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Editorial.

A CONSCIENTIOUS GOVERNOR.

If at the beginning of Governor Lanham's administration there were those who imagined that he would be easily influenced in any matters pertaining to the duties of his high office, that imagination has certainly been dissipated. We have watched his official actions very closely and we are led to the conclusion that he is possessed of deep convictions of his own, and that he has the courage to stand by them. While he is a man of strong sentiment and personally devoted to his friends, yet when it comes to facing an issue where the weal of the people or the sanctity of law is at stake, he stands by his conscience and the Constitution of Texas. This came to the front during the session of the late Legislature, when he vetoed a number of bills whose passage was supported by strong public opinion. It required nerve to turn down several of these bills thus backed by popular demand, but did it because he believed the good of the State demanded it. But the most signal example of his conscientious view of matters and his courage to abide by his decision came before the country last week. An unfortunate man, several months ago, was guilty of murder in Bowie County. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to be hanged. His case ran the gauntlet of the higher courts and was sustained. The day of execution approached and his friends brought every pressure to bear upon the Governor to have the penalty commuted to life imprisonment. He declined to do this, but gave the man a ten days' respite. This encouraged his friends and they redoubled their efforts to influence the Governor to relent and save the man's life. He was an old man, an ex-Confederate soldier, and his friends were numbered by the hundred. A great petition was gotten up and signed by two or three thousands of the citizens of the county. It was placed in the hands of the unfortunate man's wife and she went in person to Austin and with tears and prayers placed the matter before the Governor. But he did not think that the crime of the man, the sentence of the court and his oath of office would permit him to interfere with the operation of the law. No doubt but that it well-nigh broke the heart of Governor Lanham to take this course, but he could not do otherwise. So J. E. Shutt was hanged last Friday in Bowie County for the crime of murder. Our sympathies were with the unfortunate man and his many relatives and friends, but we admire the stand taken by Governor Lanham. Had he done otherwise it would have been at the expense of his conscience and of the laws of Texas. The man had committed the cold-blooded crime and under the laws of the State it was decreed that his life must pay the penalty. Had the Governor been governed by sentiment and sympathy he would have closed his eyes to the laws of the Commonwealth and shut his ears to the dictates of his conscience and sent the man to prison for life instead of to the gallows;

but he chose to do his simple duty and leave the responsibility with the courts, where it belonged. After all we believe that the course of the Governor will have a fine effect. Too many men fail to control themselves, indulge in crime and then depend upon the kind heart of a Governor to get them out of their trouble. Most anybody will sign a petition to the Governor to save any sort of a man's neck from the gallows. Even down in Louisiana hundreds of people are signing just such a petition to keep the criminal Batson from being hung, though he murdered a family of seven people and was properly convicted by the courts. There is too much maudlin sentiment in matters of this character. Men must learn to realize that when they take the law into their hands and commit the offense of murder and are then sentenced to death by the proper authorities, they will have to hang for it, and this realization will impose upon them self-control. All honor to Governor Lanham for his determination to let the courts dispose of the criminal cases of this State. It may look hard and harsh, but if the laws are to be respected there is no other alternative. If men do not want to hang, then they must not wilfully commit murder.

THE ENFORCEMENT OF DISCIPLINE.

No organization can long continue without the maintenance of wholesome discipline among its members. The Church is no exception to this rule. We have certain standards of belief and certain rules of conduct to which our people publicly commit themselves when they apply for membership in the Church. Were this not true, there would be no virtue in our connection with the Church. Then it becomes our bounden duty to observe these rules in our daily lives before the world. Not to do it is to bring the Church into contempt and emasculate its influence over men. These rules are not intended to make machine Christians out of people, but to help people to live righteously and soberly in this present evil world and to protect the Church from the abuses of those who assume its obligations but fail to observe its requirements. While the Church is intended to save and develop people in godliness, at the same time it must, as far as possible, be kept unspotted from the world and above reproach. Hence our Book of Discipline contains rules for the government and control of its members. These rules are in accordance with the scriptures and they are good and wholesome. No truly religious man or woman will find them hard or objectionable. The pastor is the one whose duty it is to see that these rules are obeyed. He is not an autocrat, neither is he a judge; but he is a pastor whose special duty it is to observe the conduct of his flock. He must minister to them in spiritual matters, admonish them when they go astray, and use all possible diligence to aid them to grow in grace and increase in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. When they run counter to the rules of the Church, he must look after them and correct them. It is not best where two or

three of them are involved in questionable matters to take the trouble into the pulpit and become in any sense public in his reproofs and corrections. On the contrary, he must go to them, brotherly and kindly, and see them in person and do his best to point out to them the error of their way. In most cases this method will be effectual. If, however, these private and pastoral methods fail and the offenders continue to injure the Church by their open violations of its rules, then, as a last resort, he will have to appeal to the Discipline. But even in this appeal, he must be as wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove. He must exhaust all efforts to save them, if possible; but if these methods fail, then he must save the Church from injury and disgrace. Church law means something and our people must so understand it, else there will be nothing in our Church Discipline to differentiate us from the course of this world. But in all measures of discipline, the preacher must eschew personal elements and act as a man sent of God to help the Church and save the people. Like the kind-hearted surgeon, he must sympathize with the patient while he cuts off an afflicted limb. Above all things, he is a pastor rather than a judge to pass sentence upon offenders. Kindness of heart, coupled with discretion and religious tact, will help him to settle most matters where the work of discipline is necessary.

MR. CLEVELAND ON THE NEGRO PROBLEM.

A few weeks ago there was a great reception tendered Booker T. Washington in New York and a number of leading men were invited to be present and give formal expression of their views upon the industrial education work being accomplished by Washington and his conditors at Tuskegee, Ala. Among these speakers was ex-President Cleveland, and in keeping with his ponderous and lucid manner of dealing with all public questions he indulged in one of the wisest and most statesman-like addresses yet delivered upon this subject by any Northern man. And such is the lofty position of Mr. Cleveland that his words have made a profound impression upon the minds of the people of this country both North and South. He endorsed the character of work being done by Booker Washington for his race and took the ground that to educate the Negro in the arts of industry and make him a useful citizen to the country is the only hope of the Negro race. And he went further and assumed rightfully, too, that the Southern people at heart and when not interfered with were the best and truest friends of the Negroes, and that to them the Negroes ought to look for encouragement and protection instead of to those sections whose people do not and can not in the very nature of things understand the questions involved in the race problem. More than this, he pointed out how the old carpet bag system had operated in turning the Negroes away from their white neighbors and had digged a hurtful chasm between them; and he pointed out the fact that notwithstanding the part the Negroes took in those dark days against the South-

ern people, yet these things are being forgotten and forgiven and that the South is willing and ready to do all in its power to help them reach a high standard of citizenship. All of which is the actual truth, but it takes a man like Mr. Cleveland in that latitude to apprehend it and appreciate it. His speech will open the eyes of a large class of rabid Northern politicians and fanatics, but it will not convince them; yet it will give the more conservative and reasonable class of people up North a correct view of the situation, and thereby put them where the so-called race problem will reach a happier and a more speedy solution. There is no doubt but that the great masses of Southern people are in sympathy with the law-abiding and better classes of the Negro population, and if let alone by meddling and officious fanatics will do all in their power to give to the Negro all the rights guaranteed to him in the Constitution. And when he reaches the intellectual and property qualifications for the due exercise of his franchise there will be no sort of State constitutional amendment that will in the least abridge his right to vote as he pleases. Mr. Cleveland is both statesman and prophet enough to see these conditions, and he has proclaimed a truth that will redound to the political and religious weal of the Negro race in the South.

Preachers ought to be very sparing of the abuse of people from the pulpit. It is a poor substitute for preaching and its tendency is to alienate rather than draw people to you. It requires no special courage to stand in the pulpit and exhortate a congregation, and there is very little gospel in that sort of pulpit habit. The earnest and devout preaching of the word is the only method of preaching that will hold people to you and enable your ministry to sooth and benefit them. A preacher misapprehends his calling when he undertakes to drive people by the severity of his words and manner in the pulpit. Hence the scolding preacher, the abusive preacher, is not fearful of souls for Christ.

People who go to the Church for entertainment have a mistaken idea of the purpose and aim of Church services. The theater or the concert hall will furnish entertainment, such as it is, but the Church service is for another end altogether. There is where we go to come face to face with God in worship in order to have our spiritual strength renewed and to learn a pardon, of assurance and eternal life. The world is full of entertainment, but the religious service ought to be full of life and power to save and sanctify the souls of men.

Matthew was sitting at the receipt of customs when the Master called him to the ministry, and without a moment's hesitancy he arose and followed him. A man who is called to the ministry from a busy life usually makes a success of it. He puts his time, his talent and his heart into it, and things come to pass.

Notes From the Field.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Gunter Mission.

W. Byron Byars, June 4: We have just closed a meeting at Speary's schoolhouse...

Pottshoro and Preston.

D. F. Fuller: A good meeting at Pottshoro. The converts were all mature persons...

Trinity Church, Dallas.

Hubert D. Kniekerbocker, June 2: We recently closed a very successful revival at Trinity...

Aubrey.

J. W. Tineber, June 8: Last Saturday and Sunday were great days for the Aubrey Circuit...

Allen.

T. M. Young, June 8: Our pastor, Bro. D. L. Coale, has five appointments on this work...

for other purposes. Bro. Stuckey, of McKinney, did most of the preaching. He closed out with the sermon...

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Seabrook.

P. E. Nicholson, June 3: Since I last wrote I assisted Rev. L. L. Hursey, our young preacher on this work...

Paul's Store.

W. D. Barfield, May 22: The second Quarterly Conference convened at Carroll. The presiding elder was on hand...

Dougllassville.

S. N. Allen, June 3: Linden Circuit is still in the swim. May was a favorable month with us...

tions amounted to \$5.10. We can't see how such a program and services can keep from being a great blessing to the Church...

Appleby Mission.

M. I. Brown, June 8: My second Quarterly Conference closed out at Bonita last night. It was one of the best Quarterly Conferences it has ever been my privilege to attend...

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Ozona.

Nath. June 3: Uncle Caleb Smith and I have just returned from Hindu, one of our picked up appointments...

Travis Park Church.

J. W. Moore: Our work at Travis Park Church has been making satisfactory progress since conference. We have organized two Leagues...

Brady.

D. A. Gregg, June 2: We have just closed a gracious revival meeting in Brady. Bro. A. P. Lowery, of Waco, was with us...

pounding us. We received two considerable poundings of good things during the last month...

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Holland.

C. S. Cameron, June 6: The Lord gave us a very great blessing at Peenn, a point on the Holland charge...

Santa Anna Charge.

W. H. Major, June 6: Our meeting in which we were assisted by Mulkey and his singer, Rev. Edward McKenzie, was a very great success...

Boqueville.

R. F. Dunn, June 8: We have now completed our round of Children's Day exercises on this charge...

CHURCH DEDICATION.

The Methodist Church at Johnson City, of Johnson City charge, will be dedicated by Rev. W. H. H. Biggs...

MARRIAGE NOTICES.

Herrington-Gilliland—At the residence of the bride's father, in Floresville, Texas, May 27, 1903...

Greenville District—Third Round. Celeste and Lane, at Lane, June 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1903...

Bosham District—Third Round. Caldwell, at Cooke's Point, June 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1903...

Weatherford District—Third Round. Abels, at Weatherford, June 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1903...

An Opening for a Doctor. There is a good opening at West Point, Texas, for a good Methodist doctor...

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

June 4—P. H. White, sub J. D. Dyer, sub E. I. Stork, sub J. T. H. Miller, sub J. P. Patterson, sub...

Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

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FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions, in its fifty-seventh session, met at St. John's Church, St. Louis, from May 7th to 9th.

The report of the Secretary showed that twenty-one missionaries, including their wives, had gone out the past year to the various fields, and that the demand still remained urgent.

The estimates were read and adopted practically as presented by the committee, and the business of the meeting was all harmoniously carried through.

Rev. J. M. Lander brought out in forcible terms the religionless character of many educated Brazilians and the opportunity and urgent need before Granbury College.

"Kwansei Gakuin," says John R. Mott, "is one of the three finest institutions on the mission fields."

Rev. R. A. Parker spoke of China, and indicated the strange opening of the empire to-day for foreign instruction, and the encouraging signs in our work.

Dr. Lambuth announced at this juncture that two young men had just offered themselves as teachers in Soochow University.

Revs. S. E. Hager and W. R. Weakley brought out the evangelistic plans of work in Japan and the fine results achieved.

June 28th was selected for the celebration of the bi-centenary of Wesley's birth and for the raising of \$500,000 as a memorial of that event.

The Review of Missions and Go Forward, by authorization of the Board, will be merged into one twenty-four page paper, the contents to partake of the nature of each publication; the price to be 25 cents.

On Saturday morning the Board adopted a resolution providing for the inauguration of an "Open Church (or City Mission)" movement by the Secretaries, who were instructed to carry on an investigation of the conditions obtaining in city, factory, mining and rural populations in the South, looking toward the establishment of "Open Churches" which shall undertake to care for the people of the down-town and laboring districts who have been drifting away

under the ordinary Church methods. Men are also to be selected and trained for the special work of dealing with these unreached masses.

D. K. LAMBUTH.

GULLIVER GUESSING.

I notice every now and then, in our Church papers, something about "Holy Week," the "Lenten Season," and all that.

I hear that some of our brethren have discovered that Abraham was a deluded old man—meant well, but being an ignorant, superstitious, semi-savage, he just imagined God spoke to him!

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awaken such things in the soul. The divine record implies that good and evil were not known to man up to the time of disobedience.

If a man had eaten of the tree of life instead of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, he would not have died, for it seems that both trees pertain to man's physical and mental nature.

Man's restoration is spiritual, accomplished through spiritual means. And so far as man is concerned he is dead in trespasses and in sins (Eph. 2:1).

This new life is called regeneration, which God, by the Holy Spirit, works in the soul when he raises it from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, whereby the whole soul is created anew in Christ Jesus and renewed after the image of God in righteousness and true holiness (Eph. 4:2).

J. C. PALMER.

I want to say to Bro. E. S. Johnson, through the Advocate, that he made some center shots in his article on "Providential Dealing."

How does the love produced by the new birth differ from natural love? It differs. When man was first started into being, the faculties of his soul were perfect in his present mode of existence.

In conclusion, I will say to my many friends in Texas and elsewhere that I have got able to preach some once more. The Lord be praised for his goodness to me. The Lord bless our Zion and the dear old Advocate.

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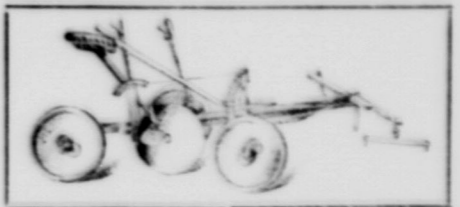
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Nelms, D. D., and Prof. Min. together with Dr. faithful work made the the occasion such a great y labored night and day of weeks to arrange and dan and methods of the l Dr. Tillet, who has had ence in Summer Insty stated that this one sur- ing of the kind he had pressed the fear that it success, and that to keep gh mark in the future problem. As to this we s, for if the future pro- in men and subjects ch an occasion, the Texas ll be there to get the ben- and it is the purpose of ave it in hand to give to the very best that the ds. So that the Summer Theology is bound to be a a success. All honor to en and those associated r the great success of this at next week we will have y on this and other mat- with the work.

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dent school is located in t is one of the leading en- educational way in that little city. True, it is not i Church school, but it is eligious in its work and Prof. R. O. Allen is a r of the Church, and the ng of those placed under high order. His institu- rate one, but no school in tion has done more for of the young and the ton- he sentiment of the com- Allen Academy. Its re- nement was a great sue- daily papers gave it large ent notice. Such schools me of the finest education- the State. It is not a col- es not aspire to collegate has a thorough course of d faculty, and when pupils its tuition they are pre- ter the higher institutions if they desire to prosecute ive training. The Advo- s to see this worthy school us in its laudable work.

KAS PERSONALS.

Hyer, Regent of Southwest- it is visiting Dallas, and t of Judge G. N. Aldredge

n receipt of a kind invita- and the District Conference de Abster, I. T., July 2, Hunkapillar, presiding el-

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ratulate Coronel Institute t that Rev. Sterling Fisher lected to, and has accepted, ney. He is young, aggress- l of life and enterprise, and for the school a successful er his management.

In receipt of an invitation riage of Prof. M. C. Quillian Carrie Brown, daughter of Mrs. W. F. Brown, of Fort he happy event will take 16th of this month and the ple will reside at Salado,

dress of Judge Aldredge, eared in last week's Advo- placed him in a rather pe- tion. We are informed that a number of requests to fill His friends need not be sur- ce him don a white tie and coat. He has modestly de- intention of accepting all tations.

METHODIST NEWS.

Keener and family have t to their summer home at tings.

e with regret the death of uly, son of W. F. Barclay, urch Extension office, Louis- He was a grandson of Bish-

op Hargrove—a student in Vanderbilt University, and a young man of prom- ise.

Bishop Hoss has traveled 5,000 miles and preached thirty-five times in the last forty days.

The sum of \$40,000,000 was invested in Churches by the various denomina- tions for the year 1902.

The Foreign Missions of the M. E. Church last year brought in about one-fourth of the net increase for the year, nearly thirteen thousand.

Baltimore is said to have more Methodists in proportion to the popula- tion than any other city in the world.—The Canadian Epworth Era.

The lectures recently delivered by Bishop Hendrix at Vanderbilt University on the "Religion of the Incarna- tion." will be published in book form.

The Book Committee, at its recent meeting in Nashville, decided to sell the present Publishing House and erect a modern building on a more eligible site.

Dr. J. C. Kilgo, President of Trinity College, Durham, N. C., has been ap- pointed fraternal delegate of the Meth- odist Episcopal Church, South, to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bishop McCabe has offered to pay the expense of the publication of Senator Depew's address at the bi-centen- ary of Wesley, held in connection with the New York Conference. He desires to send a copy to each member of the conference.

It is understood in Vanderbilt cir- cles that the Rev. M. E. Holderness, for past year President of school at Fordyce, Ark., is to fill the office of Bursar at Vanderbilt, beginning with the fall term.—St. Louis Advocate.

Dr. E. B. Chappell has had a very pressing call to the Presidency of Wes- leyan Female College at Macon, Ga. After careful consideration he has decided to refuse the call. The McKen- dree people are highly pleased that he has decided to remain with them. Dr. Chappell is greatly appreciated in his present charge.

The Methodist Churches, of Phila- delphia, commemorated the two hun- dredth anniversary of the birth of John Wesley last week. On Thursday evening Bishop Foss presided and Bishop Fowler and Bishop Hoss (of the M. E. Church, South), made the addresses. On Friday evening Dr. T. B. Neely presided and addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Frank Gunsaulus, of Chicago, and Senator Chauncey M. Depew, of New York.—Exchange.

An Opulent Number of the Methodist Quarterly Review.

The Methodist Quarterly Review for July will open with a great article on "The Panama Canal Treaty in its Religious and Ecclesiastical Aspects," by United States Senator John T. Morgan, of Alabama, the greatest authority in the country on this issue. Chancellor James H. Kirkland, of Vanderbilt University, answers the living question, "Why is Ireland Disloyal?" Bishop Hendrix contributes a charming study, "The Sisters of Jesus," being the substance of the address at the first consecration of deaconesses in our Church. Professor Webb, of Central College, writes a careful critique of Robert Burns, and Dr. James C. Morris presents a profound theological analysis of the book of Job, entitled "Job and the Revelation of the Messiah." Professor F. C. Woodward, sometime President of South Carolina College, writes a comprehensive paper on "The Use and Value of the Small College." Bishop Galloway, after his world-tour, addresses the readers of the Review once more in a delightful sketch of "Thomas Griffin: A Boanerges of the Early Southwest." Professor Littleton, of Southern University, gives a mature and chaste study of Tennyson's "Idyls of the King." Portions of Emperor William's Letter on Assyriology and the Bible are reproduced, with an entire article by Professor Harnack, drawn out by the Emperor's utterance. The number closes with an article from the pen of the Editor, reprinted, with permission, from the London Quarterly Review, entitled "Agnosticism and Immortality." The edition printed but little more than covers the subscription list; those desiring this opulent number would do well to write at once. The price is \$2 a year or 50 cents a number. Subscriptions may begin with any number.

A siren's voice in the choir can not cover a sinner's vice.—Ram's Horn.

Cleanings from the Exchanges

THE MIRACULOUS IN CHRISTIAN-ITY.

Central Advocate:
Whilst we are directing attention to other proofs than miracles for our religion, we must always bear in mind that it is the miraculous element which separates Christianity from the other world religions. For example, we can not explain away the miracle of the Incarnation without explaining away the fact, Jesus claimed to be divine; therefore the Jews stoned him. If Jesus claimed to be what he was not, there is, in short, no such thing as Christianity as it has been taught through the ages; it is simply a higher paganism.

TOO MUCH DOCTORING.

Cumberland Presbyterian:
Professor William James, of Harvard University, whose own name laboriously bears the degrees of doctor of medicine, philosophy, letters and laws, has written to protest against "the growing homage paid in educational circles to the degree of doctor of philosophy." Noting this abnormal clamor of the colleges for doctored professors, the Literary Digest observes: "Emerson, who did not take his bachelor's degree, because he did not think it worth five dollars, would be regarded with fine scorn to-day if he should venture to apply for a chair in some of our American colleges."

DUTIES OF PHYSICIANS.

Exchange:
The American Medical Convention, at its recent meeting in New Orleans, adopted an elaborate statement of medical ethics. It is hoped that the adoption of this standard will obliterate the unfortunate differences that have existed among different members of the profession and bring the whole medical fraternity into accord. The code defines the duties of physicians to their patients, to one another individually, to the profession at large, and to the public. Secrecy is enjoined upon doctors relative to the affairs of patients or their peculiarities, and temperance in all things is advocated. Physicians are advised not to treat themselves, and are forbidden to pay commissions. It is declared to be the physician's duty to warn the public against quacks and charlatans, and to refrain from boasting of cures and remedies.

HELLEN KELLER AS A LECTURER.

Raleigh Advocate:
Among the million of America there is not one more wonderful than Helen Keller. Blind, deaf, and therefore practically dumb from her birth, she has succeeded in making herself a first-class scholar. There is no branch of study now studied in the schools with which she has not made herself familiar. Her latest exploit was in appearing before a large audience in New York a few days ago, and actually delivering an address in words, which were understood by many in the audience. Helen Keller is the pet of the American people. May she live long to demonstrate the su- premacy of mind and purpose over great obstacles.

BUSINESS AND TEMPERANCE.

Indianapolis News:
In this day sobriety has come pretty nearly to mean total abstinence. As a cold business proposition, great corporations and private firms are enforcing practical abstinence. They demand such a condition of their em- ployees that practically any drink at all becomes too much drink. Science has come from another direction to support the same end. The old idea of the efficacy of moderate drinking finds no support in modern medical science. So both "business" and science agree in an inhibition that while not defined as total abstinence, amounts to that as a practical every- day affair, and thus these great forces are making against the drink evil. If the Churches can be brought to throw their united weight in the same scale without abdicating their function as teachers of righteousness, it will help.

MODERN SAVAGERY.

New York Advocate:
The mobs in southwest Russia have been massacring Jews in a fearful way. It is a mingled racial and labor conflict. It was not a riot, but a slaughter. Everything was done that mobs could do. Neither age nor sex escaped. Where they did not kill women they did worse. Many Gen- tiles protested, but were frightened from active interference. In the massacres 50 persons were killed, 250 severely wounded, and over 1000 slightly wounded. Mobs are much the same everywhere. Our country is not suf-

ciently free from them to lift up hands in holy horror against these things. In many respects Russia is back in the Middle Ages, and in vast regions further back than that. It is an improving nation, but ages will elapse before it can be free from great masses of people liable to do desperate things.

"DON'T WANT DOCTRINE."

Interior:
A contemporary of ours is asked by a correspondent to answer the following question: "Did Adam in the covenant of works represent all over whom he was given dominion?" We are most extravagantly thankful that the readers of the Interior don't have the habit of asking their family paper questions like that. This is the kind of thing men mean when they say they "don't want doctrine and theology taught in the pulpit."

SELECTING A PASTOR.

American Weekly:
A distinguished Chicago layman is authority for the statement that there are many "fool Churches," when it comes to selecting a pastor. "Why, to see and hear a man—a what a flimsy foundation for a judgment. His record ought to be looked up from A to Z. Letters of commendation should be heavily discounted. But some Church Committees are more particu- lar about the pedigree of a horse or the title of a piece of land, than of the pedigree and title of the man who is to be the example of their children and the friend and counselor of their family."

THE REASON WHY.

Religious Telescope:
The editor of the *Converted Catholic*, Dr. Jas. A. O'Connor, who was himself reared and educated in the Roman Catholic faith, says: "The reason why the Roman Church objects to the general reading of the Bible is simply because the people would learn what Almighty God has done for them, as for other Christians, and such knowledge would enable them to dis- pense with the services of the priests in saving their souls. One who reads the Bible regularly and prayerfully will not close the Holy Book and kneel down to a priest to confess the sins that are known only to God, or bow in worship before a statue or image to reach the throne of grace. Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither is his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. The religion of Christians is found in the Bible."

Surely, Dr. O'Connor, having been educated for the priesthood, knows what he is talking about, and his moral honesty and Christian integrity cannot be questioned.

PERSONAL SERVICE.

Southern Christian Advocate:
Our Lord has associated Christians with himself in carrying on his work—they are co-laborers with Christ. Giving money to the cause of Christ is important, but giving personal service is more essential. We are, indirectly, missionaries to the heathen when we give to the support of our mission- aries. But when mission work lies right at our very door, giving us an opportunity of engaging directly in religious work, personal service is re- quired.

HIS SINS GONE.

Christian Commonwealth:
A Methodist minister was much annoyed by one of his hearers frequently shouting out during the preaching, "Glory!" "Praise the Lord!" and the like. Though often reproved, the happy member persisted in expressing himself. One day the minister invited him to tea and to take his mind from thoughts of praise handed him a scientific book full of dry facts and figures, to pass the time before tea. Presently the minister was startled by a sudden outburst of "Glory!" "Alleluiah!" and "Praise the Lord!" "What is the matter, man?" asked the minister. "Why, this book says the sea is five miles deep!" "Well, what of that?" "Why, the Bible says my sins have been cast into the depths of the sea, and if it is that deep, I need not be afraid of their ever coming up again. Glory!" The minister gave up hopes of reforming him.

AIMLESS READING.

Christian Endeavor World:
One of the most dangerous habits a young person can form is the short- story habit. On the other hand, one of the most advantageous things a young man or young woman can do is to train the mind by persistent effort to take slow and comprehensive grasps of great things. As you lift heavy weights in the gymnasium, accus- tom your mind to deal with the books which it is the fashion to call "heavy."

Put yourself on a short allowance of story papers, but read the reviews and the scientific periodicals. Make history and biography your mental staples. Depose brevity from among your gods, and put in his place thoroughness. It is easy to make of your mind a sand-bank, instantly dry after the patter of innumerable rain-drops. What you want to make of it is a well-

AN OPEN LETTER TO METHODISM

Dear Brethren—A few thoughts on the present and future for your prayer- ful consideration:
When we look out upon all creation and behold the great suffering masses of all nations, our heart grows sad when we see the Son of man has not where to lay his head in a time of great need. Our Methodists, both North and South, are making great strides in many ways, which are com- mendable and good, but are doing com- paratively nothing along a line which, to our mind, is one of much interest to the great body of Christ as well as to all the world. Up-to-date hospitals are needed in every country and na- tion, where the needy suffering may be cared for by their own people. Go where you will into any city or size and visit the hospital, if there be one, and you will find, with few exceptions, all charitable institutions are under control of Catholicism. This state of things has been going on for a long time, and Catholicism is gradually get- ting a strong hold on the people, especially the rising generation of all countries. Now, we believe this means a great power in a few years for that Church. While Protestants are sleeping, so it were, on their own rights, so to speak, Catholicism is gradually taking the world by their constant deeds of charity to the sick and in- firm, women and children of the land. Methodism raises large sums of money for various causes. Now, why not let some plan be formulated by which an influence would be put in motion through the course of coming years that would gather spiritual and finan- cial force with such rapidity and pow- er throughout the land that a suffi- cient amount may be gathered from all quarters to gradually begin to dot our cities with modern hospitals and equip them with every thing needed for active service? Then this would give place for deaconesses as nurses, while not engaged in city mission work, and in this way perhaps could redeem a part of our lost time on this line of work. Now, we would like to hear from an army of Protestants on this important subject. We believe a grand rally of our people on this line of work would be of most vital inter- est to Methodism, and would be blessed of the Lord, and in this way a co-operative work would reach more people all over the world than almost anything I can think of. I remember having heard a Captain of the Salva- tion Army once say in an open air meeting that they believed in soup, soap and salvation. Said he: "When we find a poor fellow down in the gutter, sick, hungry, all covered with shame and filth, we take him up and give him soap, then take plenty of soap and water and wash him, and put clean clothes on him and never let up with that man until we get him saved." So I believe there is some- thing in the soup, soap and salvation plan; for while dealing with the suffer- ing, if we are Christ-like, we can turn many hearts to him by kind treatment to those while they are in a fallen condition. Oh, what charity we ought to have for suffering humanity for whom our Lord died? May our lives be like his.

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FIFTY YEARS.

I see in the *Christian Advocate* of March 12, 1903, that O. W. Crockett, of Waxahachie, Texas, has been tak- ing the *Texas Advocate* fifteen years. I can beat that. I have been taking it fifty years. I am now in my eighty- fifth year, and read it with pleasure. I do love the *Texas Advocate*.

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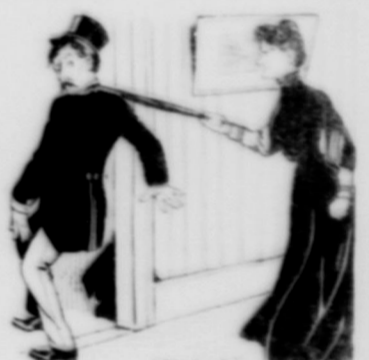
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Resolutions of Respect.

The Tenth Street Auxiliary of Home- Missions, Austin, Texas, is saddened by the loss of one of its most faithful members, Mrs. Adeline M. McCallister, who passed sweetly to the rest of her heavenly home on February 18, 1903, therefore be it:

- Resolved, That while we miss her ministrations, her counsel, her pres- ence, we feel that she still lives, be- cause her works do follow her.
 - That the resignation of a great soul in those last suffering years of her life have taught us that doing God's will was doing God's service, that God's peace is a loving force and a bright reality.
 - That our profound sympathy goes out to the beloved and bereaved husband and children, who sorrow not without hope for her who awaits them in the great beyond.
 - That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the *Texas Christian Advo- cate* and to the family of our glorified sister.
- HELEN M. KIRBY,
S. E. DELWORTH,
H. E. JOHNSON.

The Sunday-School Department

Second Quarter, Lesson 12, June 21.

PAUL'S CHARGE TO TIMOTHY.
2 Tim 3:14 to 4:8.

Golden Text: "There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." 2 Tim. 4:8.

International Evangelist.

The Book of Acts, to the conclusion of which our last lesson brought us, gives a very brief outline of the life of Paul up to the time of his first imprisonment at Rome. The scope which this outline covers indicates how very much was left unrecorded. It covered twenty or more years, and those years were crowded with strenuous labors, swift journeys, many perils, much suffering, the founding and instruction of churches, the training of teachers, the correction of heresies, the settlement of divisions and dissensions, the collections for the poor, and with and through it all physical labor for the support of himself and in a measure of his helpers. Of Paul's occupation during that first Roman imprisonment we have only the general statement that "he received all who came in unto him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no man forbidding him." But we know from internal evidence, that he wrote at least four epistles during this time—Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, and Ephesians.

Under what circumstances Paul was released at the close of the two years we are not told. There is no intimation that charges against him by the Jews at Jerusalem were ever forwarded. Beyond the latter which (Acts 25:26, 27) Festus forwarded by the hand of the centurion who brought him to Rome it is probable that nothing ever entered into his case before the Roman tribunal, and that he was only detained in expectation that witnesses from the distant provinces from which he came might appear against him; and when, after long delay they failed to do so, he was discharged. It is to be kept in mind that there was no active persecution of the Christians at that time. Some years before, in the time of the Emperor Claudius (Acts 18:2) there had been a general persecution of the Jews at Rome which had involved the Christian Jews as well, but that was of brief duration. Meanwhile the numbers of the Christians were rapidly increasing at Rome, and that growth was no doubt greatly helped by Paul in spite of the limitations of his imprisonment. With their numerical increase and the notice they consequently attracted, hostility against them grew up. Nero, while an unspeakable moral monster, was not the man to institute persecutions out of any interest in the established religions. So the fact that Paul was a member of the new Jewish sect counted nothing against him so far as the Emperor was concerned at that time. When, probably the year following Paul's release, the fearful fire in Rome occurred, with responsibility for which Nero was charged, his awful persecution of the Christians was due not to any hatred of them as such by Nero, but as a method of diverting the public suspension from himself.

Following that indescribable persecution, the popular passion against the Christians continued, and they were pursued and hunted down everywhere. We are not sure as to Paul's course after his release, but it is probable that he visited again the principal cities in which he had founded Churches. Tradition has it that he went again to Ephesus, that he journeyed to Crete, and that he made an excursion into Spain. But everywhere through all the provinces the persecution extended. Anywhere Paul would have been singled out as a leader of the hated sect; and at some point he was arrested and brought back to Rome, not now as in the first case a prisoner reluctantly sent by a Provincial Governor because the prisoner had appealed to Caesar, but as one arrested by the authority and will of the Emperor as a representative of a sect that was under the most merciless imperial ban. That being the case we may be sure that no favor was shown him as formerly. He was probably confined in the dark and dismal dungeon in the Mamertime prison.

In Paul's first imprisonment he was confident and hopeful that he would be released. It was during that imprisonment that he wrote the epistles to the Philippians and to Philemon.

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and in both of those letters he expressed the hope that he would shortly be able to go to those to whom he wrote (Phillip. 2:22, 24; Philemon 22). But he had no such expectation in his second imprisonment. On the contrary, he writes calmly of his approaching end (2 Tim. 4:6-8). With all the faith and courage of the old apostle we feel in the last of his written words something of the sadness and gloom of the dungeon in which he was confined. He hoped not to go to any of his friends; he urged Timothy to come to him. He refers disappointedly to the fact many of his friends had fallen away from him in his extremity (2 Tim. 4:10, 14, 15).

Timothy at the time this second Epistle was addressed to him was pastor of the Church at Ephesus. His name is intimately associated with that of Paul during the most of the apostle's missionary life. He was a native of Lystra, and is introduced to us in connection with Paul's second visit to that place (Acts 16:1, 2). He was probably converted at the time of Paul's first visit to Lystra (14:6-22). His mother was a Jewess and his father a Greek (16:1). We find his name associated with Paul's in the opening salutations of five of the epistles—1 and 2 Thess., 2 Cor., Col., Phil. The latter two, being written during Paul's first Roman imprisonment, show that Timothy was with him at the time. The name of his mother and grandmother are given in this last letter (2 Tim. 1:5), and also the fact of his careful instruction in his youth in the Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:14, 15). The fact that Paul had placed him in charge of the Church of Ephesus, the most important of the Asiatic Churches, shows what confidence Paul had in his character and wisdom; and the closeness with which Timothy clung to his spiritual father, and the longing of Paul to see him at the last (2 Tim. 4:21), attest how strong was their mutual love.

The Epworth League Department

ALL communications intended for this department and exchanges with articles to be commented upon, should be sent to Gus W. Thomason, Van Alstyne, Texas.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH.

The North Texas Conference Epworth League was organized in the Baptist Church in Greenville, August 30, 1893, by Bishop Key. This was the first Annual Conference League organized in Texas. Rev. E. C. DeJernett was the first Secretary. The following officers were elected, viz.: President, J. D. Bass, Jr.; Vice-Presidents, Wm. G. Ditzler, Miss Josie Crutchfield and Miss Magnolia Arnold; Secretary, Allan K. Ragdale; Corresponding Secretary, T. Lee Rippey; Treasurer, Miss Lillie Smith. Eighty-two delegates were in attendance and twenty-eight Chapters were reported.

The second session was held in Denison, June 27 and 28, 1894, and Bishop Key's name appears on the list of those present.

At this session a love-feast was conducted by Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, at which (according to the Secretary's notations) 172 testimonies were given, 27 stanzas were sung, 9 personal requests were made for prayer, 7 young men surrendered themselves to preach the gospel, 1 young lady volunteered for service in the foreign field, and 15 residents of Denison promised to join the League! There were 122 delegates present, representing 43 Chapters with 2695 members.

The third session was held in Sherman June 5-7, 1895, and Bishop Key was again present. The same W. M. P. Rippey of the year before was also present, and conducted a jubilee service, in which 125 testimonies were noted by the calculating Secretary. Many responded to the call for penitents and "a number" were converted. Two hundred and fifty-five delegates were present, representing 109 Chapters with 4912 members.

The fourth session was held in Sherman June 17, 1896, and the records show an attendance of only 186. No other statistics are of record.

The fifth session was held in Dallas June 16-18, 1897. Two hundred and six delegates were present, representing 186 Chapters with 6711 members. Eleven hundred dollars was reported expended for missions and \$1190 for charity and help work. Eleven conversions were reported at League meetings. A resolution to disband was defeated by a vote of 70 to 25.

The sixth session was held in Paris June 16-18, 1898, under trying condi-

tions. For days before and throughout the entire conference an incessant rain fell, which contributed to the smallest attendance on record (65). The services were poorly attended by even those who braved the elements to reach Paris.

The seventh session was held in Greenville June 14-16, 1899, and showed renewed interest. The conference was held in the midst of a revival service, which was being conducted by Rev. J. W. Hill. State President F. P. Works delivered an inspiring address. One hundred and sixty-three delegates were present, representing 161 Chapters with 5781 members. Sixty-eight conversions were reported for the year.

The eighth session was held at Plano June 13-15, 1900. One hundred delegates were present and 18 conversions were reported.

The ninth session was held at Honey Grove June 25-28, 1901, with an attendance of 65. This small number was largely due to a resolution adopted at Denton in 1900 by the Conference League Board. Many of the Leaguers thought the conference was not authorized to meet, since the Church authorities had passed a resolution condemning it. An opinion was rendered by one of the Bishops to the effect that the Conference League having previous to the action of the board adjourned to meet again, was entitled to meet, but having met and transacted its regular business was disbanded and adjourned without day. The conference met at Honey Grove, and adopted a resolution asking the board to rescind its action, which it subsequently did, and the way was once more cleared.

The tenth session was held in Bonham in June, 1902, with a splendid attendance and renewed enthusiasm. Geo. B. Oliver, of Dallas, was re-elected President.

The eleventh session will meet in McKinney June 12-14, 1903.

NOTES.

Upon seeing the notice in last week's Advocate Rev. J. Marvin Nichols telegraphed me: "Have six for Detroit special. Will write." Interest in the trip is deepening. If you want to join our private party, write to President Halsell or myself at once. Sixty dollars will be about the cost of the trip, including board and lodging and side trips to Mammoth Cave, Niagara Falls and Nashville.

The State Christian Endeavor Convention will meet in Temple June 12-14. They expect an attendance of 500.

Miss Gervis Fulton, of Sherman, Secretary of the North Texas Conference League, desires that District Secretaries shall send in their reports to her at once, that all local Leagues send two or more delegates to the McKinney meeting, June 12-14. The attention of our presiding elders and preachers in charge is called to these matters, to the end that the requests may be complied with.

The historical sketch, published elsewhere, was ordered by the North Texas Conference League at one of its recent meetings.

Short letters are wanted from local Chapters. Tell us something of your successful plans. Be brief, but be prompt. A postal card will answer.

How about that medal for District Secretaries? If you are interested in the contest, write me.

Every League in Arizona is reported to have subscribed to the Wesley Monumental Fund. Our own State is pledged to this movement. Let us have a generous response. Write Bro. Marvin Nichols, at Gainesville, for particulars. G. W. T.

THE OPERATION OF LOCAL OPTION LAWS.

This writing finds the friends of prohibition in Houston County in excellent spirits. On July 29, 1902, an election was held in this county and the local option law was adopted by a majority of 674 votes. It went into effect in due course, after the opposition had failed to procure an injunction suspending its operation—the usual "dilatatory proceeding" in such cases. All during the campaign, which was one of unusual warmth, and even over since the law became operative, the old familiar slogan was heard, viz: "Prohibition won't prohibit. It would be a good thing if it could be enforced; but it is a law of such a character that the people will not obey it." The friends of the law took the high ground that it "would prohibit, and would be enforced, if the officers of the law, the courts and the juries would only do their duty." And thus have the two contending forces been arrayed against each other, the one standing up for "law and order" and the enforcement of the law, and the other decry-

ing the possibility of its enforcement and apparently obstructing it at every available opportunity. These obstructions were sometimes bold and insolent, and were resorted to doubtless for the purpose of confirming their ante-election contentions and bringing the law into disrepute with the people, in the hope of effecting its repeal after the first two years' trial. But while these violations were going on, the friends of the law were "taking notes," and when our County Court convened last Monday, some twenty five or thirty cases showed up on the docket for such violations, some by indictments and some by informations. Then came the "tug of war." These cases were at once taken up, and out of nine trials seven convictions have been obtained, as follows: State vs. Ed Burrell (colored), one case, fine \$25 and twenty days in jail; State vs. W. J. Mathews (white, and ex-saloon keeper), two cases, same penalty in each case; State vs. W. A. Cone (white), one case, fine \$25 and thirty days in jail; State vs. Hezekiah Stanton (colored), three cases, fine \$25 and twenty days in jail in each case.

This is a pretty fair record, and it is needless to say it has thrown consternation in "the camp of the enemy." It settles beyond question the fact that the law can be enforced, and it is due solely to a healthy public sentiment favorable to the law, vigorous action on the part of the prosecuting officers, and a proper conception of official duty by the courts and juries. This is all that is needed in the enforcement of this, or any other law, and its effect is instantaneous and wonderful. It is now frankly admitted by many of the less obdurate opponents of this law that it will prohibit, and that it can be enforced. As usual, propositions for compromises are being made. It is no pleasant duty to labor for the conviction and punishment of men, and it is probable that concessions will be made by the advocates of the law, in the hope that the violators will "go and sin no more." We have had no "blind tigers," and the cases detected have been for "boot-legging." The law has worked fairly well, and its friends are more than pleased. But one "prescription" concern has existed, and the probability is that it will "close up shop" inside of a week from now. This, if consummated, will be a part of the result of the concessions above referred to. From now on the law's friends expect "easy sailing," but they will not be "caught napping." If there is any one thing more than any other that the people of Houston County are determined to accomplish it is the enforcement of this law. Under no considerations could they be induced to reinstate the "open saloon," with all of its attendant evils, and few people here ever expect to see another legalized saloon in this county. When they contrast the present decent, quiet, orderly, respectable and moral condition of things with the rotten and otherwise disreputable conditions that existed under the saloon system, such contrast is its only needed argument in favor of the good effects of local option. No greater boon can come to any people, from a secular, political or moral standpoint, and may God speed the day when all of "Grand Old Texas" may be found doing duty under the banner of local option. "On with the battle!" J. W. MADDEN.

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THE RESURRECTION AGAIN.

It seems to me that the great fundamental doctrine of the resurrection has received a mighty set back in the study of our recent Easter Sunday-school Lesson, at one vital point. What is a resurrection? Webster says: "A rising again." We speak of the resurrection as the rising again of all the dead at the last day. Some of our literature teaches not a rising again, but the substitution of something else for that which should rise again. Even the Olivet Picture Card teaches the little children concerning these bodies. "We shall lay them down all worn out, and take the changed body." But on page 215 of the Sunday-school Magazine we find these astounding words from a very high source: "The resurrection body will be fitted for higher activities than our present bodies. We will not have in the resurrection the same bodies we have now; we will not need them. They are adapted to our present circumstances; then we will need bodies fitted to a new and higher sphere. How this can be done we need not wonder. God, who makes different bodies out of the same material, can make us such bodies as we need."
Now I submit that if "we will not have... the same bodies," then there will be no resurrection of the dead. And if so, "then is Christ not risen. And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ; whom he raised not up. If so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." (Paul.)
If Christ's body is still in Joseph's new tomb, and if he has made another body to go to heaven in, then we may have another body in heaven than our own. But he tells: "It is I myself; handle me and see." And he showed them his hands and his feet.
Ralston's Elements of Divinity (from which I have received great aid) says: It will be the identical body laid in the grave—that is, it will be composed of the same matter, though greatly changed in properties and circumstances from what it had been in life.
Some who profess faith in Christ, and in the truth of his gospel, have allowed themselves to be so seduced by skeptical notions that they have explained the resurrection of the body until they have completely explained it away, ending by flatly denying it in deed and in truth, if not in words. By the resurrection of the body they would wish us simply to understand that when the soul of the saint leaves the body at death it instantly enters a new-made spiritual body, in which it soars to heaven, leaving the old body of flesh and bone to rest in the arms of an eternal sleep. Thus they would have us believe in a resurrection which is no resurrection. For the substance they would give us the shadow for the radiance which the gospel sheds upon the sepulchre of our buried friends they would give us the gloom of an eternal midnight. If men choose to amuse themselves with theories of their own invention let them not attempt to impose them upon others by professing to derive them from the Bible. For what can be plainer than the fact that the Bible teaches the doctrine of the literal resurrection of the body?
"It is the dead who are to be raised. It is the body which is 'sown in corruption' that is to be 'raised in glory'; the same that is 'sown in weakness' is to 'be raised in power'; that body which is 'sown a natural body,' the same, and not another, is to be 'raised a spiritual body.' 'All that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth.' Was that spiritual body which the soul is supposed to put on at death ever in the grave? How then can it be the resurrection body? The theory which thus teaches is as palpably anti-scriptural as anything can be conceived to be. It even denies the resurrection of Christ, and makes 'vain' not only the 'preaching' of the apostle, but the 'faith' of the Christian: for it is 'our vile body' which is to be 'fashioned like unto Christ's glorious body.'" (Pages 502, 503.)
When we took the baptismal vows on joining the Church we subscribed to the "Apostles' Creed," the eleventh article of which is, "The resurrection of the body." If our Church should say "the creation of a new body," I should hesitate either to receive or administer such a formula. See Pearson's "Exposition of the Creed," one sentence of which reads: "We must therefore undertake to show that the bodies of men howsoever corrupted, wheresoever in their parts dispersed, how long soever dead, shall hereafter

be recollected in themselves, and united to their own souls."
"Wakefield's Christian Theology": "By the resurrection of the dead we understand the revivification of the body which dies, and its reunion with the immortal spirit; so that after the resurrection every human being will be substantially the same person as in the present life." (Page 611.)
Surely if another body were united to this soul, or another soul to this body, that could not be.
McClintock and Strong: "Resurrection: The revivification of the human body after it has been forsaken by the soul, or the reunion of the soul hereafter to the body which it had occupied in the present world. This is one of the essential points in the creed of Christendom."
Corruption, earth and worms
Shall but refine this flesh.
Till my triumphant spirit comes
To put it on afresh.
God, my Redeemer, lives,
And ever from the skies
Looks down, and watches all my dust,
Till he shall bid it rise.
Arrayed in glorious grace,
Shall these vile bodies shine.
And every shape, and every face,
Be heavenly and divine.
(Standard Hymn 619.)
Wesley's Notes: Phil. 3:20, "Who will transform our vile body."
I would ask the question I find in the Question Drawer Department of our Sunday-school Magazine (one of the very best Sunday-school publications). Is there any truth or comfort in a doctrine of resurrection that buries one body and raises another in both form and substance?
The Bible gives us the best proof of all. Job, 19:26; Isa. 26:19; Dan. 12:2; Matt. 22:23-32; John 5:28, 29; Phil. 3:20, 21; I Thess. 4:14-18, and I Cor. 15. These scriptures make use of such terms as "my flesh," "my dead body," "thy dead men," "that sleep in the dust," "in their graves," etc., indicating that they will be the identical bodies. **GEO. A. NANCE,** Pinkerton, Texas.
OUR EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS.
Bro. Boaz has conferred a great favor on Texas Methodism in bringing to light again, in his clear, pointed manner, the all important issue, her educational interest. For some time my very soul has gone out in earnest desire for this cause as represented by our Church. This I regard as the question now before us. Honor and praise to all that has been done that is being done, and that may be done in the future by the present agencies; but the time has come for us to go forward, and we must move. When I sat in the conference room at Georgetown and heard Bishop Candler appeal to that assembly, saying, "Brethren, the time has come that we must endow our institutions of learning," I thought the remark should awaken every mind and bring results. It should yet bear fruit.
As I see the situation, we need three things: First, our demand is a university. That we have in Southwestern at Georgetown, I don't recall a written criticism on this institution itself. All faultfinders are silent when their faces are turned toward the college; nothing else considered. Its inaccessibility has been a great cry. I confess that in this I saw a mammoth difficulty to a magnificent school. But the new railroad has cleared the way. If people can get to Austin they can get to Georgetown. We have heard no complaint of getting to the capital city, so hereafter let's have none about getting to our University, but let us as Texas Methodists, come to a unit on this enterprise and make it great. We suffer today, not because we have no money, but for the reason that we are divided. Concentration we need and must have. If we do come together the State will feel our weight.
2d. The next object wanted is money. Let the two hundred thousand methodists come boldly to the front and raise a million dollars for an endowment of this school. These figures may appear large at first sight, but in fact it is only \$5 per member for our Church in Texas. Then if we can realize interest at 5 per cent. it will enable us to pay the regent a salary of \$5,000 and each teacher a handsome salary also. In my judgment this amount can be raised in five years on the installment plan, an average of \$1 per member each year for five years. With the present conference assessment for education and a small matriculation fee, together with the above endowment, I see no reason why we could not open the doors to all free of tuition. With free tuition as our "battle cry," we can go before the people and get money. Hundreds will make a sacrifice to have their children educated free of tuition in their own faith. This is the only way to meet State competition. Many times have I been presenting the claims of Southwestern before a young man, and his final answer would be, "At Austin I can get free tuition." If the Church will do this, outside friends will likely come to our

rescue with large sums of money.
3d. We need a plan. How shall we undertake to secure this money? By holding a self-supporting State Educational Conference. Convene in each April, until we deem it best otherwise. Let it be understood that every minister of our connection in the State be present, and that all congregations for every forty members elect a representative; provided, however, that no society, however small, be denied a representative. We must get this matter before the people. Then procure a two-days' program with an equal number of ministers and laymen to do the speaking. After all is done possible in this manner, put a layman and a preacher out as traveling agents, and let the pastors work the fields over as closely at home as they do for their conference collections, and victory will be ours.
While we are accomplishing this, the Church should not relax her grip for a moment on the other institutions now owned, but by all means hold to every one of them, and when this work is done for the University, let's turn to these worthy schools and make them what they should be. At this time adopt Bro. Boaz's plan of correlation and commission. Then our educational interest in Texas will be great, connective, and will furnish the future Church in this State a never-failing foundation.
This plan is not visionary, but practical and within reach. If we act with wisdom success is for us. If we stay we die. God help us to move out and do something worthy of our Church in this age.
J. T. GRISWOLD,
Moody, Texas.
IN THE HARNESS AGAIN.
I am in the harness again. Bro. R. R. Raymond was sent to this place at the last session of the Los Angeles Conference and was doing a fine work until a nervous breakdown demanded, according to the opinion of the physicians, absolute rest from ministerial effort for the remainder of the conference year. Bro. O. A. Throver, the presiding elder of the Los Angeles District appointed me to fill the unexpired time until the session of the conference October 22.
This is a beautiful little valley two or three miles across, nestled right under the overhanging mountains and facing the Pacific Ocean, just 100 miles north of Los Angeles. The principal products are lima beans and English walnuts. The land is very high priced, \$200 to \$1000 an acre. Some excellent Southern Methodist people worship in a fine old church erected at first at Santa Barbara, 75 miles away, and afterward moved here.
You cannot tell how happy I am to know that I am "effective" again as an itinerant preacher. My hope now is that I will "fall in the ranks" if it be God's will. **SAM P. WRIGHT,** Carpentaria, Santa Barbara Co., Cal.
LETTER FROM ALABAMA.
A mutual friend urges me to write for this Advocate. To please your subscribers and for some other reasons this letter is written. Of course Birmingham is jubilant over the coming of the next General Conference session. Competition was numerous and strong. Other cities offered rare pleasures and high privileges. We only had to say it was wanted and would be cared for in our usual generous fashion. The committee, and all others in land and sea, know that we are in the habit of doing all we promise, and all any reasonable man can demand. The delegates will be delighted. Our people have the means and disposition to care for large gatherings. This is a Methodist town. Following Dallas, we will have to hump to save our record.
Dr. McFerrin, pastor of our First Church, has immense reserve force. This is his fourth and most fruitful year as pastor of this very important charge. That great house is thronged at every service no matter what the character of the weather. That fact is generally accepted as proof of a popular preacher. The same he is. Where there are so many open Churches with picked pastors it is remarkable that he should command such a hearing. Of late he has preached a series of sermons on family life and its relationships. If our eyes and ears do not deceive us there has been something wrong in the homes of our people for years. But few altars remain. The children are drifting to the bad. And who can marvel when they see the altar of prayer, the hymn book and Bible substituted by the card table and punch bowl? What of these thousands of motherless wives? Dr. McFerrin had a message for fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. In their delivery he was tender and fearless. He discussed many delicate questions, but was true to the old Bible and Methodist teaching. Such sermons are rarely heard from modern pulpits. They have made a most gracious impression on the minds of thousands, and ought to be in print.
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Wyam is a city of 4000 population. Our Church is in the lead. A new house of worship is going to cost \$5000. It was difficult to find a seat at the Sunday-school, though the Secretary reported \$2 absent. They have a religious pastor and do not hesitate to weep and sin amen at the right time. A day with them comparable of the other days in Texas.

Our Advocate has the largest circulation in its history. The credit for its popularity is due the good editing of our young friend McCoy. While publishers may add or hinder, the editor makes the paper popular or otherwise. Great is his responsibility and great ought to be his reward if he succeeds. The people know a good paper when they see it.
Rev. W. F. Sanford, pastor of Triana Circuit, has been tendered a trip to the League Conference by his friends. He is worthy.
Our schools are closing a prosperous year. The air is full of commencement sermons and literary orations.
The crop prospect is encouraging.
M. H. WELLS

The teacher was giving little Tommy a grammar lesson the other day. "An abstract noun," she said, "is the name of something which you can't touch, but not touch. Can you give me an example?"
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The annual meetings of W. F. M. Society of the Texas (and East Texas) Conference and of the North Texas and the Northwest Texas Conference have been held within the past week at Palestine, Clarksville and Temple, respectively.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, CORSICANA DISTRICT.

The W. H. M. Society of Corsicana gave an ice cream supper at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Holland in April. To say it was enjoyed will not express it for the ladies put forth every effort to make it a success socially and financially.

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Through the instrumentality of that gifted and consecrated woman, Miss Lucinda B. Heim, the General Conference sixteen years ago organized this society into a working force.

Each year finds us doing more than the preceding one. During the fiscal year supplies valued at \$8136.54 have been forwarded to the families of these brave men who leave comfortable homes and loved ones and go to preach the word of life in sparsely settled sections.

Our city mission work has been very successful this year. At Nashville, Tenn., the Settlement Home for missionary work among the poor and needy has accomplished wonders.

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Atlanta, Ga., has a city missionary with 46 earnest assistants, who work and teach among the factory people, who number 1800, and kindergartens and day nurseries are in fine condition.

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Money raised and expended 1887, first year of organization, \$261.55; 1901-02, \$146,197.27; 1901-02, local, \$97,129.75. Grand total amount for 15 years \$725,945.66. Number members, 29,634; number on Baby Roll, 6619; parsonages built and aided, 1265; boxes supplies sent past year to needy districts, 265, valued at \$8136.54; teachers and missionaries employed, 47; city missionary work carried on in nine cities. Grand total of property owned by the society, \$69,000.

Through our consecrated Christian women we can but see "what God hath wrought." MRS. LAURA SLOAN, Brandon, Texas.

CORONAL INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT.

The commence exercises of Coronal Institute closed June 3, after three days of most enjoyable and edifying entertainment.

The first day was devoted to the Primary and Intermediate Departments. The weather was never more delightful, nor crowd larger. The spacious hall was filled to overflowing. Standing room was at a premium.

Notwithstanding the heavy rain Tuesday morning the house was almost filled with visitors and citizens eager to hear the elocutionary prize contest. This is always an interesting feature, but was unusually so on this occasion as the contestants were among the most popular of the student body.

The musical program of the afternoon was perhaps the most enjoyable period of the commencement occasion. The selections were of the most difficult character, but were rendered in an easy and satisfactory manner.

The graduating exercises were held Wednesday, the class being composed of Messrs. Ripley Jacobs and Ralph McLellan; Misses Fandee Young, Mabel Kone, Mary Belle McKenzie, Charlotte Brown, Annie Monkhouse, Julia Pritchett. Mr. Jacobs held first and Miss Young second place of honor.

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BIRD BABIES AND THEIR CRADLES

What bird gets married the earliest? The horned owl, says London Knight, in the July Indicator, and his description of the courtship, marriage and parenthood of this ugly bird is very amusing, as well as instructive.

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William the Conqueror. William E. Reardon is a second "William the Conqueror." In planning his business he was as bold as his Norman namesake. He had been selling THE SATURDAY EVENING POST each week in his own town in Michigan, just before Christmas, when about to start for Midland to spend the holidays, he received an offer from the publishers promising a cash prize to the Michigan boy who would first sell 250 copies. He had not intended to do any work that week, but now he found a new plan. He abandoned all other work and set to work at once. He carried his father's telegraph for 250 copies to be sent to Midland. As he received his copies from the postmaster, a Midland boy, who was also an agent for THE POST, received a bundle containing five copies. The latter's eyes grew big with astonishment—"old Master William that he didn't 'ble his looks"—that he had better go back home again. The little Conqueror declared he would show him right there, so he made a pile of the bundles on the floor where people were waiting for the mails, mounted the pile and announced the crowd. He stated that he represented Benjamin Franklin's old paper—that he had just received the Christmas number—that it was the best one ever published. Before leaving he had sold fifty copies of THE SATURDAY EVENING POST. He spent the rest of the day among the businessmen, finding buyers everywhere. What was left he sold the next day from house to house. When he left for home the day after New Year's he found the other boy who sold THE POST and advised him to "ginger up." "I am eight years old," the Conqueror writes, "I never before tried to earn any money; but you can put me down for the first prize whenever you make another prize offer in Michigan."

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The Calvert 10 convene at Frank Rev. C. J. Oxley's day night, July 1, a full attendance pointment for the will be at Frank The afternoon be devoted to mi Society and W. I receive special att (Rev. J. T. Smith, a special sermon night. Let the make their report R. A. I

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Gatesville District. The G. C. & S. F. Railway Company have granted a one and one-third rate...

San Augustine District. To the Preachers, Delegates and Others Who Expect to Attend the San Augustine District Conference...

Sherman District. Sherman District Conference, June 25, at Collinsville.

Committee on License and Recommendations—J. W. Hill, D. F. Fuller, J. B. Gober.

Huntsville District.

Brethren, please come praying and expecting a revival, and the salvation of souls.

Beaumont District.

To the Pastors of the District: Brethren, please send me the names of your local preachers, delegates of the W. H. M. Society...

Calvert District.

The Calvert District Conference will convene at Franklin, July 2, at 9 a. m. Rev. C. J. Oxley will preach on Thursday night, July 2. We are expecting a full attendance.

Weatherford District.

- 1. Time Card: T & P. at Eastland, E. 11:20 a. m. T & P. at Eastland, W. 1:20 p. m. T & P. at Ranger, E. 11:20 a. m. T & P. at Eastland, W. 1:20 p. m. Hack, Breckenridge, 7:45 p. m.

Life.

The poet's exclamation: "O Life! I feel these bounding in my veins" is a joyous one. Persons that can rarely or never make it, in honesty to themselves, are among the most unfortunate.

DANCING, CARDS AND WINE.

Gambling and dancing cards and wine. No other group of words, or line, Of life and death so much can tell.

For all their ways lead down the grade; With them no joy yet was reconciled. A conscience pure and unrebelted.

The names of those wake dismal sound With vibrant echoes from the ground.

Dark paths are these some people go; There is a sense they feel and know.

To speak, oh would it were not true; My men with ink of saddest hue.

SLATE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

About two years ago a company began opening up their quarries in this county at a point twenty-seven miles east of Mena and about sixty miles west of Hot Springs.

From the company's prospectus I take the following statement: "The greatest deposits of high grade slate in the world are found on this property.

"Slate experts who have examined these deposits pronounce the slate the purest and most valuable they have ever seen.

"Our red slate property, aside from our green, black and purple, covers more than 1000 acres, and is in the form of a mountain.

"The State Geologist of Missouri, Mr. E. R. Buckley, who is recognized by the Government as authority in his line of science, says that this is the most remarkable deposit of slate in the world.

The company has strong faith in the possible results of their enterprise, for they are expending much money in establishing their plant.

They are putting in heavy machinery, one piece being a steam engine consisting of the iron frame, four steam chests, two piston rods and one drive-wheel, and weighs 16,000 pounds.

The well stops, but the slate goes on down. The State Geologist of Missouri, Mr. E. R. Buckley, who is recognized by the Government as authority in his line of science, says that this is the most remarkable deposit of slate in the world.

load as the engine. A wagon was made to order for these heavy loads. A railroad will soon be built from Mena and "Slatington" will grow.

METHODIST DOCTRINES.

This is my second year at Canton and Edgewood. After spending twelve months among the people I was thoroughly convinced that the doctrines of Methodism needed to be preached.

Some of our own people, and many who belong to no Church, often wonder why Methodist preachers do not preach more on those points of Methodist doctrine.

The Baptist and Campbellite preachers in this country are continually preaching immersion as the only scriptural baptism; that there is but one Church of Christ, and that their particular denomination is that one.

The fact is if Methodist preachers would preach more on those points of doctrine, more people would join the Methodist Church.

For seven days Rev. A. A. Kidd, of Ben Wheeler, preached the doctrines of Methodism to my congregation in the town of Edgewood, and during this time baptized two babies.

Many of the Baptists were displeased with my meeting, as was evidenced by their refusing to hear the preaching; but the good work goes on, and as one result more people are reading and investigating for themselves.

From Edgewood we went to Canton and were not surprised to find those of the immersion, final perseverance and close communion persuasion anything but interested in our meeting.

The doctrines of Methodism are safe in his hands; his sermons are clear, scriptural and convincing. No preacher need hesitate in getting him for a series of doctrinal sermons.

Twenty-four years ago the Tennessee Conference sent to you Rev. Jno. H. Reynolds and family, who now makes his home in Sherman, Texas.

WORDS FROM A SUPERANNUATE.

I seldom ever write anything for the columns of the Advocate. I often wish to say something to my brethren through the Texas Advocate; but being very frail and feeble, I give the space to my younger brethren who now occupy the field.

REVIVALISTS. LECTURES ON REVIVALS. Charles G. Finney (Greatest revivalist of his day). THE REVIVAL AND THE PASTOR. HOW TO PROMOTE AND CONDUCT A SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL. REVIVALS OF RELIGION. THE REVIVAL AND AFTER THE REVIVAL. MODERN REVIVALISM. BIGHAM & SMITH, Agents, Nashville, Tenn.; Dallas, Texas.

times, I want to say to Bro. E. L. Armstrong, my old P. E., that I do deeply sympathize with him in his sorrowful affliction.

Brother Walker is doing a good work at Carbon and Gorman in his own quiet way. Bro. Livingston is doing a good work on the Carbon Mission.

Will say as for my dear wife, she is very feeble and worn. But, bless God, we are happy; and while we cannot be like Gideon's host (still pursuing), we can endure as seeing Him who is invisible.

Will all the brethren who read this offer one prayer for myself and Aunt Mary.

A LANDSLIDE IN OLD BRAZORIA COUNTY.

On last Saturday we carried old Brazoria County overwhelmingly for prohibition. We don't know the exact vote yet, but feel sure of 2 to 1.

BRO. REYNOLDS IN TENNESSEE.

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NATH'S JOTTINGS.

Dear Advocate readers, how did you like our San Angelo District Conference program? I thought it was right good, but maybe it was the persons who carried it out so heavenly.

Mrs. Gabbie—Mrs. Kraft has been married ten years.

Mrs. Bizzy—"I tried to find that out the other day."

Mrs. Bizzy—"What did she say?"

Mrs. Bizzy—"I asked her at what age she was married, and she said, At the parsonage."

As important hour was about to be had, and the meeting must be saved. Bro. Reynolds delivered one of his characteristic stirring exhortations after a good but toothless sermon.

Waverly, Tenn.

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We ran off with the Salvation Army, drum and all, and tried to get away after Church we touched.

I told my folks the other day it would be a benediction to any town to build a home for some superannuates and invite him to come and live among them.

Some fellow said up there at San Angelo, "If you want talking done get a lot of Methodist preachers together."

John Linn and I nearly always had our say. I expect that is one reason I enjoyed the proceedings so much they let me talk lots.

On my first work down here in Callwell County there was a splendid young woman who loved to shoot one day full of rapture and halcyons, she said, "Bro. Thompson, I will be so glad when I get to heaven, I can shoot as much as I want to and nobody won't care."

The San Angelo District is coming; fact about the business, has already been here in a good many respects.

Bro. Lee did us four years' hard, faithful service, and turned it over into the hands of a fine presiding elder.

The preachers for the next year brought good reports.

Our district is in fine shape financially. Plenty rain, which makes woods and grass. Cattle, sheep, goats and hogs all good price.

Mrs. Gabbie—"Mrs. Kraft has been married ten years, I'm sure. I wonder how old she was when she was married."

Mrs. Bizzy—"What did she say?" Mrs. Bizzy—"I asked her at what age she was married, and she said, At the parsonage."—Philadelphia Press.

OBITUARIES.

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 150 or 180 words. The privilege is reserved of condensing all obituary notices. Parties desiring such notices to appear in full as written should remit money to cover excess of space. At the rate of ONE CENT PER WORD. Money should accompany all orders.

Resolutions of respect will not be inserted in the Obituary Department under any circumstances, but if paid for will be inserted in another column.

POETRY CAN IN NO CASE BE INSERTED.

Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent. Price, five cents per copy.

PEEL.—Being a friend and near neighbor, and at the request of his wife and other members of his family, we write these lines commemorative of the death Bro. Thos. J. Peel, which occurred on April 21, 1903. Bro. Peel was born in Montgomery County, Alabama, November 25, 1844, moved to San Marcos in 1880; connected himself early in life with the M. E. Church, South, and while quiet and unobtrusive in manner, was ever faithful to the vows taken, and made constant effort to lead a godly life. His illness was of several months duration, in which time no mention was made by him of his approaching dissolution until a few hours before his death. When told by his companion that the end was near, he, without any visible change in his manner, and manifesting unusual calmness and rationality, quietly called his family to his bedside and bade them good-bye, exacting a promise from each to meet him in heaven, thereby giving all evidence possible of the witness of the Spirit that he was an heir of God, with no doubt in his mind that he would receive the promised inheritance. It is only the Christian that can thus die; and while sad that earthly ties are broken, Bro. Peel's influence during life to near the close, is of inestimable value to his family, and proves to each member that if they but make the same effort to follow the teachings of the Master as he did it will secure for them a like heritage, and with him enjoy a blissful immortality beyond the grave. We will miss Bro. Peel, but will meet him again.

R. J. SMITH.

San Marcos, Texas.

TYSON.—At 9:05 on the evening of Friday, April 3, 1903, the death angel of God came to the home of W. E. Tyson and family, living near Olustee, Okla., and called from this life their loving daughter and sister, Mary. She was born February 28, 1888. Mary was a bright, cheerful girl, just in the springtime of life. Her beautiful character, sweet, gentle disposition and bright promises for the future made it doubly hard to give her up, and gladly would she have remained in this life to comfort and cheer; but God, in his wisdom, knoweth best. Her fatal sickness was brief and the sufferings great, but she bore it patiently, and when medical skill and aid had failed and Mary was told she could not live, she seemed willing and ready to go. Mary was for several years a member of the M. E. Church, South, and in her faithful, consistent Christian life she had gathered about her a host of friends who knew her but to love her. This loving character has left behind an influence for good that will live till "Jesus will have gathered his jewels," and then only will we know the beauty of a soul saved through the blood of Christ. We sympathize with the bereaved loved ones, and though in the home there is a vacant chair, in heaven there is an angel to that will ever draw us upward; and if we are faithful and true, we have that blessed assurance that we will one sweet day meet again in a land of endless joy and peace, where parting will be unknown.

A FRIEND.

SAMFORD.—Bro. Mat Samford was born July 15, 1839 and departed this life May 2, 1903, aged 43 years. He was converted in early life and joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent and upright life. He was a young man of exceptional attractions and especially among the young people. The last eight or ten years of his life he was very active in Church work, serving as a faithful steward at Long Branch Church. The writer preached his funeral at the old Sardis Tabernacle the first Sunday in May. Bro. Mat left unmistakable evidence of his acceptance with Christ. Several times just before he was called he said, "All is well, all is well." His message to his comrades was: "The Christian life is all the life worth living." I feel I shall be a more earnest preacher and worker for the blessed Lord since my association with him. To his dear mother, sister and brothers: Weep not for Bro. Mat; though he is gone, he yet lives in the fond memory of hundreds, and his influence will go on. May we all be more in earnest for the Master, so when he calls for us we will be ready to go. His pastor, W. H. HARRIS.

BRADFORD.—Rev. W. H. H. Bradford was born in Culpepper County, Va., May 15, 1824, and died in Knox County, Texas, March 4, 1903. This removed from our midst one of our most devoted and useful local preachers. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church at 11 years of age; of good Methodist stock, his father and mother both being devoted members. He was licensed to preach some time in the fifties and was ordained deacon by Bishop Doggett. In the spring of 1847 he was married to Miss Elvira Smith, of Missouri, who died in 1884. Eleven children were born to them—five of whom preceded him to the other world. Twenty-six years of his life in Texas were spent in Wise County. It is said that no Bishop in the Church could have drawn so large a congregation in that country as he. Five years next following he spent in Knox County. The rest of his life was almost wholly spent on the plains of West Texas, near Plainview. In all these sections his name is a household word and a precious memory. His ministerial career was all spent in the local ranks except one brief term as supply at Plainview. "Uncle Billie," as he was familiarly known, was much loved by a wide circle of friends, and was much in demand as a preacher. In revival meetings he was a power. He had the genius of mighty exhortation, and his audience with the Lord in prayer was something wonderful. He had a warm, emotional nature, a voice like a trumpet, a vivid imagination, a rich, full vocabulary and was full of Holy Ghost religion. It was hard for an earnest penitent not to trust the Lord when Uncle Billie told him how. The radiance of his Christian and ministerial life was not obscured by a solitary cloud. This meager and belated outline of his life we get from an aged and devoted sister of his. May the sorrowing relatives catch the spirit, follow in his footsteps and meet him where sad partings never come.

J. M. McCARTER.

GRIFFITH.—Relda Otis Griffith, daughter of J. F. and M. J. Otis, was born January 6, 1880, at New York, Henderson County, Texas, and fell on sleep May 11, 1903, at Fairfield, Texas. Relda was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of 16. She has since been a faithful and useful member of the Church she loved. She early became a teacher in the Sunday-school—a position she filled until the Great Head of the Church called her home. She was married March 15, 1903, to Bro. Hons Griffith, one of our noblest and best young men of Fairfield. She had been a bride a little less than two months. Thus not only her parents, brothers and sisters, but a loving and broken-hearted husband, mourn her untimely death. While we can not understand the movings of our Father's providence, he has made the darkest shadows which are cast across our paths light with his promises. So we thank God for the life so full of sunshine—a face always radiant with joy and hope. She was great in the kingdom of Christ, because she was ever ready to minister unto and serve others. Yes, we shall see her again! There we will understand why the shadows came. We commend the sorrowing ones to God who can bear us up.

J. L. RUSSELL.

CHAPMAN.—Sunday, May 10, 1903, was a day of awful suspense. Watchers, anxious ones, stood about the bed where lay a loved one; the physician had exhausted his skill, and whispers as he walks away, "There's no hope." The anxious ones draw nearer; the sun goes down; all eyes turn toward the old clock on the mantel; it strikes eleven; suddenly a great silence pervades the throng that had gathered; it seemed as though an angel from heaven had commanded that all be silent; and while every heart breathed a silent prayer, "Lord, receive his spirit," the angels of mercy folded their wings about his spirit and John S. Chapman joined the blood-washed throng on the other shore. He was born in Indiana October 2, 1859. With his parents, James L. and Mary E. Chapman, came to Texas in 1851; was married January 7, 1875, to Miss M. A. Harper, gave his heart to the Lord in 1880. Like the moon reflects the light of the sun, so for more than twenty years this man reflected the sunlight of eternal truth upon every thing with which he came in touch. Death to him was the gateway to the sunlit clime, where he has gone to be with the redeemed of the Lord. Oh, that the mantle of this Elijah may fall upon his boys and the angels encamp about the widow until she, too, shall climb up the shining way and all join in singing, "Home at last."

T. M. KIRK.

I & G N. EXCURSION RATES. Marlin—The Great Health Resort. Sell tickets every day in the year. Limit 60 days from date of sale for return. For further information call on ticket agents or address, D. J. PRICE, Gen. Pass. & Tkt. Agent, I & G N. R. R., Palestine, Texas.

GETTING THE WORST.

A boy came to the door of a lady's house and asked if she did not wish some berries, for he had been out all day gathering them. "Yes," said the lady, "I will take them." So she took the basket and stepped into the house, the boy remaining outside, whistling to some canary birds hanging in their cages on the porch. "Why don't you come in and see that I measure your berries right?" said the lady; "how do you know but I may cheat you?" "I am not afraid," said the boy, "for you would get the worst of it." "Get the worst of it?" said the lady; "what do you mean by that?" "Why, ma'am," said the boy, "I should only lose my berries, and you would make yourself a thief. Don't you think that would be getting the worst of it?" The boy was right. He who steals, or does anything wrong or mean just to gain a few pence or a few shillings, burdens himself with a sin which is worse than all the gain. Let this be borne in mind; the one who does wrong to another always gets the worst of it.—Unidentified.

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Commenting upon a circular issued by Vice-President C. H. Markham, of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, under date of April 16, a copy of which was sent to each agent and employee of the above line, the able editor of the Waxahachie Light, has, among other trite remarks, the following to say editorially under the caption, "Railroad Reform." "Some time ago Mr. C. H. Markham, Vice-President of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, issued a circular to all employees of that line, requesting them to make it a point to treat every one with whom they come in contact civilly and courteously. This is a reform movement in the right direction, and if followed out is bound to result in much good, not only for the roads represented by Mr. Markham, but to every railway line in the country. It is something that the subordinate railroad employes, clothed with a little bit of authority, treat a portion of the public with whom they come in contact as if they were conferring a special favor in answering summons, questions or in giving any information, for which they draw a salary to give. One discourteous and unaccommodating employe can make more enemies for a railroad than can ever be counteracted by a score of civil and courteous employes. Public sentiment makes the law and in a great measure influences verdicts of juries. Bearing these considerations in mind, it is of the first importance that all railroad employes should manifest a disposition to accord civil and courteous treatment to the people with whom they have business dealings, acting in the discharge of these duties as agents for others."

THE BIRD PROTECTION LAW.

Every farmer in the State of Texas appreciates by now the law which protects birds in this great commonwealth of agriculture, and each has had his part in the passage of that most wise and beneficial measure. The Houston Post, in commenting on this pertinent matter recently, said:

"It has always been the policy of the Southern Pacific to protect the farmer and his crops along their line. There is a class of birds which are a means of much benefit to the farmer and his property. The protection of these birds means protection of the farmer."

The following letter from New York is indicative of the general public approval of the course which Colonel Morse has pursued in reference to this subject.

"Mr. S. F. B. Morse, Passenger Traffic Manager, Southern Pacific, Houston, Texas:

"New York, May 5, 1903.—My Dear Sir: I have watched with interest the progress of legislation in Texas, especially that for the protection of birds of your commonwealth. When I warned through the Southern Pacific Railroad's industrial agent that a law had been passed, I was particularly well pleased that the citizens of Texas had begun to realize the vast importance of bird life to the agricultural industries.

"I believe as the years roll by the reputation of birds to agriculture will become more patent every day, scientists have recognized this important relation for a number of years.

"Your industrial department has, I believe, helped this beneficial movement very materially, and I beg to convey to the corporation which you represent my official and personal thanks for the great work you have accomplished.

"As a matter of fact, I believe it is the first instance known where a corporation in this special line of civic government, and I think that this new law will prove of greater value to the people of Texas than any other legislation that has been accomplished during the present session. "The drastic, but at the same time correct, game and bird law that has been passed in your State, is already having an influence on legislation in other States; have myself on several occasions already pointed to the very advanced stand that has been taken by the great commonwealth of Texas.

"Again thanking you for your corporate and personal interest in this matter, I am, with great respect, very truly yours, (Signed) WILLIAM DUTCHER, Chairman Bird Protection Committee Audubon Society of America.

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WEST TEXAS CO. Llano District—T Blanco cir., Johnson City cir., at J Willow City cir., at O Cherokee cir., at Saba mis., at C San Saba sta., at Rock Springs., District Conference Saba July 9, at 9 a. m League Conference with Texas, Monday, July 13 Sunday, July 12, at 8 p m W. H. Cuero District— Nur & P. L., at The Lawrenceville, at Ft. York Range, at Helton Sweet Home, at Terry Hallettsville, at C. L. El Campo, at Ashley Yoakum., Clear Creek, at Chapin Ganado, at Ganado Cuero., J. C. San Angelo District— Ogona., Sterling, at Garden City Sonora cir., at Menard Junction City, at Cope Brady, at Meriam Potosi, at San Francisco Mason, at Leval Valley Milburn, at Variga Center City, at Pleasant Lometa, at Mullin Lampasas mis., at Kemp J. E. Beeville District— Lavernia., Beeville Pearsantion., Galad., Corpus Christi Oakville., Matlis., Rockport., Hlancoria., J. S. Austin District—TH Ba trop., La Grange., McDade, at Oak Hill., West Point, at F. Pair Cochar Creek, at Upton., Elgin., Manor., Walnut, at Meritown., Manchaca, at Creedmore., Wabersville, at Osborn South Austin., First Street, Austin Tenth Street, Austin Hotchkiss Memorial, Au E. S. San Marcos District— Lockhart., Seguin and Mill Creek., Dripping Spas, at F. H. Timon cir., at McMahi Belmont cir., at Oak F. Gonzalez., Kyle and P. Grove, at P. Staples cir., at Harris San Marcos sta., Sterling. San Antonio District— Bexar cir., at Oak Island Pearsall., Laredo., Cotulla cir., at C. Amphion cir., at Robt. Moore cir., at Big Foot Utopia cir., at Leaky Carrizo S and Batesville Sherman St., at a. m. Prospect Hill, 8 p. m. West End., South Heights., Travis Park, at a. m. Comal St., 8 p. m. W. J. J. NORTHWEST TEX. CO. Dublin District—Thi Hico sta., at Hico Carbon and Gorman, at Carbon mis., at Romney Morgan Mill, at M. M. Cisco mis., at Central Cisco sta., at Cisco Eastland, at Pleasant Gr Huff Dale, at Marcus Granbury, at Granbury., Glen Rose, at Elm Flat Green's Creek, at G. Carlton, at Fairview Duffau., Fredli and Fairy, at F. Deddemona., Huckabay., District League and meet at DelLeon June 11-12 Conference at Tular July 13 E. A. Fort Worth District— Covington, at Philadelphia Bono, at Liberty Cresson, at Bruce Kennedale, at Thomas ch Arlington., Joshua, at Margstown., Mansfield, at Britton Cuba, Price chapel., Blum, Kopperl., Smithfield., Grapevine., Cleburne., Jas. C. Georgetown District—T Pendleton cir., Seventh St. Ch., Temple Warrick sta., Maddala cir., Granger cir., Taylor sta., Salado cir., Holland cir., West Ch., Temple sta., Georgetown sta., Troy cir., Rogers cir., Hutto cir., J. S. Ch. Corsicana District—Th Missionary Ins. Dawson., Missionary Ins. Wortham S. S. and E. L. Ins. Elton Blooming G. Qr. Con., Corsicana cir., at Harrison Corsicana., First Ch., Rice, at Rice Alma, at Alma Cotton Gin, at Campbell's Wortham, at Woodland Horn Hill, at Central In Thornton, at Big Hill Groesbeck Eureka, at Birdston Richland, at Qutmy ch Frost, at Salem Dawson, at Harmony Dresden, at Jones Ranch Brandon, at Riens.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Llano District—Third Round.
Blanco cir. June 12, 14
Johnson City cir. at Oxford. June 20, 21
Willow City cir. at Oxford. June 20, 21
Cherokee cir. June 27, 28
San Saba mis. at Chapel. July 5, 8
San Saba sta. July 5
Rock Springs. July 18, 19
District Conference will meet at San Saba July 5, at 9 a. m. Llano District League Conference will meet at San Saba, Texas, Monday, July 13, League sermon Sunday, July 12, at 2 p. m.
W. H. Higgs, P. E.

Cuero District—Third Round.
Nur & P. L., at Thomaston. 24 Sun June
Leesville, at Floyd's Chap. 24 Sun June
Runge, at Helena. 1st Sun July
Sweet Home, at Terryville. 24 Sun July
Hallsville, at C. I. 24 Sun July
Ed Campa, at Ashby. 24 Sun July
Yokum. 1st Sun Aug 1, 4
Clear Creek, at Chesapeake. 24 Sun Aug
Ganado, at Ganado. 24 Sun Aug
Cuero. 4th Sun Aug 1, 4
J. C. Wilson, P. E.

San Angelo District—Third Round.
Ozona. June 12, 14
Sterling, at Garden City. June 20, 21
Sonora cir. at Menardville. June 27, 28
Juncheon City, at Cooperas. June 20, 21
Brady, at Meridian. July 4, 5
Poncha, at San Francisco. July 4, 5
Mason, at Loyal Valley. July 11, 12
Milburn, at Yarga. July 18, 19
Center City, at Pleasant Grove. July 18, 19
Lometa, at Mullin. July 25, 26
Lampasas mis. at Kopper. July 25, 26
J. D. Scott, P. E.

Beville District—Third Round.
Lavernia. June 12, 14
Beville. June 20, 21
Pleasanton. June 27, 28
Goluh. June 20, 21
Corpus Christ. July 4, 5
Oakville. July 11, 12
Mathis. July 18, 19
Rockport. July 25, 26
Hilacoria. Aug 1, 2
Joe F. Webb, P. E.

Austin District—Third Round.
Batrop. June 20, 21
La Grange. June 27, 28
McLude, at Oak Hill. July 4, 5
West Point, at F. Prairie. July 11, 12
Cedar Creek, at Upton. July 18, 19
Egich. July 25, 26
Mason. July 25, 26
Walnut, at Meritpoint. Aug 1, 2
Manchaca, at Creedmore. Aug 1, 2
Webberville, at Osborn. Aug 18, 19
South Austin. Aug 25, 26
First Street, Austin. Aug 25, 26
Tenth Street, Austin. Aug 25, 26
Hotchkiss Memorial, Austin. Aug 25, 26
E. S. Smith, P. E.

San Marcos District—Third Round.
Lockhart sta. 24 Sun June
Seguin and Hill Creek. 24 Sun June
Drooping Spgs. at Fairbough. 24 Sun June
Timon cir. at McMahon. 24 Sun July
Belmont cir. at Oak Forest. 24 Sun July
Gonzales sta. 24 Sun July
Kyle and P. Grove, at P. G. 24 Sun July
Staples cir. at Harris. 24 Sun July
San Marcos sta. 24 Sun Aug
Sterling Fisher, P. E.

San Antonio District—Third Round.
Bexar cir. at Oak Island. 24 Sun June
Pearlsal. 24 Sun June
Laredo. 24 Sun June
Cottalia cir. at C. 24 Sun July
Amphion cir. at Roby. 24 Sun July
Moore cir. at Big Foot. 24 Sun July
Utopia cir. at Leaky. 24 Sun July
Carrizo S. and Batesville. 24 Sun Aug
Sherman S. II a. m. 24 Sun Aug
Prospect Hill, 8 p. m. 24 Sun Aug
West End. Aug 12
South Heights. Aug 12
Travis Park, II a. m. 24 Sun Aug
Comal St. 8 p. m. 24 Sun Aug
W. J. Johnson, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Dublin District—Third Round.
Hico sta. at Hico. June 12, 14
Carbon and Gorman, at G. June 20, 21
Carbon mis. at Rountree. June 27, 28
Morgan Hill, at M. M. July 4, 5
Cleo mis. at Central. July 11, 12
Cleo sta. at Cleo. July 18, 19
Eastland, at Pleasant Grove. July 25, 26
Bluff Dale, at Marshall. July 25, 26
Granbury, at Granbury. July 25, 26
Glen Rose, at Elm Flat. July 25, 26
Green's Creek, at G. C. July 25, 26
Carlton, at Fairview. Aug 1, 2
Doddson. Aug 8, 9
Huckabay. Aug 20, 21
District League and Sunday School Conference at DeLeon June 19-22. District Conference at Tolar July 1-2.
E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Third Round.
Covington, at Philadelphia. June 20, 21
Bono, at Liberty. June 27, 28
Cresson, at Bruce. June 27, 28
Kennedale, at Thomas ch. July 4, 5
Arlington. July 11, 12
Joshua, at Marshall. July 25, 26
Marfield, at Britton. July 25, 26
Cuba, Price chapel. July 31
Blum, Kopper. Aug 1, 2
Smithfield. Aug 15, 16
Grapevine. Aug 22, 23
Cleburne. Aug 22, 23
Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Georgetown District—Third Round.
Pendleton cir. June 12, 14
Seventh St. Ch. Temple sta. June 20, 21
Hartlett sta. June 27, 28
Maxdale cir. July 4, 5
Tranger cir. July 11, 12
Taylor sta. July 18, 19
Salado cir. July 25, 26
Holland cir. Aug 1, 2
First Ch. Temple sta. Aug 8, 9
Georgetown sta. Aug 15, 16
Troy cir. Aug 22, 23
Rogers cir. Aug 29, 30
Hutto cir. Aug 29, 30
J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Corsicana District—Third Round.
Missionary Ins. Dawson. June 12-15
Missionary Ins. WORTHAM. June 20, 21
S. S. and E. L. Ins. Blossom G. June 22-24
Bloomington G. Qr. Con. June 24
Corsicana cir. at Harrison Ch. June 27, 28
Corsicana, First Ch. July 4, 5
Rice, at Rice. July 11, 12
Alma, at Alma. July 18, 19
Cotton Gin, at Campbell's Beh. July 18, 19
Wortham, at Woodland. July 25, 26
Horn Hill, at Central Ins. July 25, 26
Thornston, at Big Hill. July 25, 26
Gronsebeck. July 31
Eureka, at Birdston. Aug 1, 2
Richland, at Quimby cir. Aug 4, 5
Frost, at Salem. Aug 8, 9
Dawson, at Harmony. Aug 11, 12
Dresden, at Jones Ranch. Aug 15, 16
Brandon, at Rietz. Aug 16, 17

Harty, at Love's Ch. Aug 22, 23
Armour. Aug 29, 30
Mexico. Aug 29, 30
Kerens, at Bizette. Sept 5, 6
Roane. Sept 5, 6
Leone Cedar. Sept 12, 13
Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Vernon District—Third Round.
Crowell cir. June 20, 21
Vernon mis. June 27, 28
Seymour sta. July 4, 5
Munday cir. July 11, 12
Spring Creek mis. July 18, 19
Langston mis. July 25, 26
Pawnee mis. Aug 1, 2
Matador cir. Aug 8, 9
Wellington cir. Aug 15, 16
J. G. Miller, P. E.

Weatherford District—Third Round.
Aledo, at Bembok. June 12, 14
Weatherford, mis. at Weland. June 20, 21
First Ch., Weatherford. June 27, 28
Couts Mem., Weatherford. June 27, 28
Dist. Con. at Breckridge, night June 27, 28
Mineral Wells. July 4, 5
Palo Pinto, at Cedar Springs. July 4, 5
Missap, at Olive Branch. July 11, 12
Santo, at Santo. July 18, 19
Gordon, etc., at Strawn. July 18, 19
Ranger, at Harpersville. July 25, 26
Breckenridge, at Pogue. July 25, 26
Crystal Falls, at Baker. Aug 1, 2
Springtown, at Goshen. Aug 8, 9
Whitt, etc., at Bethesda. Aug 8, 9
Foster, at Carter. Aug 15, 16
Farmer. Aug 22, 23
Graham cir. Aug 29, 30
Graham sta. Aug 29, 30
Ellisville. Sept 5, 6
Throckmorton. Sept 5, 6
E. F. Boone, P. E.

Clarendon District—Third Round.
Channing. June 12, 14
Dumas, at Middle Well. June 20, 21
Bulthart. June 27, 28
Stratford, at Hansford. June 27, 28
Silverton, at Salem. July 4, 5
Floradale, at Farmer. July 8, 9
Emma, at Emma. July 11, 12
Lubbock, at Price's S. H. July 11, 12
Plainview. July 18, 19
Tulia, at Hart. July 25, 26
Clarendon. July 25, 26
Alamogordo, at Rowe. July 27, 30
Canadian, at Blanton. Aug 1, 2
Higgins, at Ochiltree. Aug 1, 2
Cataine, at Hall. Aug 15, 16
Hereford mis. Aug 22, 23
Jas M. Sherman, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Third Round.
Bez. at Bethel. June 21, 22
Foreston, at Nash. June 27, 28
Milford, at Midway. July 4, 5
Grandview. July 11, 12
Alvarado. July 18, 19
Bristol, at Carroll. July 18, 19
Covina, at Onward. July 25, 26
Ferris, at Bluff Springs. Aug 1, 2
Hardwell, at Avalon. Aug 8, 9
Hasa, at U. Valley. Aug 15, 16
Lovelace, at Cecelia. Aug 15, 16
Hillsboro. Aug 15, 16
Palmer, at Ch. H. Aug 22, 23
Waxahachie. Aug 22, 23
Venus. Aug 29, 30
Midlothian. Aug 29, 30
Ennis. Sept 4, 5
O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Ablene District—Third Round.
Haskell mis. at Wards. June 11, 12
Haskell mis. June 18, 19
Anson, at Fairview. June 20, 21
Big Springs. July 4, 5
Hill, at Prairie V. July 11, 12
Lynn and Terry. July 11, 12
Roby, at Dowell. July 18, 19
Clairmont, at Light. July 25, 26
Snyder, at Dunn. July 25, 26
Colorado sta. July 25, 26
Colorado mis. at Camp. July 25, 26
Eskota, at Center Point. July 25, 26
Albany and Moran, at. July 25, 26
Baird. Aug 1, 2
Eula, at R. Creek. Aug 1, 2
Midland, at Stanton. Aug 8, 9
Sewewater, at Roscoe. Aug 8, 9
Putnam, at Pogue. Aug 15, 16
Buffalo Gap, at Jim Nen. Aug 15, 16
Merkel. Aug 22, 23
Truby. Aug 22, 23
Ablene. Aug 29, 30
E. A. Smith, P. E.

Gatesville District—Third Round.
MedGregor, at Stringtown. 24 Sun June
Gatesville sta. 24 Sun June
Meridian. June 27, 28
Valley Mills, Prairie Hill. July 4, 5
Ogelshe, at Station Creek. July 4, 5
Crawford, at Compton. July 11, 12
Evant, at Shive. July 18, 19
Hamilton, at Prairie View. July 18, 19
China Springs, at Coon Creek. July 25, 26
Coryell City, at Mosheim. July 25, 26
Harmony, at Mt. Zion. Aug 1, 2
Jonestown, at Sardis. Aug 8, 9
Bee House, at Pearl. Aug 8, 9
Kilgus, at Copperas Cove. Aug 15, 16
Gatesville mis. at Bryan's Creek. Aug 15, 16
Brookhaven mis. at R. Chapel. Aug 15, 16
District Conference and League Conference at Meridian June 25-28. Opening sermon at 8:30 p. m. June 24, by Rev. S. P. Brown. Let all local preachers be present, if possible, and have written reports of their labors. If they can not be present, send reports. This necessary to passing of character and renewal of license. Let Recording Stewards have records of Quarterly Conference on hand for examination. Factors, please see to it. Friday afternoon will be devoted to woman's work. Let all the societies of W. P. M. and W. H. M. be represented. Let us have full attendance from all the charges. Preachers, arrange to stay over Sunday.
S. W. Turner, P. E.

Brownwood District—Third Round.
Coleman, at Coleman. June 6, 7
Robert Lee, at Robert Lee. June 20, 21
Hallinger, at Hallinger. June 27, 28
Cross Plains, at Dressy. June 27, 28
May, at Schum. June 27, 28
Glen Cove, at Midway. July 4, 5
Winters, at Center Valley. July 11, 12
Wingate, at Dora. July 18, 19
Indian Creek, at McAnally. July 18, 19
Comanche cir. at White Point. July 25, 26
Bangs, at Fairview. July 25, 26
Blankett, at Zephyr. July 25, 26
Gustine, at Warren's Creek. July 25, 26
Sipe Springs, at Sand Hill. Aug 1, 2
Rising Star, at Moss Chapel. Aug 8, 9
Santa Anna, at Milligan. Aug 15, 16
Comanche. Aug 15, 16
Brownwood. Aug 22, 23
W. H. Matthews, P. E.

Waco District—Third Round.
Larena, at Mooreville. June 20, 21
Austin Avenue. June 27, 28
Mount Calm. June 27, 28
Mart, at Mart. July 4, 5
Fifth Street. July 11, 12
Ladonia sta. July 18, 19
Morrow Street. July 18, 19
Hewitt, at Oak Grove. July 25, 26
Elm Street. July 25, 26
Bosqueville, at Evergreen. July 25, 26
Aquilla, at Elm Mott. Aug 1, 2
West. Aug 1, 2
Hubbard. Aug 8, 9
Axtell, at Kirk. Aug 15, 16
Peoria, at Cedar. Aug 15, 16

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Marshall District—Second Round.
Henderson cir. at Union. June 12, 14
Henderson sta. June 12, 14
Beckville, at Pogue. June 20, 21
C. R. Lamar, P. E.

District Conference at Henderson July 5.
Opening sermon by Rev. J. B. K. Spain.
C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Tyler District—Third Round.
Canton and Edgewood, at C. June 12, 14
Grand Saline, at Antioch. June 27, 28
Mineola. July 4, 5
Emory, at Ford's Chapel. July 11, 12
Merredith, at Camptown. July 18, 19
Tyler cir. at Pleasant Retreat. July 18, 19
Marvin. July 25, 26
Cedar Street. July 25, 26
Paul, at Chandler. Aug 1, 2
Malakoff, at Oakland. Aug 1, 2
Athens. Aug 1, 2
J. T. Smith, P. E.

San Augustine District—Second Round.
Sexton. Thur. June 11
Hemphill. June 12, 14
C. A. Tower, P. E.

Paletine District—Second Round.
Brushy Creek cir. at F. June 12, 14
Augusta mis. at Weches. June 20, 21
Alto cir. at Cold Springs. June 27, 28
Mt. Selman cir. at. July 4, 5
Rice sta. at. July 4, 5
Beaver Valley cir. at. July 11, 12
Jos. R. Sears, P. E.

Calvert District—Third Round.
Centerville, at Evans Ch. June 12, 14
Leon mis. at Nineveh. June 20, 21
Emma, at Plum Creek. June 27, 28
Fairfield, at Dew. July 4, 5
Franklin sta. July 4, 5
Marquez, at High Prairie. July 11, 12
Franklin cir. at Concord. July 11, 12
Greenwood, at Reagan, at R. July 18, 19
Kosse, at Stranger. July 18, 19
Fettaway, at Owensville. Aug 1, 2
Calvert sta. Aug 1, 2
Rosebud sta. Aug 15, 16
Travis, at Powers Ch. Aug 15, 16
Lott, at Gosinda. Aug 22, 23
Durrango. Aug 29, 30
Marlin sta. Aug 29, 30
R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Huntsville District—Second Round.
Midway, at Sulphur Spgs. June 12, 14
Wayter, at Waverly. June 20, 21
District Con. at Centre. June 27, 28
Zion, at New Hope. July 4, 5
Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Third Round.
Texarkana, State Line. May 21, June 20
Fairfield, at Harris Ch. June 12, 14
Hilda sta. at. June 20, 21
Queen City, at Laws Ch. June 27, 28
Winfield, at Winfield. July 4, 5
Texarkana, Rose Hill mis. July 11, 12
New Boston mis. at L. Hill. July 18, 19
Mt. Pleasant, at. July 18, 19
Quitman, at Liberty. July 25, 26
Naples, at Hamels Ch. July 25, 26
Linden, at Cedar Grove. July 25, 26
Pittsburg sta. Aug 1, 2
Gimer, at Hopewell. Aug 1, 2
Musgrove Springs, at Bettie. Aug 8, 9
Leesburg, at Leesburg. Aug 15, 16
Redwater, at Red Springs. Aug 15, 16
Dalby Springs. Aug 15, 16
Cason mis. Aug 22, 23
Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Houston District—Third Round.
Cedar Bayou. June 12, 14
Mont Belvieu, at Dayton. June 20, 21
District Con. at Angleton. June 27, 28
Columbia and Brazoria, at Hinkle's Ferry. July 4, 5
Angleton, at Phair. Aug 1, 2
Rosenberg, at Orchard. July 18, 19
Richmond. July 25, 26
League City, at League City. July 25, 26
Bay City, at Law. Aug 1, 2
Wharton and Hungerford, at H. Aug 8, 9
Alvin. Aug 15, 16
McKee Street. Aug 15, 16
Washington Street. Aug 15, 16
M. Ashan and Brunner, at McA. Aug 15, 16
Tabernacle. Aug 22, 23
Central Church. Aug 22, 23
West End. Aug 29, 30
Shearn. Aug 29, 30
Whiteoak. Aug 29, 30
Sandy Point. Sept 5, 6
Geo. A. LeClere, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Sherman District—Third Round.
Gunter. 3d Sun June
Collinsville and Tioga. 4th Sun June
Willow Street. 1st Sun July
Whiteboro. 2d Sun July
Waples Memorial. 2d Sun July
South Travis. 2d Sun July
Bells Circuit. 4th Sun July
Denison Mission. 4th Sun July
Southway. 1st Sun Aug
Van Alstyne. 2d Sun Aug
Pilot Grove. 3d Sun Aug
Whitwright sta. 2d Sun Aug
Howe cir. 4th Sun Aug
Pottsboro and P. 5th Sun Aug
Cordaville. 1st Sun Sept
Sherman cir. 2d Sun Sept
J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Dallas District—Third Round.
Lewisville. June 12, 14
Wheatland, at Bethel. June 20, 21
Farmers Branch, at Carrollton. June 27, 28
Denon. July 4, 5
Cedar Hill and Dunville, at D. July 11, 12
Argyle, at Roanoke. July 18, 19
Lancaster, at Hutchins. July 25, 26
Grace Church, II a. m. Aug 1, 2
Ervasy, 8 p. m. Aug 1, 2
Van Alstyne. 2d Sun Aug
First Church, II a. m. Aug 15, 16
Trinity, 8 p. m. Aug 15, 16
Oak Cliff, II a. m. Aug 15, 16
Oak Lawn, 8 p. m. Aug 22, 23
I. W. Clark, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Second Round.
Kiondike, at Good's Chapel. June 20, 21
District Conference will meet at Sulphur Bluff June 28, at 8 p. m.
E. W. Alderson, P. E.

Bonham District—Third Round.
Brookston, at High. June 12, 14
Petty cir. at Pleasant Hill. June 20, 21
Dodd, at Windom. July 4, 5
Ladonia sta. July 11, 12
South Bonham, at Savoy. July 18, 19
Lannus, at Brotherton. July 25, 26
Ector, at Mt. Pleasant. Aug 1, 2
Bonham sta. Aug 8, 9
Fannin cir. at Telephone. Aug 15, 16
Gober, at Providence. Aug 22, 23
Trenton, at Blanton Ch. Aug 29, 30
Randolph, at Randolph. Sept 5, 6

Balley, at Crandall's Chapel. Sept 12, 13
District Conference convenes at Bailey June 25. Jno. H. McLean, P. E.


Bowie District—Third Round.
Paradise. June 12, 14
Bridgeport. June 14, 15
Chico. June 20, 21
Benvenue. July 4, 5
Henrietta. July 5, 6
Gibtown, Wednesday. July 5, 6
Bellevue. July 11, 12
Rhoma. July 18, 19
Boyd. July 25, 26
Crafton, Wednesday. July 25, 26
Blue Grove. July 25, 26
Alvord. Aug 1, 2
Leccatur sta. Aug 8, 9
Bryson. Aug 15, 16
Jacksboro. Aug 15, 16
Archer City. Aug 22, 23
Lowa Park. Aug 29, 30
Wichita Falls. Aug 29, 30
F. O. Miller, P. E.

Paris District—Third Round.
Beaton sta. June 12, 14
Detroit sta. June 20, 21
Woodland and Kanawha, at K. June 27, 28
Rosale cir. at M-K Ch. July 4, 5
Clarksville sta. July 4, 5
Clarksville cir. at Aldon. July 11, 12
Blossom sta. July 18, 19
Deport cir. at Halesboro. July 18, 19
Annaia cir. at Coleman Spgs. July 25, 26
Douglas mis. at Lodi. July 25, 26
White Rock sta. Aug 1, 2
Marysville, at E. Bethel. Aug 1, 2
Emberston cir. at Hopewell. Aug 8, 9
Howard cir. at Rocky Ford. Aug 15, 16
Marvin cir. at Pattonville. Aug 15, 16
Christa mis. at Hinkler. Aug 22, 23
Bagwell cir. Aug 29, 30
E. H. Casey, P. E.

Galveston District—Third Round.
Woodbine, at Friendship. June 12, 14
Ponderay. June 14, 15
Browder and Kram, at Deep. June 19, 20
Sarker and V. V. at Wesley. June 26, 27
Vehcher, at Spanish Fr. June 26, 27
Necoma and M. at M. June 26, 27
Greenwood, at Siddell. July 11, 12
Maysville, at Sivals B. July 18, 19
Bonita, at Duxberry. July 18, 19
Ruston, at Forestburg. Aug 1, 2
Boonville, at. Aug 15, 16
Era and Bellvar. Aug 22, 23
Dexter cir. Aug 29, 30
Geo. S. Sexton, P. E.

McKinney District—Third Round.
Allen cir. Blythe's Chapel. June 20, 21
McKinney sta. June 27, 28
Princeton cir. Cullenoa. July 4, 5
Nevada cir. Bear Creek. July 11, 12
Renner cir. Alpha. July 18, 19
Woodson cir. Cottage Hill. July 25, 26
Wyle cir. St. Paul. Aug 1, 2
Piano sta. Aug 8, 9
Pinto cir. Little Elm. Aug 15, 16
Celina and Rossland, Maple. Aug 22, 23
Prosper cir. Wesley Chapel. Aug 22, 23
Wrentham cir. Cottage Hill. Aug 29, 30
Blue Ridge. Sept 5, 6
Copeville mis. Sept 5, 6
F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Terrell District—Third Round.
Kaufman. June 20, 21
Garland. June 27, 28
Fate, at St. John. July 4, 5



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THE BOWIE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Bowie District Conference met in Edwicks, Texas, May 28, with P. O. Miller in the chair. All the preachers were present but one, who was unaccountably absent.

The opening sermon on Wednesday night was preached by Rev. John Moore of Alford, Texas. It was one of high spirit, spiritual and full of profound thought. A goodly number of laymen were present, serving on the different committees and engaging in the discussions as they arose. The preachers are always glad to have them present and to hear from them as laymen. "Our mission" gave them the standard and made them feel at home.

For the past three years this section of country has been one of continual drought, but since the rains have come and the financial outlook is brighter everything seems taking on new life. The work of our Zion over the district was upward. The preachers give enthusiastic reports of their several churches. Parsonages have been improved, churches repaired, and some new and costly constructions, and other means of worship to be built as soon as funds will permit. The reports of churches give us such our stewardship of land, air and water are adequate, the amount paid with reference to teachers' salaries, with the consequent of both preacher and people in better condition.

A number of prosermian lectures were presented throughout the district. The President of the Epworth League of the Bowie District was present, among the preachers to be present with their delegates at District League Conventions to be held at Jacksonburg, June 18, 19 and 20.

Our Sunday school work as reported to be in a healthy state of improvement. Most of the charges will hold from one to four Children's Day services.

Our presiding elder as well as our preachers, have been talking and urging our people to take the Advocate and so double our Church paper will find its way into new homes as well as the business of the country improved. Already a number of new subscribers have been secured.

The Secretary of the Home Mission Society of the Bowie District, Mrs. J. F. Carter was present, getting acquainted with the preachers, and they never failed to find out that her soul was all absorbed in her great work. On Saturday she was introduced to the conference. She spoke to the preachers with reference to her work in the Bowie District.

Carl D. L. Thompson came on Saturday to take care of our Waco Orphanage. He never fails. While he carried away a blessing for the Orphanage he left a great sermon in the hearts of the people.

The spiritual condition of the district seems to be moving with upward tide. Some have held gracious revivals. Others are planning and praying for great things. R. G. Mood who claims to be bigger than the best man in the district reports a number of conversions at his regular services.

The subject of missions came prominently before the conference. Friday afternoon was set apart for this work. The following subjects were discussed: "Missions in General," J. S. L. Baird. "The Missionary Idea as Presented in the Old Testament," Rev. A. R. Nash.

"The Missionary Idea as Presented in the New Testament," Rev. H. B. Johnson.

"Responsibility of Pastors as to Fall Collections," Rev. J. C. Weaver.

"Possibilities of the Sunday-school as a Missionary Agency," Rev. R. G. Mood.

At night Dr. T. R. Pierce, of Denton preached a very able sermon on the subject of "Missions." The house was

crowded, yet for an hour or more he held it with perfect attention, sweeping away the stronghold of any one who might object to the cause of missions, and inspiring his audience with missionary thoughts and great responsibilities.

Religious services were given prominently throughout the conference. The Holy Ghost was present. The preaching was not only of a high order, but spiritual.

The entertainment was royal. Three times a day we were filled too full for utterance.

Of the seven or eight years in the Bowie District the writer has never seen the preachers at conference more cheerful nor manifesting more brotherly kindness. They all seemed happy and hopeful of closing out with a "good year, Bishop," at conference.

Our presiding elder, Bro. Miller, presided with ease, grace and dignity, was kind, sympathetic and brotherly, and alive to every interest of the conference and the district at large.

The Bowie District is a large one, having 21 charges and about 100 different Church organizations. "To have the daily care of all the Churches" means much, yet our beloved seems to be equal to the occasion. Wide-awake to every interest and a personal knowledge of every appointment, he is the right man in the right place. J. B. SIMS, Secy.

ABILENE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Abilene District Conference met in Stamford, Texas, May 28, with E. A. Smith presiding elder in the chair. W. B. Crockett was elected Secretary. Stamford is a new and pretty town, in a fine country and entertained the conference very sumptuously. By the call of the roll the fact was disclosed that all the pastors were present except four, to wit, A. C. Bell, of Eskota Mission; L. A. Webb, of Midland; A. B. Roberts, of Linn and Terry Mission and J. A. Riggs, of Baird. For three of these plausible and legal excuses were tendered, but the cause of the absence of the other this dependent failed to learn. Another fact worthy of mention is the local preachers attended well, and forsooth, some of the best preachers in the district are local preachers.

Wednesday night before the conference opened Bro. Vaughan, of Waco, preached and raised a collection for the orphans. On account of rain that evening the audience was not large, but about \$20 was collected.

By vote of the conference the first thirty minutes of each morning session was employed in devotional services, which was one of the most interesting features of the conference. Names of the pastors were called and a report of their labors given. Quite a number of good reports were made, and all the pastors present seemed to be in good spirit and making commendable progress.

Thursday at 11 a. m. sermon was preached by C. D. West, of Snyder, and at night Judge Alexander, of Weatherford, addressed the conference on the cause of missions. A collection was taken and about \$90 realized.

Friday morning the call of pastoral charges was resumed. At 11 a. m. J. C. Moore, of Colorado Mission, preached an excellent sermon on the subject of "Regeneration." He seemed to take the conference somewhat by surprise. His sermon was full of spirit and enthusiasm, and received a hearty response from the many hearers.

In the afternoon among other matters considered, was the question in substance, "Can a member withdraw from the Church by simply stating to the pastor his desire to do so without the matter being brought before the Church?" On this a lively and interesting discussion was provoked. Friday night R. B. Young, of Merkel, preached on the subject, "He that Hath the Son Hath Light."

Saturday at 11 a. m. the sacrament, conducted by Rev. Hyder, of Anson, was administered to a large gathering. This was a deeply religious occasion, and apparently greatly enjoyed by all present.

Sawewater was selected as the place for the next District Conference to be held.

One brother by the name of Caldwell, who was highly recommended, was licensed to preach. W. C. Hart and C. A. Ledger were recommended to the Annual Conference for deacon's orders. The delegates to the Annual Conference are:

J. H. Bass, of Abilene.
C. W. Simpson, of Colorado.
W. J. H. Ellis, of Abilene.
A. Duggan, of Stamford.

The alternates are:
H. C. Williams, of Merkel.
Geo. W. Castle, of Anson.

Upon the report of the Committee on Missions much enthusiasm was aroused, which resulted in a subscription of about \$700 to send and maintain a missionary from the Abilene District in some foreign field. The importance of the Church extension fund was also urged upon the conference.

M. F. Reddy addressed the conference in behalf of the Publishing House, and succeeded in selling the preachers a long list of books. No one was present to represent the Southwestern University.

The devotional exercises continued till Sunday night. M. H. Hudson, of Roby, preached Saturday night at the Methodist Church. L. A. Manly talked to the children Sunday morning, and our beloved presiding elder, preached one of his strongest, best sermons at 11 a. m. Rev. J. R. Hanson, of Abilene, preached a fine sermon at night, and got us all stirred up religiously, and glad to say one or two reached the good old Methodist shouting point. And we must not forget the love feast Sunday at 3 p. m., conducted by Bro. W. W. Hopkins. A sweeter, more deeply religious occasion is seldom seen. Bro. Hopkins is all right when it comes to conducting a love feast. Evans, Field and Irvin preached during the conference at the Cumberland Church.

Stamford and Bro. Hightower acquitted themselves well in caring for the conference, and some nice resolutions were passed on this line. C. W. SIMPSON.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The Board of Curators of the above named institution, at its late meeting just held in connection with the commencement exercises, adopted the following resolution and requested the Secretary to furnish it to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication: "Resolved, That a member of this board be appointed in each conference as a 'Field Manager,' whose duty it will be to see that there is a representative of the University at every District Conference yet to be held; to provide for educational rallies wherever practicable; to correspond with preachers and other parties with reference to the school; to send out University literature, gather the names of young men and women who might be inclined to attend the Southwestern University; and in every way possible to cooperate with the faculty and our Educational Commissioner in making a vigorous canvass to secure students for the next session."

In response to this resolution the following were appointed as Field Secretaries: Rev. W. A. Kroll, German Mission Conference.
Rev. J. W. Stovall, West Texas Conference.
Rev. A. J. Weeks, Texas Conference.
Rev. O. S. Thomas, North Texas Conference.
Rev. J. R. Wood, Mexican Border Mission Conference.
Rev. Jno. M. Barcus, Northwest Texas Conference.

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In addition to this the board determined as soon as possible to establish the departments of law and medicine, and committees were appointed to take such steps as are necessary to accomplish these ends.

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SPLIT TO PIECES.
H. G. H.

H. C. Hoskins, in Advocate of June 1, closes up an article with a statement rather appalling about the manner in which the body, soul and spirit are to split up after death. He seems to write quite logically for a space, and gets man closely bound up as a trifle being. Now, that seems to be all right, although some dullards might say he puts too many elements into man's nature. But we'll let that pass. The closing passage is a power. Here it is: "It is comforting to feel that though the soul and body can die, and because of sin, be cast into hell, yet the better part of man, the spirit never dies and is not cast into hell, but returns to the God who gave it."

Well, it may be very comforting to Bro. Hoskins to think of man's body and soul down in hell, but his spirit up in heaven with God, but it is not logical. We beg to be excused from the "comforting" part of it, while admitting that many very illogical conclusions may be "comforting." But we are not after comfort, but after facts. Part of a man in hell and the other part of him in heaven! How is "this thus?" The spirit (the leading part of man according to Hoskins) not responsible (without volition) and can not be punished for sin—that is, incapable of sinning! What must be the consciousness of man when two thirds of him are suffering the torments of hell and the other third enjoying the bliss of heaven? Such a prospect is enough to run an Universalist crazy much less an ordinary orthodox sinner. How can the body and soul sin into death without the consent and co-operation of the spirit? Does the body and soul in hell know that the spirit is in heaven and in bliss while they are below in torment? Does the spirit know what has become of its body and soul? If a man can be split into three parts of two entities, why can't he be split into a thousand parts and be quite on the verge of non-entity? Is there any fine-spun-out connecting link between the soul and body in hell and the spirit in heaven? If these spheres are very far apart it must frazzle a poor fellow out until he is not as thick as the shadow of a ghost. Where are the Divine equities in this fearful condition of Divine administration.

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