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## EDITORIAL.

### EVANGELICAL PREACHING.

Evangelical preaching is needed in our regular Church services. Where the pastor has one stated appointment he ought to give one of the services each Sunday to the preaching of the gospel, especially to the unsaved in his congregation. Of course where he has several appointments he has to depend largely for work of this special sort upon his protracted meetings. But this is not so much true in our stations where the pastor holds two or three services with his congregation every Sunday. Some one of these services each Sabbath ought to be devoted exclusively to the unconverted. This ought to be the case, whether the audience be large or small. It is better to save one sinner in a congregation of twenty-five than to preach in a sensational way to a crowded house. Such a service will not only redound to the benefit of the unsaved, but it will cultivate spiritual life in the entire membership and keep the people in rapport with our Methodist custom in altar work. A Methodist Church without altar or mourner's bench service is a travesty upon a Methodist meeting. In the years gone by this method of reaching and saving the people was wonderfully blessed of God. That we have not outlived its efficiency is demonstrated by the fact that in old McKendree Church, Nashville, one of our strongest and most wealthy city congregations, the venerable pastor has penitents and conversions nearly every Sunday night, and his services attract a large audience. He preaches to the unconverted and then walks down to his altar platform and pleads with sinners to come forward and be saved. And the same is true in many of our leading congregations. That sort of preaching and that sort of altar work expect results and the expectation is not disappointed. Our preachers make a mistake if they overlook the importance of urging sinners to accept Christ at one or both of their Sunday services and of giving them the opportunity to evince their desire to be saved. But even this sort of preaching and work need not supersede the special revival, but will in reality prepare the way for it. Let all of our regular services then conspire to the edification of believers and the salvation of sinners.

### A HELPFUL PRAYER-MEETING.

It must be confessed that the average prayer-meeting is a dull service. As a rule, only a few people attend it, and they do it more from a sense of duty than otherwise. But there is no excuse for a dull prayer-meeting. If the preacher in charge will make this service one of special study and impart life and vigor to it, then it will become one of the most interesting services in his church. And a prayer-meeting like this will attract a large per cent of the membership to it. Instead of being monotonous and void of interest, it will become inspiring and afford opportunity for spiritual improvement. Only now and then do you find a prayer-meeting of this character. The average one is repellant and prosy. It is

destitute of interest and life. No amount of pleading and exhortation upon the part of the pastor in behalf of such a prayer-meeting will bring people to it. There is nothing in it for them but to be bored an hour or so with two or three long and oft-repeated prayers and two or three songs, with a lengthy and rambling talk by the preacher. They can be more comfortable at home, and there they stay. But suppose he arrange a series of topics bearing upon some phase of spiritual life, speak to four or five of his people in advance to have a word to say upon these subjects, select a half dozen good songs and intersperse them through the service, have seven or eight short, spiritual prayers, make only a brief talk himself, and vary the whole proceedings with a live experience meeting. This would give the people a part in the service and train workers in the devotional department of the Church. The preacher makes a mistake when he does all of the talking and two or three people do all the public praying in a prayer service. He has the morning and evening hours on Sunday, which he devotes exclusively to preaching to his congregation, and on Wednesday evening the people ought to be trained to take a prominent part. This ought to be specifically their service, but our preachers are slow to learn this simple lesson. Hence nearly all of our prayer-meetings are perfunctory and poorly attended services. To attend them is about as interesting as passing a graveyard after dark. O for a revival of life and power in our prayer-meetings! Our preachers need to arouse themselves upon this subject and rehabilitate this service with spiritual fire and helpfulness.

### SUNDAY HUNTING.

In many portions of Texas the Sunday hunting desecration is carried on to an alarming extent. One reason why this is done is that Sunday is a day of immunity from work with a large class of our men, and they take advantage of the occasion for purposes of sport. Hence, when Sunday comes, they shoulder their guns and hie away to the fields. But the chief reason for this desecration is, those who engage in it have not the fear of God before their eyes, and they have no respect for the sanctity of the Sabbath. Thus they put this sacred institution to uses that are profane and wicked. That we need wide reform on this matter, none who believe in the proper observance of the day will question. It is not right to take the only day given to us for benevolent and spiritual improvement and prostitute it to the sport of killing game. There are other days suited to purposes of this character, and it is high time that many of the men of Texas learn to be better citizens in this respect. Especially is this true when we come to realize that nearly all of the accidental killings that take place throughout the State occur on Sunday in the case of men who are in the fields with their guns. Hundreds of otherwise good men, in the past decade, have gone prematurely to their graves on account of the practice of hunting on Sunday. We do not assume that

they get killed simply because they are thus desecrating the Sabbath, but nevertheless they get killed while out hunting on Sunday. Just within the past two or three weeks, a bright and promising young man, high in society, went out from this city with his gun on Sunday, and was brought back a bloody corpse. Last Sunday another one went out under similar circumstances and was brought back with his face nearly torn away and one eye gone. And nearly every Sunday there is an occurrence of like nature taking place somewhere in Texas. The statistics on this subject, if properly collected, would make very hideous reading if tabulated and published. Our people ought to think upon these matters and make reformation.

### DEATH TO THE ARMY CANTEEN.

The army canteen is one of the modern inventions of the devil. It found its legal existence in an act by Congress permitting our army posts to establish saloons within the jurisdiction of each camp for the use of the soldiers. The canteen then was nothing more than an army bar-room with a soldier appointed to the place of its barkeeper. It was said by those who favored this new institution that it would place the sale of spirits under the control of the officers, do away with the sutler's bar, and thereby promote temperance. They also claimed that it would yield a handsome revenue which would go toward the expenses of the post. So Congress granted the privilege to the posts and thus the canteen was created. But we did not hear much of this canteen till the war between the United States and Spain. Its baneful influence over the volunteer soldiers was such that mothers and temperance people all over the country raised a cry of opposition to it. Such was the pressure brought to bear upon Congress that the matter was taken up and a stringent law passed to eliminate it. But the resourceful Attorney-General placed a strained interpretation upon it and it was rendered null and void. So the canteen continued in all of the posts of the United States army. But the opposition to it continued to rage until it well nigh became a feature in the late presidential campaign. When Congress reconvened the first of last month and took up the army reorganization bill the canteen loomed up in large proportions. It was referred with the bill to the proper committee. Then it was that big breweries, liquor men, army officers, the Attorney-General and the Secretary of War put in their best work to perpetuate the life of this army bar-room. And with the committee they prevailed. But when the report came before Congress the canteen was overwhelmingly defeated. From thence it went to the Senate and then to the committee of that body. In the committee room the liquor lobbyists were again successful, but when it came to the open Senate it was killed by a vote of 52 to 15. This shows what can be done when people set their heads to a thing. The people are stronger than the United States Congress and Senate. They are stronger than the liquor combine and

the President's legal advice. The following is the law on the subject and the Attorney-General will hardly annul it this time: "The sale or dealing in beer, wine or any intoxicating liquors by any person in any post exchange or canteen or army or upon any premises for military purposes by the United States is hereby prohibited. The Secretary of War is hereby directed to carry the provisions of this section into full force and effect."

### ROMANISM AND THE LIQUOR BUSINESS.

In the recent fight by the temperance people of this country to kill the army canteen in the Congress of the United States, Archbishop Ireland was their formidable opponent. We are not surprised at this when it is remembered that the breweries and saloons of this country are largely owned and run by members of the Roman Church. It was perfectly natural, therefore, for this Roman potentate to come to the rescue of breweries and saloons when one of their chief sources of revenue, in the form of the army canteen, was in jeopardy in our two Houses of Congress. He did not want the financial interests of a large bulk of his constituency endangered by the prohibition of drunkenness and debauchery among the soldiers of this country. And in obedience to the behests of the liquor and beer business he used his utmost endeavor to prevail upon Congress to continue the canteen in the army posts and exchanges. But Rome is not quite omnipotent in this country. In lands of ignorance and superstition her word is law, but in a free country where people read the Bible and Protestantism stands to the front she can not always dictate the policy of government. And if the time ever comes when her voice is potent in the regulation of the affairs of this land it will be a sad day for liberty and enlightened Christianity. Let us rejoice in the fact that both Houses of our Congress heeded the voice of Protestant Christianity rather than that of Rome in the abolition of the army canteen. His Highness exerted his influence in vain, and we trust that henceforth Protestantism will be equally victorious over Rome in the establishment of a public sentiment that will ultimately overthrow the power of the breweries and the saloons in America.

It is very easy to misunderstand people. Some time ago we were preaching to rather a small congregation, and several seats in front of the pulpit there sat an intelligent-looking gentleman and lady. As the sermon progressed he would turn to her and say something. We imagined that he was bored to death and was making some unfavorable comment upon the dullness of the sermon. The experience was very annoying indeed, but at the close of the service we were surprised to have him come forward, give us a warm shake of the hand and express great pleasure in the sermon. We found afterward that his wife was hard of hearing and when he realized that she was missing some point in the sermon he was repeating it to her.

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OUR BOSTON LETTER.

Perhaps you were aware, when you so kindly invited me to write something for the Advocate, that the result would prove fatal. I shall hope that you were, for it gives me great pleasure to accept the invitation.

There is probably no prospect so thoroughly charming to the mind of a student in almost any line of work as that of a winter in Boston. This fine old city of baked beans and Browning' and student-life is a great feature of the life of the city.

Even those who visit Boston in the winter, on pleasure bent, are impressed by the evidences of student-life here. Before reaching the city, if you will look from your car window you will spy, in the rear windows of the numerous flats, occupied largely by students, the inevitable milk-can, with its large wooden stowage, holding high carnival with sundry paper sacks lying on the window sill, the student's refrigerator. But reserve your smiles at this primitive housekeeping, for that milk-can and those paper sacks are perhaps supplying the brain of some prospective poet, scholar or artist.

About the hour of 9 in the morning, the streets leading toward the school sections of the city are crowded with students of all ages, sizes, colors—a heterogeneous mass of all sorts and conditions of men, carrying green bags, of sixteenth century style, containing their books; and women, wearing "rainy day" skirts, carrying the inevitable and truly Bostonian school-bags in their hands, and I will not undertake to say what is in their heads.

That the schools are good there is no doubt, but I can not conceive what student-life would be without the magnificent Public Library. It is magnificent as a specimen of architecture, as an artistic production, and as an accumulation of valuable books. It is the Mecca of students, the delight of artists, and a boon to the poor.

There is great enjoyment in seeing the little street-walks "hauling" in the Children's Room. It is difficult, perhaps, to say just what they learn, but the veriest little ragamuffin may become familiar with the facts and statistics, with the beautiful figures and exquisite coloring of the mural decorations, and in their brains are born ideals of greatness and goodness, of honor and fame, and who shall say what it means in the future of the child?

I was much interested, on leaving the library one afternoon, in a couple of small boys, nowhere both and nowhere else. The younger having gazed his fill upon the bronze statue of Beethoven, turned away, and tracing with the toe of a much-worn shoe the outline of a circle in brass, inscribed in the marble floor, he pulled vigorously at the sleeve of the elder brother, and motioned to the brass circle said, "Yes, but where's him?" The powers of observation were awake.

The library is situated in Copley Square, the center of the art-life of Boston. Chattered here we find the Library, the Museum of Fine Arts, second largest collection of paintings in America; Trinity Church, or Phillips Church, as Bostonians love to call it; the "Old South Church," or the "New Old South" a Church whose society formerly worshipped in the famous Old South Church, now used as a museum for historical relics.

Just opposite the Public Library, in Parker Building, the School of Expression is beautifully described. Dr. S. S. Carter and Mrs. Anna Barlett Curry, the President and Registrar are each unique personalities, and the school has already touched its way upward.

A visit to Trinity Church is doubly interesting now. The edifice is fine in its architecture, the rooster earnest and devout, the singing beautiful. But more enduring than stone, more delightful than the loveliest strains of music, is the memory of an ideal life which must forever be associated with Trinity Church. Phillips Brooks was a member of the Board of Trustees of the School of Expression, and many are the pilgrimages made by students of this school to beautiful Mt. Auburn, where he sleeps in peace.

The many friends of Mrs. Harriet E. Van Busckel, who was for five years teacher of vocal music at the "Annex" in Georgetown, will be glad to have news of her. At present she presides with great dignity over the students' flat occupied by Miss Minnie Sims, of Waxahatchie, Texas, and myself, and pursues her "loved employ" with all her wonted pleasure and enthusiasm. We are very cozy, indeed, and when our student-spirits are bent low with criticism from the powers that be, in the Copley Square School of Expression, we assemble in our sitting-room and talk of the great State of Texas until

we feel braced for the next day's efforts, until we almost feel the shade of Davy Crockett near, rebuking our lack of courage.

But student-life is only one phase of Boston life. There is an endless list of things to see and hear. The historical and literary pilgrimages that can be made are many and full of interest.

However, first in the line of things to hear I would place the concerts of the justly famous Boston Symphony Orchestra. Every member is a finished musician, if not an artist, and the concerts are conceded to be the finest perhaps in the world, certainly in America. Then the lectures galore! Most noted in this line are the Lowell lectures, provided by friends and admirers of the late poet, which include the best talent in the country. There are public readers, musical recitals, pictures and such like enjoyable features. The days do not hold hours nor the hours minutes sufficient to enable us to grasp the opportunities for seeing, hearing, enjoying.

It is certainly a rarefied atmosphere intellectually, and a charming feature is the great kindness shown to strangers, especially students, by those who live in the city and appreciate its interest to visitors.

While in Boston some years ago, I was a regular attendant at the Temple Street Methodist Church. Rev. Louis Albert Banks was then pastor. An introduction to him by letter was the source of a most delightful acquaintance with Dr. Banks, who was then making a bold fight against the sweatshops of the city. "For auld lang syne," I went at once to the Temple Street Church upon my arrival, and found the pulpit well filled by Rev. Franklin Hamilton, brother of Bishop Hamilton. A man of culture and piety, he is deservedly popular.

Rev. George Lorimer, of the Tremont Street Baptist Church, is a fearless man, and true. His voice is heard, almost like that of one crying in the wilderness, against the evils of a great city, yet he ceases not.

The activity in Church circles is great. There are hundreds of good men and women who are working faithfully and well, and it is no uncommon sight to see in the various churches the pastor's call for penitents, which is made every Sabbath evening, responded to in great numbers, and the after-meetings crowded with earnest faces, seeking instruction in the religious life.

I suppose all Texans are facetiously wishing each other many happy returns of the century. Bostonians are. And since Joseph Cook so completely solemnized an entire assembly at a watch-night service by the words, "We are now taking leave of the century in which we all were born and entering upon that in which we are all to die," I judge the wish, modified to some extent of course, is not objectionable to the most of people, any way.

But there is contagion in this Boston air, and I must confess to some secret longings to become a part of this interesting world, to catch the rhythm of life—in fact, to feel just a little Bostonian, just for an experience, of course. A few evenings ago, Miss Sims gave me the experience. We were going to St. James Hall to hear a piano recital. Mrs. Van Busckel inquired if we were taking the shortest route. "Certainly," said my young friend, "this is the hypotenuse of the triangle!" Then and there I felt that we had a right to be here!

CAROLINE DUNCAN, Boston, Mass.

GENERAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

There was an enthusiastic meeting of the preachers and representative laymen of New Orleans, in Carondelet Street Church, on the evening of December 29, 1900, to discuss ways and means and plan for the coming of the great Missionary Conference to be held in April.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth, Rev. P. I. Cobb and Mr. G. W. Cain, members of the Business Committee representing the Mission Rooms in Nashville, were in the city to meet the local committees looking to organization and arrangement for the conference. The secular press of the city, and especially the Times-Democrat and the Daily Picayune, gave full accounts of the meeting and represented it as characterized by enthusiasm and interest. It is evident, from the spirit in which the people of New Orleans have thrown themselves into the arrangements for the conference, that nothing will be left undone by them to make the great gathering a complete success.

Brief addresses were made by the visiting brethren, in which was brought out the fact that the enterprise was born in New York last April at the great Ecumenical Missionary Confer-

ence, and that it was the prayer and purpose of the missionary leaders of the Church to translate the results of that wonderful missionary meeting into our own beloved Methodism and her evangelistic enterprises. The speakers expressed the hope that the whole Church might be quickened into new life, interest and zeal in behalf of the salvation of the world. It was evident from the reports of the Nashville Business Committee that the sentiment in favor of the conference had steadily grown, and that the entire connection has evinced an interest far beyond the most sanguine expectations of those who projected the conference. The Annual Conferences have without exception elected delegations, and have selected from among their best men ministers and laymen to attend this conference. Letters from the delegates show they are planning to attend in force.

Among the invited speakers and those who are to read papers the following names were announced as having responded favorably: Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Dr. O. E. Brown, Rev. J. W. Tarbox, of Brazil; Dr. W. H. Park, of China; Rev. G. B. Winton, of Mexico; Dr. S. H. Wainwright, of Japan; Dr. J. E. Goucher, of Baltimore; Rev. W. E. Edwards, Dr. R. J. Bigham, President Booker T. Washington, Mrs. S. C. Truheart, Miss M. L. Gibson, Miss Belle Bennett, Mrs. Florence Kelley, Miss Mary Helm, Bishop J. M. Thoburn, of India; Mrs. Ballington Booth, Dr. Jas. Atkins, S. Earl Taylor, Jno. R. Pospner, Dr. W. H. LaPrade, Miss Belle M. Brain, Rev. W. A. Wilson, of Japan; Dr. C. F. Reid, of Korea, Rev. E. A. Tilly, of Brazil; Rev. D. W. Carter, of Cuba, and Rev. J. J. Mathvin, missionary among the wild tribes.

A wide-awake Executive Committee, composed of three preachers and four laymen, was elected as follows: Rev. S. Keener, D. D., President; Rev. W. H. LaPrade, D. D., Secretary; Rev. F. N. Parker, Dr. E. L. McGhee, and Messrs W. W. Carre, F. A. Dicks and W. R. Thomson.

The committee met the following day and organized for work. They appointed W. W. Carre and W. R. Thomson a Committee on Hall. F. N. Parker was appointed chairman of the Committee on the Press; Dr. E. L. McGhee, chairman of the Entertainment Committee; T. B. Clifford, chairman of the Committee on Trains; J. F. Foster, chairman of the Committee on Homes for the Guests of the Conference; D. D. Parker, chairman of the Committee on Hotels and Boarding Houses for Lady Delegates and Visitors; F. A. Dicks, chairman of the Finance Committee, and C. D. Atkinson, chairman of the local Exhibit Committee. Tulane Hall, a spacious auditorium, centrally located, has been selected. It has a seating capacity of 1800 and is accessible, being within half a block of Canal Street, on which all car lines center.

All business communications relative to arrangements in the city itself should be addressed to:

REV. W. H. LAPRADE, D. D., Secretary, 212 Camp St., New Orleans, La.

FROM DR. Y. J. ALLEN.

Dear Dr. Lambuth:

I have time for only a few words, to say the Bishop is with us and that our conference session is now over. Details will reach you in due time from the Secretary and various correspondents. Bishop and Mrs. Wilson are both very well, and have laid us under many renewed obligations for their abundant labors among us.

The state of the country being still unsettled, it was not thought advisable for those of our mission who live in the interior to return with their families. Those in charge of work, however, are permitted to keep in touch with it by occasional visits. The ladies of the mission, therefore, are confined to Shanghai, except Mrs. Dr. Fearn, who will accompany her husband to Soochow as a tentative move. Personally, I do not see any danger at all, nor is any definitely apprehended in this region. But the Consul General here, Mr. John Goodnow, is solicitous that we—missionaries generally—should not place ourselves in the power of the Chinese pending peace negotiations, which, by the way, have not yet been opened.

The political aspects of the country are as anomalous as ever, and those Chinese who are friendly to reform both think and hope the situation will be worse before it is better; and from the news that now reaches us from the court at Si-an, it would not surprise us if the dynasty should collapse altogether, for should the Dowager, who is now reported seriously ill, die, the Emperor would most certainly be suppressed by the rebel General Tung Fusiang, and then without doubt we

should have war on a wide scale—both civil and foreign.

The telegrams that reach us from Washington via London make us ashamed and indignant that our authorities seem so little to comprehend the situation out here. This Manchu Government at present is little short of a nest of brigands and robbers, and have in every case openly and avowedly violated the treaties and forfeited every claim to respect. Yet our Government would deal with them as a civilized nation, and under the fiction that no war has been declared would withdraw from the country, leaving their avowed object in coming here still unaccomplished. The Chinese are looking to the allies for a restoration of order and peace and security to themselves as well as to foreigners, and are anxious at what would happen should other nations attempt to follow the example of the United States. But I forbear.

You will have seen the utterances of Dr. W. A. P. Martin on his staccato experiences and his strong words in regard to the character of the Manchu hostility to foreigners. The fact is there is no hope for this country till that meager faction of a fraction of a nation is put down and out, and the great China nation and people are restored to their long-lost dominion of their own country. I believe in China and the Chinese, but not until the country is rid of this Manchu oppression and despotism of ignorance and blind conservatism, do I see any hope for the possibilities that are latent in it. However, if it be possible to restore the Emperor, who has shown himself to be more of a Chinese than of a Manchu, it may still be well, provided the Dowager and her reactionary faction be entirely suppressed and the administration be committed to competent hands, under the mentorship of wise foreign ministers.

Pardon these utterances. They are in my mind and pour forth as spontaneous expressions of my feelings and views in regard to the situation. The end of it all will no doubt be that China will be brought under everlasting obligations to the allies, or at least to foreign nations, and will so far acknowledge it as to seek at our hands the very benefits which our mission, by its educational schemes and the projected press and Publishing House, is now earnestly trying to get ready for the coming century with its New China. YOUNG J. ALLEN, Shanghai, China, Nov. 26, 1900.

THE AMERICAN ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

The American Anti-Saloon League is a Church movement whole! Its object is to create, enlarge and entrench a healthy and vigorous public sentiment against the liquor traffic in every way, but especially against Satan's chief fortification—the saloon, the source and inspiration of nearly all crime, and around which gather all the associated evils. Its spirit and purpose are wholly Christian—to destroy the work of the devil! (1 John 3:8.) Its embodiment is the entire Christian body—the Church, the federation of all the denominations. It is the engraftment of a specific temperance feature into all the departments of Church work from the pulpit to the individual member. Not a separate society with initiation and fees and assessments. Of course there is a financial system. In every place the pastors compose the federated head and overseers of the work in that town or community. This insures wisdom and prudence and success, and at once awakens and sustains public confidence. It is wholly non-partisan as non-denominational, and for the same reason, the embodiment—the union—of all the moral forces, both in and out of the Churches, against the saloon especially and the liquor traffic as a beverage in general. All good citizens alike agree on this question. Here our religion and politics unite and we go from prayer-meetings to the polls—for righteousness. It is not preachers and the Church going into politics, but answering our own prayers, practicing what we preach and profess. "The powers that be are of God," etc., should be Godly.

In the Sunday school and Young People's departments there is a temperance day in each quarter, and why not there be a sermon on the subject the same day? making it the more effective the whole day. If good in the one, is it hurtful in the other?

The League has three departments of work: 1. Agitation, described above. 2. Legislative, to guard that point. 3. Law enforcement; to assist in any needed manner in the enforcement of existing laws. In each place a committee is appointed for each department.

Its national, State and county conventions are composed of delegates

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ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

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from the various religious bodies—Annual Conferences, assemblies, associations and conventions, together with all the temperance organizations, including the W. C. T. U.'s and the Young People's State organizations. Thirty-three States have State Boards, State organizations.

The conferences (M. E. Church, South), of Texas have indorsed the League. Now we ask if the pastors will not take personal interest in this work and give us a chance to reach the people, to aid them in some way? Take the initiative. It is our work. Write to me. J. HARALSON, Superintendent for Texas, Austin, Texas.

MEDITATIONS AT THE GRAVE

Of a Model Pioneer Preacher, the late Rev. John Fletcher Pipkin.

"We understand death for the first time, when he puts his hand upon one whom we love."

A recent visit to Beaumont, Texas, where my father lived, and was loved, for forty years, gave me the first opportunity of visiting the sacred spot where rests the precious dust of one of God's noblest, the best loved and most devoted of fathers. He was a typical pioneer Methodist local preacher, of the primitive Wesleyan Methodist style. His influence as such was wide and far-reaching. To the people of Southern Texas he was spiritual adviser, counselor and comforter. He visited their sick, knelt over their dying and soothed them with whispers of God and heaven; he comforted the living, performed the last sad rites at the graves of their dead, solemnized the sacred vows of matrimony, baptized the people, preached the gospel, and prayed as but few men could. His life was a living epistle—the embodiment of love, peace and good will to men. Whatever his imperfections, they were eclipsed by the radiant splendor of a grand, symmetrical and magnificent manhood, a heart full of love, and a life opulent with deeds of benevolence.

I have been very thankful that I was spared the pain and tears of seeing him in death. I can only think of him as still living. My mother left us to enter the home of "many mansions" when I was only a few years old. After her death, he was to me both father and mother; my childish sorrows became his, and he rejoiced in my pleasures as a mother in the joy of her child. I was his first-born; he loved me with a pride and devotion akin to adoration, and in return I loved him with all the intensity of my impulsive and passionate nature.

Many things about the old home recall to memory the recollections of the past. There is the veritable arm chair, in the identical corner, where last I saw him, and where last I kissed his cold and aged lips, and bade him a life lasting farewell.

His picture—a speaking one—hangs against the wall in the family room. When I looked into that furrowed, saintly face, his eyes seemed to look into mine, and I could hear him call me by the endearing name he always called me—"daughter," and in the same tender tones as I heard him in my childhood he said, though dead your father liveth.

Carefully placed away I found the old family Bible, yellowed with age and use; it had become now a relic too sacred for ordinary service, the very Bible my father and my mother read. It contained the family record (written in his own handwriting) of marriages, birth and deaths of his generation; with here and there select verses marked, and fragments of paper with briefs, notes and skeletons of his sermons, revealing to us his thoughts, his character—for as a man "thinketh so is he." Thus his sermons so long ago preached to-day thrill our hearts with holy emotions, leading us to heavenly thoughts and sweet communion with God. Verily a man's "works do follow" him.

I can scarcely remember, one dark day in my childhood, when in my father's arms he knelt by the side of a new-made grave, and in the anguish of a crushed and broken heart committed his motherless children to the infinite mercies of a loving God. The impression made upon my child-heart, and the influence of that prayer to this day is to me as the fragrance of holy incense. And all through life I have felt that about me and underneath me are the "everlasting arms" of my father's God.

He was wonderfully gifted in prayer. At times he prayed as one inspired by the Holy Ghost. So full of tender love and heavenly pathos; so full of eloquent, earnest pleadings, his words touched the emotional nature of his

Dr. J. S. HILL - DISCOVERER OF ANTINARCOTINE, Greenville, Tex. Medical Director Narcotism Hospital Co.



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THE MORPHINE HABIT.

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THE WHISKEY HABIT.

There are many treatments for the whiskey habit.

You get cured first - You pay afterward.

J. S. HILL, M. D., Greenville, Tex.

congregation to audible cries and sobs. I have heard him when I felt that God for the moment would hush the music of heaven that he might listen to my father pray.

The spot selected by himself amid the evergreens of Magnolia Cemetery loving hands had adorned with rare and beautiful flowers. The sweet-scented roses were yet in full bloom, and the jessamine, his favorite flower, grew in profusion. The delicately perfumed violet lifted its modest head amid the green foliage that bordered the grave, constantly reminding us of Him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

As I lingered in silence about the tomb, the purity and whiteness of which was a fit emblem of the life and character of him who rested beneath its shade, loth to leave the sacred spot that had recalled so many sad, yet sweet memories, I gave a lingering look to catch his own words inscribed thereon: "Not a Shadow Rests Across the Path that Leads Me to God and Heaven." There, mingling my tears with the fragrant breath of the autumn flowers, the soft sweet whisperings of angels assured me that the home of the soul is not in the tomb, upon which we shed tears and scatter flowers, but in the New Jerusalem, the eternal city of the living God. The mist from my eyes had been brushed away, the gloom about the tomb had vanished, and the place became radiant in the all-absorbing thought of immortality. Oh! blessed, God-given immortality. "Yes, life is too short for the unfolding of man's soul." We shall see our father, our loved ones, again, in all the splendor of a glorified heavenly recognition. "Let not your heart be troubled. In my Father's house are many mansions. Because I live ye shall live also."

MRS. W. C. YOUNG.

345 Wall St., Dallas Texas.

A FAMILY REUNION.

Sixty-eight years ago on the 22d of November, in an Alabama preacher's home, a little baby girl was born. She grew to a beautiful young womanhood, and by a liberal education had added

to her natural graces the charm of literary culture.

Before she was 20 she met and loved a young music teacher, and the currents of their lives were blended in holy matrimony.

After a few years the music teacher, yielding to a divine call, became a Methodist preacher, and the beautiful young wife found herself, contrary to all expectation, placed on the great itinerant wheel. However, such was her common sense and her faith in God, that in an itinerancy of forty years she never found a place where she could not adapt herself to the surroundings, or where she questioned for a moment that her lot was providential.

In 1874 the revolutions of this itinerant wheel landed this worthy couple in the Northwest Texas Conference. After more than twenty years of service in Texas, the preacher received his transfer from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, and went up on the first of August, 1899.

To this itinerant couple were born eight sons and five daughters, two of whom left the earthly home in infancy. The others, with the mother, still survive.

At the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference, five of the boys appeared on its roll, four as preachers and one as a lay delegate. One of the girls, the youngest, is the wife of a missionary residing afar in Africa. Two others are married to farmers, and each has raised a large family of children. The remaining sister, the oldest, has been a widow for more than twenty years, and with her three children has lived as a part of the original family at the old home place in McLennan County.

After the adjournment of the last session of the conference, the boys all met around the old family board, and with them were all the sisters except the baby sister down in Mexico. It was on the sixty-eighth birthday of the good old mother, and there were forty-seven presents, consisting of sons-in-law, daughters, daughters-in-law and their children.

It was a jolly crowd. The boys played pranks on each other, joked, laugh-

ed, sang and frolicked as they did when they were young, and here together around the old family board. They are all men now, ranging in age from 25 to 40, and all filling responsible places in society and the Church, but for a time they forgot their cares and business and were children again "just for a day."

At the noon meal the mother, sat down surrounded by the boys and as many others as could find room at the long table. No guest ever felt more graciously and hospitably entertained her mother's table, and she felt that she was over the clouds of her childhood. She really enjoyed it, without ever the thought of a rival.

After a somewhat round had been finished, he proposed the toast "Our mother's health and long life." This was responded to by all the boys in words, grave or gay, as the mood inclined, but always in sentiments of love and respect. The mother, surrounded by her boys who have them, looked those sparkling tears, kept back and reared for them during the years of their childhood, and who throughout all the years has been an angel of consolation, an interested lover and friend, and a guiding star amid all the vicissitudes and cares and trials of life.

It was a time for memory and for tears. The time for parting came all too soon. We separated with the un- welcome reflection pressing itself on us that in all probability it was the last time we should ever all be together again around our mother's board, but with this, as a rainbow, spanning a cloud, was the sweet assurance that we all confidently expected to meet at last with our ascended father in the home on high.

JNO. M. BARTON.

ADVOCATE SEWING MACHINE.

Write: Texas Jan. 17, 1901.

Mr. L. D. Smith, Dallas, Texas. Dear Sir: I like the Texas Advocate very much. Think it is as good as any paper or magazine. Have used your Sewing Machine. Have used mine three years.

MRS. J. T. HUTCHINS.

OLD FOES IN A NEW GARB.

We lose much in studying the epistles when we restrict our view to the time in which they were written and suppose there is nothing in our days correspondent to that which was found then.

Paul went to Galatia. He had evidently wonderful success in preaching the gospel there, and reaped a large harvest. These emotional Gallic colonists heard his preaching with intense interest.

In the present time we are painfully impressed with the same tendency to take up with new things and reject the old. The desire for novelties seems especially a characteristic of our times.

The trouble in Galatia was Judaism. They were substituting their own works for the free grace of Jesus Christ. They were attributing to men external compliance with certain forms the virtue of which belonged only to Christ's atonement.

The time was when the one effort of the pulpit was to get men to accept Jesus Christ, and receive the witness of the Holy Ghost and enjoy religion, but am I mistaken when I say that by a large part of the American preachers this hortatory doctrinal preaching has been abandoned, and that by many who were once zealous Methodists there is a growing idea that old-time methods are worn-out and the gospel is dependent now on music, architecture and business methods?

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where "getting a blessing" was the one object aimed at; and among others there was Spiritualism, then Christian Science, then came Theosophy, and at last, in many cases, a hopeless apostasy.

Not only has there been a want of stability in the views held, but as great a change in methods adopted and in the objects aimed at. The fashionable had little use for Methodism in my early day, but in later years I have found the most worldly the most earnest friends of the Church as a Church. They had little use for any of its efforts to secure the conversion of souls, but much use for the man who could draw a congregation.

As in Galatia, many of these errors had a good origin. Liberality gave birth to Rationalism; Christian brotherhood gave birth to Theosophy, and revolt from Antinomianism brought in mystical Legalism.

In the Galatian Church the inexperienced and susceptible converts were led away by those who came to them as the true friends of Christ. They were ready for assaults and for persecutions from the heathens about them, but when men came from Jerusalem and from Peter and said that the friends of Jesus ought to be like him, and shrink from no sacrifice to be so, and they ought to be circumcised, they were ready to receive the message. In most of the apostasies, now as then, the beginnings have been in following the counsels of those who claimed to be the friends of pure piety. The very livery of heaven is stolen to serve the devil in, but it is not as friend of the devil, but as his foe, that the war is waged.

The apostle heard of the fact that these hopeful disciples had been led to seek to add to the efficiency of the cross by their own work, and were submitting to the Jewish rites to make their obedience complete. Their object was a good one. They thought they were really making a personal sacrifice in thus adding their works to the atonement Jesus had made.

We need a new church in Palestine, and if the editor will come down and preach a week for us I believe we can get it. I couldn't get you to Tyler, but maybe the hills of Palestine will be more attractive to you.

"Am I your enemy because I have told you the truth?" is a good text for others than the preacher to the Galatians. If we substitute anything for the doctrine of justification by faith, we lay a foundation of sand, and it matters not how specious is the plea, there is but one thing to do when this dogma is assailed, and that is to withstand the assailants, even though it seems a vain work.

The guise of good has deceived the very elect, but I would fain hope that we have not gone so far that we can not return. Let us inquire for the old paths.

GEO. G. SMITH.

TO THE MEMORY OF ELLA SNYDER FANT.

(Coming Down the Aisle.)

Now slowly down the aisle they move; They carry her—men strong and true— For in the casket lies a form we love, And many march to the mourners' pew.

They have paused at the door awhile, And now they're coming down the aisle.

The minister's voice, like a low refrain, Invades our ears as the young wife And mother's borne along—"I am The resurrection and the life"— And all the words that woes beguile, While slowly they come down the aisle.

And through the tears that blur the sight The Amen line on Sabbath night Is in a dream revealed to me, With lutesome step and double file They move on, coming down the aisle.

And leading the line—oh, vision fair!— Is one in the bloom of life and youth, With brow unmarked by blighting ruth, With careless grace and modest smile, She leads them, coming down the aisle.

The vision fades, I hear again The footfalls, manifold and slow, I see on pallid cheeks the stain Of tears, I read the signs of woe, I realize that all this while They move on, coming down the aisle.

JOHN R. ALLEN.

PALESTINE NOTES.

I am nicely located in our new parsonage at Palestine. Dr. Alexander has left his impress on these people. They love him dearly. Dr. Adams was here a long time ago, but he has not been forgotten. It was at a camp-meeting not far from here that a good old brother gave him a well-meant but peculiar compliment. The Doctor and others had been preaching some days, when an admirer of his approached him and said: "Bro. Adams, I like to hear all the brethren preach very well, but your preaching is to me the most mortifying preaching I ever heard."

The truth is, the Doctor is a good camp-meeting preacher. He was preaching at a camp-meeting in Van Zandt County a few years ago. One day just before he was to preach he took a violent toothache, and something had to be done to relieve him, or he could not preach. Dr. J. D. Phillips—who is always ready to help a preacher—took him to his tent and injected cocaine in the tooth, which relieved it at once, and the Doctor preached with great power. The next hour Rev. S. N. Allen was appointed to preach, and he felt like he had to measure up to the Doctor, or the meeting would decline. So he went to Dr. Phillips and said: "Doctor, I am in the fix of a traveler I knew once. The oxen he was driving sulked on him, and he couldn't make them move one step. Just then a stranger came up and said, 'Mister, I can make your oxen go if you will let me.' The traveler, anxious to move on, said, 'All right, move them out,' and the stranger poured a little 'high-life' on them and away the oxen went like a blue streak. The traveler watched them a minute, and then turned to the stranger and said, 'Mister, have you got any more of that stuff? If you have, put it on me, for I have got to catch them oxen.' So, now, if you have any more of that stuff you put in Dr. Adams' tooth, just squirt a little in mine, for I have got to catch him." I don't know whether he caught the Doctor or not, but I wouldn't be surprised if he did, for if anybody in the country can catch him at a camp-meeting it is Sam Allen.

We need a new church in Palestine, and if the editor will come down and preach a week for us I believe we can get it. I couldn't get you to Tyler, but maybe the hills of Palestine will be more attractive to you. Our new presiding elder, "Ferd Davis," is starting off finely. The people here thought scarcely any man could fill Godbey's place—who is much loved here—but they know now that Methodism can supply any man's place. Godbey knows how to do a thing himself, and how to tell other people to do it. After the adjournment of conference I saw him sitting by the Bishop, and I said to the Bishop: "That is right, Bishop; give him plenty of instructions. He will need them if he runs Marvin Church." The Bishop laughed and said: "Why, he was just telling me how to do it." Seeing the Bishop enjoyed a joke on Godbey, I said: "Bishop, did you hear the joke on Godbey at conference?" He answered: "No, but I would like to hear it." "Well," said I, "one of our preachers was looking over the succession of Popes, and when he came to Leo XIII he looked up with surprise and said, 'Why I don't see Godbey's name in this list.'" The Bishop enjoyed the joke very much, for he loves Godbey, and honored him by taking him out of the presiding eldership and putting him at the best station in the conference—but one—and if old Marvin don't move up under



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his administration I shall be greatly disappointed.

Godbey goes to London to the great educational meeting, and some of us are pleased that he is to represent the East Texas Conference. No man among us could take more to it or bring more from it.

B. H. GREATHOUSE.

WHY PEOPLE MISJUDGE OTHERS.

It is very difficult for any one to conceive of an emotion that he has never felt. The covetous man who does nothing for his race, except for a consideration of dollars and cents, can not understand how it is that one could go about doing things simply for the good of humanity. When you hear one charge a minister or gospel worker that his ministerial work or work of mercy is all done solely for money or from a selfish motive, you may know that the charge is conceived in a covetous, selfish heart. The man who says that all men have their price would sell out very cheaply. The one who says that the pure men and women are all dead is sure to have a heart filled with all manner of uncleanness. The thief will likely be the first to lock his smoke-house. The liar will hardly believe any one. The old tippler don't see how it is that everybody don't love strong drink. Just go about though the world with your eyes open and you will soon see that this writer has written the truth.

C. G. SHUTT.

Davison, Texas.

A Rural Philosopher.—"SI" yelled the neighbor from the road, "your wife has just run off with Bill Johnson!" "She hez, hez she?" answered the farmer in the field; "wal, Bill always wuz a borerin' trouble. Git up there!"—Indianapolis Press.

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ness shown us here, and are much better situated here than at the former place. We have a good people to serve, and from the way they take care of their preacher so far, you may expect good results from this charge during the year. By God's grace, I am going to give them the best year's work of my life. As you know, I am a new man in this conference—transferred from the St. Louis Conference. It seems strange to see so much spring weather here in the dead of winter. I ask the prayers of all the brethren of the East Texas Conference that this may be one of the best years in the history of the conference, and especially in the bounds of the Harrison Circuit. We have five appointments, about 20 members and plenty of material to work on. We are expecting great things of the Lord this year.

EMORY CIRCUIT.

Wm. M. Foster, Jan. 21: At the last session of the East Texas Conference, Bishop Chandler changed me from Golden charge to Emory, and Bro. Fletcher from Emory to Golden. I have made one round and started on the second. I put it mildly when I say that I am pleased with the work. They are a good people. Our first quarterly conference was held last Saturday. Bro. Smith our pastor, preached—was on hand, and captured. Preached twice, Saturday and Sunday each. Administered the sacrament and raised over \$5 in good subscriptions and money on my collection from the Emory congregation. This is fine for that people, as the church is not strong there numerically. The stewards made an advance over last year's assessment for the pastor, and paid the most of the first fourth of it. Now, I find that the publisher of the Advocate has been making some recent tracks over there. Did he give our good people there a lecture on the great missionary movement of the Church? Bro. Smith and I spent a pleasant night with Bro. Blacklock's good sister, Mrs. Cain, and family. God bless the Emory charge, and may the pastor be "wise as serpents" in the management of this important charge.

OVILLA.

M. Jan. 21: The first quarterly conference for Red Oak charge was held the 19th and 20th. Bro. Bishop, the presiding elder, was on hand in due time, the weather pleasant, yes, delightful; a large congregation; stewards all present but one; dinner on the ground for all, and more, too, of the best. The preaching was just such as none but Dr. Bishop can do. Everybody delighted. Crowds came to hear the great preacher, both day and night. Seven children baptized. The Holy Communion administered on Sabbath to many happy souls. A collection was taken for missions, etc., the amount of which I do not know, but very satisfactory. Report for the support of the ministry met the expectations of the preachers. Perfect harmony prevailed, and the stewards did good work in collecting and assessing for the support of the preacher. It was good to be there. The pastor, Rev. G. W. Kincheke, seems to have made a good impression, and very popular among his people. I heard a brother ask how long the preacher had been preaching. When told three years, he said he was astonished; he thought he was an old preacher; he had preached but once for them, but it was the best sermon ever preached at that place. A glorious revival, scores of conversions and additions to the Church, all the infants baptized, all the collections in full, two churches built this year, is the motto.

PECOS.

T. L. Laffave, Jan. 18: Last Monday (18th) your scribe took a run to Odessa. It is a thriving little town about seventy-four miles east of Pecos, on the T. & P. Railroad, and within twenty miles of Midland. The town was made upon invitation of that staunch Texas Methodist, Dr. L. J. Swedden, and for the purpose of organizing our scattered flock and arranging for a permanent appointment in the future. Our first organization there was the result of Bro. Swedden's efforts when he secured the Midland charge, but those who followed him were compelled to abandon the society, and it soon wrecked. We preached Monday night in the Baptist Church to a fair congregation, and announced our intention of reorganizing the next night. Tuesday every Methodist in the town was alerted, and that night we reorganized with a membership of twenty-nine, receiving one by profession of faith. It was impossible for us to have the whole number with us that night, but of those who were present, fifteen or seventeen, all gathered with me at the altar and renewed their Church vows. It was a solemn, an impressive, scene. The next morning Sister Swedden called my attention to the fact that the ages of those gathered around the altar ranged from 91 to 18, and so it was for on the extreme left, in perfect health, and as active as many men of 45, stood Dr. Sherwood F. Culbertson, 81 years of age. I appointed Bro. E. M. Graham and L. J. Swedden as stewards, and left an appointment for the third Sunday. The outlook in this little town is promising, and we are preparing for a deep, far-reaching revival there.

LINDALE.

F. A. Downs, Jan. 21: We are delighted with our new charge. Lindale is a quiet railroad town, midway between Tyler and Mineola, with a population of something like 100 souls. Her citizens are thrifty and enterprising, and marks of steady and substantial growth are in evidence. We have a fine school and two good churches. The Methodist is the oldest finished church on the inside I have ever seen, considering its age. The great and heavy industry add greatly to the prosperity of the place. The candied factory owned and sold \$10,000 worth of fruit last year, to say nothing of the vast amount that was shipped in crates. We have over 200 Methodists, and our Church is growing. Among these are the most prominent business men and farmers of the place. Our reception was cordial. Many nice and useful things have found their way to the parsonage since we have occupied it. Congregations are fine—house full last second Sunday. Lindale is a half station now, and no one need be surprised if it is Lindale Station from now thenceforth. There are three other Churches on the circuit, and at all these we have made a good start. At Sabine yesterday I baptized three young ladies and received along with them a little girl who was baptized in infancy. These people are just finishing what will be a very neat and comfortable church. They de-

serve great credit, for they are few. Our Home Mission Society at Lindale is doing good work. They rank among the first of the conference, if they do not head the list. Our parsonage needs some repair, but I am persuaded that it will soon be done. Good Sunday-schools at Lindale and Sabine. Take it all around, this preacher could scarcely be better suited. If he can only have the baptism of wisdom and power needed to serve those people right, the year will be auspicious indeed.

CHISHOLM.

I. N. Crutchfield, Jan. 18: We left Iowa Park December 2, 1899, for our new charge Fate and Chisholm. It was with sad hearts that myself and family left our friends at the depot. I had been their pastor for three years. We reached Terrell and found our presiding elder, Bro. Miller, awaiting us. Next morning we started for our new home—Chisholm. I can find him the "morning" elder, for his home is always open to his friends and his heart to every good word and work. We had a nice pounding from our people at Fate on Christmas eve, also at Chisholm Christmas night. Many of Chisholm was not with the crowd, but did not forget the preacher, but sent him a purse of \$5. The former pastors will know to whom I refer, as she is always a friend to the Church and her pastors. I am pleased with my new work, and hope to do some good this year.

TYLER CIRCUIT.

S. N. Allen, Jan. 18: The Bishop saw fit to send me back to this work for the third year. I do hope the good Lord will help me to make it the best of the three. I start for a revival in every Church on the circuit. Brethren, we can have it. Will you all say amen, and put your shoulder to the wheel? I think you will. Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone. It was a very unfavorable day on Saturday, but every appointment was represented, but one. The good Board of Stewards fixed the salary at \$90, a raise of \$5 over last year. This work is coming to the front as fast as she can. God bless the good people of Tyler Circuit. Our beloved presiding elder was on hand, full of interest, looking after the interests of the Church on all lines. He preached two soul-stirring sermons. Tom is a power. God bless him.

GOLDEN MISSION.

G. M. Fletcher: Our first Quarterly Conference convened at Alba January 5 and 6. Our beloved presiding elder was sick and did not come, but sent Bro. Ridley, of Mineola. Bro. Ridley did not get there until after noon Saturday, and returned the same day, after conference. Golden Mission has seven appointments. Each one was well represented except Hawkins. The stewards raised the assessment \$95. We had a good congregation Sunday morning, after services the Lord's Supper. Rev. W. M. Foster, of Emory charge, was with us, but sorry to say this scribe had to do all the preaching. We pray for a good year.

TRAVIS STREET, SHERMAN.

Sherman Daily Register, Dec. 31: Rev. Dr. Boggs has been most favorably received as pastor of the First Methodist Church, and has reached a prominence seldom acquired by a pastor in such a short time as one month. All who heard him yesterday and last night were highly and pleasantly entertained, as he is of pleasing address, using chaste and elegant language, with great eloquence and force. His sermons are noted for his sincerity, and his zeal in the work of his Master makes a profound impression on all. Without ostentation and in the simplest manner he presents the law of God in a forcible and captivating manner.

LINDALE.

A District Steward, Jan. 21: We feel we are entering into the most successful year in the history of the Methodist Church in our town. We have a fine young man as our pastor, and to say that Bro. F. A. Downs can preach but mildly states it. He is the coming young preacher of the East Texas Conference, and we feel proud of him as preacher and pastor. Every one in our town is highly pleased with Bro. Downs as our preacher, and they show their appreciation by their presence at every service. With Bro. Downs as pastor and J. T. Smith as presiding elder, we can almost hear the Bishop read at the next Annual Conference, "Lindale Station, F. A. Downs" as preacher in charge. Our district is in fine shape. Bro. J. T. Smith is making a fine start, and, as we all know, he makes a good ending, as the minutes of last session of the East Texas Conference will show. We are all proud of Bro. Smith as presiding elder, and of the record he made for our district last year. We are all proud of the Advocate, and don't hesitate to say that she is the best Church paper published in Texas.

GARLAND.

N. C. Little, Jan. 21: We reached our new charge shortly after conference. Our predecessor was making preparations to move. These good people were both to move him up, but they have received us kindly and have shown us many tokens of their appreciation of our coming. We were partially pounded shortly after our arrival, and every time they have killed a porker they have remembered the preacher's family. We wish now to express our gratitude to one and all for the continued blessings that we have received. When we arrived here on our return home from Annual Conference, we found the good ladies of our Church preparing to put down a nice new carpet on the floor of the pulpit, in the aisles and around the altar. Our good sisters and friends deserve great credit for their labor of love to the Church. The old seats in our church have been replaced by a new, elegant and up-to-date set of seats, all of which adds greatly to the appearance of the house. Our predecessor, Bro. J. P. Lowry, has done a good year's work here. May the Lord's blessings abide upon him in his new field of labor. Bro. Miller, our presiding elder, was with us last Saturday, considerably impaired in health, suffering from an attack of grippe. He was unable to preach for us, and therefore returned home after conference Saturday evening. Bro. Lowry, from Forney, came over with him, and preached at 11 a. m. on Saturday. His many friends here were glad to see him again. We will always be glad of his coming at any time. Bro. Miller, our presiding elder, is

held in high esteem by our people here. We all much deplored his indisposition of health. But it seems that la grippe will even attack a presiding elder. Truly it is no respecter of persons. At present we are having such an epidemic of it among the people as to somewhat retard our work on all lines. The people have been greatly prospered here in the last twelve months in material things. We pray that our growth in grace may be commensurate with our day of opportunity. We want a revival on all lines of Church work at the earliest day possible. Our congregations have been large and attentive.

CUBA.

H. P. Shrader: We have been kindly received. Our wants have been supplied so far. The people gave us a respectful pounding. We shall strive to do a good year's work. All things considered, I think we have made a good start. Bro. Campbell gave us a very strong sermon at our first Quarterly Conference. Success to all the interests of our Zion.

ABBOTT.

N. B. Read, Jan. 11: I raised \$130 on the conference collections yesterday. With the decks cleared and ready for action, we hope to see a sweeping revival over the work. Then the year will be a "successful" one.

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  - and **25c**
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  - Better grades White India Linon, at 20c, 25c **30c**
  - and **12½c**
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SANGER BROTHERS, Dallas, Texas.

January 24, 1901. Secular News

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Secular News Items.

In the century from 1800 to 1900 the population of the United States has increased from about 6,000,000 to 76,256,230.

In 1800 the Church membership in the United States, in proportion to the population, was as 1 to 15; in 1900 it was as 1 to 3.

Admiral Cervera, who commanded the Spanish squadron destroyed by the United States warships off Santiago on July 3, 1898, is dying at Puerto Real, Spain.

William Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, was only 19 years old when he first conceived his plan for the transmitting of messages without wires. He is now only 25.

The street car was unknown in 1800. The century was a third over before the first horse-car appeared in New York City. The trolley car came only twelve years ago. Now we have 19,000 miles of trolley roads in America, running 60,000 cars.

The first practical test of the theory that salt aids the heart's beats was made in Hamilton, Ohio, January 12, when a victim of dropsy, who was apparently dead, was brought to life by an injection of a quantity of warm salt water in the left arm.

By a practically unanimous vote the Constitutional Convention of Cuba has provided for universal suffrage in the future Republic. Gen. Maximo Gomez, who is understood to be the popular candidate for President, is elated over the prospect of an unrestricted vote.

Unmarried women are called spinsters, or spinning women, because it was a maxim among our forefathers that a young woman should not marry until she had spun enough linen to furnish her house. All unmarried, old or young, were then called spinsters, a name still retained in all legal documents.

Under the new bankruptcy act, 20,000 petitions in bankruptcy were filed during the year 1900. Illinois leads with 2908, New York was a close second with 2907, Iowa's quota was 982, Ohio's 857, Minnesota's 845, and Pennsylvania showed up with 808. In the other States the number ranged down to almost nothing.

Dr. Miller, instructor in mathematics at Cornell University, has received a prize of \$200 from the Scientific Academy of Cracow, Austria, for his work in the theory of groups. This theory is a branch of pure mathematics, and it is extensively used in the advanced theory of algebraic and differential equations.

The Christian Work estimates that 17,000,000 of the people in the United States are in schools, all but 2,000,000 of them in common schools, elementary and secondary. In other words one-fifth of the entire population of the United States is either learning or teaching in its common schools, a fact of no mean significance.

The rich copper deposits of Alaska are beginning to be developed, the first shipment from the White Horn belt having been recently dispatched to Tacoma. This belt, which traverses a tributary of the Yukon, is twenty-five miles long and four miles wide. There is from 25 to 75 per cent of copper in the ore, and each ton carries from \$5 to \$10 worth of gold.

The Supreme Court of the United States has determined that Mr. Neely, who katharized in the Cuban postal funds, must return to the Gen of the Antilles and stand his trial. The wonder is that he did not return voluntarily. With what he had paid out for lawyers in this country he might have made a telling argument with the Cuban courts. According to some accounts, they are both poor and sympathetic.

Lord Curzon, it is claimed, will resign the Vice Royalty of India. The climate does not agree with his wife's health. She was a daughter of the Chicago Letters. Her father was once a peddler and her mother a country school teacher. Her brother, Joe Letter, tried to corner wheat a few years ago, and the play cost the old man \$7,000,000. He has a long purse.

Ex-United States Senator Matt S. Quay, of Pennsylvania, was last week re-elected to succeed himself after a long and bitterly contested fight. His term expired nearly a year ago, but the Legislature failed to re-elect him. So the Governor appointed him to occupy the place in the interim, but when he submitted his certificate the Senate turned him down on the ground that a Governor only has the right to make the appointment in the interim of the Legislature. Then he began a steady campaign throughout the State

for the control of the ensuing Legislature. That new body convened the first of the year and his enemies stated that they had the signatures of more than enough of the members to defeat him. But when the voting came off there was a rush of supporters to Mr. Quay, and he went in on the first ballot and with votes to spare.

Official statistics of the foreign trade of the port of New York, for the calendar year of 1900, show an increase in the aggregate movement of merchandise to the extent of over \$67,000,000. The increase in 1900 over 1899 was about \$107,000,000. Imports of merchandise were \$29,459,801 and exports \$37,961,544. Specie imports were \$29,204,503 and specie exports \$102,843,881, the latter being a net gain over last year.

George Johnston, an eccentric bachelor millionaire who lived near Dundee, Scotland, is dead. Thirty years ago he vowed that no one should ever see his face again, and, as far as is known, the vow was kept. He never set foot out of the old manor house in which he lived. One servant cooked his meals and set them outside his door. Then she rang a bell and retired. He left a fortune of \$5,000,000.

It is persistently rumored that Secretary Hay is to resign his portfolio after March 1. The gossip of Washington has it that he will be reappointed to the Court of St. James, which Ambassador Choate will vacate to resume his law practice. Dr. Hill, the present Assistant Secretary, is regarded as the best man to succeed Mr. Hay; or Mr. Root may be transferred to that department, and other changes be made.

Mr. Mark Hanna has found hard sledding thus far for his ship subsidy bill. He has not been able to get it through the Senate yet. It has been decided that the measure must be revised to afford any hope of success. This will be done, and a strenuous effort made to secure its passage this session. So far as public sentiment has found expression, the subsidy idea does not appear to meet with general favor.

From the first United States census to the eleventh, a period of one hundred years, the population of the United States grew from 3,929,214 to 62,622,250, while the century witnessed such an immense spread of settlement that original 239,935 square miles of the Union increased to 1,947,280, and an average in density of 22.15 to the square mile obtained. The unsettled area within the United States is now probably less than 10,000 square miles.

The grip is rampant through the country. In New York City there are a quarter of a million cases. The city hospitals and private institutions are crowded with patients. Indianapolis is said to have 40,000 cases. The tidal wave has not yet reached Kansas City, Omaha and Denver, though the cases are numerous. We caution the people to be particularly careful against added colds, pneumonia, etc., and against added cold when the children are being vaccinated.

A writer in the Christmas number of Pearson's Magazine gives an account of experiments that seem to make it certain that a temperature of 21,000 degrees of heat is not only attainable, but that it may be harnessed for duty and stored for use at will, seems almost certain. This is almost incredible, and yet when the plan is stated the wonder is that it was not thought of sooner. The name of the inventor is Dr. William Calver, of Washington.

The recent decision of the Japanese Cabinet to place all forms of religion on the same basis is the first action of the government in which Christianity has received official sanction. Hitherto it has been simply tolerated; and while the old edicts were no longer enforced they had never been revoked, and Christianity had a tacit but not public recognition of its presence and right to exist. Now it stands on the same footing as Buddhism, or any other religion, and can claim the same rights and privileges.

A disgraceful lynching took place last week at Leavenworth, Kan. A negro by the name of Alexander was arrested for a nameless crime and was placed in the State Penitentiary for safe keeping. He was removed from there in due time for the trial, and a mob of 8000 enraged people stormed the jail and took him out. He was carried to the place of supposed crime, tied to a stake, coal oil poured over him, and the father of the injured girl struck a match and applied it to him. He died protesting his innocence. And this in Kansas!

The United States had 5,200,000 people when this century opened. France had five times as many people. Germany, and even Austria, had four times America's population. Italy had three times as many, and so had Great Britain. Even Spain had double our number of people,

and little Portugal had nearly as many. This country has more people now than any European nation except Russia. Great Britain and France combined have just our population. We have one-half more people than Germany. We have, practically, 15,000,000 people in the United States, and 10,000,000 more in our new possessions.

The Collector of the port of Galveston reports the shipments of cottonseed products from that port during the year ending December 31, 1900, as follows: Cottonseed cake and meal, 231,811 tons, valued at \$4,786,491, against 254,137 tons in 1899, valued at \$4,841,156. The exports of cottonseed oil amounted to 5,945,729 gallons, valued at \$1,988,651, against 6,531,231 gallons in 1899, valued at \$1,982,239.

Queen Victoria is dead. After a brilliant reign of nearly sixty-four years, her great life passed away at 7:30 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, the 22d inst. She was in her eighty-second year, and up to Friday, the 13th inst., she was in her usual health but was then stricken with paralysis and never rallied sufficiently to give hope of recovery. All England is in mourning, and the civilized world is in sympathy with the sorrow. She was an earnest Christian woman, and one of the kindest rulers the world has ever known. Her subjects almost worshipped her, and universal humanity held her in high esteem. The funeral will take place next Sunday, and the period of mourning for several months will follow. In the meantime, the Prince of Wales will guide the affairs of State, and at the end of the mourning period he will be crowned King of Great Britain and Emperor of India. We go to press too early to say more in this issue.

The abstract of the condition of the National Banks of Texas, exclusive of Houston, at the close of business on December 1, shows loans and discounts \$48,906,770, stocks and securities \$3,291,285, gold coin \$1,774,239, total specie \$5,355,723, lawful money reserves \$9,634,922, total resources \$122,688,078, individual deposits \$24,482,845, average reserve held 46.33 per cent. The reports of National Banks of the Indian Territory show loans and discounts \$2,852,829, stocks and securities \$106,655, gold coin \$76,242, total specie \$249,214, lawful money reserve \$498,475, total resources \$6,609,188, individual deposits \$3,881,794 and average reserve held 42.3 per cent.

The discovery of chloroform is likely to be paralleled in fame. Physicians are now able, by the injection of cocaine into the spinal canal, to produce insensibility in all parts of the body below the point of injection. The patient retains consciousness and the possession of all the faculties of the mind. Even power over the muscles remains, while sensibility has departed from them. The unpleasant effects produced by chloroform or ether are avoided, and if there are any bad after effects they remain to be discovered. The practice is in considerable use in Europe, though Dr. J. Leonard Corning, of New York City, made the discovery fifteen years ago. It is of vast significance in the progress of surgery.

The experiments carried on in Cuba seem to have satisfactorily proven the hypothesis that yellow fever germs are carried by mosquitoes; that there is no contagion from infected persons or their infected clothing, but that mosquitoes alone are responsible for the spread of the disease. Six persons in the experiment were subjected to the bite of mosquitoes which had previously bitten yellow fever patients, and five of the six developed yellow fever, though they had not been otherwise exposed to the disease. In one case, along with mosquitoes known to have bitten yellow fever patients, a man was put into a building constructed of disinfected material, protected by wire mosquito screen. In another apartment of the same building similarly guarded, but this time shut away from mosquitoes, was another person who was put to sleep in a bed and in clothing from the yellow fever hospital. The first mentioned patient, who, though sleeping in a disinfected bed and clothing, was in association with infected mosquitoes, took yellow fever. The other did not.

Gen. MacArthur has ordered the deportation of Generals Riquarte, Del Pilar, Hizon, Llanera and Santos from Manila to the Island of Guam. Nine regimental and four subordinate officers, with eight civilians, including Trinis, Tesson and Malini, notorious assistants of the Filipino insurgents, have also been ordered to be deported. It is Gen. MacArthur's intention to hold leaders of the rebels in Guam until peace has been declared. Gen. MacArthur acted on instructions given by Secretary of War Root. Reports received from Gen. MacArthur and other officers in the Philippines are to the effect that the policy of freeing prisoners after capture has positively been disadvantageous to the American cause, giving the natives the impression that they will not be punished for having engaged in

insurrection against the United States. Most of the leaders have been detained in Manila, but they have not hesitated to spread sedition. The President has come to the conclusion that it is time to be done with the policy of leniency.

Hazing has long been one of the injurious practices among the students at the West Point Military Academy. Some time back a young student was subjected to such wicked treatment that his death, which followed soon after, was attributed to the hazing administered to him. This brought on an investigation by Congress. A committee was appointed, and they went to West Point and made a report on the matter, and about the time the committee was ready to make its report, the leading students and officers at the academy held a meeting and passed resolutions to the effect, however, with the practice of hazing in the institution. This, together with the stringent law that Congress will pass upon it, will eliminate this disgraceful custom upon the part of the students in this national school.

The legislative committee to whom was referred recently the charges against the Hon. Jas. W. Bailey and other State officials have carefully gone over all of the testimony and made the following report:

Whereas, The committee of the House of Representatives appointed to investigate the charges against Hon. J. W. Bailey and certain State officials in connection with the rechartering of the Western-Pierre Oil Company into this State, have performed their duty; and

Whereas, By the most diligent inquiry they have not been able to find a single fact or circumstance discreditable either to Hon. J. W. Bailey or to any State official, but, on the contrary, all of the witnesses before said committee completely and overwhelmingly exonerate Hon. J. W. Bailey and all State officials from the charges of mismanagement, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we denounce the imputations and insinuations against the integrity of Hon. J. W. Bailey and our State officials as the most cruel, uncharitable, and unfounded attack ever made upon the character of a faithful public servant in Texas.

It is explained by the Chicago Tribune that the lynchings reported in 1899 were only 97, being much smaller than in any year since 1875, but in 1900 they show an increase in number and in cruelty. Judge Lynch executed 115 during the year. The following table, showing the number of lynchings for a series of years, should be of interest to those engaged in the study of this revolting practice in criminology: 1885, 184; 1886, 120; 1887, 122; 1888, 112; 1889, 132; 1890, 127; 1891, 102; 1892, 23; 1893, 29; 1894, 189; 1895, 170; 1896, 161; 1897, 140; 1898, 127; 1899, 97; 1900, 115. Of these 115 lynchings for 1899, 87 occurred in the South and 28 in the North. Of the total number 137 were negroes and 2 whites. The alleged crimes for which they were lynched were as follows: Murder, 28; criminal assault, 15; attempted criminal assault, 12; rape, 10; burglary, 5; attempt to murder, 3; infanticide, 2; robbery, 2; suspicion of murder, 2; complicity in murder, 2; unknown offenses, 2; suspicion of robbery, 1; no offense, 1; arson, 2; suspicion of arson, 1; aiding escape of a murderer, 1. These are statistics collected by the Tribune with names, dates and circumstances noted as the killings occurred.

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HER LITTLE BOY.

"Always a little boy, to her."  
No matter how old he's grown,  
Her eyes are blind to the strands of gray.  
She's deaf to his manly tone;  
His voice is the same as the day he asked:  
"What makes the old cat purr?"  
Ever and ever he's just the same  
A little boy to her.

"Always a little boy, to her."  
She heeds not the lines of care  
That furrow his face—to her it is still  
As it was in his boyhood, fair,  
His hopes and his joys are as dear to her  
As they were in his small-boy days.  
He never changes to her—he's still  
"My little boy," she says.

"Always a little boy, to her."  
And to him she's the mother fair,  
With the laughing eyes and the cheer-  
ing smile  
Of the boyhood days back there;  
Back there, somewhere in the midst  
of years—  
Back there with the childish joy,  
And to her he is never the man we  
see.  
But always "her little boy."

"Always a little boy, to her."  
The ceaseless march of the years  
Goes rapidly by, but its drum-beats die  
Ere ever they reach her ears.  
The smile that she sees is the smile of  
youth.  
The wrinkles are dimples of joy,  
His hair, with its gray, is as sunny as  
May.  
He is always "her little boy."  
—Baltimore American.

SHOALS AND DEPTHS.

There are shoals and depths of religious experience, and Christians might be divided in general into shoal-water Christians and deep-water Christians. It will often be found when a Christian comes very far short of what he ought to be, that the main cause of his shortcomings is the shallowness of his religious experience. There may have been a great commotion in his soul at the time of his conversion, but it was like the commotion of the surf breaking along the shore. He may have felt for a time that he was a great sinner, but the feeling was thin and spumy, like the comb of a breaker, which makes a striking appearance and a great noise because it is thin.

There seems to be, on the part of too many Christians, but little deep and abiding conviction of the exceeding evilfulness of sin. We need to launch out into the deep with Jesus before we fully understand that. He who never feels deep conviction for sin will feel but little love for Christ, who is the Savior from sin. As the woman who was a sinner clasped the feet of Christ in the house of Simon the Pharisee, she saw depth under depth of sin in her soul, and a great tide of love toward the Piffl One who did not spurn her from his presence surged into her heart, and a rain of tears and kisses began to fall on his feet, every tear and kiss being at once a confession of sin and a confession of love toward him who then and there forgave her sins. Simon the Pharisee felt no such love, because he had no such experience of sin and salvation.—The Advance.

PAVING THE WAY.

Members of the ministerial profession do not lack for amusing experiences. One such is related by the Youth's Companion.

A city minister had arranged, early in the day, to officiate at a very quiet home wedding that same evening. At the hour agreed upon he went to the house, which was quite a distance from his own, and rang the bell. A maid opened the door and he walked in, saying: "I believe I am expected here this evening. Will you kindly say to the family that I am here?"

He then pushed aside a potters' hanging between the hall and the parlor and found himself in the presence of a somewhat embarrassed young couple sitting on a sofa in a half-lighted room.

"Good evening," said the minister, blandly. "I am, on time, I believe. Eight o'clock, I think, was the hour set for the ceremony."

"Ceremony?" said the young man. "What ceremony?"

"Why, the marriage ceremony, to be sure. Are you not the young couple who are to be united in the bonds of matrimony this evening?"

To the amazement of the minister,

the young lady uttered a shriek and fled from the room, while the young man turned scarlet.

"Have I made a mistake?" asked the embarrassed parson, as he hastily drew forth his notebook. "No," he added. "I was to come to Number 236 this street and—"

"But this is Number 237," interrupted the young man. "Number 236 is across the street."

"Oh, I beg your pardon! I beg your pardon a thousand times!" exclaimed the minister, as he retreated hastily.

He lingered on the doorstep to add to the profuse apologies he had already made to the young man, who had followed him to the door, and it was something of a relief to have the young man say, frankly and half-confidentially:

"It is all right, parson. I was just racking my brain to think of something to kind of open up the way for me to ask that young lady a question that will lead up to a wedding in this house, soon, if it is answered the way I hope it will be, and you have helped me out wonderfully. It will be as easy as rolling off a log to say what I want to say now. I am much obliged to you."

ON GIVING.

Why do Christians give so little time and thought to God and his work?

It is sad, but true, that the majority of professed Christians give but little time and thought to God, his word and his work. Many make the excuse that they haven't the time to give. God says: "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price."

If we belong to him, is not our time, thought, strength, all included? If we feel that our time belongs to us, our consecration is faulty. A loving, interested Father has placed us in this beautiful world. He has surrounded us with influences which will help us. He has given us advantages and opportunities that we may be helpful to others. He gives us our work. He gives us our time. God, who is so reasonable and just in all his dealings with us, certainly does not ask any service of us for which he does not give us time to perform. If a man hires you to do a piece of work which you ought to complete in a day, and it takes you a week, he is not willing to pay you for the time squandered; neither will God be.

"A minute, how soon it is flown,  
And yet, how important it is!  
God calls every moment his own,  
For all our existence is his;  
And though we may waste them in  
folly and play,  
He notices each that we squander  
away.

"We should not one moment despise,  
Although it so quickly is o'er;  
We know that it rapidly flies,  
And therefore, should prize it the  
more,  
Another, indeed, may appear in its  
more,  
But that precious minute forever is  
fed.

"Tis easy to squander our years  
In idleness, folly and strife,  
But, oh, no repentance nor tears  
Can bring back one moment of life.  
Then wisely improve all of time as it  
goes,  
And life will be happy, and peaceful  
its close."

The great trouble with us is, we are following our own inclinations and desires, instead of seeking and receiving guidance from above. He who knows our every need, has given us the precious Holy Spirit to teach and lead us. And are we allowing him to do this? I fear many of us are not. If we were, we would give less time to our own personal interests. Many of us are lean and poor to-day because we are struggling so hard to care for ourselves, when our Father has promised to "supply all our need according to his riches by Christ Jesus."

We would be more systematic in our work. How lack of system hinders work in the Church, the home, everywhere! How much time is lost because we do our work any way, any time, whenever we feel disposed. We should give God the best of our time. We should not be found studying and planning the Sunday-school lesson for those who have been given us to instruct and lead, late Saturday evening. We should not leave our family worship until night, when we are too tired to commune with God. We should have a quiet time alone with him in the early morning, when we are at our best, that we might know his will for us during the day. We should not neglect our poor fallen brother who much needs our help, until our home cares are all attended to. Neither

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should we defer speaking to the unsaved until the favorable opportunity presented itself, but when God impresses our hearts we should be about his business, which is ours.

We should give gladly of our time, money, ability, to the One who gave himself that we might have eternal life, because we love him, and find our greatest comfort and joy in being faithful in his service.—Cora M. Rogers, in Morning Star.

WHAT A BOOK CAN DO.

In a retired valley of Joshua, in India, there is a little hamlet of charcoal burners. A few years ago their little manner of life was the rudest possible. There seemed no glimmer of hope for better things.

A missionary passing through the village spoke to the people. Two men became interested and purchased copies of the New Testament. Their employers soon noticed a change in the grade of charcoal from these two men—it was more carefully burned, was better packed, and free from stones and grass. This charcoal was looked upon as a special brand, and brought a special price. On Sunday work was suspended, and these men and their families, gathered for religious worship and the study of the Bible.

Shortly after, they began to reclaim the mountain land about them, to plant wheat and garden stuff, and recently one of them has become fore-handed enough to build a neat farm house in place of his old hut. His employers say he is the most efficient and trustworthy man in the mountain. He himself says he owes his new vigor to his weekly day of rest, and that without it and his Testament he could not do his work.—Selected.

POWER OF A TRACT.

The force of conscience, even in the heathen, as also the value of Christian tracts, is well illustrated in the following incident: A young Hindoo of some education fell into bad habits, and in his extremity stole three dollars from his aunt. Passing on his way he found in his path the "Heart Book," a small treatise translated and printed in his own language. On reading it his attention was arrested and his conscience aroused. He went home, confessed his theft, and restored the money. For six months he read and re-read the graphic description of his own heart-workings in the little book. His conscience, so seared and dead before, now gave him no rest. His aunt advised him to go to a friend in a near village who had a larger book, which they called "God's Word." He went, borrowed the friend's Bible, and read it as he had read the "Heart Book." He was converted, ceased all idolatrous worship and rites, and was baptized. His family persecuted him, cast him out, and performed his funeral rites; but he lives, an earnest, happy Christian.—Missionary Review.

IT WILL HOLD GOOD.

"That measures full up!" said Rob, holding the wooden measure even, and noticing the rounded top as his father poured the stream of yellow grain from the meal-bag.

"Not quite," said the farmer. "It will hold a little more if you shake it down well."

"Does, doesn't it?" answered Rob, thoughtfully, as a gentle shaking left a half inch of the sides of the measure visible. "Now it's full, though."

"It will hold a little more," repeated his father, steadily. "Set it down hard, once—there! A pint more can go in easily. Things look full long

before they really are so. Some folks round up their time that way. Day's packed full. No time to do an errand. Dreadfully busy. Worst of all is, they think so, and 'tisn't all hypocritised and excuses. What they need is a good shaking up and setting down hard. Never was a day so full it couldn't hold more. Hold that a minute, will ye, while I go and lead old Billy out?"

"I believe father heard me telling mother I was so busy I hadn't a minute to go to the shop for her!" mused Rob standing stock still, holding the measure. "And I thought I was I'm pretty close on time with that physics 'exam' coming to-morrow. But I might have done the errand. I could have studied all the way over and back if I'd wanted to. I believe I'll shake up my days a little. They'll hold a little more, if they do look full."—Our Boys and Girls.

GLADSTONE'S SUGGESTIONS.

In 1875 Mr. John Watt wrote W. E. Gladstone for any hints that might be useful to a public speaker. Mr. Gladstone wrote the following "fragments of suggestion" on a postal card and sent them as his answer. They are worth considering by preachers and others who desire to be "masters of assemblies."

1. Study plainness of language, always preferring the simpler word.
2. Shortness of sentences.
3. Distinctness of articulation.
4. Test and question your own arguments beforehand, not waiting for critic or opponent.
5. Seek a thorough digestion of and familiarity with your subject, and rely mainly on these to prompt the proper words.
6. Remember that if you are to sway an audience you must, besides thinking out your matter, watch them all along.

DROPPED IT.

Quit Coffee and Got Well.

"My breakfast never seemed complete without coffee, but the stomach became gradually weakened, although I had no idea of the cause. An hour or so after eating, a dull aching pain would come in my stomach and sick headache set up. This misery would continue two or three hours, increasing to an intense burning pain, until relieved by vomiting, then I would quickly recover.

"These attacks grew more frequent, and the pain more intense, until it began to affect my general health. I tried many remedies for strengthening my stomach, until finally I noticed that the much loved coffee appeared to have a wooden taste, and I concluded to see what effect leaving it off, would have. In a short time, the sick, aching attacks ceased entirely, gradually my stomach regained its vigor. I began drinking Postum Food Coffee and I discovered by experiment that it has a delicious crisp coffee taste, and yet I could drink all I wanted of it, without any oppression; on the contrary, it gave me a well fed, nourished and lightened feeling, instead of the old oppression.

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CHRIST I

When sorrow comes a  
And clouds of dread a  
We shrink, and almost  
But when we lift our  
We see our Father's  
And feel that Christ

When storms of sadness  
In tempests, break up  
We sink, and almost  
Then in the cloud we  
God's love and care,  
And know that Christ

When death's cold  
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And takes from us  
We tremble, as to  
And as in tears we  
Our hearts, by faith  
And feel that Christ

When sin comes steal  
Our love to win by  
Unheeding, we  
Tis then God's Spirit  
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For Christ is all in a

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And answer, Christ

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CHRIST IS ALL.

When sorrow comes and presses sore,  
And clouds of dread affliction lower,  
We shrink, and almost fall;  
But when we lift our eyes above,  
We see our Father's smile of love,  
And feel that Christ is all.

When storms of sadness o'er us roll,  
In tempests, break upon our soul,  
We sink, and almost fall;  
Then in the cloud we see the bow,  
God's love and care for us to show,  
And know that Christ is all.

When death's cold hand comes in our home,  
And takes from us our loved and own,  
We tremble, as to fall;  
And as in tears we drink the cup,  
Our hearts, by faith alone, look up,  
And feel that Christ is all.

When sin comes stealing in our heart,  
Our love to win by worldly art,  
Unheeding, we would fall;  
'Tis then God's Spirit whispers sweet,  
'Keep thy heart near the mercy seat,  
For Christ is all in all.'

When from this world we soar away,  
The summons gladly to obey,  
At Jesus' welcome call;  
When God shall claim us through his Son,  
We'll cast our crowns before his throne,  
And answer, Christ is all!

EVA CRAWFORD.

DELIVERED FROM EVERY FOE.

When God called Moses to go down into Egypt to deliver the children of Israel from the hand of the Egyptians, in all the world there wasn't a man who, humanly speaking, was less qualified than Moses. He had made the attempt once before to deliver the children of Israel, and he began by delivering one man. He failed in that and killed an Egyptian, and had to run off into the desert and stay there forty years. He tried to deliver the Hebrews in his own way; he was working in his own strength and doing it in the energy of the flesh. He had all the wisdom of the Egyptians, but that didn't help him. He had to be taken back into Horeb and kept there forty years in the school of God before God could trust him to deliver the children of Israel in God's way. Then God came to him and said: "I have come down to deliver," and when God worked through Moses three million were delivered as easy as I can turn my hand over. God could do it. It was no trouble when God came on the scene.

Learn the lesson. If we want to be delivered from every inward and outward foe, we must look to a higher source than ourselves. We can not do it in our own strength.

We all have some weak point in our character. When we would go forward it drags us back, and when we would rise up into higher spheres of usefulness and the atmosphere of heaven, something drags us down. Now I have no sympathy with the idea that God puts us behind the blood and saves us, and then leaves us in Egypt to be under the old taskmaster. I believe God brings us out of Egypt into the promised land, and that it is the privilege of every child of God to be delivered from every foe, from every besetting sin.

If there is some sin that is getting the mastery over you, you certainly can not be useful. You certainly can not bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God until you get self-control. "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city." If we haven't got victory over jealousy, over envy, over self-seeking and covetousness and worldly amusements and worldly pleasure, if we are not delivered from all these things, we are not going to have power with God or with men, and we are not going to be as useful as we might be if we got deliverance from every evil. There isn't an evil within or without but what he will deliver us from if we will let him. That is what he wants to do. As God said to Moses: "I have come down to deliver." If he could deliver three million slaves from the hands of the mightiest monarch on earth, don't you think he can deliver us from every besetting sin and give us complete victory over ourselves, over our temper, over our dispositions, over our irritableness and peevishness and snappishness? If we want it and desire it above everything else, we can get victory.

People are not apt to think that these little things (as we call them) are weaknesses that we are not responsible for; that they are misfortunes; that we inherited them. I have heard people talk about their temper. They say:

"Well, I inherited it from my father and mother; they were quick-tempered and I got it from them."

Well, that is a poor place to hide, my friend. Grace ought to deliver us from all those things.

A lady came to me some time ago and said she had great trouble with

her temper now, and she was more irritable than she was five years ago, and she wanted to know if I didn't think it was wrong.

I said: "I should think you are backsliding. If you haven't better control over yourself now than you had five years ago, there is something radically wrong."

"Well," she said, "I should like to know how I am going to mend it. Can you tell me?"

"Yes."

"How?"

I said: "When you get angry with people and give them a good scolding, so right to them after you have made up your mind that you have done wrong and tell them you have sinned, and ask them to forgive you."

She said she wouldn't like to do that.

Of course she wouldn't; but she will never get victory until she treats it as sin. Don't look upon it as weakness or misfortune, but sin. No child of God ought to lose control of temper without confessing it.

A lady came to me some time ago and said that she had got so in the habit of exaggerating that people accused her of misrepresentation. She wanted to know if there was any way she could overcome it.

"Certainly," I said.

"How?"

"Next time you catch yourself at it, go right to the party and tell them you lied."

"Oh!" she said, "I wouldn't like to call it lying."

Of course not; but a lie is a lie all the same, and you will never overcome those sins until you treat them as sins and get them out of your nature. If you want to shine in the light of God and be useful, you must overcome, you must be delivered. And that is what God says he will do; he will deliver.—D. L. Moody.

THE SUFFICIENT REFUGE.

It was a dark and stormy night upon the Atlantic coast. Heavily did the rain beat against the window of a room in which a little girl was lying wide awake long after her usual time of falling asleep. Presently she was heard to say in a mild tone, "I want somebody's arm around me." There being no reply, she delivered her message again, and more earnestly. Then, for a third time, she spoke more beseechingly. And there could be no resisting it further. In a moment her father was by her side, with his arm around her, and shortly there was calm in the little breast, despite the outward storm, so that soon she was sleeping sweetly.

The cry of infancy is the cry of the earlier and of the later manhood, of the first century and the last. We are all children who hear assault on the window-pane. Yesterday's brightness has an unwelcome successor in present gloom. Again and again the voice comes through the air: "I want somebody's arm around me." And whose arm? It matters much. The child learns later that the man who alayed her fears back yonder is not such a great protector after all. He can not check the raging tempest, nor hold the house in safety. The early ideas are shattered that something better and truer may take their room. Combine other arms, and still there is unrest in the soul. In the good God, and nowhere else, is there provision for man's utmost needs. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms," said one of long ago. "Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed."—A. C. Chute.

FENELON'S INTERPRETATION OF RELIGION.

There is no explanation of Fenelon's character apart from his religion. True he was natively modest, amiable, refined and high-minded, but others have been similarly endowed who never achieved that special elevation of character we call saintliness, and which was Fenelon's distinguishing characteristic.

It is sometimes charged against Fenelon that his idea of religion was effeminate, mystical and impracticable. But Fenelon's own character is the unanswerable demonstration of its consistency with exceptional manliness, serenity and successful achievement. "True piety," he says to his favorite royal pupil, "has in it nothing weak, nothing sad, nothing constrained. It enlarges the heart; it is simple, free and attractive. The kingdom of God does not consist in a scrupulous observance of petty details, but in a due performance of the duties which belong to every condition of life."

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ism, Fenelon's interpretation of that system is altogether rational, scriptural and practical. The three things for which he contends are very simple and fundamental. He contends that the gospel has made it possible for every human being (1) to love God with all the heart; (2) to subdue and expel every untoward and rebellious temper and affection; and (3) to accept God's direction implicitly in all the affairs of life. His exercises for the achievement of this condition are the commonplace exercises of prayer, meditation, the study of scripture, holy living and unceasing benevolence. However the metaphysics of quietism may be expounded, and however they may have been stated by himself for dialectical purposes, this was Fenelon's practical exposition of the system, the one which he accepted as the rule of his own life.—The Chautauquan.

THINGS TO REMEMBER.

1. Never to stick pins into butterflies and other insects, unless you would like to have somebody stick pins into you.
2. Never to carry poultry with their heads hanging down, unless you would like to be carried in the same way.
3. Never to carry poultry with their harmless creatures, the frogs, unless you would like to have stones thrown at you in the same way.
4. That almost all snakes are harmless and useful.
5. That earth worms are harmless

- and very useful, and that when you use them in fishing they ought to be killed instantly, before you start, by plunging them in a dish of boiling water.
6. That it is very cruel to keep fish in glass globes, slowly dying.
7. That it is cruel to keep twitching the reins while driving.
8. That when your horse is put in a strange stable you should always be sure that he is properly fed and watered.
9. That you should never ride after a poor-looking horse when you can help it. Always look at the horse, and refuse to ride after a poor-looking one, or a horse whose head is tied up by a tight check-rein.
10. That you should always talk kindly to every dumb creature.
11. That you should always treat every dumb creature as you would like to be treated yourself if you were in the creature's place.—Angell's Lessons on Kindness to Animals.

## Stuttering Cured.

Rev. G. W. Randolph and Dr. L. D. McCullough, those eminent specialists of the voice, who had those famous stuttering schools at Memphis and St. Louis, where thousands of stutters have been cured, are now at St. George Hotel, Dallas, Texas, curing many stutters. Rev. Randolph is highly recommended by ministers, Governors, and the best newspapers all over the South. We hope that every stutterer in Texas will go to see these eminent specialists at once, and get cured. Please hand this to a stutterer. Remember the Golden Rule.

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EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

Too many sweet things ruin the appetite.

Confirmed skepticism is chronic perplexity.

More people die of inertia than of wholesome exercise.

Persistent faith is the normal condition of the mind.

Agnosticism is a standing contradiction of its own assumptions.

Rational people believe a great deal more than they actually know.

Higher criticism is very low in the esteem of many of our best thinkers.

Evolution is impotent till you furnish it with vital organisms and laws to govern its processes.

God is back of all cosmic forces, and his wise hand originates the materials out of which the universe is made.

Many of the modern scientists who smile at our faith are among the most credulous people in the wide world.

In reading the obituaries of many people, we are impressed with the fact that we never knew how good they were until after they were dead.

REV. D. W. TOWNS.

We are grieved to announce the death of Rev. D. W. Towns, pastor of Liberty Church, East Texas Conference. This sad event occurred last week, and his remains were taken to Marshall for interment.

We are receiving corrections and criticisms of the various minutes of the several Annual Conferences from a number of sources, but we can not publish any of them in the Advocate. They are too numerous. The only way to have these corrections made intelligently and satisfactorily is to send them direct to the Secretaries of the respective conferences.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

His Excellency, Gov. Jos. D. Sayers, recently submitted to both branches of the Legislature his annual message, a copy of which in pamphlet form he kindly sent to us. We have gone over the document with interest, and so far as we are able to judge, it is an able State paper, prepared with great care and much labor. It covers all departments of the State Government, and shows the condition of the same to be most excellent. He points out the fact that there is in actual cash in the State Treasury, to the credit of the general revenue fund, money to the amount of \$931,936.38. This does not imply that the above amount is an actual surplus, for the expenses of the State Government during the present year will come, in part, therefrom. It does show, however, that the finances of the State have been economically handled, and that the new year begins with the business of the Commonwealth in a most healthy condition.

A VISIT TO COMMERCE.

Last Saturday I went to Commerce by way of the Cotton Belt. The town is located on this line at the intersection of the Texas Midland, about seventy-five miles north of this city. While there I was the guest of that grand old man, Rev. W. L. Clifton and his good wife. Since he gave up regular work in the conference he has been living on his farm near Commerce, until a few weeks ago he concluded to move into town, as he and his wife are alone now since the marriage of their youngest daughter. He has been active so long in the work of the Church that it is with difficulty he adjusts himself to the place of a supernumerary. He longs for the communion of the brotherhood, and the most natural thing in the world for him to do was to have me abide with him during my stay in the community. Bro. Clifton is a most interesting man and a very fine preacher. To know him and have him for a friend is a privilege to any Methodist preacher. He is sweet-spirited, gentle and devoutly religious. He has been a very frugal and provident man during all of his life, and now in his old age and infirmity he is quietly bidding his time under his own vine and fig tree.

and among them is represented the wealth of the community. He has a fine working force, and if they can have an old-fashioned revival, things will come to pass this year in Commerce. Our church structure is a comfortable wooden building and thus far has answered the purposes of the congregation, but if the membership continues to grow, it will have to be enlarged or a new one take its place. Twenty-five have joined the Church there, during the few weeks since conference. I had a large and attentive congregation and the service was spiritual. After the service I had the pleasure of dining with Bro. Mangum and family. That home is one of the standing homes of the preachers. Its doors are always open to them by day and by night. He lives in the edge of the town, but runs a good farm and has plenty. Commerce is comparatively a new town. It has about three thousand population and does a thriving business. The country contiguous is wheat and cotton land, and these two crops were abundant the last year. Saturday afternoon the whole square was literally covered with wagons, horses, and men selling their produce and buying their supplies. And everything was orderly and well disposed. I noticed among the industries an extensive flouring mill, which affords a ready sale for the entire wheat product of the country. They have a good normal college and a fine public school system. There is not a vacant house in the place, and the population is growing. Our Church is well in the lead and a dominant factor in the progress of the place. My visit was a pleasant one to me and I trust profitable to the preacher and his flock. G. C. R.

AN EVENING AT NEVADA.

Nevada is located about forty miles from Dallas, on the line of the Cotton Belt Railroad. Contrary to my habit, I traveled a few miles on Sunday afternoon in order to reach this point to fill an appointment. Sunday night, Rev. S. W. Miller is our pastor there. He has a membership of two hundred and upwards, and a good, commodious church building. He lives in a comfortable parsonage near by. I abode with him and his family most pleasantly till 3 o'clock next morning. I had a good congregation at the night service, and the attention to the preached word was marked and undivided. Evidently Bro. Miller has good people, and his work is in good case. He is an earnest and devoted preacher, and gives them an un-mixed gospel. We have no better man in the conference than he, and his reports always show good work. He looks well, also, after the welfare of the Advocate. He has two or three points in the country near by where he holds service, but his principal appointment is in the town. A more pleasant family than his I have not met in my goings and comings.

Nevada is a small town of only eight hundred souls, but the country is exceedingly fertile and the cotton business very large. It has yielded thus far the present year a half a million dollars, or thereabouts. This gives an idea of the volume of business done in our small Texas towns. They show also the prosperous condition of the country adjacent to them. The people were never in such easy circumstances as now. They ought to be liberal to all of the institutions of the Church. Our Church in this community is in the lead in matters religious. So it is all through Texas. We ought to be a great people in our spiritual force.

In Commerce and Nevada I heard good reports of the two new presiding elders, Thomas and Rosser. They are making a fine impression on their respective districts. G. C. R.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Miss Eula Sweet, of Patroon, brightened this office with a visit this week. The little 3-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Galloway died the 14th inst. and was buried at Bezar. We extend sympathy to the bereaved parents. Bro. W. M. G. Randle, of Fairlie, was in the city a few days ago, and did not omit the courtesy of a call at this office. He is a working member of the Church, and very useful. We notice from the Conroe Courier that Rev. W. O. Hightower and family have been well received and amply provided for by the good people on their work this year. We wish them all success. In a card from Rev. A. J. Worley, of Wynnewood, I. T., we learn of the death of Mrs. Mary A. Barrett, wife of W. V. Barrett. She had gone from Texas on a visit, and died while there.

Rev. O. P. Kiker and his people at Meridian have issued a beautiful and convenient Church Directory. It contains the names of the membership and the amount assessed against each one of them for the current expenses of the congregation.

Rev. F. B. Sinex, Financial Agent of the Southwestern University, was appointed at the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference, to take charge of and collect the money subscribed throughout the conference to the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering. Those who

subscribed to that fund will pay the amount when due to Bro. Sinex, whose present postoffice address is San Antonio.

Brethren Jas. M. and E. B. Robertson, of Meridian, made the Advocate a delightful visit this week. The former is the Treasurer of the Northwest Texas Conference, and one of the most active laymen in the Church.

Gov. Sayers has appointed Judge Tod, of Harris County, to the position of Secretary of State. We are personally acquainted with the appointee, and we congratulate the Governor and the Commonwealth in the selection.

We acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the printed minutes of the North Texas Conference. It is a compact and convenient publication, and the editor and publisher have rendered the conference a good service, and we are obliged to them for the copy now in our possession.

We attended Bro. Barton's prayer-meeting at Floyd Street Church last Wednesday night. He had a good attendance and a helpful service. He gave to it variety and life—things not always found in prayer-meetings; but they are essential to their success.

Uncle Dick Thompson is still in the toils of la grippe, and is therefore unable to do any work yet. He has been out a time or two, but a relapse sends him back to his bed with a great deal of promptness. We hope he will soon come off conqueror, and take his place permanently again in the field.

Dr. E. P. Beeton, Superintendent of the Blind Institute at Austin for the past six years, recently died from an attack of la grippe. He was the son of a Presbyterian minister, and a delightful Christian gentleman. He was a most capable public servant, and in all things did his work well. G. C. R.

From a note from Rev. E. P. Newsom, of Huntsville, we learn that his aged mother, Mrs. C. W. Newsom, died the 14th inst. at Gonzales. She was turning into her eightieth year, and had been a lifelong Christian woman. Her end was one of peace and triumph. This makes five deaths that have occurred in the family of Bro. Newsom in the past twenty-six months.

Rev. W. M. Leatherwood, of Rockwall, came to the city last Friday to meet his daughter, Mrs. Guinn Williams, and her daughter, Miss Lucile, both of Decatur, to accompany them to his home for a visit. They all three made the Advocate a delightful visit. They also looked through the linotype room, and were much interested in the new method of printing the Advocate.

Mrs. L. Blaylock, the wife of the publisher, was summoned by telegram to the bedside of her father, Capt. M. W. Barton, in New Orleans, the past week. She reached that city at 7 o'clock Friday evening, January 18. Her father had passed away at 3 o'clock that morning. He had reached the ripe age of 73 years. Three brothers have died within the past sixty days, leaving only one out of a very large family—Mrs. Byrne, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Capt. Barton was a member of the Methodist Church. The sympathy of the Advocate is extended to the bereaved.

In a pleasant letter from Rev. J. E. Hall, a supernumerary member of the East Texas Conference, and now living at Kilgore, among other things he says: "I have been a regular subscriber to the Advocate since early in 1885, when Rev. C. C. Gillespie was editor. I was never better pleased with the paper than now. I am an old man, just having passed my eighty-fourth milestone. This admonishes me that I can not be a subscriber much longer. I embraced religion in my seventeenth year. I have been a minister of the gospel fifty-four years. My health is good but for my eyes. I have my regular appointments. I love to preach, and expect to keep it up till I die." This is a splendid record.

METHODIST NEWS.

Canadian Methodism now has 24,361 members.

The Canadians lack only about \$20,000 to reaching their \$1,000,000 for a Twentieth Century Offering. Nobly done for about 29,000 members.

The Virginia Methodists are moving to establish an orphanage. It will be located at Richmond. Two laymen have been found who will give \$500 each toward the enterprise.

The Wesleyans of Great Britain lack about 100,000 guineas of their million-guinea fund—and they expect to get every penny. Now they are appealing for large gifts by individuals—that is, for \$500 contributions.

Bishop Fowler canonizes McKinley as a prophet. But it is now conceded that Bro. Fowler does not know a prophet from a politician. Bishop McCabe congratulated the country on his election, as it will soon be the ten commandments—possibly he means into oblivion.—Ex.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has succeeded in raising \$8,152,628 of the \$9,000,000 which they started out to secure as their Twentieth Century Offering. They may not reach their maximum, but they have already done wonders in the amount now in hand.

Col. F. E. Williams, of Martel, Tenn., recently deceased, provided in his will that the sum of \$5000 should be given to the General Board of Education, the interest to be used to assist worthy young

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Sunday-School Department.

FIRST QUARTER, LESSON 5, FEBRUARY 3.

THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS.

Matt. 25:1-13.

Golden Text: "Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

This parable immediately follows the completion of his public ministry, and it marks the beginning of his private instruction to the twelve just prior to the crucifixion. The main lesson sought to be impressed by this parable is the duty of watching. The kingdom of heaven which Christ came to inaugurate among men is likened unto ten virgins who took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. Christ himself is this bridegroom, and his Church is the bride. Five of these virgins were wise and five of them were foolish. The wise ones took oil along with them with which to replenish their lamps in case the bridegroom delayed his coming. The foolish ones took no oil except the small quantity contained in their lamps, and in an emergency they were unprepared. At a given place on the highway they all slept until the coming of the bridegroom was announced. Then they arose to fill and trim their lamps, but the foolish virgins were without oil. They were left in darkness, and when they had gone and furnished themselves with oil, it was too late. The bridal party had entered into the marriage chamber and the door was effectually closed. Their opportunity was gone because they had failed to make ample provision, and because they had not faithfully watched for the coming of the bridegroom.

Christ will surely return in person to this old world one of these days to claim the bride in marriage, which is his Church. And only those who are prepared and in watching for his coming will be permitted to go in with him to the marriage. The door will be closed to all others. Then it becomes our duty to watch for his coming—that is, to make preparation for that event. We know not when the time will be. That is wisely kept from us. But we can so live that whenever he does come we will be ready. By faith, prayer and active Christian work, our souls will be ready for him. We need not worry ourselves about his approach; all that is necessary for us to do is the accomplishment of his will, and then we will always have oil in abundance. Such a condition will not find us in confusion at that great day.

Epworth League Department.

Topic for February 3: "A Christian Warrior."—Josh. 1:1-5; II Tim. 4:6-8.

Reference Word: Courage.—Deut. 31:6; Ps. 27:14; Isa. 41:6.

Daily Bible Readings: Sunday, Satan's Devils (Matt. 4:1-11); Monday, Resisting the Devil (I Pet. 5:1-11); Tuesday, The Christian's Armor (Eph. 6:10-18); Wednesday, The Good Fight of Faith (II Tim. 4:1-8); Thursday, Overcoming (I John 5:1-12); Friday, More than Conquerors (Rom. 8:31-39); Saturday, A Christian Warrior (Josh. 1:1-15; II Tim. 4:6-8).

Christianity is a conflict, and the Christian is a soldier. The battle is not with powder and guns, but with Satan and wicked men. To advance the kingdom of Christ, one must be ready to encounter opposition and persecution. Joshua and Paul were soldiers of God; the one in the field of carnal weapons, the other in the field of ideas and moral systems.

Both illustrate

THE QUALITIES OF A CHRISTIAN WARRIOR.

- 1. Confidence in the leader.
2. Belief in the cause.
3. Devotedness to the work.
4. Self-sacrifice in service.
5. Obedience to the commander.
6. Readiness to meet opposition.
7. Boldness in danger.
8. Self-possession in trial.
9. Wisdom in planning.
10. Zeal in performing.
11. Love to the captain.
12. Determination to conquer.

THE CHRISTIAN WARRIOR'S ARMOR.

This is fully described by one who wore and conquered in it (Eph.

6:10-18). It consists of the girdle of truth, a full acceptance of the gospel; the breastplate of righteousness, a holy life; shoes of the gospel, belief in and readiness to preach the gospel; the helmet of salvation, hope; the shield of faith; the sword of the spirit, the Word of God; the spirit of service, prayer. This armor panoplies one—makes him invulnerable and invincible.

CERTAIN VICTORY.

This results from the qualities of the warrior, the armor he fights in, the cause he fights for, and, above all, the captain he fights under. The strife ends not only in victory, but in more than victory. "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

THE WARRIOR'S REWARD.

Gen. Grant was rewarded with the Presidency; Lord Roberts will receive a dukedom. But earthly honors are fleeting. Death conquers conquerors. Not so with the Christian warrior. He who fights the good fight of faith shall have "a crown of righteousness," "a crown of glory that fadeth not away." This glorious reward shall abide long after

Victors' wreaths and monarchs' gems Shall blend in common dust.

To the Texas Leagues:

If any of the Leaguers in the State are wondering what the condition of the State organization is, the following facts may be interesting:

The new Cabinet, at the close of the conference at Waco, found the State organization much in debt. Accounts began to come in, and it was not long before we realized that our promise to raise all indebtedness, with no resources but State dues, was a somewhat serious one. To it, however, we added another that we would neither advance nor borrow a cent to "hurry" the State League with. In accordance with this determination, we have as quietly as possible, personally, by letter, etc., collected the larger portion of the necessary funds. But time is now short, and we are compelled to state the fact that nearly one hundred dollars is now necessary to enable the State League to pay its debts and leave the Cabinet funds with which to promote its many enterprises. It is a mistake to think that there are no fields clamoring for the active, progressive labor of the State Committee. There are many. But not an Executive Committee meeting will be held till the State furnishes funds for its officers, who live in somewhat separated portions of the State, to meet for the transaction of its business. The State will pay its expenses as it goes, or else it will not go. Now, this may be plain language. We intend it so. This is a "real" business issue, and it is a shame that the great multitude of prosperous young Methodists in Texas have to face such a one. Now this is a very small amount. By a little from each League we ought at one time raise sufficient to pay our debts and provide for next conference. Right here we wish to state that it is our intention to have a bank account of sufficient size to pay for next conference and a balance, small though it may be, for our successors, or the conference will be postponed. We will not call a conference to raise money to pay its own expenses.

Now our plan is this: Let each League in the State have an unusually interesting pay social during the first week of February, and send proceeds to J. T. Ellis, Elgin, Texas, stating actual membership of League and amount raised. Then, in our Advocate League Department, we would be glad to see a write-up of the most successful plan. If this plan is half-way carried out, the State will be ready to march. But not a move will be made till all claims against us are liquidated. Now, Leaguers, let us rally together. We wished to raise this amount quietly, but the Secretary's letters ceased to bring replies. Let us never hear anything of this most troublesome question any more. Let not Satan entrap our great organization in financial snares. At least, send your State League dues, and when those things are done, you will hear further and most gratefully from those upon whom you have placed this heavy responsibility. Yours, in His work,

FRANK REEDY, President.

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Charcoal effectually clears and improves the complexion. It whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

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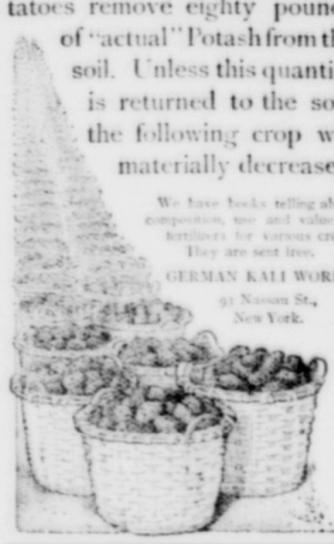


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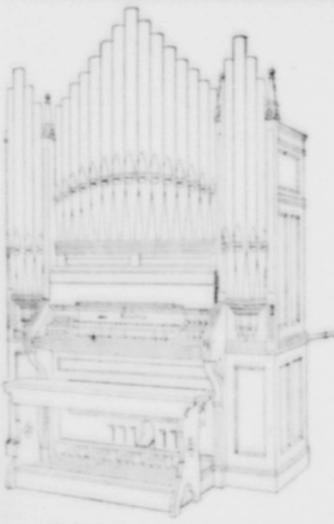
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-Exchange.

A copy of the minutes of the last annual meeting of the W. H. M. Society, North Texas Conference, held at Denton, Texas, October 24-26, 1900, came to hand. The contents of the address and attractive pamphlet show the advancement made during the past year by the earnest, co-operated members of this society in all departments of work to which they are pledged, and is a promising indication of what may be expected of them for the present year.

Resolutions adopted by the W. H. M. Society, East Texas Conference, on resignation of Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, General Secretary Woman's Board Home Missions:

- Resolved, That we as a Conference Society have heard with sincere regret of the resignation of our beloved and efficient General Secretary, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove. That while we deplore the ill health which has made it necessary for her to lay down the cares of this office, we trust the same Master for whom she has so long and so earnestly labored may prepare her by this means, for even larger usefulness in his service. That we strive to emulate her example of consecrated zeal. That we pray fervently that she may be greatly blessed both spiritually and physically, and may be spared many years to bless us with her wise counsel. MRS. C. R. LAMAR, For Executive Committee, Henderson, Texas.

To the Members of the W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference:

While the Church is planning great enterprises in the name of the Nazarene, the Lord speaks to us, as he did to Zerubbabel: "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit." We, too, will find the mountain becoming a plain, as we advance with that Spirit an abiding presence. But woe unto us if we attempt to go forward without it. The Church needs the power that comes only by prayer. To this end, prayer circles are being formed all over Southern Methodism for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Our Foreign Missionary Society needs this power and is reaching out after it through concerted, intercessory prayer. It is futile, equipping and sending out missionaries unless they go armed with the all-conquering power of the Spirit. Would you hasten that for which we daily pray, "The kingdom come"? If so, then, we must move in the "Christian's native air, the vital breath of prayer."

By the order of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, a Prayer Calendar has been prepared for the use of its workers. It is requested—may we be pledged—at the noon hour, to bring our missionaries and their work to the throne of grace, making their cause our own. These calendars will be helpful to all who wish to pay this vow. And who does not see a calendar should be in every household wherein is found a representative of our society. At my own risk I have placed an order for a number of these calendars, which can be supplied at 25 cents apiece. Do not delay sending in your order, for there were only a limited number printed. Our Twentieth Century Offering has been to us a painful revelation of our own lack of this power. Can we not, before March 1, bring in an offering worthy the name? I Chron. 29:1, 12. MRS. L. H. FORTS, Gainesville, Texas.

LOST OPPORTUNITIES—THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

How many of us will have to say, when too late, "It came and went so quickly my sluggish soul saw not. The Master stand and beckoning toward our humble lot. And I rose not up to follow, so slow was I to see. Till the help I might have given forever fled from me. And often I am grieving, and longing all in vain. For a blessed opportunity that will not come again. Dear Lord, give thine anointing, and make mine eyes to see. And make me swift in doing the work thou gavest me."

Let us read our Master's will, then ask ourselves, "Are we, as Christ's followers, discharging all duties he requires of us?" Ye restless, troubled ones, do your whole duty, then comes contentment, peace and joy in his love and service. When restless, produced by ill-disobedience, we cry out, "Oh what use is life?" All wishes denied, because we have been tried as the one who buried the talent entrusted to him, saying "I knew you were an austere and hard master. Weak and trifling as was this slothful servant, his master entrusted him with this valuable amount to give him an opportunity to rid him of his slothfulness and his wicked life. Shall we, like him, show such ingratitude to the Captain of our salvation? Let us rather be taught by the other two, who were faithful and vigilant, doubling the talents entrusted to them. May we, like them, fail not to use all divinely imparted gifts to our Master's honor and glory. We let many opportunities pass unimproved by slothfulness or willful neglect. Why are we not always ready for every good word and work? Many say, "All my duties are full

of trials, and my weak energies seem but a fitting dream. My way is dark, so obscure is the heavenly light, sheding its dim rays upon my pathway." Not so with Christ's faithful followers. Light, peace and joy are given to His workers who seek for opportunities to do his bidding, rejoicing they are counted worthy to enter his precious service. But those who fail to be ready and willing at all times to use every passing opportunity, trusting his guiding Hand to lead them in the way they should go, will find the little spark they possess, day by day grows dim, leaving them in almost perpetual darkness. Stop, cease your murmuring, and listen to our Savior's pleadings, while he gently warns, and says in sweetest tones, "Follow me. This is the way, walk ye in it." Will ye shirkers and idle ones now take heed to his warnings and rich promises? "It is the Spirit that quickeneth the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63). What is the fruit of our loving Father requires? The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law" (Gal. 5:22, 23). MRS. MARY DAVIDSON, Georgetown, Texas.

In looking over the minutes of the annual meeting of the W. H. M. Society, North Texas Conference, we notice especially the report made by Mrs. Viola Hunt, Superintendent of Department of Loan Funds, she having been re-elected to that office for the present year. In this report she makes this statement: "At the last annual meeting of the Woman's Board Home Missions, held in New Orleans, North Texas Conference was the loaner conference in the Educational Endowment Fund. So, also, Dallas District, of that conference, claims the honor of enrolling the name of each minister as a patron of this fund, making a total of forty patrons for Dallas District." This is, indeed, a fine showing for the district, and it is hoped each district in that conference may fall into line and make a similar showing by the time of the next annual meeting of the board. February 6 has been set apart as Loan Fund Day, and it would be quite an appropriate thing to do for each auxiliary W. H. M. Society to observe the day, and on that occasion each auxiliary may make a contribution to the fund. By this action quite a fine sum might be secured for the Loan Fund (for the general Educational Endowment Fund), and our esteemed brethren of the ministry be especially honored by the action.

PERSONAL.

For the past year Mrs. S. S. Munger's health has been falling, and at the meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions of the North Texas Conference at Georgetown last June, she was elected to serve as President about twelve years, and feeling that her health was giving way, declined further service, feeling that she was unable to perform the duties of the office. Since that time her health has gradually declined until the present. For two months she has not left her room, and for over two weeks not out of her room, and she is now carefully watched by loved ones day and night. She says: "The doctors can not cure me, and if I am restored it will be through faith and prayer." If the Master has anything for me to do and spare my life, I will gladly do it, or if it is his will to take me, it is all right. I am ready to go."

Let her friends know that she is content and resigned to the will of our Father, whatsoever that may be. Many friends have inquired in various ways about her condition, and this is written with the view of answering the same. S. S. MUNGER, Lampasas, Texas.

A NEW FINANCIAL CHURCH PLAN.

In another place will be found the advertisement of a new plan for collecting Church finances, devised by Mr. C. C. Purinton. We have not had occasion to try it, but we notice that a great many of our leading Churches have given it a trial, and speak of its merits in high terms. It is a weekly system, with an "Offering Calendar," containing Scripture passages, the pastor's photo, small envelopes for each Sunday in the year and a "Coupon Book," with the name of the contributor, the date and amount due each week. The plan is designed to get systematic contributions weekly from every member of the congregation, and thus teach a systematic habit of giving, and at the same time keep the Church treasury replenished. Any plan proposing so good an undertaking is worthy of study.

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INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE JOTTINGS.

The Duncan District, under the wise leadership of Rev. L. L. Thurston, overpaid the entire assessment for conference collections last year.

Rev. W. J. Sims, the new presiding elder of the Ardmore District, is making a fine record. Sims is one of our best men, and will succeed anywhere.

Rev. C. F. Roberts, who spent four years as presiding elder of the Ardmore District, is succeeding admirably as preacher in charge of Elmo Station.

Rev. E. D. Cameron, preacher in charge of Chickasha Station, is one of our best pastors. Under his leadership Chickasha now ranks No. 1 among our stations. The next session of the conference will be held there.

We understand Bishop Key has promised to hold the Wynnewood and Duncan District Conferences. The good Bishop will always find a welcome from the I. M. C. preachers. We would be glad to have him hold our conference again next year.

Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, preacher in charge of Duncan Station, will be able to report his conference collection paid in full at the first Quarterly Conference.

Rev. A. K. Miller, presiding elder of the McAlester District, is starting off well on his fourth year on the district. There is plenty of room for first-class, acceptable preachers in our conference, but we don't need any floating chunks and gum logs.

NATHANIEL.

MINUTES OF NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Brethren—By the time you read this, your minutes will have been sent to you by mail or express. We have done the best we could to have every item correct. If there are mistakes, kindly report them to me, and they will be corrected through the Advocate. Hope the work will please you. R. G. MOGD.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

- Jan. 14—W. T. Melugin, subs. Rev. H. P. Shrader, change. G. W. Kincheloe, sub. N. Powell, change. E. H. Lovejoy, sub. J. T. Kirkpatrick, sub. W. B. Vinson, sub. W. A. Manley, has attention. N. B. Thompson, subs. Geo. A. Nance, subs. G. W. Ridley, has attention. J. D. Hudgins, sub. S. N. Allen, sub. O. P. Kiker, sub. F. P. Ray, subs. Jan. 15—H. A. Bourland, trial subs. L. Ball, subs. Sam'l Weaver, sub. Jno. H. McLean, subs. C. C. Davis, subs. C. M. Threadgill, change made. J. H. Stewart, subs. H. B. Johnson, has attention. D. W. Gardner, subs. G. C. Cray, sub. D. P. Cullen, sub. J. H. Trimble, sub. W. H. H. Biggs, sub. Jan. 16—T. T. Booth, has attention. J. D. Dorsey, sub. R. B. Moreland, trial sub. J. M. Bond, subs. L. W. Carleton, sub. Ed. R. Wallace, sub. C. H. Smith, sub. W. W. Gollighugh, sub. J. J. Canafax, sub. J. B. Turrentine, has attention. J. C. Carpenter, subs. J. T. McKeown, o. k. Jas. A. Walkup, subs. Jno. R. Smith, change made. C. W. Daniel, o. k. Marion Mills, o. k. Jan. 17—S. N. Allen, sub. W. M. Lane, change. W. T. Morrow, sub. W. E. Carpenter, subs. J. L. White, subs. M. L. Hamilton, sub. W. K. Rucker, sub. I. T. Stafford, sub. W. Wootton, sub. H. T. Hart, sub. P. R. White, sub. C. M. Shuffler, has attention. A. O. Evans, subs. E. L. Stutz, sub. N. B. Thompson, subs. J. W. Story, sub. E. H. Webster, sub. Jan. 18—M. T. Allen, sub. C. E. Lindsey, subs. R. J. Birdwell, sub. J. M. Holt, sub. E. Hightower, sub. J. H. Trimble, sub. C. W. Daniel, sub. J. W. Mills, has attention. Jan. 19—J. A. Old, o. k. E. R. Barcus, change in name made. C. C. Davis, trial sub. James Hicks, subs. R. A. Hall, sub. Jno. E. Ronch, sub. Jan. 21—J. E. Davis, sub. W. T. Melugin, subs. L. A. Clark, sub. J. N. Broyles, sub. W. H. Crawford, sub. B. C. Andree, sub. A. O. Evans, subs. 2 cards. J. S. Hunter, sub. I. T. Stafford, change made. J. F. Tyson, subs. G. W. Harris, sub. W. T. Morrow, change made. G. A. Nance, subs. C. W. Irvin, sub. A. B. Roberts, subs. Nath Thompson, subs. N. M. McLaughlin, subs. J. A. Grimes, sub. T. W. Ellis, sub.

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A GOOD BOOK.

Having just finished the perusal of that very excellent little book, "Lectures to Young Men," by Beecher, I pronounce it a book of real merit. If read and hoisted by our young men everywhere, it would be worth many times its weight in gold to them. He shows up the tricks and cunning of sharks and gambling frauds that lie around hotels and public places in our cities, in a way that is calculated to put young men on their guard. After a young man reads Beecher's Lectures he is not apt to be taken in by sharpers, if he has the stuff about him that men are made of. Boys get that book and read it. It may be the making of you.

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Weatherford District—Second Round.

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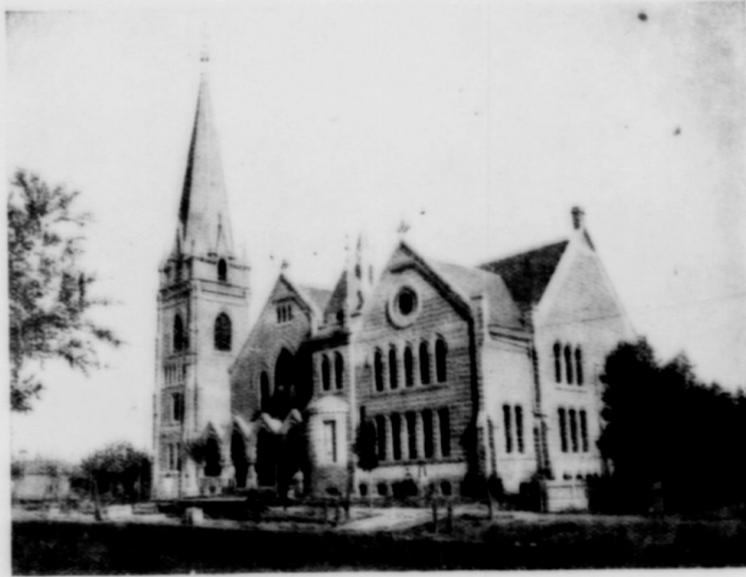
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Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Corsicana, Texas.

The dedication of the new Methodist Church in Corsicana occurred Sunday, January 13, at 11 a. m. It was an auspicious occasion. The day was bright, the air balmy. The Church did a nice thing when they invited those of their former pastors who had helped in the building to conduct the services. All regretted that Bro. Hay could not be there. But the other two, M. S. Hotchkiss and Horace Bishop, reported for duty on time. The extra services began at the Sunday-school. M. S. Furdum, superintendent, announced "no recitations." So, after the usual introductory services, this scribe was invited to give a reminiscential talk. I was a little in that mood. I had organized the Methodist Sunday-school in Corsicana in 1879. Before that time all had attended a union school. I had to restrain myself as to time, for fortunately, or rather providentially, Dr. Walter R. Lambuth was present, and we all

wanted to hear him on the Sunday-school of the future. His talk was edifying and instructive. Abe Mulkey was in evidence, as usual. In fact, he was "officer of the day," "sergeant-at-arms," "boss," "marshal," "grand mogul" and "supreme pontiff" of the whole occasion. He was never happier, never more useful, and never behaved himself better. After a recess of a few minutes, the courteous new pastor, E. W. Solomon, conducted the former pastors to the pulpit. Lovely palms and other beautiful evergreens and flowers adorned the sacred desk. An excellent choir rendered a suitable voluntary. The disciplinary service for dedication followed. Horace Bishop read the story of Jacob's ladder and vow. E. W. Solomon read the epistle. Bro. M. S. Hotchkiss led us in the prayer and preached the sermon from "On this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail

against it." His sermon was analytical, logical, earnest, fervent, effective. At its close the redoubtable Abe stepped forward, and in about twenty minutes raised \$400 in cash, which paid the last cent of indebtedness on the \$9,000 church, which we had been seven years in building. Then the Building Committee rose, and their chairman, C. W. Jester, presented the house for dedication, and I was permitted, in the presence of God, a thousand people, and doubtless innumerable angels, to dedicate the new church in Corsicana to the worship of Almighty God. We had reached a goal towards which we started in faith seven years ago. We all rejoiced with a joy unspeakable. In the afternoon Hotchkiss, Bishop and Lambuth addressed the League. At night a large and sympathetic audience listened to a somewhat rambling talk from

HORACE BISHOP.

MEMORITER—CON AMORE.

In the fall of 1879 I was stationed in Corsicana. The H. & T. C. Railroad was in sight, but not quite inside of the corporation. My predecessor, Rev. S. D. Akin, D. D., preacher in charge of Corsicana Circuit, had projected a new church, and the walls were up, the floor laid and part of the roof was on. They were in debt \$100. I found that Dr. Akin had been wise in all his plans. The Building Committee were J. L. Halbert, J. M. Fry, Roger Q. Mills, C. W. Jester and John E. Bishop. Conference met there, and it was determined to hold its sessions in the new, unfinished, partly-covered building. Seats were improvised. The Sunday before the conference met, W. G. Veal preached the first sermon in the new house. It was a memorial service in honor of my mother, who had recently passed away.

Conference met Wednesday following. Bishop Marvin in the chair. On Sunday he preached the funeral of Lewis R. Whipple, who had been a preacher almost the peer of Marvin himself. Tuesday morning Corsicana was made a station, and in the fourth year of my ministry that was my charge. I remained four years. The Building Committee were called together soon after conference, and we determined not to buy anything on credit until we raised the \$100 then due. It took a year to get that money, for the people thought they were exhausted. A better Building Committee never wrought. Col. Mills told me at the start, "I'll see you through." Before the church was finished he had paid \$1200 to the building. The cost was \$800. He did it cheerfully, liberally, and at opportune times. I want it to go to record here that during a ministry of thirty-three years I have never had a better friend, a more loyal member, nor a grander soul in my pastoral care. Years have passed. Changes have come, and some antagonisms have occurred (pardon the tear that blots this sheet), but never for one moment have I ceased to love and pray for that man, whose faith never wavered, whose courage never faltered, and whose tongue and pen and purse were always ready to promote the cause of Christ. He is human, and has made human mistakes. Others have, too. But all the gold in the Treasury at Washington could not purchase the free soul of Roger Q. Mills.

He had a peer in his brother-in-law, J. L. Halbert. I have seen many all-round gentlemen. I have been permitted to sit and listen to the conversation of the Prestons and Floyds of South Carolina and Virginia, but a nobler, more accomplished gentleman than Capt. Halbert I never knew. As chivalrous as Sir Philip Sidney and as polished as Chesterfield, his early death was a loss to Texas and to Methodism hard to estimate.

J. M. Fry was as good a man as either

of the others. Not so broad in his culture, or so strong in his resources, but he was just as ready for duty, and his heart was just as large as the largest.

C. W. Jester (not then a Church member) stayed with us and responded to every call as freely, frankly and steadily as the rest.

My brother, John E. Bishop, is, so far as my information goes, the best man in the world, and I have known it for fifty years.

With such a Building Committee, even a boy preacher could proceed with some degree of wisdom. I organized a Methodist Sunday-school the second Sunday after conference. A local preacher, A. H. Stegall (long since deceased) superintendent. He soon resigned, and Capt. J. M. Townsend was elected to succeed him, and held the post faithfully for two years. Why recount the struggles, the sleepless nights, the days of trial, agony and toil? It was all invested in a bank that never breaks. At the end of a quadrennium the church was finished, and we had \$150 with which to build a parsonage.

Years passed away. Corsicana became a city, and in November, 1893, I was stationed there again. A handsome new parsonage was ready for us when, after nineteen years' itinerant life, we returned to our first station. Many old friends met us and many new ones greeted us with a cordial welcome. Domestic afflictions partially paralyzed us, but that grand Church made every allowance. Soon after the commencement of my second year, I asked C. W. Jester, who had become a member and one of the Board of Stewards, to take a drive. On the outing I opened up the question of a new church. Before that drive was over, in our two hearts the new church was built. We knew each other. We had stood together in other days.

The next Sunday a committee of twenty-one men was called to meet the following Tuesday night to discuss matters of importance. To my astonishment and joy, nineteen of them responded. My presiding elder—brave, noble, generous, loyal George Wyatt—met with us. (He has never failed me yet.) We were all agreed on the necessity for a new church, and nearly all thought the time to build had not come. We spent the evening in discussion, and adjourned to meet the next week. The purpose was "optimistic agitation." We had a good many meetings. One evening Dr. S. W. Johnson dropped a remark which gave us a cue. He said, "So far as I am concerned, I am as ready now as I'll ever be." Jester looked at me significantly. I asked how many more could say the same. To our great gratification, every one did so. W. M. Tatum said, "I have had a thousand dollars for this purpose for three years." Others spoke in a similar way. We appointed a sub-committee to ascertain the

sentiment of the Church. At the next meeting we learned that the great majority were ready. Wyatt whispered to me, "You have got your church secured." On reflection, I believe he said "grabbed." A Building Committee was appointed. C. W. Jester, W. M. Tatum, R. M. Collins, R. H. Woods, Jr., R. P. Goodman, J. L. Halbert and Fred Fleming were placed on this committee.

C. L. Fewell was made chairman of the Soliciting Committee.

The next Sunday the other Churches of the town adjourned to the Methodist Church to see us build. The subject of the discourse was the Prophecies of Haggai and the story of the Roman Centurion. On that day we raised \$10,000. Wyatt preached at night. The gleanings were \$200 more. Then C. L. Fewell and his committee went to work, and in ten days we had \$18,000. Then the Bishop sent me to Fort Worth and Hotchkiss to Corsicana. After four years, Hay succeeded Hotchkiss. They wrought well. Now the chivalrous Solomon is in charge, and Hotchkiss and Bishop have been to Corsicana and dedicated the church. I heard much of how Abe had helped all along. I know he did so in his own peculiar fashion. Abe has "idiosyncrasies." Don't be scared, Abe; it is not dangerous. In conclusion, all are grateful, and the glory is the Lord's.

HORACE BISHOP.

ST. LOUIS METHODISM.

Whatever the new century may be bringing to the other religious denominations of the city, there is no doubt that in the Southern Methodist Church it has opened the floodgates of generosity, and material wealth as never before is pouring into the Church's coffers. Perhaps the nearness of the Louisiana Purchase World's Fair has stimulated an unconscious pride among the laymen of the Church that the Southern Methodists may be seen at their best by the many visitors who will come to St. Louis in 1903, or it may be, as some members claim, that the recent remarkable interest taken by the denomination in foreign missions has caused hearts at home to beat more warmly. It has been said that "the Church without missions is a dead Church." Certainly the converse is true just now of Southern Methodism in this city. So united is the effort that nearly every parish in the city has come in for a part of the "lengthening of cords and strengthening of stakes."

"The Cathedral Church"—this is an unusual expression in the Methodist Church, but it has been applied more than once recently to the great pile of stone which is to stand at the corner of Washington Avenue and King's Highway. The word "cathedral" has great appropriateness, because this magnificent building is far to surpass anything that is now owned by

the denomination in St. Louis. It is expected, indeed, that there will be no Protestant church in the city so fine as this new West End church is to be. The lowest estimate that has been put on the cost is \$150,000, and there is every likelihood that it will cost more than \$200,000. That portion of the church which is to be used for Sunday-school purposes will be commenced this spring, as soon as the weather opens, and will be completed by autumn, in time for the Annual Conference to send a young man as pastor. A young man will be chosen, and not a preacher of established reputation, because for the first year the work of the pastorate will simply be to oversee the Sunday-school. In 1902 the church proper is to be finished, and then will begin the real life of the congregation.

The sum of \$50,000 has been so well spent on Lafayette Park Church that one might readily believe the structure cost much more than that amount. Its splendid pillars and stonework are nearing completion, and the church will soon be dedicated. The Church of St. Paul's, with Rev. M. T. Haw as pastor, is adding \$15,000 worth of improvements to that historic building, which has stood on St. Louis Avenue for more than twenty-five years. Centenary congregation received the impetus on New Year's eve to renovate its building completely, and despite the fact that Cassandras, in other days, have prophesied that a church so far down town could not prosper, the sum of \$25,000 is to be spent on this downtown church. Immanuel congregation has gone a step farther, and has built a new church, modern and beautifully decorated.

But it is not alone the pastors who are able to "broaden their philanthropies." The children of the Southern Methodist Orphan's Home are to have a generous portion of the money that is circulating so freely. The long-pending dispute over the settlement of the estate of Dr. Bradford has been settled by a compromise. The original estate was \$500,000, and the Orphan's Home was the residuary legatee after the claims of the relatives had been satisfied. Just how much was agreed upon is not known, but both sides were satisfied, and it is said that the Orphan's Home will soon be able to start its separate home for boys that has been planned for several years.—Globe-Democrat.

THE DALLAS DISTRICT PASTORS' ASSOCIATION.

In response to the call of Rev. I. W. Clark, presiding elder of Dallas District the pastors of the district met in the pastor's study, at the Publishing House January 15, 10 a. m. After religious services, conducted by R. W. Thompson, Bro. Clark in appropriate words spoke of the reasons that prompted him to assemble the pastors of the district for mutual consultation, and in this connection made some helpful remarks as to the qualification for efficient service in the Master's cause.

Several questions of local interest were freely discussed. Out of this interchange of ideas, good will surely come. To make this the best year in the history of the district, materially and spiritually, was an expressed determination.

A communication from Bishop Candler to Bro. Clark was read, in which he requested that the Cuban cause and necessity be presented to the congregations of the district at an early date. Those present agreed to give this matter attention at once.

The afternoon session was largely devoted to an experience meeting. Out of full hearts, face to face, the brethren talked of their religious conditions and of the needs of their charges. This was a delightful, happy hour, a season of refreshing, of soul-rejoicing.

A permanent organization was effected, to be known as the Dallas District Pastors' Association, with I. W. Clark, President, and Chas. A. Spragins, Secretary. The association will meet on March 25, 9:30 a. m., in the pastor's study. The program for this meeting follows:

"The Ministry of the Holy Spirit" (New Testament), J. M. Nichols.

"The Mission of the Church—Her Ministry and Membership" (Bible), C. M. Harless.

"The New Testament Ideal of Living and Service," J. W. Rowlett.

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Weatherford College opens the second term January 23, 1901. All wishing to get the advantage of the best half of the session should apply at once. Already twenty-five new pupils have entered since the holidays, and others are expected. The school has been unusually prosperous in every respect. Patrons will have time to find out all the particulars between now and the last of this month. We are not trying to make Weatherford College the cheapest school in the State, but the best. Our patrons seem to think that we have succeeded in this, for out of an enrollment of two hundred boarding pupils last scholastic year, it is not known that even one of them is attending any other boarding school beyond his own locality. Let all persons interested send for catalogues.

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### OUR GERMAN MISSION.

Although in our very midst, the German Mission is perhaps least understood of all our missionary enterprises. This is chiefly due to the fact that the supervision of the Parent Board of Missions, with its flood of information, does not, and, under the peculiar circumstances can not, extend to the German as it does to the other mission fields. It is doubtless a compliment to the German Conference to be left to run itself in its own way; but the absence of Mission Board representatives, with their stated reports in the Church papers, has worked an isolation which has not been without its disadvantages. About the only source of reliable information was found in the German preachers themselves, and these have been slow to advertise their work in the Church press, especially as the majority of them found English composition difficult.

Within recent years, especially since the Joint Commission assumed control, clearer views of this field have been gained; but, as misapprehensions still obtain, these lines are submitted in the interest of a better understanding.

In assuming the task of information, I must presume upon my past and present relation to the field under discussion. The anomaly of an American in the German Conference ought to justify itself, at least thus far, in the better opportunity for information and the minimum of bias in reporting the facts.

The information offered is intended especially for the membership of the five Texas conferences, which are so nobly helping to sustain the German work, and for those of the laity who are concerned for the proper investment of their missionary contributions. The financial assistance rendered by these five conferences a little more than equals the help extended by the Parent Board, and this, along with the broad-gauged missionary sympathy which it carries, has inaugurated in the German work a new era of hope and progress. The impression has pretty widely prevailed that the German Mission was an unprofitable investment. To be sure, the evidences of growth are not startling, but for the money spent and the amount of attention given, this mission field will compare favorably with any other of our Church. Several other fields are numerically stronger, but they have received regularly from five to ten times as much money, along with the intelligent, prayerful and loving sympathy of the entire Church. This statement must not be tortured into any sort of criticism of the Parent Board's missionary policy, nor be misconstrued into making the Church a stepmother toward her German children. The board and the Church are both above suspicion.

Against the impression that the German Mission has been a poor investment, I submit the following: Work in this field began about fifty years ago. About twenty-five years ago the mission was organized into a separate conference, with about nine hundred members. The field then included Louisiana. About ten years ago the Louisiana territory was cut off and placed under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana (English-speaking) Conference. The territory in Louisiana usually represented about one-third of the entire German strength. After losing this strong contingent, the Texas Churches now report about fourteen hundred members. In this estimate no account can be taken of that not inconsiderable number of German members who are drifting, here and there, into our English-speaking Churches. Only one year during the past decade did the German Conference report a loss in membership, and that was very small. New territory is being added to the field, and promising young men are offering themselves for the ministry. Along with a slowly but steadily increasing

membership, church and parsonage building has gone forward until the value of such property is now about \$50,000, practically free from debt. The Epworth League has gained a sure footing. In addition to a conference loan fund of \$2000 for the superannuates, we have another fund which, with the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering, will aggregate \$6000. The object of this fund is to assist young preachers, and also those who expect to become German Methodist teachers, in getting an education. The intention is to increase these funds as rapidly as possible. The amount raised on the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering was \$3500—a conference per capita of \$2.50. The annual collections from all sources average about \$8 per member, while the combined foreign and domestic missionary collection yields a per capita of about \$1.25.

Taken altogether, it would seem that the Church has no ground for doubt or despair about her German offspring. No more loyal and reliable element is to be found in the entire connection. Outside of all figures, there is to be reported a growing hope and courage, which are the best guaranty of larger future success. The only obstacle which even a pessimist could discover is the rather discouraging knowledge, on the part of the German preachers, that their task is not yet understood by many of their best and most influential American friends.

This misunderstanding applies at two vital points. First, many intelligent Americans are either consciously or unconsciously opposed to the use of any foreign language in the United States. For the sake of immortal souls they are willing for the Germans to be saved through the German language—for a while. Just as soon as possible, they honestly believe, the German Churches ought to be graduated into English, to check the supposed anti-American influence. Against this view I can only submit my personal opinion, based upon observation, extending through a good many years. In the mouths of Texas Methodists the German language is nothing to be feared. Its use is simply incidental to social conditions which no amount of opposing effort can change. Germans speak German and teach it to their children in America just as any other nationality would do and does do under like circumstances. The language problem will doubtless solve itself in time, and the solution will be all the speedier and more satisfactory the less tampering with it there is from without.

After all, wherein lies the menace of a foreign language? American travelers in both Wales and Scotland bear a strange tongue, but who will insinuate that the Welsh and Scotch people are not among the most loyal, intelligent and religious of British subjects? In all the larger nations of Europe there are thousands, or even millions, of subjects whose home language is different from the official language of the State. Notably in Germany such a condition prevails, but we never hear this fact quoted among the future dangers to the Empire. Such may not be the ideal national situation, but these illustrations are submitted to show that the danger of foreign languages in America has been exaggerated. A few years ago, when the sensation-mongers were rearing up a war between the United States and Germany, the German-American press, about one thousand strong, were a practical unit, not only in flaying the jingoes, but also in declaring that, in case of war with the Fatherland, the German-American citizen must follow his own American flag.

No, the danger must lie deeper than the tongue; and I have yet to find the German Methodist whose American loyalty was under any sort of suspicion. Strangely as it may sound, the true missionary policy of our Church is to encourage the German Methodists in the use of the German language. That is what the Roman Catholic and Lutheran Churches, besides thousands of lodges and "vereins," are doing all the while, and what shall have been accomplished by Americanizing a few German Methodists, excepting the speedy dissolution of our German Mission, whilst the great German masses go on talking whatever language they please? To discourage the use of the German language in our German Mission is simply taking the oars out of the hands of those who are rowing shipwrecked souls to the shore. Recently a prominent preacher in one of the Texas conferences remarked to me that he thought our young German members ought to be turned over to the English-speaking Churches. The fact that he is friendly to the German work, and the further fact that he represents the average American opinion upon that point, entitles him to a serious answer. Practically his plan is not possible, because there is generally, alongside the German Church, no English Church to rescue the young German converts. Theoretically he was

wrong, for as no army can fight long without recruits, so no Church can live by making converts to give away.

"But," many will ask, "when is such a state of things going to change?" I am afraid to venture a prediction. Certainly it has changed in Texas but little during the twenty years of my observation. Bishop Asbury guessed at it over a century ago, and guessed wrong. John Albright, a German Methodist convert, came to him for financial help in carrying the gospel to his countrymen in their own tongue. Asbury refused upon the ground that it would be a waste of men and money, as German would soon cease to be spoken in America. Albright went out at his own cost, and the result was the Evangelical Association, from whose altars tens of thousands have gone home to heaven, and from whose pulpits tens of thousands still hear the Methodist gospel in German. The tendency of things in the United States is undoubtedly toward one language, but such a consummation is too far off to affect our present missionary duty.

The other point at which misunderstanding applies is the matter of a separate German Conference organization. The natural conclusion, from the American standpoint, is that the German work would prosper better within American conference jurisdiction. While the importance of close, cordial relations between the two elements can not be overestimated, the situation has its other and stronger side. The history of mission fields in general assures us that, in course of time, every growing mission seeks instinctively its autonomy in separate conference organization. Among our German Methodists the Annual Conference is the grand rallying point for the laity, an education and an inspiration. Suppose we dissolve this conference, which has already made heroic history, and attach the Germans to one or more of the English conferences. Does not every reader see that the German contingent would be overshadowed, the German administration complicated, German individuality weakened, and the German esprit de corps lost? This very experiment was made in our Louisiana territory over ten years ago, and, within a few years, every German pulpit was silent, so far as that language was concerned. No doubt the conditions of permanency were less favorable there than here in Texas, but the fact that other German Methodist denominations, reinforced by the remnants of our scattered band, are still preaching in German in that very field makes its own sad but telling application. Surely our German preachers themselves, who have studied the problem longest, are entitled to be heard when they declare the solemn, unanimous conviction that a dissolution of the German Conference would work a speedy dissolution of the German Mission itself.

Close akin to the conference organization in importance is the "Joint Commission." To dissolve it now, or in the near future, would be a grave mistake. The present hopeful status of the work may be traced largely to its efficient administration. If my words can have any weight, I beg that both the commission and the conference be



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left undisturbed. The fact that I once entertained every opinion which I have been combatting—opinions which had to be abandoned in actual contact with the work—this fact encourages the hope of a readier acceptance of the views herein expressed.

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### THE DEATH

The whole city with England, the Queen, the Empress of India, when scarcely out into the world, three generations was a woman conceded without this the advantage her life-work of the world, ability as a woman as a religious in all nature. She is Christ as her devoted the Servant of her who of faith and womanhood great more than to found the exploit and greatness and an empire.

At 21 years of a wife of a devoted children were the father. At the expiration she was a widow affliction following thirty-nine wife and as a worthy of the head of the English devoted herself of her child found in places crowned heads that she was her subjects, for their wants and official acts she national word a were her sorrow. She speaker of my people, crowned her like mother. On her is a personal see English homes a not see her like in Europe. But green even to her. Her eldest was arrested and the title of King to be hoped the mother will bond of his people.

### A WOMAN LIQ

Several weeks of Wichita, Kan, mind on account to her home the liquor business. I went to two or three rooms in the town windows, broke pictures from the was arrested and maimed there says Jury refused to her on account of. She was, consequently a few days she in the bar-rooms an amount of several was again arrested promptly released tacks upon the sides joined in the of fact, the law of procedure upon they lay themselves lawful acts; but in this country will rate India. The try have devastated the husband of extent that women misfortunes and their existence, widowhood and or tidied by these days go by, and t