Another happy commencement season has passed. The halls of our colleges are now empty save as they are filled with students pursuing summer courses of work. Our own Methodism has reason to congratulate herself upon the work of her schools. Never have these sehools been so full of students and never have so many graduates gone out from their halls as in the present year. In Texas for the first time in many years have we had in our own colleges a larger number of Methodist students than are to be found in the State University. Southern Methodist University has enrolled 453 students in her college classes during the year and Southwestern University 422. The Texas Woman's College likewise has had a large number of students and in these three " $\mathbf{A}$ " grade colleges of Texas we have had a larger number of Methodist students pursuing college courses than are now found at the University of Texas. We congratulate our Texas Methodism upon this larger support of our own institutions.

## GREETINGS TO OUR COLLEGE FRIENDS

We find it in our heart to extend cordial greetings to our young college friends whom these lines will find at home after useful months in college. We are grateful that you have been preserved in health and that your happy voices again mingle in the conversations in the family circle. We have shared the solicitude of the loved ones at home for you while away at college and we have prayed that your college days might return you furnished and equipped for larger living. We have especially prayed that you would accustom yourself to the services of the Chureh as you did before going to college.
More than once distressed mothers have come to us as pastor and sadly related the changed religious views of son or daughter upon his or her return from college. The old relish for the Church seems abated and even the sense of God seems obscured. Delight for the house of God seems gone. So we have been told. Shall it be so in your ease? Shall the Sunday School and the young people's societies no longer enjoy your presence and leadership? Shall the Church lose in proportion to your enrichment in college? Have you in these recent months gone blind to some of your dearest faiths? And, if so, may we not sit for awhile together and talk it over!
Just twenty-four years ago we were where you are now. We returned home after seven years in college and as evidence of having rightly used our time we handed over to the loved ones at home our diplomas bearing the grectings of our Alma Mater and commending us as worthy of the privileges which usually belong to those who have earned de-
grees in Arts and Divinity. May we, therefore, as an elder brother be permitted to enter the circle of our younger brothers and sisters and shall we not counsel together about some of the mental problems which have arisen as the result of your days in college? Anyway, at least, we make bold to extend to you our heartiest greetings and express our gratitude that you are home again.

## DOUBTS OF COLLEGE MEN.

One of the outstanding features of the present age, it has been well said, is the extent to which believers doubt and doubters believe. In many of us is a strange blending of belief and doubt. How often even the best among us have exclaimed, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief!" Especially of college men and women is this not sometimes distressingly true? Indeed, can we reasonably expeet that it should be otherwise?
The young man goes to college as the possessor of more or less clearly defined religious views. He has certain beliefs which have been taught him from childhood. He has never questioned them. It may be that not even the slightest interrogation point has ever been written after one of them. He has fed upon them as a matter of course.
Now, in college he is in a new mental world. Here he is taught to reason-to analyze and to classify. He is taught to leave no proposition until he can write quod erat demonstrandum. Not even the word of his teacher offers the credentials for his beliefs, and he does not stop in his mental journey until he reaches the reason of things.
Is it at all strange, therefore, that the college man should demand that the religious furnishings of his soul should be subjected to the rigid tests which he has applied to other matters? And ought he build a sort of Chinese wall around his religious beliefs and say these shall be exempt from test? Ought he? No! Nor can he. Nor should he think that some strange thing has happened to him if he now discovers even a distressing blending of faith and doubt. Such offenses must needs come.
But may not even doubts have their useful functions in one's religious life? We are sure that they may. Two quotations come to mind which clearly define the functions of religious doubt. The one is from George Burman Foster, professor of the Philosophy of Religion in the University of Chicago, and the other is from Henry Drummond, evangelist and scientist. The first says: "An organism needs food, but there must be a process of elimination as well as of nutrition; indeed, organisms generally die from poison due to defective elimination rather than from starvation. Now, as I understand it, doubt is the purgative, eliminative, excretive
de of religious experience, as faith is the nourishing." The second says: "Doubt shows interest. Doubt is one of the most blessed states a man can be in. It is the purifier of thought. Until he has doubted and then thought, faith to a man is mere credulity.'
Here we have it. The function of religious doubt is twofold: elimination and purification.
As parents and even as pastors we can hardly hope that all of our statements of truth to children in their teens shall be satisfactory to them in the awakening years of college life. There is more or less of an admixture of truth and tradition in the best statements which we make to our children. The truth will endure the most searching tests, but it is far from possible that every view of life and of the worid which we have taught will stand. And if the growing mind of the college man or woman detects what is tradition and what is truth, let neither him nor ourselves be pained. College days are, as it were, the molting time of life and if our sons and daughters emerge with clean, beautiful plumage, let us not grieve. If from their mental systems have been eliminated old statements which are not of the essence of Christianity, let us not be distressed.
But the function of doubt is other than that of elimination. Doubt purifies. Doubt is a stage in the process of making religious truth our own. Until we have thought it out it is not ours. Until it has been fused to a white heat in our own experience it has not become a part of us. Great souls, be it remembered, have reached the promised land of certain truth through wanderings in the wilderness often of painful and distressing uncertainty.
We counsel, therefore, that both parents and pastors shall remember that even doubts may have useful functions and that our young men and women returning from college halls may not be estranged from the Church by any inconsiderate word. Nothing could be more hurtful in this homecoming time than.uncharitableness toward the interrogation points now in the minds of these noble sons and daughters.

## THE DISSOLVING OF DOUBTS.

Whether doubt is a blessed estate depends entirely upon what one does with one's doubt. Whether doubt shall exercise healthy functions in one's religious life depends entirely upon one's attitude toward one's doubt.
Certainly we can not be indifferent to our doubt if we shall hope for its dissolving. Dr. W. H. Fitchett speaks of a current unbelief today which is "vague, loitering, evasive and strangely contented." Nearly
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AMONG the brethren． H．G． H ．
Mr．Editor，that salt and pepper sprinkled about in your paper of June 15 must not be taken for milk and water．
In same issue J．E．Harrison hits the nail on the head in his short piece on＂Union of Methodism，＂al－
though when he writes on＂Our Or－ though when he writes on＂Our Or－ der of Public Service＂he un．nten－ tionally takes both sides of every
question，just like Sam Steel did when he accused the Lord of being on the side of the North in the war． But that which I enjoyed most in
your paper of June 15 was from E． your paper of June 15 was from E ．
E．Hoss．He is a dangerous man to
tamper with．When you are near tamper with．When you are near
his ecclesiastical or historical toes his
tread
out． out．

But John M．Moore＇s long article in June
tention．
He uses the expression＂reorgan－
ized Church．＂I think he quotes ized church．＂ 1 think he quotes
from the brethren over the border． Mr．Editor，＂reorganized Church＂
is a Trojan horse．That is the kind is a Trojan horse．That is the kind
of horse it has been all along．It＇s in the blood and breed and will live and not die there．Harrison says so－
and on some subjects he is reliable． John M．Moore is off his base when he says：＂Even the political
issues that influenced the separation issues that influenced the separation
have been settled．＂Shades of have been setted．Why，beloved
Bishop Andrew！
young brother，politics had nothing young brother，politics had nothing
to do with the separation．It was simply an ecclesiastical matter－
strictly within the domain of Church strictly within the domain of Church
law－or rather Church law giving every official the right of legal trial before being deposed was dropped
under the table．A touch of slavery was influential，but that was social and did not ruffle even a single hair But 1 was amazed at John M．
Moore when he described a preme when he described a＂su－
prislative，executive and
udicial body of the Church，＂and judicial body of the Church，＂and
another body of the Church not possessing these great prerogatives，
and then frankly asserts：＂These and then frankly asserts：＂These one stroke of E．E．Hoss＇pen knoeks
out Moore＇s middleman and brings harmony and order to his confused judicial mind．
Brother Moore should have stopped
before he used that term＂personal before he used that term＂personal
prejudice＂－meaning＂a wrong or ignorant bias of view＂－affecting
many good people who have for many good people who have for
years passed right along through these Church polity matters．
And then Brother Moore proceeds And then Brother Moore proceeds
to enlighten us as to the Northern
view of this whole matter that was spread out like a book be－
fore us before Brother Moore was orn．Don＇t you see that Harrison says there＇s nothing new in the
matter？Harrison was a＂Ku－Klux＂ he came from way back．He must New York Christian Advocate said： The plan provides for union by re－ organization．＂There＇s that old
Trojan horse nosing round again． Dr．Harrison will please put a bridle hat are sure enough green．
It strikes me that the Methodist Episcopal Chureh and the Methodist Episcopal Church，South．are pretty well organized，and yet Brother
Moore says that the work to be voluminous，intricate and hard．＂ Just so，if the brother will only tell us what he means by＂reorganized
Church．＂It isn＇t a question of piety，bu
sense．

## THE SOUTH＇S CONTRIBUTION TO

 THE NATION．First article appeared June 8）
ット土 hio，May
When we come thus to think of what the South has done to make the Nation，and how the tendency，in many parts of our country，is away
from the original ideals of our fathers， can be very well understood why he people of the South are Inclined to believe that a determination on their part to take their former place in the direction of National afrairs， American people in this country．

The people of the South look to
Methodism to inspire them in under－ taking this vast enterprise．The Methodist Church of the Southern
States has done more to guide，direct， inspire the vision and the ideals－po－ itical，social and religious，of the Church．
In common with Methodism all over ne Union，we have furnished to the
people of our own denomination，and of all other denominations，religious warmth and inspiration．The Metho－ dist Church began with the organi－
zation of a society for the deepening of the spiritual life among the peo－ ple．
Emphasis was placed upon separa－ sense，and in consecration to God； but from the beginning it was only
a revival of the Christianity of Crevival of the Christianity of
Christ．It was a movement inaugu－ rated by scholars．
While the first preaching was to
he colliers，because the ministers were not permitted to occupy the pul－ pits of the Church，the gospel they preached was no more intended for the colliers than for the upper class－ eople，like Lady many celebrated people，like Lady Huntington and ed the movement．
Methodism was never for any dis－ net class．From the beginning it was a movement in the interest of
he spiritual welfare of the human race．Its great success is due to the fact that the gospel it preaches is
lor all the people． The people
The Methodist Church has influ－ ributed many of the leading preach－ ers to the pulpits of other denomina－ tions．Some years ago， 1 made a study of the number of ministers o note，who had been contributed by th Methodist Church to the pulpits of the
other denominations．In my own eity other denominations．In my own city
St ．Louis，the Episcopal Bishop of Mi souri，Rev．Dr．Daniel S．Tuttle，ha been a Methodist．Rev．Dr．Robert A Holland，formerly rector of St．George＇s
Episcopal Church，who was at the Episcopal Church，who was at the
time a very brilliant and cultivated time a very brilliant and cultivated
man，had been a Methodist．Rev．Dr． Church of the Redeemer，and the late Bishop Robertson，who preceded Bishop Tuttle as Bishop of Missouri， had been Methodists．
Rev．Dr．Henry．
Rev．Dr．Henry George，who was pastor of the First Congregational Church，had been a Methodist．Rev．
Dr．George Edward Martin，who was pastor，at the time of the First Pres－ byterian Church，was an ex－Metho－
dist．Rev．D．Frank G．Tyrell，who was pastor of Mt．Cabanne Christian Church，was an ex－Methodist．
So 1 found，at the time，the same
was true in Chicago．Bishop Fal lows，of the Reformed Episcopal Church，Rev．Frank W．Gunsaulus，of the Armour Institute，and Rev．Dr．H． W．Thomas，who was then living－
three of the best known and influen－ thate of the best known and influen－
tial men in Chicago，had all been Methodists．
1 found the same to be true in
New York．Rev．Dr．Tiffany，Rev． Dr．John Wesley Brown，who have since passed away，had been Metho－
dists．Rev．Dr．Marvin $R$ ．Vincent， who was teaching at the time in the Union Theological Seminary，was for a long time a Methodist preacher． Rev．Dr．Charles B．Jefferson，pastor
of the Broadway Tabernacle，had of the Broadway
Rev．Dr．S．P．Cadman，pastor of Churehes in Brooklyn，was formenaly a Methodist．Rev．Dr．N．M．Waters， pastor of the largest Congregational Church in Brooklyn，and the man he succeeded，Dr．W．H．Meredith，had
been Methodists．Rev．Dr．W．J． Dawson，one of the great preachers of the time，now pastor of the old N．J．，was a Methodist．
The three great Congregational
Churches in London，at the time I made the study．whose pastors were Rev．J．Campbell Morgan，Rev．R．J．
Campbell and Rev．Dr．Thomas Yg． were all contributions from the Meth－ odist Church．
The best known name，perhaps，
among all the distinguished minister of the Baptist Church，that of Rev Dr．Thomas Armitage，was a contri－ The pastor of the largest and most influential Baptist Chureh of the pres ent time in this country，perhaps Rev．Dr．Russell
once a Methodist．Conwell，was
ers in the Unitarian Church were
once Methodist preachers．Rev．Dr． Robert Collyer，that zaintly old man，
who was so good and lovely that he was almost orthodox，and Rev．Mon－ cure D．Conway，who wrote，before he passed away，a book of the most in－ published in the present generation， were both Methodist preachers in the former days．Rev．Dr．Edward Eg gleston，one of the most accomplish
ed historians in this country，was ed historians in this count
The glory of the Methodist Church is that it has all the style and all the culture of any other Church，and yet has insight enough to know that cul ture and style and beauty do not
count when it comes to determining what are the conquering，advancing regenerating powers of the Christian Church．
Some one remarked to me，on certain occasion，when I was giving the names of the vast number of min－
isters，who had gone from the Metho－ isters，who had gone from the Metho－
dist Church to the pulpits of other denominations，that he thought it was a sign of weakness．I replied that thought it was a sign of strength．My and every a planter down in Georgia， to raise great beds of sweet potato slips，and when the proper time fo planting came he not only had enough o insure his own crop，but also to upply his less fortunate or less thrif－ crops．neigbors with slips for their own
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Was it to my father＇s discredit as a farmer，that he was able to supply not only his own needs but those of
his neighbors？Was it anything t the discredit of England that she wa able to furnish Chinese Gordon，and other great generals，to command ar－
mies other than her own？ So I claimed that it was reditable to the Methodist Church hat she was able to furnish scores brilliant men to the pulpits of oth－ er denominations，while，at the same
time，keeping enough to supply her time，keepin
own pulpits．
The Methodist Church is the re Tgious sweet potato bed of all the de－ nominations，to which the other Churches licok for slips to plant out

## Not

Not to mention all the great Methodist Church into other com－ munions，this Church has been equal－ y liberal with her contributions of leading men to all the
ments of cultivated ife．
Sir Henry Fowler，once a member of the imperial English cabinet and Ilen accomplished daughters，Miss Fowler Thorneycrort and Henrietta Fowler，among the leading story
vriters of the time，were devote Writers of
Rudyard Kipling，the most influen tial of the literary men of the age， rew up in a Methodist household． ir Edward Burne－Jones and his son， tributions from a Methodist parson－
George Frederick Watts，that paint George Frederick Watts，that paint－ een since Turner laid down the rush，is another contribution to worlds leaders in art from a Metho－
dist household．Sir Edward John Poynter，made President of the Royal ceademy in 1896，found the beautiful woman who became his wife，in a Method＇st parsonage．
Every one whe has
Every one who has read their lives，
nows what George Eliot knows what George Eliot and the
Brontes owe to the Methodist influ－ nees thrown around their early lives．
The writers，whose books are read everywhere，like those of James Whit－ comb R＇ley，the late Gen．Lew Wal
lace，Will N．Harbin，John Kendrick lace，Will N．Harbin，John Kendrick If we zo to the National Logisla． ure，we will find that many of the eaders．Who have in charge the for－ Dr．William T．Harris，the late nited States Commissioner of Edt cation，who was one of the foremost hinkers of the age，paid tribute to The Medism in the following language： The Methodist Church is the strong．
st Church in the United States to
It has a power to reach the peo－ other Church．I have noticed，in the ast twenty years，how the Methosist Church is sending out philozophers of high order，and attacking the evils sophical systems．
＂I have noticed，too，that in matter
is sending forward young men of the first rank．And yet this remarkable Church does not lose the ground， lightenment of the masses of the peo ple．＂

## IX．

By association with Jesus Christ， be early apostles were changed－from and eloguent preachers．The sermons of Peter and John stirred Jerusalem o a height of activity never witnessed efore by the doctors of the law．
The whole city was luminous w The whole city was luminous with bating by the new teachers，who in urn had been lifted out of them－ selves and turned into flaming proph－ ets of the new time，by the impact of pulsations from the life of Jesus its ground by threats of prison．Old
Old ideas sought to repress and smother the seemingly wild intensity of the the see
new．
But
But the ferment of enthusiasm from the hearts of the plain people was at press it．Opposition increased it re－ ew era had come to birth．
A time for new dates in the world＇s calendar had come to its dawning． The clock of the ages was to begin marking off new hours and days．Je－ $A$ new edition of the human
to be issued．The old order had had its day－and lost．The Master had come to declare the breaking of a new day．
It was the
was the signal for the dispersion of hard and narrow and outgrown of love．The movement was in the molten，flowing state．It contained too much heat to come at once into It was all It was dynamic．
It was all out of doors．Nothing less than the whole round sky fur－ radiations，it carried in solution all the elements of progress．
While the center of it was a cross， a place of merciless butchery，where
the cry of the mob furnished the only the cry of the mob furnished the only ty the great painters felt and trans－ ferred to canvas，the great architects felt and converted into vast cathe drals，and the singers felt and turned into magnincent oratorios．
In this prinal social atmosphere， by the incoming of the Son of God was contained in a diffused nebulous form，the contents of Christian civil zation．Through conflict with pagan blushing guilt，it gradually took form in homes and laws and governments and institutions．
In after ages it appeared in the poem of Dante，in the visions of Mich－
ael Angelo，in the missionary ael Angelo，in the missionary move
ment that converted England，and in the joyous pastime of the life led by Francis and his monks．

On an evening in May，1738，while attending a Moravian prayer meeting． John Wesley felt his heart strangely
warmed．He had been fasting and warmed．He had been fasting and
practicing abstinence，and conversing with mystics，and calling to heaven day and night for power and peace and assurance．But he continued dis－ urbed and disquieted．At the Mora vian prayer meeting，however，he felt all the channels of his being，the same divine light and power the early dis－ ciples experienced in Jerusalem． Jesus Christ was born anew in the ife of John Wesley．This was the Bethlehem period of his new being．
and hence he was very happy．He and hence he was very happy．He had come to pass in the interior world of his consciousness．

Society in England，at the time，
s cold and worldy and selfish． was cold and worldly and selnesh． The Christian religion was mention－
ed only to be ridiculed．Voltaire said hat Paris was a model of piety in was formal．The clergy were indif erent as to the spiritual conditions of the people．In the midst of times
ike these，John Wesley，glowing，lu－ ike these．John Wesley，glowing，Iu－
minous with a light from above，be－ gan preaching the gospel．
But his message was too heavily
charged with fire to harmonize with he slow－beating，low moral and re－ ligious temperature of the times．The
contrast was so striking that nothing was left the clergy but either to rais？ was grade of their own spiritual tem－ perature，or．else force Wesley to lame elsewhere with his burning gos－ pel than from the pulpits of the es－ The latter alte
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The great revival of Wesley's time has been converted into what we know as the civilization of the Eng
lish-speaking peoples of the day. The amazing miracle of the with the poor, plain, unlettered peo-
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the builders rejected at the first, ha
now, in the eyes of the learned an now, in the eyes of the learned and
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Take out
the Methodist Church to the general fund of the nineteenth century and es have drawn on the scholarly me es have drawn on the scholariy men
of Methodism for inspiration and
help. The Methodist Church evinces its identity with the spirit of th
early Church, and with the life o early Church, and with the life of
Jesus Christ, in that in losing itself
it finds itself. Its wealth of resources are of such a quality that it is not
impoverished, but rather enriched by
giving. This Church lives by dying giving. This Church lives by dying
and constantly grows stronger and
deeper and higher by parting with deeper and higher by parting with
itself.
In that careful and conservative
June 22, 1916 his heipers, until no place was left
for them to bear witness to the truth they felt, except the wide open plains
and the fields. The new wine was too much for the old bottles.
Though a gentleman by bi
Though a gentleman by birth, and a scholar by training, Wesley turned to the unprivileged classes. The poor such lightning-like discharges of sympathy and compassion, the laboring
people were lifted above their ordinary levels of thinking.

Men who had never known how to
express themselves, except by cursexpress themselves, except by curs-
ing, found themselves learning to sing ing, found themselves learning to sing mon heart were broken up.
People gathered together in multitudes, ten or twenty thousand some-
times meeting at once under the heavens to hear the gospel. The movement, like the one in Jerusalem
under the early disciples, could not be kept from exciting attention. The uprising of the populace, wit shouts of victory over pardoned sin, gave to the philosophers something
to speculate about, and to the wits an unlimited eutput of raw material for fre
The idea of plain cobblers and colliers and carpenters experiencing re-
ligion and expounding it with boldness and eloquent speech, was an amazing one.
Hogarth and the scorn of Walpole and the determined opposition of the established clergy, the movement continued to spread until all England
was caught in the swell and sweep
was caught in the swell and sweep
of it.
The current of the national life began to cut for itself new channels.
The windows of heaven were open The windows of heaven were open
again. The old conceptions were no
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teenth. As in the first so in thishings were in a molten, flowing state
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and science and enterprise for the coming time were afloat in this free,
glowing atmosphere, set into motion by the radiant gospel of the pioneer of the opening era.
Here philosophy
Here philosophy and doctrine and
institution were carried in solution. institution were carried in solution
Here we see the promise and the Here we see the promise and the
potency, diffused and nebulous, of or-
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houses of worship planted by the Methodists in all the parts of the world today.
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century by the encompassing pulsa tions of divine sympathy and com passion, expresses itself in the com-
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ments of the next.
What was coursing through the and hard and permanent, under the sun of the next.
in one was inchoate and embryonic in one period is articulate and clear
ly defined in the next. An unordain ly defined in the next. An unordain
ed grocer. who speaks without respect for grammar, in the eishteenth century, moves up to the office of a Bishop, in the nineteenth, and preach
es like an archangel.

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ship were closed against Westey and epitome of all knowledge, the Ency- REFLECTIONS ON HOME MISSION they felt, except the wide open plains is declared, in an article on Metho-
pitome of all knowledge, the Ency-
lopedia Britannica, ninth edition, it
declared, in an article on Methodism, that "Methodism is more propAmerican Church, than any other Church in the States." It has done rich the moral and spiritual life of the American people than any other denomination of Christians.
In order to take the place that be-
ongs to Methodism in modern religious history, it is necessary for her preachers to emphasize the imporance of coming to Christ as Redeem-
er and Lord and Life. This was the preachers.
Rev. Alvin A. Magary, in the new
Ladies. Home Journal for May, in a table showing what subjects eight
hundred recent sermons dealt with, huid that there were only fourteen in which the preacher seemed to at
tempt to persuade people to come to Christ.
And yet this is the chief function
and the prime duty of the pulpit. If the Methodist Church had started upon its career, emphasizing the im-
portance of swimming pools and portance of swimming pools and any Methodist Church.
The Congregationalist of Boston re-
cently declared, in an editorial on cently declared, in an editorial on Methodist union, that "when we come
to ask ourselves by what means Meth oo ask ourselves by what means Meth odism in America, starting as a has come, in a century and
a half, to the large estate it occupies in half, to the large estate it occupies
moligious history, the an swer must be found, we think, along the lines of its central purpose. It
revived in England and propagated in America a form of Christian activ ity, which concerns itself primarily
with the personal relation of the individual to God through Christ. any one questions the popular effectiveness of their attitude of mind
and that type of Christian utterance in the pulpit, the great success of the
Methodist Church is a sufficient anMethod
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## XI.

A distinguished professor in a Ger-
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some years ago, the burden of which some years ago, the burden of which
was to prove that "Methodism is on
the point of becoming to evangelical the point of becoming to evangelical
Christianity, practically, if also unknown to many, the ruling power
like Jesuitism in Catholic Christianity." This the professor regarded as "in many respects one of the gravest
signs of modern Christianity." Commenting on this pamphlet, the late Rev. Hugh Price Hughes declared
that all modern religious history was summed up in the two momentous facts that Ignatius Loyola has captured the Roman Catholic Churches, and
that John Wesley has captured the that John Wesley has captured the
evangelical Churches; that Jesuitism and Methodism were the two ultimate forms of intense logical, thorough-going Christianity; that absolute subjugation to the Church, or absolute
subjection to the Christ, was the only subjection to the Christ, was the only
alternative for the enthusiastic "out and out" Christian of the twentieth century; so that John Henry Newman found that a via media was impractical and hopeless, and became a loman Catholic; and that John Wesley made the same discovery, a hunMethodist; and that in these two facts we have the ultimate expla
tion of modern English history. Methodism and Romanism then o be the final forms of practical Christianity. It is not meant that the Methodist Church, as an ecclesi-
astical organization, is to be one of
the ultimate forms of genuine allthe ultimate forms of genuine all-
conquering Christianity, as distinct from Romanism, but that Methodism, as representing Christianity, essential, experimental and spiritual, as
John Wesley preached it, will be the John Wesley preached it, will be th
form of Christianity all Protestan
bodies will accept and declare bodies will accept and declare. As
contrasted with what they were in contrasted with what they were in
John Wesley's day, it is almost corJohn Wesley's day, it is almost cortially, at least in doctrine, Methodist. The Baptist Church, it has been well
aid, is nothing but a Methodist said, is nothing but a Methodist
Church in water. It is only necessary to take it out and dry it, and put All in it, to have a Methodist Churcu.
Christian. activities and forces are to be grouped under the general forms of Methodism and Romanism, and then in the great coming times, these two will federate and co-oper ate, and through their combined ef-
forts, all the kingdoms of this world forts, all the kingdoms of this worl
will become the kingdoms of ou
Lord and of his Christ.

Rev. J. A. Phillips.
As a mission worker among the Mexicans in Texas I sometimes find can friends for a little extra financi help. A few respond readily, but many are very reiuctant. The reasons given for not doing anything heartily are various.
The prosp
The prospect of a drouth makes some people go s.ow. Well, wherever und that it is a climate where it does not rain much.
It strikes me that our American
Christians would tind it Christians would tind it a great deught to invest a hittle in mission work
and watch it grow right under their own eyes. It is true that the main work of missions is done by means of
the general co.lections. And yet mission specials have had a sponta-
neity and vigor about them that has neity and vigor about them that ha Those of us who are to us. fit to live believe in the survival of the fittest. Was ever anybody fit to survive who had not been made so
largely by the love and patience of largely by the love and patience of
others? Abel, Jesus and Paul had a better right to ive than had Cain, abor so that the really fit may have a better chance to live? Better still, why may we not improve the character ot our fellows so that mo
them may be fit to survive?

Some people hold that if a race is not Christian it ought not, therefore, oo be made Christian. Their prayer a batch of nice, clean, lovely, attracuve, honest, respectable sinners to convert I will undertake it, but n the miserable, dishonest, wicked sin-
ners. 1s Christianity good for those who who have it not? If that be true there
was a time when it was not good for was a tim
anybody.
One cannot give what he has not. We cannot transmit the Gospel as the but rather as the wires transmit electricity. The wires are themselves
electritied, while the knife is not af electritied, while the knife is not af-
feeted by the surgeon's ability. What rected by the surgeon's ability. What
are we as Christians trying to give to others? Is it not our inward beWe cannotives? better cannot our best selves.
The purpose of mission
transmit Gods message from the whole man in his whole environment
to the whole man in his whoie environment. If the missionary is not farmer, carpenter, merchant, physician, teacher or State official he must be human enough to enter into the physician, teacher or Sarper, merchant, physician, teacher or State official.
One of the first requisites for an ideal missionary is to have the old family horse. We may note in passing that not many of us are ideal
missionaries. The caste system, which is almost niversal in non-Christian lands, it the extreme. If we cannot eliminate it we certainly ought not to extend it or intensify the feeling.
What is the Gospel? Good news. Good news of what? Of salvation. Ot
salvation from what? From sin. salvation from what? From sin
From what sort of sin? All sorts Suppose we specify: "Hereby we know that we know him if we keep
his commandments." What are his commandments? They may be sum med up in one, nameiy: "Bear ye
one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ." To refuse to bea the burdens of our fellowmen, and especially if they be our brethren in the
Gospel, is to refuse allegiance to Jesus Christ. We do not know Chris
if we will not keep his command if we will not keep his command
ments. which our fellowmen have to carry? (1) "What shall we eat, what shal we drink and wherewithal shall we be clothed?" (2) How may I know
more about God and his ways and how may I have my children and
friends taught these best things? (3) How and where may I have my children prepared for earning a living? (4) How may I get a little of
the higher culture which Christianity the higher culture which Christianity College men appeal to friends o
education for money to build equip Christian colleges with the plea
that it is a Christian auty to give ou
children the higher education. The Protestant doctrine of universal, free is meant for the fullest development of the intellect and aesthetic faculties
as we.l as for the spiritual and ethi-
cal faculties.
There are those who would like to
see our aliens evangelized and their children educated to the extent that they would make better farmers, house servants, manual laborers, Some reluctantiy agree to compulsory education, just so it does not go beyond the fourth or fifth year. A very few are bitterly opposed to edu-
cating or evangelizing anybody who does not demand education and who
has not been already evangelized. Search the heart of these people and you will find that they believe either in a modified Gospel or none at al.. and women they want, but "the salvation of souls." Can those who hold such views fulfill the royal law, "Thou,
shalt love thy neighbor as thyself?" shalt love thy neighbor as thyself?"
Do they bear the burdens of their brethren? Do they not rather "de-
spise the poor?" "If ye have respect to persons ye ye commit sin."
We count it a mark of love when
we elect to give our own children the we elect to give our own children the
best that Christianity offers in cuiture and education. Is it love that moves us to shirk the responsibility
to help those who are struggling to to help those who are struggling to
train their children for the highest and best? Would it be regarded as a mark of love for us to deliberately condemn our own children to a life of
unskilled labor? "Oh unskilled labor? "Oh, but some races were designed by the Creator to be
hewers of wood and drawers of water." Don't slander God Almighty that way. That is a pious fraud and vival of the heathen doctrine of caste a doctrine which has cursed of caste, Greany other countries
Great wealth and deep poverty are
alike dangerous to the morals of alike dangerous to the morals of a
man or nation. "Give me neither man or nation. "Give me neither food convenient for me; lest I be ful and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? Or lest' I be poor and steal and The physician of souls who wishes simply to get the soul to heaven when
the man dies is a spiritual quack has not studied his Bible.
Who can deny that we should feed
the hungry and clothe the naked? If we should do that, who shall deny us the right to do it in the best possible
way? Have we clothed the nake and fed the hungry, in the best pos sible way, if we have failed to give them the full Gospel? The full Gospel includes higher education. It
makes men brothers and sets them makes men brothers and sets them
free. It does away with degrading poverty and arrogant wealth. It dis poverty and arrogant wealth. It dis
covers the good in men, even then poorest. The full Gospel makes men feel a sense of responsibility for the toil-stained fellow on his rocky earthly road as well as for the sou

MOTHER-THE FIRST TEACHER It is never amiss-this deification we learn our politics, our busines education, the affairs of the grea outside world, the ways of men. The
sacred shrine-our mother's Here the world learns its idere the world learns its religiou
in twilight hour she sing to us of a land beyond the stars. She is our first teacher. From her dea
lips we learn a theology that all the schools cannot efface. The Virgin mother of a world's Redeemer caress-
ed his tired head just like all other mothers under Judean skies. Sh


MT. VERNON STATION.



STRATFORD AND BYARS On the morning of June 13, about 3 o'clock,
tornado struck our town and demolished the
Hethodist Clurch . Methodist Church. It is a wreck. Two other
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badly damaged. Several business houses were Cistroved. Eight or ten resitences were alog
destroyed and but few houses ecaped being
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next Friday in our Church work. We will
have to rebuild our Church. We are badly have to rebuild our Church. We are badly
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 On May M2 Dr. Theodore Copeland, pastor,
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Arkansas, came to assist the pastor in a se.
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hillsboro district conferENCE.
The sixth session of the Hillsboro District Conference, which was to have been held May 2-4, but on account of heavy rains at that time, was postponed, met in the Methodist p. m., June 6, and coincident with p. m., June 6, and coineident with
the meeting a storm gathered which the meeting entirely abate until rain had fallen until nearly noon of the next day. On this account several of thr pastors were absent and the dele-
gates few in number. It was suggates few in number. It was sug-
gested that the presiding elder call gested that the presiding elder call
the meeting off until rain was again needed in this section. However, in spite of difficult.es, the conference was truly a great occasion. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Crawford, Conference Missionary Secretary. In an earnest and
eloquent appeal Brother Crawford presented the interests and opportunities of the Jubilee Year, and the conference later in the session, by the adoption of the Jubilee Progratm, fell in line with the other districts in the effort to make the Jubi
the greatest in our history,
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crease of six hundred and seventeen since Annual Conference-and the
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cluded in these figures. Eleven charges reported 299 accessions, and many meetings are yet to be held. On the whole, as the report of the
Committee on the Spiritual State of Committee on the Spiritual State of
the Church says: "The condition of the Church says: The condition of
the Church, as set forth in the pastors' reports, is hopeful, and shows that the several charges are in a
very good state of spiritual life and very good state of spiritual life and
growth." While only 276 League members were reported, there ara indications that there is a growing
interest in this department of our interest in this department of our
work. An Epworth League and Work. An Epworth League and for by the report of the committed on Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues, to be held at. Hillsbro, early in September, the exact da
Among other matters of vital
Among other matters of vital in-
terest should be mentioned the facts that the conference raised $\$ 125$ for a Scholarship in the Theological Department of Southern Methodist Tniversity: accepted an assessment of $\$ 88$ to apply on a home at Poly-
technic for the Agent for Superantechnic for the Agent for Superan-
nuate Homes in the Central Texas Conference; adopted the report of the Sunday School Committee recommending "that the Sunday School Missionary money be directed to the support of the Soochow Mis-
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Carleton, Cooledge, and Miss Hazel Ferguson, Brandon: elected J. A.
Christie of Irene, District Lay LeadChristie. of Irene, District Lay Lead-
er; selected Brandon as the place for holding the next session of the ing delegates and alternates to the Ang del Conference:
D. B. HOLLINGSWORTH, Mer-
J. C. MILLS, Osceola.
J. M. ROGFRS, Covington.
D. E. McLESKEY, Irene.
D. E. McLESKEY, Irene.

Alternates:
W. A. Putman.
J. P. Wilson.

The conference was honored by the presence of the following visitors: Rev. J. E. Crawford, Confer-
ence Missionary Secretary; Rev. W. D. Bradfield, editor Texas Christian D. Bradifield, editor Texas Reate: Rev. S. MeKenney, rep Advocate; Rev. Sh S. Mekenney, rep-
resentative Washington City Church; Rev. J. O. Leath, representative Kidd-Key College; Rev. J. A. G. Shipley, returned missionary from China; Dr. C. C. Cody, Dean Emeri-
tus Southwestern University: W Erskine Williams, Conference Lay Leader, Central Texas Conference; Rev. D. L. Collie, Agent Superannuate Homes. Central Texas Conference; Rev. S. P. Neville, pastor, Brazos Avenue. Cleburne.
the preaching of Rev . J. E. Crawford Reve preaching of Rev. J. E. Crawford,
Rev. W. Bradfield, Rev. J. A. G. Shipley, Rev. D. L. Collie and Rev. J. W. W. Shuler.

Whe Missionary Address by Judge W. Erskine Williams was
structive and inspirational.
structive and inspirational.
Three splendid young men, Edgar A. Reed, Wm L. Vaughan, and Ben-
ton L. Brockett, were licensed to


IITTLE WORKERA' SOCIETY, GEORGE OWN, TEXAS.
The Junior Missionary Society of the M. E. Chureh, South, Georgetown, Texas, enthused by a lecture by Brother Cain, represuting the Orphans' Home, at Waco, promised to pay $\$ 5.00$ towards the ereetion of a suitabled building therefor. So the Cain, repre
under the leadership of Mrs. John M. Horger, Second Vice-President, assisted by Miss Julia Barnes, Miss Belle Martin and Mr., Frank Callcott, beautifully rendered the program, "The Conquering Cross," at the church. A freewill offering was taken and $\$ 35.00$ was re
preach, and the two first mentioned opening sermon on Tuesday night to trial into the traveling connection. All the proceedings of the confernce went forward without a hitch, and the uniform courtesy of the presiding elder, John M. Barcus, made every session of the conference a de-
light. His well prepared program, his arefully arranged plans, and his ate that high order of leadership for which the Church has always honored him, and all the reports
from the charges show that under his direction the interests of the kingdom are not being neglected in P. E. R

ISTRICT CONFERENCE.
The Houstoa District Conference
was held in League City, May 10, 11,
Brother D. B. Boddie and his good people were in ths midst of a great
revival when the conference conened.
Brothers G. A. LeClere, J. W Mills and C. S. Wright, in great serindled by Evangetists. DeLaye and faffenberger.
Almost one thousand nembers have been added to the various hirds of this number on profess: faith, more than three hundred in excess of the number received this time last year. Keep your eyes on Brother (Bob) Histrict.
Brother (Bob) Adams is mak ng his presence felt in the Houston Dis-
triet. His temperamen and trainng have qualified him to meet train ng uirements necessary in an ideal presiding elder.
On motion of the conference the Secretary was instrceted to write to Bishop McCoy and ask him that district next year
The kindness an
tended the conference by Brother Boddie and his people was a matter of much comment and was embodied in a rcsolution read to the conference.
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Delegates to the Annual Confer-

## M. HUTCHINSON. <br> H. B. GOODMAN.

H. A. ABNEY.
W. J. CARDEN.
J. V. Dealy.
J. T. Loggin
H. V. WATTS, See.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT CONFER-
The Pitisburg District Conference,
Tethodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in the Methodist Chirch at New Boston, Texas, at 9 a. m., May 4. 1916, with Rev. Winston H. Vance, presiding elder, in the chair. The Secretary of the conference called the roll and all the pastors were present, but only a very small per
c $\sim$ nt of the lay delegation were on $\mathrm{e}^{\wedge} \mathrm{nt}$ of the lay delegation were on
hand, owing to the busy season of he year.
Rev. B. C. Anderson, our pastor at
Niples and Omaha, preached the
opening sermon on Tuesday night to
very appreciative audience. Dr. W. F. Andrews, of First sented to give us a series of lectures on the Gospel by st. Matthew at the
devotional hour. These addresses were certainly timely and helpful to preachers. The good Doctor has consented to give us these addresses by installments through the Texas
Cliristian Advocate. All Bible sti dents would do well to preserve them. Brother Vance presided with perect equilibrium, and all the "boys" were at ease in the conference. Sevral Connectional brethren were on with The pastors' reports show a mark ed improvement along all lines over last year. The finances are far ahead of 1915, and the spiritual tone of the district is very fine indeed
Sunday Schools and Epworth League are in good shape. Each pastor's re are in good shape. Each pastor's re-
port was optimistic, and there was not a pessimistic note among them
Joseph Jamison, Milton S. Jordan and Walter $\mathbf{R}$. Zimmerman were granted license to preach. The cre-
dentials of R. J. Smith from the Southern Presbyterian Church were received and Brother Smith was recommended to the Annual Conference for recognition of orders and The Committee
The Committee on Admission and Westmoreland, W. G. Jones and Otis . Andrews for admission on trial. The following are the delegates to
Annual Conference:
J. F. COLLINS, Boston.
A. L. BLACK, Texarkana.
J. S. MORRIS, Linden.
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Alternates:
J. H. Westmoreland, Redwater. The following preach $J$. The following preached: J. E. Mor the writer. E. Writer. King was re-elected Distriet Lay Leader.
Jesse Lee spoke in the interest of
the Summer School of Theology at Georgetown and took a mood collec ion to help defray the expenses of the undergraduates to this worthy in stitution.
Rev. M. N. Terrell and the good
people of New Boston certainly gave us a great welcome and as fine en tertainment as heart could wish for. Their hospitality was absolutely un The next conference goes to Hardy Memorial, Texarkana.
This grand old district holds her record as to the spiritual feasts of all her sessions. This is her twenty-
irst session.

SWEETWATER DISTRICT CON
The sixth session of. District Conference was held at FluThe opening worship
Tucted op Rev, worship was conducted by Rev. J. T. Griswold, D.D.,
presiding elder of the district. After
reading the fifth chapter of 2 Correading the fifth chapter of 2 Cor-
inthians, a splendid comment was
given, and thus the conference began business religious manner, and its businesslike way
The preaching of the conference
was done by A. M. Martin, $\mathbf{R}$. Stewart and Dr. C. S. Wright.
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A. B. ELY, Noodle.
G. E. RAMSEY, Sweetwater. E. S. COOK, Sweetwater. T. A. ROBINSON, Post City. Alternates:
C. E. Conner, Merkel.
A. C. Elkins, Fluvanna.

As visitors we had with us: Dr. C. rn Methodist University, Dr. Wright made a very fine impression on the conference. The more we hear him the more we love h.m. He believes in technical equipment of young ministers, but, above all, he believes in
the equipment that God alone can give for his great work. A collection was taken for Min sterial Supply and raining, amounting to $\$ 125$.
Brother C. W. West, of Paducah, represented the cause of Superannuate Homes for our conference and
took a collection, amounting to took ${ }^{\text {a }}$. 100.50 .
This session of the Sweetwater District Conference came to a close at noon May 26, thus closing one of the most pleasant and profitable District Conferences it has been my pleasure to attend. Love, peace and we are expecting the year to close with a high tide. Brother Griswold is leading his forces in no uncertain way, and is loved by his men.
Below I give you the report of a pecial committee, which shows our wreachers are not idle, and that the er progress is being made than ever before in this country as a whole. REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE Sthe Presiding Elder and Members of the
Sixth Annual Session of the Sweetwater District Conference:
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MADILL DISTRICT CONFERENCE．
The third session of the Madill District Conference met in Manns siding elder，Dr N．L．Linebaugn， was in the chair during the entire session．He presides with ease，grace and dignity in the true sense of those
terms． All of the pastors were present but of lay delegates The laymen took active part in the work and deliber ations of the conference．The re－ ports of the pastors showed advance along all lines．There have been about 500 additions to the Church and Sunday Schools are in a grow－ the Loan Fund of S．M．U．amounted to $\$ 206$ ．
The visitors present were：Dr．J． M．Peterson，presiding elder of the McAlester District；Rev．R．T．Black－ burn，presiding elder of the Hugo
District：Rev．S．H．Babcock，pastor District；Rev．S．H．Babcock，pastor
of First Church，Shawnee；Rev．A． c．Pickens，presiding elder of the Choctaw District，and Rev．J．D．
our conference．
Mrs．John H．
Reynolds，District Secretary of the Woman＇s Work of
the Madill District，brought us an encouraging and helpful message on the Woman＇s Work．
J．E．Bryan and R．C．Roberts were licensed to preach．
Delegates to the Annual Confer－
J．D．BOXLEY．
C．B．BALLARD
J．H．DOBSON．
J．B．RYBURN．
Alternates：
W．S．Grant．
G．A．Melton．
The preaching of the Word was emphasized during the entire ses－ a day and the business sessions＇be－ tween meals．＂Sermons were preach－ ed by James Lambert，W．C．House， S．H．Babcock，M．B．McKinney，and A．C．Pickens．All of the preaching was of a very high order except that done by this scrite．Shouts of the as the mest spiritual heard．Ours was the most spiritual District Con－ was good all the way through，there not being a dull moment．
Much credit for the success of the conference is due the efficient lead－ ership of our presiding elder and the wise and unselfish way in which th ； local pastor，Rev．A．G．White，and
the good people of Mannsville looked the good people of Mannsville looked
after the comfort and convenience of every delegate and visitor．They proved themselves ideal conference
The next session of the conference goes to Kingston． $\mathbf{W}$ ．C．HOUSE，Sec．

CLEBURNE DISTRICT CONFER－ ENCE．
The Cleburne District Conference met at Grandview，May 31．There and quite a good sprinkling of loyal， devout laymen for this busy season of the year．
The reports from the pastors and laymen showed marked Sunday School activity，a number of good neetings held，attendance upon the good Epworth Leagues and Woman＇s Work in good condition．
Also indebtedness on church prop－ erty is being reduced，improvements numerous and one new ehurch being uilt．Some reports showed all the and an optimistic note was sounded for a good year along all lines．
One thing is certain，the Church
in the hands of Methodism in the

A number of the Connectional during this powerful sermon that the brethren made us a visit，among audience was melted down with di－ Worth，Conference Agent of Super－to stand at the top． Rev．J．E Shern Methodist University； sionary the Waco Methodist Orphanage，and ing the Children＇s of Dallas，represe One young man was licensed preach and one was recommended to orders．
One prominent characteristic of he conference was the high order of preaching heard during the session． during the sessions were：Revs．J． H．Braswell，Dr．P．M．Riley，M．L．
Story and Dr．Cospar Wright．The Story and Dr．Cespar Wright．The
spiritual note rose to high pitch and spiritual note rose to high pitch and
every one came away strengthened in faith and inspired to greater and Dhler endeavors．
Delegates elected to Annual Con

> J. M. CLOWER. J. B. WILSON.

J．B．WILSON．
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C．C．Hayden．
This year completes Brother Moss
This year completes Brother Moss
uadrennium on the district．Suitable resolutions were passed unanimous－ ly by the conference，expressing ap－ reciation of him and his work．In ddition to the resolutions there were verbal expressions from preachers and laymen alike．No more brother－ Brother W．W．Moss．
The conference voted，without ob jection，to
Glen Rose．
Certainly no more unbounded hos－ pitality was ever enjoyed than was shown the members and delegates
by the people of Grandview．Brother by the people of Grandview．Brother
Bryan and his people left nothing un－ done that would contribute to the comfort of the visiting brethren．
Suitable resolutions were passed thanking Grandview and its worthy pastor for their Christian kinanes
and hospitality．

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F. L. MEADOW, Sec.
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RESOLUTIONS-REV. W. w. MOSS

Whereas，Rev．W．W．Moss is completing
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lessings of God upon him whe wever he goes．
That we spread a ropy of these resolutions

## upon our the Texas Signed：



ARDMORE DISTRICT CONFER
The Ardmore District Conference onvened at Davis，Okla．，Tuesday night，June 6，and closed Thursday
night，June 8．For good reasons the location had teen changed but a few days prior from Stratford to Davis， and the pastor and his committee had but a short time to arrange，yet never was a conference entertained
more freely，hospitably，or with greater pleasure to the guests．Davis is centrally located，has a fine citt－ zenship．good homes，one of the best in the State，and perhaps the best school building．Prof．R．E．West， one of our stanchest lay
capable superintendent．

Our pastor there，E．H．Driskill，is n grat favor．Nothing but words of love and appreciation were heard． in having a beautiful，modern new church building．The first cervices
erence．
The conference sessions were al of a very high order．Spirituality characterized every service．At times preachin w was all of a high order
The opening sermon was by Rev ． ． E．Regan，of Lone Grove，on＂The E．Regan，of Lone＂I It struck the
Barren Fig Tree． keynote．At $11 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$ ．Wednesday，
Rev．C．H．Armstrong preached a great sermon on＂The office and
annuate Homes；Dr．Caspar Wright，Wednesday afternoon Rev．J．C．fecl a real sense of loss in the death of our

Wednesday afternoon Rev．J．C．fcel a real sense of loss in the death of our
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visiting the conference，delivered a in ther， visiting the conference，delivered a our heartelt sympathy for the
fine sermon on＂The True Perspective ine sermon on＂The True Perspective
in Viewing Jesus Christ．＂ At the evening hour Rev．J．E． Carpenter，D．D．，of Muskogee，deliv－ ered his masterful address on＂Fran－ cis Asbury，the Apostle of American Methodism．＂It was a classic in－
deed．It is well known that Dr Car deed．It is well known that Dr．Car－
penter is one of the very greatest penter is one of the very greatest
preachers in Methodism，and with this preachers in Methodism，and w．th this large in estimating the discourse and its effect on the large audience．
Thursday morning at 11 o＇clock
Rev．J．W．Simms，Secretary of
the Conference N ission Board and our successful pastor at Lawton， preached a strong sermon on＇The Spiritual History of the Early New Testament Church．＂
At night Rev．B．T．Lannom，of Wynnewood，sustained his reputation as an evangelistic pastor by giving the Parable of the Prodigal Son． Between the hours of preaching， Rev．．J．D．Salter conducted the busi－ ness of the conferenc with easy
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foot of his d strict．He knows his preachers well．Further，he know him to th fullest extent．Conse－
quently the old Ardmore District is jumping forward almost magically and by the time Salter finishes his the finest districts anywhere．
All the preachers were present ex
cept Rev．J．M．Kemp，of Rins ling，
who is in San Angelo，Texas，in who is in San Angelo，Texas，in
search of health，and Rev．F．L．Giles， search of health，and Rev．F．L．Giles，
of Leon，who was ill．All the reports were good and pr mise a great show
Special mention should be made of an enthusiastic laymen＇s service on Thursday，presided over by S．D． Williams，of Wynnewood．Brothers
Nyron 「rew and J．A．Bass，of Ard more：W．N．Lewis，of Davis；T．F Gafford of Sulphur．and Dr．S．O．
Pool，of Wynnewood，made excellent Pool，
talks．
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> J．A．BASS
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> S．D．WILLIAMS
> Alternates：

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S．D．Williams was elected District
Joe Wesley Kendall was granted
The nexse to preach．
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ulphur．E．R WE
RESOLUTIONS
Rev．J．N Moore，Local Elder．
Whereas，Rev．I．N．Moore，a local elder
Whereas，Rev．J．N．Moore，a local elder
and member of this District Conference，died
at his residence in Ardmore，Oklahoma，on
at his residence in Ardmore，Oklahoma，
the 27 th day of February．1916，and，
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Whereas，Hee was a strong，preacher and
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elders and always loyal to God and hin
Church，ready at the call of his pastor o
presiding elder to undertake any work desire
by them，therefore be it resolved，
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Rev．R W．Cummins，Local Elder．
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Rev．R．W．Cummins was born where Kan－
as City，Missouri，now stands，January 12，
1839 ．He was married 1839．He was married to Miss EElizabeth
183．Mis Malls August 12，1881．At the call of then Qualls August 12,1881 ．At the call of the
Confederacy he joined General Price＇s com－ mand，where he remained until the close of fifty years old and remained until the close an itinerant preacher he served many difficult charges as well as strong stations．He was sangelistic in manner of preaching and con
sequently great revivals attended his ministry．
few years ago on account of the decrepi－ sude of age he was compelled to tecate and
stted at Sulphr，Oklahoma，where he gave
his efforts unstintedly to the local Church．II was ar Sunday School teacher，trustee and
steward and preached when able．He has
ever been a true friend and wise counselor to his pastors，whoever they have been．
On the morning of December 11， 1915 ，
Brother Cummins entered his reward，passing arother Cummins entered his reward，passing
away without a strugkle while sitting in his
chair．A．GOVETTE，
Wor the Committee．

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THE DISSOLVING OF DOUBT.
(Continued from page 1). every day we meet the vague, loitering, contented doubter. He cares neither to affirm nor to deny. His whole attitude is one of complete indifference.
Nor can we make a habit of telling our doubt to every passer-by and have any good hope of its dissolving. Remember that it is "as indelicate to express one's doubts in the marketplace as to display own's sorrows to every passer-by." And have we not seen individuals who seem to delight in parading their doubts? There is no blessedness in arrogant doubt like this.
Certain it is, too, that no good can
Certain it is, too, that no good can
ome of doubt which is moral rather come of doubt which is moral rather than intellectual. May not many of our doubts arise from a moral antipathy to Christ and his message? May it not be that we refuse to come to This is the doubt that damns.
We assume that our young college riends do not belong to the class of oitering, indifferent doubters, nor to the class of arrogant doubters, nor to he class whose doubt arises from an vil heart of unbelief. We assume, rather, that the scientific atmosphere of the college has forced them to examine the reasonableness of their faith and that in the process they have iscovercd some things after which hey write a bold interrogation point. How shall doubters of this kind dissolve their doubts? For it is of this class and of this class only that we now venture to speak.
Dr. Chalmers once said of Christianity: "Our chief business with Chrisianity is to proceed upon it." So we ay to our student friends concerning he little faith which the college course may have left hem. Proceed it: Venture upon it!
xercis. it! Venture upon it!

Bushnell lost his comforting faith in and this we commend to any of our due conviction sends me, to change God while in college. But he did not doubting college friends: "Have I ever my occupation for good conscience's lose his faith in the principle of right. consented to be, and am I really now, sake, to repair whatever wrong I have It is said that he even knelt down and in the right, to live for it, to make done to another; in a word, to be in prayed to right. He proceeded upon any sacrifice it win cost me, to believe wholly right intent and have no mind the faith which remained and the path everything it will bring me to see, to but this forever?" Faith in the right, ed to a sustaining, comforting faith in God as his Savior.
We are now in position to under- it appears to be enjoined upon me, to upon this and as certainly as God stand that fine sentence from his pen go on a mission to the world's end, if lives your doubts shall all dissolve.


## Forty-Third Year of the Southwestern University

The recent Commencement of foreign lands." The concessions in High praise is given by the faculty Southwestern University brought to tuition fees to these fifty students to the Christian services of Rev a close the forty-third year of its amount to some $\$ 12,000$. The con- Cullum H. Booth, pastor to Methodism and to civilization in the Southwest during these forty in more years. Eleven thousand students in this time have gone out from the halls of Southwestern, each bearing the impress of the high ideals and the genuinely Christian culture of this noble institution. These 1100 students have gone into all walks of of our great Southwest.

## Faculty Report.

The annual report of the faculty o the Board of Trustees reveals the forty-third year of Southwestern to have been among its very best. Inthe best year in the institution's history. That the opening of our new school in Dallas should not have atected the attendance at Southwestrn, in any appreciable way, is a remarkable tribute to the place which his institution holds in the conflnce and love of Texas Methodism. The largest enrollment of college udents in Southwestern's history as 486. The past year, despite th ffects of a disastrous world war and the opening of Southern Metho dist University, witnessed an enrollment of 426. The total net enrellment for the year 1915-1916 in
the college of Liberal Arts, Fine Arts, Fitting School, Summer School, Summer Normal, Summer School of eology, is 877 .
It is especially worthy of note that in the college of Liberal Arts are preparing for "some definite Chris tian service, either for the Christian
ministry or for service as teachers in

The President's Report ow potent a factor Southwestern niversity is in the supply of our Christian ministry to the Church. And to this part of the student body the faculty report pays this splendid (ribute: "Their presence among our students is worth the tuition they
get-worth it for their unselfish get-worth it for their unselfish deals, for their refining influence."
Southwestern is maintaining the highest standards of scholarship as an " A " grade college. She requires fourteen entrance units for admis. Nelms, assistant professor of sion to the Freshman class and this men, These men are all scholarly equ'rement is being rigidly enforced universities. Dr. Nelms American Thus the institution its place uur ins a son of mong the leading colleges of Texas our honored friend, Rev. W. L. Nelms. and conforms to the demands of the mendation General Brat Campatgn Church. The figures further show sixty thousand of authorized. Some hat no year in the university's en stitution has been history of the in- dowment funds are invested in Mood ory in the real quite so satisfac- Hall and the Woman's Building oral deportment scholarship and Southwestern followed the lead of The faculty say as to the students. such institutions as Harvard in in of the school: "Only one case of such investment was imperative. It Irinking and one case of immorality has saved Southwestern. Neverthehave come to the knowledge of the less, our General Poard of Finca Discipline Committee, and not a tion has directed that these fund ingle case of gambling" Is this rec. invested in the dormitories ehall surpassed anywhere else in the world?
The year closing has witnessed one the thert rest the institution-best in the sense that and has notified the instion that its classification will be reduced units effects seem to be more abiding. The faculty itself is taking the must gious plas weifare of the students and in which its members expressed such 3 planning, in conjunction with the determination to maintain the instipastor, to conduct a religious can- tution as an "A" grade institution. vass and a "Win-One" Campaign Nearly 86000 was subscribed by in mong the students in the college dividual members of the Board. Other halls during the fall of each year. members assumed responsibility for

President C. M. Bishop submitted comprehensive review of the work accomplished by Southwestern and pointed out the imperative needs of the institution. Upon his recommen dation the faculty was strengthened by the following new professors: Dr Charles N. Wunder, associate pro fessor of Mathematics: Professo William Paul Davidson, assistant
an additional $\$ 4000$. The Board passed resolutions requesting Bishops MeCoy and Mouzon, Dr. H. A. Boaz and Rey. H. D. Knickerbocker to assist in the campaign. The campaign will be sharp and short. Various members pledged their services for as much as a week in the campaign The campaign is vital to the whole future of Southwestern and that our people will respond to this appeal we confidently believe.
Cornerstone Science Building Laid. Williamson County friends two years ago subscribed $\$ 50,000$, in five annual payments, for the erection of the Williamson County Science Building. They have done even better than this. They have agreed to pay their subscriptions in full at the completion of the building. Accordingly the immediate erection of the building was ordered, the foundation is now in and Saturday, June 17 , the cornerstone was impressively laid by the Masons before a great assemblage of people. An admirable adress was delivered by Hon. Clyde sweeton, of the Attorney General's Department, an alumnus of the inst ution. A description of this build ing has been given in the Advocate and we only need to say that the oundation now in impresses one that Southwestern is to have the best Science Building in the State.

## Commencement Sunday.

President Charles Macauley Stuart, of Garrett Biblical Institute, was the commencement preacher this year. ommencement Sunday was an ideal Sunday. The great auditorium of ur church was packed. The serves were impressive and inspiring. The sermon was an ideal Commence ment sermon. Of the distinguished reacher and his sermon we shall peak elsewhere.
Sunday evening the great auditoum was again packed for the Veser Service, conducted by President M. Bishop. The evening was given to sacred song and it was indeed an impressive hour. President Bishop's remarks were full of tender affection for the graduating class.

## Commencement Day.

Ionday, June 19, was Commence Monday, June 19, was Commencerom Mood Hall to the college auditorium began at $8: 30$. The Senior Oratorical Contest followed the pening prayer and song. Miss Vera Smith, of Sagerton, won in a contest very high merit and was awarded he gold watch which the Board of Trustees annually present to the Trustees annually present to the Vinson, President-Elect of the Uni Vinson, President-Elect of the Uniersity of Texas, delivered an ex ellent Commencement adress on The Principles Which Should Conrol Us in the Choice of a Life Work." Of this we shall speak else-
where. President C. M. Bishop in where. President C. M. Bishop in appropriate words delivered diplomas and gave the blessings

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Of many other features, did space allow, we should be pleased to speak that the judgment of all, we think, hat the forty-second CommenceSouthwestern University was one of the best in its history.
DR. CHARLES MACAULEY STUART. The commencement preacher at Southwestern University this year, Dr. Charles Macauley Stuart, is a Scotchman by birth, having been born $i$ Glasgow. He was educated in the land of his adoption, being a Master and a Doctor of Laws of Northwestern University. For ten years he was assist ant editor of the Northwestern Chris ian Advocate (Chicago) and for four years was editor of that great paper Twelve years he scrved as professo of Sacred Rhetoric in Garrett Biblical Institute and since 1912 has been pres ident of that institution. Garrett is among the three great theological among theologica schools of our sister Methodism. Doc or Stuart was secretary of the Hym nal Commission which gave the tw Episcopal Methodisms their common hymnal.
A great audience greeted Dr. Stuar Sunday morning when he arose to preach. If Dr. Stuart can teach his students the art of finding common ground with their audiences as quick $y$ as he did last Sunday morning, we hereby nominate him as teacher of sacred Rhetoric in our School of The logy at Southern Methodist Univer ity. How he did it we do not know but two minutes had not elapsed be ore he was at the center of our hearts We had known him always, we were on tiptoe to hear him. A master he is, sure!

The speaker's theme was "The Real Function of Religion in the World. His text was Neh. 9:20: "Thou gaves also thy good spirit to instruct them and withholdest not thy manna from their mouth and gavest them water for their thirst."
If sermons are of three kinds, a Dr. Jowett affirms, namely, sermons which can be understood, sermons which can not be understood and ser mons which can not but be understood if these exhaust the classes of ser mons, then the Sunday morning sermon of the President of Garrett Bibli cal Institute certainly falls in the last class. For it was as transparent as crystal and as simple as a child's mind Simple, but $O$ how comforting and how profound!
The real function of religion, said he preacher, is to instruct, to satisfy and nourish, to give joy and refreshing o life. Read the text and see if this is not precisely what it says. The whole of religion, he said, moves along the plane of personal relationship. $\mathbf{R e}$ ligion is intensely personal. Spiritual things influence us most. The spirit of one man moves upon the spirit of another. This he illustrated by the influence Beethoven had upon Wagner of Hallam upon Tennyson. So the Spirit of God moves upon the spirit of men, instructing, satisfying and refreshing. And that such is true he ap pealed to the experience of the thousands who say it is true. It is susceptible of test which satisfies the most rigid pragmatist of our day.
The sermon had windows. It was not an abstruse discussion of a profound theme, but it stands out in our mind now as a brilliantly lighted cathedral having innumerable windows. Dropping the figure, a wealth of illusDropping the figure, a wealerature and
trations from art and literats trations from art and literature and life helped to make Dr. Stuart's ser mon one of the very best commence-
ment deliverances we have ever heari

Dr. Stuart will deliver six lectures
before the Summer School of Theology on "Points of Personal Interest in Preaching." We congratulate South western upon having brought so de lightful a speaker to Texas and envy our brethren who will have the privilege of hearing him on the divinest of all arts-preaching.


DR. JAMES W. LEE.
We are pleased to introduce to ou readers this week the Rev. James W: L. e, D. D., presiding élder of the St Louis District. Dr. Lee, brethren. Wasn't the extract from his frater al address, on our new universities, admirable? And a second extract this week on "The South's Contribution to the Nation" is equally so. The day has passed for sectionalism in this coun ry, but no day will ever come in which we shall cease to devoutly thank God for the South's enduring contribution to the upbuilding of the American nation.
Well, Dr. Lee himself. We know him. We fellowshipped together in our St. Louis pastorates. We like him. At times he is the most detached of ortals and at such times the further e are away from him the better we ike it. He is simply abominable
But-but-at such times the man ogitating. He is producing something
"The Making of a Man," "The Religion of Science," or something else. Give him time and he will break out like a meteor and once he has dis charged you will find the most broth rly, the most interested and interest ing, the most companionable of men We love Dr. Lee.

PRESIDENT-ELECT R. E. VINSON. Dr. R. E. Vinson, President-elect of he University of Texas, was the com
mencement speaker at Georgetown last Monday morning. To a graduat ing class of some sixty young men and women Dr. Vinson delivered an ad ress at once intensely interesting an profoundly practical. His theme wa The Principles Which Should Conl Us in the Choice of a Life Work. We give our readers the outline of this endid address.
(1) We should chose our work with eference to the work itself rathe e work.
(2) We complishment which is impossible.
(3) We should chose as our life work that which we can do with the reatest joy, and
(4) We should chose work in which od is taken into account.
For a number of years we had an ccasional glimpse of Dr. Vinson dur ing our pastorates in Austin. His work in the establishment of a Presbyterian Seminary in Austin attracted us. The building of the Seminary within the nvironment of the State University was a happy conception. The re sourcefulness of Dr. Vinson in bring
ing the whole scheme to a happy completion marked him as a man having a genius for doing things. Most of all, the unassuming modesty of this big worker and his engaging Christian haracter impressed us.
Dr. Vinson's election to the presidency of the State University came as a surprise. We had never so much as thought of it. But once he was lected, we saw reason upon reason why the selection could not have been better. Never has an election, in our udgment, given more universal satis. action. Everybody seems pleased and e predict that the crowning work of his gifted man will be done as Presi dent of the University of Texas.
The appearance of two distinguis ed coilege men upon the platform at Southwestern, Dr. Stuart, President of Garrett Biblical Institute, and Dr Vinon, President of the University of Texas, will long be remembered as among the notable events of the forty second commencement of our great college.

UNITED AT LAST
Torn Mexico is united at last. All dispatches indicate that all factions in Mexico are now fused in a white heat of indignation against the United States. The people of Mexio at last recognize a common enemy Patriotic meetings are being held in the larger centers of Mexico and everywhere the sentiment is the same.
General Carranza has insulted the United States in a note in which he charges our American President with insincerity, if not with hypocrisy Later he adds to the insult by declaring that failure to capture the bandit Villa has resulted from the efusal of American soldiers in in Mexico to co-operate with the de acto government.
History will disprove Carranza's calumnies. History will vindicate the American President and the American people. We shudder at the hought of armed conflict with MexiThe issue cannot be in doubt, ut that human lives must be snufional duty we deplore. One Amert can boy, if that boy be ours, is a heavy price to pay for peace in Mexico.
We still have confidence in President Wilson. If President Wilson an work out the problem of Mexican eace without war, there will be no war. If America can discharge her uty without intervention, there will be no intervention. But can she?
The Washington Government has dispatched a note to General Carrana in which this Government re fases once for all to withdraw her troops from Mexico until peace is restored along our border. Every State in the Union is mobilizing its National Guard. One hundred thousand men will soon be in training. The situation points strongly to single issue-war!

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 The problem, of chindren staying for Church
was discused at lenith and with much concern
by all the pastors, W. W. Thomas being the

 on "Three Essential Qualifications of the
Sunday Schoot Superintendent."
The report of the comit.


 All names offered by the coinmittee werre en directors was also elected. The Teacher,"
The sermon at night on "interen
Brother Harbin. was intersting and edu.
ative and very much enjeyed by all. Thursday Morning. by Brother
Devotional services were held by
A. Rider. A discusvion of the duties of the The value of Westey Bible Classes was dis.
cussed by Brother A. T. Walker, Mrs. L. B.
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 Brother Walker, Brother W. W. Lee and
Brother Golilihugh. The ideal pastor was talk.
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Brother Hotchhiss made a beautiful address n music day School.
Brother Doak made a good speech on re
nembering the Sabbath and keping it holy membering the Sabath and kepengh on re-
Brother Chaty
Bnd and practical address on oor young men and
how to get and keep them in Sunday School. Gary Cirevit was awarded the pprize offered
by Brother Hiarbin for having the largest rep Garrion was selected as the The conference closed at the 8 o'clock hour

 and thus the first annual Siondereyn missions,
ference beautifulty passed into history a klow.
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the faithfiul ppastor, Brother Chartes Doak, and the good people of Diboll for their loyal
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## THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT


and the Woman'e Home Miseion Seliety oheold bo sent to Mri

ip The Cottonwood membership and Societies
of Fentress and Martimple were invited to be Mant. Harle, our District Secretary; Dr.
Hawk and wife, of San Marcos; Brother anit Sister Martin, of Martindale. were with us
through the day.
The Society a well prepared program
in which each phase of the work was put
 the gleaners


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LAWTON DISTRICT
The district meeting of the Missionary Society, Lawton District, was held at Tipton, The opening sermen was preached by Rev,
T. N. Tinkle, using the familiar text, john 116. Brother Tinkle eave us an excellent
iscourse, enjoyed t, til. discourse, enjoyed Y, ill
Rev. W. E. Hurphrey, of Tipton, delivered
the welcome add'ess, touching on the beauty the welcome add ess touching on the beauty
of the country and the hospitality of the
people and anxiety of the Chirches wh which
 making an exceliont talk. Mrs. W. H. Roper,
our efficient Sereiary, delivered a timely mes.
oge to the autierce. Which was hugely m


too close to the League, it matters not, for too close to the League, it matters not, fo location. A committee was appointed to investigate propositions from Rockport, Port
Lavaca, Austin, Georgetown, Amarilo, Port Lavaca, Austin, Georgetown, Amarillo, Port
O'Connor and sundry other towns. Mr. AusO'Connor and sundry other towns. Mr. Aus.
tin met the committee and told them that Port O'Connor was the one "real ideal" location on
the Texas coast and "if you don"t believe it the Texas coast and "if you don"t believe it,
come and see." The committee accepted the itvitation (they were from Missouri) and Mr. Austin "showed 'em." He showed them the bath house, the long pier, the beautiful shel beach, the wonderful artesian well with its evergushing flow of pure water. He then showed the committee a hundred acres of land on the bay front and lots of other things and said "this land is yours, and in addition you can
have free use of our hotel, pavilion, bath have free use of our hotel, pavilion, bath
house, e c., for your Encampment this year and until you build your home at Epworth-by-the-Sea." It is because these gentlemen of the townsite company-not land "boomers," but
Texas business men who build towns for di-version-dreamed a dream that Port O'Conno is being talked about in every Methodist home
in Texas. It is the "home, sweet home," for in Texas. It is the "home, sweet home," for
the Epworth League-and such an ideal one! A recent issue of the Advocate told the story of the writer's visit to Port O'Connor.
In acdition to the 100 acres of land given
to the Epworth League, the townsite com. to the Eipworth League, the townsite com-
pany give to the League sums ranging from
10 per cent to 33 per cent on all lots sold. They are now selling lots an aljacent lots sold League grounds, large lots, many of them
with sidewalks and all of them piped with
water from the artesian well. Mr. W. M. water from the artesian well. Mr. W. MI.
Cater, general manager of. the Epworth
League Encampment, who is in full charge of League Encampment, who is in fulil charge of
the lot sales, reports many sales being made.
The lots are priced low and the terms are
such that anybody of moderate means can afford to buy one or more.
Tfe big Encampmett salts July 28 , and,
if all signs do not fail, Epworthyb-the Sea will witness the greatest gathering of Leaguers
in its history. It cannot be otherwise, as
never before has such preparation been made
to entertain the young people There will be to entertain the young people. There will be
no lack of transportation facilities from bll
points in Texas via San Antonio or Houston points in Texas via San Antonio or Houston
and the Gulf Cost Line. Many will drive autos
to Epwort from North Texas points. It's an
easy and pleasant way. Tt'sas

P. R. AUSTIN
President Port O'Connor Townsite Company discomfort to enjoy the pleasure of the shell
drive from Bloomingon drive from Bloomington to Port O'Connor
Our party made the drive through courtesy of Mr. Austin. This thirty-nine-mile stretch is
a portion of the "Shell Loop of 125 miles.
Just imagine such a drive, then a swim in the Just imagine such a drive, then a swim in the
surf, a fish supper and a boat ride on Mata,
orda Bay: The land of Morpheus will call you to sleep, sweet sleep, at Epworth. Yes,
lots, are being sold at Port Oconnor and it
won't be long until you will think about the one your fricud bought-the price will be
higher then for those close-in lots There is
possibly no place in Texas that offers equal possibly no place in Texas that offers equal
advantages to Port O'Connor for the location
of a summer home. Matagorda Bay, the of a summer home. Matagorda Bay, the
"play ground", for the finest fish in Texas, is
without an equal in boating and bathing fa-
cilities It is cilities. It is now easy of access in winter
or summer, and those who are best informed
state that it is almost entirely free of the
small worries of other small worries of other gulf ports. Mr. W. M. M.
Catrer is bouking revervations or iots and
looks for many homes to be erected by the League members and friends before the open
ing of the 1917 Encampment at Epworth-by

W. M. CARTER
Secretary and General Manager

N MEMORIAM-MRS. MARY KING COLE.
Soft and low the summons came Soft and low the summons came
In whispered words, "Well done, In whispered words, "Well done,
And a faithful servant of the Lori
Received the crown she'd won And a faithful servant of the Lord
Received the crown she'd won. No cry or anguished moan disturbed Her calm and peaceful breast, To its eternal rest.
Her life was like a poem grand So fine and true it proved That all who came within her sphere
Were by its rhythm moved. Were by its rhythm moved. Duty was her eartily guide,
Kind deeds her daily thought, How unto those who suffered most Then grieve not for her, dear friends, Nor feel bereft-foriornFor shadows always here prece
The radiance of the morn. Wet weave for her a memory wreath
Of thoughts like brightest flowers
That shed their fragrance all around
And sweeter make the hours.

And when the stars shine out at night And when the stars shine out
And heaven seems very near,
For very joy at he reward We'll drop a silent tear.
MARTHA LAVINIA HUNTER 1318 Royal Street, Dallas, Texas.

bishop mouzon at laurel 1 did not hear the sermon but my two
aughters did, and they know what a good

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as we rally for the final consummation of this monumental achievement.
The end is now in sigh. Our Representa.
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by Bishop Candler, as Chairman of the Com mission, in the following official statement;
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## A GREAT REVIVAL THROUGH

 GREAT PREACHING."Rev. T. O. Rogers, Trenton, Texas, has an article in Texas Christian Adcaption. It is not the intention of the writer to precipitate a discussion on Birth-but as a subscriber and reader of your paper ask the privilege of re-
questing Brother Rogers to give us questing Brother Rogers to give us
a little light on one of his statements. a little light on one of his statements.
He says, "Against the infantile purity adivocates
We may not understand what Bro.
Rogers means by "infantile purity."
First, does he mean to deny that in-
fants are born in a justified relation to God? If so, we do not envy him
his position; second, does he mean by his position; second, does he mean by born wholly sanctified or cleansed
from all $\sin$ ? If so, then we ask, Where do we find a Methodist teaching such doctrines in a "Sunday
School talk" or in any other way? School talk or in any other way?
This question agitated the mind of the writer many years ago and caused cognate doctrines. He was born in a Baptist home, "rocked in a Baptist cradle," joined a Baptist Church and remained in this denomination urtil
he was thirty-two years of age, but he was thirty-two years of age, but
for many years did not kno N their "doctrines of grace," so-called Their doctrines of total depravity and the moral state of infants became 7 kr -etty and troublesome problem. I then heard our Campbellite brethren, but
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stitutes, Wesley's works, Ralston, Banks, Pope, Raymond, Merrill and
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we accept their doetrine of "total depravity" or their doctrine of the moral state of infants we cannot escape the horrible decrees of Calvin.
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of Mivsions made a mistake in selecting me
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Cunnot, Lirte Rock Confercee: Rev, J.
Farris, North Arkanas Conference, and Rev. In the presence of a host of friends and
relatives Rev. Doughas $G$ Decherd and Miss
Abigal Rees were united in marriage last week
at the home of the bride mon

## at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and sirs, Aloño Rees, at Center Point, Texas The ceremony was performed by the sroom's.

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 letter 1 sent to the superintendents of of the
Central Texas Conference. His reply is en-
couraging and speaks for itself:

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Brother Superintendent, dont you want your
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