, both in numbers and financially. The prayer meeting is largely attended, when we compare it with the congregation attending the preaching of the gospel, our own and that of the other Churches in the town. This is a faithful hand. Some much needed work in material matters has been done. In repairing and furnishing the church and parsonage \$565 have been expended. The church has been repainted inside and repaired; a beautiful new carpet has been laid, and an elegant new piano installed. There has been placed in the parsonage three handsome new rugs, two matings, a beautiful linoleum in the kitchen, two new stoves, a library table and a davenport. This work is due largely to the zeal and efficiency of the Woman's Missionary Society. This is a loyal band of thirty-five faithful Christian women. God will reward them abundantly or their devoted service to his Church, and his ministering servants, the pastor and his family. The assessments ordered by the conference and the salaries will be met in full. This charge has the reputation of paying all claims against it. A faithful Board of Stewards make this possible. We pray that from our Father above may come spiritual benedictions, full and free, upon this charge, and that it may grow in numbers and in influence.—J. F. Alderson, Pastor.

Bridgeport Station.

We closed one of the best revivals last night ever held in this Church. Had between 70 and 100 conversions and have received forty into the Church and will receive between twelve and twenty more. The service last night ran until midnight and I have never witnessed anything like it. After every sinner in the church was saved the young men who had been saved went out in town and to the rooms of their friends and brought them to the church and every one they brought was saved. W. C. Howell, of Bowie, did the preaching. The results show how well it was done. This makes seventy-seven received this year. Bridgeport is in the forefront now in every respect. We give all praise to our Father above for this great victory.—R. B. Moreland.

SAN ANTONIO METHODIST

The San Antonio Methodist Preachers' Conference met promptly at 10 a. m. Monday, November 17, in the Travis Park Church, with Dr. Harrison in the chair. The report of the pastors were splendid. Since Annual Conference there have been forty-five accessions to the Methodist Churches of the city. There are four revivals in progress. At Prospect Hill the pastor, Nat B. Read, is in the midst of a revival. F. S. Onderdonk, one of our missionaries to Mexico, is doing the preaching. S. B. Johnston, assisted by P. P. Waters, is holding a meeting at McKinley Avenue. Last night the evangelist preached to the largest congregation ever assembled in that church. C. H. Booth is holding a meeting at Los Angeles Heights, and the revival at the East End Mission, conducted by F. M. Jackson, will continue another week. Indications point to a great year for San Antonio Methodism. A distinguished preacher of our Church, who is familiar with the work being done by our denomination in the South, spent

several days in the city recently. In his address to our preachers' meeting last Monday he declared San Antonio Methodism to be the most virile and progressive in the South. Dr. Burgin, as presiding elder of this district, has done a monumental work. W. T. Ellis, the well known author, editor and lecturer, is a visitor in the city. Tonight at the Travis Park Methodist Church, he will deliver his famous lecture, "America at the Crossroads." GASTON HARTSFIELD, Nov. 17, 1913.

MRS. G. M. GIBSON IS DEAD.

The committee appointed by the stewards of the First Methodist Church in Dallas to express their sorrow for the death of the wife of our pastor, beg to report as follows: Mrs. G. M. Gibson died on the 21st of October, in Troy, her old home in Missouri. She was a native of that State. Her home for the last three years was in Dallas. As the wife of our pastor she was devoted to his work, and became acquainted with the members of the Church, and had won the hearts of all who knew her well. She was not only the devoted wife of a consecrated minister, whose work was dear to her heart, but the tender mother of his children, who were far away from her bedside when she went to sleep and never waked again in this world. The lightning flash of the telegraph brought the sad news to them, and they hastened to the call, but only to gaze and to weep as they followed her to the tomb. As the leaves were falling, before the wintry blast, as the roses were fading before the white frost, so she faded and fell and died, but unlike the leaves of the forest and the lilies of the valley, she is still living where there are no sorrows, no frosts, and no wintry storms. Resolved, That we heard with great sorrow of the death of Mrs. Florence Allen Gibson, wife of our pastor who died on the 21st day of October. We mourn because her husband has lost a devoted wife, and her children a loving mother, and the Church a gentle Christian and sincere friend. Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family, our sincere sympathy for their great loss. Signed.

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