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The West Texas Conference

FIRST DAY.

The fifty-seventh session of the West Texas Annual Conference convened in San Angelo Wednesday morning, October 29. Bishop James H. McCoy called the conference to order promptly at 9 o'clock. He announced Hymn 393, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" The conference sang only as a Methodist conference can sing. Bishop McCoy led the conference in a fervent prayer. The Bishop's Scripture lesson was read from Acts 3:1-8. He followed in a lucid, practical exposition of the Scripture narrative of the healing of the lame man at the gate of the temple.

"This miracle," said the Bishop, "is the first recorded miracle of the new dispensation. It is of importance because it is the occasion of Peter's testimony, because it is the occasion of persecution, and because it is typical of the future work of the Church. The miracle occurred at the hour of prayer." It came while the apostles were engaged in religious worship. The apostles could not yet dispense with prayer.

"I have known preachers who thought they did not have to be brought under the regimen of religious services," exclaimed the Bishop. "When a man begins to neglect worship he is coming upon perilous ground. We dare not dispense with worship."

"Worship opens and feeds the fountain of charity and benevolence. The men laid the impotent man at the gate of the temple because the alms of the world are dispensed by the people who worship."

This was one of the pregnant paragraphs of Bishop McCoy as he warmed to his subject and the sentiment expressed by it brought forth many hearty amens.

Bishop McCoy's contrast between Lazarus at the rich man's gate and the impotent man at the gate of the temple stirred the conference.

"Lazarus at the gate of selfishness gets crumbs; the lame man at the gate of worship gets healing. At the gate of worship the lame man gets more than he asked for—asked for a paltry coin, got healing and salvation."

Christianity does not accommodate its gifts to the paltry conceptions of humanity. The Church itself is in danger of unworthy expectations.

"Peter and John fixed their eyes not on the beauty of the temple gate, but on the degradation of a fellowman" was another sentence which aroused the conference.

"The eyes of the Church," continued the Bishop, "must not be on our fine buildings and accomplished choirs, but on the crying need of the world. God keep the eyes of the Church in that direction always!"

Nor are the eyes of the Church to be fixed always upon environment. "The program of Christ is that the Church shall fix its eye not on environment but on the man himself." "A brotherly grip must save the world"

and not programs. Even "physical healing must be made the means leading to spiritual conversion. The Church is not to stop with institutional work but is to make this the means of the conversion of men."

"Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee." The true measure of man is not in things material, but spiritual. "The poorest men in this world are Methodist preachers, but they make more people rich than any other class."

The above are only a few of the thoughts in this really rich address.

Both the Bishop and the conference were visibly moved as the talk progressed.

When the Bishop announced Hymn 415, "Faith of Our Fathers," the singing was with a zest rarely seen.

Sterling Fisher, Secretary of the Conference, called the roll and the following responded to the call of their names:

Preachers in Full Connection.

Adair, R. S.	Reever, Geo. L.
Anderson, J. M.	Richter, S. W.
Allen, B. W.	Lawlis, J. W.
Allen, M. J.	Lee, Theophilus
Allen, H. B.	Liles, Z. V.
Allen, W. L.	Lilly, L. C.
Allen, T. N.	Luigi, J. W.
Anderson, S. L.	Lyett, J. E.
Beall, S. B.	Lynn, J. M.
Birks, W. H. H.	McVea, Lewis
Black, J. W.	Manley, W. A.
Bowles, J. S.	Mattias, L. C.
Boyd, Geo. M.	Maxwell, J. H.
Brantley, W. D.	Mays, E. H.
Brantley, W. L.	McDonald, J. H.
Brent, W. J.	Morgan, J. E.
Buchanan, F. B.	Morris, I. T.
Buck, J. E.	Morton, M. P.
Campbell, Jno. C.	Myers, B. A.
Campbell, W. R.	McKinney, W. M.
Carr, D. E.	Nunn, W. W.
Carter, N. W.	Phillips, J. A.
Cecko, A. T.	Paine, Robert
Clark, Lee A.	Parker, R. E.
Cowan, J. W.	Pennybacker, J. F.
Crutchfield, W. M.	Perry, J. M.
Curry, J. I.	Pretze, R. S.
Cole, O. M.	Pledger, J. A.
Darby, M. L.	Pyle, R. L.
Davidson, A. B.	Riffin, H. M.
Deake, S. J.	Robinson, J. R.
Draper, H. E.	Read, W. L.
Duke, R. E.	Reed, N. B.
Dunn, S. C.	Renfro, W. T.
Dunn, W. A.	Reutiro, J. N.
Fisher, Sterling	Ross, D. A.
Flummer, K. G.	Rowland, J. W.
Fretter, J. G.	Roland, R. A.
Fred, M. K.	Ryan, G. F.
Garrett, J. P.	Rylander, C. W.
Gibbons, G. T.	Scarborough, A. L.
Goube, V. A.	Sessions, T. F.
Goddard, S. F.	Shoemaker, J. W.
Gray, H. L.	Shugart, W. O.
Gregory, Thos.	Shuler, R. F.
Groseclose, J. H.	Simpson, J. F.
Harden, C. W.	Summers, P. B.
Hart, W. A.	Swanson, E. E.
Hartsfield, Gaston	Tracey, J. T.
Hatch, O. E.	Walt, W. L.
Hawk, D. E.	Waltrip, R. A.
Haygood, A. S. J.	Webb, J. F.
Hightower, W. L.	Weeks, A. J.
Hill, C. G.	Whaling, H. M.
Hill, H. T.	Wheat, C. E.
Hill, J. W.	White, A. T.
Hocutt, E. G.	White, F. A.
Holloway, R. A.	Williams, D. A.
Horton, H. G.	Williamson, C.
Hubbard, E. Y. S.	Williamson, M.
Hunter, E. A.	Wilson, A. W.
Jackson, F. M.	Wilson, J. C.
Johnston, S. B.	Worrell, J. D.
Knickerbocker, H. W.	Wood, I. E.

Preachers on Trial.

First Year.
 Bostman, John A.
 Decker, D. G.
 Foster, A. M.
 Goodenough, H. S.
 Harris, Geo. F.

Second Year.

Cabhan, W. G.
 Carl, W. N.
 Crow, O. C.

Supplies.

Gentle, A. C.
 Lane, T. M.

The following lay delegates were present:

Austin District.

Fils, A. C.
 Atkinson, R. W.

Beeville District.
 Pitman, J. W.
 Cuero District.
 McClothing, W. A.
 Lampasas District.
 Casey, C. F.
 San Antonio District.
 Ricks, F. B.
 San Angelo District.
 Graves, Geo. S.
 Moore, S. F.
 San Marcos District.
 Combs, J. H.
 Uvalde District.
 Smith, W. B.

Sterling Fisher was re-elected Secretary of the Conference. The following assistants were elected upon the nomination of the Secretary: J. F. Simpson, J. H. Groseclose, Gaston Hartsfield, H. B. Atkins, George M. Boyd.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 9 a. m. and 12 m., respectively. The auditorium of the church was designated as the bar of the conference, the Sunday School room being reserved for visitors.

Communications from the Board of Church Extension, the Board of Education, the Laymen's Missionary Movement, the Sunday School Board, the Board of Trustees, the Correspondence School and the Epworth League Board were referred to appropriate boards and committees without reading.

The communication from the Educational Commission was ordered read. The conference listened to the reading with manifest interest. The communication was then referred to the Board of Education.

The following committees were nominated by the presiding elders and elected.

COMMITTEES.

Public Worship.
 J. F. Webb
 S. F. Moore

Temperance and Sabbath Observance.
 P. B. Summers
 A. N. James
 E. G. Hocutt
 Z. V. Liles

Conference Relations.
 Theo. Lee
 M. K. Fred
 R. G. Flummer
 J. G. Forrester

District Conference Records.
 H. B. Atkins
 W. J. Brient
 A. T. Cocke
 R. E. Duke

Books and Periodicals.
 E. W. Knickerbocker
 W. F. Packard
 E. H. Mays
 John M. Lynn

Orphanage.
 L. C. Lilly
 S. F. Goddard
 R. A. Rowland
 J. P. Garrett

Rescue Home.
 M. J. Allen
 Geo. Harris
 D. A. Williams
 J. F. Lawlis

Memoirs.
 A. L. Scarborough
 J. M. Alexander

Auditing.
 J. M. Perry
 D. E. Carr

Social Service.
 J. D. Scott
 B. A. Myers
 W. W. Nunn
 J. D. McWhorter

Spiritual State of the Church.
 H. W. Knickerbocker
 W. T. Renfro
 R. G. Flummer
 Z. V. Liles

and D. E. Hawk that a committee be appointed to consider the spiritual state of the Church was adopted and the committee was appointed.

The organization of the conference having been completed, the Hon. Brown F. Lee, President of the Chamber of Commerce of San Angelo, spoke felicitous words of welcome to the conference in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. He confessed embarrassment, saying that this was his "first opportunity of getting into a Methodist pulpit." He said his mother was a Methodist and told of his respect for her religion. He assured the conference that the city of San Angelo is glad to have the conference in its midst.

C. C. Walsh welcomed the conference in behalf of the Methodists of San Angelo. He said the 190 automobiles and the brass band which met the brethren upon their arrival at the depot were an evidence of the genuine welcome which the entire city felt. The real San Angelo, he said, is not in her buildings, splendid though they be, but in her upright citizenship.

Bishop McCoy responded in a happy vein in behalf of the conference. He confessed himself "intoxicated"—"with San Angelo ozone." He said that Bro. Walsh's face beamed forth a genuine welcome and described the big banker's face as another described the face of Bishop Matthew Simpson—"a thanksgiving for all past blessings and a love letter to all mankind."

Resolutions by H. E. Draper that a committee be appointed in the interest of homes for superannuated preachers were adopted. H. E. Draper, J. T. Curry, T. F. Sessions, A. S. G. Haygood and J. F. Webb were named as the committee.

Resolutions by B. F. Buchanan that a committee be appointed to investigate funds in the hands of societies and boards were adopted. An amendment by A. L. Scarborough that such committee consider also the Simmons' bequest was accepted. The committee was appointed.

Sterling Fisher moved that a committee be appointed to consider means for providing for the publication of the minutes. The resolutions were adopted and the committee appointed.

The following brethren were introduced to the conference:

E. Hightower.
 M. K. Little.
 M. K. Collie.
 R. A. Burroughs.
 W. B. Wilson.
 J. C. Carter.
 H. W. Knickerbocker.
 C. Pugsley.
 C. L. McDonald.
 J. W. Hill.
 P. S. Wilson.
 E. H. Crandall.

Dr. Lyons, pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Angelo, also was introduced.

The Bishop called Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" and announced the transfer of W. F. Packard from the Central Texas and C. Pugsley from the East Oklahoma.

The Bishop called Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"

The names of the presiding elders were called, their reports were heard and their characters passed.

V. A. Godbey, presiding elder of the Austin District, reported unusual difficulties in his district during the year due to storm, floods, drouth and sickness among the pastors or their families. Despite these difficulties, however, his district had collected more money than ever before. There had been unusual revivals and large accessions.

T. F. Sessions, presiding elder of the Beeville District, reported \$10,000 paid on indebtedness and \$5000 paid improvements in his district during the year. Eighteen charges had paid their assessments in full, seventeen charges had paid their pastors in full. Seven hundred conversions and 1917 accessions during the year.

A. W. Wilson, presiding elder of the Cuero District, reported 700 additions and \$7000 raised on churches and parsonages during the year. Eight pastors had reported their collections in full and five pastors their salaries and benevolences in full.

J. W. Cowan, presiding elder of the Lampasas District, reported 500 conversions and 600 accessions during the year. Four hundred were received on profession of faith. Finances were reported in advance of any previous year.

F. B. Buchanan, presiding elder of the San Angelo District, reported 1100 additions during the year, 750 of this number having been received on profession of faith. Almost every charge has had a revival. Collections better than in years. Some building in the district. Preachers have done "team work."

J. H. Groseclose, presiding elder of the San Antonio District, reported an increased interest in Sunday School work and that the Epworth Leagues had taken on new life. One new church built. Twelve hundred accessions to the Church. He reported the interest and tax account in his district to be \$10,000 per year. He had built a district parsonage, saying that it was "an ideal preacher's home."

The Bishop: "That will move you, won't it?"

Thos. Gregory, of the San Marcos District, reported 675 additions in his district during the year. Special attention given the Sunday School. Two churches now in process of construction and two parsonages now in building.

S. B. Johnston, of the Uvalde District, reported 850 additions to the Church during the year, nearly 400 of this number having been received on profession of faith. He reported fifty organized Sunday School classes in his district. Built one parsonage. "Best district parsonage I know of."

The Bishop called Question 19, "Who are supernumerary?" The names of the following were called, their characters passed and their names referred to the committee: J. T. Weems and F. J. Perrin.

The Bishop called Question 20, "Who are superannuated?" The names of the following brethren were

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The Asbury Centenary

By REV. H. M. DuBOSE, D. D., Atlanta, Georgia

Nearly all great movements, or parts of such movements, have expressed themselves in the character and leadership of one man. The names of St. Paul, Athanasius, St. Augustine, Luther, Calvin and Wesley furnish illustrations in connection with the most notable religious and doctrinal movements of Christianity. In this list the name of Francis Asbury is entitled to a place. With John Wesley, he divided the leadership of the most distinctive movement which Protestantism has developed since the era of its beginning. In America Asbury became to the Methodist awakening what Wesley was to it in Europe. Differing in temperamental characteristics, diverse in mental gifts and range, and strangely separated by the accidents of early fortune and opportunity, these twin yet became as one in the essence of a mighty spiritual experience, in the apprehension of evangelistic ideals and in the power to realize a world-encompassing vision.

The approaching centenary of the death of Francis Asbury brings the Methodism of the Western Ecumenical section to a vantage of retrospect and forecast which, if wisely entered upon, will help to recover to it some lapsed essentials of experience and gospel living. The influence of personality gives to history its teaching value; the past remains always the present through a persistency of those spiritual and intellectual forces which have once been life. It is also a generally accepted maxim that history must have rested in a long past before it can be correctly written or justly appraised. But the present must be constantly changed and kept conscious of the value and uses of the past as a corrective and enligner of its own thoughts and ideals. Extraordinary conventional and ceremonial emphasis of the life and lessons of the past has become a recognized means of advancing truth and action. An opportunity for such emphasis comes to the Methodism of the American Continent in this Asburian centenary. As a well-meant means of helping to make the observance of this centenary effective, a study is here proposed of the ideals which were rampant in American Methodism at the time of the death of its apostle in 1816.

It is a fact too patent to need argumentative support that in the space of a single century the whole world-wide Wesleyan movement has either deflected or retrograded to many attitudes and expressions of life and thought which would have seemed a contradiction to it a hundred years ago. Not every student of current Methodist history might be willing to admit that this condition is more than a qualified drift, an undefined advance in the line of ideal and genetic force; but it is worthy of serious study, whatever the viewpoint occupies. As the transit of planets affords opportunities for the calculation of their parallaxes, so this memorial will afford opportunity for the study of some theological and other ranges of Methodist life and thought for a century past.

The Asburian age of Methodism was distinguished by an intensive type of personal evangelism; but Methodism has remained evangelistic in a more or less assertive way. Now, as before, evangelism is a watchword. I must, however, insist upon disclaiming for this early personal revivalism identity with, or even near relationship to, much that passes for personal evangelism today. The early type was described in a ministry of laity overwhelmed in the definite experiences of the Spirit, from which resulted a return of the manner and method of apostolic soul-seeking. The present day type is marked by superficiality of power in the seeker and lack of conviction in the sought. A dual blindness has brought debacle and groping where once were firmness of ground and illumination of sight. The test of Gospel power is in a personally consecrated ministry, nor is it less in a body of ministers so dedicated—men who individually and collectively share the passion of the kingdom for righteousness and the salvation of the world. Not since the apostolic days has this passion been more alive than it was in the men who followed the leadership of Asbury, each soul an epitome of the kingdom, and the whole body of the itinerancy dead to the world and alive to God. They

made real and apparent the meaning of the watchwords of the New Testament age. They reincarnated the regeneration, and begat a Church in the image in which they were themselves begotten. When another manner of men, influenced by another day and order, succeeded to their standards they drew after them a following born of the fortuitous to which they themselves gave answer. The old formulas, the old protests, the old conduits of fire and power remained, but the life had pulsed low, or manifested itself fitfully under accretions of worldliness and sense which stand as an incongruous foreground to the memory of former things. Could the remembrance of the patriarch's translation serve as the excitant of a revival and help the later generation of Methodists to recover a measure of its lost heritage, then, in his death, he should slay unto life more than he reclaimed in the days of his earthly



FRANCIS ASBURY.

witness? Could the use and enforcement of the once inflammable general rules and disciplines of the old order be attended by the quickening which once they produced, how happy for millions now inert and unresponsive, except to the siren call of that life which is truly described as worldly.

This memorial can at least be made the occasion of strong cryings and such vigiling as they keep who watch at the gates of the morning. Shall not the time of this end bring the beginning of a new hope in the Spirit?

The Asburian Centenary should call to a mind and heart-searching on the doctrine of personal salvation. The one thing which gave Methodism a right to live, and the accentuating force in its conquests throughout English-speaking Christians, was its recovery of, and insistence upon, the doctrine of the direct witness of the Spirit to regeneration. But during the past hundred years this insistence has grown more and more formal, until now the necessity for a new movement looking to recovery is nearly as great as it was at the beginning. This confession is part of a sorrowful annal; it is a new requiem over the long slumbering dust of the patriarch, but might it not become a clarion call to an advance by way of return to the Jabok ford of the ancient highway of victory? This is the question of this great year for American Methodism.

The largest fault of Methodism has been its proneness to forget or ignore the record of its years of beginning and power. This was the sin of the Seven Churches of Asia. It is a world old story. The "falling away" of the Scriptures is the answer to a law in the flesh, the ever present counter of the law of the Spirit. Spiritual life is not by surrender of the carnal will only, but is also by the perpetual response of what Methodism categorically describes as experience, a breaking through and over the limitations and enmities of the flesh. Old Methodism was resistance; new Methodism is too often conformity and submission. This is candor, not pessimism. It is the solemn frankness which becomes the task of the man who makes a record of things transcendent. Shall the memory of our mighty dead admonish us? Shall their spirits return to the temple accompanied by the tokens of a new resurrection and the rending of the veil of the Holy of Holies? Shall the Word which turned our forebears into a race of spiritual giants be invoked by us as it was by them?

Shall we live and walk in the Spirit as did they?

For this century of the patriarch should there not be brought to mind the memory of a rule and regime of life apart? There is no logic like the logic of life. The true answer to experience is living. The argument of the Asburian day was doctrine became experience, and experience was the equivalent of living. To that end the still surviving rules and discipline of their book were constantly made a test. In a day in which we have italicized not a few of these rules, as also many canons of this discipline, or have left them to read in basso profundo once in each year, can we expect the results which came of them when they were daily wrote, and even daily bread?

We might in this centenary year build to the memory of the patriarch a marble mausoleum, rear a pillar or dedicate a house of tomes, a university or a minister. It would not be unbecoming for united Methodism to think on any one of these enterprises; but that which most becomes us is to consider the building anew of that house supported by the pillars of faith, experience and life. In this we shall honor the patriarch and Him with whom all the patriarchs have gone to sit down in the Kingdom.

THE PRIMACY OF THE SERMON.

In the last number of the Methodist Review Dr. John A. Rice has an article on "Educational Work of the Local Church," which contains one paragraph of such force and good sense that this scribe here reproduces it as a sort of prelude to what he feels like adding. It is this: "But what shall take the place of the preaching service? It has been the mighty bulwark of Protestantism. Numerous influences are telling against it. Many people want a religious vaudeville or a Mexican bull fight in the pulpit, or at best a sermonette, and the children refuse to listen even to this. When the primacy of the sermon is surrendered 'Ichabod' will be written over our church doors. Though all be lost, the preaching of sermons must be saved to adults and children." I believe the good doctor is right, and I like his phrase, "the primacy of the sermon." There is an old couplet which declares that "some go to Church to sing and pray, and some to while the time away." In my "going to and fro in the earth and walking up and down in it" I often wonder on a Sunday morning how many of those present were actuated in attending Church by a desire to hear a soul-stirring, faith-strengthening message from a servant of God.

"The primacy of the sermon" has about been lost in many of our congregations. In not a few the music is the principal thing. If it were hymns sung for their religious value the case would be different. But in planning a service the hymn receives as scant consideration as does the sermon. Choirs are secured, often employed, to furnish music that entertains. If that result is achieved little attention is paid to the character of singers or song. Frequently in a Sunday morning service that is expected to last one hour it is a quarter to 12 before the preacher gets a chance to announce his text. Fifteen minutes are allotted to the pastor's weekly message. If a preacher goes beyond the usual quitting time the congregation vents its disapproval by sundry fidgets and yawns and glances at the church clock, or at its collective watch. Thus the "primacy of the sermon" is destroyed and the service becomes largely a musicale and often a "vaudeville" at that. The feats that some paid choirs perform in the name of the Church music are enough to call the spirit of St. Cecilia from its last sleep, much as Samuel returned at the bidding of Saul. But the worst feature of such performances is that they are largely made to take the place of good, meaty gospel preaching. In the pastorate the writer was not long-winded, and as a field man he always speaks by the watch, but he maintains that it takes a very unusual man to preach an able bodied sermon in fifteen minutes. And the Church that depends for spiritual nurture on the average fashionable choir is as bad off as a child trying to feed itself on the picture of bread that was eaten year before last. If the Sunday morning service is to be finished inside of one hour and "the primacy of the sermon" is to be maintained, then at least half the hour should be devoted to preaching. As pastor this writer found it possible to do that, and yet give a good choir a chance to render some good special music that was both inspirational and edifying. The following rules for pastors may be found helpful:

1. Waste no time. When the clock

strikes eleven begin the service. If the choir is not on hand begin without it. It might cure them of the tardy habit to come in some Sunday and hear the pastor leading a hymn or singing a solo.

2. Do not waste time in announcements. Many pastors give nearly as much time to unnecessary remarks as to the sermon. If announcements are to be read from the pulpit at all, and it is better to have a printed bulletin, you can usually read them all in three minutes. But you can spend fifteen minutes that way and not half try. Do not make your pulpit an advertising medium for the community. Announcements of other pastors must often be made as a matter of courtesy. But when it comes to announcing club meetings, literary societies, commercial clubs, lodge picnics and the like, it is time to draw the line.

3. Be courteous and considerate of the choir. Furnish the hymns for the following Sunday in time for choir practice, have an understanding with the director as to what special music is desired or can be had, and make your program in advance. Be gentle and patient, but direct the choir, and do not let it direct you. And always time your program, songs, lessons, prayers and announcements, so as to allow you time to bring a message to your congregation. It is the pastors' business to feed the flock, not to see that it is entertained.

4. Have a message, deliver it pointedly, then quit. Have the closing prayer and hymn, open the doors of the Church, call mourners, or do whatever there is to be done, then dismiss the congregation and let them go home.

The pastor who has a sermon to preach from Sunday to Sunday will usually find a congregation, or respectable proportions, that is willing for him to have a chance to preach it.
E. HIGHTOWER.

WHAT IS IT TO BELIEVE ON JESUS?

The terms faith and belief are often used interchangeably in the Bible. We have listened to noted ministers on the exposition of faith who said that faith related to the invisible and unknown. That faith relates to the unknown involves an impossibility, an absurdity. Faith begins with knowledge. A certain amount of knowledge is necessary to the exercise of faith, but this knowledge as a basal truth (is purely intellectual) faith reveals as a living verity to the heart, thus adding to the knowledge of the head that of the heart, which is both perceptive and experimental. The very idea of faith presupposes knowledge. This itself reason declares and revelation confirms. "For I know whom I have believed." (2 Tim 1:12). The Bible reveals God to the mind; faith reveals him to the heart. But, strictly speaking, is there not a difference in the words faith and belief? A careful examination reveals the following difference: Faith is an act of trusting; belief is the assent of the mind to a truth or fact represented in a proposition or statement, as though I should say, "Christ died to save sinners." Ordinary belief gives passive assent to the truth of Christianity. Faith is the consent and trust of the whole being, mind, heart, conscience and will to the truths and facts of the Christian religion. Belief says Christ can save; faith says he does save. A writer, in describing the terms "faith" and "belief," says: "Belief is the check on the bank; faith is the check cashed and in the purse. Belief is the bird with folded wings; faith is the bird with wings spread and soaring heavenward." Belief may exist without religion, but true religion always includes morality. So genuine faith always includes belief. In support of these views we refer to St. James 2:19: "The devils believe also and tremble." The obvious meaning of the passage is that devils do readily assent to the truth, but do not, cannot trust. It is not said that devils have faith and tremble, for the obvious reason that true faith always saves. Faith relates to things both visible and invisible. A thing must not necessarily be beyond the range of vision to become an object of faith. Jesus during the period of his incarnation was an object of sight and sense, yet he was just as much an object of faith then as now. During his mission in the world the removal of disease from the body and sin from the soul was the result of faith in him as divine. After the resurrection of our blessed Savior, when the disciples said to Thomas, "We have seen the Lord," he said, "Except I shall see in his hands the prints of the nails and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." Jesus said unto him, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen

and have believed." In 1 Peter 1:8 we read: "Whom having not seen ye love; in whom though now ye see him not, yet believing ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." The Bible is a visible object, yet it clearly reveals to us an invisible God, an invisible Savior, an invisible heaven and hell, invisible angels and devils. All experimental and practical godliness springs directly and exclusively from faith in its teachings. Thus the soul is inspired so that it firmly grasps the invisible. The Bible record is that Moses endured as seeing Him who is invisible, not visible to the natural eye, but clear to the eye of faith. Faith is the soul vision of spiritual relations. We possess a dual nature which adapts us equally to the physical and spiritual world. This twofold power of vision is definitely recognized in the Bible. Paul says: "We look not at the things which are seen, for the things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are not seen are eternal." (1 Cor. 4:18). With the natural eye we behold the physical and tangible universe about us. Through faith we survey the invisible and spiritual world. We have read about a blind faith. There is no such thing as blind faith. There is faith and there is superstition. Faith lifts the soul above reason, the realms of sense and doubt, and gives positive assurance of spiritual things. Yes, this assurance gives us a better knowledge of Bible truths. We may have a knowledge of Bible truths and be destitute of that faith which gives assurance of its reality.

There is a real difference between knowledge and assurance. Webster defines knowledge to be the act of knowing, certain, apprehension, cognition; that which is known. Assurance is the act of making certain, freedom from doubt. One is secured by mental effort, the other by that of the heart. Assurance is the only remedy for doubt. Mere knowledge can have no adequate conception of the truth however varied and extensive the knowledge may otherwise be. There are multitudes who are familiar with the Scriptures and still deny the existence of a God, the atonement of Christ, the resurrection of the body and the immortality of soul. They can no more discuss spiritual objects than the perfectly blind man can see the sun. What consummate folly for the blind man to affirm that there was no sun and assign as a reason that he could not see it. The inability is as real in the one case as the other. The difficulty is they are blind, and instead of locating the difficulty in themselves, as they should, they transfer it to the sun. Just so it is with those who are blinded by the god of this world. They are destitute of Christian faith. They reject and denounce Christianity, not because it is untrue, but they are devoid of the faith which gives assurance of its reality. Christ enthroned in the Christians. They are conscious of his presence and indwelling as much so as the dear loved ones who dwell with them in their own homes. Those who have that faith which gives assurance, which removes distracting doubts and powerful uncertainties are enabled to say with Paul, "We know that if this earthly house of our tabernacle were dissolved we have an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." It was full assurance of faith that inspired dying Stephen to exclaim, "I see heaven open and Jesus standing at the right hand of God."

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SEEING THE GOAL.

There is something in most of us that sets the goal well in advance of our faltering steps. We see it far ahead—gleaming, beckoning—almost extinguished sometimes, so far are we behind; but, thank God, it is always there stirring us to fresh endeavor, arousing our flagging spirits, putting zest and courage and zeal into our weak strivings. That goal is always there, and however ingloriously we may fall, and however torn and trailing in the dust our colors may seem to be, there is something in us that bids us to stand upon our feet and to try again.

And we do, and we look far ahead and see the gleam there of the high mark that is ever drawing us on, and we listen, and almost—almost we think we can hear the words: "And lo! I am with you always, even unto the end." And when there has been for us an experience like that we are ready to push on, and to overcome obstacles, for

"Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear Thy voice, O Son of man."
—Exchange.

The Country Church Problem Again

By REV. C. L. BROWNING, Hewitt, Texas

Since my first article on the Country Church Problem appeared in the Texas Christian Advocate, quite a number have been kind enough to tell me in word and letter that they had read the article; that it ought to be read by two million Methodists; that the address to the abandoned Church was pathetic and to the point; that one lady had read it in three installments, crying all the time between the installments; that the article was pointed in the direction of the very heart of the greatest problem now confronting the Church. And upon its proper solution depended not only the country Church but the city Church as well. Such words and letters are encouraging to an ambitious writer like I am, and I have been strutting around considerably for the past few days thinking of how well I can write. However, I am up against a hard proposition now and am afraid that I shall never hear of this article again. If, indeed, it ever passes the critical eye of the editor, it is probable that it will have no rebound when it strikes the Advocate readers.

By far the greater number of those writing me and otherwise mentioning the former article have asked me to offer a solution of this problem. This is my trouble now. It is much easier to mention difficulties than to solve them. At first I thought the solution was an easy one and began at once to dream of a popularity unknown to ordinary mortals. But as I began the solution the difficulties began to multiply. I am not sure now whether I should multiply or divide, add or subtract, or indeed whether I have the right figures at all. One line of thought runs me against the rugged wall of sure-enough Episcopacy from which the Church has withdrawn and to which it now points as an ancient relief of ecclesiastical Absolutism. (Get your dictionaries.) Another line of thought leads me into the abandoned grounds of an ancient Communism about which I have read somewhere in the Acts of the Apostles. (A book which is still extant.) Another line of thought leads me into the jungles of Socialism, (Don't become excited!) which is a very dangerous country to mention, much less to live in. Still another line of thought leads me into the barren desert of Individualism (Look at your dictionary) which has always been considered a very difficult country through which to lead a large army. So I am "in a fix" and do not know what to say or do, though I am sure that something ought to be said and done about this matter. Help is solicited from any quarter.

Since, however, this is a problem—a real problem—which has grown steadily and stealthily for the past several years, and since in the South, at least, there has been no serious effort to solve it by the Church as a whole, I am going to suggest a solution in this article which will, no doubt, seem radical, if not worse; but which will, in fact, be neither. The solution which I offer will be based upon the connectional theory of our Church. No Methodist can object to our connectional theory. Some might object to a connectional practice; and if I get into trouble, it will be at this point. Our connectional theory, by Methodists, has always been held up as the ideal form of Church government—a species of final argument which we flourish in the face of Congregationalism as practiced by some Churches. This solution is Methodist to the core, I assure you, and will be the safest route for me at this time; so I am going to take it—sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish!

Our connectional theory is a broken wall. (Get your handkerchiefs out.) When it stood intact, it was the solution of the problem which stares at us so defiantly now. It was our breastwork then and behind it was planted the great artillery of the Church as it was originally conceived by the founders of Methodism. My solution is to repair this broken wall and strengthen this old fortification. It is just what we need in this day of commercialism, selfishness and individualism. When this wall was unbroken the Church prospered as she has never prospered since. She developed heroes in the ministry and saints among the laity at whose graves we are still building monuments. When this wall was an unbroken wall, the Church practiced Apostolic Christianity long enough to show the world its mighty power. There was in the Church a spiritual force which swept England like a Pentecostal wind crossed the Atlantic and shook the

American continent as no other religious movement has ever done. Wesley's conception of Methodism was an inspiration. He claimed the world as his parish; and had the Church which he founded followed this inspiration as it moved him and been true to the vision as he saw it, I believe the world would have heard the Gospel before now.

First of all, Methodism, as Wesley saw it, was connectional. She was one Church, one great army enlisted, one harmonious whole for the evangelization of the world.

Secondly, Methodism was Episcopal. No army could succeed without some one to direct its movements. Each regiment must move in harmony with every other regiment and all in the direction of the one goal. The Bishops were her generals, the presiding elders her captains and the pastors her lieutenants. Furthermore, and most important of all, they were all Methodist preachers and brethren; and strange to say, they all received the same salary!

But a change came to Methodism at a vital point. (A good place to weep.) Up to this point the Church was connectional through and through. The salaries of preachers at that time, if I remember correctly, were \$70.00 per year for a single man and \$120.00 per year for a married man—a princely salary for a Bishop and presiding elder! In fact it was not enough for a "circuit rider." The salaries ought to have been changed—no doubt about that. But in making the change, instead of changing the law so as to allow each congregation to fix the salary of the pastor, why did not the Church simply raise the salary to the reasonable demands of the times, still letting them remain on a parity according to the actual needs of each man? The Bishop's salary remained connectional; why not the pastor's? When the pastor's salary was made congregational the connectional wall of Methodism was broken; and since that time the leaven of congregationalism has been oozing through the cracks of this broken wall till now it is working mightily in many of our congregations. The Church conceded the congregational salary, and the time is not far off when she will have to concede the congregational pastor also. When this is done our connectional and episcopal form of government will be a mere empty sham—a name without a meaning, an office without a function!

With this break in the wall of our solid connectional certain symptoms developed, such as place-seeking, castes in the ministry, the adoption of the dollar-mark as the measure of a preacher's ability, the growing of more big preachers than big places, that indefinable feeling of exultation which comes to a man when his salary is raised from five hundred to two thousand dollars at one pop, and that awful feeling of depression which seizes a man when his salary is dropped from two thousand to nine hundred dollars at one rattle out of the box. There might be mentioned, also, that peculiar thrill which is felt by the man who is "raised" from a circuit to a district and the utter collapse of another man who is "lowered" from a district to a circuit. Furthermore, it is said that the Bishops and presiding elders are having a hard time to take care of their men; and taking care of their men is generally understood as meaning the giving them as good or better appointments than they had before—"as it were," financially speaking! Surely some of these men in the hard places need something better; and it would be a failure to recognize their ability to do less for the others! "We must not think of retrenchment" in salaries whether large or small—whether two hundred dollars or five thousands dollars. And so it goes!

In the meantime, the Church is drifting away from the masses and the masses are drifting away from the Church. The sweating, struggling, grinding masses of men and women of toil are not only losing interest in the Church but becoming antagonistic to it. Preachers, who are being measured by the salaries they receive and the money they raise, are tempted to lower the standard of Church membership for the sake of those who pay the cash. Land owners are moving to the city and using the proceeds of their farms in the building of costly city churches and supporting city preachers, while country Churches, though the country is still full of people, are being abandoned by the thousands. Not only is the country still full of people—

fuller than it ever was before—but they are the same kind of people that will make or unmake the nation. The country still furnishes the iron of the strongest manhood. It may be educated or uneducated; religious or irreligious; Protestant or Catholic; Christianity or Paganism—but the country will still grow men that will have to be reckoned with. Already the foreigner is crowding the American out of large districts in the country, either to other places in the country more imbued with the spirit of America, or to become dwellers in the city. This crowding and transforming process is just beginning! Americanism will be crowded out of America unless we wake up to the situation! The country is being worked by tenants and foreigners. These white tenants are usually very poor, and shifting from one place to another, they do not and cannot maintain the Church. The foreigners have a religion so different from ours that we call their country mission fields. These people crave and appreciate our friendship now; yet we are letting them alone or treating them worse. "Greasers," "Dagoes," "Sheenies," "John Chinaman" are the endearing names that we give them. While we are thus treating these heathens whom Providence has brought to our very doors, a flood of circular letters are being poured weekly on the tables of our preachers, stating the unparalleled needs of the foreign fields and urging diligent collections for the evangelization of the Chinaman in China and Negroes in far-off Africa! Isn't it time to wake up to the situation at home? If we have no sympathy or love for these millions of heathens in our own land, how can we love and evangelize those in other lands? In trying to christianize the pagans abroad why should we allow foreign immigrants to paganize us?

But what is the remedy? First of all, our preachers need a new vision—a new Gospel, born of the spirit of Him who "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." We need a new vision of the cross, to cultivate more the fellowship of His suffering. This vision ought to begin to work at the top and extend to the poorest mission in the connection. Financially speaking, there are many men in the ministry who are not making any sacrifice for Christ. Why not begin with them? Why do they not voluntarily surrender a part of their salaries for the establishment of missions in the foreign and poor districts of the cities? Why not appropriate a part of these salaries for the support of one or more missionaries in each district? You say the laymen ought to do this? They would if they could feel the burning spirit of men who are making real sacrifices for Christ's sake!

Secondly, let the connectional wall of Methodism be rebuilt. Let the salaries of preachers be connectional as well as the salaries of Bishops and connectional officers. Let the salaries of all preachers be fixed with a maximum and a minimum, and as long as thousands are suffering and dying because of the lack of funds to extend our work, let these salaries represent the spirit of Him who sends the laborers into the fields. Individual preachers might direct the surplus above the actual needs of life, either by buying real estate or the support of a missionary; but would it not be better to leave it in the hands of the Church to be used as the Church thinks best? Along with this connectional salary for all our preachers—just as small as it can be made till the nations hear the Gospel—I would provide a fund for the support of the men who can no longer work, and also those who are dependent upon them. If any difference, I would make the salary of the supernumerary larger than the man in the field, but at least enough to keep him above want.

Lastly, then let our preachers, with this new vision of the suffering Christ and the needy world for whom He died, go to our people with this new message of love and sacrifice and burn into them the passion for a lost world instead of a passion for a finer church and a better salary for the local Church; and the Churches would give as they have never given before, and with a motive akin to the love of Christ. Let the message ring clear that Christ died for the world. No need to mention "home missions" and "foreign missions"—do away with all these several items in the collections, and let there be but one collection and that for the spread of the Gospel of Christ. Unless we can inspire our people to give with this higher, unselfish, Christlike motive, our costly churches, our competent salaries, our flourishing institutions,

will but help to drive the Christ out of our Churches and lives. Under this plan the Churches would not give less, but more; the country places would be cared for; foreigners, who are literally flooding this country, would be evangelized, and the Gospel would be sent to the uttermost parts of the world. This plan would eliminate the growing idea of caste among the ministry; all the appointments would be good appointments; our preachers would be welded into a stronger and more compact brotherhood; a higher type of preachers would be developed, and Christ would be crowned as Lord.

But will this plan be adopted? I am afraid not! Of course it presents difficulties, but these could be worked out in a practical way. It is certain that our present financial methods are creating difficulties which are becoming larger each year. There is an undercurrent of restlessness among both preachers and laymen. There is something in our financial system, as it is being practiced, which is causing many to think and to say, "This is not fair—not just—not brotherly—not Christlike." Of course this is said of the financial methods of the world, and of these it is certainly true. May it not be true of our methods? I know that the world pays some men one hundred thousand per year for managing the speculations in foodstuffs, and pays other men for producing the foods of the world a rented shanty and a crust of bread; but Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." The stream of evangelical Methodism is being choked somewhere—by some landslide or gradual deposit in the channel! Will we unchoke the stream before the farms below dry up, or will we allow the waters to break the banks and destroy the land? Hewitt, Texas.

PETER AND JOHN.

Way back in the ages there lived two men who were widely different in their dispositions and characteristics. We know nothing of their home surroundings, but they followed the humble calling of fishermen and were without education or social position, yet both were called by Jesus to become his disciples, and we think that Peter and John became more prominent than any of the twelve.

Peter was fishing on the sea of Galilee when our Lord called him to be his disciple, promising to make him a fisher of men. Immediately he accepted the call, leaving all and following Jesus. Peter was of a warm, impulsive nature, but notwithstanding his mistakes and blunders at times, it seems he was regarded by our Lord with special favor and affection. He was the first mover of the election of a new apostle in the place of Judas Iscariot. He was the spokesman of the rest on the day of Pentecost, and he was the first to break down the wall of the prejudice of race by receiving a Gentile convert into the Church; and the first to propound in the council of Jerusalem the question to be discussed as to the obligation of the Mosaic observances. Last, but not least, it was Peter who when Jesus asked the twelve, "Whom say ye that I am?" replied, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Alas, while he was first to recognize Jesus, he was the only one to deny him! When Jesus announced to the twelve the approaching betrayal, poor, outspoken, blustering Peter declared, "Although all should be offended, yet will not I." Notwithstanding his fickleness, under the leadership of Christ Peter became an apostle of power. We doubt not that Peter desired to do right, but with his blustering, changeable nature it was hard for him to make life's realities conform to his visions. My heart goes out in sympathy with Peter. There are many Peters at the present time who need the tender, loving care of strong Christians to keep them in touch with the Church.

John, who was spoken of as the disciple whom Jesus loved, and John loved Jesus; he was the most constant of all the disciples; he was with Jesus in Gethsemane, and was the only one to follow him to the judgment hall, and the only one to stand by the cross when he was crucified, and Jesus commended his mother to the keeping of John. John was also the first of the twelve to arrive at the tomb on the morning of the resurrection. While John was possessed of a strong love and affection, he also displayed passionate hatred for the wrong. When Jesus visited a village of the Samaritans and they refused to receive him John's feelings knew no bounds, and why should he not resent the ill treatment of his Lord? He prayed Jesus to call down the fires of heaven upon the offenders. For this Jesus rebuked him sympathetically. While John leaned lovingly upon the bosom of Jesus, he was firm and brave enough to have defended him had it been necessary. Christians should bear in mind

that gentleness and kindness should be braced up by firmness and bravery when necessary, for God needs soldiers of the cross to keep back the attacks of the enemy. Most people, I presume, admire the character of John more than that of Peter, yet in the disposition of Peter there are some things noteworthy. When he made a mistake he did not give up and drop to the bottom, but arose and went at it again. He always did something, and when he did something wrong he was soon ready to repent of the wrong act. In a moment of weakness he was tempted to deny Christ, but it took only a gentle, loving look from Jesus to touch the tender chords of Peter's heart, and he went out and wept bitterly. He had been associated with Jesus too long to lose his hold on him entirely. He sought peace and pardon and lived and died for the Lord he loved. One thing we learn from the study of the lives of these two disciples, that it matters not what our disposition, calling, talent, or position in social life are, if we but put ourselves in touch with God he can use us for the accomplishment of good to humanity and his glory.

MRS. J. E. TURNBULL.

A COMPLAINT.

Oh, if there be a people under heaven whose gratitude should lead to God, we are that people! We have no excuse, no cloak, for our sins with the most liberal government in the world, a free circulation of the Scriptures, an unrestrained exercise of conscience, a Gospel preached by every grade of intellect, and in all our country. We are under the highest obligations to prove ourselves emblems of every virtue and Christian attainment, and yet how wide the dominion of iniquity in our country! And if we come down in this application to you who dwell in this city the obligation increases, and failure to meet it but gives enormity to their crime. God has opened his hands, blessing us as a country. He has given us his soft, delicious climate. He has caused flowers to grow and flocks to abound, and yet many here amid all that should charm us to the service of God are despising the riches of his goodness and living as though life here were to be eternal and immortality a dream! And when you would not remember God he has shaken the wind of the pestilence on your loomes and left the dead thick in our dwellings. The sound of wailing has gone out upon the putrid air because the strong in their strength, and the youth in their beauty lay pallid in our habitations of mourning and from each pulpit and altar, from houses of prayer and haunts of piety, from wan lips and dying beds, from graves of love and the sleeping places of friendship God has been calling you to repentance, and yet your language is a little longer! Friends have besought and parental love has implored your return, but still your answer is a little longer and I will! Religion has come to you with her beautiful hopes and with lifted fingers, pointing to the home where part of your household has gone, has urged you to be ready for final meeting, and while tears have told of the soul-weariness, has answered a little longer still, a little longer! How long, how long, O how long would you have God stand and wait? Have you a fear that ere his patience is exhausted and from this hour patient mercy may turn to unquenching vengeance! What if a sternly righteous Judge has reached this call—your last before your darkness, death—a tomb behind the unpardoned past! O Lord, help the Church to get on a higher plane of Christian living! I have been reading the dear old Advocate for thirty years and I hope it will soon be in every Methodist family. God bless our new editor. He is filling the place of our sainted Dr. Rankin perhaps as few others could fill.

MRS. H. W. MARSHALL, Texarkana, Ark.-Tex.

A PRAYER.

Help me to understand, Father, that there are prisons as well as crosses in the way to heaven—prisons as precious as the promises of God. Help me to remember that when Thou dost shut me in rom the world, it is Thy desire to shut me in with Thyself; that often when Thou dost make me sit and wait, it is not to tease me, but only to hold me still until unseen dangers have passed away and unseen blessings have overtaken me. Teach me that these prisons along the way of life—these rainy day prisons through which life's cold northeasters blow and chill the very marrow of our souls, these sick-room prisons, these prisons of thwarted plans, these prisons of lonely grief—are but doors to greater liberty, and that through these doors I shall yet pass out into wider, richer, sweeter fields. Amen.—Rev. Edward Leigh Pell, D. D.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

GORE, OKLA.

R. E. Hickman, our good pastor, preached his last sermon here Sunday night. We sure do feel sad to give him up. He is a good preacher and perfect Christian gentleman...

ADAIR, OKLA.

Adair is located on the M. K. & T. Railroad, in the midst of a wheat belt country, and other small grain. Adair is a very good little town with a lot of fine people in it...

FORT GIBSON, OKLAHOMA.

We are in the midst of the greatest meeting ever held in Fort Gibson. Forty-one conversions to date and, we trust God, more to follow. I received twenty-two into the Church yesterday (Sunday)...

WOODSON.

For four years we have been doing what we could on this charge. In but a few days it will be given over to some one else. There have been many days of trials and hardships...

courage. The three points surrounding the town are doing nicely. All told we are about one hundred stronger on the work than we were when we came. The people of every name have been good to us...

UTOPIA.

Our fourth Quarterly Conference has come and gone, and it affords us much pleasure to announce that the Utopia charge has paid everything in full, including the preacher's salary and the conference collections...

We have much to be thankful for, as the Lord has most wonderfully blessed us in our labors during this past year. We have had three real revivals of religion, which have meant much to our Churches...

Rev. D. A. Dawson reports a successful meeting recently held in his charge, Okemah Station. Rev. Mike Cassidy, Conference Evangelist, led the forces.

ABERNATHY.

We are closing our third year with this people, and this has been as good if not the best of the three. In thirty-nine years of itinerant life we have never served a more loyal and devoted people. In fact, we have always thought we had the best people in the conference...

ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT.

Gallup, New Mexico.

The first Quarterly Conference of the district for the current year was held at Gallup, New Mexico, October 23-24. Gallup is commonly called the Carbon City. It is located in the midst of a large group of mines near the Continental Divide...

tion in America, while Gallup itself is the largest trading point in the world. Because of the fact that it is ranch supply station, a distributing point for the Indian Reservation, and also a great coal mining station...

NOTES AND PERSONALS EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

(Luther Roberts, Correspondent.)

Rev. G. E. Holley, who has served Afton Station for three years, has entered the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois.

Rev. J. C. Crowson, of Maud, is under treatment in Oklahoma City for a diseased ear which has been giving him trouble for several years.

Rev. T. G. Peterson calls for all the candidates for admission to meet at St. Paul's Church, Muskogee, on Tuesday morning before conference for examination.

Rev. Jas. W. Rogers, presiding elder of the Vinita District, has opened a new mission at Commerce, a town of three thousand people in the great mining belt of Northeast Oklahoma. Rev. T. A. Harkins is in charge, and the prospects are good.

Bishop W. B. Murrah will dedicate our new church at Ada next Sunday at 11 a. m. and will preach at First Church, Shawnee, at 7:30 p. m. the same day, proceeding thence to Oklahoma City on his way to the session of the West Oklahoma Conference at Altus.

This will be my last batch of notes for this conference year. If I am to have this job next year, I trust the brethren (especially the elders) will take more pains to keep me in touch with affairs in the field...

Milton, the thirteen-year-old son of Rev. T. F. Roberts, of the Creek-Cherokee District, was operated on last week in the hospital at Oklahoma City for appendicitis. For a while his life was despaired of, but he is reported as out of danger now and on the road to complete recovery.

Rev. Oscar Atkins, a son of Rev. P. C. Atkins, for several years a member of this conference, will be up for admission on trial at the coming session of our conference at Muskogee. Brother Atkins was admitted on trial in the Indian Mission Conference eighteen years ago, but was discontinued at his own request after the first year.

Rev. J. D. Rogers, of the Stonewall charge, is publishing a newspaper at Stuart. He is doing this against the day of his superannuation, which he thinks may occur in the next few years. He has given several years of faithful service to his Church in this field, traveling the hard works with meager support. He is a true man in all the relations of life.

The medals given by the Pope to the Knights of St. John were emblazoned on the one side with a sword and on the other with the cross. We fear that this is a type of many men's Christianity today as much as it was then. The sword symbolizes personal greed, selfishness, vindictiveness, revenge. The cross is the holy token of consecration, unselfishness, forgiveness. We may think it is indeed incongruous for such antithetical devices to stand on one and the same medallion...

AFFAIRS IN WEST OKLAHOMA.

Extra cars for the accommodation of passengers from Oklahoma City to Altus will be carried by the Frisco, leaving Oklahoma City at 9 a. m. Tuesday, November 2.

We may all expect a great entertainment at Altus. It is a fine little city and our Church there is composed of some of God's best saints as this writer knows from personal experience.

We have but three four-year men—C. F. Mitchell on the Mangum District, R. L. Ownbey at Norman Station and B. M. Nelson at Cement. Last year was our great shake-up year and it is to be hoped that conditions now are more settled. May the good Lord guide in the disposition of all those brethren who will not be returned another year.

From all reports Rev. Frank Barrett has gotten well started off at St. Luke's. Large crowds wait on his preaching. Twenty-five accessions since taking charge will be reported to his Quarterly Conference Monday night, November 1, at which Bishop Murrah is expected to preside. Bro. Barrett is to preach the opening sermon of the conference Tuesday night.

Rev. J. L. Gage is rounding out his first year at Eldorado in great order. He has received sixty-five into the Church and has all his finances in full and wants to go back. So mote it be. These good folks at Eldorado have always enjoyed a fine reputation for loyalty and liberality and are sustaining it handsomely, if we are allowed to Gage it by present indications.

Rev. R. E. Regan, our pastor at Franklin, has been ill for some time and has been taking treatment at the hospital in Oklahoma City. Brother Regan is improved at this writing and expects to be at the conference. Brother Regan transferred to us from Texas last conference and is a most select and capable young man. May the blessings of a kind Providence attend him unto complete recovery.

We are delighted to welcome Bishop Murrah again into our midst. His coming will prove a distinct benediction and his presidency of the conference will be characterized by fairness to all and minute consideration of every detail of the work. In the Cabinet we may all feel that our interests are in safe hands. May the guidance of the Spirit be his in all things.

Brother Butler is closing out a fine year at Broadway and despite the discouragement as a result of this calamity will make a creditable report to our conference. Dr. Butler is always a success. He carries the key in his pocket that unlocks all doors that lead successward. He has spent his lifetime in Oklahoma and understands our problems as do few others. A strong preacher and indefatigable pastor he is in demand at all our strongest points. He is one of our strong men that enjoys the distinction of never having "eluded," as he says. However, it is not too late.

Just one more week and the boys will all answer the roll call at Altus. Tempus surely has fled since we met at Chickasha. It has been a year of hard work crowned with a goodly measure of success. During the early part of the year financial interests were unusually close and the sinews of war were hard to get. But we all battled on. Not a man forsook his post. God was with us. Revival fires raged. Shouts rang out. Zion travailed and brought forth many sons and daughters. We shall report, doubtless, a substantial increase and an optimistic outlook toward the future. The price of cotton this fall has put new heart in the folks and it is expected that our financial reports shall be most gratifying.

Our church building at Broadway, Ardmore, was damaged to the amount of \$3990 in the recent awful explosion there. However, the Santa Fe has offered to pay all damages as a result of the catastrophe and our good folks there will recover all their losses. All the window glass was shattered and the roof partly torn off. To give some faint idea of the force it is said that windows six miles away were broken to pieces. Rev. J. D. Salter had just left the depot and Rev. M. L. Butler was just leaving home for the depot with his daughter. God in his mercy prevented their death also. They were right in the midst of the rescue work. Brother Salter himself pulling a lady from the ruins and he and Sister Salter assisted in setting a number of broken limbs.

E. R. WELCH. Wynnewood, Okla.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TEXAS-MEXICAN MISSION.

The annual meeting of the Texas-Mexican Mission closed in Corpus Christi Monday morning, October 25. There was a very substantial gain both in membership and finances. The spirit of the meeting was fine. Dennis Macune, the host of the conference, made everybody comfortable. Bishop Candier gave careful attention to details. His sermons and addresses were appropriate and will give impetus to the work of the new year.

The skill and energy of our superintendent, F. S. Onderdonk, are remarkable. He has been very successful the year just closed and has had the co-operation of his men. Miss Norwood Wynn has been active during the year as Bible Colporter and Evangelist.

The crying need of the Mexican field is for workers consecrated and equipped to carry on the great work now laid out before us.

The following are the appointments:

- Superintendent—Rev. F. S. Onderdonk. Austin Circuit—D. W. Carter, Basilio Soto, San Marcos, Ramon Lopez y Lopez, Seguin—Pedro Grado, San Antonio—J. A. Phillips, A. Coronado, Del Rio—A. R. Cardenas, Tolby—A. R. Penn, Carrizo Springs—Antonio Soto, Pearsall—P. G. Verdugo, Laredo—L. F. Castro, Alice—A. B. Vaiz, Kenedy—A. Alvarado, Corpus Christi—D. Macune, Kingsville—Zenon Moraza, McAllen—R. G. Farias, Pharr—Basilio R. Soto, Houston—E. B. Vargas, Bridgeport and Ft. Worth—Santiago Gomez, Evangelist—Miss Norwood Wynn, Editor of "El Heraldo Cristiano"—E. B. Vargas.

J. A. PHILLIPS.

OUR CHURCH NEWS

Bishop Hoss is winning opinions at every point he touches in his mission to the Far East. How could it be otherwise?

Rev. John R. Deering, D.D., has been elected associate editor of the Central Methodist, Lexington, Ky., succeeding Prof. D. W. Batson, who takes the position of field editor.

Bishop Wilson preached a few Sundays ago to the Trinity Church congregation in Baltimore, and the Baltimore Southern Methodist says he did it to the delight of the people.

The reports from our Annual Conferences as they are being held continue to show that our Church has had a prosperous year—the ingathering will probably be larger than for several years past.

Secretary Hingeley, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, says that eighty per cent of the ministerial delegates in the next General Conference of his Church will be new men. It is presumed that a like proportion of the laymen will also be new men.

Bishop Stuntz, of our sister Methodism, ordained as elder his son, Clyde B., who is about to sail for Calcutta, India, where he becomes pastor of the Church which he joined when a child, while his father was missionary in that far-away land.

Mrs. Thirkield, the accomplished wife of Bishop W. P. Thirkield, of New Orleans, was re-elected President of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the recent annual meeting of the organization in Seattle, Wash.

The Book Committee meets in Nashville today, October 25, to elect a successor to the late Dr. Gross Alexander, editor of the Methodist Review. The whole Church will await the announcement with profound interest.

Bishop W. R. Lambuth will preside at the Western North Carolina Conference, which will convene at Reidsville, N. C., on November 17, instead of Bishop Waterhouse, whose physicians deem it best for him not to undertake yet the long trip to the East from Los Angeles.

"A good many of us preachers have only one sermon," says that great London preacher W. L. Watkinson, "but we continue to make it appear as if it were many; and we owe our success chiefly to the bad memory of our congregations." He even asserts that that mighty evangelist George Whitefield had no more. "But Whitefield's one sermon contained the marrow of the Gospel; the sinfulness of human nature; the need of conversion; the redemption of a world of sinners in the Crucified; the imperativeness of a holy life; the doom of the impenitent; the everlasting blessedness of the faithful. It was with a

1914-1915—TRIAL BALANCE.
REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.
RECAPITULATION OF ALL FUNDS FROM ALL DISTRICTS.

DISTRIBUTION	Before Conf.	At Conf.	Totals
Bishops' Fund	\$ 1,418.00	\$ 329.65	\$ 1,747.65
Conference Claimants	5,227.00	1,241.25	6,468.25
Foreign Missions	8,382.01	1,667.88	10,049.89
Domestic Missions	12,562.23	2,034.44	14,596.67
Church Extension	4,752.00	1,009.00	5,761.00
Education	6,462.50	1,263.50	7,726.00
American Bible Society	547.00	134.40	681.40
Education Extension	7.70	8.03	15.70
Orphanage	2,392.14	296.31	2,688.45
Rescue Home	2,082.70	221.22	2,303.92
Superannuate Endowment Fund	631.50	65.00	696.50
Children's Day	944.10	71.62	1,015.72
SPECIALS—			
Rescue Home Special	2,214.64	114.05	2,328.69
DISTRICT PARSONAGES—			
a Austin	56.00	26.00	82.00
b Beeville	459.00	72.00	531.00
c Cuero	7.35	3.00	10.35
d Lampasas	5.00	11.00	16.00
e San Angelo	325.71	150.00	475.71
f San Marcos	39.00	39.00	78.00
g Uvalde	107.75	107.75	215.50
Laymen's Special	82.00	10.00	92.00
Ramon Lopez	364.35	364.35	728.70
Socohow Special	100.00	100.00	200.00
African Special	19.25	25.00	44.25
Belgian Relief Fund	1.00	1.00	2.00
Chinese (Bess Jordan)	100.00	100.00	200.00
John D. Miller	5.00	5.00	10.00
Japanese Special (Toya)	50.00	50.00	100.00
Birthday Offering	24.20	21.89	46.09
Chang Chow Chapel	5.00	5.00	10.00
Sunday School Special	129.16	276.08	405.24
Epworth League Anniversary		1.70	1.70
Coronal Institute		200.00	200.00
Rankin Memorial	248.50	248.50	497.00
Taylor Pledge	5.00	5.00	10.00
	\$49,756.19	\$9,241.99	\$58,998.18

The supplemental report to be filed will increase these grand totals to approximately \$60,100.00.
C. C. WALSH, Conference Treasurer.

few evangelical doctrines, reiterated incessantly and enforced with conviction and passion, that Whitefield drew the multitude, and became an eternal blessing to tens of thousands." Thus speaks one of our exchanges. Is it really an item in Church News that the fundamentals are not often heard proclaimed? What made early Methodism take hold on nations without God and hope in the world?

There were 6,300,000,000 nickels invested in picture shows in the United States in 1914. The amount given for missions in the United States and Canada during the same year was \$17,168,611. In other words, those two countries alone spent \$315,000,000 for pure pleasure as against \$17,168,611 for the evangelization of the world.

A Peking (China) shop displays this sign every Sunday, says a recent report: "Today is Worship Day." This silent message proclaims a new idea to passersby, who have always worked seven days in the week. Sunday is now observed as a day of rest in Chinese Government offices and colleges.

Bishop Hartzell, Missionary Bishop of the Northern Methodist Church for Africa, completes his twentieth year in that capacity, and, writing of his coming retirement under the age limit, says that when he was elected he asked God to give him twenty years for Africa. He rejoiced in the privilege of hard service and now cheerfully lays down his official burdens at the next General Conference.

The Western Methodist says: "The Midland Methodist says that one of the remarkable features of the session of the Holston Conference was the comment of Bishop Murrah to the effect that he was not in harmony with our prevailing four-year limitation of pastorates, and stated that there was an almost unanimous spirit in the conference approving the Bishop's remark."

In the Christian Advocate (New York), Dr. John R. Mott puts his finger on this defect: "An alarming weakness among Christians is that we are producing Christian activities faster than we are producing Christian experience and Christian faith; that the discipline of our souls and the deepening of our acquaintance with God are not proving sufficiently thorough to enable us to meet the unprecedented expansion of opportunity and responsibility of our generation."

ON THE ALTAR.

The altar stands in the foreground of every life, and can be passed by only at the cost of all that is noblest and best. . . . Anciently a man brought a lamb and presented it to God; laid it on the altar, to be consumed by God's fire. In like manner we are to present our bodies. The first thing is not to be a worker, a savor of souls; the very first thing in a Christian life is to present one's self to God, to lay one's self on the altar. It is easier to talk and work for Christ than to give ourselves to Him. It is easier to offer God a few activities than to give Him a heart.—J. R. Miller.

A species of large caterpillar which lives on the leaves of the palm-tree is prized as a table delicacy.

PASSING DAY

THE WARS.

If it were only true, then the most important war news for the week is the report from London that Prince Von Buelow, former German Chancellor, will shortly submit to President Wilson and King Alfonso, of Spain, an outline of the conditions on which Germany might be disposed to discuss terms of peace. The report lacks confirmation, but it reads good.

A diplomatic break between Greece and the Allies is likely to occur at any time. The Allies' offer to Greece of Cyprus as an inducement to enter the war has lapsed, as the Greek Government does not see its way to help Serbia, according to their interpretation of the treaty between Serbia and Greece. In the meantime little Serbia is resisting with an effort born of patriotism the attacks of the Bulgarians and the invasion of the Teutonic forces. The race for the road to Constantinople has reached an exciting stage. The Bulgarians are within a few miles of forming a junction with their Austro-German Allies, while the French in small force already have joined the Serbians. The French are not yet in sufficient numbers to assume an actual offensive in Macedonia, but the rapidity of the Bulgarian advance in that region already has diminished. Along the old Bulgarian frontier, from a point northeast of Vranja to the Rumanian border, the Serbians are yielding little ground.

Actual junction between the Bulgarians and their allies, which may be a matter of only a few hours, will show whether the Serbians are able to hold their mountain position until the entente allies bring up strong forces.

There will be another diplomatic war between the United States and Germany as a result of the bomb conspiracy unearthed at Weehawken, N. J., and the arrest of Robt. Fay, a supposed German Army Lieutenant, and his associates. Sharp representations with demand for explanations will be made to the German Government.

The recognition of Carranza augurs well for ultimate peace in Mexico, if not for quiet on the Mexican border. The attack of bandits from across the Rio Grande and the killing and robbery of American citizens has aroused the Government to action and a large body of Uncle Sam's troops are now on the border. Carranza has promised to co-operate in breaking up the band, so there is hope of quiet soon in the Brownsville section.

About \$1,225,000 worth of dressed turkeys will be shipped out of Texas this season and turkeys will be more plentiful and prices lower than for several years.

The cause of pellagra is yet undetermined according to the opinion of delegates to the National Association for the study of pellagra in session at Columbia, S. C., last week. Dr. C. H. Lavinder, United States Public Health Service, the retiring president of the association, said, however, that much progress has been made in the study of the disease and that some of the

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delegates believed that by the time the association meets again, three years from now, the cause of pellagra probably will be understood.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy at their twenty-second annual convention at San Francisco elected Mrs. Frank G. Oldenheimer, of Jessup, Md., president and selected Dallas, Texas, as place of meeting next year.

It is stated that Gov. Ferguson has asked J. H. Avery, who resigned recently as chairman of the Live Stock Commission, to withdraw his resignation and continue at the head of the organization. It is also stated that the appointment of a State Veterinarian will not be made until after the matter is settled.

Edward F. Kearney, of St. Louis, was elected president of the newly organized Wabash Railway Company and Winslow S. Pierce, of New York, was elected chairman of its board of directors, at a meeting of the directors in Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Kearney was president of the old Wabash Railroad and was a co-receiver of the property.

Men of big business must cease their struggle for individual wealth and the building up of big fortunes and devote their time to building a country was a statement made by Geo. W. Perkins, New York financier, at a luncheon in Dallas last week. He declared that the United States is backward in adjusting itself to the program of the world. He said for

ten years nothing had been done in the National Government administrations to advance the economic side of the country and that the time has now arrived when this country must prepare itself to take a big part in the affairs of the world.

Col. J. C. Jones, of Austin, State Pension Commissioner, is now engaged in making a thorough investigation of complaints that certain persons who have been drawing pensions from the fund provided for indigent Confederate veterans are not entitled to such benefits under the laws governing the distribution of the funds.

Optimism was the keynote of the address of Dr. Arthur D. Call, of Washington, at Dallas last week. He believes that, before many generations shall have passed an international tribunal for the arbitration of all difficulties will have been established of sufficient dignity and authority as to command the respect of all civilized nations and be the direct means of settling peaceably all international disputes.

Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, formerly Miss Helen Gould, and her husband, have adopted a five-year-old orphan boy from an orphan's home in Dobbs Ferry, New York. According to documents filed at the home the boy was committed last year from the children's court Manhattan on an affidavit that he was without a home and had been abandoned, neglected and had no visible means of being main-

tained. The Shepards have adopted the boy as their lawful child—and heir.

So great has been the tide of gold poured into New York to pay the war bills of the belligerents that the task of melting it up to be turned into United States coin has almost overwhelmed the employees of the United States assay office there. Ordinarily about \$100,000,000 in gold passes through the assay office in a year. Since July 1 the office has received and melted more than \$82,000,000 worth. Nearly a year's work has been done in the last few months.

Arlington, Va., talked by wireless telephone to Paris, France, last week. Honolulu, 4800 miles from Arlington, "eavesdropped" and heard the conversation. To B. B. Webb, a telephone engineer, fell the honor of being the first man to span with his voice the space between the Old World and the New. Sitting in the powerful wireless plant of the navy at Arlington, Va., Mr. Webb asked the wireless telegraph operator to signal the Eiffel Tower in Paris. The wireless snapped out the signal and soon there came back a response. Awaiting word from Mr. Webb at the Paris end of the wireless radiation were H. E. Shreeve and A. M. Curtis, other engineers, and a group of French officers listening with especially designed apparatus. John J. Carty, chief engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company at New York, is sharing honors now with Marconi, he being responsible for the wireless telephone.

The West Texas Conference

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The Treasurer's statement was greeted with applause.

The following ministers of the West Texas Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in the various districts hereinafter enumerated have paid in full all of their Conference Assessments...

HONOR ROLL CERTIFICATES Of Merit, Diligence and Promptness West Texas Conference

Of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The following ministers of the West Texas Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in the various districts hereinafter enumerated have paid in full all of their Conference Assessments...

Austin District

- M. J. Allen, Liberty Hill and Leander. Theophilus Lee, Bastrop. P. R. Summers, Manor. E. W. Allen, Flatonia. D. E. Carr, Columbus. D. C. Decherd, Walnut Circuit. A. S. J. Haygood, Lagrange. J. E. Lovett, Elgin. G. T. Gibbons, McAdoo. R. P. Shuler, University Church. W. R. Keathley, Wehlerville. H. W. Knickerbocker, First Church, Austin.

Beeville District

- Ino. N. Renfro, Bishop. Geo. F. Harris, Cahlen and Odum. A. Y. Old, Karnes City. C. W. Perkins, Alice. S. B. Beall, Beeville. J. E. Morgan, Rolstown. A. Nolle James, Kenely. A. B. Davidson, Floresville. A. M. Foster, Oakville. W. K. Fred, Kingsville. O. C. Crow, Skidmore. W. T. Renfro, Corpus Christi. E. S. Y. Hubbard, Sinton. E. H. Mays, Harlingen. W. N. Carl, Alice. A. E. Rector, Pharr. J. S. Bowles, Brownsville.

Cuero District

- Dallas A. Williams, Hallertsville. I. W. Rowland, Nixon. E. G. Hocutt, Smiley. J. E. Buck, Goliad. A. Guyon, Nursery. E. L. Edgar, Pandora. E. D. Worrell, Seadrift. F. A. King, Laveria. A. T. Cooke, President City. Ino. M. Lynn, Runge. W. M. Crutchfield, Victoria. A. J. Weeks, Yoakum. Z. V. Liles, Lampasas Station. J. P. Garrett, Burnet. C. W. Rylander, Cherokee. M. P. Morton, Johnson City. E. F. Lawless, Llano Station. H. E. Draper, San Saba. J. R. Robinson, Center City.

San Antonio District

- H. M. Ratliff, Alamo. S. L. Batchelor, Enlewood. F. M. Jackson, South Heights. J. T. Curry, West End. Gaston Hartsfield, McKinley Avenue. L. E. Booth, Pleasanton. T. N. Barton, Government Hill. S. C. Dunn, Kerrville. J. Fisher Simpson, Poteet. San Marcos District. J. A. Pledger, Kyle and Buda. J. F. Pennybacker, Seguin. J. L. Scarborough, Lockhart. W. H. H. Biggs, Leesville. R. E. Parker, Belmont. J. T. King, Waelder. W. A. Hart, Manchaca. J. E. Wood, Lytton Springs. D. E. Hawk, San Marcos. L. C. Matthis, Gonzales.

Uvalde District

- W. G. Callihan, Moore Circuit. Shan M. Hull, Utopia. I. M. Alexander, Homdo. E. E. Swanson, Del Rio. W. L. Barr, Sabin. J. W. Long, Cotulla. W. L. Hightower, Crystal City. G. M. Boyd, Fvalde. E. H. Crandall, Carrizo Springs. C. E. Wheat, Devine and Lytle. W. A. Dunn, Laredo. O. F. Hatfield, Pearsall.

C. C. WALSH, Conference Treasurer.

The Treasurer also stated that the handling of this money by him had cost the conference less than one-eighth of one per cent. He announced that vouchers for missionary money for the fourth quarter were now ready. He announced also the barbecue to be given the conference by the citizens of San Angelo Saturday.

C. S. Wright, Vice-President of Southern Methodist University, Stonewall Anderson, General Secretary of the Board of Education; C. M. Bishop, President of Southwestern University; A. M. Mart, J. A. Tyle, A. Dee Simpson and Norman Marshall were introduced to the conference.

The Bishop called Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" Answer: Walter Dibrell, of the San Marcos District. The committees passed him. A young man of splendid training. Graduate of Emory and Henry, twenty-four years of age, married. The conference, by vote, admitted him.

The Bishop called Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" The following brethren made their reports, their characters were passed, and they were continued in the class of the first year:

- Will S. Boyd. John A. Boatman. Claude A. Campbell. D. G. Decherd.

- Charles H. Doak. H. S. Goodenough. Homer Miller. Rufus E. Price.

The following brethren made their reports, their characters passed, and advanced to the class of the second year:

- A. M. Foster. Geo. F. Harris. W. L. Wall. Liburn W. Walker.

The Bishop called Question 3, "Who are discontinued?" Answer: John D. Miller at his own request.

The Bishop called Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" Answer: L. F. Spellman, recommended by the Georgetown District, A. B. (Southwestern).

Question 10, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?"

- O. C. Crow. G. T. Hester. Roy G. Rader. J. F. Watson.

They made their reports and their characters were passed and they were elected to deacon's orders.

The following reported, their characters were passed, but they had previously been elected to deacon's orders:

- W. G. Callihan. W. N. Carl. G. G. Smith.

The Bishop called Question 2, "Who are the deacons of one year?" The following brethren made their reports, their characters were passed, and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year:

- Oliver Morton Cole. Robert William Fisher. Walter Martin McKinney. J. R. Robinson. Geo. L. Keever. H. M. Ratliff. C. L. McDonald.

Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" C. L. McDonald, from the North Texas Conference.

Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" The following had passed approved examinations, made their reports, their characters were passed and they were elected to elder's orders:

- J. H. Maxwell. Louis McVea. R. E. Barker. E. H. Mayes. John Fisher Simpson. John L. Ryan.

John C. Campbell was not before the committee, his character was passed, and he was continued in the class of the fourth year.

Rev. Casper S. Wright asked permission of the conference to refer to the Board of Education certain papers touching the charter of Southern Methodist University. Granted.

Bishop McCoy introduced Dr. E. B. Chappell, Sunday School Editor, who addressed the conference. Dr. Stonewall Anderson, General Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced by the Bishop and addressed the conference. Both addresses reached high-water mark and were listened to with great interest by the conference.

V. A. Godbey presented to the conference the surrendered credentials of Luke McReel.

The Bishop called Question 7, "Who are received from other Churches as local preachers?" John E. Stullken, an elder from the German Conference of the M. E. Church. Teaching at present in the University of Texas.

Question 8 was called by the Bishop, "Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers?" F. M. Buckelew from the Methodist Protestant Church.

Question 18 was asked by the Bishop: "Who are located this year?" F. M. Buckelew at his own request.

Announcements were made of the Sunday School Institute at 3 p. m. and the Anniversary of the Board of Education at 8 p. m. After other announcements the doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Bishop McCoy.

THIRD DAY.

Bishop McCoy called the Conference to order at 9 o'clock Friday morning. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Stewart, presiding elder of the Brownwood District. He read from the fourth chapter of the Epistle to the Philippians, announcing Hymn 334, "My Faith Looks Up," and led in the prayer.

The minutes of previous session were read, corrected and approved. Bishop McCoy introduced Rev. J. H. Stewart, Rev. S. S. McKenney, Financial Secretary of the Washington City Church, and Rev. J. T. Bloodworth Evangelist of Central Texas Conference.

Beverly Allen asked for a committee in his case touching certain statements concerning himself. The request was joined in by V. A. Godbey, his presiding elder.

T. F. Sessions introduced a paper touching the sale of Epworth property at Corpus Christi. The paper asked for the confirmation of the sale of the property by the conference as one of the patronizing conferences. The conference confirmed the action of the trustees in selling the property.

The Bishop called Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?"

- Answer: Harrold S. Goodenough, of the San Marcos District.

Sterling Fisher introduced the report of the Committee on Providing for the Publication of the Conference Minutes. The committee recommended that the copies of the minutes be paid for by those using them.

W. D. Bradfield, Sterling Fisher, V. A. Godbey, H. G. Horton, W. F. Packard, J. F. Webb, J. H. Groseclose, J. M. Alexander and D. E. Hawk spoke. A motion to recommit to the committee prevailed.

F. H. Buchanan moved that the Conference Treasurer be instructed to pay the editor of the minutes as on previous years. After discussion the motion prevailed.

Question 5: "Who are readmitted?"

Answer: No one.

Question 16: "What local preachers are elected elders?"

Answer: No one.

In answer to Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" the committee reported that E. L. Edgar had passed an approved examination, his character was passed and he was elected to elder's orders.

In answer to Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" reports were had from the following brethren and their characters were passed: D. A. Ross, J. S. Bowles, J. N. Renfro, W. T. Renfro, E. A. Hunter, J. H. Clark, A. B. Davidson, A. Y. Old, A. N. James, M. K. Fred, A. T. White, W. J. Bryan, S. F. Goddard, A. E. Rector, J. H. Stuckey, J. E. Morgan, C. M. Rabe, E. Y. S. Hubbard, J. Rush Goodloe, E. A. Potts.

P. I. King was relieved of his work September 1, and his presiding elder asked for him the supernumerary relation. His character was passed and his name was referred.

V. G. Thomas asked for the same relation. His character was passed and his name referred.

Bishop McCoy at this juncture introduced Rev. S. S. McKenney, formerly pastor at Jacksonville, but now an officially appointed representative of the Washington City Church. Bro. McKenney addressed the conference. He showed himself thoroughly acquainted with the enterprise in hand and made a strong appeal for a church building in Washington City which shall be both "representative and monumental." Bishop McCoy also spoke strong words in behalf of the Washington City Church. The West Texas Conference is the only conference in our Connection which places the Washington City enterprise in the conference assessments. Other conferences, however, in their own way are aiding splendidly. The lot has been secured and building, it is hoped, may be begun in the near future.

Mrs. Henry Jackson, Second Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Society of the West Texas Conference, was introduced to the conference and made a capital address in behalf of Woman's Work. She began her address by quoting from the Ritual, "Brethren, the Church is of God and will be preserved to the end of time for the promotion of his worship and the due administration of his word and ordinances, the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline, the edification of believers and the conversion of the world." Mrs. Jackson convincingly showed the conference how the varied activities of the women are promoting the ends for which the Church exists, as these ends are recited in the Ritual. The address was instructive, witty and winsome.

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, by vote of the conference, was named as the time for selecting the place for the holding of the next session of the conference.

Bishop McCoy resumed the call of Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"

Reports were had from the following brethren and their characters were passed: J. W. Albritton, M. L. Darby, R. A. Rowland, N. W. Carter, J. E. Buck, D. A. Williams, A. T. Cooke, J. P. Chambers (died during the year), L. A. Alkire, J. W. Rowland, A. Guyon, B. A. Myers, W. F. Weeks, J. M. Lynn, E. G. Hocutt, R. G. Plummer, W. M. Crutchfield, A. J. Weeks and J. D. Worrell.

When the name of R. M. McIntyre was called his presiding elder reported that he requested an honorable lo-

cation. Bro. McIntyre's character was passed and he was granted location at his own request.

The Bishop then called Question 18, "Who are located this year?"

Answer: R. L. McIntyre at his own request.

Question 22 was resumed by the Bishop. Reports were had from the following brethren and their characters were passed: J. P. Garrett, C. W. Rylander, C. G. Hill, J. G. Forrester, M. P. Morton, Z. V. Liles, J. F. Lawlis, J. T. Tracy, R. E. Duke, Lee A. Clark and H. E. Draper.

Bishop McCoy at this juncture called for the report of the Committee on the Orphanage. L. C. Lilly read the report. The report recommended December 19 as Orphanage Day in the West Texas Conference. The report recommended also that no pastor should report his collections in full if he has not taken a collection for the Orphanage. The collection is now on the voluntary plan. The latter recommendation elicited some discussion in which R. P. Shuler, I. T. Morris and L. C. Lilly took part. The recommendation met the approval of the conference. R. A. Burroughs, Manager of the Orphanage, delivered a stirring address, and the committee's report was adopted.

Sterling Fisher announced communications from the Social Service Commission and they were referred.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was resumed by the Bishop. Reports were had from the following brethren and their characters were passed: I. T. Morris, T. N. Barton, J. W. Hill, C. B. Cross (who had been transferred to the West Oklahoma Conference), F. M. Jackson, Gaston Hartsfield, S. M. Kemerer, W. D. Bradfield and J. T. Curry.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, announcements were heard and the conference was adjourned with the benediction.

FOURTH DAY. Morning Session.

The conference was called to order by Bishop McCoy at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Dr. C. M. Bishop, President of Southwestern University, conducted the devotional exercises, reading from the 10th of John's Gospel, and leading in prayer.

Sterling Fisher read the minutes of the Friday session and they were approved.

J. T. Curry read the report of the committee in the case of B. W. Allen. The committee reported no trial necessary and recommended the passage of his character.

C. C. Walsh submitted his report on the amount of money collected by the Treasurer of the conference during the year. The grand total for the year is \$60,000, as against \$58,000 collected last year. This is the best financial report in the history of the conference. Announcements were made at this juncture of the Sunday services in the Churches of San Angelo.

In answer to Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" the names of the following brethren were called, their reports were heard, and their characters passed: J. T. H. Miller, W. D. Williamson, T. M. Lane, J. M. Perry, C. W. Haddon, Nat B. Read, R. S. Adair, Joe F. Webb, W. A. Manly, J. D. McWhorter, J. W. Shumaker, S. L. Bachelor, N. G. Ozzment, S. J. Drake (died during the year), S. C. Dunn, J. C. Winkle, L. E. Booth, J. E. Harrison, J. D. Scott, J. A. Phillips, J. A. Pledger, W. F. Packard, Cornelius Pugsley, H. B. Owens, L. C. Matthis, I. E. Wood, W. H. H. Biggs, A. L. Scarborough, Robert Paine, W. A. Hart, D. E. Hawk, J. T. Pennybacker, Marcos Williamson, J. T. King, Sterling Fisher, W. W. Nunn and W. N. Vernon.

The Bishop called Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?"

Answer: P. S. Wilson, from the Texas Conference.

Harrold W. Bennett, from the North Texas Conference.

E. H. Crandall, from the North Texas Conference.

Question 22 was resumed, the names of the following brethren were called, their reports heard and their characters passed: E. H. Crandall, J. W. Long, W. L. Hightower, E. E. Swanson, C. E. Wheat, R. S. Pierce, J. W. Black, J. M. Alexander, W. A. Dunn, O. F. Hatfield, W. L. Barr, Geo. M. Boyd, S. M. Hull and W. L. Brandon.

The order of the day having arrived, the Bishop called Question 52, "Where shall the next session of the conference be held?" G. M. Boyd nominated Uvalde. He read communications from the Commercial Club, the City Council and of the officials of our Church in Uvalde. He also made a very fine speech. S. B. Johnston seconded the nomination of Uvalde. S. B. Beall nominated Beeville in a fine speech, and D. E. Hawk, in an eloquent plea,

- A. G. Nolen. T. G. Woods. W. H. Killough. W. O. Shugart. W. J. Joyce. J. A. King. R. A. Holloway. H. T. Hill. N. W. Keith. J. T. Gillett. C. Williamson. J. M. Shuford. W. R. Campbell. H. G. Horton. V. B. Boone. F. A. Grimes. N. E. Bragg. R. D. Moon.

The Bishop called Question 18, "Who are located this year?" Answer: J. L. Burns located at his own request.

The Bishop resumed the call of Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"

The name of J. D. May was called, his character passed and his name was referred to the committee for the superannuated relation. A collection was taken in his behalf amounting to \$98.85.

W. R. Keathley's character was passed and his name was referred to the committee for the superannuated relation.

The names of the following brethren were called, they made their reports and their characters were passed:

- H. W. Knickerbocker. R. A. Waltrip. H. B. Atkins. R. P. Shuler. L. C. Lilly. Theophilus Lee. D. E. Carr. R. L. Pyle. J. E. Lovett. B. W. Allen. A. S. J. Haygood. M. J. Allen. G. T. Gibbons. P. B. Summers. F. A. White. L. N. Myers. H. M. Whaling. J. C. Wilson. H. L. Gray. C. W. Perkins. J. H. Meredith. S. B. Beall.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by J. W. Hill.

SECOND DAY.

The conference was called to order Thursday morning at 9 o'clock by Bishop McCoy. Casper S. Wright, Vice-President of S. M. U., led the devotion of the conference, reading the nineteenth Psalm. W. D. Bradfield led in prayer.

Sterling Fisher, Secretary, called the names of absentees. The following answered to call of their names:

- Clerical. S. M. Hull. A. N. James. J. D. McWhorter. N. G. Ozzment. J. D. Scott. W. F. Weeks. W. D. Williamson. Lay. J. P. H. McMullen.

The call of the roll, upon motion of Sterling Fisher, was dispensed with for the remainder of the conference.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved. J. W. Hill was given leave of absence.

Communications to the conference were received from Smith & Lamar, Joint Board of Publication of the Texas Advocate, Coronal Institute, Southwestern University, Southern Methodist University, Sunday School Board, Epworth League Board, Joint Board of Finance and from the Board of Missions. These communications were referred without reading.

C. C. Walsh, Conference Treasurer, made a comparative statement of moneys received before the meeting of the conference in 1914 and 1915. The statement is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Before Conference (1914, 1915) and Distributions (Bishops' Fund, Conference Chaimants, Foreign Missions, Home and Conf. Mis., Church Extension, Education, American Bible Society, Orphanage, Rescue Home, Superannuate End. Fund, Educational Extension, Children's Day, Specials).

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character... nominated San Marcos. V. M. West and H. G. Horton seconded the nomination of Uvalde. Uvalde received a majority vote on the first ballot and was unanimously elected. Hospitality is not dead in the West Texas Conference.

Rev. J. T. Tyler, of the C. M. E. Church, was introduced by the Bishop and addressed the conference concerning a representative Church for his people in Austin. A collection was taken for the proposed church, amounting to \$47.95.

Bishop McCoy introduced Dr. Barton, of the Anti-Saloon League, and Dr. E. H. Rawlings, of the Mission Board, to the conference.

Bishop McCoy resumed the call of Question 22. The name of C. S. Wilson was called, his report heard and his character passed.

The name of J. D. Dorsey was called. His presiding elder reported that he failed to go to his appointment, but moved the passage of his character. After considerable discussion final action in the case was postponed with the hope that Brother Dorsey would reach the conference before its adjournment.

Question 4 was called by the Bishop. "Who are admitted into full connection?" O. C. Crow, Roy G. Rader, Joseph P. Watson, W. G. Callihan and W. N. Carl were recommended by the committee.

The Bishop called these brethren to the bar of the conference, propounded the Disciplinary questions and in the course of the questions made many timely and wise utterances. We note only a few of these: "A man will fail by having half of his heart in the work as surely as half of his time"; "I have known few ministers who made money who didn't make it at the expense of their ministry"; "I pray God you may be preserved against that millstone" (debt); "If you should happen to get in debt, play the man"; "A man has to work more hours to be a successful Methodist preacher than he does to be a successful anything else"; "The time has long passed when you can get along on the credentials of a long coat." As to mending the Order of Worship the Bishop said: "Don't go beyond the brackets"; "Don't be guilty of scrapping our Ritual"; "Keep close to your people and love them and make them know you love them"; "Don't be envious and suspicious of your brethren." After a really fine address the brethren, by vote of the conference, were admitted.

Dr. C. M. Bishop, President of Southwestern University, addressed the conference in a masterly speech. The conference cheered when he told of the recent splendid opening of the University. He told of the scholarly work being done at Southwestern and cited the Rhodes' scholarships which Southwestern men have won. Boston University in electing a former student of Southwestern and a member of the faculty to succeed the late Dr. Borden P. Bowne had showed how high an estimate the college world places upon the work at Southwestern, he said. The conference The conference again cheered. Dr. Bishop told of Southwestern's pressing needs and his address was listened to with deep interest.

The conference voted to reconsider its action by which an evening session was appointed and moved to adjourn to 2:30 p. m., when adjournment should be had. The anniversary of the Board of Missions was announced for 7:30 p. m., to be addressed by Dr. E. H. Rawlings. The report of the Board of Education was made the special order for Monday, 9:30 a. m.

The Secretary of the Conference read the report of the committee appointed to consider the matter of homes for superannuated preachers. H. E. Draper spoke to the report. His speech was eloquent and irresistible. The entire conference was greatly moved. Motions to adopt the plan of the committee and to ask the Bishop and Cabinet to appoint an agent prevailed.

Announcements were heard and the benediction was pronounced by W. H. H. Biggs.

Afternoon Session. The conference was called to order at 2:30 o'clock by J. T. Curry, presiding by appointment of the Bishop. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. N. Carl, who led in prayer and read as the Scripture lesson Jno. 4:31-38.

The minutes of the previous session were read by the Secretary, Sterling Fisher, and were approved. Wm. Doss, pastor at Ballinger, was introduced to the conference. J. F. Pennybacker read the report of the committee appointed to investigate the funds of the conference. After considerable discussion and some amendment the report was adopted. H. G. Horton read the report of the Board of Church Extension. The report, among other things, showed that the total receipts for church extension this year is \$5966, as against \$5398 for last year. The report was adopted.

D. E. Hawk read the report of the

Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church. The report showed that during the year 1914 have been received on profession of faith. Of this number 1714 were received from the Sunday Schools. Four thousand two hundred ninety-one have been received by certificate. Five thousand one hundred ninety-eight have been removed during the year making a net gain for the year of 1073. After much discussion and a prayer, led by W. T. Renfro, the report was adopted. The report follows:

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The reports made by the preachers in charge indicate that 3470 persons have been added to our Church on profession of faith. Of these, 1714 were members of our Sunday Schools. Four thousand two hundred ninety-one have been received by certificate and otherwise, while 5198 have been removed from the rolls by death, certificate, etc., a net gain of 1073. We have an aggregate membership of 39,679. We are grateful to God for his manifest favor and blessing and pledge ourselves in increased consecration to the work of building the Kingdom in the mind and by the Spirit of Christ.

We are mindful that the labor committed to our hands cannot be done by human wisdom and power.

We confess our weakness and beg for divine strength.

We regret that in many places, unsaved ones are with difficulty drawn into our revival services and covet for ourselves and our people the Spirit which shall send us out constantly and by love help us win the lost for our Lord.

We pledge ourselves to prayerfully preach and live the great doctrines of our holy religion, believing thereby we shall have good hope of saving the people from the insufficient panaceas offered as substitutes for a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We bewail the forms of worldliness so destructive of the spiritual vitality of all who engage in them and with fixed purpose shall continue to combat every form of organized evil, not striving but being "gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient in meekness, instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

This to do we must lift up our Christ by word and life. His is the power to draw, to open blinded eyes, to save.

The power thus to preach Him shall come and dwell upon us in just such proportion as we wait before him in expectant prayer and supplication for the Holy Ghost, and go to our labor in the faith that God shall honor it and bless it.

The Kingdom cometh not with observation. We need all our campaigns for money and souls and that they are measured in large measure point us to the appointed means of grace for the enkindling to the fires of divine love in all our hearts and thus make these things possible. We beg our membership to keep alive the family altar and give themselves to the daily reading and study of the Word of God. Our pastors to faithful pastoral visitation and prayer within the home, and pray that as Methodists we may, preachers and people, dwell and labor together in brotherly love, covet as the reward thereof the salvation of the thousands about us, and continued building up of the body of Christ, which is the Church.

(Signed) H. W. KNICKERBOCKER, Chairman. D. E. HAWK, Secretary.

P. B. Summers read the report of the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance and Temperance. Ringing resolutions for state-wide and nation-wide prohibition were adopted by the conference. The committee's report was adopted.

A. B. Davidson read the report of the Committee on Epworth Leagues. Four districts report an increase in League members of 320. The report was adopted.

J. M. Perry read the report of the Auditing Committee, recommending that the accounts of C. C. Walsh, Conference Treasurer, be approved, ratified and confirmed. The report was adopted.

H. E. Draper read the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals. The conference requested its publication in the Texas Christian Advocate. W. D. Bradford spoke to the report. Adopted. The report follows:

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. Your Committee on Books and Periodicals did not have before it a report direct from the Publishing House, but it affords us pleasure to note the continued progress of this great interest of the Church, information of which has come to us from different sources. We wish to commend their zeal in supplying wholesome literature, such as people feeding upon may become intelligent and quickened to every good work.

With a sense of deep sorrow and yet calm abiding joy, we record the death of Rev. G. C. Rankin, D. D., for sixteen years editor of the Texas Christian Advocate and Rev. Cross Alexander, D. D., the editor of the Methodist Quarterly Review. In the death of Dr. Rankin we lament the loss to the Church of one of the most fearless and effective foes sin and uncleanness ever had. We glory in the fact that he stood for sixteen long years defending our holy religion, our homes and the fair name of our Church and State and died with the unsheathed sword in hand.

In the death of Dr. Alexander the cause of Christianity has suffered the loss of one of its noblest and ablest exponents in America. Yes, our joy is also great. We not only rejoice in the unsullied records and high and useful attainments of these heroes of the Cross, but in calm triumph they are passing on. They sustained the traditions of the past. "They died well." We rejoice in the language of the prophet, "How are the mighty fallen in the midst of battle." We rejoice and congratulate the Church in the successor of our beloved Rankin. Elijah's mantle did not fall more truly than did Rankin's. Already the columns of the Advocate reveal the hand of a master. We take courage in the gentleness of that hand, its sympathy and fearlessness. Thank God for a succession of men who never feared the face of man. It is with a high sense of pleasure and anticipated triumph that Dr. Bradford is the editor of our Christian Advocate.

We note with great pleasure the increase in the number of subscribers and urge all our pastors to do all they can to put the Advocate, our Conference Organ, in every Methodist home in the bounds of the West Texas Conference.

We endorse the action of the Joint Board

of Publication in receiving the East and West Oklahoma Conferences into the Advocate Family.

Brethren of the Oklahoma Conferences: "We rejoice to recognize you as members of the Advocate Family and bid you welcome to all its privileges and in token of our brotherly love we give you the right hand of fellowship and pray that you may be numbered by your many subscriptions here and with his saints in glory everlasting."

We count ourselves happy in the character and worth of our General Organ, the Christian Advocate, the Missionary Voice, the Epworth Era and our Sunday School literature. We call upon all our people to read all our books and papers and to use our Sunday School literature in preference to all others.

We recommend F. B. Buchanan to be elected a member of the Joint Board of Publication of the Texas Christian Advocate.

(Signed) H. W. KNICKERBOCKER, Chairman. H. E. DRAPER, Secretary.

The Committee on District Conference Records reported. Adopted.

Dr. H. A. Boaz, President of the Texas Woman's College, was introduced and addressed the conference. The conference rejoiced to hear of the fine opening of the college. Dr. Boaz announced increased attendance over last year by forty or fifty. The enrollment is nearly three hundred. He told of a campaign already projected for the raising of \$100,000 for the college. The conference heard this successful educator with great interest.

Motion to adjourn for a memorial service Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock prevailed. The Anniversary of the Board of Missions was announced for 7:30 p. m.

After other announcements the conference was adjourned with the benediction by H. L. Gray.

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CONFERENCE NOTES.

H. G. H.

I. S. Bowles had a hard time in Brownsville, farthest south of any work in our conference. He was 710 miles from seat of conference.

This scribe (79 years old) traveled 660 miles to get to seat of conference.

Buck Harris used to travel a district in West Texas Conference 800 miles long.

Andrew Jackson Potter, with his carbine swung to his side, would have considered those distances small, with one eye open for Indians, and not written conference notes about it.

There was present at this session but one man who was on hand at first session of old Rio Grande Conference at Goliad in 1859.

The altitude makes some of the coast brethren wear their overcoats. Barton did the Southern and Western brethren a favor by arranging for a special car from San Antonio.

McMurry, Church Extension, wrote us he was so pressed with the magnitude of his work he might not get to our conference.

Our conference is only 900 miles long—giving our young brethren a fine chance to develop physically.

Along the route most of us traveled in a sleeper. Methodist preachers have been killed in early days by Indians. When Andrew Jackson Potter crossed the Concho the footsteps of Methodism were heard crossing with him.

Now the tracks of Methodist preachers and the ranch homes of Methodist people are to be found all over that far western country—stopping only when they reach the Pacific Ocean.

No form and character will be more surely missed from the sessions of our conference than that of William Monk—a Methodist of the Francis Asbury type.

The brethren were in tender sympathy with Will Renfro and wife in the late death of their little boy.

It takes money to get to conference now. It used to take muscle, a good horse, heavy blanket and plenty of jerked beef on the road. A bed under the stars was found anywhere.

A. L. Scarborough will take steps to have the grave of Mordecai Yell near Lockhart properly marked.

While Bishop McCoy was speaking gallant Capt. Walsh plucked from his own coat a fine rose, threw it to the Bishop, who caught it and pinned it on the lapel of his coat—a pretty incident.

The speeches of welcome by Judge Lee and Capt. Walsh were so unaffectionately cordial some brethren must shed tears.

The whole conference quickly caught the spirit of alertness when they found the Bishop dispatching business with great rapidity.

The Bishop was witty and provoked wit and genial humor in all the brethren.

J. W. Hill preached to the conference Brotherhood Tuesday night. It is impossible to describe the richness and fullness of that spiritual sermon.

In the church here is a splendid memorial window for Andrew Jackson Potter, the famous old frontier preacher of West Texas.

Wednesday we had mixed up a fu

neral, a wedding and conference, but all were attended to in good order.

Bishop McCoy has the good sense not to dwell upon a small issue in regular conference proceedings.

We have two Hills in conference, one of them as old as the hills and the other one as gay as a lark, but a little older than he thinks he is.

Three old stagers shared the unbounded hospitality of the parsonage—Biggs, Williamson, Horton. Golden memories rioted through the talk.

Walter Dibrell, a son of Judge J. B. Dibrell, of Seguin, was received on trial by full vote. He and his young wife have many friends in conference.

Chappell, Anderson and Bishop made strong speeches and wisely short ones. Never before has an Annual Conference received more unbounded hospitality. Captain C. C. Walsh is chairman of the committee of entertainment.

R. B. McSwain, superannuate, lives here. His health is poor, but he is very useful in Church work. His many friends will be glad to know he is getting on well.

DANGERS WHICH THREATEN THIS GOVERNMENT.

Number Ten.

Dangers From Legislatures and Courts

The Sabbath is an integral factor of Christianity without which Christianity cannot exist. This proposition is so self-evident that I shall not take time and space to demonstrate it, believing that no person who has given any thought to the subject will question its validity. Our civil government cannot be sustained without Christianity. This is also an axiomatic proposition. However, these propositions are capable of overwhelming demonstration. The founders of this government fully accepted the truth of these statements and put them into execution. The Assembly of Virginia passed an act in 1619 setting forth the proper observance of the Sabbath. In most of the Colonies the common law of England obtained for many years. At the beginning of the Revolutionary War the law known as the 29th Charles II, Chapter VII, enacted in 1676, prevailed in the American Colonies. This law was quite stringent. It required all the people to exercise themselves in the duties of piety and true religion, publicly and privately; it prohibited any one from pursuing any worldly business, labor or work of their ordinary calling upon the Lord's day; it prohibited any drover, horse-courser, wagoner, butcher, higgler from traveling on the Sabbath, and also prohibited traveling on boats, wherries, lighters or barges, except on extraordinary occasions with the consent of certain specified officers. The Sabbath law prevailing in England is substantially the same today. You cannot get a train out of London or other cities in England on the Sabbath. The legislative and the judicial departments of the government up to comparatively a few years ago have sought to preserve intact the sanctity of the Sabbath. Every State in the Union has a Sabbath law except California, Idaho and Arizona. The Sabbath laws of the different States are more or less stringent, prohibiting ordinary work, buying and selling on the Sabbath, with more or less exceptions, and various amusements. Five States prohibit the running of trains on the Sabbath, except the trains which carry the mails. The laws of the various States have a common purpose—the preservation of the sanctity of the Lord's day. The Supreme Court of Maryland in a decision rendered in 1881, said: "Most, if not all, of the States of the Union have what are familiarly known as Sunday laws, and while they may differ in their phraseology and penalties imposed, they are substantially the same in their general scope and provisions—all looking to keep the day sacred, and as one of rest from secular employments." (Sabbath Laws, p. 27). Mark the statement of the court that the object of the laws of the various States is to protect the sanctity of the Sabbath. It has been deemed necessary by the State through the past years to throw around the Sabbath the majesty of the law as a necessary means to preserve it as a holy day. For the most part the courts in the past, until a short while ago, have been true to the Sabbath, and in sustaining Sabbath legislation have preserved the sanctity of the day. At the present tendency of legislation and the trend of the courts threaten to destroy the Lord's Day. The fight is now on in our State and elsewhere between the foes and friends of Sabbath legislation and the execution of Sabbath laws. That there is a growing tendency to ignore the Sabbath no student of current events will deny. The writer was fully convinced last January, four years ago, while at Austin seeking to strengthen our Sabbath law that no such legislation was possible without the generation of more Sabbath sentiment. I have before me a letter from a distinguished Judge

who has legislative experience as well as judicial in which he says, "I still feel the same interest in laws to secure a proper observance of the Sabbath I did when a member of the Senate, but you will not get proper laws passed unless you take the question to the people, and then, and not till then, will representatives be elected who will enact proper laws." I am sure that this Judge is correct from my experience at Austin.

It remained for Judge Ramsey, while a member of the Court of Criminal Appeals, to hand down a decision, which was acquiesced in by his associates, if I am not mistaken without a dissenting vote, which legalized Sunday baseball games played for profit by so construing Article 186, Section 1, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, which prohibits the proprietor of any place of public amusement, or the agent or employe of any such person, who shall sell or barter, or permit his place of business or place of public amusement to be opened for the purpose of traffic or public amusement, on the Sabbath shall, etc., as not to apply to the playing of baseball games. And yet, these games are played in enclosures with doors or gates and admission fees are charged. The law certainly means what it says. Here is a plain inhibition, so plain that the ordinary layman can interpret its meaning so that the subtlety of a lawyer cannot disguise its meaning and make it appear the opposite of what it really says. With the plain reading of the law positively prohibiting any place of amusement being opened on the Sabbath for the purpose of traffic by what kind of logical legalism the learned Judge could arrive at the conclusion that baseball games were exempt is hard to understand. This decision exhibits the same kind of logic as that of Judge W. L. Crawford, of Dallas, in his attempt to legalize Sunday picture shows. The State law positively prohibits any city from enacting an ordinance in conflict with the law of the State. This the city of Dallas did in legalizing Sunday picture shows. Judge Crawford handed down a decision ignoring the State law and sustaining the city ordinance. In doing this he set a precedent for disrupting State government. If the city of Dallas can enact an ordinance in defiance of the State, so can any other city, so that in a little while the cities of the State will be living under laws altogether different. From henceforth I suppose that we are to regard the Commissioners of Dallas and its Mayor as of higher authority than the Legislature and Governor of the State. Such contradictory and absurd interpretations of the plain letters of the law are destined to break down all respect for the courts, for this is indirect vindication of anarchy. I pause to say that the lawyers and courts are largely responsible for the prevalence of mob violence, for while mob violence is anarchy, it is in fact a protest against the non-enforcement of law, or a palpable misinterpretation or application of law which per se is anarchy in its mildest form. At the last session of the Legislature, and also the one preceding, Mr. Parks, of Dallas, introduced a bill in the House of Representatives which would have virtually given all of our centers of population a wide-open Sunday had it become a law. At the session of 1913 this bill heeded but six votes passing the lower house and but for the statesmanship of Mr. Tarver, of Corsicana, doubtless would have passed. Judge Harper deserves the gratitude of all the people of the State who desire the prevalence of morals for his just decision which puts the picture show people out of business on Sunday in all law-abiding towns and cities. In this decision Judge Frendreast acquiesced, but Judge Davidson dissented. A dispatch on August 4 from the good old State of Alabama says, "By a vote of 24 to 7 the drastic Sunday blue law measure was defeated at last night's session of the Senate. The bill provided for the prohibition of baseball, moving pictures and all Sunday amusements, except golf." And on and on the war is waging throughout this government, and unless the Church is true to her trust our Sabbath is gone.

R. C. ARMSTRONG.

(To be continued.)

"To allow one's self to become angry is to pave the way to defeat. In business, in the social circle, in the home, in politics, in the great world of pleasure, anger is worse than a blunder; it is a calamity. It confuses, unbalances, compromises, routs. It gives the other side every advantage. It undermines the judgment, poisons the heart, and overthrows justice."

We awaken in others the same attitude of mind we hold toward them.

"The Word of God is constantly bringing us some new meaning, some fresh view of truth, some revelation that we, in blindness, had overlooked."



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Without the editor's knowledge or consent, the Publishing Department of the Advocate must assert that the report of the West Texas Conference in this issue is one of the best that has ever appeared in the Advocate. It is a superb report. Let the reader remember also that there was "a green hand" at the helm. What will he do when he gets his "hand in?"

FORMAL PRESENTATION OF DALLAS HALL.

Our Bishops, whose coming was announced in last week's issue, are now in their semi-annual session in Dallas. Among their duties will be the acceptance of the formal tender of Dallas Hall by the citizens of Dallas.

The citizens of Dallas are not content to deliver deeds to the Church of the property given by them, but they desire to go on record before the whole world that they have given in fee simple their magnificent contributions to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Aside from the delightful fellowship of the occasion, the event which is to take place Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock will be of value because of its declaration to the world of a deliberate intention that the great property of the Southern Methodist University shall forever be vested in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Mayor Henry D. Lindsley and the Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers' Association of Dallas will formally present the great Hall which bears the name of the city to the Bishops, who will accept in behalf of the Church. The various gifts of Dallas to Southern Methodist University are too well known to need recounting here.

We congratulate the city of Dallas and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. And we are sure that the greatest crowd the new campus has yet seen will be present upon the happy occasion.

Yes, the great aim of your life is to successfully build a character. That matter, in its final consummation, is entirely with you. The quarries are full of material, the instruments of grace are at your disposal, the divine Ideal and Pattern still hangs amidst the shadows of Calvary. And what's the highest conception of your heart-life according to the standard of the Fathers?

Rev. Robert Paine, of Luling Station, reported a good year.

Rev. W. L. Brandon, of Tehuacana, reported everything in full.

Rev. Lee A. Clark, of Mullen, reported a net gain of fifteen.

Rev. J. P. Garrett, Burnet, reported twenty additions to the Church.

Rev. J. W. Long, of Cotulla Station, reported salaries in full.

Rev. W. A. Dunn, of Laredo Station, reported everything in full.

Rev. E. A. Hunter, of Corpus Christi Mission, reported 100 additions.

Rev. A. Guyon, of Nursery Circuit, reported twenty-five additions.

Rev. F. A. White reported everything paid in full at Smithville.

Rev. E. H. Crandall, of Carizo Circuit, reported eighty-six additions.

Rev. J. F. Pennybacker, of Seguin Station, reported forty-five additions.

Rev. P. B. Summers reported forty-nine additions to the Church at Manor.

Rev. L. C. Lilly reported forty-three accessions to Ward Memorial, Austin.

Rev. A. L. Scarborough, of Lockhart Station, gave a fine report of his work.

Rev. S. M. Kemerer, of Alamo Heights, reported forty-two accessions.

Rev. B. A. Meyers, of Palacios, reported fifty-three accessions to the Church.

Rev. J. W. Albritten, Cuero Station, reported forty-one additions to the Church.

Rev. W. J. Brient, of McAllen, reported thirty professions of faith on his work.

Rev. A. B. Davidson, of Floresville, reported thirty-five additions and full collections.

Rev. C. G. Hill, Fredonia, reported twenty-eight additions and 100 conversions.

Rev. M. J. Allen reported three good revivals at Liberty Hill and Leander.

Rev. G. T. Gibbons reported a net gain of 100 members on the McDade Circuit.

Rev. W. H. H. Biggs, of Leesville Circuit, reported his benevolences paid in full.

Rev. L. C. Mathis, of Gonzales Station, reported seventy additions during the year.

Rev. W. L. Hightower, of Crystal City Station, reported a net increase of sixty-nine.

Rev. R. S. Pierce, of Dilley Circuit, reported a net increase of thirty and salaries in full.

Rev. B. A. Myers, of Palacios Circuit, reported fifty-four accessions during the year.

Rev. D. A. Ross, of Belclair Circuit, reported forty-three accessions and full collections.

Dr. H. M. Whaling, Conference Evangelist, reported that he had conducted seven revivals, aided in three or four others, held 300 services and had witnessed 200 conversions during

the year. And all this without a nickel's cost to the Church!

Rev. Theophilus Lee reported eighty-five accessions at Bastrop during the year.

Rev. A. S. J. Haygood reported forty-two accessions at La Grange during the year.

Rev. M. P. Morton, of Johnson City, reported twenty conversions and collections in full.

Rev. J. T. Curry reported a good year at West End. He goes to Yoakum Station this year.

Rev. J. N. Rentfro, of Bishop Station, reported thirty-six net increase and full collections.

Rev. E. E. Swanson, of Del Rio Station, reported thirty-six accessions and collections in full.

Rev. W. F. Weeks, of Port Lavaca Circuit, reported fifty-eight accessions to the Church.

Rev. H. W. Knickerbocker reported 157 additions to First Church, Austin. "Good year, Bishop."

The sermon of Rev. Cornelius Pugsley at 3:30 Friday afternoon was good to the use of edifying.

Rev. J. M. Alexander, of Hondo Station, reported forty-six accessions and collections in full.

Rev. J. M. Perry, of Midland, reported two young men called to preach in his charge this year.

Rev. T. M. Lane, of Eola Circuit, reported twenty-four conversions and collections in full.

Rev. J. E. Morgan, of Robstown Circuit, reported seventy-four additions and collections in full.

Rev. J. G. Forrester, of Goldthwaite, reported a good revival and thirty-three additions.

Rev. S. L. Bachelor, of Englewood and East End, San Antonio, reported seventy-eight additions.

Rev. W. T. Renfro, First Church, Corpus Christi, reported 180 additions and \$4000 paid on the church.

Rev. O. F. Hatfield, of Pearsall Station, reported seventy-three accessions and collections in full.

Rev. C. W. Hardon, of Miles, reported the amount raised for all purposes in his charge to be \$7000.

Rev. J. H. Maxwell, of Sonora, reported 188 conversions. He was elected to elder's orders by the conference.

Rev. J. A. Pledger, of Kyle and Buda, reported fifty-seven additions and the Advocate account paid in full.

Rev. I. E. Wood, of Lytton Springs, reported eighty-nine additions, sixty of which were on profession of faith.

Rev. J. H. Groseclose, presiding elder, gave a fine report of the work of Rev. L. E. Booth at Pleasanton Station.

Rev. J. S. Bowles, of Brownsville, reported thirty-seven additions, full collections and \$3000 paid on indebtedness.

Rev. H. E. Draper finished his quadrennium at San Saba, receiving 244 members and raising \$31,000. He leaves the only marble church in the State. The building is said to be worth \$40,000. Bishop McCoy: "It is

a monument to the vision of that community." H. G. Horton: "Not many years ago that was an Indian camp."

Rev. R. A. Waltrip reported 500 conversions in his meetings during the year. The banner report of the conference.

Rev. I. T. Morris, of Brady, reported that forty-five of his Sunday School children had joined the Church during the year.

Rev. Cornelius Pugsley transferred from the East Oklahoma to the West Texas Conference. He was given a warm welcome.

Rev. Sterling Fisher reported that Coronal Institute is now organized as a Junior College and has a gratifying attendance.

Rev. J. C. Wilson, Conference Evangelist, reported that he had conducted twelve meetings in which there were 150 conversions.

Rev. Gaston Hartsfield, of McKinley Avenue, San Antonio, reported 240 accessions and \$2500 paid on the church property.

Rev. Geo. L. Keever found time to complete the work of the class of the third year and reported 170 conversions in his work.

Rev. Homer Miller, of the class of the first year, reported one addition saying he had been "working the Win-One Movement."

The faces of Brothers C. W. Godwin, S. J. Drake and J. P. Chambers were sadly missed by all the brethren. Gone but not forgotten.

Rev. S. B. Beall, Beeville Station, answered his name as follows: "Greatest year of my life, fine revival, 101 accessions, salaries in full."

Rev. J. R. Robinson passed an approved examination in the class of the third year and had 100 conversions and recantations on his work.

Rev. J. H. Groseclose reported for a number of his preachers who happened to be out of the conference room when their names were called.

Rev. J. T. Tracy, of Mason, reported that his Sunday School exceeds his Church membership by more than two to one; \$225 raised on specials.

The presence of a number of the conference honor roll members refreshed the conference. Into the labors of these heroes we have entered.

The conference was saddened by the news of the death of the father of Bro. Cullum and Leslie Booth. It sent them a telegram of sympathy and love.

Rev. J. A. Tyler, of the C. M. E. Church, addressed the conference and received some fifty dollars for his proposed representative Church in Austin.

Rev. R. P. Shuler reported more than 200 accessions to University Church, Austin. The largest number received by any pastor in the conference.

Rev. Nat B. Read, of Ozona Station, reported a net increase in membership of fifty and collections in full. Bro. Read goes to Lampasas this year. Bro. Read was our presiding elder for two years and we have had few better ones.

The Central National Bank, of which Col. C. C. Walsh is president, practically turned that institution over to the conference. The bank is domiciled in a handsome six-story and basement, fireproof building. It also deservedly enjoys the confidence

of this western country. The Advocate is under obligations for many courtesies shown the paper and its business interests.

The conference in true Methodist fashion brought to the table \$98.85 upon the superannuation of Bro. J. D. May. J. D. May is loved by his conference.

Rev. Joe F. Webb, of First Church, San Angelo, reported 200 additions on profession of faith. He was conference host and the conference never had a better host.

Rev. S. M. Hull, of Utopia Circuit, when his name was called said: "Nine years ago I surrendered to the call to preach in this Church." He had a fine report.

Rev. A. E. Rector, of Pharr Station, reported that his Sunday School had doubled. Bro. Rector twenty-nine years ago organized the first Sunday School in San Angelo.

Rev. J. A. Phillips, Missionary Texas Mexican Mission, San Antonio, reported eighty-nine accessions and 5000 copies of the Bible placed in the homes of San Antonio Mexicans.

Rev. E. Hightower delivered an address before the Sunday School Anniversary which was brimming full of facts. The philosophy of these facts as given by the speaker was profound.

Rev. H. G. Horton called a meeting of the Board of Church Extension in the following language: "We have sixteen members on the Board, three do the work, the rest are deadheads."

Dr. W. F. Packard, after eight months of strenuous work at Travis Park, is transferred to the New Mexico Conference. The conference regretted to lose this big, brotherly man.

Rev. C. W. Webdell was transferred from the New Mexico Conference and stationed at Travis Park, San Antonio. He is a manly man, a tireless worker, a successful pastor, and has yet to fail to make good.

Rev. Sterling Fisher, who has been a member of the West Texas Conference thirty-two years, was elected Secretary of the Conference at San Angelo for the twenty-fifth time. He is a great Secretary.

Rev. Z. V. Liles, when his name was called, answered: "Good year, expect the presiding elder back, he will represent me." The Bishop: "And you will expect the presiding elder to reciprocate, won't you?"

Rev. J. W. Hill, after one year at Laurel Heights, San Antonio, returns to his first love, the North Texas Conference. He made many lasting friends in the West Texas Conference. Everybody loves "Gulliver."

Rev. L. U. Spellman, who was admitted on trial, is an A. B. of Southwestern University. Texas Methodism has rarely found a Southwestern graduate wanting. Nor does she expect such of Bro. Spellman.

Dr. W. F. Packard, of Travis Park, reported 217 additions. The budget paid by the Church this year is \$16,000 and the present membership is 1160. Travis Park will regret his transfer to the New Mexico Conference.

Rev. Casper S. Wright, Vice-President of Southern Methodist University, made a fine impression upon the conference. His speech before the conference and his mingling with the brethren were highly satisfactory.

Dr. C. M. Bishop, President of Southwestern University, made a profound impression on the conference by his addresses before the conference, the Board of Education and at the anniversary of the Board. No man

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in years has so impressed Texas with the greatness of the task of religious education.

Rev. D. E. Hawk, of San Marcos, reported a gracious meeting, 156 accessions, has 902 members, and his Sunday School contributed the largest Children's Day offering in the conference.

Dr. E. H. Rawlings, of the Mission Board, brought a thrilling message to the conference at the Anniversary of the Conference Board of Missions Saturday evening. His message was inspiring and inspiring.

Rev. Marcos Williamson is leaving Staples Circuit after four years of successful service. He said, "I can say, the time of my departure is at hand." The Bishop: "Can you say you are now ready to be offered?"

Rev. O. T. Cooper was transferred from the North Texas Conference and stationed at Laurel Heights, San Antonio. He has closed a remarkable quadrennium at Denton and Laurel Heights will find him a resourceful man.

The sermon of Rev. J. W. Hill Tuesday evening was one of the best we ever heard him deliver. The text was John 14:12. He was in the spirit, and those who have been hearing him for more than a quarter of a century know what this means.

Dr. H. A. Boaz, President of the Texas Woman's College, was given a cordial reception as he briefly told of his work at the college. He is planning great things and the Church confidently expects of him great things.

Rev. A. J. Weeks, Yoakum Station, reported 140 additions to the Church and an overplus of \$100 on collections. He was transferred to the Northwest Texas Conference. His year's work at Yoakum is certainly a good introduction to the brethren of the Northwest.

Dr. Stonewall Anderson, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, made the best speech of his life before the conference. He brought down the house with a facetious reference to his controversy with the editor of the Advocate.

Dr. E. B. Chappell, Sunday School Editor, spoke at the Sunday School Anniversary Wednesday evening of the conference session. His subject was, "The Importance of the Task of Religious Education." His address was a profound, scholarly deliverance.

The officers of the Conference Brotherhood of the ensuing year are A. L. Scarborough, President; J. M. Alexander, Vice-President, and J. W. Black, Secretary. The amount paid by the Brotherhood to superannuates last year was \$558; the mortuary claims paid were \$1252.00.

When F. B. Buchanan, himself a presiding elder, announced to the conference that the presiding elders had agreed to give J. H. Groseclose (another presiding elder) two sermons each with which to replace his recently burned sermons, the Bishop answered: "Glad you can spare them."

Mrs. Henry Jackson, of San Angelo, in her address on Woman's work before the conference, told of the answer of a converted fallen girl to Rev. Geo. R. Stuart who had said to her, "Go and sin no more." Looking into his eyes she said, "Go?" "Where?" The conference was in tears in an instant.

The entertainment of the conference by San Angelo has never been surpassed, if quite equalled, at any conference we have attended in twenty-three years. The citizens met the large delegation last Tuesday with 100 automobiles, a brass band, and a Western smile. Every preacher and

delegate thought he had the best home. Nothing by the presiding elder of the district, Rev. F. B. Buchanan, or by the pastor of the local Church, Rev. Joe F. Webb, or by the other citizens of San Angelo, was left undone. The editor, however, had the best home of all. In company with Rev. J. H. Groseclose he shared the gracious hospitality of Rev. F. B. Buchanan and his happy family.

When the name of H. G. Horton was called he said: "Nothing special to say. Uvalde District was my circuit fifty-seven years ago. Please do not put me down as an old man (eighty years of age). Will work as long as I can get one leg before the other. Last old sinner left of the Rio Grande Conference." Unbidden tears came to many eyes and Bishop McCoy answered: "Age is largely an attitude toward life. You have kept yourself young by a right attitude toward life."

Conference Treasurer, C. C. Walsh, in welcoming the conference, brought the house down in his recital of

Out Where the West Begins.
Out where the handclasp's a little stronger,
Out where a smile dwells a little longer,
That's where the West begins;
Out where the sun is a little brighter,
Out where the snows that fall are a little whiter,
Where the bonds of home are a wee bit tighter,
That's where the West begins.

(Editor's Note: There are doubtless many more of the brethren whose work deserves special mention. Many brethren would doubtless have said more than "a good year" but for the impression that the conference was pushed for time).

A BARBECUE.
Not satisfied with the royal entertainment of the conference in the homes of its citizens, the Chamber of Commerce of San Angelo, composed of representative men of all the Churches and some of no Church affiliation, went one step further and prepared a sumptuous barbecue on the ground of the Opera House, providing amply for every one present. The address of welcome on this occasion was by Mr. Collins, the District Attorney, who was introduced by Mr. C. A. Broome, representing the Chamber of Commerce, in a few happy remarks. District Attorney Collins delivered a felicitous speech, extending to the conference on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce a hearty welcome to the city, assuring the guests that all laws were suspended until the adjournment of conference, and if they wanted anything to pick it up. Calls were made for Brother J. W. Hill to respond to the address of welcome. All who have heard "Gulliver" on similar occasions will have no trouble in determining the effect of his speech.

Following the speech making came the barbecue, consisting of beef, mutton, goat, etc., with all the accompaniments. A famous stew, which they now call "Western stew," but for which the cowboys have quite a different name, was part of the bill of fare. The feast was served by the ladies of San Angelo, and right well did they perform the arduous task. They never do anything by halves in this western country. They go the "whole hog," and more.

ADVOCATE HONOR ROLL.
The following pastors in the West Texas Conference reported payment of every subscriber in their charges: Rev. R. S. Adair, Paint Rock, Texas. Rev. G. F. Harris, Calallen, Texas. Rev. J. A. King, Lavernia, Texas. Rev. J. W. Long, Cotulla, Texas. Rev. M. Williamson, Staples, Texas.

The following came so near they deserve almost, if not quite, equal credit, every subscriber having been seen personally and collections made from all but one or two:
Rev. M. J. Allen, Liberty Hill, Texas.
Rev. J. E. Buck, Goliad, Texas.
Rev. J. P. Garrett, Burnet, Texas.
Rev. J. M. Lynn, Runge, Texas.
Rev. R. G. Rader, Weimar, Texas.
Rev. J. W. Rowland, Nixon, Texas.
Rev. A. L. Scarborough, Lockhart, Texas.



REV. C. S. CAMERON, Claude, Texas.

We are glad to introduce to our readers a "live wire." Bro. Cameron never fails to have a good report for the Advocate every year—good years and bad years. He believes in circulating the paper and also in rounding up renewals. This year he has collected in full from the large list at Claude and has added several new ones. We assert that a good Advocate man is a good all-around man, and Bro. Cameron proves the rule. His conference collections have all been sent to the treasurer several days ago and all finances will be in full.

ADVOCATE HONOR ROLL FROM TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rev. J. W. Campbell, of Buckholts, sent in by October 18 every Advocate subscription in his charge. His salary and benevolences were also paid in full. Brother Campbell says: "Surely God has blessed us even though calamities have been great this year—lost two churches in the hurricane, one rebuilt and we worshiped in it October 17."

Special mention is also due the following pastors for excellent reports on the Advocate:

- Rev. J. M. Alexander, Hondo, Texas.
- Rev. W. L. Barr, Sabinal, Texas.
- Rev. W. H. H. Biggs, Leesville, Texas.
- Rev. W. J. Briant, McAllen, Texas.
- Rev. W. G. Callihan, Moore, Texas.
- Rev. J. C. Campbell, Junction, Texas.
- Rev. H. E. Draper, San Saba, Texas.
- Rev. M. K. Fred, Kingsville, Texas.
- Rev. O. F. Hatfield, Pearsall, Texas.
- Rev. E. G. Hocutt, Smiley, Texas.
- Rev. E. Y. S. Hubbard, Sinton, Texas.
- Rev. A. N. James, Kenedy, Texas.
- Rev. G. L. Keever, Eldorado, Texas.
- Rev. T. M. Lane, Eola, Texas.
- Rev. J. F. Lawlis, Llano, Texas.
- Rev. Theophilus Lee, Bastrop, Texas.
- Rev. J. D. McWhorter, Sterling City, Texas.
- Rev. L. C. Matthis, Gonzales, Texas.
- Rev. J. A. Pledger, Buda, Texas.
- Rev. W. T. Renfro, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- Rev. D. A. Ross, Berclair, Texas.
- Rev. J. F. Simpson, Poteet, Texas.
- Rev. L. W. Walker, Rock Springs, Texas.
- Rev. J. P. Watson, Willow City, Texas.
- Rev. J. F. Webb, San Angelo, Texas.
- Rev. F. A. White, Smithville, Texas.

Conditions were very adverse in many sections of the conference and many of the pastors to whom we are accustomed to look for good reports failed this year through no fault of theirs. They have the Advocate and its circulation on their mind and heart. We believe that every member of the conference will add materially to the circulation of the Advocate in the next three months.

DEATH OF SISTER FAIR.
Mrs. Grace Fair, wife of Rev. Geo. F. Fair, one of the honored superannuates of the Northwest Texas Conference, died in great peace at Tatum, New Mexico, October 22. Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church in Plainview, Texas, by Rev. J. W. Story. Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery here to await the resurrection of the just.

J. W. STORY.
Plainview, Texas.

PERSONALS PURE BLOOD MAKES HEALTHY PEOPLE

Mr. S. W. Park, of Franklin, and his brother, Mr. Walter Park, of Richardson, were pleasant callers at our office this week.

Rev. R. O. Bailey, our pastor at Gordon, was painfully injured October 22 in the falling of a building. We hope he will soon recover.

Rev. J. B. McCarley, of Paducah, was among the callers at the Advocate this week. He reports things in his section in fine shape.

Rev. E. L. Wright, pastor at Lancaster, is keeping the Texas Advocate in mind as he makes his collections. He dropped in the other day with several renewals.

Bishop W. A. Candler was a welcome visitor at our office this week. He is looking remarkably well. All in all, he is the busiest man in the entire Church.

We are glad to announce that Mrs. W. B. Andrews, of Waxahachie, is improving rapidly. She is still at Dallas in the sanitarium, but will be able to be moved home next week.

Mr. Houston Bohn, of Blackwell, Texas, and Mr. Strother, of Jacksonville, Texas, called. Mr. Bohn is attending college at Plainview and Mr. Strother is attending S. M. U.

Brother Dallas Pharr, one of our laymen of McKinney, called by white in Dallas. We are pleased when our laymen seem to appreciate the work of the Texas Christian Advocate.

Rev. J. T. McClure has transferred from the California to the New Mexico Conference and is stationed at Roswell. By error his name appeared in the appointments as (J. W.)

Rev. C. L. Browning is rounding out a good year at Hewitt. He called by last week while in Dallas. Brother Browning is a deep student and is capable of preaching to the best of congregations.

Rev. W. J. Moore, now pastor at Weatherford, Okla., has been appointed Field Secretary for the Memphis Conference and will begin his new duties after the session of his conference at Altus.

Rev. W. E. Boggs, pastor of Missouri Avenue Church, Fort Worth, made a short visit to Dallas Saturday to meet Mrs. Boggs, who was returning from Louisiana. He dropped in at the Advocate office to say "howdy."

Rev. and Mrs. Allen L. Andrews will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage Thursday evening, November 4, 1915, at Wichita Falls, Texas. The Advocate congratulates them on the happy occasion.

Rev. C. W. Dennis, presiding elder of the McKinney District, dropped in to say "howdy" while passing through the city last week. Brother Dennis is very much encouraged over prospects for his district coming up in full on all collections.

Hon. John W. Robbins, of Austin, was a pleasant caller at the Advocate office this week. Bro. Robbins for many years has been a leading citizen of Texas and of our Church. No trust of Church or State has ever suffered at his hands.

Mr. N. B. Rabb, of Lone Oak, called at the Advocate office last week. We had a very pleasant talk with him. He has lived in that section of the State for many years. Many of his family and of his children have been educated in our Methodist colleges.

Burford O. Brown, instructor of journalism in the University of Texas and a prominent layman in Austin, was a pleasant visitor to the office last week. Mr. Brown was in attendance on the meeting of the Circulation Managers' Association which met in Dallas.

Rev. H. L. Booth, father of Rev. C. H. Booth, of the Central Texas Conference, and Rev. L. E. Booth, of the West Texas Conference, died at the parsonage home of his son, Rev. C. H. Booth, in Georgetown, Texas, October 18, 1915. His body was carried back to Florence, Ala., for burial. Rev. H. L. Booth was born in Alabama October 30, 1844, and was in the ministry fifty years. The fruits of his

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laborers are many. One of his greatest rewards was that his two sons are carrying on his work in the ministry and his only daughter, Miss Virginia is a missionary in the Mexican work.

Rev. J. M. Holt, of Denison, Texas, a local preacher who for many years has done faithful service in the North Texas and Oklahoma Conferences, called on us this week. We were glad to see him.

Rev. J. W. Trevette and wife, of Tipton, Okla., called to see us. Bro. Trevette is one of the brightest young men of his conference and his bride, we predict, will be a valued helpmate. Being the daughter of a Methodist preacher, she is well adapted to parsonage life.

From Rev. E. W. Solomon we learn that Rev. Ira M. Bryce, of the Texas Conference was shot at El Paso on the night of October 19. He was in the hospital in a critical condition when Brother Solomon wrote us. The prayers of his brethren will be made for his recovery.

Rev. A. F. Hendrix, pastor at Blossom, did not catch the "Big Bosses" in. They were attending the West Texas Conference at San Angelo, but he stayed awhile anyway. Brother Hendrix is a lovable man and no one can associate with him without an uplift spiritually.

Rev. R. E. Parker, of Belmont, visited Dallas on his way home from the West Texas Conference and called at the Advocate office. He goes back to the charge he served last year. He promises to start the year by placing the Advocate in every Methodist family if possible.

Rev. L. B. Saxon and Mrs. Saxon, together with their three boys, Roy, Mack and "Bob," and also Miss Lillian Scott, came through to Dallas from Jewett in their automobile. We were glad to see Mrs. Saxon looking so well, and the whole party seems to be enjoying the trip.

Rev. and Mrs. B. S. Crow announce the marriage of their daughter, Ruth Naomi, to Mr. G. D. Medford on Wednesday, November 3, 1915, at p. m., at the Methodist Church, Aledo, Texas. Rev. L. A. Webb officiating. The Advocate tenders congratulations and best wishes.

Miss Otis Fred and Mr. L. H. Wilson are to be married November 16, 1915, at Kingsville, Texas. Mr. Wilson is the assistant postmaster at Terrell and Miss Fred is the daughter of Rev. M. K. Fred, of the West Texas Conference. May life's richest blessings be the portion of this young couple.

Brother W. T. McClain and wife and daughter, of Benjamin, were pleasant callers at the Advocate office. Miss McClain is in the Junior Class of S. M. U. and Brother McClain and wife were in Dallas for the double pleasure of visiting her and seeing the Fair. They are prominent Methodists in their section and speak highly of their pastor, Rev. C. D. Pipkin.

Mr. J. R. Trotman, of Klondike, who has been reading the Advocate for twenty-five years or more, called on the Advocate this week. He reports that while there was not much cotton in his section, crops of other kinds were good and the Churches are expecting to pay out in full. We were glad to meet him on his first call to the Advocate.

For four years Rev. W. M. Sherrell has served our West End and Thirty-Third Churches in Galveston. Against the odds of war and flood he has raised all assessments made upon his church and has a good nucleus for the erection of a new building on two eligible lots. We have received resolutions introduced by Rev. C. P. Hasskarl, pastor First German Evangelical

EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

EULA P. TURNER, Editor
917 N. Marsalis Ave., Station A,
Dallas, Texas.

State Conference of Workers, Waco,
December 31, January 1-2.
Mission Study Rally Day, October
21.
Bishop Lambuth, Missionary Rally,
Dallas, October 29.
African Special Day, October 31.

Rev. S. S. McKenney, member of
the Program Committee of the State
Epworth League, has recently been
elected Financial Agent of the Wash-
ington City Representative Church,
at Washington, D. C. We congratu-
late Brother McKenney and feel sure
that the Commissioners who chose
him for this work could not have done
better. We hope that the new work
will not take him permanently out of
the State, as our State work needs
him here.

Miss Ruth Flowrey reports the or-
ganization of a new Senior League at
Kilbore. We hope to give a full re-
port soon.

The following paragraph is clipped
from a letter to your editor:

"A plan was recently suggested by
one of our San Antonio Leaguers that
might be of interest to you, namely:
that once each month an offering be
taken up for missions, at which time
a missionary program would be given,
the money thus raised to be forward-
ed to the Central Office (I think to the
Conference Treasurer). In other
words, it was the idea of this Leaguer
that if every League in Southern
Methodism would do this a great deal
more money would be raised for mis-
sions than is now being done. For
instance, there are over 4000 Leagues
in our Church; say each League re-
ceived an average offering of \$1 per
month (which I think is small) they
would raise about \$50,000 annually.
However, I am not informed as to the
amount the Leagues have been rais-
ing annually."

We pass this on for your consid-
eration. Surely every League is giving
more than \$12 a year for the great
cause of missions. If not it ought to
be ashamed to call itself a League,
for the Epworth League is missionary
if it is anything at all.

ATTENTION, DECATUR DISTRICT.

To the Leagues of Decatur District:
Let's make October 24 a Mission
Study Rally Day that shall count by
organizing a mission study class in
every Chapter in the district, and then

on October 31 include the following in
your program:

The Ruby Kendrick Council of Mis-
sions—A brief history.
The African Special, What Is It?
Why Have a Definite Missionary
Policy in the Epworth League?
Does It Pay? Short testimonies.
The Fifteen Conference Specials
and Our Share.
Make a special effort to make a
pledge, even though a small one, for
Africa.

Send a delegate to the Missionary
Rally at Dallas Friday, October 29. No
doubt many of you will visit the Fair.
Make October 29 one of your days and
hear Bishop Lambuth's great illustrat-
ed lectures at 8 p. m. on "Eight
Hundred Miles Afoot in Africa." As
your District Commissioner I want
to report at that meeting Decatur Dis-
trict right to the front.
Let's make this the greatest year
possible for Missions.

MRS. W. O. JORDAN,
Missionary Com., Decatur District.

EPWORTH LEAGUERS, ATTEN-
TION!

A Startling Fact!
The pledges of Epworth League
Chapters to the Africa Special for the
year 1914-15 amounted to \$17,010.93.
Of that amount, the books of Mr.
Hamilton, Treasurer of the Mission
Board, show amount received to date
\$6,323.58, leaving pledges unmet
amounting to \$10,687.35.

What it Means.
1. It means that many Chapters that
pledged for the year have not yet met
their pledges.
2. It also means that unless the
young people of the Epworth Leagues
come to our help we will have a large
deficit in our Africa budget—and that
in a time of great need.

Your Answer.
1. If your Chapter has not yet met
its pledge for the past year, see that
every penny is collected and remitted
before your pastor goes to the Annual
Conference.
2. If your Chapter has met its
pledge, will you not take a supplu-
mentary offering for Africa in this
crisis hour?

3. If your League has had no part
in the Africa Special, now is your
opportunity to lift a little in this big
task the Leagues have undertaken
for the Congo Mission.

Whatever You Do, Do it Once.
"14-15 Not '15-16.
This notice has reference to the
pledges for the year 1914-15, closing
with the Annual Conference this
autumn. We hope that 1915-16 will
tell a great story—a story of gener-
ous pledges and those pledges
promptly met.

Yours for the Africa Special,
E. H. RAWLINGS,
Educational Secretary Board of Mis-
sions, M. E. Church, South, 810
Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.
September 1, 1915.

THE 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.

HASKELL AUXILIARY.

During the month of September the
Haskell Auxiliary has outlined the
study and work for the winter. The
first Monday in each month is a busi-
ness meeting; the second, Bible Study;
the third, Mission Study, and the
fourth Social Service and a study of
the "Voice."

The attendance is good and the
President is always in her place. One
member teaches all the Bible lessons
and she is the very best teacher.

The close study given to the "Voice"
has increased our knowledge of mis-
sions, and hence the greater interest.

The Auxiliary has sent three boxes
during September to three Wesley
Houses, total value \$125, and spent
about \$75 on the parsonage.

The spiritual note dominates. The
love and good fellowship existing
among the members is beautiful.

PUBLICITY SUPERINTENDENT.

ROANOKE JUNIOR MISSIONARY
SOCIETY.

We are a newly organized band, and
though we are not strong in numbers,
still we are alive, and doing some
things. We study missions a great
deal, and have organized a study class
of seven members. We chose "Around
the World With Jack and Janet," and
will begin the study of same as soon
as the books arrive. We vary our pro-

grams and try to make each one in-
teresting. One thing that we enjoy,
and which tests our knowledge of the
Bible, is charades. We take names of
different Bible characters, and let the
children act them out. For instance,
a boy and girl sewing leaves together
were Adam and Eve. A boy hammer-
ing away was Noah. A girl gathering
up stalks of wheat was Ruth, while
another girl driving a nail seemingly
into the ground was Jael. It is no
trouble to get up a number of these
charades. The children like to make
them up sometimes and have the
leader help guess them. We sent a
delegate to our district meeting re-
cently held at Bridgeport, and are
planning to do the same another year.
We also hope to put our name on the
Honor Roll before this quarter comes
to a close. We will let you hear from
us again. MRS. W. N. VERNON,
Lady Manager.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.
Mrs. T. A. Brown calls attention to
the Week of Prayer literature. If
you have not received yours or if you
need more, please write to her.

There have been several new auxil-
iaries reported this quarter, a few
new study classes and some all-day
campaign meetings held, resulting in
new organizations and new members
for the old ones.

I have sent out such fine literature,

report blanks and enrollment cards
this past quarter that without doubt
the harvest of new Mission Study
classes will be great at the close of
another quarter. Now is the time to
organize a Study Class in one of the
new books on that list I sent you last
month. If you are not studying "St.
John," by Adams, you are missing a
fine opportunity to gain a clearer
vision of our Savior and to lay hold
upon life as revealed through the
Word.

The Week of Prayer offering this
year will be applied to the Pacific
Coast work and the new work by the
Woman's Missionary Council in Ja-
pan.

The Rockport Auxiliary wishes to
express her appreciation to those
auxiliaries who so kindly responded
to the call for help in their time of
need.

Yaney reports a new auxiliary with
Mrs. T. C. Hickmon, Publicity Super-
intendent, San Angelo, San Marcos
and others have reported work wor-
thy of special mention.

The Missionary Voice gives an ac-
count of a heathen nation literally
waiting upon its knees for some one
to tell them what to pray. Will you
not read that story in the October
Voice, then work more earnestly for
the cause of missions than ever be-
fore? The challenge is to the Chris-
tian world of America. What is your
answer?

MRS. MYDDLETON WOODS.

DALLAS DISTRICT SOCIETIES.

The Woman's Missionary Societies
of the Dallas District held an all-day
meeting at Munger Place Church,
October 7, presided over by Mrs. O.
F. Sensabaugh.

The devotional exercises were con-
ducted by Mrs. S. D. Thruston. Min-
utes of last meeting were read by
Mrs. J. L. Chandler and approved.

Miss Flora Thomas, of Oak Cliff
Church, explained a plan adopted by
them of securing new members.

Mrs. Frank Gilbert, of Grace
Church, read an interesting leaflet on
"How to Gain New Members."

Many ladies responded to the call,
"Why I Joined the Missionary So-
ciety." Each one strongly empha-
sized the great benefit, spiritually and
mentally, derived from this organiza-
tion.

Mrs. S. A. Barnes, of Ervay Street
Church, gave an account of her mis-
sionary educational work with the
Sunday School classes.

Mrs. Henry Dorsey, of Oak Cliff
Church, spoke of the good accom-
plished among the young people of
her Church by combining the Junior
League and the Young People's Mis-
sionary Society.

We were honored by having with
us Mrs. R. W. Thompson, who in for-
mer days was very active and en-
thusiastic in missionary work. Her
presence was a benediction. Though
feeble in body, having undergone
many afflictions and sorrows, she still
manifested much interest in the work.

The presiding elder, the editor of
the Advocate and seven pastors of
the district were present.

At the noon hour, during which a
luncheon was served, there was much
enjoyment in a social way among the
members.

The devotional exercises of the
afternoon service were conducted by
Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh.

The first chapter of the "King's
Highway" was reviewed by the ladies
of Grace Church.

Each Society had been previously
requested by the president to prepare
a poster demonstrating the mission-
ary work. It proved to be a very in-
teresting and instructive feature, in
which the members took great inter-
est.

Delegates from every auxiliary in
the district responded to roll call ex-
cept one, the total present being 118.

The meeting adjourned to meet
with Oak Lawn Church in January,
1916. MRS. M. E. DOROUGH.

TERRELL DISTRICT W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary Societies
of Terrell District, North Texas Con-
ference, held their district meeting in
Forney, September 23-24. All trains
were met by the pastor of the Metho-
dist Church, Rev. L. A. Burke, and
wife and a committee from the Mis-
sionary Society, who speedily assign-
ed delegates and visitors to homes. At
10:30 all met at the Methodist Church,
where they were made very welcome
by the women of the Church in an in-
formal reception. During the two
days every possible kindness was
shown the visiting women. Forney
was most gracious in her hospitality.

Mrs. J. S. Terry, District Secretary,
led the morning devotional and then
gave a glimpse of the district, its
needs, etc. She reported four new
Adult Auxiliaries and three Young
People's Societies organized since the
first quarter. There were in regular

attendance about twenty-five dele-
gates and visitors.

The conference appreciated the at-
tendance of Rev. L. A. Burke at each
session.

Rev. C. N. Smith, of Scurry, and
Rev. Huffstutler, of Mesquite, gave
encouragement by their presence. Rev.
E. L. Egger, presiding elder of Terrell
District, was present and delivered a
most helpful sermon at the evening
hour. He is of great service to the
woman's work in Terrell District, tak-
ing much interest in its progress and
encouraging organizations in every
charge.

Mrs. J. S. Fulton, Conference Cor-
responding Secretary, was present and
very fully surveyed the fields of work.

Mrs. R. S. Fulton, Conference Su-
perintendent of Mission Study, made
each one feel "I will become a mem-
ber of the Mission study class."

Conference Second Vice-President,
Mrs. Arthur W. Shaw, ably discussed
children's work and presented the
crying need of training the little folk
to be missionary in thought and in
practice.

Mrs. P. C. Archer, ex-Conference
Corresponding Secretary, was present.
Her special place on the program was
young people's work. One of the great-
est needs of the district in enlisting
the scores of young women who will
drift away from the Church unless in-
terested in its work. Forney young
people deserve special mention for
their fidelity, though only five in num-
ber. They gave much encouragement
to the older ones.

A pleasing feature of the program
was a reading, "The Master Wants
You," by Mrs. W. A. Hindman, of
Kaufman. It was a source of great
satisfaction to the District Secretary
that not one placed on the program
failed to respond.

Untiring effort on the part of Mrs.
Terry, District Secretary, is bearing
fruit. Terrell District is forging to
the front. MRS. H. M. PHILLIPS,
Recording Secretary.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Central Texas Conference has had
very little to say for the past three
months, but has been very busy, as
the following reports will show:

The Brownwood District made a
splendid showing, having had fine re-
ports from all the organizations ex-
cept Coleman, Brownwood Young Lad-
ies and Winchell. These three
auxiliaries are doing good work. I
wonder why no report? Miss Posey
had a fine district meeting in Ballin-
ger September 7-8. Mrs. D. R. Blair
was with her as our conference rep-
resentative and did most valuable
work. Notwithstanding the fact that
Miss Posey now heads the Eastern
Star Order and is Grand Matron does
not detract one bit from her mis-
sionary work, but rather adds to it. She
has friends in almost every town in
Texas. God bless her. We hate so
much to leave her district.

The young people of Bangs have
recently been organized.

Mrs. Milam, there has been organ-
ized at the district parsonage in
Brownwood a Baby Division with one
member. He now keeps the Corre-
sponding Secretary busy, but is a de-
lightful assistant.

Mrs. W. E. Menefee looks well after
the Cleburne District. All her aux-
iliaries reported except Burleson,
Cresson and Morgan. Why?

Mrs. Menefee is planning for a good
district meeting at Venus October
28-29.

Mrs. Neal Turner reports two new
auxiliaries this quarter. One at Min-
gus, with Mrs. F. W. Lowe as secre-
tary, and one at Bear Springs, with
Mrs. Chas Wyatt as secretary. We
have no report from either Carbon,
Thurber or May.

The women of the Cisco District,
with Mrs. Turner as their leader, ar-
doing fine work in the face of hard
times.

Mrs. J. S. Callicut, of the Corsicana
District, is still in the lead as to new
organizations. She has just organized
a society at Barry with fifteen mem-
bers. Mrs. J. U. McAfee is president
of this society. All the auxiliaries in
Corsicana District reported except
Blooming Grove.

Mrs. Callicut is doing fine work.
She has organized seven new socie-
ties.

Mrs. Ben Bassell sends a splendid
report from the Dublin District. Every
Adult Auxiliary reported this quarter
except Harbin, I believe. Mrs. Bas-
sell has passed through sickness and
sorrow this quarter. God bless her.
Her report is neat with totals made
up.

Mrs. J. B. Price had a delightful
camp at Glen Rose for her young peo-
ple this quarter. It was a great suc-
cess.

Mrs. C. R. Porter, of the Fort Worth
District, reports having had a fine
district meeting. She now has twenty
Adult Auxiliaries with eighteen rep-
porting this time. Boulevard and
Saginaw were the only two to fail to

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report. This certainly is a fine rec-
ord.

Mrs. W. S. Mayes, of the Hillsboro
District, is a regular field secretary
all by herself in her own district. She
was at Whitney when she sent her
report and was on her way to try to
organize at Peoria. She writes that
she recently had a fine all-day meet-
ing with Irene and Mertens. First
Church, Hillsboro, Line Street, Ma-
lone, Munger and Brandon all failed
to report this quarter.

Mrs. H. M. Callaway, the splendid
new secretary of the Georgetown Dis-
trict, sends a fine report. Her auxil-
iaries all reported except George-
town, Belton and Salado. She reports

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three new organizations this quarter as follows: Oenaville, Prairie Dell and Thrall.

Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth organized some of these while in meetings in Georgetown District.

Mrs. Jesse Brown is quite jubilant over her splendid district meeting. It was very fine indeed and we rejoice with her. Gatesville District is all right and so also is Mrs. Brown. This district has Mrs. C. L. Cartwright, Mrs. S. J. Rucker, Mrs. W. A. Waldrop and the mother of Sue Brown, with many other fine women. It also has Mrs. S. Hundley and Mrs. Cosgrove.

Gatesville District all reported except Meridian, Hamilton, Nolanville, Moody and Clifton. The new societies are doing fine work.

Mrs. R. L. Abbott, of Waco District, will soon have visited every auxiliary in her district. That's fine. She writes that she is soon to organize at Ross. Mount Calm has thirteen subscribers to the Voice with fifteen members. Will you all take notice to such a fine record. All societies in this district except China Springs, Riesel, Austin Avenue and Elm Mott reported. Mrs. Abbott's report is splendid and the totals all made up for me. Thank you.

Brother Whitehurst does not forget the Missionary Societies of his district.

Waxahachie District is well looked after by Mrs. Lee Hawkins. She is never satisfied with a good or better report, but wants best on every one. Bardwell, Britton, Ennis, Ferris, Forrester, Palmer and Red Oak failed to report this quarter.

Mrs. Hawkins writes: "Ennis and Ferris never failed me before. Nor did they ever fail me."

Mrs. W. T. Hiles, of Weatherford District, has the most complete record this quarter. Every Adult Society reporting except Grafard, if I make no mistake and all the young people and children reported except the Olney Juniors.

A complete record with totals made up.

We have fine reports this quarter from Mrs. D. R. Blair, Mrs. E. A. Milam and Mrs. J. B. Price.

Mrs. J. W. Downs is in the Texas Woman's College. Her beautiful life will count for much on the lives of our Texas girls.

Central Texas officers are all hard at work in their various departments. The Week of Prayer literature is now in the hands of the auxiliaries. It is very fine this year. I still have a limited supply for those who failed for any reason to get theirs.

Sue Cole and Alice Alsop are our girls in Scarritt this year. Waco District supports Miss Cole and the conference as a whole support Miss Alsop.

Cornelia Gayden is finishing her college work before taking up her life work. She is in the University at Georgetown.

I have a most interesting letter from Mary Sue Brown from Brazil. She writes: "The Bishop has decided to send us into the interior and I go to Piracicaba." Her address will be Colégio Piracicaba, Piracicaba, E. de Sao Paulo, Brazil. She writes a beautiful letter. She will bring great honor on Central Texas Conference in Brazil. MRS. J. H. STEWART.

CHICKASHA DISTRICT.

The District meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Chickasha District of the West Oklahoma Conference of the Methodist Church, South, met in Waurika, Oklahoma, October 12-14.

Tuesday afternoon the delegates were met at the station by the entertainment committee and our pastor, Rev. J. O. Peterson. They were taken directly to the church, where they were cordially welcomed and a reception was prepared by our auxiliary and promptly at 7:30 o'clock the evening service was conducted by our presiding elder, Rev. Moss Weaver, and a real stirring missionary sermon he did preach, his theme being: "She hath done what she could." After listening to his message, so full of love and encouragements for what we are doing to brighten darkened lives and what there is yet to be done, I am sure the women of our district are more determined to do greater things for the Master. Brother Weaver will never know the amount of good inspiration we all received from this one message, for which we are all thankful to him, and the way in which he administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper made each of us feel the nearness of the Father whom we are serving.

On Wednesday morning our meeting proper commenced at 9:30 o'clock, with our District Secretary, Mrs. Moss Weaver, in the chair. After the welcome address from our Auxiliary and the response from Anadarko Auxiliary we were ready and waiting for the address from Sister Weaver. Too much

could not be said of the greatness of her message to us. With a heart full of love for her Lord and for us, her servants, and with her strong personality she brought us some great truths that sank deep into our hearts and lives and left us with a deeper determination and a broader vision of what we are doing and what we expect to do in the future. We all, as a district, dearly love Sister Weaver, and we must have her for our District Secretary another year.

Our meeting in all respects was a most successful one. I am sure there will be lasting good from its results among our women. Some who attended who were not fully decided about the work and organic union are now real missionary women.

One of the most striking features of our meeting was that the district decided to support Miss Lenora Robey, of Fort Cobb, Oklahoma, in Scarritt Bible and Training School for two years. I am sure the district will be greatly blessed in this great part of the work.

Thanks to Brother and Sister Weaver and the visiting preachers for their help and great interest and encouragements they showed in us. Their labors shall not be in vain in the Lord. MRS. W. G. TURNAGE, President of Waurika Auxiliary.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Vernon District met at Paducah, Texas, September 28, 1915. At 11 o'clock a. m. a welcome address was given by the President of the Paducah Auxiliary, and was immediately responded to in very chosen and appropriate words by our District Secretary, Mrs. M. E. Pruden, of Quanah, Texas. A brief devotional service was led by the pastor, Rev. C. D. West.

At 2 o'clock the Rev. Simeon Shaw, of Quanah, led in the devotional service and made a very fine talk on the subject of "talents."

The question of sending a missionary and keeping her in the foreign field was discussed at length. It was decided that each Auxiliary take a vote and later report to our District Secretary. Every one present was very much in favor of the idea.

Mrs. Russell, of Childress, gave a very interesting talk on "Mormonism." With the help of her chart she made the subject very instructive to all who heard her.

Mrs. Ramey, of Chillicothe, gave us a talk which she called "Just a Minute" talk. She showed very plainly just how many things we neglect every day.

The children's and young people's work was very ably discussed by Mrs. D. H. Henry, of Vernon. As the Second Vice-President of that Auxiliary she made a very favorable report. Reports from other Second Vice-Presidents over the district were heard.

Mrs. Burns, of Quanah, by use of a helpful chart, showed us the importance of making our reports promptly. This subject was further discussed by Mrs. Pruden.

At the night session Rev. Simeon Shaw preached one of his best sermons on the subject of "Missions" to a very appreciative audience. To say that it was enjoyed to the fullest extent would, indeed, be expressing our appreciation very mildly.

The morning session (September 29, 1915) was opened by a devotional exercise, led by Brother Shaw.

Mrs. A. M. Cobbs, of Quanah, read a splendid paper on "Our Opportunities."

The subject of "Tithing" was generally discussed and much help was gained from it.

"How to Conduct a Study Course" was also discussed, which was beneficial to all.

Mrs. Pruden gave us a talk on "Social Service." This was followed by a short discussion.

Miss Ruth Pirtle gave a reading entitled "Somebody Tore My Playhouse Down." After she had finished the conference offered her a rising vote of thanks.

At this point Mrs. Russell read the "Mormon Resolution," and we admonished to get signatures to this resolution, which then should be sent to Congress.

Mrs. Henry read a very instructive paper on the "Church-wide Campaign." Another paper on the same subject was read by Mrs. W. H. Winton. These papers led the way to a brisk discussion and much help was derived therefrom. A vote carried that each Auxiliary have a committee to see that every woman and girl be asked and urged to attend and become members of the Missionary Society. Also to get as many men as possible to become honorary members.

Mrs. Pruden gave us a short talk and advanced some splendid ideas on the "Week of Prayer."

The work of the Superintendent of Publicity was discussed, and we were made to realize the importance of this work. A word of thanks was tendered the

Society and people of Paducah by the visitors and delegates to this district meeting, and a copy of this resolution is herewith attached to the minutes.

Resolutions.

Be it resolved, That this Missionary Institute extend a vote of thanks to the Missionary Society and Christian people of Paducah for their kind hospitality and courtesy shown us while in their midst and hope to be able to return it in a great degree.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. IDA C. HENRY, Vernon. MRS. CLARENCE RUSSELL, Childress. MRS. R. E. BURNS, Quanah.

A rising vote of thanks was given our District Secretary, Mrs. Pruden, for her untiring work with us and for her wise leadership. MRS. DULANEY, Rec. Sec.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT.

The third quarter closed with the following results: Bronte led in point of time, their report being two full weeks in advance of all others. Every department reported in good order by them, seven copies of the Missionary Voice taken, nine members, two new members and \$16.80 sent the Conference Treasurer.

Ballinger far surpassed the entire District combined in gaining new members, having added fifty-three new names to their roll during the quarter, beside entertaining the District Conference. Can any auxiliary in the conference excel this? Thirteen subscribers to the Voice and \$47 sent the Conference Treasurer.

Brownwood sixty-seven members, thirteen subscribers to the Voice, all departments in good order and \$47 sent the Conference Treasurer.

Bangs twelve members, six copies of the Voice, no Social Service Commission, no Mission Study Class. Amount sent to the Conference Treasurer \$11.95.

Blanket reports five members, a Bible Study Class, Christian stewardship presented, no Social Service Commission and the Bulletin not used, two copies of the Voice and \$1.50 sent the Conference Treasurer.

Drasco seven members, no Mission Study Class, Christian stewardship not presented by the Corresponding Secretary, one box of supplies sent, \$3.45 sent the Conference Treasurer. This is a good report for such a new auxiliary with small membership and rural conditions.

Indian Creek, all departments reported in full. Only five copies of the Missionary Voice. Amount sent the Conference Treasurer \$3.45.

Norton, every department in working order. One box of supplies sent, ten members, one copy of the Voice, and \$3.60 sent the Conference Treasurer.

Robert Lee, fifteen members, two new members, eight copies of the Voice, no Missionary Study Class, amount sent Conference Treasurer \$11.80.

Santa Anna, forty members, twelve subscribers to the Voice, \$4.25 sent the Conference Treasurer and every department at work.

Zephyr, seventeen members, one new member, five subscribers to the Voice. The report was left blank as to the use of the Bulletin and presentation of Christian stewardship; \$3 sent the Conference Treasurer.

Every Adult Auxiliary in the district reported last quarter, but regret to say the following auxiliaries have sent no report this quarter: Brownwood Young Women, Coleman, Novice, Talpa, Winters and Winchell.

Of the four Young People's Societies in the district, Indian Creek was the only one to report. Those sending no report were Brownwood, Bronte and Talpa. We are glad to report a new Young People's Auxiliary at Bangs.

Our Juniors reported as follows: Bronte, thirty-five members, four new members, five copies of the Young Christian Worker. Amount sent the Conference Treasurer \$3.12.

Indian Creek, nineteen members, two new members, six copies of Young Christian Worker, a Missionary Study Class and every department in working order. No money sent the Conference Treasurer. One name on Baby Division.

Bangs sixty-eight members, one new member, no money sent the Conference Treasurer.

Coleman, forty-two members, thirty subscribers to the Young Christian Worker, \$13.40 sent the Conference Treasurer.

Winters, fourteen members, one new member, three names on Baby Division, one copy of Young Christian Worker and \$6.80 sent the Conference Treasurer.

Brownwood, eighteen members, \$1 sent the Conference Treasurer. The following Juniors failed to report: Talpa and Santa Anna.

Sister: Read My Free Offer!



I am a woman. I know a woman's trials. I know her need of sympathy and help. If you, my sister, are unhappy because of ill-health, if you feel unfit for household duties, social pleasures, or daily employment, write and tell me just how you suffer, and ask for my free ten days' trial of a home treatment suited to your needs. Men cannot understand women's sufferings. What we women know from experience, we know better than any man. I want to tell you how to cure yourself at home at a cost of about 12 cents a week. If you suffer from women's peculiar ailments causing pain in the head, back, or bowels, feeling of weight and dragging down sensation, falling or displacement of pelvic organs, causing kidney and bladder weakness or constipation and piles, painful or irregular periods, catarrhal conditions and discharges, extreme nervousness, depressed spirits, melancholy, desire to cry, fear of something evil about to happen, creeping feeling along the spine, palpitation, hot flashes, weariness, sallow complexion with dark circles under the eyes, pain in the left breast or a general feeling that life is not worth living,

I INVITE YOU TO SEND TODAY FOR MY FREE TEN DAYS' TREATMENT and learn how these ailments can be easily and surely conquered at home without the dangers and expense of an operation. When you are cured, and able to enjoy life again, you can pass the good word along to some other sufferer. My home treatment is for young or old. To Mothers of Daughters, I will explain how to overcome green sickness (chlorosis), irregularities, headaches, and lassitude in young women and restore them to plumpness and health. Tell me if you are worried about your daughter. Remember it costs you nothing to give my home treatment a ten days' trial, and does not interfere with daily work. If health is worth asking for, then accept my generous offer and write for the free treatment, including my illustrated booklet, "Women's Own Medical Adviser." I will send all in plain wrappers postpaid. To save time, you can cut out this offer, mark your feelings, and return to me. Send today, as you may not see this offer again. Address: MRS. M. SUMMERS, - - - - Box 187 SOUTH BEND, IND.

Will our members in the district join me in earnest, definite prayer that some woman in each auxiliary will heed the call of the Church and the higher call of "the Lord of the harvest" to lead the young people and children into active organized service in the Master's vineyard? Remember the Week of Prayer, and let us not forget that we have entered upon our last quarter of the year of 1915. Let us strive earnestly to so labor that we may receive from our Master the gracious words, "Well done."

With love for each of you. Your District Secretary, CGRA POSEY, Indian Creek, Texas.

NEEDY MEXICANS IN SAN ANTONIO.

By Rev. J. A. Phillips.

We are hoping that the call for charity among the Mexicans in San Antonio will be less urgent this winter than it was last. Our Wesley House workers have done a fine summer's work in giving milk, ice and medicines to sick Mexican children. They have also had something to do with the movement to destroy or put in sanitary condition the disease-breeding corrals where these people (many of them) are living and really forced to live. They are doing all possible to secure work for all who can work. The night school, with fifty or more, where they are taught the English is necessary. The kindergarten is doing a still more solid work in making good, intelligent citizens of the children. Our Church has 125 to 150 in Sunday School every Sunday morning and from 150 to 250 at the night services. By house to house visitation we are trying to be of benefit in all sorts of ways.

But after all is done, there is still left a considerable portion of these strangers among us who, on account of sickness and sometimes lack of work or other misfortune, are in want. Where sheer charity must be done we do not believe we can conscientiously shirk our responsibility. Both Christian and humanitarian considerations impel us to make some sort of effort.

But we cannot personally do all that needs to be done. Frequently a brother or sister who is in great need appeals to us and we are forced to say, "Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding (we) give them not those things which are needful to the body." Shall we come under the condemnation of our Lord?

May we not expect our Christian friends to help us in these circumstances? If any of the readers of this care to take part in this sort of work and if they believe that our Wesley House can and will make the most skillful use possible of the things sent them, please send boxes of clothing such as you believe you ought to invest in this manner. Send to Miss Ella Bowden, 623 South San Saba Street, San Antonio, Texas. Some clothing is needed for men, but usually we find greater need for women and children.

The Mexicans feel that the Wesley House and the Mexican Methodist Church in this city are their friends. We have tried to prove it to them. The Christian spirit is the only thing that will cement our races together. I am glad to state that our members and adherents, as well as many others, are as much opposed to the uprisings of some bandits on the border as the Americans are. I hope that the American citizens of this country will join hands with honest Mexicans to alleviate suffering and to discourage everything that comes from hate and misunderstanding. The winter is coming on. Christian

people from various parts of Texas have heretofore come to our rescue and have enabled us to do a work of beneficence for these people, which they appreciate. I hope we shall find you as willing and ready this winter as you have ever been, and even more so.

This is specially called for because the humane societies and the associated charities are burdened to the limit and cannot do a tithe for the Mexicans that they would like to do. San Antonio, Texas.

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West Texas Conference

(Continued from page 12) FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY.

Sunday brought a continuance of the fine West Texas sunshine with which the conference had been greeted throughout its entire session.

The conference love feast was conducted by I. T. Morris, pastor at Brady, at 9:30. The church was filled. It may be doubted if a service of deeper spiritual inspiration was ever held at an Annual Conference.

"The fruit of the gospel is found in individual experience. This fruit consists of love, joy, peace, etc. Experience first, service second"—this was the keynote given by our good leader, "How Firm a Foundation," "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," were among the inspiring songs sung.

The great audience was thoroughly prepared for the inspiring message of Bishop McCoy at eleven o'clock. The Bishop's lesson was the twenty-first chapter of Revelation, beginning at the fourteenth verse. His text was Rev. 21:14, "And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."

"This is a vision of society in its final and perfected form," said the Bishop. "Society began in a garden and closes in a city. 'Men are moving toward the center, entering into intricacy of relationships, and out of this condition the perfection of society must come.' 'The problem of Christianity is the problem of the city.' These were some of the Bishop's opening sentences.

"The kingdom of God will not come until society is transformed and made to conform to the ideals of Christ." "Moral life is the indication of the progress of a people"—not science, not learning, not forms of government. God's kingdom is not founded upon natural things. It is founded upon the apostles and prophets. "The Greeks gave the world culture; the Roman law and jurisprudence; and the Jew gave the world religion, and there is no question today as to the comparative value of these contributions."

Bishop McCoy then traced the influence of Francis Asbury upon the early history of America showing how it had saved America from the infidelity of France. "There never was a heart that broke in a noble cause that broke in vain." "An institution is but the lengthened shadow of a man."

The sermon produced a profound impression, hearty amens greeted many of its choice periods, and tears were started freely by many incidents related during its progress.

At the close of the great sermon O. C. Crow, Roy G. Rader, Joseph B. Watson and Harold S. Goodenough were ordained deacons.

The conference memorial service was held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. A. L. Scarborough, our pastor at Lockhart, preached the sermon. This we could not hear, but reports are that it was of high order. Tributes were paid to the preachers who had died during the year. The names of C. W. Godwin, S. J. Drake and J. P. Chambers were given in answer to Question 21. "What preachers have died during the year?" Nobler, better men have not lived among us.

At 8 o'clock the editor of the Advocate preached to a large audience from Gal. 6:14, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Following the sermon Bishop McCoy ordained J. Fisher Simpson, J. H. Maxwell, Lewis McVea, R. E. Parker, E. H. Mayes and George Ryan as elders.

SIXTH DAY.

Bishop McCoy called the conference to order Monday morning at 9 o'clock. He announced Hymn 317, "More Love to Thee." After singing by the conference Bishop McCoy read as the Scripture lesson 2 Timothy, the fourth chapter, and led in prayer.

The minutes of previous sessions were read by Sterling Fisher and were approved.

The Committee on Conference Re-

lations made its report. The report was in answer to the following questions: Question 19, "Who are supernumerary?" and Question 20, "Who are superannuated?"

The supernumeraries are J. T. Weems, F. J. Perrin, V. G. Thomas and Peter I. King.

The superannuates are A. G. Nolen, T. G. Woods, W. H. Killough, W. O. Shuart, W. J. Joyce, J. A. King, R. A. Halloway, H. T. Hill, N. W. Keith, J. T. Gillett, C. W. Williamson, J. M. Shuford, W. R. Campbell, H. G. Horton, V. V. Boone, F. A. Grimes, N. E. Bragg, R. D. Moon, J. D. May and W. R. Keathley.

T. F. Sessions read a paper concerning superannuate homes, recommending the appointment of an agent to travel throughout the conference; that the salary of such agent be fixed at \$2000 and \$500 be allowed for traveling expenses. The paper also recommended an assessment on the conferences equal to one per cent of pastor's salaries. J. H. Groseclose and Bishop McCoy spoke to the paper, and it was adopted.

J. W. Hill read the report of the Committee on the Rescue Home at San Angelo. The report showed that eighty-three girls had been cared for during the year. The report recommended that the office of agent be discontinued, that an assessment of \$2500 be made for the coming year and that property rights in the home be extended to the other Texas Conferences and that such conferences be asked to assess \$1000 each for the home. After discussion the report was amended, on motion of T. F. Sessions, to make the assessment \$3000 instead of \$2500. The report as amended was adopted.

The special order of the day having arrived, H. L. Gray read the report of the Board of Education. The report disclosed that there are 1350 students in the conference schools of the West Texas Conference. The report recommended the adoption of the resolutions submitted by the Educational Commission for an amended charter for the Southern Methodist University and also recommended the passage of the resolutions of the Commission for investing the title to the property in the General Conference. The campaign for Southwestern University for endowment was ordered continued. A campaign for Coronal Institute was likewise recommended.

The assessments, in part, recommended are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. For Southwestern \$3000, For Southern Methodist 2500, For Coronal 1500, For San Antonio Female 1500, For Bible Chair 1000.

After much discussion the assessment for Southwestern was changed to \$2500, for Southern Methodist to \$2000 and for Bible Chair to \$800.

Rev. Casper S. Wright, Vice-President of Southern Methodist University, spoke to the report, and the report as amended was adopted. The amount collected for education during the year was \$7429.20.

R. P. Shuler read the report of the Social Service Committee; H. E. Draper was nominated as a member of the Committee, and the report was adopted. The report was a ringing call to the Church to oppose vice and to pay a living wage.

M. K. Fred read the report of the Joint Board of Finance. The report, among other items, showed that \$7293.50 had been distributed to conference claimants during the year. The report was adopted.

The conference took a forward step in behalf of its superannuate preachers and resolved, upon motion of H. E. Draper, to raise \$100,000 for superannuate homes and endowment fund.

The credentials of A. B. Bynum, upon motion of J. H. Groseclose, were restored.

The Bishop called Question 22, and in answer the character of J. D. Dorsey was passed.

Z. V. Liles introduced resolutions of thanks to the citizens of San Angelo for their hospitable entertainment of the conference and they were adopted by a rising vote of the conference.

Gaston Hartsfield read the report of the Committee on Evangelism endorsing a State-wide campaign of evangelism and recommending R. P. Shuler and J. W. Robbins as Conference Managers of the Campaign. The report was adopted.

The Bishop announced the ordination of deacons and elders whose election has been noted elsewhere.

The report of the Sunday School Board, read by J. W. Pittman, showed an increase of 2119 in the Sunday Schools of the conference and sixty per cent increase in the amount collected on Children's Day. A. E. Rector was recommended as Conference Sunday

School Secretary. The report was adopted.

The report of the Board of Missions, read by S. B. Beall, showed an increase in the collections of \$1035 over last year. H. M. Whaling and J. C. Wilson were recommended as conference evangelists. The report was adopted.

J. T. Curry introduced resolutions touching Vanderbilt University. The report was the same, in part, as that adopted by the Tennessee Conference. Adopted.

J. T. Tracy read report of Bible Society. The report showed that 10,000 copies of the Bible have been distributed in San Antonio last year. Adopted.

J. H. Groseclose read paper on change of rules touching assessment. Assessment proposed to be made on collections for present year instead of last year. Adopted.

R. P. Shuler and J. W. Robbins nominated for Committee on Evangelism to direct evangelist campaign in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Elected.

Report on statistics read by Statistical Secretary.

Question 51, "Who is elected lay leader?" M. A. Childers nominated. Elected.

The Bishop called Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" Answer:

Oscar T. Cooper, North Texas.

J. C. Winkle, German Mission.

C. W. Webdell, New Mexico.

Secretary read minutes of morning session. Approved.

Question 53, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?" (See appointments).

The conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop McCoy.

MINUTES

Of the Fifty-Seventh Session of the West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at First Church, San Angelo, Texas, beginning October 29, 1915, ending October 25, 1915, Bishop J. H. McCoy, President; Sterling Fisher, Secretary. Postoffice Secretary: San Marcos, Texas.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Walter Dibrell, L. U. Spellman, Will S. Boyd, John A. Boatman, Claude A. Campbell, D. G. Decherd, Homer Miller, Rufus E. Price, continue in class of first year. A. M. Foster, H. S. Goodenough, Geo. F. Harris, Milton F. Hill, W. L. Wall, Lilburn W. Wilker advanced to class of second year. G. G. Smith, G. T. Hester continue in class of second year.

3. Who are discontinued? John D. Miller, at his own request.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? O. C. Crow, R. G. Rader, J. P. Watson, W. G. Callihan, W. N. Carl.

5. Who are readmitted? No one.

6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? O. T. Cooper, North Texas Conference; J. C. Winkle, German Mission Conference; C. W. Webdell, elder, Los Angeles Conference; C. Pugsley, elder, East Oklahoma Conference; W. F. Packard, elder, Texas Conference; C. L. McDonald, North Texas Conference, deacon in class of third year; P. S. Wilson, elder, Texas Conference; Harold W. Bennett, in class of first year, North Texas Conference; E. H. Crandall, elder, North Texas Conference.

7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? John E. Stullken, from M. E. Church.

8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? F. M. Buckelew, from Methodist Protestant Church.

9. Who are the deacons of one year? O. M. Cole, R. W. Fischer, W. M. McKinney, J. R. Robinson, Geo. L. Keever, H. M. Ratliff, C. L. McDonald, John C. Campbell.

10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? O. T. Cooper, Crow, George Taylor, Hester, Roy Grande Rader, Joseph Pinckney Watson, W. G. Callihan and W. N. Carl are in this class, being already deacons.

11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? O. C. Crow, R. G. Rader, J. P. Watson.

12. What local preachers are elected deacons? Harold Septimus Goodenough.

13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? H. S. Goodenough.

14. Who are traveling preachers elected elders? James Henry Maxwell, Lewis McVea, Robert Eugene Parker, Emmet Hillary Mays, John Fisher Simpson, George Lawrence Ryan, E. L. Edgar.

15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? J. H. Maxwell, Lewis McVea, R. E. Parker, E. H. Mays, J. F. Simpson, Geo. L. Ryan.

16. What local preachers are elected elders? No one.

17. What local preachers are ordained elders? No one.

18. Who are located this year? J. L. Burns, at his own request; F. M. Buckelew, at his own request; R. L. McIntyre, at his own request.

19. Who are supernumerary? I. T. Weems, F. J. Perrin, V. G. Thomas, Peter I. King.

20. Who are superannuated? A. G. Nolen, T. G. Woods, W. H. Killough, W. O. Shuart, W. J. Joyce, J. A. King, R. A. Halloway, H. T. Hill, N. W. Keith, J. T. Gillett, C. Williamson, J. M. Shuford, W. R. Campbell, H. G. Horton, V. V. Boone, F. A. Grimes, N. E. Bragg, R. D. Moon, J. D. May, W. R. Keathley.

21. What preachers have died during the year? S. J. Drake, J. P. Chambers, C. W. Godwin.

22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one, they reported their work, and their characters were passed.

23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 100; members, 39,679. Increase, 1073.

24. How many have been licensed to preach during the year, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? 11.

25. How many candidates for the ministry are there, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? 5.

26. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 728.

27. How many adults have been baptized

during the year? 1943. Increase, 337.

28. What is the number of Epworth League Leagues? 141. Increase, 2.

29. What is the number of Epworth League members? 4727.

30. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 309.

31. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 3309.

32. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 39,151.

33. What amount was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$7900.

34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$6568.25.

35. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$10,049.89; Home and Conference, \$14,585.67.

36. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$5761.

37. What has been contributed for Education? \$7726.

38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$681.

39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$21,814; preachers in charge, \$145,593.

40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$1742.

41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 399; number of houses of worship, 204.

42. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$1,396,150; indebtedness, \$168,006.

43. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 164; number of parsonages, 146.

44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$268,076; indebtedness, \$10,847.

45. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 81; number of district parsonages, 8.

46. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$48,500; indebtedness, \$10,000.

47. 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, 5; amount of damage, \$653.

48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, \$626,469; losses sustained, \$100; premiums paid, \$4125; collections on losses, \$.

49. What are the educational statistics? 2,001,510.

50. How many copies of the General organ and of the Conference organ are taken? General organ, 275; Conference organ, 314.

51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, and what is the report from the Committee on Lay Activities? M. A. Childers.

52. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Evable, Texas.

53. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See Appointments.

APPOINTMENTS

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

V. A. Godber, Presiding Elder.
Baton Station—Theophilus Lee.
Columbus Station—A. S. I. Havenood.
Elgin Station—J. E. Lovett.
Eagle Lake Station—L. C. Lilly; R. E. Price, junior preacher.
First Church, Austin—H. W. Knickerbocker; F. J. Perrin, supernumerary.
Fred Allen Memorial, Austin—B. W. Allen.
Hobson Station—D. F. Carr.
Hondo Park Station, Austin—H. B. Atkins.
LaGrange and Winchester—G. T. Gibbons.
Leander Hill and Leander—R. F. Duke.
Lindsay Station—J. M. Weatherford, supply.
McDade—W. H. H. Biess.
North Station—P. B. Summers.
South Station—E. A. Whigg.
Southside Circuit—To be supplied.
United Church, Austin—R. P. Shuler.
Weimar Circuit—Roy G. Rader.
Whispering Circuit—P. S. Wilson.
Wood Point Circuit—S. C. Myers.
Wood Station—S. I. Franks, supply.
Wood Memorial, Austin—M. J. Allen.
Conference Evangelists—J. C. Wilson, H. M. Whaling.
Professor in Southwestern University—H. L. Gray.
District Commissioner of Education—H. W. Knickerbocker.

BEEVILLE DISTRICT.

T. F. Sessions, Presiding Elder.
Alice Station—J. W. Black.
Alice Circuit—C. W. Beckins.
Arkansas Pass Station—S. F. Goddard.
Beville Station—S. B. Beall; P. I. King, supernumerary.
Beville Circuit—J. J. Franks, supply.
Bertine Circuit—D. A. Ross.
Brownsville Station—J. S. Boules.
Bishop Station—S. C. Dunn.
Callahan—G. F. Harris.
Central Christian Station—W. T. Rector.
Central Christian Mission—To be supplied.
Chubb—F. A. Post.
P. Harris—I. H. Clark.
Cherokee Station—W. N. Carl.
Greene—E. V. S. Hubbard; V. G. Thomas, supernumerary.
Hargrave—E. H. Mays.
Karnes City—W. A. Manly.
Kenedy—T. N. Barton.
Kopoville Station—M. K. Fred.
Mathis Circuit—A. Y. Oll.
McAllen and Mission—W. I. Briant.
Madill Circuit—J. H. Struckey.
Perry Station—J. E. Wood.
Perryville—O. C. Crow.
Robstown Circuit—J. F. Morgan.
San Benito—J. F. Simpson.
Station—A. N. James.
St. Louis Circuit—A. M. Foster.
District Commissioner of Education—S. B. Beall.
Conference Sunday School Field Secretary—A. E. Rector.
Conference Missionary Secretary—S. B. Beall.

CUERO DISTRICT.

A. W. Wilson, Presiding Elder.
Cuero Station—J. W. Albritten.
Edna Station—M. L. Darby.
El Campo—R. A. Rowland.
Genado and Louise—E. G. Hocutt.
Gollad and Fannin—W. A. Dunn.
Hallettsville—D. A. Williams.
Laveria Circuit—W. L. Brandon.
Madill Circuit—H. S. Goodenough.
Nixon Station—F. M. Jackson.
Nevada Circuit—A. Guyon.
Palacios—B. A. Myers.
Pondora Circuit—F. J. Edgar.
Port Lavaca Circuit—N. W. Carter.
President City Circuit—L. U. Spellman.
Rome Station—J. M. Lynn.
Sadrift Circuit—J. D. Worrell.
Sudley Circuit—H. B. Owen.
Stockdale Circuit—R. G. Plummer.
Victoria Station—W. Frutcheff.
Victoria Mission—C. M. Dunseth, supply.
Vookum Station—J. T. Curry.
District Commissioner of Education—J. T. Curry.

LAMAPASAS DISTRICT.

J. W. Cowan, Presiding Elder.
Bertram—C. W. Rylander.
Burnet—J. P. Garrett.
Center City—J. R. Robinson.
Cherokee—C. L. McDonald, and one to be supplied.
Fredonia—J. P. Watson.
Goldthwaite—J. G. Forester; J. T. Weems, supernumerary.
Johnson City—R. L. Pyle.
Kempner—Geo. G. Smith.
Lampasas—N. B. Read.
Llano Station—J. F. Lawlis.
Llano Circuit—To be supplied.
Lometa—E. A. Hunter.
Mason—J. T. Tracy.
Marble Falls—N. G. Ozment.
Mullen—R. A. Locks, supply.
Richland Springs Circuit—W. L. Wall.
San Saba Station—Z. V. Liles.
San Saba Circuit—J. D. Farmer, supply.
Star Circuit—Geo. L. Ryan.
Willow City Circuit—G. H. Decherd.
President Cherokee Junior College—C. L. McDonald.
Agent Superannuate Home—H. E. Draper.
Agent Cherokee Junior College—J. D. Dorsey.
District Commissioner of Education—Z. V. Liles.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT.

F. B. Buchanan, Presiding Elder.
Brady Station—I. T. Morris; J. T. H. Miller, junior preacher.
Ed. Lake Circuit—Homer Miller.
Egan Circuit—W. D. Williamson.
Florador and Christoval—To be supplied.
Fola Circuit—To be supplied.
Junction Circuit—John C. Campbell.
Menard Circuit—J. A. Boatman.
Midland Station—J. M. Perry.
Miles Station—C. W. Hardon.
Orona Station—A. T. White.
Point Rock Circuit—R. S. Adair.
Rochelle Circuit—G. H. Hill.
San Angelo, First Church—Joe F. Webb.
Chadbourne Street—Geo. L. Keever.
Sherwood Circuit—Walter Dibrell.
Sonora Station—J. H. Maxwell.
Sterling City Circuit—J. D. McWhorter.
Water Valley Circuit—Milton F. Hill.
District Commissioner of Education—J. M. Perry.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.

J. H. Groseclose, Presiding Elder.
San Antonio—Alamo—H. M. Ratliff.
Alamo Heights—J. N. Rentfro.
Englewood—Lewis McVea.
Government Hill—L. Batchelor.
Laurel Heights—O. T. Cooper.
Los Angeles Heights and Palm Heights—To be supplied.
McKinley Avenue—Gaston Hartsfield.
Prospect Hill—C. Pugsley.
San Antonio Circuit—J. D. Scott.
South Heights—J. W. Rowland.
Travis Park—C. W. Webdell.
West End—C. M. Rabe.
Eandera and Medina City—R. A. Waltrip.
Boerne—H. W. Bennett.
Center Point—J. H. Meredith.
Jourdanton—W. N. McKinney.
Kerrville—S. W. Kemerer.
Pleasanton—L. E. Beoth.
Patet—W. F. Weeks.
President San Antonio Female College—J. E. Harrison.
Missionary Texas-Mexican Mission—J. A. Phillips.
Editor Texas Christian Advocate—W. D. Bradford.
District Commissioner of Education—C. M. Rabe.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT.

Thomas Gregory, Presiding Elder.
Belmont Circuit—R. E. Parker.
Blanco Circuit—L. A. Alkire.
Dopping Springs—O. M. Cole.
Gonzales Station—L. C. Matthis.
Harwood Circuit—Gilbert McLean, supply.
Kyle and Buda—J. A. Pledger.
Lytle Springs—J. R. Goodlow.
Lylesville Circuit—J. C. Winkle.
Lockhart Station—A. L. Scarborough.
Luling Station—Robert Paine.
Manchaca—W. A. Hart.
Martindale Circuit—H. P. Morton.
San Marcos Station—D. E. Hawk.
Segin Station—J. F. Pennybaker.
Stables Circuit—W. L. Hightower.
Welder and Thompsonville—J. T. King.
President Central Institute—Sterling Fisher.
Professor in Coronal Institute—C. A. Campbell.
Business Manager Coronal Institute—J. W. Shoemaker.
District Commissioner of Education—L. C. Matthis.

UVALDE DISTRICT.

S. B. Johnston, Presiding Elder.
Asherton Circuit—D. D. Wardick, supply.
Batesville Circuit—T. S. Randall, supply.
Carrizo Springs Circuit—M. Williamson.
Cotulla Station—J. W. Long.
Cotulla City—W. W. Nunn.
De Rio Station—E. E. Swanson.
Devine—C. E. Wheat.
Dilley Circuit—R. S. Pierce.
Eagle Pass Station—A. B. Davidson.
Fowlerton—John M. McKay, supply.
Hondo—M. Alexander.
Laredo—W. L. Barr.
Lytle—A. T. Cooke.
Moore—W. G. Callihan.
Pearsall Station—O. F. Hatfield.
Rock Springs Circuit—L. W. Walker.
Sabinal Station—J. E. Buck.
Utopia Station—S. M. Hill.
Uvalde Station—G. M. Boyd.
Yancey—E. H. Crandall.
District Commissioner of Education—A. B. Davidson.
Conference Secretary of Education—G. M. Boyd.

TRANSFERRED—Lee A. Clark, to Central Texas Conference; R. H. Oharr, to Los Angeles Conference; C. B. Cross, to North Texas Conference; W. N. Vernon, to North Texas Conference; Chas. H. Doak, to Texas Conference; J. W. Hill, to North Texas Conference; Will S. Boyd, to Northwest Texas Conference; A. J. Weeks, to Northwest Texas Conference; W. F. Packard, to New Mexico Conference.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

H. G. H.
The sale of the Epworth-by-the-Sea Encampment grounds was confirmed by unanimous vote of conference.
Some of the brethren forget to mention in their reports the help rendered them by the Church Extension Board.
The West Texas is the only conference in the Connection making a regular assessment for Washington City Church. Both the Bishop and Agent, McKinney, made strong speeches in interest of Washington City Church.

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Washington City is becoming the great center of the world's political life.—Bishop.
A new day of relationship with Latin-America is coming to the United States.—Bishop.
Mrs. Jackson, of San Angelo, made a most charming speech to the conference pointing out what women were doing in our great Church work. She is a daughter of Horace Bishop, of Central Texas Conference. She declared the women do not want to preach.
Draper, of San Saba, made an eloquent speech in the interest of superannuated preachers' homes.
Very few of the old-timers were present save Williamson, Hill, Horton, and some who have come in later.
Some brother erred when he stated that it was a Presbyterian preacher who first preached in San Angelo. Andrew Jackson Potter was the first pioneer who preached here—and it was in the back room of a saloon at that, and after the sermon a gambler took up a collection for him.
The Federal Building in this city is a beautiful structure, costing \$125,000.
The Chamber of Commerce gave the conference and visitors a fine barbecue.
We have attended conferences in West Texas fifty-seven years but never witnessed nor enjoyed such splendid hospitality as in San Angelo.
This high, healthy Concho country is so far west and so prosperous as to be but slightly affected by the European war or Mexican troubles.
There is room up here for fifty thousand more intelligent and energetic Americans.
How could I fail to vote for Valde as the seat of next conference when I was sent there as a boy preacher—fifty-eight years ago?

CHURCH EXTENSION—WEST TEXAS.
Received from all pastoral charges at present session by districts:
Assessed. Paid.
San Marcos District.....\$ 845.00 \$ 748.00
San Antonio District.....1,095.00 700.00
Cuero District.....975.00 786.00
Beville District.....1,095.00 978.00
San Angelo District.....765.00 549.00
Lampasas District.....865.00 637.00
Austin District.....1,850.00 909.00
Uvalde District.....730.00 658.00
Totals.....\$7,420.00 \$5,966.00
Above includes assessment for Washington City Church. An increase over last year on same assessment of \$588.00.

Financial Statement.
Received on assessment.....\$5,966.00
Received from last year.....588.00
Total.....\$6,024.88
Disbursements.
Washington City Church.....\$ 298.00
Remitted to General Board.....2,834.00
Donated to Churches and Parsonages.....2,510.00
Expenses of Executive Committee.....17.00
Paid General Board on Brownsville note.....225.00
Printing Minutes.....95.00
Stamps, stationery, etc.....5.00
Total disbursements.....\$5,984.00
Balance on hand.....\$ 40.88
Donations Current Year.
Medina church, San Antonio District.....\$ 135.00
Sporford church, Uvalde District.....100.00
Edenburgh church, Beville District.....100.00
Star church, Lampasas District.....100.00
Moline church, Lampasas District.....75.00
Charlotte church, Uvalde District.....200.00
Mertzon church, San Angelo District.....250.00
Harwood parsonage, San Marcos District.....250.00
Harwood parsonage, San Marcos District (loan).....250.00
Lone Tree church, Cuero District.....100.00
Seadrift church, Cuero District.....100.00
Port O'Connor church, Cuero District.....100.00
Pleasanton church, San Antonio District.....100.00
Bishop parsonage, Beville District.....150.00
Big Wells church, Beville District.....100.00
La Feria church, Beville District.....75.00
Yancey church, Uvalde District.....100.00
South Heights church, San Antonio District.....250.00
Derby church, Uvalde District.....200.00
McCreasville church, Lampasas District.....1,129.00
Total.....\$2,760.00

The General Board has assessed the Conference Board for coming year \$70,200, to which has been added assessment for Washington City Church and apportioned to districts as follows:
San Marcos District.....\$ 840.00
San Antonio District.....1,068.00
Cuero District.....992.00
Beville District.....1,129.00
San Angelo District.....737.00
Lampasas District.....809.00
Austin District.....1,088.00
Uvalde District.....708.00
Total.....\$7,371.00

MARRIED.
CAIN-JAMES.—Married at the residence of the bride's stepfather, Mr. T. D. Garrett, at Burlington, Texas, October 20, 1915. Mr. J. R. B. Cain and Miss Lillian James, Rev. R. O. Wier officiating.
TAYLOR-MOYE.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Jim Taylor and Miss Lee Ora Moye were united in marriage, Rev. Gilbert Irwin officiating.
ADAMS-COOK.—Mr. Ed Adams, of Bucon, and Miss Nettie Cook, of Minerva, Ohio, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Chas. Bilderback, Rev. Gilbert Irwin officiating.

Annual Conferences
BISHOP MCCOY.
Northwest Texas, Clarendon.....Nov. 3
Texas, Longview.....Nov. 10
Central Texas, Corsicana.....Nov. 24
North Texas, Bonham.....Dec. 1
BISHOP MURRAH.
West Oklahoma, Altus.....Nov. 3
East Oklahoma, Muskogee.....Nov. 10
NORTHWEST TEXAS
Presiding Elders Northwest Texas Conference. The presiding elders of the Northwest Texas Conference will meet at the Methodist Church in Clarendon Tuesday, November 2, 1915, at 2 p. m.
Class of Fourth Year. The committee and class of fourth year will meet at the Methodist Church, Clarendon, Tuesday of conference week, Nov. 2, 2 p. m.
Class For Admission. Please announce that the class for admission will meet the committee at the Methodist Church, 2 p. m., Tuesday, November 2.
Rates to Northwest Texas Conference. The Fort Worth and Denver Railroad has given us rates of one and a third fares for round trip, and I think that the other roads will come in on this. Ask about it a few days ahead of time so agent can find out if he has had no official order.
Third Year—Northwest Texas Conference. This class will meet at the Methodist Church, in Clarendon, Texas, Tuesday morning, November 2, at 9 o'clock. Those who took the work at Georgetown will bring their certificates and sermons.
Class of the First Year. All members of the class of the first year of the Northwest Texas Conference who are to take examination will please meet at the Methodist Church at Clarendon Tuesday, November 2, at 9:30 a. m. Let all members of the class meet at the church at 7:30 p. m. on the same date.
WEST OKLAHOMA
Notice to Presiding Elders. The presiding elders of West Oklahoma Conference are called to meet at Altus, Oklahoma, November 2, 4 p. m. C. F. MITCHELL, Chairman Bible Board.
Class of Fourth Year. The class of the fourth year will meet at the Methodist Church at Altus on November 2 at 3 p. m.
Please announce that the class of the first year will meet Tuesday morning at 8:30, November 2, at Altus, Oklahoma. Anyone having grades from Correspondence School or any other source will please bring them.
Bible Cause. In apportioning collections, please do not forget the importance of the Bible cause. The war has cut the appropriations 20 per cent. Hence the great need.
Admission on Trial. All applicants for admission on trial into the West Oklahoma Conference will please meet the committee at the M. E. Church, South, in Altus, November 2, at 2 p. m.
Attention. The class of the third year, West Oklahoma Annual Conference, will meet at the Methodist Church in Altus, Tuesday, November 2, at 9 o'clock a. m.
The Board of Trustees of Superannuate Homes for the West Oklahoma Conference is called to meet at Altus, Oklahoma, in the Methodist Church building, November 4, at 2 o'clock p. m.
Class of the Second Year. The committee and class of the second year, West Oklahoma Conference, are called to meet in the church at Altus at 5 p. m., Tuesday, November 2. We must meet on time class whether you are to be examined or not. Meet the committee at this time.
Announcement. Dr. W. F. McMurry will spend Thursday with us at our conference. He can only give us one day. We have arranged for him to deliver an address Thursday night. I hope every member of our Board will be present, especially the laymen.
Be sure and hear him.
To the Preachers of the West Oklahoma Conference. Please notice rule No. 9 in the last Conference Minutes. Please have your reports ready for the first day of Conference. You are requested to fill out the report and leave the remainder blank, so if there are mistakes we can correct them.
West Oklahoma Conference Notice. The Frisco Railroad will furnish us one or two extra coaches for the trip to the Annual Conference on the regular train, which leaves Oklahoma City at 9 a. m., Tuesday, November 2, and reaches Altus at 4 p. m. Let every one who will go on that train notify me at once so arrangements may be completed Monday for ample accommodations.
Class of the Second Year. All that have finished the course of study, either through the Correspondence School, or at Sulphur, please let me know at once. All this claim and ought to be paid. At Altus, either in part or the whole course, let me know

at once. If you are going to be examined on part of the course, please let me know what book or books, as the work has been apportioned to the different members of the examining committees, and they must be notified. You may either mail me your sermon next week or take it with you to conference.
I. W. ARMSTRONG, Chairman Ex. Com. Second Year.
Teller's Notice—West Oklahoma Conference. Dear Brother Pastors.—Teller's office will be opened in the church at Altus promptly at 9 a. m., Tuesday, November 2, and remain open morning and afternoon till Thursday at 4 p. m. All see me the first day you can and help me alter the work along. You will have to settle with me before you can report to the Statistical Secretaries.
Please send me all the money you can before October 25. Do not mail letters to me containing checks after the 25th, as they may have to be forwarded. When you come to the Teller's table to settle at Conference, please make out a report blank for the amount you are to pay at that time—not what you have paid during the year. Have that and will have statement showing same. By close attention to these details you will greatly facilitate my work and yours, and will greatly oblige. Your servant and brother,
W. L. ANDERSON, Teller.
EAST OKLAHOMA
Let all the pastors of McAlester District have their reports ready to hand in on the morning of November 10, at the first session.
Class Third Year, East Oklahoma Conference. All those in the class of the third year, East Oklahoma Conference, who have not completed their examinations are requested to meet the committee in St. Paul's Church, Muskogee, at 2 p. m., Tuesday, November 9.
Class For Admission. Please announce that the class for admission will meet the committee at St. Paul's Church, 2:00 p. m., Tuesday, Nov. 9.
Notice, East Oklahoma Conference. All preachers who are intending to bring their wives to conference, please notify me at once and greatly oblige.
First Year Class. The class of the first year, East Oklahoma Conference, will meet at the St. Paul's Methodist Church, Muskogee, Tuesday, November 9, at 2:30 p. m. It is important that each member of the class be present at this hour.
Third Year Class, Texas Conference. The committee and class of the third year, Texas Conference, will meet in the Baraca Room of Kelly Memorial Methodist Church in Longview, Tuesday morning, November 9, at 8:30 o'clock. Be prompt, everybody.
Board of Missions. The Board of Missions of the Texas Conference will meet in Longview Tuesday night, November 9, at 7 o'clock, at the place to be announced by the pastor, Brother Flinn. Get his announcement.
Let each man now serving a charge which has this year received an appropriation from this Board have his report in the hands of Brother W. H. Crum before this meeting. The presiding elder, Watson, or "Tiger's" Constitution History," the writer, on "Logic and Ethics."
Fourth Year Class. The class and committee of the fourth year will meet at Longview, Texas, in the Baraca Hall, adjoining the Methodist Church, on Tuesday, November 9, at 9 a. m.
Attention. Rev. J. B. Turrentine will examine on "Fisher's History of the Christian Church;" E. L. Ingram, on "Grounds of Theistic Belief;" D. Watson, on "Tiger's Constitution History;" the writer, on "Logic and Ethics."
To the Conference Claimants of the Texas Conference. We are anxious to have the correct address of every claimant of the Texas Conference and of the superannuates and widows of Methodist preachers of that conference, whether they are claimants or not. Please send me your address, at Carthage, Texas, at once. Pastors will please take notice and see that the claimant or charge does this at once, or you do it for them. Remember, also, that it is your duty to see that they are properly represented before the Joint Board of Finance.
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To Members Texas Conference. I am mailing to each member of our conference a card stating our needs for the cause of education. Last year there was considerable shortage for this cause, even more than the proportionate share of the shortage on all collections. We now have a different condition, for cotton is bringing 100 per cent more than it did last year, and there is a general condition of financial prosperity that did not then exist. All of our schools opened with large student numbers and our new Southern Methodist University at Dallas went far above the target those that had most sanguine expectations for its beginning. We must meet the demands upon us or suffer the consequences, which would mean disaster. Our assessment is about 25 cents per member for this claim and ought to be paid. At Altus, let me urge you to look carefully after

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BUCKHANAN—Tommy Clarence Buckhanan, son of Brother T. C. Buckhanan, was born October 29, 1897; died October 9, 1915. Little Clarence was a young child, regular in his class at Sunday School, quick to respond to all questions with an intellect that bid fair to make a great man. We all miss him, but our loss is heaven's gain. God has transplanted this precious jewel. May the dear angels who will comfort and bless the bereaved ones in this hour of grief. J. T. TISDALE.

BATEMAN—Anna Gabriel Bateman (nee Tisdale) was born October 23, 1894, in Red River County, Texas. She was baptized in infancy, professed religion in her fourteenth year and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Lydia, Texas. Was married to R. E. Bateman October 18, 1914. Died September 17, 1915. Anna was a servant of the living God. She was compensated for her labors; her fruits abide in the richness of her influence. The Lord and her friends knew of her love for God and his cause. Her life through life was service to God. It was impossible for anyone who knew Anna not to love her. She leaves a host of friends. She was born, lived and died in the same community. She needs no testimony of mine. A noble woman has fallen.

HER FATHER.

COPELAND—Noble Rath, the infant son of J. E. and Lillie Copeland, was born April 23, 1915 died October 14, 1915. Noble only was permitted to be with us for five months and twenty days, but long enough to have gotten hold of the very heartstrings of all who knew him. With his fine strong and pleasant ways he plays and enjoys the few short days that God spared him to us. While we think of that, and that alone, our hearts are sad. But we turn our eyes from the home in which he lived and from old Bethel Cemetery, where his little body was laid to rest, until the resurrection morn when Christ said the place for little children, and there we see him safe in the arms of the Savior who died that he and us should have life and have it more abundantly. Weep not, dear ones, at those who have no more, but look forward with a steadfast hope to the day when we, too, shall be like him. Trust in him who doeth all things well. His pastor, W. W. THOMAS. Garry, Texas.

HAMILTON—Theodore Alexander Hamilton was born in Collin County, Texas, April 10, 1885; moved to Denton County, near Aubrey, when three years old. His father died when he was six years old and his mother died when he was sixteen, and he lived with his Uncle James Key until he was twelve. He was converted at Rock Spring camp ground in August, 1897, under the ministry of Rev. Geo. S. Gatewood, and joined the M. E. Church, South. He was married to Katie Godwin December, 1898. Of this union six children were born. His wife died in 1913, the children succeeding him to the better home. He served as steward of Sunday School superintendent for thirty-five years. He died in Fort Worth July 30, 1915, aged sixty years, two months and twenty days. He was buried in Garry, Texas, by the side of his wife and boys. He leaves three girls—Lena Hamilton, Mrs. Mary Powell and Virgil Hamilton—all good Christian women. May they be faithful and make an unbroken family in heaven. Farewell, Alex, until we meet where parting will be no more. His uncle, A. C. KEY. Abord, Texas.

McCAMPBELL—Aunt Paralee McCampbell was born in DeKalb County, Alabama, October 20, 1833, and went home to God October 15, 1915, from Hazel Dell, Comanche County, Texas. She was converted in early childhood, joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. After moving to Hazel Dell she joined the Methodist Church, and lived a consistent Christian until her departure. Hers was truly a life of self-denial laboring more for the advancement of others than for herself. We know that the world is better because Aunt Paralee has lived in it. To her the path of duty was the path to God, and to walk in it was her chief delight. To know her was to love her, for the simplicity and purity of her life soon became a friendship and love to all who knew her. But she was gone, the angel of death has stopped the pendulum that once vibrated in her bosom, and we rejoice to know that her soul rests in the paradise of God. Though her body is held in the strong embrace of death, and the darkness of the tomb is around her, we have the assurance that the Christ who whispered peace to the troubled waters of Galilee has whispered peace to her soul, and that her tired eyes have opened on the beauties of eternal spring in the paradise of God. T. G. STORY, P. C.

WEAVER—Martha Elizabeth Weaver (nee Dooly) was born at Bowie, Texas, April 1, 1887, and died at Wichita Falls, Texas, May 15, 1915. She moved with her father's family to Oklahoma in 1901, where she was married to Mr. Melville Weaver June 22, 1910. To this union was born one child, and a bright, beautiful little son he is, Matt, as we called her, was converted when but a child and united with the Church of her fathers, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. She was the niece of Prof. William and Dr. Thos. J. Dodd, long time professors in Vanderbilt University. She was highly intelligent, self-denying and thoroughly consecrated to her loved ones, her Church and her Lord. Having suffered for more than three years before her death she was never heard to murmur or complain at her sufferings, and when the time of her departure approached, her faith being well founded, she took her leave of this life with confidence and assurance that a better life awaited her beyond. We grieve that she was taken so soon and so young, but they who live best live longest. The lives she has touched are better, the hearts she has cheered are happier, and the souls she inspired are braver and purer than had she not lived in the world. Sunshine and blessing always followed in her presence. Let us not be grieved that she is gone, but grateful that God gave her to us for a while, and strive to meet her where there is no parting. Blessing on her bereaved husband, her little boy, her self-denying mother and all the relatives. W. N. VERNON.

CLARK—Sarah Elizabeth Clark (nee Dickerson) was born in Attala County, Mississippi, April 8, 1849; was married to W. C. Clark June 4, 1868. To this union were born five children—J. W. Clark, Abilene, J. A. Clark, Fort Worth; R. H. Clark, Abilene; Mrs. C. H. Mancil, Rochester, and Mrs. A. J. Stem, Abilene, in whose home Sister Clark spent her last days. She was converted August, 1869, and joined the M. E. Church, South. Her suavity of manners, her sweetness of disposition, her soundness of judgment and her unflinching courage made her her husband's wisest counselor, trust friend and strongest anchor amid the storms of life. Her whole life was such that every life that touched hers was made stronger and happier thereby. She was blind and almost deaf for most three years, but was never heard to murmur or complain, but said I am just waiting my Father's call. The call came September 11, 1915, and in the presence of the loved ones and many neighbors and friends. The funeral services were conducted Monday morning at 10 o'clock and the remains were shipped Monday night over the 11:12 Texas & Pacific, for burial at Crowley, Texas, where many of her old-time friends and loved ones witnessed the interment. May God's richest blessings rest upon the husband and all her children.

R. E. L. STUTTS, P. C.

WINFREY—Sarah Caroline Winfrey (nee Knowles) was born in Fayette County, Georgia, April 30, 1832. Was converted in early childhood and joined the Methodist Church in which she lived a consistent and useful life until her death, which occurred September 8, 1915, at the home of her son, Henry Winfrey, at Charlie, Texas. She was married in 1848 to John B. Winfrey, in Floyd County, Georgia. To this union were born seven children. Of these, three sons survive her. She came to Texas in 1878 and she and her family have had much to do with the building up of the cause which was so dear to her heart. "Grandma" Winfrey was loved by her pastor and every one else who knew her, for to know her was to love her. She was one of the sweetest-spirited souls I ever met, and it was indeed a blessing to hear her recount her past experiences. At the time of her death she was eighty-three years, four months and eight days old, and up until a few days prior to her death was hale and hearty and was a regular attendant upon the services of her Church. We had her body to rest in the Iowa Park Cemetery, beneath a profusion of flowers. Her presence is gone out from us, but her influence will be with us for good for years to come and will bear fruit to the glory of God. May He who doeth all things well comfort and bless the bereaved in this hour of affliction. Her pastor, W. E. BARBEREE.

SNEED—Mary Eliza Sneed was born at Lucas, Texas, August 14, 1868. At the age of fifteen years she was converted and joined the Corinth Presbyterian Church. Her marriage she joined the St. Paul Methodist Church with her husband. She was married November 8, 1888, to J. G. Hedrick. To this union were born seven children, four having died in infancy. Her three surviving children are: Mrs. E. O. Hill, of De Witt, Nebraska; Mrs. Ruth Moore, of Butler, Oklahoma; and Robert Hedrick, a ministerial student in the Methodist College at Chardon, Texas. She was an obedient daughter, a gentle, loving sister, a faithful wife and a mother whose children call her blessed. She departed this life August 20, 1915, at the home of her son, J. G. Hedrick, in De Witt, Nebraska, being 47 years and 15 days old. All these years she has been a faithful Church and Sunday School worker. Some of the happiest moments of her life were when she was teaching her Sunday School class and entertaining her pastor in her home. During the last months of her life she suffered a great deal, but never questioned the goodness of God nor allowed her faith to wane. She is now in the homeland of the soul, where she suffers and sorrows find no place and where the weary pilgrims rest. Her loving husband and children know where to find her, and may a kind heavenly Father lead them to that goodly land. A sister, MRS. DALLAS PHARR.

CHAMBLISS—On July 16, 1915, the spirit of Mrs. Mollie Chambliss (nee Asburn) took its flight from this world of cares and sorrows to its immortal home beyond this vale of tears. Mrs. Chambliss was born January 17, 1856, in Robinson County, Tennessee. She joined the Methodist Church at the age of 17, the time of which she was a consistent member until the time of her death. She was married to T. W. Chambliss in July, 1876. Mr. Chambliss preceded her in May of last year. To this union were born nine children, as follows: Milton Richard, of E. W. Lee, C. A., C. D. and D. W. Chambliss; Mrs. E. Lee Rice; Mrs. Gertie Holley and Miss Florence Chambliss; eight of whom are left to mourn the loss of a dear mother, Milton Richard having died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Chambliss came to Hunt County in 1888, and at the time of her death was residing in the Bethel community, five miles south of Greenville. Interment was had in the Bethel Cemetery, by the side of her husband August 1. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. R. McLaughlin, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. H. T. Money, of the Baptist Church, at which the remains were laid to rest in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends, to await the coming of the resurrection of the dead. Mrs. Chambliss was a devoted mother and a good, Christian woman, always ready and willing that she could to help others. A FRIEND.

BROOKS—James Sanders Brooks was born April 17, 1868; died in peace at Halesboro, Texas, September 10, 1915. Was sick only five days. Brother Brooks was most happily married to Miss Viola Allen November 18, 1896, and God blessed this happy union with seven children, five girls and two boys. Well did the old prophet say, "I will stand upon my watch." What a striking illustration of this text was the sudden and unexpected death of this good brother, yet his summons found him ready, having been a member of the M. E. Church, South, from his early youth. Just in the prime of life and usefulness, having such a happy family for which to live and labor, with all so near needed in our little Church at Halesboro. May the Lord help us all to say with Job, "The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord." The dark cloud has a silver lining and we shall see it some day. We really cannot realize it at the time, but as a matter of fact our heavenly Father has only one purpose in view in all cases of this kind, and that is to get us all, both parents and children, to the heavenly home. It was my good fortune to know James Brooks in his early youth, and a great help he was to his pastor, being a regular attendant at Church and Sunday School, always ready to do his part and ready to help all who needed help. We all do miss him so much, but we comfort ourselves with the thought that we shall meet him at the beautiful gate when we get there. He left a son in his teens and we confidently expect him to fill his father's place in every respect. W. W. GRAHAM. Clarksville, Texas.

POWELL—Cornelia Lavinia Powell, the daughter of Harris and Sarah Jane Powell, was born in Middle Tennessee December 16, 1855. She was converted one January night at the fireplace, after her father, mother, brother and sister. She was married when her sixteenth year. This experience she never ceased to tell. She united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and lived true to its vows until death, which came March 28, 1915, at 4 p. m. Her life since her conversion had been spent in preparing for this hour. It was not alone no afraid. Mother's death was heroic, sublime, triumphant. Her sufferings were little known, but her faith and patience were an example to us all who were present with her. She was a close student of the Bible and a woman of prayer. In my nineteenth year she during a protracted meeting led me to the altar where I was happily converted. Now she is enjoying the fullness of God. I expect to meet her in the city of our God. In her girlhood her parents moved to Sebastian County, Arkansas, near Spring Hill. There she grew to young womanhood and married Thaddeus H. Templeton on October 10, 1880. To this union two children were born. Her husband and daughter preceded her in death by twenty-nine years. Her life was a life of hardships, but God was always her comfort and strength. Her desire was to die in a Methodist Circuit parsonage, but she was denied this. She died at the home of two of her sisters at Bokoshe, Oklahoma, and is buried in Old Bokoshe Cemetery. My heart is sad, but her life and influence abides still. Her pastor, ROBERT M. TEMPLETON.

TAYLOR—Rev. Jesse Kavanaugh Taylor, son of Rev. Thos. J. and Amanda J. Taylor, was born June 28, 1884. He died September 27, 1915, at his home at Ochiltree, Texas, June 13, 1909, to Miss Kate Elliott. His wife and two small boys survive him. Brother Taylor was converted and joined the Church in early childhood, and having been born and reared in a consecrated Methodist home he had caught the spirit of his great Church and was giving his all to the extension of Christ's kingdom. To the Sunday School he gave very efficient and helpful service as a teacher of a class of boys. Under his leadership and instruction they had become the "hammer class" of our school, and it was a touching and inspiring sight as they marched immediately behind the hearse out to the last resting place of their fallen leader. Brother Taylor had served during the past year as President of the Epworth League, and under his wise leadership success in numbers, grace and good works until it has become one of the mightiest arms of the Church. He was licensed to preach May 15, 1915, at Bellevue, Texas, and also recommended by the same District Conference for admission to the "hammer class" of our school. In his ministry, studying hard at nights and preaching on Sundays. He preached at Denny on the Sunday prior to his death. I have never witnessed anything so beautiful as the sweet, potent spirit manifested by this young life, who had and but to see him gradually slipping away, but O it was so beautiful to see him so surrendered to the will of God. He wanted to live for the sake of his loved ones and the good he might do; but when he knew he must go his spirit was bowed in perfect submission to his Father's will. In his last hours he sang, "It Is Well With My Soul," and spoke many words to those who visited him that will cheer us and bear us up to the place where we will find him. The pastor, assisted by Revs. E. L. Morris, C. C. Davis, M. P. Hines, E. L. Bonner and G. B. Irwin, conducted his funeral services. He rests from his labors and his works follow him. He died in the faith of Christ and left a rich legacy to his surviving wife and children, not in silver and gold, but in a good influence worthy of emulation, a character, unwavering faith in God and living hope of a blessed immortality. His pastor, W. E. BARBEREE.

REV. L. G. ROGERS. Rev. Leonidas Gideon Rogers, the son of Mark W. Rogers, was born in White County, Illinois, January 27, 1848. His father died when he was only five years old. His mother moved at once to Weakley County, Tennessee, hence Brother Rogers always spoke of Tennessee as his native State. He was reared to manhood by his mother, a woman of great piety, and by his grandfather, the Rev. M. F. Mitchell. His early education was obtained in private schools, as there was no public school in his day. He and his mother had a trying struggle to pay for a home and at the same time to secure for him and the other children a proper education. He was converted in the Hopewell Church in the summer of 1866, and at once united with the M. E. Church, South. He went the next year to a school at Fulton, Kentucky, and in November, 1874, was admitted on trial into the Memphis Conference, Bishop Paine presiding. He was transferred to the White River Conference. He was ordained deacon at Searcy, Arkansas, in 1878, by Bishop Doggett. He was ordained elder by Bishop McTyeire December 11, 1881. We have no data as to the charges he served in the Memphis Conference, the summer of 1882 he moved to Texas, and that fall was transferred to the old Northwest Texas Conference. In this Conference he served the following charges: Groesbeck, 1883; Dresden, 1884; Burnet, 1885; East Waco, 1886; Wheatland, 1887; Abilene, 1888; Rice, 1889; Vernon Circuit, 1890-91; Harrold, 1892-93; Vernon Mission, 1894; Crowell, 1895-96; Throckmorton, 1897-98; Farmer, 1899-1900; Ebasville, 1901; supernumerary, 1902-1905; Milsap, 1906; supernumerary, 1907-08; Peaster, 1909. He was supernumerary in 1910. In 1914 he served the Mincola Mission and did not miss an appointment all the year. In 1902 he moved his family to Weatherford, Texas, where he maintained a home until 1914. He moved to Strawn, Texas, in the summer of 1915 and on September 21 he died, after an illness of only a few hours. His body was laid to rest at Weatherford, Texas, beside that of his old mother. His funeral was conducted by Rev. Chas. W. Wilkins, of Mincola; Rev. Chas. W. Wilkins, of Strawn; and Rev. R. F. Ford, of Weatherford. He is survived by a brother, Wesley N. Rogers, of McConnell, Tennessee; by his wife and two youngest sons, Ralph and Lewis, of Strawn; two daughters, Ethel and Annie, of Mineral Wells, and three sons, Leon W. Wilmot, P. and William M., of Dallas, Texas. He was married to Miss Lula Ella Polk, daughter of Thomas M. Polk, cousin of President Polk, April 21, 1882, at Forest City, Arkansas. These facts briefly retell the earthly career of one of God's faithful servants, whose L. G. Rogers died the Central Texas Conference lost a good and useful member and another heroic superannuate was transferred to the skies. Brother Rogers was a devoted husband. His love for his gifted and loyal wife was beautiful and his end was a tender. He was a good father. He was always firm and sometimes very strict with his

children, but his kindness surpassed his strictness. He took a great interest in the education of his children and he was able to put most of them through Southwestern University. He was a faithful friend and brother and a useful and helpful pastor. As a preacher he was fervent, conscientious and often spoke in plain and sometimes almost severe words in his condemnation of sin. This brought him censure and sometimes unkind criticism, but he always stood faithfully at his post and never flinched. He had an opportunity to have been a man of ease and comfort, but he chose rather the hard life of a Methodist itinerant. In this choice he was greatly aided by his loyal and devoted wife who went with him uncomplainingly to one hard circuit after another. Brother Rogers did not enjoy good health and was often a great sufferer. This hindered him greatly in his work and several times caused him to take the superannuate relation and finally to superannuate in 1910. Yet he toiled on to the end and never ceased to love the work of a Methodist preacher. His death was especially sad to me. I was converted under his ministry at old Dresden Church, and he baptized me and received me into the Church. I always shook his hand tenderly at conference. I knew him to be a good and useful man, and he leaves behind a noble wife and the memory of a clean and consecrated life. He will not answer roll call at Corsicana. There will be a hush, a moment of silent prayer for the loved one left behind and a word of thanks to God that another life has ended in peace and another of God's faithful saints entered eternal rest! His burdens are now laid aside and the tears and joys of his life are over and he has entered the good home above to receive his reward. Some day in the land of peace and rest we shall see him again. Till then, good-bye, my faithful pastor and friend. Blessings on your memory. We commend his loved ones to the God he so faithfully served and so loyally loved. J. H. STEWART. Brownwood, Texas.

WILSON—Pinkney Wilson was born in Attala County, Mississippi, October 30, 1868. Near midnight, May 18, 1915, his spirit returned to God who gave it. He was a man of God, a devoted pastor and friend. His death was the ultimate cause of his death. For over a month, under the constant care of a physician, he had improved rapidly and was able to walk around, when suddenly, on the afternoon of the 18th, he was taken very unwell and died in the arms of his wife and the loving hands of relatives and friends could do all at midnight. Nearly forty-seven years old, in the prime of life, his was seemingly an untimely death. Only by the assurance of God that he doeth all things well we can reconcile in our manhood the narrow Miss Lula Collins and for twenty-five years they lived happily together, each year bringing more joy and happiness in this marriage relation. Previous to his marriage he was converted and united with the Methodist Church. As most mortals do, he encountered temptations and was often buffeted by the troublesome waves of this world, but by the grace of God he endured hardness as a soldier of Jesus Christ and went home to join the Church triumphant. Though unconscious for several hours before he passed away, he had given ample evidence some days before that his only hope was in God, and this living faith and hope was the polar star that guided him across the dark waste of days and into the harbor of home. They'll never forget that in the last hours before the last time on earth into that calm, peaceful face, we realized as never before what the infinite love and salvation of God meant. This man in whom we delighted to call father, was first of all a man—one of God's soldiers, steady, true, and temperate, patient and forbearing, we who knew his heart-life loved him best. A prince in his home, a neighbor in the higher sense, he was a friend to all he met. His wife and son, Mrs. Lula Wilson and Rev. Gay H. Wilson, of Guiney, Texas, and sister, W. E. Wilson and Mrs. Elie Price, of Cisco, Oklahoma, together with many other relatives, are left to mourn over his going and to await the call of Christ, when we shall see him again, not entrapped in clay, but clothed again with the glory and immortality of God. We laid him to rest in the "silent city" at Athens, Texas, May 20, just as the sun stood highest in the heavens. Glorious symbol of God's great day when the Son of hope shall, with the brightness of heaven, leave the world and ascend to the throne which we sealed. His form is lost to sight for a season, but his memory abides brightly and we look fondly forward to the time when we shall see his resurrected body again—look into his kindly eyes and clasp his hand and tell him of our love. Farewell until we meet at Jesus' feet! HIS SON, Gustine, Texas.

REV. CALEB H. SMITH. Rev. Caleb H. Smith has answered roll call among us the last time. He has joined the Church triumphant. He has bid his kin and many friends and associates in the earthly last good-bye for time, and has clasped hands on the other side with Booth and Finley, Mathis and McAnnally, Smith and Sampey, Thompson and Timmons, and many others, and with them is forever with the Lord. Uncle Caleb was a striking personal type. He was a big, rugged man with an unusually strong frame, grizzled with an iron constitution that the years of an ordinary lifetime could not shake or weaken. He was a man with a big mind. It was a trained mind, trained until it fit to a nicety the conditions of his time, and grasped unerringly and analyzed without mistake the spiritual needs of the sturdy pioneer rural people to whom God sent him. He was a graduate of the school of common sense, and of the university of heaven, being enriched in heavenly knowledge and with the wisdom which is from above. He was a man with a big heart that overflowed its banks with tender sympathy and love for erring humanity, and made him a great soul-winner. His preaching was unique indeed. His was a most peculiar voice, unlike almost any other, yet it pleased all ears. His style of preaching was all his own, and could not be imitated. All-round he was an unusual and most successful preacher and man. Brother Smith was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina, September 14, 1824. He was the son of William and Nancy Harris Smith. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Mt. Carmel camp ground, in the county of his birth, August 18, 1843. Licensed to exhort, 1853, and licensed to preach by Daniel Moore in 1862. Was admitted on trial in East Texas Conference at Carthage in November, 1875. Bishop George F. Pierce presiding. Was ordained deacon by Bishop Wightman at Crockett, 1877, and elder by Bishop McTyeire, 1879, at Palestine. He was active in the work twenty-seven years, and served the following charges: Athens Circuit, four years; Garden Valley, three years; Lindale, two years; Larissa, four years; Troup and Overton, four years; Tyler Circuit, one year; Edom, two years; Canton, two years; Cedar Street and St. Paul, Tyler, two years; Whitehouse, two years. One of his four years on Athens Circuit was as a supply. He approximated the conversions of these itinerant years at about 2000. He was recommended for admission on trial from the bounds of the Tyler District, and every charge he held was in it. Twenty-seven years

in one district, and a full quadrennium each in four of the charges, speak eloquently of his popularity with the masses and his hold on the confidence and affections of the Churches that knew him best. Uncle Caleb was in every sense a true man. Honest in business to his heart's core, true to the Church he loved to the last minute, but the end came and it was peace. If he had lived only twenty-five days more he would have been 91 years of age. We close this chronicle with the following from the Texas Advocate: "His funeral was preached by Rev. J. T. Smith, his presiding elder, being assisted in the service by Rev. Albert Little, and his pastor, Rev. W. A. Pounds. And his weary old body was laid to rest in the old home churchyard, Bascom, six miles east of Tyler, Sunday, August 22. A great concourse, in love and tears, paid tribute to the memory of one who for over ninety years has journeyed in this land and has now gone to his reward. When the roll is called in Lomeview, Uncle Caleb will not answer, for he has joined the conference above. It will not be long at best until we, too, shall enter with him upon that life whose sweep of years is eternal, and all that life is love. Dear old Uncle Caleb is at rest! No more tears, no more sighs, but in that land of light and life we shall see his dear old face some sweet day." J. T. SMITH. Tyler, Texas.

A CURE FOR DISCONTENT.

None are more to be pitied than those who have no resources for amusement within themselves, but constantly require "something going on" or they are utterly unhappy. Such people are found in considerable numbers in vacation resorts, and in many cases they cast gloom over the good times of others because the place is "too quiet" for them. They don't care especially for walking, they have no interest in reading, and they soon tire of sitting in the open air, enjoying the beauties of nature that are round about, with a friend or two for companion. Excitement is what they crave, and without it life is very dull and uninteresting. Now, most of us like energetic play and excitement sometimes; but the man who demands this sort of thing all the time is living a very one-sided life. Of course, these people do not want our pity by any means. They think they know what a good time is much better than we do. Well, perhaps they do. Nevertheless, some of us still think they are missing a good part of the worth while pleasures that all can enjoy if they will. For the sake of those who have to live with us, if for nothing else, let us try and learn to make a "good time" wherever we are.—Zion's Herald.

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TRIBUTE TO DR. N. L. LINEBAUGH

At two preachers' meeting recently held at Holdenville and Shawnee, at which plans were discussed looking to full reports from Holdenville District, East Oklahoma Conference, the following words of appreciative assurance were signed by every pastor in the district and adopted as the sincere expression of as able a body of men as can be found in any district in the Church:

"As pastors in the bounds of the Holdenville District, East Oklahoma Conference, we desire to express our appreciation of the four years' service of our presiding elder, Dr. N. L. Linebaugh. No district in Methodism has had more faithful and efficient service than our district has had during these four years. We have found him to be brotherly and religious, and frank and open in his dealings with both preachers and people, and we have learned to trust his judgment and follow his leadership in all matters pertaining to the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Church. It is with sincere regret that we give him up, and were it not for the law of the Church which prevents his further stay with us, we would ask for his return for an indefinite period. But since he cannot be with us longer in this capacity, we wish to express our desire for his continuous service in the Bishop's Cabinet. His mature judgment and long experience qualify him for yet larger service in the eldership. Without him in this capacity we would as a conference be short of an element of strength which we cannot at this time afford to lose."

(Signed) B. L. WILLIAMS, LUTHER ROBERTS, M. L. SIMS, A. P. JOHNSON, S. H. BABCOCK, W. L. BROOME, D. A. GREGG, J. M. BALL, T. F. ROBERTS, A. T. WINN, J. C. CROWSON, R. M. C. HILL, W. L. FRENCH, C. P. BROOME, W. L. BLACKBURN, L. B. ELLIS, B. F. STEGALL, LUTHER ROBERTS, Cor.

RESOLUTIONS—REV. J. H. STEWART

Whereas, Rev. J. H. Stewart, presiding elder of the Brownwood District, is rounding out his quadrennium on the district, and is holding the last Quarterly Conference for the Bangs charge this conference year; and

Whereas, Brother Stewart has been faithful and untiring in his efforts, proclaiming the Gospel of free salvation to the unsaved, bringing sweet messages of cheer and comfort to pilgrims on the way to the celestial city and ministering to the sick and the distressed as becometh a true follower of our Lord whenever opportunity offered; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Brother Stewart has been a blessing to the Brownwood District; has been a valiant champion of Christianity, a mighty soldier of the cross, loyal to the cause of Methodism, fighting the battles of a Christian in an acceptable manner, winning the good will of men and leading them to Jesus Christ; therefore, be it further

Resolved, That our thanks be extended Bro. Stewart for his unremitting labors among us and that our unanimous wishes be expressed to him in these resolutions that he may find a field in which to labor not ungenial, and that we commend him to those with whom in the future he will be associated and minister unto; that a copy of these resolutions be furnished Brother Stewart, a copy the Bangs Enterprise and Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

A. L. HALL, M. L. GRAVES, W. W. LAYMAN, R. R. POWELL, J. W. SNEAD, JOHN W. BREWER, J. L. PATTERSON, E. B. SIKES, J. C. GIBSON.

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque District—First Round. Grady Cir., Liberty Bell, Oct. 30, 31. Clayton Cir., Creeds Chapel, Nov. 6, 7. San Jon Cir., San Jon, Nov. 13, 14. Logan Cir., Pleasant Valley, Nov. 17. Cuervo Cir., Nob Schoolhouse, Nov. 18. Tucuman, Nov. 20, 21. Carrizozo, Nov. 27, 28. Vaughn Cir., Stanley, Dec. 4, 5. Watrous Cir., Cerrillos, Dec. 8. Melrose Cir., Melrose, Dec. 11, 12. Magdalena, Dec. 18, 19. San Marcial, Dec. 25, 26. Albuquerque, Jan. 1, 2. GEO. H. GIVAN, P. E.

Roswell District—First Round. Sacramento, Oct. 30, 31. Elida, Nov. 7. Rogers, Nov. 13, 14.

Portales, Nov. 17. Lovington, Nov. 20, 21. Emice, Nov. 23. Carlisle, Nov. 24. Clovis Cir., Nov. 27, 28. Clovis Sta., Nov. 28. Texico, Dec. 1. Odessa, Dec. 5. Pecos, Dec. 6. Hagerman, Dec. 11, 12. Lakewood, Dec. 12, 13. Hope, Dec. 18, 19. Artesia, Dec. 19, 20. Roswell, Dec. 26. S. E. ALLISON, P. E.

WEST OKLAHOMA

Ardmore District—Fourth Round. Overbrook, Oct. 30, 31. Ardmore, Oct. 31. Provence, Oct. 31. JNO. D. SALTER, P. E.

Chickasha District—Fourth Round. Terral, at Terral, Oct. 30, 31. Ryan, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Duncan, 10 a. m., Nov. 1. Keworth, Chickasha, 8 p. m., Nov. 1. MOSS WEAVER, P. E.

Lawton District—Special. Lawton, 11 a. m., Sunday, Oct. 31. Snyder (Q. C.), 3 p. m., Sunday, Oct. 31. Snyder, 8 p. m., Sunday, Oct. 31. W. H. ROPER, P. E.

Mangum District—Fourth Round. Mangum Cir., at North Mangum, Oct. 30, 31. Mangum Sta., Nov. 1. Altus Sta., Nov. 2. C. F. MITCHELL, P. E.

McAlester District—Fourth Round. Maudy Cir., Oct. 29. Pittsburg Cir., at Pittsburg, Oct. 30, 31. Kiowa, 5 p. m., Oct. 31. Braden and Pokesha, at Braden, Nov. 5, 6. Spire, 11 a. m., Nov. 7. Pecos, 8 p. m., Nov. 7. J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

Oklahoma City District—Fourth Round. Guthrie, Oct. 31. Perry, Oct. 31. W. M. WILSON, P. E.

TEXAS

Beaumont District—Fourth Round. Beaumont, Oct. 31. Fort Belvoir, 8 p. m., Nov. 1. Woodville, Nov. 6, 7. E. W. SOLOMON, P. E.

Brenham District—Fourth Round. Lyons, at Lyons, Oct. 30, 31. Caldwell, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Somerville, Nov. 6, 7. Brenham, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p. m. S. W. THOMAS, P. E.

Jacksonville District—Fourth Round. Bullard and Mt. Selman, at Bullard, Oct. 31. Irout Sta., Nov. 6, 7. Overton and Arp, at Arp, Nov. 7, 8. A. F. BETH, P. E.

Marlin District—Fourth Round. Fairfield, at Fairfield, Oct. 30, 31. League, Oct. 31, p. m. Leon Sta., at Liberty, Nov. 6. Jewett, at Mulhain, Nov. 7. GEO. W. DAVIS, P. E.

Marshall District—Fourth Round. Harrison Cir., Oct. 30. Marshall, Summit Street, Oct. 31. Marshall, First Church, Nov. 3. Collier Cir., Nov. 6. Collier Sta., Nov. 7. J. B. TURRENTINE, P. E.

Navasota District—Fourth Round. Onalaska, at Onalaska, Oct. 30, 31. Cleveland and Cold Springs, Oct. 31. Porter Springs, at Oakland, Nov. 6, 7. Crockett Sta., Nov. 7. E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round. Douglassville, at Union Chapel, Oct. 30, 31. Naples and Omaha, at Omaha, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. First Church, Texarkana, Nov. 1, night. Hardy Memorial, Nov. 2, night. Pittsburg Sta. (conference), Nov. 5, night. Pittsburg Cir. (preaching), Nov. 7, 11 a. m. Pittsburg Sta. (preaching), Nov. 7, night. O. T. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Timpson District—Fourth Round. Puckett Cir., Longbranch, Sat. and Sun., Oct. 30, 31. Timpson Sta., Sun., Nov. 7. L. B. ELROD, P. E.

Tyler District—Fourth Round. Lindale Cir., at Lindale, Oct. 30, 31. Cedar Street, Oct. 31. Tyler Cir., at Tyler, Nov. 6, 7. Marvin, Nov. 8. I. T. SMITH, P. E.

EAST OKLAHOMA

Holdenville District—Fourth Round. McCloud and Earlsboro, at E., Oct. 30, 31. Wanette, at Wanette, Nov. 6, 7. Shawnee, First Church, Nov. 7, 8. Holdenville Sta., Nov. 13, 14. N. L. LINEBAUGH, P. E.

CENTRAL TEXAS

Brownwood District—Fourth Round. Norton, at Norton, Oct. 30, 31. Ballinger, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Coleman Sta., at Bethel, Nov. 6. Coleman Sta., Nov. 7, 8. Indian Creek, at Indian Creek, Nov. 13, 14. Brownwood Sta., Nov. 20, 21. J. H. STEWART, P. E.

Cleburne District—Fourth Round. Burleson, at E., Oct. 31, Nov. 1, Sunday and Monday. Grandview Cir., at E. V., Saturday, Nov. 6. Grandview Sta., Nov. 7, 8, Sunday and Monday night. Main St., Cleburne, Quarterly Conference, Nov. 16. Anglin St., Cleburne, Quarterly Conference, Nov. 17, preaching Nov. 21. W. W. MOSS, P. E.

Fourth Round—Cisco District. Carbon, at Britton, Oct. 30, 31. Gorman, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Strawn, Nov. 6, 7. Cisco Mission, at Fisher, Nov. 13, 14. Cisco, Nov. 14, 15. E. P. WILLIAMS, P. E.

Corianna District—Fourth Round. Horn Hill, at Forest Glade, Oct. 30, 31. Mexia, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Groesbeck, Nov. 2. Corianna Cir., at Eureka, Nov. 6, 7. Emmett, at McCord, Nov. 13, 14. Frost, Nov. 14, 15. Blooming Grove, Nov. 16. Corianna, First Church, Nov. 21, 22. W. H. MATTHEWS, P. E.

Dublin District—Fifth Round. Harbin and Green's Creek, at H., 2 p. m., Nov. 2. Alexander, at White Chapel, 11 a. m., Nov. 3. Comanche Cir., at C., 2 p. m., Nov. 4. Comanche Mis., at Com., 3 p. m., Nov. 4. Comanche Sta., 7:30 p. m., Nov. 4. Bunyan, at B., 2:30 p. m., Nov. 5. De Leon Sta., at D., 2 p. m., Nov. 9. De Leon Sta., 7:30 p. m., Nov. 9. Duffin, at D., 1 p. m., Nov. 11. Dublin, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 15. Proctor, at Proctor, 11 a. m., Nov. 16. Huckabay, at H., 11 a. m., Nov. 17. S. J. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Fourth Round. Smithfield Cir., at Oak Grove, Oct. 30, 31. Grapevine Cir., at Grapevine, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 31 and 11 a. m., Nov. 1. Central, 11 a. m., Nov. 7. Glenwood, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 7. Mulkey Memorial, 11 a. m., Nov. 14. Polytechnic, 11 a. m., Nov. 21. JOHN R. NELSON, P. E.

Gatesville District—Fourth Round. Copperas Cove, at Copperas Cove, Oct. 30, 31. Nolanville, at Nolanville, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Fairy, at Llanham, Nov. 7. Hamilton Sta., Nov. 7, 8. Killeen Cir., at Buenavista, Nov. 13, 14. Killeen Sta., Nov. 14, 15. S. J. RUCKER, P. E.

Gatesville District—Fifth Round. Turnersville, at T., Nov. 5, 2 p. m. Hamilton Cir., at H., Nov. 8, 2 p. m. Oglesby, at Oglesby, Nov. 10, 10 a. m. McGregor, Nov. 10, 7 p. m. Crawford, at Crawford, Nov. 11, 10 a. m. Moody, Nov. 11, 7 p. m. Cor-H, at Corvell, Nov. 16, 2 p. m. Gatesville Cir., at Winstead, Nov. 18, 2 p. m. S. J. RUCKER, P. E.

Georgetown District—Fourth Round. Holland, at Holland, Oct. 30, 31. Weir, at Weir, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Taylor, Nov. 7, 8. Wagoner, Nov. 14, 15. Georgetown, Nov. 21. T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Hillsboro District—Fourth Round. Lovelace, at Pleasant Hill, Oct. 30, 31. Covington, at Covington, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Itasca, Nov. 7, 8. Line Street, preaching, Nov. 14. First Church, Nov. 21, 22. JNO. M. BARCUS, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Fourth Round. Maypearl, at Buena Vista, Oct. 30, 31. Ovilla, at Sardis, Nov. 6, 7. Ennis, at Ennis, Nov. 13, 14. Waxahachie, at Waxahachie, Nov. 14, 15. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Waco District—Fourth Round. Lorena, at Lorena, Oct. 30, 31. Mount Calm, at Mount Calm, Nov. 6, 7. Fifth Street, Nov. 14, 15. Elm Street, Nov. 17. Aquilla Cir., at Aquilla, Nov. 20, 21. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS

Bonham District—Fourth Round. Petty, at Petty, Oct. 30, 31. Windom, at Windom, Nov. 6, 7. Bonham, Nov. 7. Ravenna, at Mulberry, Nov. 13, 14. C. C. YOUNG, P. E.

Bowie District—Fourth Round. Megargal Mis., Oct. 30, 31. Archer City, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Sunset Cir., Salona, Nov. 6, 7. Crafton Mis., Crafton, Nov. 7, 8. Dundee Mis., Nov. 13, 14. Wichita Falls Sta., Nov. 14, 15. Henrietta Sta., Nov. 20, 21. T. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Dallas District—Fourth Round. First Church, Nov. 24. St. John's, Nov. 25. Grand Prairie, Nov. 27. Cole Avenue, Nov. 28. West Dallas, Nov. 29. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

Decatur District—Fourth Round. Perrin Cir., at Perrin, Oct. 30, 31. Jackboro Sta., Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Bridgeport Mis., at Mt. Zion, Nov. 6, 7. Bridgeport Sta., Nov. 7, 8. Bryan and Spring Creek, at Bryan, Nov. 13, 14. Vineyard Mis., at Berwick, Nov. 14, 15. Decatur Cir., at Oliver Creek, Nov. 20, 21. Decatur Sta., Nov. 21, 22. Chico Cir., at Chico, Nov. 23. Alford Sta., at Alford, Nov. 24. Roanoke and Elizabeth, at E., Nov. 27, 28. S. C. RIDDLE, P. E.

Gainesville District—Fourth Round. Montague Mis., at Montague, Oct. 30, 31. Marysville Cir., at Marysville, Nov. 6, 7. Myra and Hood, at Myra, Nov. 7, 8. Erin and Spring Creek, at Erin, Nov. 10. Sanger Sta., Nov. 13, 14. Valley View Sta., Nov. 14, 15. Rosston Mis., at Gladys, Nov. 20, 21. Denton St. Sta., Nov. 23. Whaley Memorial, Nov. 24. J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Greenville District—Fourth Round. Fairlie Mis., at Olive Branch, Oct. 30, 31. Merit and Lane, at Lane, Nov. 6, 7. Wolfe City Sta., Nov. 14. Celeste Cir., at Celeste, Nov. 20. Celeste Sta., Nov. 20, 21. Wesley Sta., Nov. 28. C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

McKinney District—Fourth Round. Wylie Sta., Sept. 26, 11 a. m.; Quarterly Conference, Nov. 22, 7 p. m. Farmersville Sta., Sept. 26, 7 p. m.; Quarterly Conference Nov. 23, 7 p. m. Allen and Spring Creek, at Allen, Oct. 3, 11 a. m.; Quarterly Conference November 17, 7 p. m. Anna and Melissa, at Anna, Oct. 3, 7 p. m.; Quarterly Conference Nov. 15, 3 p. m. Princeton Cir., at Wilson Chapel, Oct. 9, 10. Celina Sta., Oct. 23, 24. Frisco Sta., Oct. 24, 25. Blue Ridge Cir., at Verona, Oct. 30, 31. Prosper Cir., at Prosper, Nov. 6, 7. Carrollton and F. B., at Carrollton, Nov. 7, 8. Weston Cir., at Weston, Nov. 13, 14. Josephine Cir., at Josephine, Nov. 20, 21. Nevada Sta., Nov. 21, 22. Richardson Cir., at Richardson, Nov. 27, 28. C. W. DENNIS, P. E.

STATE FAIR of TEXAS IS ON AT DALLAS AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL OCTOBER 31 MORE ELABORATE THAN EVER BEFORE SOMETHING TO AMUSE AND EDUCATE EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY Fifteen Hundred United States Soldiers—Infantry, Artillery and Cavalry in daily exhibitions. A realistic representation of war, as it is fought in Europe. ART SMITH, PANAMA-PACIFIC AVIATOR In day and night flights, the latter to the accompaniment of fireworks. Smith recently looped the loop nineteen times in succession. He will give the classiest exhibition of flying ever seen in the South. FOOTBALL BETTER BABIES CONVENTION Six hundred Texas babies under auspices of the Child Welfare Division of the University of Texas. Educational lectures and demonstrations daily on diet, hygiene, etc. MADE-IN-TEXAS EXHIBIT EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT LIVE STOCK SHOW AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT AUTOMOBILE SHOW CONCRETE-ON-FARM EXHIBIT AND DEMONSTRATION BAND MUSIC GALORE Scotch Highlander Band, forty musicians; Ewing's Zouave Band in concert and exhibition drills; Jamison Concert Band, forty musicians; Paul Harris Concert Band, forty musicians; two United States Army Bands. THE COLISEUM ATTRACTIONS Have been selected from the best talent in the country. Daily entertainments, vocal and instrumental music. There will be something doing every hour and minute of the sixteen days. Don't miss the greatest of all Texas fairs. POPULAR RAILROAD RATES FROM ALL POINTS IN THE SOUTHWEST Round-trip rates for the entire Fair, special three-day rates and the usual holiday rates. DON'T FAIL TO VISIT THE FAIR W. H. STRATTON, Secretary W. I. YOPP, President

Paris District—Fourth Round. Centenary, Oct. 10, 8 p. m.; Quarterly Conference, Nov. 22, 8 p. m. Emberson Cir., at Mt. Tabor, Oct. 23, 24. Pattonville Cir., at Milton, Oct. 24, 25. Woodland Cir., at Kanawha, Oct. 30, 31. Detroit, at Detroit, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Clarksville Cir., at Liberty, Nov. 6, 7. McKenzie Cir., at Bethel, Nov. 7, 8. Bogata Cir., at B., Nov. 13, 14. Avery Cir., at Lydia, Nov. 20, 21. W. F. BRYAN, P. E.

Sherman District—Fourth Round. Pilot Grove, at Pilot Grove, Oct. 30, 31. Pottshoro and Preston, at Preston, Nov. 6, 7. Sadler and Gordonville, at Sadler, Nov. 7, 8. Sherman Cir., at Friendship, Nov. 13, 14. Van Alstyne Sta., Nov. 14, 15. Howe Cir., at Howe, Nov. 20, 21. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round. Saltito and Weaver, at Weaver, Oct. 30, 31. Mt. Vernon Sta., Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Vernon Gap and Ben Franklin, at B. F., Nov. 6, 7. Lake Creek, at Enloe, Nov. 7. Klondike, at Good's Chapel, Nov. 13, 14. Reily Springs, at Shook's Chapel, Nov. 17. Yowell, at Pecan, Nov. 20, 21. Sulphur Bluff, Nov. 24. Wimsboro Sta., Nov. 27, 28, 29. Brashear, at Brashear, Nov. 28, 29. R. C. HICKS, P. E.

Terrill District—Fourth Round. Kemp and Becker, at Becker, Oct. 30, 31. Elmo Mis., at Elmo, Nov. 6, 7. Searcy Cir., at Warsaw, Nov. 13, 14. Kaufman Sta., 8 p. m., Nov. 14. Chisholm Cir., at Chisholm, Nov. 20, 21. Garland Sta., Nov. 21, 22. Hutches and Wilmer, at Hutchins, Nov. 27, 28. Lanesboro Sta., 11 a. m., Nov. 28. F. I. EGGER, P. E.

DENVER Saguache, Oct. 31. Cedar Hill, Nov. 4. Flora Vista, Nov. 5. Farmington, Nov. 7. Artec, Nov. 7 (night). Beulah, Nov. 14. Gardner, Nov. 21. Pueblo, Nov. 28. ROBERT E. DICKENSON, P. E. 1708 E. 16th Ave., Denver, Col. Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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PERSONALS

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Lutheran Church, and adopted unanimously by the Ministerial Association of Galveston. The paper was signed by President O. E. Goddard and Secretary J. L. Dickens. The Advocate rejoices in the success of Brother Sherrell, and the scores of others upon whom ringing resolutions are being unanimously passed.

Rev. Geo. H. Givan, presiding elder Albuquerque District, says: "As I go over the Albuquerque District the first round, I desire to send a few notes from each charge in the district, and as I begin with Gallup, I am sending herewith a few lines concerning this place and our work here." Bro. Givan starts off well and we hope the district will have a good year.

Rev. A. A. Wagnon, pastor of McKee and Trinity Churches at Houston, together with his wife, son and daughter, met with serious accident in that city Tuesday, when their automobile was struck by a street car. It was feared that Mrs. Wagnon and daughter, Lola, aged thirteen, are internally injured. Rev. Wagnon and son, Bentley, were only slightly hurt.

Mrs. C. A. Hooper, of El Paso, Texas, who is the widow of the lamented Rev. Chas. A. Hooper, of the Texas Conference, was among the visitors in Dallas last week. The Advocate sanctum was gladdened by a visit from her. She is superintendent of the Charity Association of El Paso and was in Dallas attending the State meeting of Charity Associations. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. S. Warlick, of Dallas.

Col. John H. Traylor, for many years a resident of Dallas, serving this city very acceptably as Mayor, now resides at Rockport, Texas. He was in Dallas the past week visiting his daughter, Mrs. John C. Robertson, and taking in the Fair. Col. Traylor while living in Dallas was a faithful member of First Methodist Church, and is still working for Methodism in his home on the coast. The Advocate had an enjoyable visit from him.

Brother Ben. H. Gray, Secretary of the fourth Quarterly Conference, held recently at First Church, Abilene, Rev. C. N. X. Ferguson, president, sends to the Advocate a clipping from the Daily Reporter of Abilene which contains resolutions signed by a committee from the Missionary Society of Mrs. W. J. Bryan, Mrs. Elm Fletcher and Mrs. Walter Jennings, setting forth great appreciations for Rev. Chas. M. Heaton and requesting his return. Similar resolutions by the Board of Stewards, signed by Gus Roberts, B. H. Gray, Louis T. Ward, H. O. Wooten, J. F. Garrison, Jesse Cannon, T. M. Blaine, S. H. Garrison, J. H. Goss, H. A. Tillet, Elmer Fletcher, Walter Jennings, H. B. Smith and K. A. Smith, were passed.

Our Honor Roll Grows

Rev. J. Ed Harris, of the Glen Flora charge, is the first man in the Brenham District, Texas Conference, to pay conference assessments in full. Who will be next? Let's do the heroic thing, brethren. The prospects are bright, but it takes earnest effort to bring results.

S. W. THOMAS, Brenham, Texas.

DECATUR—SOMETHING NEW.

Yes, something new to me. I have just passed my forty-second milestone as a preacher. But an ex-Missouri pastor and presiding elder announced a new subject for prayer meeting Wednesday evening—The Texas Christian Advocate. The prayer meeting has gradually grown under the leadership of Brother Lenhoff until it is one of the most interesting services we have. One brother said, "I have attended prayer meeting during my Christian life, and many a time had to endure hardness as a good soldier," but it is now a real delight." The Advocate prayer meeting last night was one of the most interesting we have had. All seemed to be anxious to talk. Our presiding elder, Brother Kiddle, paid a high compliment to the editorial department. Several said the last issue was worth the subscription price of a year. One sister said, "The Advocate was in my father's home, and I told my husband a few days ago that if we only took one paper another year it would be the Texas Christian Advocate." A new member said, "From what you say it must be a good paper and I want it for my home." Every department of the paper was referred to and the first thing the pastor knew the hour had passed and he had to give a little more time. We came away wondering why we had never thought of having an Advocate prayer meeting before. G. F. BOYD, Decatur, Texas.

A UNIQUE STOCK COMPANY.

This week we printed cards which read thus: "I hereby subscribe for Shares in the Troy-Pendleton Preachers' Chicken and Egg Club. Par Value of Shares \$1.00 each. Dividends Payable in Heaven and in the Smiles of the Preachers' Folks."

Note—Above may be paid in Money or in Chickens and Eggs or Cotton Seed.

The above was planned by that prince of good fellows, Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Temple, who, upon discovering that the salary of Brother Swinney had not been paid up at the close of the fourth Quarterly Conference, planned this means of speedily collecting the deficit. Brother Knickerbocker also proposes to present five dollars in gold to the young man or young woman who sells the most shares to the club, or if it be an older man or woman, he will present them with a valuable gift of some kind.—Troy Messenger.

THE OVERWORKED MOTHER.

It is a mother's constant temptation to serve her children in lesser deeds that rob her life of its most important property—to forget herself and waste her soul in the routine demands made by her children. But let every mother know that the best way to serve her children is to keep alive in her breast the importance of her own personality. Let her know that the time will come when these little ones will need more than the sacrifices of the nursery. Some day they will need her companionship. They will need her to be large-minded, up-to-date, so that they may share their men's and women's problem with her.

Happy is that mother who grows with her children! Happy she who keeps to herself in the childhood sacred hours for her own self-culture, renewing ever the oil in her lamp that to them her supreme gift may be constant and increasing light!—Christian Century.

RINGING RESOLUTIONS OF THE TENNESSEE CONFERENCE ON THE VANDERBILT CASE.

The Tennessee Conference was one of the original patronizing conferences of Vanderbilt University. The following resolutions passed at the recent session of the conference, therefore, will be read with great interest:

Following is the resolution in full: "Whereas, through the report of W. B. Taylor, special commissioner appointed by the Tennessee Conference to act with the educational commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the matter of the reconveyance of Vanderbilt University to the original patronizing conferences, we have been officially informed that said commission at a meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, Feb. 19, 1915, after fully reviewing the case and weighing the opinions of a number of eminent lawyers, decided that under the decision of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, it was wholly without power to convey or transfer anything whatever to said original patronizing conferences and that it was 'unwilling to stultify itself by the execution of a useless form of transfer.' "Therefore, resolved:

"1. That we acquiesce in the decision embodied in the report of the educational commission as a final settlement of the relation between Vanderbilt University and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

"2. That, believing with all our hearts in the educational mission of the Church, we hail as providential the auspicious opening of Emory University, at Atlanta, and of Southern Methodist University, at Dallas, that we express our profound appreciation of the munificent gift of Mr. Asa G. Candler, by which the establishment of Emory University was made possible, and that we pledge to it our prayers, our faithful co-operation and our financial support.

"3. That in view of the peculiar relation which the Tennessee Conference has sustained to Vanderbilt University, we deem it fitting at this time that we should make the following statement of our views as to the equity in the case between Vanderbilt University and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and in regard to our present attitude toward said University.

Attitude Toward University.

"(a). While, as law-abiding citizens, we accept the decision of the Supreme Court of Tennessee in regard to the relation between Vanderbilt University and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, we desire, without any intention of reflecting upon the court, to declare our unshaken conviction that our fathers who laid the foundation of Vanderbilt University meant to establish a school owned and controlled by the Church, and that in equity said University is today as much the property of the Church as is the building in which we are assembled.

"(b). We believe that in taking a course that resulted in the wresting of Vanderbilt University from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the trustees of said University seriously and directly wrought grievous injury and injustice to said Church. We believe that they were the agents and representatives of the Church, and that it was their duty in view of the historical facts to which we have referred, if they discovered any defect in the charter of the University, to set about correcting it instead of taking advantage of it to entirely eliminate the Church from participating in the direction and control of the University.

"(c). With especial keenness do we feel the wrong that has been done the Church in the case of certain funds belonging to the Biblical Department of the University—funds contributed by Methodist people and partly out of the meager salaries of Methodist preachers for the specific purpose of aiding in the support of a Ministry of Theology. We believe that the Methodist preachers, whatever may be thought in regard to other funds in the hands of the university, it seems to us a plain matter of equity about which there is no room for difference of opinion that these funds ought to be turned over to the Educational Commission now acting under the authority of our General Conference to be administered according to the clear intent of the donors. If this is at present technically impossible, we feel that an effort should be made either to remove the difficulty or else to secure the equivalent of these funds from other sources.

"We express no opinion in regard to the wisdom of establishing non-denominational schools of religion. With the desire to further the spirit of interdenominational unity and co-operation which is urged as a reason for the establishment of such schools we are in hearty accord. But we submit that there are considerations in the case of the School of Religion of Vanderbilt University which sharply differentiate it from the general case of like character, and to us these considerations are so profoundly significant that we cannot possibly look upon this school with favor.

As to Biblical Department.

"We have occasionally heard it suggested that the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University would have been willing to enter into an agreement whereby the Church would have given a limited control of the Biblical Department of said University. We have no authoritative information in regard to this, but even granting that it may be true, it still would not have met the objection we here urge. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, asks in favor of the Trustees of Vanderbilt University, who are themselves the creatures of the Church, nor does she propose to humiliate herself by exchanging her influence and patronage for a limited control of one department of an institution of which she feels she has been unjustly dispossessed. What she desires is not charity, but justice.

"4. While the stern logic of facts forces us to the conclusions and positions stated above, we wish to assert that we still maintain a lively interest in the spiritual welfare of the students of Vanderbilt University, who have come and must continue to come from the homes of the South and who must return qualified to take positions of large influence in our civilization, and that we earnestly desire to serve them through whatever agencies we may employ without compromising our convictions or doing that which appears to us to be in conflict with our duty in relation to the larger mission of our Church.

(Signed) "E. B. CHAPPELL, "W. B. TAYLOR, "W. L. JACKSON, "W. J. COLLIER, "I. STOWE, "JOHN McRETT, "J. T. BLACKWOOD."

Southern Methodist University

What Shall We Do With Them?

Five hundred and sixty-two individual students have now registered at Southern Methodist University.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

It means that after four years of labor and sacrifice, of tears and prayers, S. M. U. is now ready to take a place in the front rank of powerful agencies for the upbuilding of Church and State.

It means that probably one-half a thousand families have committed their children to God and the Church for conspicuous service.

It means that five hundred and sixty-two of the choicest young people of our country have proven their quality by refusing to be satisfied with mediocre equipment; by making their high school education only a stepping-stone to greater things; by putting themselves in the hands of the chosen representatives of the Church—the most emphatic appeal ever made.

It means that Southern Methodist University officials now carry a tremendous responsibility.

But this responsibility cannot be discharged by them alone, again success may be achieved by co-operation of all parties interested, and certainly all the Methodists are vitally interested.

The University officials recognize the fact that the chief end of the University is, above and beyond, simply the making of scholars. There is no justification of the existence of the institution if it fails to be at all times a staunch supporter of righteousness, not an ally, but a part in parcel of the M. E. Church, South. In grateful acknowledgement of unsurpassed loyalty, by our friends everywhere, and gratitude to providence for a success hitherto unknown in history, and for an opening beyond expectations of many of the most faithful, the University is entering its first year's labors with a zeal and earnestness that cannot be disappointed.

Owing to the unexpectedly large number of students in Southern Methodist University, and the fact that all members of the FRESHMEN Class must study English, it has been found necessary to employ two additional instructors in that Department. Miss Agnes Rockwell, of Asheville, North Carolina, a graduate of Wellesley College, is now a member of the Faculty. Also Mr. J. B. Hubbell, late Associate Professor of English at Wake Forest College, North Carolina, and of the University of North Carolina, a graduate of Richmond College, Virginia, having done graduate work at Harvard and Columbia, and having his Master's Degree from Harvard, is with us as a member of our English Faculty, and will have charge of the Extension work. He has also finished his examinations for the Doctorate at Columbia.

The University is very appreciative of these new members, and the work is being carried on in a most satisfactory way.

If there is a Church needing the services of a specially trained pipe organist, either in Dallas or anywhere in this section, we would be glad to have you notify the office of Southern Methodist University, as we are now in touch with a young woman who is especially fitted for this work and who is now open for an engagement.

WANTED: A splendid young man, preferably a layman, who is capable of serving as Sunday School Superintendent in one of the chief cities of the Southwest, also handling the clerical work of the pastorate and otherwise assisting the pastor.

Southern Methodist University proposes to establish a Department that will furnish trained men for just such work as outlined above. It is one of the opportunities of the present generation, and one of the privileges of the University to supply.

The German Mission Conference

The forty-second annual session of the German Mission Conference was held October 20-24, in the beautiful town of Fredericksburg, under the presidency of Bishop H. C. Morrison, who by his wise counsels and brotherly spirit, instructive addresses and masterful sermon on Sunday morning endeared himself to every preacher and layman present.

It was a source of general regret that four members of our conference were prevented through age, affairs at home and sickness from attending the conference. These were the brethren: F. Mumme, W. D. Wiemers, P. H. Hensch and J. C. Winkel. The latter was very sick, while Brother P. H. Hensch was forced to remain by the bedside of his wife. How we missed the presence of these dear brethren!

One promising young brother, Brother L. F. Jordan, was received on trial into the conference. Two, A. R. Vetter and G. W. Muennik, were admitted into full connection and ordained as deacons. One located—he had been on the supernumerary list for several years. One, Brother J. G. Mueller, had gone to his heavenly home.

All lay delegates, except one, were present at the opening session, and he came on Saturday. There was a large attendance on the part of the laymen. One day, Friday, was set aside as Laymen's Day. The meetings on this day were under the direction of the Conference Lay Leader, Brother M. D. Fields, who inspired the laymen by his fiery addresses. About twenty laymen made talks on different subjects. Brother Fields requested that he be relieved from the office of Conference Leader and J. H. Bohmfalk, of Houston, was elected to take his place.

In spite of the stringent times the collections showed an increase over last year in the majority of cases. There was also an increase over last year in members, Sunday School scholars and Epworth League members.

We were glad to have had as prominent visitors: Dr. J. M. Moore, our Home Mission Secretary; Rev. J. E. Roach, Commissioner of Southwestern University; also Dr. J. C. Granbery, professor in that institution; Rev. T. M. Gray, of the Orphanage at Waco, and Dr. J. E. Harrison, of San Antonio Female College.

We greatly missed one of our noted laymen at this conference, one who for fourteen

years had been attending the sessions—Brother C. H. Benke, of Houston, Trustee of Epworth property and for many years Treasurer of our Board of Missions. God had recently taken him home.

Brother A. R. Vetter (the conference host) and his good people did everything possible to make our stay among them agreeable, and they succeeded most excellently.

We have at Fredericksburg a substantial church property. Church and parsonage built of stone in 1855 and 1879 respectively. The spacious church building was on Saturday and Sunday filled to its utmost capacity and on Sunday many could not get seats.

It was one of the most spiritual sessions ever held. The next annual session will be held at East Bernard, Texas.

The appointments are as follows:

APPOINTMENTS.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

R. Moerner, Presiding Elder, Bellville and Peters—V. C. Storch, Bering Memorial (Houston)—F. W. Radetzky, Cibola and Landa—J. A. G. Rabe, East Bernard—O. W. Benold, Edetzer (Houston)—G. W. Muennik, Elm Creek—J. F. Koch, Grassville—W. F. Buss, Maxwell and Wade—H. O. Launch, New Brauntels—E. A. Konken, New Fountain—P. H. Hensch, Platte's Schoolhouse—To be supplied, Rabke and Creso—To be supplied, and F. Mumme, supernumerary, San Antonio—D. G. Harlt, and J. C. Winkel, supernumerary, Yancy—To be supplied, Editor Der Missions Freund—J. A. G. Rabe, Manager Der Missions Freund—P. H. Hensch, Trustee of Epworth Claim—H. F. Vordenbaum in place of C. H. Benke, deceased.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

C. A. Lehmburg, Presiding Elder, Bartlett, Beversville and Denison—L. F. Jordan and E. W. Bode, surpl., Fredericksburg—A. R. Vetter, Harper and James River—R. Gammthaler, Llano—H. W. Weise, Mason—W. D. Wiemers, and H. Jordan, supernumerary, Cherokee Junior College—C. A. Lehmburg, Teacher, Secretary of Education—C. A. Lehmburg, F. W. RADEZKY, Secretary.