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## North Texas Conference

**T**HE forty-ninth annual session of the North Texas Conference was called to order in Bonham by Bishop James H. McCoy at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, December 1. Hymn 560 was announced by the Bishop, "And Are We Yet Alive?" The conference sang heartily and Bishop McCoy led in earnest prayer.

The Scripture lesson of the morning was a part of the fifty-first Psalm. The exposition was among the best yet given by the Bishop in his opening talks to the conferences.

The fact and reality of sin are seen in this Psalm. There is a tendency today to pronounce sin with less emphasis. Some modern teachers would tell us that heredity and environment lessened David's crimes. We are living today in the midst of a naturalism which seeks to bring character and destiny under the reign of natural law. There is an impression today that sin is a question between us and society. The idea is prevalent today that that which is needed in society is to have somebody "to tinker and work" at one's circumstances.

It was against such conceptions that the Bishop spoke. The primary aspect of sin was gotten by David when he said, "Against Thee have I sinned." David recognized that his sin was his own and not the creation of his circumstances. We can have no hope of any scheme which loses the note of individualism. If the North Texas Conference is to make the coming year a year of revivals we will make it so by the application of the doctrines of personal salvation.

The substance of this strong talk is only slightly given in the words above. The entire address was timely and strong.

R. G. Mood, Secretary of the Conference, called the roll and the following answered the call of their names:

- CONFERENCE ROLL.**
- Ashburn, I. S.
  - Archer, P. C.
  - Archer, J. F.
  - Alderson, E. W.
  - Alderson, J. F.
  - Adair, J. B.
  - Atchley, J. R.
  - Agee, H. K.
  - Anton, D. H.
  - Andrews, A. L.
  - Averett, J. H.
  - Anderson, H. E.
  - Barnes, S. A.
  - Bryan, W. F.
  - Bryant, R. W.
  - Brown, R. N.
  - Bludworth, W. J.
  - Ball, S. L.
  - Buck, R. P.
  - Burgen, S. H. C.
  - Bourland, H. A.
  - Beckham, J. W.
  - Beckham, T. J.
  - Burk, L. A.
  - Byars, W. B.
  - Barcus, E. R.
  - Barcus, J. Sam
  - Bounds, C. L.
  - Bounds, Minor
  - Brown, E. F.
  - Black, J. W.
  - Beck, J. W.
  - Baughman, J. W.
  - Bowen, C. L.
  - Bridges, A. T.
  - Brown, W. H.
  - Barberce, W. E.
  - Barnett, W. W.
  - Cannon, T. E.
  - Cole, E. V.
  - Crutchfield, I. N.
  - Crutchfield, F. A.
  - Crutchfield, S.
  - Cosby, J. H.
  - Crowson, S. L.

- Childress, C. C.
- Coppedge, W. A.
- Conkin, L. E.
- Coburn, E. H.
- Clifton, J. W.
- Chambers, H. B.
- Cowling, H. M.
- Cohen, L. L.
- Carter, G. B.
- Clark, C. M.
- Curry, R. B.
- Davis, M. R. T.
- Davis, J. B.
- Dennis, C. W.
- Dobbs, M. C.
- Doak, D. B.
- Dale, W. E.
- Ely, R. L.
- Egert, E. C.
- Fuller, D. F.
- French, G. C.
- Golson, C. B.
- Gorsline, R. S.
- Gober, J. B.
- Glanville, C. W.
- Hay, S. R.
- Howell, W. C.
- Hendrix, A. F.
- Harless, C. M.
- Hanson, I. A.
- Hodgins, J. D.
- Hayes, B. T.
- Hamilton, M. L.
- Humphreys, J. P.
- Hightower, A. P.
- Holmes, J. F.
- Hunter, J. H.
- Harris, E. L.
- Habern, S. L.
- Hines, M. P.
- Hall, B. B.
- Hicks, R. C.
- Huckabee, R. N.
- Huffstutler, T. L.
- Jacob, K. R.
- Jackson, E. B.
- Johnston, H. B.

- UNDERGRADUATES.**
- Arthur Wall
  - W. H. Vail
  - Gilbert Irwin
  - Reginald J. Kiker
  - Samuel F. Farler
  - E. A. Drew
  - H. H. Bain
  - C. H. Russell

The following lay delegates answered to roll call:

- BONHAM DISTRICT.**
- W. T. Finley
  - B. C. Crabb

- BOWIE DISTRICT.**
- Rev. R. L. Patterson

- DALLAS DISTRICT.**
- W. C. Everett
  - J. F. Carter

- DECATUR DISTRICT.**
- D. B. Buttrill

- GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.**
- Rev. C. L. Miller
  - W. C. Brown
  - G. T. Purcell

- GREENVILLE DISTRICT.**
- R. C. Dial
  - S. L. Green
  - J. D. Foosehee

- McKINNEY DISTRICT.**
- J. J. M. Harper
  - W. I. Norris
  - A. P. Rogers

- PARIS DISTRICT.**
- C. R. Caldwell
  - Claude Duncan

- SHERMAN DISTRICT.**
- B. N. Greenup
  - W. J. Abicht
  - Rev. J. K. McMillan
  - D. F. Armistead

- SULPHUR SPRINGS DISTRICT.**
- L. W. Davidson
  - E. B. Dorrrough

R. G. Mood was re-elected Secretary.

W. C. Everett and E. B. Durrrough were seated as alternates.

The following were elected as assistant secretaries: J. F. Archer, C. W. Dennis, L. L. Cohen. Statistical: F. A. Crutchfield, J. W. Slagle.

R. C. Hicks read the report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

- PUBLIC WORSHIP.**
- C. C. Young
  - E. H. Pritchett
  - Oliver, N. W.
  - G. J. Tamer
  - J. S. Bardus
  - J. D. Hodgins

- SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**
- I. L. Cohen
  - S. L. Habern
  - E. B. Jackson
  - E. H. Coburn
  - T. J. Beckham
  - J. K. McMillan
  - W. J. Bludworth
  - E. F. Brown
  - M. H. Read
  - C. C. Childress
  - N. T. Gaines

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

- C. L. Miller
- R. P. Buck
- K. R. Isbell
- A. C. Hoyle
- M. R. T. Davis
- N. W. Oliver
- P. S. Warren
- C. O. Shugart
- Geo. B. Simmons
- M. C. Dobbs
- J. J. M. Harper

### BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

- Rex B. Wilkes
- G. A. Lehnhoff
- O. T. Rodgers
- R. F. Bryant
- J. W. Beck
- S. H. C. Burgin
- C. W. Glanville
- Geo. C. French
- Ira C. Kiker
- G. T. Purcell
- D. F. Armistead
- N. R. Stone

### TEMPERANCE.

- R. T. Breedlove
- J. D. Foosehee
- R. N. Huckabee
- C. D. Montgomery
- L. W. Davidson
- C. D. Humphreys
- B. N. Greenup
- G. T. Purcell
- D. B. Buttrill
- Claude Duncan

### ORPHANAGE.

- I. N. Crutchfield
- D. B. Doak
- W. D. Thompson
- T. M. Kirk
- R. B. Moreland
- W. C. Brown
- W. J. Abicht
- W. D. Mountcastle
- W. N. Vernon
- J. A. Wheeler
- J. B. Adair

### MEMOIRS.

- W. F. Bryan, Chm'n
- E. R. Barcus
- R. G. Mood, Sec.
- J. H. McLean
- J. L. Pierce
- W. C. Howell
- P. C. Archer
- S. H. C. Burgin
- I. S. Ashburn
- R. C. Hicks

### CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

- W. B. Byars
- W. A. Stuckey
- F. O. Miller
- T. W. Preston
- P. C. Archer
- J. W. Beckham
- H. H. Johnston
- J. T. Bludworth
- J. W. Clifton
- J. L. Sullivan
- O. S. Thomas

The report was adopted. J. Sam Barcus moved that the hours of meeting and adjournment be fixed at 9 a. m. and 12 m., respectively, and that the main auditorium extending to the galleries be made the bar of the conference. The motion prevailed.

Communications were received from the following: Methodist Benevolent Association. Sunday School Board. Board of Trustees. Board of Education. Correspondence School. Epworth League Board. Publishing Agents. Educational Commission. Southwestern University. American Bible Society. Southern Methodist University. Board of Church Extension. Joint Board of Publication of the Texas Advocate. North Texas College.

These communications were referred to appropriate boards and committees.

J. Sam Barcus introduced Judge Rosser Thomas, who delivered the address of welcome to the conference. The conference ordered that the address be published in the Advocate, and for this reason we attempt no description of it except to say that it was as graceful, as pleasing and as eloquent as we ever heard. Bishop McCoy responded in behalf of the conference in his usual happy way.

The following were introduced to the conference: E. H. Rawlings, Educational Secretary of the Board of Missions; E. Hightower, Field Secretary of the Sunday School Board; Mrs. H. M. Hamill and Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick, of the Sunday School Board; S. S. McKenney, representative of the Washington City Church; R. A. Burroughs, Manager of the Orphanage at Waco; W. M. Crutchfield, superannuate member of the West Texas Conference; S. A. Barnes and A. P. Bradford, transfers to the conference; Richard Morgan, Rector of the Episcopal Church in Bonham; S. A. Cowan, pastor of the

Baptist Church in Bonham, and the editor of the Advocate.

R. G. Mood called for the names of the District Auditors and they were given as follows:

- DISTRICT AUDITORS.**
- Bonham: B. B. Hall.
  - Bowie: J. W. Beck.
  - Dallas: C. O. Shugart.
  - Decatur: F. M. Richardson.
  - Greenville: N. W. Oliver.
  - Gainesville: T. W. Preston.
  - McKinney: C. B. Golson.
  - Sulphur Springs: J. H. Scrimshire.
  - Paris: J. O. Thomas.
  - Sherman: A. T. Bridges.
  - Terrell: E. L. Wright.

Bishop McCoy called Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" Under this question the names of the presiding elders were called. They made their reports and their characters were passed.

C. C. Young, presiding elder of the Bonham District, reported a splendid year in view of floods, drouths and storms in sections of his district. Some material improvement, notably in the church in which the conference was meeting and in the parsonage at Petty. One mission formed during the year; 10 Leagues organized; Sunday School work greatly revived; some gracious meetings. Bonham, notably, had a meeting, resulting in 300 accessions during the year. Membership in Southside, Bonham, doubled. Several hundred additions. Conference collections eighty per cent paid.

T. H. Morris, presiding elder of the Bowie District, reported as follows: "We have had a good year, and all departments of Church work show an increase. Our preachers have been faithful and blameless in their life and administration. We have had 1346 conversions and reclamations. We have had 1260 accessions. We approximate 5500 in our Sunday Schools. We have about 800 in our Leagues. We have 311 in our Woman's Missionary Societies. The pastors' salaries will be somewhat in arrears on part of the work, on account of boll weevils, hailstorms and floods. The same conditions meet us in regard to conference collections. Faithful work has been done on the part of both pastors and people. The finances of the district will compare favorably with last year, however. We have built three country churches on the Burk Burnett Mission and paid off the debt on the fourth, making a total for that sparsely settled mission territory of church improvement to the amount of \$1550 in cash payments. The Bowie church has been completed at a cost of \$22,000, and leaves it with only a small debt, which is mostly secured by good notes. While there have been many fine revivals on the district, yet the work in Wichita Falls Station is phenomenal. There have been more than 500 accessions to the Church in that station, with 280 conversions among adults, and sixty-one conversions among children. It is questionable if a better report will be made in the entire Connection than this. The net gain in this charge will be more than 400. During the quadrennium we have received 447 members, making this one of the strongest districts in the conference. We have increased the pastors salaries

in the district about \$3000 during the quadrennium. The amount of money from all sources last year was \$20,000 more than the first year of the quadrennium. This year will compare favorably with that."

O. F. Sensabaugh, presiding elder of the Dallas District, reported as follows:

**DALLAS DISTRICT 1913-14-1914-15.**

	Last year.	This year.
Charges	16	16
Parsonages	7	7
Value of church property	\$576,216	\$798,487
Rec'd profession of faith	386	796
Received otherwise	1,473	1,632
Adults baptized	194	430
Infants baptized	110	163
Total additions	304	2,509
Sunday Schools	24	24
Epworth Leagues	13	13
Sunday School enrollment	6,801	8,850
Raised Sunday Schools	1	1
and Epworth Leagues	\$ 12,629	\$ 13,547

Grand total raised for all purposes \$129,775 \$147,845

General Organ..... 45  
Conference Organ..... 555

S. C. Riddle, presiding elder of the Decatur District, reported as follows: "Six charges report salaries paid in full. The general average of about eighty per cent. Collections for the general benevolences only about fifty-five per cent, due largely to short crops and the general financial depression. The best year of the four in respect of conversions and additions. Over \$3000 expended on church debt, a new parsonage and improvements. Sunday Schools, Leagues and Woman's Societies very active. Missionary Specials in Sunday Schools and Leagues more than \$800."

J. F. Pierce, presiding elder of the Gainesville District, reported as follows: "Good revivals; 950 conversions, 750 accessions, net gain of 430. Salaries ninety-eight per cent paid. Did not do so well with collections. Epworth Leagues and Woman's Missionary Societies well organized, active and doing effective work. Have Sunday Schools at almost every preaching place. Have built two new churches; paid indebtedness on one other; bought one parsonage."

C. M. Harless, presiding elder of the Greenville District, reported salaries ninety-five per cent paid; conference collections in excess of last year; salaries increased in several charges. Built two new churches. Several new Leagues organized; 1500 conversions and 1000 accessions.

C. W. Dennis, presiding elder of the McKinney District, reported as follows: "Number of conversions, 1000; number of additions, 1000; net gain 700; lives surrendered to special work, men, 6; women, 5; number licensed to preach, 2; number licensed to exhort, 4; new \$10,000 brick church built at Frisco; some debts paid; parsonage debt of \$1000 paid at Celina; special for missions by the Sunday School of about \$250. A splendid advance in all the finances over last year."

W. F. Bryan, presiding elder of the Paris District, reported as follows: "We are leaving the Paris District in splendid shape. There is no indebtedness on the district property. Most of the local Churches are free of indebtedness. There has been marked increased interest in the Sunday School work. We have fifty-nine

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Sunday Schools, many of them organized into mission schools. It has been a year of revivals, having 1460 conversions and 1060 additions to the Church. The finances of the district are in good condition, considering present conditions. Many of the charges have paid pastors' salaries in full. About eighty-five per cent of the conference collections are paid."

R. G. Mood, presiding elder of the Sherman District, reported as follows: "Sherman District has had 2039 additions with a net gain of 1244. One new church built, twelve charges out on salary and eight on salaries and collections. The others will make a good showing on finances. Travis Street has raised their debt this year, having raised in cash and notes about \$50,000. Waples Memorial Church has paid everything in full and has a balance in the treasury. The preachers have all done hard and faithful work and the fellowship has been delightful."

R. C. Hicks, presiding elder of the Sulphur Springs District, reported a harmonious and delightful year. Country hard hit, requiring in some places ten or twelve acres to produce one bale of cotton; 700 professions of faith; 800 accessions to the Church. During his four years on the district three churches have been built, seven parsonages built, 4000 received into the Church; net gain in membership of 2000. The average in salary has been raised from \$675 to \$872.

E. L. Egger, presiding elder of the Terrell District, reported a year of great harmony. Eleven charges paid in full. W. A. Stuckey has reduced his debt at Kaufman. Conference collections seventy-five per cent paid. Brother Egger was confined to his bed by serious sickness during the year, but has fully regained his health.

Continuing under Question 22, the name of A. F. Watkins was called and his presiding elder reported that an investigating committee, appointed to consider rumors affecting the moral character of A. F. Watkins, had reported a trial necessary, and M. L. Hamilton was appointed to prosecute the case.

The Bishop appointed Chas. Spragins to preside at the trial and L. L. Cohen to act as secretary. The committee of trial appointed by the Bishop consists of A. R. Nash, L. L. Naugle, J. B. Adair, O. S. Thomas, G. B. Carter, J. W. Beckham, S. L. Habern, W. L. Tittle, J. E. Roach, J. F. Holmes, N. C. Little, J. E. Short and D. B. Doak.

R. G. Mood and C. W. Dennis introduced the following resolution: "Whereas, The next session of the North Texas Conference will be the fiftieth session since the organization of the conference; and

"Whereas, Methodism in the bounds of this conference has had a large and healthy growth; and

"Whereas, There is inspiration in reviewing the accomplishments of the past and reminding ourselves of the work of our fathers and of the leadings of the Great Head of the Church; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we request the Chair to appoint a committee of five who shall make provision for some suitable observance of this, the semi-centennial session of the North Texas Conference, and that this committee have full authority in the matter and that whatever arrangements they may make be concurred in by the conference."

The resolution was adopted.

R. G. Mood and C. W. Dennis introduced the following resolutions: "Whereas, March 31, 1916, will mark the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Francis Asbury, the pioneer, builder and hero of the first half century of American Methodism; and

"Whereas, The Executive Committee of the Ecumenical Methodist Commission at a meeting held in New York in August, 1914, passed a resolution recommending that this anniversary be widely observed; and

"Whereas, A committee appointed, of which Bishop Hoss and other prominent ministers and laymen of our Church are members, have requested that each Annual Conference have a program at its session of 1916, and that the Sunday nearest the death of Bishop Asbury be observed by each Church; therefore be it

"Resolved, 1. That the North Texas Conference heartily indorse the plan of observing the anniversary of the death of this eminent Methodist leader.

"2. That the Chair appoint a committee of five to arrange a suitable program for this anniversary to be observed at our next session.

"3. That on Sunday, March 26, or Sunday, June 4, 1916, a sermon from every Methodist pulpit in North Texas be preached, designed to call to the minds of the Methodists of this section how great was the investment of endeavor and devotion, privation and sacrifice made by the preachers and members of the first half century of American Methodism.

"4. That the above committee to be appointed by the Chair take such steps as are necessary to secure the co-operation of this conference with the plans of the General Committee of the Francis Asbury Centenary."

The resolutions were adopted.

R. G. Mood read resolutions concerning the Teller's bond and they were adopted.

Rev. S. S. McKenney, representative of the Washington City Church, was introduced to the conference and made a strong speech in behalf of the Washington City Church.

W. F. Bryan moved that the Washington City enterprise be referred to a special committee for further consideration, and, after considerable debate, the motion prevailed. J. M. Moore, A. L. Andrews, E. R. Barcus, O. S. Thomas and D. K. Porter were named as the special committee.

Sunday School Institutes by Mrs. Hamill and Miss Kilpatrick were announced for 3 p. m. and 7 p. m. After various other announcements the conference sang the doxology and the benediction was pronounced by S. R. Hay.

### SECOND DAY.

Hymn No. 1 was announced by Bishop McCoy promptly at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, December 2. After singing by the conference, the Bishop read as the Scripture lesson Phil. 3. H. A. Bourland led in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read by R. G. Mood, Secretary of the conference, and, after slight correction, they were approved.

The arrival of the following lay delegates was noted by the Secretary: B. M. Burgher, J. R. Bourland, P. A. Martin, Ed. F. Bates, W. B. Wilson, T. B. Craven, D. F. Armstead, C. H. Morris, E. C. Heath, D. J. Broughton and H. D. Humphries.

The Secretary called the names of the absentees and the following clerical members answered the call of their names: J. B. Davis, J. E. Roach, W. A. Stuckey, W. A. Thomas, C. L. Satterfield, R. T. Breedlove, W. W. Johnson and J. W. Brown.

Bishop McCoy announced the Asbury Centenary Committee as follows: J. H. McLean, A. L. Andrews, J. F. Pierce, J. E. Cockrell and R. G. Mood.

Bishop McCoy announced the following to replace members challenged in the trial of A. F. Watkins: A. L. Andrews, S. A. Barnes, G. A. Lehnhoff and R. F. Bryant.

A. J. Weeks, of the West Texas Conference, and E. P. Williams, of the Central Texas Conference, were introduced to the conference.

Question 1 was called, "Who are admitted on trial?" A. O. Hood, W. H. Baker, G. W. Renfro, Frank Wilkinson, G. H. Brown, W. B. Simmons and L. N. Stuckey, having stood approved examinations and being recommended by the Committee on Admissions, were admitted on trial.

W. L. Nelms, of the Central Texas, and L. S. Barton, of the East Oklahoma Conference, were introduced to the conference.

Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" Under this question the class of the first year was called. The following, upon the passage of their characters and having stood approved examinations, were advanced to the class of the second year: A. Wall, W. H. Vail, Gilbert Irwin, H. W. Bennett, C. L. Satterfield, A. F. Smith, S. P. Farler, H. H. Bain and A. B. Chapman.

E. A. Drew, because of transfer to another conference, was not before the committee.

R. J. Kiker was discontinued at his own request.

Question 10, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" Under this question the Bishop called the class of the second year. The following, upon the passage of their characters and having stood approved examinations, were elected deacons and were advanced to the class of the third year: C. H. Russell, E. F. Lancaster, F. C. Adams, R. T. Breedlove, J. J. Cooper and W. W. Johnson.

The following, upon the passage of their characters and having stood approved examinations, were advanced to the class of the third year, being already deacons: F. M. Richardson, H. L. White, H. C. Hand and J. W. Brown.

F. C. Adams, upon the passage of

his character, was continued in the class of the second year, not having been before the Examining Committee.

J. W. Brown passed an approved examination last year and was continued on trial.

Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" The class of the fourth year was called under this question. The following, upon the passage of their characters and having stood approved examinations, were elected elders: J. A. Wheeler, E. V. Cole, A. T. Bridges, Alex. Hubbard, E. B. Jackson, I. C. Kiker, J. V. Davis, H. B. Chambers and T. E. Cannon.

The following stood approved examinations, their characters were passed, being already elders: H. M. Cowling and J. W. O'Bryant.

W. R. Kirkpatrick was not before the committee, and upon the passage of his character, was continued in the class of the fourth year.

R. C. Hicks asked for the superannuate relation for W. B. Martin, and his name was referred to the committee.

Question 12 was called by the Bishop, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" Gilbert Irwin, from the Bowie District, and A. F. Smith, from the Paris District.

Question 16, "What local preachers are elected elders?" No one.

Under call of Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" the character of L. P. Smith was passed and his name was referred for the superannuate relation. The character of J. H. McLean was passed and his name was referred for the superannuate relation.

Dr. McLean came to the hour of his superannuation in the straightforward Christian way in which he has come to every other hour in his life. He asked for the superannuate relation solely upon his own motion. He advanced to the Bishop's desk and for a few moments only he was unable to speak. After these brief moments he was perfect in his self-mastery. The recital of the motives which had controlled him during the fifty-five years of his ministry profoundly moved the conference. There were no dry eyes in the great audience. Forty-nine years ago he was present at the organization of the conference and now the only living active charter member. "I have come to the time when I must sit down."

He had received his appointment for fifty-five successive years without any suggestions on his part. "As God is my judge, I never wagged my tongue nor waved my hand to secure any position." He had missed but one appointment in fifty-five years on account of personal sickness, and only one on account of sickness in his family. Dr. McLean paid a tribute to his wife as tender and as beautiful as we ever heard. Speaking of his first appointment at Rusk, he said: "There I found my traveling companion, my boon companion; courageous, true; who has ever held up my hands in this work. Brethren of the ministry, don't be betrayed into an ugly spirit; don't do anything ugly; don't be ugly over money matters. I never thought of money. I never asked what my salary would be, but I have had three square meals every day and good clothes."

We shall give more at another time of this rare speech. At its close Mrs. McLean was invited forward and stood at the side of her great husband. The conference sang, "We Are Traveling Home to God," and weeping friends by the hundreds clasped the hands of these cherished servants of God. Dr. McLean's character was passed and his name was referred to the committee for the superannuate relation.

C. M. Harless spoke affectionately of his relations with Dr. McLean and called a meeting for 2 p. m. in the interest of securing a home for Dr. McLean in Dallas.

Continuing under Question 22, Bishop McCoy called the names of the superannuaries. Their characters were passed and they were referred to the committee for the same relation with the exception of J. W. Tinsler, whose name was referred to the Committee for the Superannuate Relation. The superannuaries are as follows: W. D. Mountcastle, H. A. Bourland, W. B. Martin, W. E. Kirby and E. L. Spurlock.

The names of the superannuates were called their characters were passed and they were referred for the same relation. The superannuates of the conference are as follows: I. W. Clark, B. G. H. Adams, J. R. Allen, G. F. Boyd, E. N. Brown, S. Crutchfield, I. N. Crutchfield, W. A. Coppedge, W. F. Clark, W. A. Edwards, R. S. Gorsline, L. W. Harrison, B. T. Hayer, J. N. Hunter, J. H. Hunter, M. B. Johnston, J. A. Kerr, C. E. Lamb, Jas. McDougal, J. B. Minnis, S. W. Miller, J. W. Murphy, John Moore, L. F. Pal-

mer, J. P. Rodgers, J. H. Reynolds, J. F. Sherwood, Lee Sanders, H. E. Smith, J. E. Vinson, J. C. Weaver, E. S. Williams, B. H. Webster, E. B. Thompson, C. C. Williams, F. A. Rogers, W. H. Hughes, J. A. Stafford, A. W. Gibson, I. A. Thomas, I. M. Woodward, S. L. Ball, H. M. Pirtle.

A number of the veterans spoke when their names were called. Letters were read from a number of those who were absent.

Field Secretary of the Sunday School Board, E. Hightower, was introduced and addressed the conference. His address was listened to with interest.

J. M. Moore read the report of the committee to whom was referred the Washington City Church enterprise. The report recommended that the North Texas Conference raise \$5000 for the enterprise and that the same be collected from the congregations on the Asbury Centennial Day.

J. H. McLean and G. C. French spoke to the report and the report was adopted.

Question 22 was resumed, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The names of the following were called and their characters were passed: M. H. Read, J. Sam Barcus, J. D. Hudgins, J. T. Bloodworth, M. R. T. Davis, C. B. Fladger, J. M. Sweeton, J. F. Alderson, I. S. Ashburn, J. W. Beck, W. L. Tittle, P. S. Warren, J. L. Sullivan, C. L. Bounds, A. C. Sterling, F. A. Crutchfield, E. G. Roberts, J. R. Wages, O. T. Rogers, B. B. Hall, F. B. Wheeler, W. D. Sauls, S. M. Ownby, A. L. Andrews, M. P. Hines, S. A. Barnes, S. R. Hay, J. L. Morris, L. L. Cohen, Jr., E. R. Barcus, C. M. Simpson, C. D. Montgomery, S. H. C. Bur-

gin, C. G. Shugart, C. P. Combs, D. B. Doak, W. A. Thomas, E. F. Brown, H. B. Johnston, G. A. Lehnhoff, G. B. Carter, O. T. Cooper, S. L. Crowson, J. L. Pierce, T. J. Beckham, J. W. Slagle, T. G. Whitten, W. H. Brown, O. S. Thomas, R. S. Watkins, H. K. Agee, L. D. Shawver, W. J. Wilson, W. N. Vernon, R. E. Porter, N. R. Stone, J. E. Roach, John M. Moore, J. J. Morgan, M. G. Maiden.

When the name of J. H. Averett was called his presiding elder presented his request for a location. The location was granted.

When the name of S. T. Francis was called his presiding elder reported that he had been expelled from the ministry and membership of the Church.

When the name of S. L. Crowson was called his presiding elder reported that he had surrendered his credentials.

A collection was taken up for Bro. Crowson, amounting to \$80.

J. W. Hill was announced to preach at 3 p. m. and S. R. Hay to preach at 7 p. m. After other announcements, the doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by E. P. Williams.

### THIRD DAY.

Bishop McCoy announced Hymn 222, "Jesus the Name," promptly at 9 o'clock Friday morning, December 3.

After singing by the Conference, the Bishop read John 17. W. D. Bradford led in prayer.

The Secretary of the conference read the minutes of yesterday's session, and after correction they were approved.

C. A. Spragins announced the report of the committee in the case of A. F. Watkins. The committee found the charges not sustained and Bro. Watkins' character was passed by vote of the conference.

Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" In answer to the above question the names of the following were called, one by one, and their characters passed: C. C. Childress, L. E. Conkin, H. M. Cosby, R. F. Bryant, J. B. Adair, C. A. Spragins, T. W. Lovell, E. W. Alderson, D. F. Fuller, H. E. Anderson, R. B. Moreland, L. L. Naugle, C. A. Long, L. A. Hanson, A. F. Hendrix, Rex B. Wilkes, W. A. Pritchett, Minor Bounds, C. L. Bowen, W. J. Bludworth, W. T. Whiteside, I. E. Thomas, E. L. Silliman, J. W. Clifton, D. A. Aston, J. B. Goyer, W. H. Wright, T. N. Weeks, R. L. Ely, J. E. Short, E. H. Coburn, C. B. Golson, M. L. Hamilton, J. D. Thomas, C. F. McKenney, J. W. Beckham, R. P. Buck, N. C. Little, A. R. Nash, J. D. Whitehead, J. L. Johnson, E. A. Maness, D. K. Porter, J. R. Atchley, P. R. Knickerbocker, S. M. Black, J. H. Scrimshire, R. S. Kerr, J. Leonard Rea, G. W. Whisler, E. L. Harris, T. M. Kirk, A. P. Hightower, L. A. Burk, O. E. Moreland, J. P. Humphreys, W. A. Stuckey, W. C. Howell, J. F. Archer, P. C. Archer, J. M. Binkley, J. B. Davis, S. L. Habern, C. W. Glanville, W. D. Thompson, E. H. Casey, M. C. Dobbs, E. L. Wright, J. F. Holmes, W. R. McCarter, C. N. Smith, G. C. French, N. W. Oliver, F. O. Miller, K. R. Isbell, W. B. Byars.

F. O. Miller, Agent for Homes for Superannuates, when his name was called, made his report. He reported the value of superannuate parsonages in the conference to be \$22,000; \$1300 have been raised in his work this year. The North Texas Conference is now second in Southern Methodism in the number and value of homes for her superannuates.

Question 9, "Who are the deacons of one year?" Under this question the Bishop called the class of the third year. The following, upon the passage of their characters and having stood approved examinations, were advanced to the class of the fourth year: R. N. Huckabee, R. B. Curry, G. F. Jones, E. M. Jones, J. W. Cameron, M. A. Stout, W. W. Barnett, W. E. Barberce, G. R. Slagle, T. L. Huffstutler, J. J. Mason, T. E. Cannon, J. W. Baughman, and W. E. Dale.

C. M. Clark and L. F. Tannery, upon the passage of their characters, but not having been before the committee, were continued in the class of the third year.

N. L. Linebaugh, L. B. Ellis and J. M. Peterson, visiting brethren from the East Oklahoma Conference; J. Herwig, Assistant Secretary of the Anti-Saloon League; C. M. Bishop, President of Southwestern University; R. S. Hyer, President of Southern Methodist University; H. A. Boaz, President of the Texas Woman's College, and S. E. Green, President of Wesley College, were introduced to the conference.

Question 9, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?"

E. J. Harris, a deacon, class fourth year, from Texas Conference.

W. J. Johnson, an elder, from Texas Conference.

A. P. Bradford, an elder, from Texas Conference.

J. O. Leath, an elder, from Central Texas Conference.

R. W. Fisher, a deacon, class of fourth year, West Texas Conference.

J. W. Hill, an elder, from West Texas Conference.

L. C. Perry, an elder, from South-west Missouri Conference, were announced as transfers and were introduced to the conference.

Question 5, "Who are readmitted?"

No one.

Question 7, "Who are received from other Churches as local preachers?"

No one.

Question 8, "Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers?" Charles Wesley Kavanaugh, an elder from the Methodist Protestant Church, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Admissions, and upon the reading of his written statement of agreement with us in doctrine and discipline, was received by vote of the conference.

D. K. Porter read report No. 1 of the Board of Education. The report recommended the amendment of the charter of the Southern Methodist University and the transfer of the title of its property to the General Conference. Pending its adoption, Dr. R. S. Hyer spoke to the report. His address was a convincing presentation of the value of university education to both Church and State.

A motion to suspend the conference rule which requires the report of the Board of Education to lie on the table for one day prevailed. The report of the Board was then adopted by a nearly unanimous vote.

Question 52 was called by the Bishop, "Where shall the next session of the conference be held?" The most spirited contest in our entire round of the Texas Conferences followed the call of this question.

E. R. Barcus nominated Oak Cliff, W. L. Tittle nominated Bowie, E. L. Egger nominated Terrell, E. F. Bates nominated Denton, T. J. Beckham nominated Whaley Memorial, Gainesville, and J. B. Goyer nominated Wesley, Greenville. Many speeches were made by many brethren. It required two ballots to elect. Upon the first ballot Gainesville received 83; Wesley Church, Greenville, 84; Bowie, 48; the others lesser numbers. Upon the second ballot Wesley Church received a clear majority and later the selection was made unanimous.

D. F. Fuller was granted leave of absence.

A communication from Mrs. Virginia K. Johnson was referred to the Social Service Commission.

A communication from the Sunday League of America was referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

A communication from Dr. C. M. Bishop on the subject of lynching was referred to the following special committee: J. W. Hill, C. A. Spragins and J. Sam Barcus.

Abe Mulkey was introduced to the conference. (Applause). He was announced to preach at 3 p. m.

R. T. Breedlove read the report of the Committee on Temperance. The report recited that sixty per cent of the people and eighty per cent of the territory in the United States are un-

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der prohibition laws. The report contained resolutions similar to those adopted at the other Texas conferences. Pending its adoption Dr. J. Herwig, Assistant Secretary of the Anti-Saloon League, addressed the conference in words which stirred the brethren. Texas and Louisiana were declared to be the only remaining Southern States with open saloons. The report of the committee was enthusiastically adopted. R. P. Moreland read the report of the Committee on Orphanage. The report recommended Christmas Sunday as Orphanage Day, or the Sunday as near thereto as convenient. Pending the adoption of the report R. A. Burroughs, Manager of the Orphanage at Waco, addressed the conference. The report was adopted. The program of Bro. Burroughs for the Orphanage is worthy of Texas Methodism. In addition to the completion of the "Pauline Vaughan Building," he proposes to install a broom factory, a laundry and other facilities which will aid in giving the children an industrial education as well as literary training. C. C. Young moved that the name of J. F. Alderson be referred to the Committee for the Superannuate Relation. The motion prevailed. Bishop McCoy introduced a paper from President T. F. Sessions concerning the sale of Epworth Encampment and it was unanimously adopted. The reception of the class into full connection was announced by the Bishop as the special order for 10:30 tomorrow morning. Dr. C. M. Bishop was announced to preach at 7 o'clock. After other announcements the conference stood adjourned with the singing of the doxology and the benediction pronounced by L. C. Perry.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION

Hymn 415, "Faith of Our Fathers," was announced by Bishop McCoy promptly at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, December 4. After singing, the Bishop read Eph. 1. S. A. Barnes led in prayer. The minutes of yesterday's session were read by the Secretary of the conference and they were approved. R. G. Mood introduced a resolution concerning the securing of a charter for the North Texas Annual Conference. The resolution was adopted. O. T. Rogers read the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals. W. D. Bradfield spoke to the report and it was adopted. W. C. Everett made announcements concerning the publications of our House. E. W. Alderson asked for a committee to investigate certain rumors affecting the moral character of W. A. Thomas. The committee appointed by the Bishop consists of W. D. Thompson, S. A. Barnes and C. M. Simpson. John R. Nelson, of the Central Texas Conference was introduced to the conference. Bishop McCoy called to the chancel J. F. Pierce and presented to him a handsome umbrella in behalf of the preachers of the Gainesville District. A like service was performed by the Bishop for T. H. Morris in behalf of the stewards of Wichita Falls. A. L. Andrews, in behalf of the preachers of the Bowie District, presented T. H. Morris a handsome traveling bag. L. P. Smith, in behalf of the preachers of the Decatur District, presented S. C. Riddle a handsome set of Shakespeare. These retiring presiding elders, after four faithful years of work, responded graciously. The report of the Committee on Conference Relations was read by J. T. Bloodworth. The following were recommended for the supernumerary relation: W. D. Mountcastle, H. A. Bourland, W. E. Kirby, E. L. Spurlock, L. P. Smith. The following were recommended for the superannuated relation: G. H. Adams, R. N. Brown, W. A. Coppedge, W. H. Hughes, J. N. Hunter, J. A. Kerr, J. B. Minnis, John Moore, J. F. Sherwood, E. S. Williams, F. A. Rosser, J. R. Allen, S. Crutchfield, W. F. Clark, L. W. Harrison, J. H. Hunter, C. E. Lamb, S. W. Miller, J. H. Reynolds, Lee Sanders, G. E. Boyd, J. E. Vinson, B. H. Webster, C. C. Williams, I. N. Crutchfield, W. A. Edwards, R. S. Gorsline, B. T. Hayes, M. B. Johnston, James McDougal, J. W. Murphy, L. F. Palmer, H. E. Smith, J. C. Weaver, E. B. Thompson, J. A. Stafford, A. W. Gibson, I. A. Thomas, I. M. Woodward, S. L. Ball, H. M. Pirtle, J. W. Tinecher, W. B. Martin, J. H. McLean, J. F. Alderson. The report was adopted. T. L. Huffstutler read the report of the Joint Board of Finance. The amount appropriated this year for conference claimants is \$10,280. The

report lay on the table in accordance with a standing rule of the conference. C. A. Spragins introduced resolutions requiring prompt reports to the Conference Teller upon the part of the members of the conference. The resolutions were adopted. J. W. Beck introduced a resolution of kindred nature to the Spragins resolution and it was adopted. A. F. Hendrix presented to W. F. Bryan, retiring presiding elder from the Paris District, on behalf of the preachers of the district a handsome umbrella. Brother Bryan responded appropriately. R. G. Mood moved that the standing rules of the conference be suspended and the report of the Joint Board of Finance be put upon immediate passage. The motion prevailed. The report of the Joint Board was then adopted. A. L. Andrews paid a tribute to J. F. Alderson, who was superannuated by the adoption of the report of the Committee on Conference Relations, and a collection was taken in his behalf, amounting to \$109. Alex Hubbard presented to R. C. Hicks, in behalf of the preachers of the Sulphur Springs District, a handsome umbrella. Brother Hicks responded appropriately. The order of the day having arrived the committee reported favorably on the following for admission into full connection: C. H. Russell, E. F. Lancaster, F. C. Adams, R. T. Breedlove, F. M. Richardson, H. L. White, J. J. Cooper, H. C. Hand, J. W. Brown and W. W. Johnson. Bishop McCoy called the class to the chancel, propounded the Disciplinary questions, and offered wise counsel to the class. "I see some preachers who make a scrapheap of our Ritual," he said when touching on keeping our rules. "When you begin either at Bethlehem or Joseph's new tomb to eliminate the supernatural, you will have a creed which has no inspiration in it," he said as he propounded the question, "Have you faith in Christ?" "You must feed your people out of your own religious life," he said as he emphasized the necessity of religious experience in the life of the preacher. "You can't get along in this day unless you hold yourself religiously to systematic pastoral work," the Bishop said as he spoke of visiting from house to house. "You've got no right to throw off on your pastoral work on the score of your feelings," he said as he insisted upon the regimen of discipline in the work. "Be yourself in the pulpit, do not attitudinize like some favorite D. D. you have known," he said as he insisted upon the recognition of the individuality of each in his work. "The law of supply and demand makes the appointments more than the Bishop and his Cabinet," Bishop McCoy said as he urged efficiency in the ministry. After the address by vote of the conference the class was admitted into full connection. D. K. Porter read report No. 2 of the Board of Education. The report recites the great progress of our various educational institutions. The report recommends the continuation of the campaign for the endowment of Southwestern University. Recommendations. For Southern Methodist University \$5000 For Theolog. Dept. S. M. U. 3000 For Southwestern University 5000 For Summer School Theol. 250 For Texas Woman's College 2000 For North Texas College 3000 For Wesley College 2500 For Bible Chair, University of Texas 800 The amount for the Bible Chair is to be raised by collections throughout the conference. The report authorizes a campaign for \$60,000 to endow a chair in the Theological Department of Southern Methodist University. The report lies on the table for a day, in accordance with the conference rules. Resolutions of sympathy for G. W. Whisler were adopted. Dr. C. M. Bishop, President of the Southwestern University, was introduced and addressed the conference. A Christian conception of the universe and of human life, he said, underlies the process of Christian education. He argued this proposition strongly and eloquently. Dr. H. A. Boaz, President of the Texas Woman's College, was introduced and addressed the conference. The conference applauded as he related the success of the recent campaign in Fort Worth raising \$115,000 for the Texas Woman's College. O. F. Sensabaugh moved that the name of O. S. Thomas be referred to the committee for the committee for the supernumerary relation. The motion prevailed. The Bishop announced the committee on the proposed charter for the

conference. The committee is composed of the following: R. G. Mood, Chairman; A. L. Andrews, E. W. Alderson, C. A. Spragins, S. R. Hay, J. Sam Barcus, M. L. Hamilton, C. A. Long, E. A. Maness, E. L. Egger, J. F. Pierce, T. H. Morris, O. S. Thomas, W. L. Tittle, T. N. Weeks. After announcements the conference adjourned to meet at 2:30 in the afternoon. W. D. Bradfield pronounced the benediction. FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION. The conference was called to order at 2:30 p. m. with Jno. M. Moore in the chair by the appointment of the Bishop. "Come, Thou Fount," was sung by the conference. A. F. Hendrix read John 15:1-11 and led in singing Hymn 547, "Children of the Heavenly King." A. F. Hendrix led in prayer. L. D. Shawver read the report of the Board of Church Extension. The report indicates that the Loan Fund of the General Board is now more than \$674,000; \$6376.12 were received from collections this year in the conference. The report was adopted. C. A. Spragins moved the reconsideration of the motion whereby it was resolved to incorporate the conference. The motion prevailed. C. A. Spragins moved the appointment of a committee to consider the desirability of incorporating the conference. The following committee was appointed by the Bishop: R. G. Mood, C. A. Spragins and E. W. Alderson. Rex B. Wilkes read the report of the Epworth League Board. Pending the adoption of the report Bishop McCoy, President of the Epworth League Board, spoke to the report. He charged the presiding elders to make an Epworth League campaign during their first round. The report of the Board was adopted. Jno. M. Moore read the report of the Board of Missions. The conference has paid this year, per the report, 64.5 per cent of the assessment for Foreign Missions and 64.4 per cent of the assessment for Home Missions. The report outlined plans for the paying of the assessments in full. The report also shows that the General Board of Missions last year paid \$20,000 in interest which might have gone for the support of missionaries in the field had the pastors raised their assessments at the beginning of the year. C. A. Spragins and R. C. Dial, cooperating with the Evangelistic Committee, were recommended to direct in the simultaneous Evangelistic campaign in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico as representatives from the North Texas Conference. Pending the adoption of the report Jno. M. Moore spoke. The report was adopted. NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS. By REV. W. J. WILSON. This is the burning question just now. The President and Mr. Bryan seem to agree on this question, and also to disagree. Each is in favor of preparedness, at least, to a certain extent. Mr. Bryan seems to think that any great addition to our present equipment is unnecessary, provocative of the war spirit among our people and our neighbors. Is our present preparedness ample for the present and near future? To say that it is, one must refuse to take the lessons brought to us in the last fifteen months. Two years ago the nation that could float the greatest number of superdreadnaughts was regarded mistress of the seas, but how is it today? The greatest ship ever built is a plaything in the presence of a well-equipped and skillfully manned undersea craft. Again walls of brick, stone or iron as sure protection for forts are about obsolete. During the Civil War I stood in twenty feet of a group of generals holding council, a bomb fell and exploded about half way between where I sat on my horse and where the generals stood. Some limbs fell from trees immediately over where the bomb fell. Neither man nor horse was hurt. Now, how would it have been if one of the most modern shells had fallen? Not a scrap of man, horse or trees for a radius of possibly a hundred to two hundred feet could have been found to tell the tale. Strategy, one of the finest arts of generalship, an art most skillfully practiced by the great Napoleon is no longer of much use. Air navigation has made this art quite useless. Everybody knows or can know what everybody else is doing. The nation that can navigate the air and the undersea most successfully is the nation most fully equipped for the present. Mr. Bryan in his criticism of the President's plan as outlined in his

J. W. Beckham was granted leave of absence. R. C. Dial read the report of the Committee on Lay Activities. The report indicates that in many charges the Committees on Lay Activities were organized and operated well. R. C. Dial was nominated for Conference Lay Leader. Pending the adoption of the report, R. C. Dial addressed the conference: C. M. Harless, S. R. Hay, R. L. Ely and E. W. Alderson spoke to the report. The report was adopted. The committee in the case of W. A. Thomas reported a trial unnecessary and his character was passed by vote of the conference. J. W. Hill read the report of the special committee appointed to consider the C. M. Bishop paper on lynching. The report was a ringing endorsement of respect for constituted authority and law. The report was ruled out of order because not in duplicate. J. W. Hill read a resolution congratulating the Educational Commission on the completion of the plan for making connectional the Southern Methodist University. Caspar S. Wright addressed the conference pending the adoption of the report. His remarks were very clear and were listened to with great interest. The report was adopted. The Treasurer of the Board of Education made his report showing that the amount collected for education within the bounds of the conference this year is \$13,611.74. J. B. Gober addressed the conference in the interest of Wesley College. Fifteen young men in the college are preparing for the ministry. Boarding students number 165. O. S. Thomas spoke in behalf of Southern Methodist University. The income from the tuition of the nearly 600 students at the University is less than \$1000 for each of the 37 professors in the University. This clearly shows the need of the conference collections and of endowment. Jno. M. Moore moved that the report of the Board of Education be taken from the table. The motion prevailed and the report was taken from the table. J. H. McLean moved to amend the report of the Board by striking out the item of \$2000 for the Texas Woman's College. After a discussion remarkable for strength and for the numbers speaking, the previous question was ordered upon motion of J. I. Morris. The amendment prevailed by 67 to 47. The report as amended was adopted. Moved to adjourn until 2 p. m. Sunday in memorial session. The motion prevailed. The benediction was pronounced by J. H. Reynolds. SEE ELSEWHERE FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS. address in New York says it is "A challenge to the spirit of Christianity." I dislike to criticize anything said by Mr. Bryan touching Christianity, as I have the very highest respect for his allegiance for and to the Prince of Peace, and I believe he seeks to be guided by the dictation of the Holy Spirit, who is really God with us. I call Mr. Bryan's attention to the fact that our Lord sets the example, warranting us in cautious preparation against possible enemies. In our Lord's early ministry several times he enjoined those on whom he had performed most wonderful miracles that they should tell no one. There may have been at least two main reasons for this precaution: First, so stirred were the masses by his matchless works, there was danger that they might in a great gathering have declared him their temporal king, or the officialdom of the Jewish Church might have done then, as they did two and a half years later, rushed him to death, possibly by stoning; either of which would have thwarted the whole plan and purpose of his coming into the world. Again Mr. Bryan says, "What nation has ever prepared for war on the theory that it was preparing for 'aggression'?" Now, if Mr. Bryan believes that the preparation carried on in Germany from 1908 to July, 1915, was without any eye to aggression, his believing faculty is stronger than mine. There is some source of danger demanding watchfulness that I have not seen mentioned so far in any argument for ample preparedness. I illustrate this point this way. A good man had a fence to his home and a gate at the front entrance, but the gate stood open; a mad dog came along and seeing the gate open interpreted it to mean to "Come in." He bit one of the good man's children. A lunatic claimed after he had slain a whole family that God had told him to kill that family, and he was simply obeying divine orders. That was a good family. Now, some one says why did not the allwise and good God

wake up that family, so as that they might have thwarted that lunatic. Notice that good man had a house and door to his home, but he and wife and children went to sleep leaving the door unlocked. Had the same been locked the lunatic would have had to batter down the door and thereby given ample notice of danger, and, with telephone in the house, the officers would have thwarted the maniac. Moral: The good Lord cannot be depended on to lay up all the gaps his slothful children leave down. "I say unto you, watch," was one charge he gave his disciples. In a press dispatch from Berlin, July 31, 1914, reporting a speech delivered by the Kaiser to 5000 people gathered in front of the palace, among other things the Kaiser said: "A fateful hour has fallen for Germany—the sword has been forced into our hands, and now I commend you to God. Go to Church and kneel before God and pray for his help for our gallant army." Coupling this with some things the Kaiser is reported to have said in a council meeting at Potsdam in June, 1908, he began by saying: "After long hours of fervent prayer, light has at last come to me. The outlook is indeed dark, but we need not despair, for God, our great ally, has given into our hands the means of saving our empire." Referring to the Zeppelin airship. After doing up England and France, the Kaiser is said to have promised the United States a lesson, claiming that three millions of the inhabitants were ready to do his bidding. Just now the Kaiser can reconcile his backing of the blood-thirsty Turk, the archenemy of Christians with the claim that the great and just merciful God can be his ally in such fiendish work as the Turks are guilty of is to say the least inconceivable. Just here I remark that when any man, be he king or beggar, sets it into his head that God has told him to do anything, that man is dangerous and needs to be closely watched. Ample preparedness is wise forestalling of men who claim very intimate relations with our blessed Lord. Dallas, Texas. A SCRAP OF OLD HISTORY. H. G. H. In handling some old letters the other day I came across one from H. V. Philpott dated Cuero, Dec. 28, 1898, that contained a scrap of history. He takes H. S. Thrall to task for an alleged partial account of his (Philpott's) connection with the old Methodist Book Depository of Galveston—mention of the once existence of which will be news to a large number of young Methodist preachers of today. He says that in 1865 at the Chapel Hill Conference he was elected editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, Jesse Boring, the chairman of the committee of publication, bringing in and reading the report of the committee, Bishop Andrew presiding. Then he says he was sent to Galveston to be preacher in charge at the same time, and to this was added agent of the Texas Book Depository. He says he went in good faith to do what he could. The delegation from Texas to General Conference in 1866 secured the election of I. G. John as editor of Texas Advocate. At this same conference C. C. Gillespie, says Philpott, was elected editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate. Then account is given of the sale of the Book Depository by the trustees, Robert Alexander and J. W. Whipple, being members of the Board of Trustees. Philpott says he was still agent of the Depository at time of sale and believed money could have been made out of rents for payment of indebtedness. Another conference came on and Philpott says he was taken from Galveston Station and placed on a seaman's mission, having to preach in the public market house, and without an appropriation. It was while Philpott was in charge of the station in 1866 that Bishop Simpson made his first visit to Texas after the war and the people did not fall on his neck and weep for joy. The old letter contains much history of the troubles of the Depository, payment of old Advocate debts, publication of books by Thrall, pamphlets by Philpott, losses by depreciation in greenbacks, etc., which need not be repeated here, all through which Philpott's red hair and aggressiveness is pronounced. Alexander, Thrall, Philpott, Whipple, John, Boring, Brown, McMahan, Shearn, Veal, Gillespie—all those old-timers, men who struggled with difficulties—men who made history in their efforts to establish Methodism—have gone beyond the touch of criticism—and we are trying to build on the broad foundation they laid.





### The Atonement Provision for Forgiveness

By R. S. CLARK, Nashville, Tennessee

The offender being the beneficiary of forgiveness must make it possible by repentance, as this recovers subjectively his former relation with the offender, while his forgiveness by the offended accepts this recovered relation, which as an inevitable formally brings them at-one-ment again, which otherwise would be impossible. The dead therefore cannot be forgiven, no more than they can repent, and for this reason they cannot be forgiven; neither can the living be forgiven that do not repent; for there is no reconciliation possible between moral beings without repentance on the part of the offender. Therefore the proclamation of John the Baptist and of Christ in making the new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: "Repent (of their sins of offense to God), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand—that is, for entrance into recovered citizenship by repentance—reconciliation with God, and faith acceptance of His pardon, as in no other way is this justified relation with God obtained by the sinner.

Is not the truth of the declaration of the Savior, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," seen to be established in this unquestionable philosophy of the forgiveness of sins? And is it not seen that this philosophy of reconciliation between the sinner and God, and is alike indispensable in reconciling estranged moral beings? For instance, how could the M. E. Church, South, be reconciled with Vanderbilt University in its fraudulent alienation from her, without repentance on its part? If otherwise, can anyone fail to see that the M. E. Church, South, would indorse this institution in its fraud, thereby becoming an accomplice with it? While it is not the province of the M. E. Church, South, to hold revenge against Vanderbilt University, "for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord," it is certainly her province, yea, her duty in self-defense, to hold it responsible for its alienation from her, and, of course, have no fellowship with it, for this is God's plan (not revenge) for her preservation not only from its guilt, but from responsibility for its future administration. Recent developments, therefore, furnish occasion for serious concern both for the character and future liability of the M. E. Church, South.

An error here being capable of such pernicious results in the character and responsibility of Christ's Church, He has carefully guarded His people against it, saying to them: "Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him" (tell him of his offense): "and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him" (Luke 17:3,4). The Savior taught this atonement plan for the reconciliation of created moral beings more particularly when he said: "Moreover, if thy brother trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between him and thee alone; if he shall hear thee" (that is, admit his error and repent for it) "thou hast gained thy brother"—in recovering him to his former relation to him by absolving him from his sin of offense, and how else could he have done it? Not by forgiving him without repentance, certainly, for the simple reason that such forgiveness is a contradiction, being salvation from sin in a confirmed state in sin by the indorsement of the offender, he thereby becoming associated with him in it. "But if he will not hear thee take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it to the Church; but if he neglect to hear the Church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican"—unforgiven, of course, because he refused to meet the conditions upon which it was alone possible. "Verily I say unto you, Whatever ye bind on earth" (in this way) "shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth" (following this rule) "shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt. 18:15-18). (May not this be an explanation of Matt. 16:19, together with the proclamation of the vital truth that the Father reveals Christ to everyone that enters His kingdom?) "Then came Peter to Him, and said, Lord, How oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus said unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times; but until seventy times seven. Therefore the kingdom of heaven is likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when

he began to reckon, one was brought unto him which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and all that he had, and payment be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshiped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But that same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet" (as he had done to his lord) "and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all" (just as he had promised his lord). "And he would not; but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant! I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: shouldst not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due him. So likewise shall my Heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your heart forgive not every one his brother their trespasses" (Matt. 18:21-35).

Does not the Savior teach conclusively in this illustration that the seventy times seven forgiveness in answer to Peter's question, was to be preceded by repentance on the part of offending brother, and which compelled the offended brother to forgive him, or forfeit his own forgiveness? Now we may understand the Savior when he said to his disciples: "For if ye forgive not men their trespasses"—that is, when they repent, which secures their absolution from their sins of offense, and recovers them to their former relation—"neither will your Father forgive your trespasses," thereby recovering them to their former justified relation with him; which, of course, is impossible without repentance, as otherwise God would indorse them in their sins; just as they would those that trespassed against them if they forgave them without their repentance. How difficult it seems to be for the Church to understand the philosophy of the forgiveness of sins that is contained in "the faith once delivered to the saints," to say nothing about "contending earnestly for" this faith!

The dismissal of revenge by the offender, and the forgiveness of the offender are two things widely different, though often confounded, the one being the personal act of the offender, and therefore changes his relation to God; while forgiveness changes mutually the relation between the offender and the offender, and which as an inevitable continues the justified relationship of the former with God, and recovers to the latter this relation with God, thus making the offender the beneficiary of forgiveness, and not by any means the forgiver, for he saves the offender from his sin of offense, as does God.

Therefore God bestows his general blessings upon the wicked, that he may thereby lead them to repentance, that he may forgive them their sins, thereby saving them by bringing them

into justified relation with him; and this is just what Christ has taught his people to do, that is, by their goodness to bring those that have trespassed against them to repentance that they may forgive them for their sins of offense, thereby saving them by restoring them to their former justified relation between them, and which the Savior says "shall be bound in heaven." To confound the dismissal of revenge against the offender with his forgiveness, not only prevents the offender from an effort to secure his repentance that he may forgive him, and thereby save him from his sin of offense, thus making the offender an accomplice with him in this crime, and which as an inevitable confirms them in their estrangements to each other, while the offender feels that he has forgiven his offender.

This is the "work of the mystery of iniquity," taking Christ "out of the atonement way" of reconciling the wicked of the world with God by their repentance, and in reconciling its estranged members by the repentance of the offender followed with forgiveness by the offender. This "light" of Christ's people can be seen by the world, not only in that they, like God, do good to those that trespass against them, thereby seeking their repentance, that they may forgive them, but also in that they thereby keep the Christian character clear from any involvement in the world's sinful life, thus being holy, like their Heavenly Father. But to confound the dismissal of revenge against those that trespass against them with their forgiveness without repentance, is not like their Heavenly Father, for he never does this, and therefore this "light is darkness," which is proof against light, because it is a plausible obscuration of it, which is putting their "light under the world's bushel." And who that will give this very important subject serious thought that will not see that this kind of forgiveness is quite prevalent today; and also see that the character thus made is not the character that "God hath shined out of Zion," that is, "the perfection of beauty" in its spotless transparency.

#### MADE HIM FEEL SO LITTLE.

"Sad to relate, one of our subscribers was caught in the heavy storm that came a few nights ago, and being dreadfully afraid of the lightning and thunder he crawled into a hollow log that was nearby. The rain continued for some time and the log began to swell. Pretty soon our friend was tightly wedged in the log and was beginning to suffer from the swelling. He began to think over his past life and his many missteps, his doubtings and his debts. He had paid his grocer, his tailor, and all of his other debts he could think of at the time, and was praying for forgiveness of his secret sins, when he happened to think he had not paid for his Christian Advocate for more than a year and a half. This made him feel so little he immediately crawled out through a worm hole in the log.—EX.

"That word 'everlasting' is used in reference to the habitations, the future abode of those who use their means to help their fellow men in their needs. It is a big word. It means great things for the givers and the beneficiaries of that which blesses the soul and bodies of the children of men. (Rev. xiv. 6.)

Some Churches would do much for themselves by studying earnestly to do something for others. The law of service is the law of growth and happiness.

### THAT COUNTRY CHURCH PROBLEM AS VIEWED BY A COUNTRY WOMAN.

I have been thinking for some time I would offer a suggestion to the readers of the dear old Advocate (especially the preachers) relating to solving the problem of the country Church, and as I have read some splendid articles lately on the subject, cannot longer refrain from entering my plea: That the good old-time country Church, with its mid-week prayer meetings, fast days before Quarterly Conference and grand camp meetings, when "crops were laid by," have passed away, and live only in the memories of those who like myself have enjoyed her privileges, wept and prayed at her altar and rejoiced when at times it seemed the very gates of heaven were flung open and we were permitted a glimpse into the glory world, all admit. But how to meet the changed conditions and restore to the old Church her former glory and influence seems to be a very perplexing question.

Now, I am only a woman, one of thousands, who loves the Church, living in the country, isolated from and deprived of Church privileges, five miles from Church (others may be ten or more), while a good schoolhouse is near my home which would accommodate a goodly number should there be any service there, who, however, seldom hear a sermon, and such places and abandoned churches can be found all over our land.

Now, brother preachers, I would suggest that you who are stationed in town and drawing a fair salary, go out every Sunday afternoon to one of these out of town neighborhoods and call the people together; visit them in their homes, minister to their spiritual needs and preach the everlasting gospel with a heart full of love for sinners, and you will have made a long step toward solving this great and perplexing question—"The passing of the country Church."

I would not decry the work done in the towns and cities. They need preaching and lots of it, but I have been to Church in town when there would be a mere handful compared to the membership, when if it had been known that some preacher was to preach at a schoolhouse in the country, he would have had a good congregation.

Brethren, it is not the thing you do. But the thing that is left undone. That gives you the bitter heartache. At the setting of the sun.

And surely there has been a great work along this line left undone which is causing the great heart of our beloved Church to ache and bleed just at this time. The great cry of the country today (from which so many of our great men have come) is "Come back to our pulpits as of yore and tell the simple sweet story of the cross with a heart filled with love for a lost world for which Christ died, and the common people will hear you gladly. Then ye shall teach transgressors the way and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Brothers, will you heed the call? (MRS.) NEATIE McNEELY, Haskell, Texas.

#### NO MARK OF BURIAL.

H. G. H.

History records the death of LaSalle on the banks of some small creek not far from the Brazos River at the hands of an assassin and his burial by one of his traveling companions—but where, and not a trace of the spot where the bones of this distinguished and cultured Frenchman went to dust.

Not far from the spot where the great causeway has been thrown across the Nueces Bay and touched Refugio County a son of the noted John Wesley Kenney, and grandson of the famous Barnabas McHenry, of Kentucky, was killed by the Indians about 1845. No record as to his bones ever having been buried. Nearly the entire West Texas Conference in a body passed along there in 1868 on the way to conference.

The aunt of this young man, Miss Lydia McHenry (probably the first teacher who opened a school in Texas), was instrumental in inducing the General Conference and Mission Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, then in session in New York, to send the first missionaries to Texas. She is said to have been a beautiful woman and greatly admired by Bishop Easton. Where is she buried?

About 1840 Henry Tackett, a Methodist preacher, was killed by Indians on the Guadalupe River near the Comal settlement, now the town of New Braunfels. Not a trace of his burial spot, nor his body ever was put into the ground.

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in Fayette County is buried in an unknown grave the brother of Bishop Wm. Capers, and great-uncle of Bishop W. T. Capers, of San Antonio, Felicia Hemans, distinguished authoress, heard Wm. Capers in Columbia, S. C. (under the pulpit of whose church the body of the Bishop is buried), and she said he was the most eloquent man she had ever heard in Europe or America.

Would it not be an honor to know where John Rabb is buried, the first man who joined the Methodist Church in Texas, and whose money and religion started the first Methodist Church in San Antonio?

There is buried on San Jacinto battleground a Methodist preacher named Williams. Who can tell anything of him? When he came to Texas? When he died and was buried in that spot? A son-in-law of old Mordecai Yell was a Rev. Dr. Williams, on Sam Houston's medical staff, and who made a flaming speech in Gonzales in 1835 just before the first gun of Texas independence was fired. Where is he buried?

God's true people are workers or they are nothing at all. "Go work in my vineyard." A holy, happy, busy, harmonious body of Christians are what make the Church attractive and Christlike; they give it a strong grip upon the thought and sympathy of mankind, and, if anything can do so, they cause Satan himself to wear a long face.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD—ITS
ORIGIN AND CONTINUITY.

By Rev. D. A. Williams.

I do not write this article in the
spirit of controversy, but with the
purpose of indoctrinating our Metho-
dist people regarding "The Origin
and Continuity of the Church of God."

Methodism introduces no new doc-
trine. Its doctrines are as old as God,
and will live unmarred in their purity
until death shall toss the last clod on
the grave of earth's lost child, and
shriek, "I've won the victory!"

Salvation through Jesus Christ is
the prime doctrine of the Church of
God. This doctrine originated in
Eden when God said that "The seed
of the woman" should "bruise the
serpent's head." (Gen. 3:15).

Around this promise God has built
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side of the Church of God. Abel,
Enoch, Elijah and Abraham were re-
ligious men (Heb. 11) and they were
of the Church of God.

God has had a Church "from the
foundation of the world." But the
Church was not always in organic
form. Really, the visible Church is a
development, and has passed through
several stages of its development
without losing its identity. The
Church passed through three great
cycles of time or stages of develop-
ment, and God has beautifully fitted
his Church to the requirements of
each age and filled each age with his
Church, making proper changes when
and where it became necessary, in
order to adapt it to its great world-
transforming and soul-saving mis-
sion. The world of today is what God
has made it, as his Spirit has moved
upon its national and international
life, through the agency of the
Church. And as the Church of God,
in its undying principles of "right-
eousness, peace and joy in the Holy
Ghost" becomes more and more uni-
versal among men, will the thought
of the world be elevated, its aspira-
tions broadened and its deportment
be corrected and held in the path that
leads to Christian civilization, and
national glory. This is what we mean
when we pray, "Thy Kingdom come;
Thy will be done," etc.

Now, let us consider:

1. The Origin of the Church.

During the pre-Jewish period of
the Church, or the Patriarchal age,
the Church-kingdom was in embry-
onic condition—developing, but not
developed. Around the skeleton of
dim prophecy, through revelation,
God was wrapping the mantle of ful-
fillment—in completing the scheme of
Sacrificial Redemption as it is in
Christ Jesus. This was the period of
Church history when the elementary
principles or lessons regarding sal-
vation by mediation, involving sacri-
fice and intercession were taught, let-
ter by letter, till the mind of the race
was able to grasp the whole scheme
and preserve it till the system be
finished. And all the symbols and
figures of the Patriarchal and Jewish
ages pointed to sacrificial redemption
in Christ. This age extends from
Eden across the flood, to the exodus
from Egypt. The father of every
family performed all the religious
services for his household. During
this period tradition was the only
channel for the transmission of the
principles of religion, as well as the
history of the Church; and father
would repeat these to son, generation
after generation. As mankind in-
creased and human life shortened,
this method of retaining and dis-
seminating divine truth became un-
safe, so God selected one Man and
his posterity as a repository for the
developing scheme of redemption,
till, according to the purpose of God,
the system could be finished in this
life, death, burial, resurrection and
ascension of his Son—Jesus Christ.
Abraham was the man selected and
his posterity—the Jews—became the
organized Church of God.

The Church took organic form
about 1900 B. C., when God made his
covenant with Abraham in Mesopo-
tamia. (Gen. 17:10, 11, 12): "This is
my covenant which ye shall keep, be-
tween me and you, and thy seed after
thee: Every man child among you
shall be circumcised," etc., etc.

Here circumcision became the sign
or token of God's covenant re-
lation to that "family" and of their
relation to God. This covenant was
an everlasting covenant. (Gen. 17:7).
The Church built upon this everlasting
in duration. Ps. 145:13: "Thy
kingdom is an everlasting kingdom."
The words "church" and "kingdom"
are used in Scripture interchange-
ably, and means ditto. This covenant
was the Magna Charta of the Church
of God. In it God promised to be a
God unto "Abraham and his seed

after him and to confer on them all
the blessings flowing from redemp-
tion through Jesus Christ. These were
the stipulations on God's part; and
love, faith and obedience were the
stipulations on man's part, and cir-
cumcision was the sign or seal of
the agreement. (Gen. 17). Now,
then, St. Paul sustains the position
that the Abrahamic Covenant is the
Gospel Covenant, when he declares,
"And the Scriptures (Old Testament)
foreseeing that God would justify the
heathen through faith, preached be-
fore the Gospel unto Abraham, say-
ing: In thee shall all the nations of
the earth be blessed." (Gal. 3:8).

If St. Paul is a good authority, then
the Church organized by Abraham,
under divine direction, was, without
doubt, the Gospel Church, because it
was founded upon the Gospel Cove-
nant made with Abraham. Has this
covenant been repealed? If so, book,
chapter and verse, please! If not, it
is still in full force today.

My friends, I want to clinch this
truth. The "House of Israel" were a
church—"sons of God." (1 John
3:11; Gen. 6:2). What more can be
said of any denomination of Chris-
tendom today? They believed in the
promised Messiah. (Gen. 3:15). The
only difference between us and them
is we believe in the Christ who has
come and fulfilled this promise. (John
3:16). They worshiped God (Gen.
12:3, 4). They had a ministry. (Gen.
14:18). What more have we?

What is a Church? It is a "congre-
gation or assembly of faithful men,
women and children in which the
pure word of God is preached, and the
sacraments duly administered." If
this be true (and it is) the Jewish
Church was the Church of God.

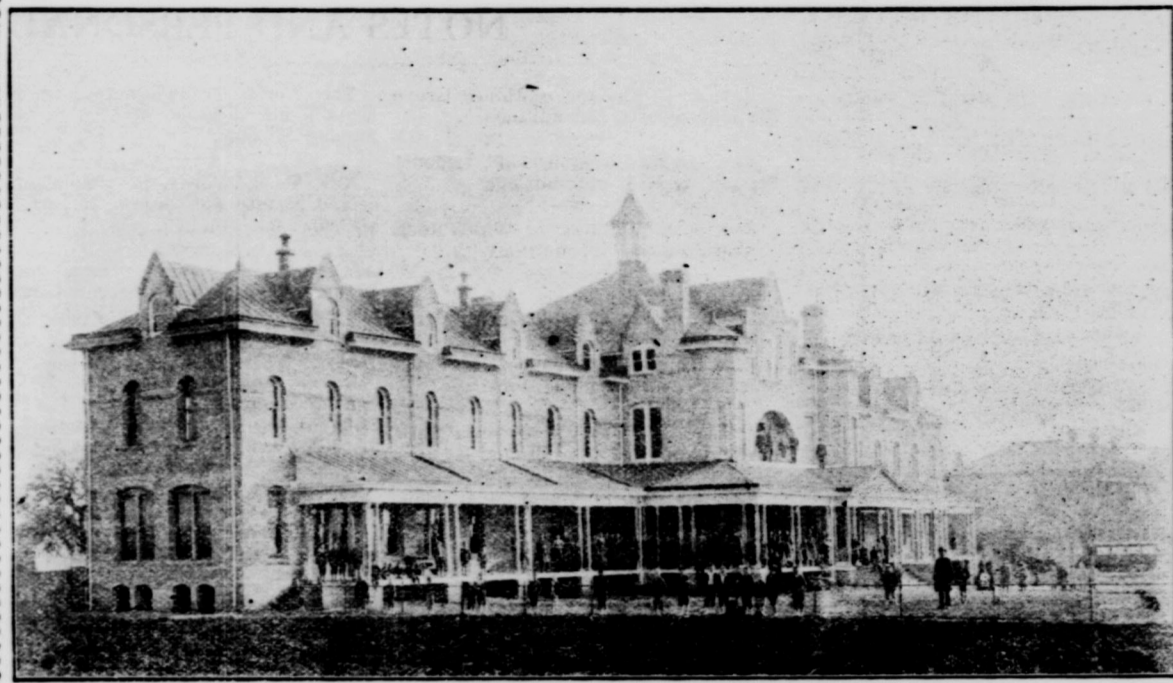
Four things constitute a visible
Church, namely: Faith in Christ;
Organization; a Ministry and Ordina-
nces of Divine Service. The
Hebrews had all of these and we
Christians have nothing more. Names
have changed and differed in the
course of time, but the Church has
remained the same. In Ps. 80:8,
God calls it a "vine." In John 15:5,
Jesus calls it a "vine." In Ezek.
34:30, God calls it "house of Israel"—
"my people"—"my flock." St. James
calls it "the twelve-tribe-Church."
(James 1:1). But it is the same
Church that was from the beginning
—unchanged—unchangeable.

One of the leading errors of the day
is the preposterous idea that John
the Baptist organized the Church of
God. What did God and humanity do
for a Church before John the Baptist
was born? The truth is, God had
a Church four hundred and thirty
years before the giving of the law to
Moses. (Gen. 17:13, 14). And when
the law was given unto Moses he
(Moses) was "in the Church." Listen
to St. Luke: "This is he (Moses)
that was in the Church." Where and
when, Luke? "In the wilderness
with the angel which spoke unto him
in the Mount Sinai, and with our
fathers." (Acts 7:37, 38). This proves
conclusively that God had a Church,
and that Moses at Mount Sinai was
"in the Church \* \* \* with our
fathers." So God's "vine" in the
wilderness and "the Church in the
wilderness" are one and the same
thing, and Moses and "our fathers"
were "in it."

Now, the Bible is a record of the
Church of God. Every line of it was
written by Jews. Not a hint does the
record give of John the Baptist orga-
nizing the Church of God. Book,
chapter and verse, please? Some
people seem to think that John was
a big, fat antipedobaptist parson,
walking around with a fine morocco-
bound, gilt-edged copy of the New
Testament in his grip. But not so.
The truth is, John the Baptist was a
priest in the "house of Israel," or
Jewish Church. He was a son of
Zechariah, a priest of the course of
Abia. (1 Chron. 24:10); also (Acts
13:25). Now, the law made John a
priest. (Luke 2:7). He was the last
of the Levitical order of priests. He
did not organize the Christian Church,
nor administer Christian baptism, for
he was dead long before the Christian
dispensation began. (Mark 1:14, 15).
And as the officiating minister of his
day he consecrated Jesus Christ a
priest in the Jewish Church (Luke
3:21-23); also Numbers 4:34, 35 and
Heb. 7:19-22). How? See Numbers
8:5, 6, 7, verses.

John never heard of our modern,
"copyrighted" antipedobaptist sys-
tem, nor of the New Testament as a
part of the Holy Writ, for he was
dead about one hundred and fifty-
four years before any part of the New
Testament writings were adopted by
the Church as a part of the Bible. I
think I have proved that Abel, Enoch,
Abraham, Moses, David, John the
Baptist and Jesus all belonged to the
same Church.

Now let's consider briefly:
2. Continuity of the Church of God.
After Jesus was initiated into the
priesthood he entered upon his offi-



Main Building of Orphanage, Waco, Texas.

REMEMBER THAT A RESOLUTION WAS PASSED AT THE WEST
TEXAS, CENTRAL TEXAS AND NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCES DESIG-
NATING CHRISTMAS SUNDAY AS ORPHANS' DAY FOR LIFTING A
FREE-WILL OFFERING FOR SUSTAINING THE INSTITUTION FOR THE
CONFERENCE YEAR 1915-1916. WE TRUST ALL THE PULPITS OF
METHODIST CONNECTION WILL FOLLOW SUIT.

MAKE ALL REMITTANCES TO REV. R. A. BURROUGHS, Waco, Texas

A WORD OF EXPLANATION ABOUT THE COLLECTIONS THAT ARE ASKED FOR THE ORPHAN-
AGE ON CHRISTMAS SUNDAY.

Every Sunday School is asked to make an offering to help finish our new building, which is very much need-
ed. More than two hundred homeless children have been turned away during the year. No room. This offering is
to be sent to Rev. W. T. Gray, Station A, Fort Worth, and he will send a list of the Sunday Schools and amount
given by them to the Texas Christian Advocate. The offering to be taken by the pastors is for the maintenance
of the Home and is to be sent to the Conference Treasurer, or R. A. Burroughs, Waco, Texas. Each pastor is re-
quested to give name of Conference from which the money is sent. Let every pastor give his people a chance to
give to this great cause.

cial duties. (Mark 1:14, 15 and also
(Luke 4:14-22). He preached first to
the Jews, saying: "Come ye blessed
of my father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation
of the world." Thus he offered them
the spiritual blessings of his Mes-
sianic Kingdom. But they rejected
not only the kingdom, but its King.
(Luke 4:28, 29, and John 11:47-54).
And as a result of their indifference
and downright rebellion Jesus said
to the Jews, the erstwhile orthodox
Church, "Therefore say I unto you,
The Kingdom of God (Church of God)
shall be taken from you and given
unto a nation (Gentiles) bringing
forth the fruits thereof." (Matt. 21:43).
Did Christ do this? Yes. How? He
chose unto him twelve of his dis-
ciples (Luke 6:13), all of whom were
of the Jewish Church, and he said
unto them, "I appoint unto you the
kingdom, as my Father hath appoint-
ed me; that ye may eat and drink
at my table, in my kingdom, and sit
on thrones judging the twelve tribes
of Israel." (Luke 22:29, 30). Note, he
doesn't say, "I will establish a new
kingdom—or Church"—but, "I ap-
point unto you the kingdom as (that)
my Father hath appointed unto me."
And they were to superintend "the
twelve tribes of Israel," and not a
new Church. So, this was the old
Jewish Church, and Christ and his
apostles were in this Church; and if
they ever withdrew from its fellow-
ship, will some one please give me
book, chapter and verse where it
is recorded? They were members of
the Church or congregation of the
Lord, composed of the twelve tribes
of Israel. The Lord's table was in
this Church—not in a new one "set
up" by John the Baptist in the jun-
gles of Jordan! God's Church was not
called "Christian Church" during the
apostolic age. It was never called
"Baptist Church" in Holy Writ. It
was first called "Christian" at An-
tioch, and this was not the modern
Campbellite Church. (Acts 11:26).
And this was about thirty years after
Luke's conversion and he didn't seem
to know anything about a new Church
kingdom being "set up." Long be-
fore this time Jesus in teaching his
disciples how to deal with offending
brethren, said, among other things:
"Tell it to the Church." (Matt.
18:17). How could they tell it to the
Church if the Church had not been
established? Neither did Peter "set"
it up. "Oh, but didn't Christ say he
would build his Church on Peter?"
"No, sir." "Well, explain that." All
right. Christ was asking his dis-
ciples what the people thought about
him. Various answers were given.
Then Jesus said: "But whom say ye
that I am?" and Peter said: "Thou

art the Christ, the Son of the living
God. And Jesus answered and said
unto him, Blessed art thou Simon
Bar-jona; for flesh and blood hath
not revealed it unto thee, but my
Father which is in heaven. And I say
also unto thee, That thou art Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my
Church. What "rock" would Christ
build upon, Peter? No, but upon
Christ (the living Rock) would the
Church be built during the coming
years of its history. It was Peter's
confession that Jesus was the Christ
—this eternal truth—that he would
build his Church upon. In another
passage Jesus says: "I will build
again the Tabernacle of David, which
is fallen down, and I will build
again the ruins thereof, and I will set
it up."
"The Tabernacle of David" is un-
doubtedly the Church of David, which
had "fallen." And Christ's mission was,
in a sense, to revive the languishing
Jewish Church and to "open the door
of faith unto the Gentiles" that the
"residue of men might seek after the
Lord."
He came "to break down the mid-
dle wall of partition between" the
Jews and the Gentiles, making of the
two "one body." (Eph. 2:10-22).
"So making peace." Then the Old
Testament Church and the New Tes-
tament Church are "one body." (Eph.
4:11-17, also 3:7-13).
The Jews and Gentiles belonged to
"the same body." (Eph. 3:6, also see
1 Cor. 12:11-21). "For by one Spirit
are we all baptized into one body
(the Church) whether we be Jews or
Gentiles," etc., verse 13. Is that
plain?
Now, then, on the day of Pentecost
after Peter had preached a little bit,
"they that gladly received his word
were baptized, and the same day
there were added unto the (the
Church) about three thousand souls."
(Acts 2:41, also verse 47).

Greek, the white man and the negro,
and puts the arms of bleeding mercy
about a lost world and lifts it up to
the sublime plane of children of the
Heavenly King, and teaches us to cry,
ADDA, FATHER: AND I say all
Christians belong to this Church—
regardless of name or creed.
Pittsburg, Texas.
TAKE IT EASY.
Waiting a few moments in an office
the other day a framed motto on the
wall attracted attention. It said:
"Take it easy." Surely this is a time-
ly and needful caution that might well
be passed along and applied to check
the all-devouring rush of eager haste
with which men pursue what are ac-
counted the good things of this life.
The hurry and worry that consume
strength so wastefully in no sense
pay. Nerve force is dissipated, physi-
cal and mental strength frittered
away, by the pulling and pushing, the
racing and rushing, the fretting and
fuming with which so much of the
world's business nowadays is done.
Nothing is gained by getting in-
to a stew or indulging in fidgets
because things do not move
fast enough to suit us. More
will be accomplished in the long run
by greater calmness and deliberation.
It is of first importance that the spir-
it be kept in peace and quietness, free
from the incursions of impatience and
still enough to hear God speak. We
must be sufficiently slow not to get
a single inch in advance of his steps.
God does not seem to be in a hurry.
He takes plenty of time for the evol-
ving of his plans. It were well if
we tarried long enough in his com-
pany to learn how to walk in peace
by his side.
But on the other hand there is al-
ways call for protest against the too
great tendency to take it easy which
is manifested on the part of most
people in regard to spiritual progress.
It will not answer to settle down into
a formal routine contented with past
attainments. Its is easy and com-
mon to relax vigilance pretty often,
and remit diligence, and aim at lazy
comfort instead of pressing on after
the utmost likeness to Christ. Fer-
vor is too frequently lacking in reli-
gious exercises. Let the trumpet note
of warning at this point continually
peal forth. Time flies, eternity draws
near, souls are perishing, and God is
expecting fruit.—Pittsburg Christian
Advocate.
He that is not on speaking terms
with his neighbor is not within
speaking distance of heaven.—Ed-
ward Leigh Pell, D. D.



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

President Wilson read his message to Congress Tuesday, December 7. The message has but a single theme—National Preparedness.

At bottom, the message is but a new statement of the Monroe Doctrine. In the judgment of President Wilson, the Republics of North and South America are now recognized as partners in the enterprise of proclaiming America for Americans.

The preparedness of the United States is urged by the President solely in view of Pan-Americanism. Neither European nor Asiatic countries are to be allowed to establish themselves politically upon the American Continent.

This is statesmanship of the most far-seeing variety. The break-up consequent upon the great European war is sure to subject America to new tests. The United States is pledged never to seek to coerce any republic on the American Continents, but is called upon to be prepared to champion weaker republics if threatened by European or Asiatic powers.

If America is to work out her destiny in the world nothing less can be expected of our own great Nation than that outlined by our great President. The measures of preparedness urged by President Wilson long have been in the minds of our great leaders.

We commend the lofty and patriotic message of President Wilson to the careful consideration of our readers.

Rev. J. W. Fort, pastor of First Methodist Church, Corsicana, was so well pleased with the efforts of the people of that city in entertaining the conference that he penned a letter to the Corsicana Daily Sun, extending thanks to all denominations, as well as all others who participated in the good work.

Rev. C. B. Fladger, of Honey Grove Station, reports 23 additions.

Rev. J. M. Sweeton, of Ladonia Station, reports 61 additions.

Rev. A. F. Watkins, of White Rock Circuit, reports 71 additions.

Rev. R. N. Huckabee, of Electra Station, reports 66 additions.

Rev. F. A. Crutchfield, of Henrietta Station, reports 84 additions.

Rev. W. E. Barbere, of Iowa Park Station, reports 46 additions.

Rev. A. Wall, of Megargel Mission, reports 62 additions.

Rev. R. L. Patterson, of Sunset Circuit, reports 69 additions.

Rev. A. L. Andrews, of Wichita Falls Station, reports 513 additions.

Rev. W. W. Johnson, of Brooklyn Avenue and Irving, reports 128 additions.

Rev. J. L. Morris, Grace Church, Dallas, reports 229 additions.

Rev. L. L. Cohen, Jr., Munger Place, Dallas, reports 191 additions.

Rev. W. W. Barnett, Argyle Circuit, reports 86 additions.

Rev. H. B. Johnston, of Bridgeport Station, reports 35 additions.

Rev. H. B. Chambers, of Chico Mission, reports 68 additions.

Rev. E. M. Jones, of Paradise Mission, reports 174 additions.

Rev. W. J. Wilson, of Perrin Mission, reports 153 additions.

Rev. J. E. Henderson, of Bonita Circuit, reports 53 additions.

Rev. O. T. Cooper, of Denton Station, reports 156 additions.

Rev. J. L. Pierce, of Denton Street, Gainesville, reports 89 additions.

Rev. T. J. Beckham, of Whaley Memorial, Gainesville, reports 79 additions.

Rev. C. C. Childress, of Caddo Mills and Floyd, reports 166 additions.

Rev. J. V. Davis, of Campbell Circuit, reports 76 additions.

Rev. L. E. Conkin, of Celeste Station, reports 69 additions.

Rev. E. W. Alderson, of Wesley, Greenville, reports 123 additions.

Rev. I. E. Thomas, of Lone Oak Circuit, reports 102 additions.

Rev. J. W. Clifton, of Quinlan Circuit, reports 107 additions.

Rev. Guy F. Jones, of Anna and Melissa, reports 126 additions.

Rev. C. A. Long, of First Church, McKinney, reports 112 additions.

Rev. R. L. Ely, of Prosper Circuit, reports 59 additions.

Rev. J. E. Short, of Princeton and Wilson Chapel, reports 89 additions.

Rev. L. A. Hanson, of Annona Circuit, reports 93 additions.

Rev. W. A. Pritchett, of Clarks-ville Mission, reports 49 additions.

Rev. M. L. Hamilton, of Centenary, Paris, reports 126 additions.

Rev. F. C. Adams, of Paris Circuit, reports 299 additions.

Rev. W. F. Davis, of Howe Circuit, reports 107 additions.

Rev. J. L. Johnson, of Sherman Circuit, reports 91 additions.

Rev. G. C. French, of Terrell Station, reports 72 additions.

Rev. R. E. Porter reports a good year at Sanger. Salaries paid in full.

Rev. J. H. Scrimshire, of Como and Forest Academy, reports 144 additions.

Rev. T. L. Huffstutler, of Mesquite and Pleasant Mound, reports 41 additions.

The North Texas Conference reports a net increase of 5000 in the Sunday Schools.

Rev. T. N. Weeks, of Plano, received 22 into the Church. Raised for all purposes \$4621.56.

Twenty-three young men were licensed to preach within the bounds of the North Texas Conference for the year 1914-15.

Rev. Chas. A. Spragins, of Kavanaugh, Greenville, reported 119 additions to the Church; all claims paid in full; raised for all purposes \$8409.

Rev. L. D. Shawver, of Krum and Slidell, reports salaries paid in full, an increase in membership and fine revivals at points on his charge.

Rev. D. F. Fuller, of Carrollton and Farmer's Branch, reports two good meetings; 75 conversions and 65 accessions to the Church.

R. C. Dial, of Greenville, was re-elected as Lay Leader of the conference. He is one of the strong men of Texas.

Rev. Abe Mulkey's presence was greatly enjoyed. He preached twice during the session of the conference. He is still the same old Abe.

Rev. T. G. Whitten filled out the unexpired term of Bro. Averitt at Dodd City. The year finished up well.

The editor of the Advocate preached Saturday evening to a large audience on "The Great Controversy Concerning Sin," from John 16:8, 9.

The North Texas Conference had a net increase in membership of 6200. This is the largest net increase reported by any of our Texas Conferences for the year 1914-15.

Rev. Minor Bounds, of Deport Station, reports 98 conversions and 92 additions to the Church. 139 new members in the Sunday School. Finances in full.

Rev. J. R. Atchley, of Trinity, Denison, reported 273 accessions to his charge, a net increase in membership of 256. Trinity is now a self-supporting station.

Rev. W. J. Bludworth, of Bonham Street, Paris, reports 69 conversions and 51 accessions to the Church. Salaries paid in full, conference collections 79 per cent paid.

Rev. E. A. Drew, of Post Oak, reports 91 conversions and reclamations, 58 accessions to the Church. Salaries 95 per cent paid, conference collections 65 per cent paid.

Rev. W. C. Howell, of Van Alstyne Station, reports 59 accessions to the Church, 59 of these being on profession of faith. Salaries paid in full. Raised for all purposes \$5352.49.

Rev. H. E. Anderson, of Celina Station, reported salaries and collections paid in full. A debt of \$1900 on parsonage paid. Charge in good spiritual condition.

Rev. O. T. Rogers, of Trenton charge, reported nearly 299 conversions and reclamations, 69 additions to the Church. Finances 75 per cent paid.

Rev. W. T. Lovell, of Lee Street, Greenville, reported 119 accessions to the Church, 55 of these having been received on profession of faith. Raised for all purposes \$1939.

Rev. R. F. Bryant in his two years at Commerce received 332 into the Church. Net gain in membership of 291. Sunday School membership 762.

Rev. C. C. Childress, of Caddo Mills and Floyd, reports 39 additions on profession of faith. Parsonage debt of \$500 paid; \$100 improvement on parsonage.

Rev. J. A. Wheeler, of Ravenna, reports good revivals and finances well up. Sunday School membership exceeds Church membership. One volunteer for special service.

The presence of Dr. John M. Moore through the entire session of the conference was greatly enjoyed. He is President of the Conference Board of Missions.

The entertainment of the conference at Bonham was perfect. The weather was fine and a more delightful session of the conference was never held.

The conference greatly sympathized with Dr. H. A. Bourland in the loss of his wife. His conduct of the Sunday morning Love Feast was admirable.

Rev. C. F. McKinney, of the Pattonville Circuit, reports good revivals on his charge; 65 additions to the Church. Salary paid and 79 per cent of the collections paid.

Rev. J. L. Morris, after a successful pastorate at Grace Church, Dallas, goes to the presiding eldership of the Paris District. Dallas regrets to give up Bro. Morris and his good family.

Rev. C. N. Smith, of Scurry, reported his work in good condition; 13 conversions and 12 additions to the Church on profession of faith. Adult baptisms 11, infant baptisms 6.

Rev. W. J. Johnson will receive a warm welcome at Grace, Dallas. He comes from a pastorate at First Church, Beaumont, made conspicuous by its brilliant success.

Rev. Bert B. Hall finished his four years on the Windom Circuit. Thirty-three accessions to the Church; 13 infants baptized. Sunday School has grown in numbers and interest.

Dr. John H. McLean reported a good year at Wolfe City. Peace and harmony throughout the year. Salaries paid in full. For first time in many years shortage on conference collections.

The address of Dr. E. H. Rawlings, Educational Secretary of the Board of Missions, at the Conference Anniversary Tuesday evening was full of information and made a fine impression.

The Epworth League showed an increase of 17 chapters and 699 members. Bishop McCoy, the President of the Epworth League Board, looked well after the League interests in the conferences.

Rev. S. A. Barnes, of Ervay Street, Dallas, reports 283 additions to the Church. Of these 148 have been received on profession of faith. Net gain in Church membership 249. Infants baptized 32.

Rev. J. F. Archer, of Whitesboro Station, reports the attendance at Sunday School increased from 75 or 80 to 200. A Junior and a Senior Epworth League organized. Salaries and conference collections paid in full.

Rev. W. J. Wilson, of Perrin Mission, reported 153 accessions to the Church, 139 in organized Sunday School classes. Built a good parsonage during the year. Raised for all purposes \$2159.85.

Rev. C. L. Bowen, of Emberson charge, reports 83 conversions and 63 accessions to the Church. Baptized 15 children. Finances 85 per cent paid. Total raised \$1707. Advocate given considerable attention.

Rev. G. B. Carter, of Decatur Circuit, reports 93 conversions, a net increase in membership of 25. Salaries overpaid and collections 75 per cent paid. The Sunday School is in good condition.

Rev. C. B. Golson, of Wylie Station, reports 53 additions to the Church, 69 of whom were received on profession of faith; 28 infants baptized. Salaries in full, conference collections 89 per cent paid.

Rev. W. D. Sauls, of Petrolia charge, reports 17 accessions to the Church, conference collections paid in full. Salary slightly behind. Built a new parsonage. Raised for all purposes \$2187.

Rev. C. L. Bounds, of Burkburnett Station, reports 99 conversions and 49 accessions to the Church. Paid on church debt \$459. Membership paid for all purposes an average of \$12.50 per member.

Rev. E. G. Roberts, of Cedar Hill, reports his church repapered and repainted. Baraca room built; 140 new scholars in Sunday School; 59 accessions. Net increase in membership 49.

Rev. N. R. Stone, of Lewisville, reports 63 accessions to the Church and all claims paid in full. Indebtedness on church raised and the church dedicated. Some splendid improvements on parsonage.

Rev. A. R. Nash, of Pilot Point Station, reports 41 accessions to the Church. Sunday School attendance more than doubled and 13 in excess of the Church membership. Finances in full.

Rev. T. M. Kirk, of Crandall, reports 185 conversions, 59 adult baptisms, debts on two churches paid; Sunday School attendance increased 100 per cent. Average attendance on weekly prayer meeting 65.

Rev. C. L. Satterfield, of Renner Circuit, reports 95 conversions and 89 accessions to the Church. Collections 69 per cent paid. Salary 98 1/2 per cent paid. Raised for other objects \$700.

Rev. Gilbert Irwin, of Burkburnett Mission, reports 65 accessions and 70 additions to the Church. Three new churches built. Salary overpaid. Conference claims 66 2-3 per cent paid. Advocate account paid in full.

Rev. C. P. Combs, of the Duncanville-Wheatland charge, reports a healthy growth in the work of the Church. The parsonage and churches on the charge have been equipped with modern lighting systems.

Rev. E. R. Barcus and Dr. G. M. Gibson exchange places. Bro. Barcus goes to Tyler and Dr. Gibson comes to Oak Cliff. We regret to give up Bro. Barcus, but we welcome Dr. Gibson.

Rev. W. D. Thompson, of Sulphur Springs, received 291 into the Church during the past year; 82 of this number were received on profession of faith. His Sunday School enrolled 959 in all departments.

Rev. C. O. Shugart, of Tyler Street, Oak Cliff, reports his Sunday School enrollment at 1464. Finances in full; 282 additions to the Church, 75 of these having been received on profession of faith.

Rev. E. H. Coburn, of Richardson, reports a good year. Good meetings; one young woman devotes herself to special work. One church building repaired and seated at a cost of \$600. Finances increased over last year.

Rev. J. L. Sullivan has spent two years at Byers. Paid a parsonage debt of \$1000. Membership of the Church increased from 249 to 283. League and Sunday School pay \$96 as a special for missions.

Rev. M. A. Stout, of Marysville charge, reports a good year. Salaries paid, conference collections 59 per cent paid. One church built, valued at \$2000. Good net gain in membership; 98 subscribers to the Texas Advocate on the charge.

Rev. J. Sam Barcus is an ideal conference host. He has had a great year at Bonham. One hundred and forty additions. Bishop McCoy and other invited guests, including the editor, ate birthday dinner with him last Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Slagle, of Myra and Hood, reports salaries and conference collections paid in full. A modern Sunday School department has been added to the church building. Net increase in Church membership 22. Sunday School membership 284.

Rev. W. L. Tittle, of Bowie Station, reports that during his two years at Bowie his congregation has raised more than \$22,000 in cash. The congregation is now in its beautiful new church and the pastor reports the outlook to be promising.

Rev. A. F. Hendrix, of Blossom Station, closed his third year in this charge. He reports 90 conversions during the year and 54 additions to the Church. Collections good and spiritual state of the Church the same.

Rev. R. B. Moreland, of Farmersville Station, reports 256 conversions and 299 additions to the Church. Four young men yielded to the call to preach. Collections in full and salaries overpaid. Sunday School finally organized.

Rev. Claude M. Simpson, of Oak Lawn, Dallas, reported \$32,000 expended for all purposes; 166 additions to the Church; Sunday School attendance beyond 500. A new Sunday School of the students at Southern Methodist University has also become a part of the Oak Lawn Quarterly Conference. All of the new church building now occupied except the main auditorium. It is ready for the pews. This property is now worth \$100,000.



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Rev. W. W. Barnett, of the Argyle charge, reported 86 accessions to the Church, 52 of whom made professions of faith; 42 came from the Sunday School. Amount spent on churches and parsonages \$240. Organized Epworth League.

Rev. G. A. Lehnhoff, of Decatur Station, reported 60 additions to the Church, 22 of them being on profession of faith. Baptized 16; \$2200 paid on church debt. Salaries and collections paid in full. Raised for all purposes \$5365.

Rev. F. B. Wheeler, of Nocona Station, reports 33 additions to the Church. Has witnessed 130 professions of faith under his preaching during the year. Salaries overpaid and conference collections paid in full.

Dr. C. M. Bishop's sermon Friday evening, December 3, on "Life" was an inspiring deliverance. The sermon was a discussion of life as spiritual mindedness. His definition of spiritual mindedness is to apprehend the spiritual values of life.

Rev. O. S. Thomas takes the superannuation relation after years of fruitful service in the conference. He is a Trustee of S. M. U., and that institution will now be able to command more of his time. The North Texas Conference has no better man.

Rev. Ira C. Kiker makes the following report: "In the Frisco charge there have been 43 additions to the Church, 23 copies of the Texas Christian Advocate are taken. For all purposes the sum of \$10,294 has been raised in cash; that is, \$35 per capita."

Rev. J. Leonard Rea, of Mt. Vernon Station, reported 100 conversions and 129 additions to the Church. Salaries and conference collections in full. Good collection for the Orphanage. He reported for every subscriber to the Texas Advocate and has doubled the list of subscribers.

Rev. C. H. Russell has served two years on the Greenville Mission. He was elected to deacon's orders at Bonham. He reports 125 additions to the Church on the Greenville Mission last year; 175 conversions. Salaries 93 per cent paid, collections 79 per cent paid.

Rev. S. M. Black, of Cooper Station, reports 34 accessions to the Church. Salaries in full. Conference collections 75 per cent paid. Sunday School has paid a special for missions of \$165. Gain of 50 per cent in membership of Woman's Missionary Society, which has raised \$275.

The sermon of Sam R. Hay Thursday evening was up to his best. It was thoughtful and eloquent. The evidences of God's providence, and the presence of God's Christ and God's Church in the world, he said, furnish the background for the world's praise.

Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker, of Waples Memorial, Denison, reports 375 conversions and 271 accessions to the Church. Of his accessions 173 were received on profession of faith. Salary raised from \$2000 to \$2000 and was overpaid. More than 100 adults were baptized during the year.

Rev. J. V. Davis, of Campbell, has replaced a church lost by storm with a new one, furnished it and paid for it. He reports also 66 conversions and 75 accessions to the Church. Organized one Senior and one Intermediate League. Conference collections paid in full. Salaries 97 per cent paid.

The editor greatly regretted his inability to attend the Southwestern University Banquet at Bonham Saturday evening, December 4. Two sessions of the conference and an evening sermon were his record for the day. More than 100 former Southwestern men were reported to have attended the banquet.

At a private meeting of special friends and former students during the session of the North Texas Annual Conference a movement was set on foot to provide Dr. John H. McLean and his wife a home. This was in no manner a conference move, but purely an expression of love and appreciation of these friends upon the retirement of Dr. McLean from active service as an itinerant Methodist preacher in Texas, which covers a space of fifty-five consecutive years. Since twenty-one years of age Dr. McLean's service has been State-wide and since his friends all over Texas and other States desire a part in this movement, the following

committee, representing the five Annual Conferences of Texas, were appointed: C. M. Harless, Chairman; J. J. Morgan, Secretary-Treasurer; J. W. Bergin, A. M. Mood, Wilbur Allen, John M. Barcus. A nice subscription was taken to start the movement.

Rev. A. L. Andrews led the entire conference in the number of accessions to the Church. It may be doubted if any other pastor ever reported to the conference more than 500 additions in a single year. Wichita Falls Station never before sent up a report equal to the report of this year.

The addresses of Mrs. H. M. Hamill, Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick and E. Hightower were greatly enjoyed at the Sunday School Anniversary on Wednesday evening of the conference. These choice workers have had much to do with the great Sunday School awakening which is now so evident throughout the Church.

Rev. L. P. Smith asked for the superannuation relation at Bonham, completing his forty-second year in the itinerant ranks. His home will be in Oak Cliff. He closed his second year at Jacksboro. Despite the failure in the cotton crop he raised little less than last year. Membership of the Church has been increased and Leagues have been organized.

Rev. S. H. C. Burgin, of Trinity Church, Dallas, reports 292 accessions to the Church, of these 265 were received by certificate and 127 on profession of faith. Adult baptisms 45, infant baptisms 9. Raised for all purposes \$17,600. Salary advanced to \$3690. The Church furnishes the pastor an assistant and presented to him a \$1250 auto.

Rev. W. A. Stuckey closed his quadrennium at Kaufman. Four years ago he found a church debt of \$8000 and during the four years has reduced it to \$750. Installed a new pipe organ at a cost of \$2500. Everything paid in full during each of the four years. Brother Stuckey goes to the presiding eldership of the Decatur District.

Rev. Sam R. Hay, Rev. L. A. Hanson, Rev. E. F. Brown and the editor of the Advocate were entertained at the home of Brother and Sister Leslie C. White. The guests greatly regretted the absence of Bro. White in New Mexico, but can never forget Curtis, Nina and their good mother for as delightful hospitality as any Methodist itinerants ever enjoyed.

Rev. D. K. Porter, who retires from the pastorate of Travis Street, Sherman, to the presiding eldership, reports one of the best years in the history of that Church. Raised in cash and notes, in round numbers, \$50,000. In the spring the pastor and his people conducted a gracious revival. Many strong men brought into the Church. "There is no other Woman's Society like ours."

Dr. J. H. McLean's speech on the day of his superannuation was one of the most touching we ever heard. The conference was profoundly stirred. Throughout his long history Dr. McLean's position on every question has been clearly defined and tenaciously held. Such positive characters sometimes offend, but no man ever came to his superannuation in his conference with greater respect and more tender love.

Rev. S. R. Hay, of First Church, Dallas, reports 217 additions to the Church, 81 of these having been received on profession of faith. Amount raised for all purposes \$17,229—the largest amount ever raised in any single year of that Church's history. The pastor returned at 6 p. m. Monday from Bonham and met his Board of Stewards at 8 p. m. of the same day. He reports organization complete for the new year's work.

Rev. W. F. Bryan, after a successful quadrennium as presiding elder of the Paris District, is transferred to the Texas Conference and stationed at Marlin. The Cabinet passed the following resolution at the session of the North Texas Conference:

Whereas, Rev. W. F. Bryan has been a member of the North Texas Conference for twenty years, serving every appointment he has received with fidelity and honor to our Church, and  
Whereas, the recent action of Bishop James H. McCoy, transferring him to the Texas Conference means the severing of those ties that have bound him to his brethren of the North Texas Conference in bonds of Christian love; therefore be it  
Resolved, That the Cabinet of this conference express its deep regret at his departure from our midst; that we heartily and lovingly commend him to his brethren of the Texas Conference and pray the blessings of our Heavenly Father upon him and his loved ones as they go to their new field of labor.

Be it further Resolved, That the Texas Christian Advocate be requested to publish this resolution.

E. L. EGGER,  
J. F. PIERCE,  
T. H. MORRIS,  
Committee.

Rev. Edward R. Barcus, who for three years has been pastor of the Oak Cliff Church, reports 167 new members, 43 conversions, 931 enrolled in the Sunday School during the year. \$1300 collected by the Woman's Missionary Society, \$1040 raised in the Sunday School, \$15,000 raised for all purposes. A new church being completed, costing \$37,000, with a debt of \$20,000, covered by notes and subscriptions; 477 members have been received during the three years.

Rev. P. C. Archer, after a successful pastorate of forty-five years, superannuated. His active ministry closed at Whitewright, where he had a gracious year. He reports everything in full save a slight deficit on the assessment for education. His Board of Stewards passed the following resolution, which we here print:

RESOLUTIONS.  
Whereas, Our pastor, Rev. P. C. Archer, acting upon the advice of his physician, has decided to retire from the responsibilities of the active pastorate, and,  
Whereas, He and his good wife, during the time they have been with us, having endeared themselves to the Church, and won the affection and confidence of our people, be it  
Resolved, That we sincerely deplore the fact that he has been called in the providence of God, by reason of his physical condition, to give up his work, when we had hoped to have them with us for years to come.  
We tender to them our sincere sympathies and beg to assure them that we will ever remember them in love for what they have done for us, and commend them to God and the word of his grace wherever their lot may be cast.  
That a copy of these resolutions be given Brother and Sister Archer, as a token of the love and high esteem in which they are held by all our people.  
That a copy of these resolutions be handed to the Whitewright Sun and the Texas Christian Advocate.  
(Signed)

W. H. KING,  
C. B. BRYANT,  
T. F. SEARS,  
T. J. SMITH,  
C. W. BRYANT,  
R. A. GILLET,  
H. C. WELLS,  
J. W. DAVIDSON,  
W. R. WILSON,  
W. P. VAUGHN,  
F. M. FCHOIS,  
E. L. HAYTER,  
O. P. NELSON,  
GRADY MAY,  
Board of Stewards.

SISTER J. C. HUDDLESTON DEAD.

It is with sorrow that I write you of the death of Sister J. C. Huddleston, wife of our pastor at Douglassville. She died December 3, 1915, of pernicious malaria, and was sick only a few days. Today, December 5, Bro. Huddleston goes back to Elkhart, the home of his childhood and of hers, for they were raised in the same community, to lay to rest the mother of his six children. Bro. Huddleston had just moved to Douglassville from Tenaha. In a sense he was among strangers, but the people had received him and his family with open arms and all was done for his good wife that love, money and skill could do.  
J. W. BERGIN.

CHANGE IN APPOINTMENTS.

The following changes have been made in Weatherford District:  
Olney Circuit, Edgar N. Scarlett, supply.  
Graham Mission, P. M. Gladney, supply.  
L. A. WEBB, P. E.

A Pastors' Institute will be held at Cedar Street Church, Tyler, Texas, beginning Monday, December 13. Rev. Chas. W. Hughes will preach the opening sermon. An interesting program has been prepared and many topics of vital interest will be discussed.

NO TIME TO PRAY.

There is many a business man today who will tell you that he has no time to pray; his business is so pressing that he cannot call his family around him and ask God to bless them. He is so busy that he cannot ask God to keep him and them from the temptations of the present life—the temptations of every day. "Business is so pressing!" I am reminded of the words of an old Methodist minister: "If you have so much business to attend to that you have no time to pray, depend upon it that you have more business on hand than God ever intended you should have."

But look at Daniel. He had the whole or nearly the whole of the king's business to attend to. He was prime minister, secretary of state, secretary of the treasury, all in one. He had to attend to all his own work and to give an eye to the work of lots of other men. And yet he found time to pray—not just now and then, nor once in a day; not just when he happened to have a few moments to spare, but "three times a day."—D. L. Moody.

ADVOCATE HONOR ROLL NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rev. R. T. Breedlove, Telephone Mission, Bonham District.  
Rev. R. L. Ely, Prosper Circuit, McKinney District.  
Rev. Gilbert Irwin, Burk Burnett Mission, Bowie District.  
Rev. Leonard Rea, Mt. Vernon, Sulphur Springs District.  
Rev. L. P. Smith, Jacksboro Station, Decatur District.

The following brethren were almost on the Honor Roll, lacking in some cases only one subscriber of collecting every Advocate subscription in their charges:

Rev. W. E. Barberee, Iowa Park.  
Rev. J. W. Beck, Bellevue.  
Rev. A. T. Bridges, Pilot Grove.  
Rev. G. H. Brown, Avery.  
Rev. E. H. Coburn, Richardson.  
Rev. R. B. Curry, Allen.  
Rev. M. C. Dobbs, Kemp.  
Rev. C. B. Golson, Wylie.  
Rev. N. W. Oliver, Jones Bethel and Wesley Chapel.  
Rev. S. E. Pritchett, Montague Circuit.  
Rev. R. E. Porter, Sanger.  
Rev. J. W. Slagle, Myra.  
Rev. Arthur Wall, Megargel.  
Rev. W. H. Wright, Nevada.

Rev. R. T. Bryant, of Commerce, turned in a fine report for the Advocate, being very nearly in full of the large list at Commerce. The credit, however, is due his wife, who did the collecting.

The Dallas pastors have demonstrated that the Advocate is not without honor at home, and that the paper can be circulated in a city. All of them have added new subscribers to the list, the largest number being sent by Rev. L. L. Cohen and Rev. S. A. Barnes. Brother Barnes secured twenty-nine after a talk one Sunday morning.

Rev. J. M. Sweeton, of Ladonia, is still of the opinion that the Advocate is worth working for. He added a good number of new subscribers to his list and brought up almost full collections.

The good Advocate report which Rev. D. K. Porter, of Sherman, Travis Street, brought up was due to the work of his little daughters. They did the work well and kept careful and correct accounts.

STIGLER, OKLA., 100 PER CENT.

Rev. H. P. Clarke, pastor of Stigler, Okla., reports every member of his board now subscribers to the Advocate. Keep your eye on Oklahoma.

JUBILEE YEAR.

Rev. T. G. Story, of Proctor, writes: "I am starting out on the Jubilee Year by sending a new subscriber to the Advocate." We hope the Jubilee Year will see the Advocate list doubled in that conference. What an inspiration that would mean to all Church interests!

I send seven new subscribers and hope to be able to send more as I go around and see the people in their homes. You are giving us such a splendid paper. I hope that I can put it into all our homes.

G. L. CROW.  
Allen, Okla.

This subscriber is President of my Board and is the first of the 100 new subscribers I promised you. Receiving new members every Sunday.  
J. T. MCCLURE.  
Roswell, New Mexico.

KIND WORDS.

No better literature comes to my desk than that in the Texas Christian Advocate. I believe no other "Advocate" has as superb an editor as it has.  
S. C. RIDDLE.

DWELLING IN LOVE.

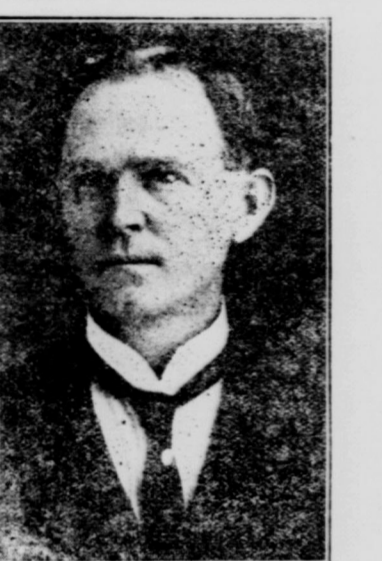
It is only by dwelling in love that we can know God. "He that loveth not knoweth not God." God is love, and before we can know him we must come into the same atmosphere. We cannot find out God by scientific research. We may read about him and hear men tell about him, but we shall not know him. We must come to him and lay our hearts alongside of his infinite heart of love, or we shall never know him. So long as we look at him through the atmosphere of selfishness or pride or worldliness, we cannot know him. But when we come into the pure atmosphere of love, we shall know him, because we shall be like him.—Pacific Christian Advocate.

A GOOD INVESTMENT.

Are you looking for a good investment? Then invest in that which will give saved souls as dividends; and nowhere do such investments receive as large dividends as in the foreign mission work. Think of it! Souls for dividends! How many stars will there be in your crown?—Presbyterian of the South.

SEVERE RHEUMATIC PAINS DISAPPEAR

Rheumatism depends on an acid in the blood, which affects the muscles and joints, producing inflammation, stiffness and pain. This acid gets into the blood through some defect in the digestive process. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the old-time blood tonic, is very successful in the treatment of rheumatism. It acts directly, with purifying effect, on the blood, and improves the digestion. Don't suffer. Get Hood's today.



REV. R. B. MORELAND, North Texas Conference.

During our rounds of conferences we have been gratified at the interest shown in the Advocate by the pastors and the conscientious work done in looking after its subscriptions. We have had many good reports and several splendid ones. But Rev. R. B. Moreland, at Farmersville, led them all in his work for the Advocate the past year. He added forty new subscribers to the list and collected practically in full from new subscribers and old ones. His remittances during the year and the amount paid at conference made the largest amount paid to the Advocate from any charge. It is not necessary to say that this is but a sample of Brother Moreland's activities. His report from Farmersville was a fine one on all Church lines.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

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State Conference of Workers,
Waco, December 31, January 1-2.

Topic for December 12: "Thinking
Black."—Ps. 68:13-31; Isa. 18:7,
43:19.

If your editor could get reports
from all those who tell her that their
Leagues are doing good work or un-
usual work, the department would be
full to overflowing every week. This,
however, seems to be an impossibility,
for "promises are like pie crusts,
easily broken." When you get tired
reading the writings of your depart-
ment editor you may rest assured that
all that is necessary is something
from you in discussion of some live
topic.

African Rally Day—next Sunday.
What a world of meaning that term
carries with it. Africa—that darkest
of dark continents; that land of won-
derful wealth, both physical and
spiritual; that land of sorrowing peo-
ple, searching without hope for the
"peace that passeth understanding."
What are you going to do about it?
Have you done your part? Can we
do our parts without doing all that is
in our power to do? How many
Chapters have given all that they
were able to give in order that the
message might be sent to those, our
brothers, who have waited so long for
the message from the King?

That great missionary, Dan Crawford,
tells a story of an interview
which he had with an African Chief.
When he had reached the village the
chief came out to meet him and asked,
"Do you come in peace?" and on
receiving a reply in the affirmative,
asked, "What do you want?" Mr.
Crawford replied, "I have a message
for you from my King." When the
message had been given he was asked,
"How long since your King gave you
this message?" "Two thousand
years." "Do you not think you have
been a long time bringing it to me?"

Not all of us may feel the call to be
missionaries, but not one of us can
miss the call to be sent missionaries.

"Go ye into all the world"—if not
in person, then certainly in influence,
and how greater than by sending and
keeping there some one to represent
you. The giving of money to mis-
sions is one of the truest indications
of a Christian life.

There are sixty-four Epworth
Leagues, with 2273 members. It seems
that the League does not grow in
numbers. We fear this does not in-
dicate a spirit of devotion and loyalty
among our young men and women;
or is this due to the attitude of
many pastors who say we do not need
the League?—North Carolina Christian
Advocate.

We wonder!!

A GREAT DAY FOR AFRICA.

When?
December 12.
Why?
1. Because the Epworth League
and the Mission Boards of the Metho-
dist Episcopal Church, South, have
chosen it as the date of this year's
Epworth League Africa Rally Day
service.

2. Because everywhere the thoughts
of Epworth Leaguers will be turned
to the Congo Mission and their pray-
ers will be ascending for the week in
that field.

3. Because most Chapters will
make their pledges for the Africa
Special at that time.

What About Your Chapter?
It is for you to decide how effective
will be the observance of Africa Rally
Day in your League. Why not make
it a service of great power and far-
reaching influence? You can do it if
you will!

Program.

A program has been prepared by
the Board of Missions and is printed
in the December Epworth Era. That
program can be adapted for use in
any League. Preparations for this
important meeting should be per-
fected by this late date, but if you
have not perfected your plans do so
at once.

Report.

After your meeting is held do not
let the matter drop there. It is im-
portant that follow-up work be start-
ed at once. Begin by reporting on

Monday to Rev. E. H. Rawlings, 816
Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., what you
have pledged. This is very important
in order that the Board may know
what they have to work on for the
coming months. Then keep the matter
hot in the minds of the Leaguers by
frequent reference to it and by re-
ports of the work accomplished.

By all means report to the Texas
Christian Advocate that our Leagues
of the patronizing conferences may
know what you are doing.

Finally.
Do not send the money to the
Board of Missions at Nashville. Send
it to the Treasurer of your Confer-
ence Mission Board, stating that it is
a remittance on your Epworth
League's pledge to the Africa Special.
Be sure to remit quarterly, or, even
better, monthly. The Board of Mis-
sions each year pays enough interest
on money it has to borrow because
of delayed payments on assessments
and pledges to support ten new mis-
sionaries.

WILL YOU PRAY? GIVE? WORK?
Bishop Lambuth impressed every
one as a man of apostolic spirit. His
two visits to Africa during the last
three years have given him immense
stores of information as to world
conditions, and have qualified him to
be, not only the special advocate of
the black tribes in the Dark Conti-
nent, but to sweep the whole horizon
of human need and plead powerfully
for the planting of the Gospel in all
lands. His experience in dealing
with cannibal tribes in Central Africa
encourages the belief that there are
really no closed doors today any-
where.—Ex.

We shall surely appreciate more
than ever before the place of prayer
in our whole system of work in try-
ing to evangelize the world. Bishop
Lambuth tells with great effect how
the native workers at Luebo, when
they were about to start on the jour-
ney with the Bishop and his com-
panions to find a place far in the
interior where they might establish a
new mission station, prayed that the
Lord would lead them to the right
place and make them to know it when
they found it. Following this prayer
for weeks they journeyed till, coming
one day into the village of one of
the most noted and warlike cannibal
chiefs—really the capital of a power-
ful cannibal tribe—as by a miracle
they were received cordially and
provided with everything necessary
to begin their work. To this day that
chief has been the patron of the work
and apparently would die for the lit-
tle band of workers rather than see
them suffer violence. Thus Wembo
Ninma, in Central Africa, has appear-
ed as a post on our missionary map.—
Ex.

DALLAS—OAK LAWN.

The Oak Lawn Epworth League
was entertained at the home of Miss
Lucy Wagstaff, Third Department
Superintendent, during the month of
November. Although it was a dis-
agreeable night about thirty-five were
present and participated in a series of
old-fashioned games. Refreshments
of punch, sandwiches and cake were
served and the evening was voted a
great success. Some of the students
from S. M. U. were the honor guests
of the evening. Oak Lawn is a wide-
awake League and is doing things.
With its handsome new church it
should be thoroughly equipped for ef-
fective work among the young people
of the vicinity.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE A MEANS
OF SPIRITUAL CULTURE.

Miss Emma Meyers, of Korea, says:
"The League has meant more to me
than I can ever express." And Joseph
Shacker, Mexico, wrote to a friend:
"I was converted in a Young Peo-
ple's Society."

Another splendid testimony to the
value of the League comes from Miss
Rosa Breeden, a worker in the home
field. She writes: "The Epworth
League meant a great deal to my
Christian life, where I worked in it
back in my little home town in Vir-
ginia. We did not have organized
mission study as you do now, but we
devoted one Sunday a month to mis-
sion lessons, just as we do sometimes
in our Sunday School work. I was
first vice-president for a number
of years and feel that I received in-
valuable training as I visited the sick
and the stranger, or welcomed them
to our League or Church. There I
learned to talk and pray in public.
There I learned the real joy in com-

ing into close personal touch with
other human lives and in trying to
help them."

DALLAS DISTRICT EPWORTH
LEAGUE UNION.

The last meeting of the Dallas Dis-
trict Union was held in the chapel
of Southern Methodist University. A
short business session was held, fol-
lowing which Mrs. Golden rendered
a beautiful vocal solo. Dr. Ivan Lee
Holt then spoke to the Leaguers on
"The Value of Failures in Epworth
League Work." Dr. Holt is one of the

A STATEMENT.

We have been appointed a com-
mittee to make a statement of an ac-
tion taken in St. Louis Methodism,
November 22, thought to be of enough
importance to interest the Church at
large. At the suggestion of John A.
Rice, the pastor of St. John's Metho-
dist Episcopal Church, South, and
Wm. Wirt King, of Grace Methodist
Episcopal Church, a joint session of
the two preachers' meetings of that
city was arranged for in St. John's
Church. While there had been two or
three informal meetings before, none
of this kind had ever been held. Prac-
tically all the members of both bodies
were present. The presiding elder
of the Methodist Episcopal Church,
South, Dr. Lee, and the District Super-
intendent of the Methodist Episcopal
Church, Dr. Cressman, were request-
ed to preside jointly, and the secre-
taries of the two bodies were re-
quested to act as secretaries.

From the beginning the spirit of
the meeting was very fine. A motion
by Wm. Wirt King, at the suggestion
of John A. Rice, that a committee be
appointed to devise, if possible, plans
for closer affiliation in the work of
the Methodist Church in St. Louis,
was carried, and Dr. James W. Lee,
Dr. B. F. Crissman, John A. Rice, Wm.
Wirt King, Dr. Luther E. Todd, Dr.
M. T. Haw, Dr. Franz Piehler and Dr.
C. Harmon were appointed. A recess
was taken for the committee to meet.
After brief consultation, they re-
commended that hereafter the minis-
ters of both Churches have their
meeting together, for the first six
months in Centenary Church of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, South,
and for the next six months in Union
Church of the Methodist Episcopal
Church. A large number of those
present spoke commending the re-
commendation. Not a single dissent-
ing voice was raised, and it was final-
ly adopted, by a unanimous rising
vote, with great enthusiasm. Arran-
gements were at once made to be-
gin these joint meetings with the first
Monday in December, after which,
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds," was
sung, and everybody repaired to the
dining room of St. John's Church,
where an old-fashioned chicken din-
ner was served by the ladies of the
Church.

This incident has made a profound
impression upon the religious peo-
ple of St. Louis. The daily newspa-
pers have not only given large space
to reporting it, but also commended
the action in strong editorials. Metho-
dism is now able to present a solid
front here, with ninety ministers in
united leadership, and the possibili-
ties for larger service to the city
cannot at this time even be estimat-
ed. Everybody feels also that this
hearty and unanimous action should
influence decidedly the general move-
ment toward the ultimate union of
the two Methodisms. Other border
cities, where both Churches are at
work, will, it is hoped, take this
course with the same degree of
unanimity and enthusiasm with which
it has been taken here.

JOHN A. RICE,
St. John's M. E. Church, South.
WM. WIRT KING,
Grace M. E. Church.
St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 26.

It is related that Oliver Cromwell's
secretary was once dispatched on im-
portant business to the continent. He
was detained overnight at a seaport
town, and tossed upon his bed unable
to rest. At last he woke his servant
and said, "I am greatly afraid some-
thing will go wrong with the em-
bassy." "Master," said the valet, "did
God rule the world before we were
born?" "Most assuredly." "Will He
rule it after we are dead?" "Certain-
ly." "Then why not let Him rule the
present, too?" The secretary put the
government on God's shoulders, and
in a few minutes he was sleeping
soundly. We can depend upon God
to set guard over us if we trust Him.
—Exchange.

The only cure for doubt is obedi-
ence; the only cure for indolence is
work. Any of these ailments can thus
be cured.

General Epworth League Board, and
it was with great pleasure that he
was heard. The burden of his talk
was that failures are not to be look-
ed upon as permanent nor as being
obstructions to the progress of the
work. Some of the greatest advances
known to the scientific world have
come as the result of failure in the
first attempts to accomplish some
definite thing. The same is true of
League work. When a League fails
to hold its own or when some dearly
cherished plan fails of success, it is
an occasion, not for weeping and de-
pair, but for a different and more
carefully planned effort.

WHO WILL PREVENT DEFEAT?

By Rev. R. P. Shuler.
I am writing these words with a
sad heart. For three years I have
hoped and planned toward the
launching of an educational move-
ment on the part of our Church by
the University of Texas. The Board
of Trustees appointed by the sev-
eral Annual Conferences have posi-
tively decided to elect a man and be-
gin work next fall. We went before
the several conferences asking that
they provide for his support. The
West Texas Conference granted the
assessment asked for. The North-
west Texas Conference did the same.
The Texas Conference assumed the
amount and has it as good as in the
bank. To my astonishment the Cen-
tral Texas Conference turned us
down. What the North Texas Con-
ference will do it is too early at this
writing to say. However, the action
of the Central Texas Conference de-
feats us. The over 800 Methodist
students of the State University must
remain without the pale of our help.
Unfortunately we were so sure of the
small amounts asked of each confer-
ence that we asked for barely enough.

Just why my good friend H. D.
Knickerbocker, who knows the pit-
iful necessity of this important field,
moved to strike out the small assess-
ment of \$800, I am sure I do not
know. We asked for \$1 per Metho-
dist student from that great confer-
ence. Perhaps they are not worth
that much, but I think they are.
Some day we will be glad to pay a
hundred times that amount to re-
trieve and undo the terrible mistake
we are making.

There is just one way out. We
cannot begin this great work without
this \$800. The Central Texas Con-
ference refused to give it to us, but I
believe I can find eight laymen with-
in the bounds of that conference who
will save the day. I am not easily
whipped, especially when I know I am
right and am fighting for my Church.
So I shall undertake to get what the
conference would not give. Are there
eight men or women in Central Tex-
as who will give a hundred dollars
each to see the Bible Chair open
next fall? Is there a pastor who will
raise a hundred dollars within his
charge? There are 800 Methodist
boys and girls at stake down here. In
God's name shall the lack of a few
dollars, of a little liberality, shut the
door that is almost open to them?
Will the Methodist Church desert
them?

I would like to say to the brother
who will come to our rescue in
this crisis that, if this is not the most
fertile field now unoccupied in Texas
Methodism, I am honestly in error to
a degree that I have never been in
life before.

FEDERAL CENSORSHIP OF FILMS
INSTANTLY NEEDED.

Permit me to quote from a letter of
the president of a film company,
printed as an advertisement in the
nature of a prospectus of future policy
in a moving picture weekly of Novem-
ber 29.

"Several weeks ago I published a
straight-from-the-shoulder talk en-
titled, 'Which Do You Want?' asking
the exhibitors of America to state
whether they preferred clean, whole-
some pictures or smutty ones."

Instead of finding that 95 per cent
favored clean pictures, I discovered
that at least half, and maybe 60 per
cent, want the pictures to be 'risque,'
which is a French way of saying
'smutty.'"

Personally I am against them from
soda to hock, but if the demand for
them is so overwhelmingly great, we
will bow to the superior wisdom of
the majority."
Surely every good citizen, especially
if a dutiful parent, teacher, or pastor,
is bound to answer that by telegraph-
ing his Congressman and Senators to
rush through Congress in December
as a Christmas present to safeguard
the homes of the land, the Hughes
bill, to provide federal censorship of
films, already half way to victory by
a unanimous report in the Con-
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By WILBUR F. CRAFTS.
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IT IS INFECTIOUS.

Sometimes a sinner, or a Christian
for that matter, thinks he can sin to
himself alone, that he alone is con-
cerned, and that he consequently
can cover the sin up and hurry it.
Now stop one minute and recall your
own misdeeds, no matter how secret
you thought them at the time. Have
they been solitary? Have not others
been dragged in, implicated in some
way. No; every wrong injures some
one else.—Central Christian Advocate.

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WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE. Mrs. C. L. Canter, Martha, Superintendent Study-Publicity.

Items From Altus Auxiliary. In observing the Week of Prayer, the Woman's Missionary Society of Altus held a prayer service on Monday afternoon and an all-day session on Tuesday.

As a whole, this was the most helpful and the most spiritual session we have ever had during a Week of Prayer. As we studied the life of our Japanese sister and as we studied our Pacific Coast work, we realized, perhaps more fully than ever before, the call of our Master to us to have a part in bringing these people to the feet of Him who died that they, too, might have life eternal.

We felt honored in having with us one of our conference officers, Mrs. C. L. Canter, who gave a most helpful and inspiring talk on "Woman's Place in the Evangelization of the World."

Our offering amounted to \$29.66, the largest Week of Prayer offering the Altus Auxiliary has ever contributed.

The unused subjects will be taken up in our regular third Monday programs. It was with deep regret on Tuesday that we bade good-by to our beloved sister, Mrs. Horace Shepard, who on account of her husband's ill health left us for Roswell, New Mexico. As a token of our love and appreciation of her work, at the noon hour, our President, Mrs. Hall, presented her with an ivory toilet set.

MRS. W. H. DECKER, Publicity Superintendent.

Week of Prayer at Olustee.

Very favorable reports come to us of the observance of the Week of Prayer by the Olustee Auxiliary. As is their custom, the day was spent in the country home of Dr. and Mrs. Hardin. Twenty-one members took part on the program. One very helpful number was the "Bible Meditation" by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Stroud.

New Mission Study Class.

Martha Auxiliary has just organized a Mission Study Class with some ten or twelve members enrolled, and have taken up the study of "The King's Highway." This society also had an interesting Week of Prayer service and contributed a neat sum to the cause.

To the Superintendents of Mission Study and Publicity of West Oklahoma Conference:

This is the last month of the year. Soon 1915 will be numbered with the past. But we have a few days yet in

A LETTER FROM JAPAN.

65 Miyashita-cho Koishikawa-ku, Tokyo, Japan, Oct. 20, 1915. Conference Officers, Timpson District Officers and Societies, Texas.

My Dear Friends: May I pass on greetings to each of you from Japan after these five weeks? Yes, five weeks ago from last Sunday since we came into Yokohama. How very short the time has seemed to us!

As the Mongolia left the pier at San Francisco one would think of leaving the shores of some Oriental port, from the number of crackers fired by the Chinese. The Mongolia was the last of the Pacific mail steamers for the Orient, and since most of the others would be Japanese vessels the Chinese people who expected to come soon came on this vessel, consequently there were a host of them on board.

The seventeen days across made a delightful voyage, and the sea was especially good to us, making us give up nothing which we laid hold upon as our own. Our party knew but little of the experience of the poor fellow who said he had six meals daily—three going and three coming.

The one stop in the voyage was the day spent in Honolulu. In this city of 60,000 people are so many interesting things for the tourist. There we went in a car up the Pali, six miles out of the city, from which mountain it is said that one of the most beautiful views in the world may be obtained, having the punch bowl, an extinct

which we may labor for our Master and so finish out our year's work in a way that will make our efforts more acceptable to Him.

Please be prompt in reporting your work to me at the end of the quarter. If you have taken up a new book report same to me, also mail enrollment card to Mrs. Steele. There is some discrepancy in the work here, as Mrs. Steele writes that some have sent in enrollment cards who have not reported to me the study of a new book.

By the time your report for the quarter is due I presume that each auxiliary will have elected new officers. If your auxiliary has done so, please send me a list of the new officers with your report.

PARIS SOCIETIES.

The Federated Missionary Societies of the Methodist Churches of Paris met Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at Centenary Church.

Miss Marjorie Webster conducted the devotional exercises, after which the program was taken up.

Solo by Miss Reba Bludworth was much enjoyed. Paper, "Social Realization of Christianity in America," by Mrs. W. T. Whitesides, brought some splendid thoughts and facts in which all seemed very interested.

Book Review, by Mrs. J. H. Hancock, "Christianity and the Social Crisis," who explained the thoughts and meanings in such a beautiful way that all enjoyed and appreciated.

The Junior Missionary Society of Centenary sang "We Are a Missionary Band," which gladdened the hearts of all to hear them sing and to see the bright faces of those young workers.

A talk, "Preparation for the Annual Meeting," by Mrs. A. S. Guthrie, in which she advised all these Methodist Missionary Societies to be as one great society during the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of North Texas Conference, which will be held at Centenary Church February 6-9.

A solo, "Show Me the Way, O Father," by Mrs. John W. Love, whose beautiful and cultured voice was a treat to all present, after which the election of officers for the next year was in order.

Mrs. J. W. Crook, President of the Federated Society, requested Mrs. J. W. Wood to conduct the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Mrs. James Coleman, of Bonham Street Church, President; Miss Mamie Coleman, of Lamar Avenue, Vice-President; Mrs. H. S. Ballinger, of Centenary, Secretary.

After singing, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and Prayer by Mrs. J. W. Wood, the President announced that the next meeting would be held at Lamar Avenue the fifth Monday in March.

During the social period lovely refreshments were served.

MRS. A. S. GUTHRIE, District Secretary Paris Dist.

crater, and the mountain peaks on one side, while 1500 feet below may be seen the large pineapple plantations and the bay.

Another point of interest was the aquarium in Kapialaul Park. This contains one of the best collections of tropical fish extant, and shows fish of such grotesque shapes and bright coloring. Oh! how I wished for you young people, especially, down at the beach. The tide was coming in and the breakers fussy, so we splashed like children in the waves.

Those stately old palms and most richly colored flowers in Honolulu are a delight to the eye, and our day passed quickly, but we did not object, for our hearts and minds were on the farther West yet.

The time on board was profitably spent in sleeping, eating, reading, etc. (I weighed 112 pounds in Kansas City and 124 pounds the first week here. Hope I will not grow out of your knowledge.) Sixty of the one hundred and forty missionaries were returning to the fields of Japan, Korea, Formosa, China, Burma, Siam, Philippines and India, where they had been working from five to thirty years, and in daily conferences different phases of the missionary work were discussed by them. We new workers felt it a privilege to be in the sessions conducted by such men as Drs. Cooper, Hume, Norton, Mr. Newell and Mr. Lyons and others.

Captain Rice, whose brother-in-law is also a missionary in China, asked why there were so many missionaries going out to the field? As an answer,

the last session of the conference was given to the eighty new workers that some of them might have the opportunity of telling why they are going. It was an impressive service to see those strong young men from Yale, Harvard and Oberlin stand for the Highest and witness for Him in telling of their call to service.

At last we are back to Japan, from whence we started. Upon our arrival in Yokohama we found Miss Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Stewart in a small boat awaiting us in the bay. Miss Gist and I had expected to go to Kobe as directed by our tickets, but letters from the workers advised that the first year be spent in Tokyo in the language school. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, whom I had known in Meridian, are new workers from the General Board, and as you know are the first to have such splendid foundation work. The workers say that so often one cannot get first-class teachers for private study, and especially is this true of the interior. Those who understand the methods of teaching are engaged in something else. Here one has the first and second year work. After two years with experienced teachers one begins to get a knowledge of the pronunciation and grammar, then later with private teachers can build up the vocabulary. We will get but the one year here, yet we are very thankful for it.

The Japanese language is difficult since there is a literary language, a language for superiors and equals, and still another for the serving class. The ladies also have a more polite form than the men. Studying it in the conversational method as is taught here, it does not seem so much like language study, and we enjoy every hour of the recitation period. We now have five hours in the class room. After six months there will be three hours in school, and extra time with a private teacher. The teachers do not crowd beginners the first few weeks, since the lack of sufficient ozone tires the mind easily.

Because of the difference in atmosphere and climate, the sun in these countries has a peculiar effect on the foreigners. Parasols must be carried constantly—one day for rain and the next day for sunshine. Ha! I took a good laugh when the different people told us of the rainy season. Most every one gave a different month so I have concluded that rain is plentiful the year around. October is one month of beautiful weather. This is the 20th, and there have been eight wet days.

Of course one necessarily notices these differences, but the people and country are so extremely interesting other things are forgotten. From my first sight of them as people in their own country I have loved them. I am so thankful the Father has directed my work among them.

The Japanese customs seemed very strange to Miss Gist and me, and most of them do even now, but we are becoming accustomed to some of the most common. The first afternoon Miss Bennett put us into a jinrikisha (kuruma, the Japanese call them). Perhaps she wished to test the new missionaries' strength of character in keeping the fact straight under such queer conditions. I will leave you to judge whether we passed the test satisfactorily. Ha! Another thing which continually attracted my attention was the clanking of the geta, the wooden shoe, on the streets. Some say to prevent the spread of leprosy the law requires every person to wear a protection on the feet. Every little child must do its outside playing in the geta. They are simply made of flat pieces of wood raised by two other pieces fastened sidewise underneath, and held to the feet by strings passing between the big toe and the second toe. Some few wear a hand-made sock which extends shortly above the ankles. When indoors they wear a straw bottom called a zori.

The Japanese men wear the hair cut very close to the head while the women have a beautiful heavy suite of black hair oiled until stiff and made into a roll, or brought back over a very large "rat" and coiled on top. As a whole, the Japanese women wear a very modest dress, the dark kimono, and also most of the men, although here in Tokyo many men wear the foreign dress. One who understands the different grades of Japanese schools can tell the pupils and student class by the different dress. Some of the higher schools for young men wear the kimono with the full divided overskirt like the girls. Others have the blue uniforms similar to some of our military schools. I have never before in my life seen as many girls and boys in school, especially grown young men. Young missionaries are from the very first drawn to the student class of Japan. Last year I enjoyed the study of the splendid school system of Japan as we took it in Scarritt, but to see it means more than to read that 98 per cent of her scholastic children attend school. Oh,

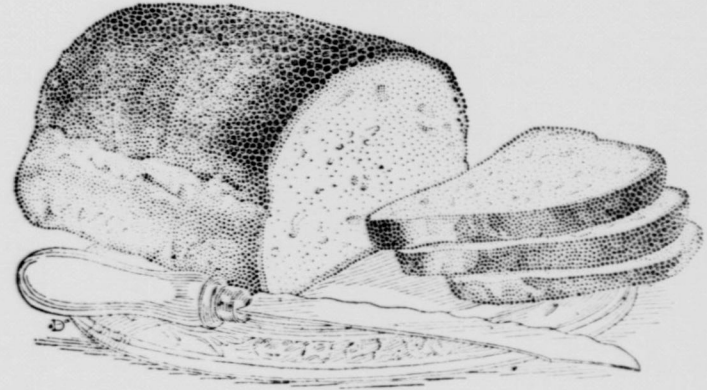


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but may I say that one anxiously prays for and awaits the day when Christian schools may be seen throughout the whole of the empire! These ambitious Japanese students need Christ.

There are many other things concerning the life of the people which I shall write later.

My dear district ladies, I want to say—and I am sure you will understand, for I say it without any thought of connection whatever concerning myself—that you will reap many fold in eternity what you are investing in this land because of the timely soil in which you are sowing. Every missionary on the field will say that today is the day to sow if we expect to reap a Christian Japan for the Master of the harvest.

Immediately I thought of your societies when I read something like this from Dr. D. S. Gordon: "Let us invest our present gold in that which will prove to be currency for us in the next world. It cannot be the storing up of gold here, for these earthly treasures will be used for pavement there and trodden under foot, but it must be something which is eternal—precious souls." Within the sphere of our Southern Methodist territory in Japan there are 6,000,000 unevangelized Japanese women, for 1,000,000 of whom we are definitely responsible. May we continue individually and collectively to

pray that I may meet in every detail His plan for my life among them. We get our appointments in November.

Let me again thank each of you for your help and prayers. The friends there praying for us makes the home land nearer and the bond of love closer in Him.

I have written the Young People's Missionary Society at Bay City, so please share this as given above.

Expecting to share my field with you quarterly and praying His blessings upon you daily, I am, Yours in love and service, CHARLIE HOLLAND.

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## PASSING DAY

### THE WAR.

Except in Serbia no battles of moment have been fought in the past week. Important battles are impending in Mesopotamia, where German Field Marshal Von der Goltz has assumed command of the Turkish forces, and is about to attack the British at Kut-el-Amar, in Southeastern Serbia, where the Bulgarians have already attacked the Anglo-French position and met defeat on Gallipoli, where the Allies have taken the offensive, and in Belgium and France, where reports from Holland indicate the Germans have concentrated strong reinforcements with the object of striking a blow at the allied line in Flanders and Artois. The situation for the Allies continues embarrassing by the attitude of the Greek Government. The negotiations at Athens have not yet reached a

satisfactory conclusion, and although the Greek King has reaffirmed his neutrality and repeated his assurances that Greek troops will never attack the Allies, the situation still causes great anxiety. The Austrians continue their offensive against the Montenegrins and Serbians and are following the Serbs into Albania, where further retreat is almost impossible, owing to cold weather and bad roads. The peace talk which emanates from the Vatican, Switzerland and Scandinavia and has been aroused by the proposed questions by the Socialists in the Reichstag and the Pope's address in the secret consistory, evokes no echo in London. The British people are quite prepared to believe that Austria-Hungary is tired of war, that the people of Germany, with the knowledge of heavy losses suffered at the different fronts may be anxious to see an end to it, but they do not expect the rulers of the central powers to make any suggestions that any British Government would or could consent to. Secretary Lansing's re-

quest for the recall of Captain Boy-Ed and Van Papen, military attaches at Washington of the German Embassy, is interpreted by Baron Bernstorff as very unfriendly and through him the German Government has made request of this Government for the reason for such demand. State Department officials confidentially made no attempt to minimize the effect such a reply would have upon the German Government, but it was pointed out that Secretary Lansing is abiding strictly by custom in his refusal and furthermore that the refusal has the effect of calling for a showdown on the part of Germany. The various acts of violation of the neutrality of the country by Germans has aroused the President to action. What will be the final outcome of this and the submarine atrocities so diplomatically discussed is conjecture, but it is evident that Germany will be made to understand that her unfriendly activities must cease. The President's message, read Tuesday, breathes with preparedness born of patriotism. His urgent demand for

appropriation to build a navy and create an army, not for offensive purposes, but for defense, meets a responsive chord. Situation in Mexico is improving, and General Carranza is hoping that ere long, with the complete rout of the remnant of the Villa army and his capture, that peace will have come.

It has been recommended that the Government purchase the improvements on two and one-half acres comprising the State Quarantine Station at Galveston and erroneously ceded to the United States by legislative act. This it is thought will be a solution of the quarantine situation.

Dr. Charles McCarthy, of Madison, Wisconsin, addressing the American Association of Exposition Managers at Chicago, said the day of the "bearded lady," the "human skeleton" and other show freaks is passing. Instead of the usual freaks, Dr. McCarthy said, will come industrial and vocational expositions which will tend to

educate rather than to amuse. Efficiency, he said, is the new watchword of fairs.

President Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt will be married at the latter's residence in Washington December 18. Extreme simplicity will be observed at the wedding and only the members of the families of the contracting parties will be invited.

An appropriation for further improvement of the Trinity will be supported by Representative J. H. Davis, of Texas, who believes that the Government should continue improvement of the country's internal resources. He also advocates completing the intercoastal canal on the Texas coast.

Jews in America have contributed more than \$1,300,000 to the relief of destitute members of that race in the war areas and in Palestine, according to a report made public by the relief committee. The report declares that the situation of the Jews in Eu-

rope and Palestine is even worse than that of the Serbians and Belgians and that it is a question of saving them from extinction.

During the quarter ending November 30 a total of 7246 accidents was reported to the State Industrial Accident Board. Of this number twenty-five were fatal accidents. The total number of claims presented was 4190, which were settled by the insurance companies at a cost of \$116,052.71.

Ouster and seizure of the property of half a dozen brewing and wholesale liquor concerns doing business in Kansas "in violation and evasion of the Kansas prohibitory liquor law" was ordered last week by the State Supreme Court. As a result Missouri trucks which are alleged to have been distributed in Kansas City, Kansas, Atchison and Leavenworth are tied up.

Benjamin Franklin Frymier, whose life was almost entirely devoted to Masonry, died last week in Houston at the age of 78 years. Mr. Frymier attained to the highest offices in that order in this State. Some of the offices held by Mr. Frymier were Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Texas. He is survived by his widow, two sons and a daughter and four grandchildren.

Major Jas. Hamilton Trezevant, ex-Confederate veteran and well known traveling man, died at his home in Houston last week at the age of 81 years. He is survived by his wife and one brother, John T. Trezevant, of Dallas, and two sisters, Mrs. Richard Parhan, of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Mrs. Sam O. Smith, of Dallas. At the time of his death Major Trezevant was the only survivor of the squad of eleven men who had charge of John Brown after his capture at LeCompte.

Henry Ford and his party of about eighty peace advocates sailed last Saturday from New York for Christiana, Norway. The party was accompanied by fifty-seven newspaper correspondents and photographers and more than twenty general assistants, secretaries and stenographers. All the salons and many of the cabins on the steamer were decorated with palms, ferns, flowers, flags and streamers representing the National colors of seventeen countries. Two large white doves, which had been carefully mounted and bearing olive branches, were suspended from the ceiling of the main salon.

Judge Quentin D. Corley, the armless Judge of Dallas County Court, will leave shortly for Washington and will show the French, Belgian, German, British and Australian embassies his apparatus for use of armless men. Letters have been received from each of the Embassies mentioned, announcing interest in the apparatus with which Judge Corley, who is without arms, has overcome most of the difficulties that beset an armless man. His free use has been offered to all of the nations at war for the benefit of their wounded. Judge Corley, following the receipt of letters from them, determined to make the trip to Washington during the Christmas holidays.

Old operators in Oklahoma are recalling races, even special trains used in rushes for oil lands, but the most novel stunt was pulled off last week when a representative of the Kingwood Oil Company, in Fred Roberts' aeroplane, beat E. W. Gill in an auto to the farm of Tony Webb, an Indian, thereby securing lease on this valuable property. According to an agreement between the parties, on the date of expiration of a former lease, the first one there could take the lease. The Kingwood Company made secret arrangements with Fred Roberts of the Oklahoma aviation training school to make the race in the air. The airship easily passed the auto, although the former had four miles the start.

Trial balances of date November 30, just completed by State Treasurer Edwards, shows the condition of the various funds in the State. The total cash on hand is \$1,523,758; while disbursements were \$2,232,644. It was a busy quarter and a drain on the State's cash, which explains the early deficiency in general revenue. In the vaults of the Treasury bonds are held aggregating \$21,117,222. Of that amount the permanent school fund owns \$19,798,698. The remainder is scattered in ten other accounts, the largest of which is \$603,000, represented in holdings of the State University. The Agricultural and Mechanical College owns bonds totaling \$205,000. Out of the \$1,523,758 in cash on hand the available school fund has \$1,157,011.

Notes From the Field

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did work. The League work is gratifying. We have the best choir in all Southwest Texas. Mr. O. F. Mumme, famed as the leader of the "Shriner Band" of Kenedy, is the efficient leader. The stewards, A. F. Kaufmann, Sr., President; O. F. Mumme, Secretary; J. T. Allen, Treasurer; T. A. Miller, Dr. S. M. Hubbard, S. R. Franklin, W. H. Busby, W. Ammons, A. F. Kauffmann, Jr., W. F. Ryan, B. O. Mumme, G. H. Hensley and J. A. Martin—well, they are a fine set of fellows. The fact is, Brother James left us a fine Church and it well organized. Dr. T. P. Sessions, the presiding elder, is in high favor here, and learn the same is true all over the district. He held our first Quarterly Conference last night, November 26. The salaries have been increased and are paid monthly. Nothing better. We are praying for a great year spiritually. May it be so. Any Methodists looking for a good town, good schools and a good Church will do well to look into the claims of Kenedy. This charge has a good list of subscribers to the Advocate and we expect to make it even larger before the year is out.—T. Nevitte Barton.

THE OLD AND THE NEW CHARGES

By W. L. Anderson, El Reno, Okla. At Altus we were given our walking papers. Bishop Murrah had been considerate a year ago and allowed us to remain the second year in Sayre, one of the most appreciative Churches it has been this writer's privilege to serve in these two decades. Those were two pleasant years. Nothing those people have is too good for their pastor. No service he may render is too good for them. Knowing them as I do I should rejoice at any opportunity to be associated with them in the work of the kingdom.

It would be too much to pass without mention that last night we spent in Sayre. Without our knowledge or consent the entire membership assembled at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tapp (some time of Pittsburg, Tex) to spend another of those precious social occasions we so much loved to spend together, with their erstwhile pastor, maybe the last one. Well, it was all they had planned for, which is to say much! Just before separating Prof. J. E. Foster, for the Church, presented us a handsome silver set as a token of their tender feeling for us. If it had been our privilege to have returned the favor to each of them it would not have expressed our tender love to them. God bless them, every one!

On reaching El Reno we found as loyal and noble a band as can be found in the State. They have done all that dear fellow Methodists can do to welcome us. Nothing seems to have been overlooked. Even the proverbial gobble and pounding—just before Thanksgiving was abundantly in evidence. We contemplate a happy term of service here with this big-hearted people. Already I have received notes of congratulation from former pastors on the fact that we are to serve this people. Such things as are above mentioned are the oases in the pastor's life. They are given in the name of a prophet and shall not lose their reward. Pray for us at El Reno. A tender farewell to dear old Sayre.

BLAIR, OKLAHOMA. Thanksgiving Surprise.

On Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving, while on our way to make a call, Mrs. Crumpton said, "I hear voices behind us." Yes, there were many voices. It was not the cry of them that make war, nor the unnatural voice of them that worship a golden calf; but it was the very pleasant sound of familiar voices bent on some mission of love. A friend passing said to us, "I think you are going to have company." His words were quickly confirmed by the dark shadows of the churchyard being suddenly streaked with light from the parsonage windows. We were filled with a multitude of feelings. Wondering, surprised, suspecting, we retraced our steps to find a great number of friends, not only of our own Church but of other Churches (and we like their spirit) had taken possession and were doing most as they pleased; and you know it pleased us. Others came later, and still others who could not come, were represented on the dining table which fairly groaned under its load of good things. Flour, sugar, canned fruit, canned goods, breakfast foods, soda, soap, rice, apples, candy, vinegar, pumpkins, syrup, olives, crackers, fresh meat, dressed hen, breakfast bacon, and the climax came when in walked a big Thanksgiving turkey. Other gifts, such as fresh meats, butter, eggs and potatoes, have been received since our return to this work—

some before and some since this very delightful surprise. One of our big-hearted stewards, not satisfied with his very liberal offering of the evening before, came the next day and presented us with a nice shoulder of meat. We appreciate these gifts but far more do we appreciate the givers and the spirit of love which prompted the gifts. They shall ever have a warm spot in our affections, and may the Lord richly repay them for this kindness which they have

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POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

Rev. Josephus Lee, 3310 Cole Avenue, Dallas, Texas. Rev. M. S. Leveridge, Plainview, Texas.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

The District Stewards of the Marshall District are called to meet in the Methodist Church at Longview, Texas, Tuesday, December 14, at 1:30 p. m. Pastors will please announce. J. B. TURRENTINE, P. E.

MCALISTER DISTRICT.

The District Stewards' Meeting and Pastors' Conference will be held in Philip's Memorial Church, McAlester, December 14, 15, 1915.

- December 14. 7:15 p. m. Preaching by T. F. Brewer. December 15. 9:00 a. m. Devotional, led by J. M. Peterson. 9:30 a. m. The Pastor in His Study—J. C. Curry. 9:50 a. m. The Pastor in His Pulpit—L. C. Craig. 10:10 a. m. The Pastor Among His People—R. M. C. Hill. 10:30 a. m. The Prayer Meeting—G. L. Crow. 10:50 a. m. General discussion. 11:10 a. m. The Revival We Need—J. A. Parks. 11:30 a. m. General discussion. 2:30 p. m. Early Collections, Why?—J. W. White. 2:50 p. m. General discussion. 3:30 p. m. District Stewards' Meeting. 7:15 p. m. Preaching by H. P. Clarke. Notify Brother J. A. Parks when you arrive and he will provide entertainment for you. Be sure to come and come to stay till the close. J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

- McKinney District—First Round. Celina Sta., Dec. 12, 13. Prosper Cir., at Prosper, Dec. 18, 19. Frisco Sta., Dec. 19, 20. Carrollton and Farmers Branch, at F. B. Trinity, Jan. 9, 10. Princeton Cir., at Princeton, Jan. 1, 2. Renner Cir., at Renner, Jan. 8, 9. Anna and Melissa, at Anna, Jan. 15, 16. McKinney Sta., Jan. 16, 7 p. m. Weston Cir., at Weston, Jan. 22, 23. Richardson Cir., at Rose Hill, Jan. 29, 30. Allen and South McKinney, at Allen, Feb. 6, 7. Blue Ridge Cir., at Henslee's Chapel, Feb. 12, 13. Farmersville Sta., Feb. 13, 14. Josephine Cir., at Josephine, Feb. 19, 20. Wyhe Sta., Feb. 20, 21. Nevada Sta., Feb. 26, 27. Plano Sta., Feb. 27, 28. C. W. DENNIS, P. E.

- Waco District—First Round. China Springs, at C. S., Dec. 11, 12. Herring Avenue, Dec. 12, 13, 7:30 p. m. Clay Street, Dec. 14, 7:30 p. m. Mt. Calm, Dec. 15, 2 p. m. Waco Cir., Dec. 16, 10 a. m. Hewitt and Spring Valley, at Hewitt, Dec. 17, 2 p. m. Fifth Street, Dec. 17, 7:30 p. m. Rosqueville, at Greenwood, Dec. 18, 19. Morrow Street, Dec. 19, 20, 7:30 p. m. West and Elm Mott, Dec. 20, 2 p. m. Mart, Dec. 21, 1 p. m. Elm Street, Dec. 21, 7:30 p. m. Aquilla, at Aquilla, Dec. 22, 1 p. m. Waco Mis., at Edgefield, Dec. 22, 7:30 p. m. Bruceville and Eddy, at B., Dec. 23, 10 a. m. Lorena, at Lorena, Dec. 23, 3 p. m. Austin, Dec. 26, 27, 7:30 p. m. J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

- Sulphur Springs District—First Round. Lake Creek Cir., at Enloe, Dec. 18, 19. Cooper Sta., Dec. 19, 20. Sulphur Springs Sta., Dec. 24, 25. Riley Springs Cir., at Riley Springs, Jan. 1, 2. Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin, at P. G., Jan. 8, 9. Cumby Cir., at Cumby, Jan. 15, 16. Pickton Cir., at Martin's Chapel, Jan. 22, 23. Winnsboro Sta., Jan. 23, 24. Yowell Cir., at Moss Chapel, Feb. 5, 6. Klondike Cir., at Klondike, Feb. 12, 13. Safflo Mis., at Safflo, Feb. 19, 20. Sulphur Bluff Cir., at N. B., Feb. 26, 27. Como and Forest Academy, at Como, March 4, 5. Mt. Vernon Mis., at Panther C., March 11, 12. Mt. Vernon Sta., March 12, 13. Br. near Cir., at Brasher, March 25, 26. District Stewards will meet in Sulphur Springs in Methodist Church, December 21, 2 p. m. All the pastors of the district are requested to be present. R. F. BRYANT, P. E.

- Vinita District—First Round. Welch Sta., Dec. 4, 5. Claremore Sta., Dec. 11, 12. Afton Sta., Dec. 12, 13. Fairland Cir., at Fairland, Dec. 15. Wagoner Sta., Dec. 18, 19. Choteau and Big Cabin, at Choteau, Dec. 19. Welch Cir., at Grandview, Dec. 22. Bluejacket Cir., at Bluejacket, Dec. 23. Chelsea and Alluwe, at Chelsea, Dec. 25, 26. Kansas Cir., at Rose, Jan. 1, 2. Locust Grove, Cir., at Locust Grove, Jan. 2, 3. Miami Sta., Jan. 4. Chapel Cir., at Chapel, Jan. 8, 9. Plover Sta., Jan. 9, 10. Adair and Pensacola, at Adair, Jan. 11. Inola and Talala, at Inola, Jan. 21. Bernice and Ketchum, at Ketchum, Jan. 21. Jay Cir., at Jay, Jan. 22, 23. Grove Sta., Jan. 23, 24. Centralia Cir., at Centralia, Jan. 29, 30. Spavinaw Cir., at Spavinaw, Feb. 5, 6. Cherokee Cir., at Timpson's Chapel, Feb. 12, 13. Wagoner Cir., at Wassons Chapel, Feb. 19, 20. Vinita Sta., Feb. 27, 28. District Stewards and pastors are called to meet in the Methodist Church at Vinita at 10 o'clock a. m., December 17, 1915. JAMES W. ROGERS, P. E.

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- Corsicana District—First Round. Mexia, preaching Dec. 12, business session later. Dawson, preaching Dec. 19, business session later. Corsicana, First Church, preaching 11 a. m., Dec. 26. Corsicana, Eleventh Ave., preaching 7 p. m., Dec. 26. Barry and Emhouse, at Emhouse, Jan. 1, 2. Kerens, at Kerens, Jan. 8, 9. Harmony, at Harmony, Jan. 15, 16. Emmett, at Emmett, Jan. 29, 30. Frost, Jan. 30, 31. Horn Hill, at Horn Hill, Feb. 5, 6. Goochbeck, Feb. 6, 7. Pardon, at Pardon, Feb. 12, 13. Kirtland, at Kirtland, Feb. 19, 20. Rice, Feb. 20, 21. Thornton, at Thornton, Feb. 26, 27. Wortham, at Richland, Feb. 27, 28. Corsicana Cir., at Zion's Rest, March 4. Channing Grove, March 5, 6. Clifton, at Tupelo, March 11, 12. W. H. MATTHEWS, P. E.

- Weatherford District—First Round. Graford, Jan. 1, 2, at Graford. Mineral Wells, Jan. 4, 7:15 p. m. Loving, Jan. 6, 11 a. m., at Loving. Olney Cir., Jan. 8, 9, 11 a. m., at Ingleside. Olney Sta., Jan. 9, 7 p. m. Newcastle, Jan. 15, 16. Elvasville Mis., Jan. 20, 11 a. m., at Elvasville. Graham Mis., Jan. 22, 23, 11 a. m., at Flat Lambert. Graham Sta., Jan. 23, 7 p. m. Santo Mis., Jan. 26, 11 a. m., at Santo. White Cir., Jan. 29, 30, 11 a. m., at Whitt. Springtown, Feb. 1, 11 a. m., at Springtown. Abledo, Feb. 5, 6, 11 a. m., at Abledo. Ayle, Feb. 12, 13, 11 a. m., at Ayle. Milsap, Feb. 19, 20, 11 a. m., at Milsap. Weatherford, First Church, Feb. 21, 7:30 p. m. Weatherford, Courts Memorial, Feb. 27, 7:30 p. m. Weatherford Cir., Feb. 26, 27, 11 a. m., at Lambert. Missionary Institute and Sunday School Conference at Weatherford, First Church, March 1, 2 and 3. L. A. WEBB, P. E.

- Gatesville District—First Round. Valley Mills, Dec. 11, 12. Clifton, Dec. 12, 13. Moody, Dec. 18, 19. McGregor, Dec. 19, 20. Gatesville Sta., Dec. 26. Crawford, at Crawford, Dec. 26, 27. Jonesboro, at Jonesboro, Jan. 1, 2. Turnersville, at Fairview, Jan. 3. Corvell, at Corv., Jan. 8, 9. Meridian Sta., Jan. 14, 15. Meridian Cir., at Diversville, Jan. 15, 16. Ozelsby, at Ozelsby, Jan. 22, 23. Gatesville Cir., at Trinity, Jan. 23, 24. Hamilton Cir., at Lund, Jan. 29, 30. Hamilton Sta., Jan. 30, 31. Fairy, at Fairy, Jan. 31. Coppers Cove, at Pidocke, Feb. 5, 6. Evans, at Pearl, Feb. 6, 7. Nolanville, at Nolanville, Feb. 12, 13. Killen Cir., at Buena Vista, Feb. 13, 14. Killen Sta., Feb. 14. District Stewards will please meet at the Methodist Church, Gatesville, 1:40 p. m., Thursday, December 16. S. J. RUCKER, P. E.

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REYNOLDS.—Sarah H. Reynolds, the subject of this sketch, was born in Wapello County, Iowa, on February 2, 1849, and fell asleep November 23, 1915. In early childhood she gave her heart to God and joined the Methodist Church, of which she was a devout member. A few months ago she came to Stratford on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Frank Bray. Her health had not been good for a number of years, and daily she grew weaker. On Nov. 23, 1915 she passed away at Dallhart, one of the best physicians in the West having given her every attention known to medical science. A good woman has passed from our midst. We laid her body to rest in the Dallhart Cemetery. May God's richest blessings abide with the loved one who awaits the time of the gathering of the redeemed in the eternal home of the soul.

JNO. E. ELDRIDGE, P. C.

COX.—Mrs. Mary F. Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Strange, was born in the State of Tennessee, May 11, 1862; died in Giltown, Texas, May 23, 1915. Mrs. Cox came to Texas with her parents in 1870, settled in Wise County, near Boonsville. She was married to Mr. J. D. Cox January 11, 1884. To this happy union five children were born, one dying in infancy. The others, J. E. Cox, J. F. Cox, Mrs. Lulu Ware and Mrs. Bertha Gilliland, live near Giltown, Texas. Mrs. Cox confessed faith in Christ in early womanhood, joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and remained faithful to its communion until 1911, when she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was faithful until death. Kindness with Mrs. Cox was a passion. She loved all and all loved her. Her home was the preacher's home. She is missed, but some sweet day husband, children and hundreds of friends will meet where parting is no more.

W. J. WILSON, P. C.

CUSTER.—G. T. Custer was born in Marion County, Alabama, April 17, 1834. He was married to Miss Rachel Young, of Auburn, Alabama, February 13, 1856. Brother Custer moved with his wife and eight children to Karnes County, Texas, in 1874. From here he moved to Bee County, Texas, in 1876. Then they moved to Live Oak County in 1888, at which place they lived till 1913, when they moved back to Bee County, living in Beeville till May, 1915, at which time they moved to Odium, San Patricio County, Texas. From this earthly home the dear old husband and father and friend was called to his eternal home beyond the river. Two children were born into this household after the family came to Texas. The other eight were born in Alabama. Brother Custer suffered much toward the last, but not complainingly. As his pastor for a few months it was a gracious privilege to visit him and his dear and faithful wife in their home, read to them a love letter from our Heavenly Father and then have prayers in the good old way. Heaven was very near on these occasions. Brother Custer passed away at 7 a. m., October 18, 1915. His body was laid to rest in the old Lebanon Cemetery, Live Oak County, the day following. His faithful companion, the years survives him, together with seven children, forty-eight grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren. We shall meet him in the "sweet by-and-by." His last pastor, GEO. F. HARRIS.

MASHBURN.—Herbert Fred Mashburn was born near Wolfe City, Hunt County, Texas, February 20, 1875. Was converted and joined the Methodist Church in the summer of 1911 under the ministry of Rev. J. W. Skyles. He was united in marriage to Miss Bernice Williams December 24, 1914. Entered his life in the evening of September 24, 1915. To mourn his departure are a father and mother, two brothers, three sisters, a number of other relatives and a host of friends. Herbert, as he was fondly called, reconsecrated his life to God in our meeting last summer and the future in this life seemed bright for him. But he is gone and it might well be said of him that for him to die was but to enter upon a greater life. His was a noble life and a triumphant death. He was not afraid to face the future, and when a man knows he must go he very calmly called friends and relatives one by one and told them good-bye, asking them to meet him just across the vale. It was so sad to see such a noble young man pass away, but there is a reason and our loss is his gain. The last few months of his life he talked a great deal about living a better life and was very much interested in some of his friends and loved ones who were not religious. By his death impressions have been made on his friends for a better life. In July, 1899, his precessions open into real fruition. May the blessings of Heaven rest upon the stricken ones. His pastor, N. W. OLIVER.

MAGEE.—Dr. J. S. Magee was born February 20, 1847, Water Valley, Mississippi. He was the eldest of fourteen children born to his parents, Felix and Martha M. Magee. After his father's death he took upon himself the responsibility of assisting his mother in raising the younger children. Shortly after this he moved them to Wilson County, Texas. He married Miss A. O. Morris August 25, 1881. To this union were born two children, both of whom died in infancy. In July, 1889, their mother followed them. He was again married October 7, 1903, this time to Mrs. K. S. Simmons, with whom he spent his last days happily. In young manhood he was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which communion he lived an honorable and upright member until his death, October 26, 1915. All who knew Brother Magee testified to his sweet, patient spirit. He was a pure man. Having been with him quite a few times in the last two years as his pastor, I can say that never an unseemly or impudent word passed his lips. When health would permit he was in his pew at Church, and we shall miss his familiar face in the audience. He was all that the word Christian implies and surely we know where to find him. So, loved ones, who are so bereaved, be comforted in the thought that he is at rest and that some sweet day you may join him. Brother Magee leaves a devoted Christian wife, seven brothers, and one sister to mourn his death. We say good-bye, but not forever. The pastor being away at conference and unable to reach home in time in answer to the wire, Brother Carter, of Bay City, conducted the funeral service.

B. A. MYERS, Pastor.

KILLIAN.—On November 13, 1915 the infant child of Brother and Sister Killian, Earnest A., died at their home at Loco and was buried the following day in the cemetery at Arlie. Earnest was about 18 months old, but about a year ago he swallowed a grass-burr which necessitated a surgical operation and the insertion of a tube into his windpipe so that he could breathe. It was thought for a time that he would, after awhile, be able to get along without the tube, but it developed lately that it would be required as long as he lived. It required constant and unremittent watchfulness to keep him breathing. But on the date above, when he had caught a little cold, in spite of all that could be done, he choked to death. It was a great blow to the father and mother and all the kin. He is far better off now and the future for him is sure. He cannot come to them, but they can go to him, and may the Lord bless and sustain them.

J. C. CARPENTER, P. C.

WORSHMAN.—Death, in all its gloom and sadness, has again visited another home, that of Dr. Arch Worshman, and laid its cold hand upon his wife, Mrs. Inez Worshman. She was 28 years old. She was a bright and noble Christian, but with this world of sin she is done. Her spirit is roving with the angels in the plains of Paradise. There is nothing paramount to this in all the plans of her life from early childhood. She began work willingly with her hands for her Savior's cause. Methinks I can hear her singing her favorite song, "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me, Let Me Hide Myself in Thee." In pain she lay on her bed, tossing with an aching head, but, alas! how soon did we say good-bye! The golden gates were opened, a gentle voice said, "Come," and with farewells unspoken she calmly entered home. We loved her; yes, we loved her, but the Savior loved her more and claimed her for his own. Weep not for her, loved ones. She is not dead, but asleep in the arms of Jesus. Methinks one day she will advance at the beautiful gates and say in angel tones, "Arch and baby have come." One who loved her.

MRS. R. A. REEDY.

SPENCER.—Mrs. A. E. Spencer departed this life on November 17, 1915. She had lived in Marlin and vicinity about fifty years, and was 78 years of age. Her first husband was L. G. Scroggins, one of the old-time citizens of Falls County. Some years after his death she was married to H. F. Spencer, who died several years ago. There were no children from either marriage. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and a subscriber to the Texas Christian Advocate for years, up to her death. She was a woman of superior intellect and her memory was remarkable. She was a great singer for many months, yet no murmur of her sad fate fell from her lips, and she was a model of patience. She loved her many friends and was always glad to have them with her. While we rejoice to believe her freed spirit is now present with the Lord, awaiting the new body that shall be given her on the beautiful resurrection morning, yet we cannot help feeling sad that she has gone from us for all time. I listened not long ago to a remarkable dream she had about twenty years ago, which had been a great comfort to her all these years. Today I believe she realized her beautiful dream has come true. From one who loved her.

MRS. V. C. BILLINGSLEY.

BLAYLOCK.—On the morning of November 10, 1915, at 4 o'clock, the messenger of death came to summon Mrs. Marie Blaylock to her bright home in the skies. The summons brought darkness into the home and sorrow into the heart of her devoted husband and father. Sister Blaylock was born in the State of Arkansas on October 8, 1833; was converted at the age of 17 and at once joined the Church. She was married to W. L. Blaylock September 22, 1906, and three children were born to this union. She was buried in the cemetery at Arlie, in Collinsworth County, Texas. Sister Blaylock had no fear of death because she met devoutly and courageously all the issues that pertained to life and godliness. Her mind was clear to the last and her thoughts were of others. She knew that she was going and asked those around her to meet her in heaven, made provision for the little babe and bade her husband good-bye. She leaves behind her a devoted father, brothers and sisters. She lived a simple, sincere, devout, godly life, devoted to the cause of the Lord, to her family and to her friends. There is no blessing to mar her life and no bad deeds to harass the memory. She is sweet and bright as those who know her remember her life. Of such is the kingdom of heaven. May the Lord's blessings abide on those behind.

J. C. CARPENTER, P. C.

HEATH.—Judge W. R. Heath was born in Pittsburg, Texas, July 4, 1861. He received his literary education in the schools of this place; took his training in law from a law school in Virginia, afterwards studying law under Crawford & Crawford, of Dallas, and still later under Judge Putnam, of Sulphur Springs, Texas. He was married to Miss Hattie Brooks in 1892; and to their union were born five children, the last of whom survives him. He was one of three children. His brother, R. H. Heath, survives him, their only sister preceding him to the glory world. Judge Heath was a Christian man, and one who was loved by all classes of people. At the time of his death he was a member of this Seventh Judicial District. He had been converted early in life and was a member of the M. E. Church, South. The last time I saw him in active work was not as a Justice upon the bench, but during our great revival here last April, going with tearful eyes to try to persuade men to come to Christ. He was a great and good man, and we miss him beyond the power of words to describe. He went to be with God from his late home in this city, surrounded by wife, children, relatives and friends, and at the church house we held the services in honor of his memory while there gathered the multitudes to join in sharing the common sorrow over his going from earth. We know where to look for him. He is at home in the Father's house. His pastor, W. H. VANCE.

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To me the years have seemed so long Those words of thine, my mother dear, Can never be forgot; And that is why I love to hear The message Jesus brought. Many vile things have tempted me And bade me go astray; But every day I think my way.

But still I know thou art blest As thou dost pray and sing Among the throngs where all is rest While voices sweetly ring. But God sees fit to leave me here While I complete thy plans And labor on from year to year As thou didst with thy hands.

I know what was thy will for me, As thou for me didst pray That I should let God's spirit be My guide from day to day. That time for me has past and gone, When thou thy tears didst spill, And talk with Jesus on his throne; But thou art mother still.

My mother dear thy prayers are heard, That thou didst sweetly pray; And mother dear there's not one word Has gone or past away. The time with me has past and gone When thou for me didst pray; But as the years have quickly flown, My sins have past away.

I heard thy voice mother dear; We were alone one day, And down thy cheeks didst flow a tear As thou didst gently say, "Son wilt thou promise me just now That thou will ever be Obedient and ever bow To God who keepeth thee?"

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DENVER

- Denver-Durango District—Second Round. Hoehne, Dec. 12, 11 a. m. Trinidad, Dec. 12, 8 p. m. Benlah, Dec. 19. Se. Paul's, Dec. 26. Durango, Dec. 28, 8 p. m. Mancos, Dec. 29, 8 p. m. Hesperus, Dec. 30, 8 p. m. Fort Lewis, Dec. 31, 8 p. m. Redmesa, Jan. 2. Cedar Hill, Jan. 6, 8 p. m. Elora Vista, Jan. 7, 8 p. m. Aztec, Jan. 9, 11 a. m. Farmington, Jan. 9, 8 p. m. Rye, Jan. 16. Walsenburg, Jan. 23, 11 a. m. LaVeta, Jan. 23, 8 p. m. Gardiner, Jan. 30. Saguache, Feb. 6. Pueblo, Feb. 13, 11 a. m. Colorado Springs, Feb. 13, 8 p. m. Hoehne, Feb. 20, 11 a. m. Trinidad, Feb. 20, 8 p. m. District Conferences—Durango at Durango, Jan. 3, 4, 5; Denver, at St. Paul's, Jan. 17, 18, 19. ROBERT E. DICKINSON, P. E., Denver, Colo., 1708 E. 16th Avenue.

NEW MEXICO

- Albuquerque District—First Round. Melrose Cir., Melrose, Dec. 11, 12. Magdalena, Dec. 18, 19. San Marcel, Dec. 25, 26. Albuquerque, Jan. 1, 2. GEO. H. GIVAN, P. E. El Paso District—First Round. Van Horn, Dec. 10. Clint, Dec. 11, 12. East El Paso, Dec. 12, 13. Tolerosa, Dec. 19. Trinity, Dec. 21. Lordsburg, Dec. 26, 27. Deming, Dec. 28. HUBERT M. SMITH, P. E., 1107 E. Boulevard, El Paso, Texas. Roswell District—First Round. Hagerman, Dec. 11, 12. Lakewood, Dec. 12, 13. Hope, Dec. 18, 19. Artesia, Dec. 19, 20. Roswell, Dec. 26. B. K. ALLISON, P. E. San Antonio District—First Round. Dec. 11, 12, Jourdanton. Dec. 18, 19, Potec. Jan. 1, 2, Bandera, at Bandera. Jan. 8, 9, Kerrville. Jan. 15, San Antonio Circuit, at Fairview. J. H. GROSECLOSE, P. E. San Marcos District—First Round. Dec. 11, Lockhart. Dec. 11, 12, Lytton Springs. Dec. 14, San Marcos. Dec. 15, Dripping Springs. Dec. 17, Seguin. Dec. 18, 19, Gonzales. Dec. 22, Blanco. THOMAS GREGORY, P. E. San Angelo District—First Round. Sherwood, at Sherwood, Dec. 11, 12. Paint Rock, at Paint Rock, Dec. 18, 19. First Church, S. A., Dec. 26. Chadbourne St., S. A., Jan. 2. Eden, at Eden, Jan. 7. Rochelle, at Lohm, Q. C., Jan. 8, 3 p. m. Prady, Q. C., Jan. 8, 8 p. m., preaching, Jan.

- 9, 7:30 p. m. Sonora, Jan. 15, 16. Eldorado and Christoval, at E., Jan. 22, 23. Junction, at Junction, Jan. 29, 30, 11 a. m. Menard, at Menard, Jan. 30, 8 p. m. Ozona, Feb. 5, 6. Eola, at Mullen, Feb. 9. Water Valley, at W. V., Feb. 12, 13. F. R. DICHANAN, P. E. Uvalde District—First Round. Diller, Dec. 11, 12. Rock Springs, Dec. 11, 12. Cotulla, Dec. 12, 13. Utopia, Dec. 18, 20. Uvalde, Dec. 26, 27. Carrizo Springs, Jan. 1, 2. Fowleston, Jan. 7, 8. Batesville, Jan. 14, 15. C. R. JOUNSTON, P. E.

WEST OKLAHOMA

- Ardmore District—First Round. Elmore Circuit, Dec. 11, 12. Wynnewood, Dec. 12, 13. Thackerville, Dec. 18, 19. Marietta, Dec. 19, 20. Overbrook Circuit, Jan. 1, 2. Leon Circuit, Jan. 8, 9. Ringling and Loco, Jan. 15, 16. Joiner Circuit, Jan. 16, 17. Lone Grove and Wilson, Jan. 22, 23. Ardmore Mission, Jan. 23, 24. Davis, Jan. 29, 30. Brevard Circuit, Jan. 30, 31. Durwood Mission, —. Sulphur, First Church, Feb. 5, 6. Sulphur, Vista Avenue, Feb. 6, 7. Stratford and Byars, Feb. 12, 13. Ardmore, Broadway, Feb. 19, 20. Ardmore, Carter Avenue, Feb. 20, 21. J. D. SALTER, P. E.

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**PERSONALS**

Rev. W. L. Andrews, of Ozark, Ala., accompanied by his son, Rev. W. B. Andrews, of Waxahachie, Texas, and Ray Andrews, were pleasant callers at the Advocate office the past week.

Rev. J. W. Johnson, who, after thirty-five active years in the Texas Conference, took superannuate relation at Bay City, and was not able to be at the conference at Longview. His home is now at Brownwood, Texas. He is one of our best men and has served the Church well. His brethren missed him at conference and hope to see his face next year.

Always an industrious man and serving thirty-five years in the itinerancy, now a superannuate of the Texas Conference, imbued with the old spirit of progress, Rev. Geo. H. Phair has promoted himself to the position of junior preacher in and about Hempstead. The senior preacher will go well to look to his laurels.

Rev. Theo. F. Roberts, presiding elder Creek District, Oklahoma, in a note to us, says his son, who underwent an operation at the sanitarium in Oklahoma City, October 18, was brought home recently in a very weakened condition, but is now improving some. Brother Roberts says he has much to be thankful for, as for some time it was thought there was no chance for his son's recovery.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank E. Luker arrived last week from Emory and are domiciled in the Methodist parsonage. The Chronicle joins the good people of the town in extending to them a hearty welcome and trusts that their stay in Willis Point will be pleasant. Rev. Luker is not only an able and consecrated minister, but is an affable gentleman as well, and the members of the Methodist Church are looking forward to material progress in the Master's work during his pastorate.—Willis Point Chronicle, Dec. 2.

Rev. W. N. Curry returned Tuesday from Corsicana where he attended the Central Texas Conference of the M. E. Church, South. He reports a splendid time and brings back a good report of the work done in this section during the past year. It is with pleasure that we announce that Brother Curry will remain as pastor of the Church here. He is a power for good, and has the love and confidence of all Christian people, and those who do not profess Christianity love and honor this good man of God. May the Lord prosper his work in the future as he has in the past.—Morgan Messenger, December 3.

Rev. Abe Mulkey, passing through Dallas on the way to the North Texas Conference at Bonham, was affre with the "Echo Prayer Meeting" of Wednesday night in his city, Corsicana. He could not find adjectives enough in Mr. Webster's little book to express the delight with their guests. He said that at the close of the "Echo Prayer Meeting" the stewards adjourned for a stewards' meeting and raised the pastor's salary \$250. Many wanted to raise it \$500. Through Rev. J. W. Fort's suggestion, they placed the salary at \$2750. They also raised the salary of Mrs. Forest Reed, organist. Bro. Mulkey said the effect of the conference on the city will last for

ever. He said the conference cost the city \$12,000, but the spirit and intellectual things are worth a million.

The Bay City News-Farmer in a recent issue says of Brother D. S. Burke, who goes this year to the Cleveland charge: "Pastor Burke has done a good three years' work at Matogorda and Lane City, particularly at Matogorda, where the personage is, and he, of course, spent most of his time. There was general regret at his leaving, but most cordial were the expressions of regret with good wishes for happiness and success in their new field of labor. One of the tokens of esteem which Mrs. Burke carries to her new home is a necklace, or souvenir chain, embracing silver links engraved with the names of the contributors, and these include about every member of the Missionary Society and some others, from Grandma Bedford to little Trude-Ann. The News-Farmer joins most heartily in the expression of best wishes for these friends in their new home."

**OUR CHURCH NEWS**

The South Georgia Conference, with a total membership of 93,726, paid for missions during the conference year just closed \$52,620.

We note that at the recent session of the Louisiana Conference Rev. Geo. S. Sexton was reappointed to First Church, Shreveport.

Bishop Cranston is appointed fraternal delegates from the Methodist Episcopal Church to the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Rev. Sylvester Stahl died at Atlantic City, New Jersey, November 6. While a prolific writer on religious subjects, he was also a great specialist on sex hygiene.

At the late session of the North Alabama Conference an effort was made to consolidate the Alabama Christian Advocate with the Wesleyan, but after a prolonged discussion the proposition was defeated.

A union Church paper to represent all the Churches at work in Korea is to be issued under the auspices of the Korean Religious Tract Society. The editor in chief is Rev. Elmer M. Cable, of the Methodist Episcopal Mission.

Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, who is now settled in Dallas, Texas, at 522 North Haskell Avenue, has been invited to lecture at the University of Texas during the winter on an exchange lectureship to represent Southern Methodist University.

The Virginia is the largest of all the conferences in Southern Methodism. This conference reports a total of 123,644 Church members, an increase for the year of 3875. The conference paid for missions on regular assessments and specials more than \$80,000, and, including woman's work and all other missionary contributions, the total was \$135,319.

At the recent session of the Little Rock Conference, held in Monticello, Arkansas, they indorsed the new Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, as a connectional institution of the Church had asked for an unqualified indorsement. Opposition to this action was based on the ground that

the new institution would interfere with the three colleges maintained by the Southern Methodist Church in Arkansas. The North Arkansas Conference recently refused to indorse the new university in any manner.

Dr. F. S. Parker, General Secretary of the Epworth League, has decided not to come to Dallas to take up the work of a professor in the School of Theology of Southern Methodist University. His work there was not to begin until after January 1, and his place will be supplied by the Board of Trustees of the university.

The North Alabama Conference has thirty-two superannuate homes, valued at \$75,000, and homes now pledged have an approximate value of \$35,000. The agent for this work, Rev. John W. Norton, Birmingham, Alabama, has secured every home now owned by the conference and, in addition, has secured donations for much other valuable property.

The Memphis Conference at its recent session adopted by a large majority a resolution which declared that the conference would not recommend the appointment of any member of the body to Vanderbilt University. Dr. J. H. Stevenson, a member of the Vanderbilt University faculty, withdrew from our Church to unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The two Arkansas Conferences will take over the Western Methodist, Little Rock, which heretofore has been owned by individuals, and will continue the paper as the property of the Church. The conferences assume obligations amounting to about \$8000, and this amount is to be raised by an assessment covering a period of two years. Dr. A. C. Miller was re-elected editor for the coming year.

The year just closed has been the most remarkable in the history of the Holston Conference in evangelistic achievement. The pastors reported 18,827 conversions and 11,655 accessions to the Church. This would average 85 conversions for each pastor in the conference and more than 50 accessions. If all the pastors throughout Southern Methodism had made that average, what an advance our great Church would have made the past year!

At its recent session the Louisiana Conference recommended the appointment of Rev. Thomas Carter and Rev. serving as professors in Vanderbilt University. The following resolution was adopted, making clear the attitude of the conference on the present educational system in the Church: "Whereas, Rev. Thomas Carter and Rev. H. B. Carre are at present and have for some years past been serving as professors in Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tennessee; and, whereas, this conference has requested the presiding Bishop to appoint Brothers Carter and Carre to professorships in Vanderbilt University; therefore, be it resolved that, while we have recommended the appointment of these brethren to professorships in Vanderbilt University, we desire to place ourselves on record as commending in every particular the action of the General Conference of 1914 and also all the acts of the commissioners appointed by said General Conference relative to the said Vanderbilt matter."

**NOTES FROM THE FIELD.**

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shown us. To them we dedicate this verse:

So this good work continues with gift upon gift,  
And their hearts grow larger with giving;  
Till we are persuaded this work will not cease  
While still those good people are living.  
—Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Crumpton.

**ANADARKO, OKLA.**

This preacher was made very happy when his name was read out in connection with Anadarko again. Last year was a very pleasant year indeed. It was very pleasant for the preacher, at least. Whether it was so pleasant for the people is another question entirely. We met all our financial obligations in full, and are beginning the new year under very favorable circumstances. The new Board of Stewards met on Monday evening following the adjournment of the Annual Conference and made assessments for the year. Salaries were increased thirty-five per cent over last year. Duplex envelopes were ordered and the weekly plan of payment was adopted again. We were so well pleased with that plan last year that it will be a permanent fixture with us. Our Sunday School

is growing rapidly and our Epworth League is the finest I ever had the privilege of working with. It is the best Young People's Society in the city. We regretted very much to have to give up Brother B. F. Gassaway and his excellent family, but are delighted to welcome Rev. R. M. Templeton and his consecrated wife in their stead. The Indian work has its peculiar problems, but we learn that Brother Templeton is getting a good hold upon the work already, and our people here are freely predicting for him an unusually successful year. May our Father in his goodness make it so! We are planning largely for our Church here in Anadarko this year. Our plans include a new Sunday School room, new pews, paint, paper, etc. When this is accomplished we then will have taken our rightful place in this city that naturally belongs to us, Methodistically speaking. And best of all, it is our purpose, if God prospers us this year, to be able to thank the Board of Missions for all past favors and ask them to let this infant that they have been nursing for all these years, see if it can walk alone! Long live the Texas Christian Advocate!—I. W. Armstrong.

**AMARILLO DISTRICT.**

**Methodists Hold Important Annual Meeting.**

The District Stewards of the Amarillo District met in regular annual business session at the Elks Hotel at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Rev. W. M. Pope, from Dalhart, opened the session with the invocation. At 12:30, business having been completed, Rev. New Harris pronounced the benediction, and Dr. E. E. Robinson, the presiding elder, announced that the assembly was to be his guest at luncheon.

Having gathered in the grill room, and having been welcomed by Dr. Robinson, the following delightful menu was served:

- Menu.**  
 Soup de Italia  
 Brown Gravy Cranberry Sauce  
 Roasted Turkey  
 Creamed Potatoes Creamed Peas  
 Dessert Apple Pastry  
 Demitasse  
 American Cheese Coffee

During the earlier courses it developed that Rev. New Harris was dreadfully worried over something, which the young preacher across the table could not understand until the same had been explained by Dr. Robinson; then the young brother understood clearly. For further information address Brother Harris.

At the close of the luncheon one and all voted that Dr. Robinson was such a delightful host that it would be well for him to repeat the affair monthly. He very graciously declined the "nomination."

Those present were: Stewards—M. B. Hill, Glazier; E. J. Pickins, Canadian; E. L. Richardson, Amarillo; Less Whitaker, Amarillo; Will N. Thompson, Amarillo; J. E. Rogers, Canyon; Spirley Bailey, Dalhart; J. D. Burnett, Hartley, L. M. Price, Stamford.

Visitors—Dr. F. M. Wilson, Canyon; Rev. Hayes Howell, Canadian; Rev. W. M. Pope, Dalhart; Rev. New Harris, Amarillo; Rev. J. T. Hicks, Amarillo; Rev. H. G. Scoggins, Amarillo; J. D. Bartlett, Amarillo; Judge Jeeter, Amarillo.  
H. G. SCOGGINS, Reporter.

**AUSTIN PREACHERS' MEETING.**

The Austin Methodist Pastors' Association met Monday morning in regular meeting and reports were made as follows:

Dr. V. A. Godbey reported that he had been all over his district since conference and that the preachers were starting off splendidly in their work with prospects that surpassed those that had greeted him in the beginning of any other year of his administration on this district.

Rev. B. W. Allen, of Fred Allen Memorial Church, reported the debt on the church practically provided for since his coming and everything starting off in fine shape.

Rev. M. J. Allen, of Ward Memorial Church, stated that his congregations were growing and the Sunday School and prayer meeting increasing in attendance and interest.

Rev. H. B. Atkins, of Hyde Park Church, reported fourteen new members, a thriving Sunday School and a prayer meeting that had thus far led the Methodist Churches of the city.

Rev. R. P. Shuler, of University Church, starts off with a splendid showing of interest. The salary has been increased to \$3000 and the outlook is fine. Nineteen members have been received.

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Rev. H. W. Knickerbocker, of First Church, was out of the city, delivering addresses at A. & M. College. He has been in the midst of a series of lectures in his own Church on matters pertaining to his life, which has drawn large crowds.

Bishop E. D. Mouzon was present and delivered a very inspirational address on "South America." The Bishop has been in the city for a four days' lecture series under the auspices of the Epworth League of the University Church. SECRETARY.

**ONALASKA CHARGE SUPPLIED.**

Rev. C. E. Mock has been appointed to the Onalaska charge, Navasota District. This will answer all applicants.  
E. L. SHETTLES,  
P. E. Navasota District.

**CHURCH FINANCES.**

It is not keeping expenses down, but keeping faith and enthusiasm up, that gives a clear balance sheet. Give the Church heroic leadership, place before her high ideals, keep her on the march for larger conquests, and the financial problem will take care of itself.—Evangelical Messenger.