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Editorial.

WANTED—ANOTHER JOHN WESLEY.

The above title stands at the head of the leading editorial in the August Century Magazine, and it is unwittingly a worthy compliment to one of the greatest evangelical preachers since the days of St. Paul. The editorial is also a fine analysis of the life and ministry of Wesley and a correct statement of the wonderful results still following the movement inaugurated by him. But we do not sympathize with the claim that the times demand a reproduction of the personal life and ministry of Wesley in the present age. He was the man for the age that produced him, and he completely fulfilled his mission among men. He laid the foundations of a great spiritual enterprise, saw it take shape, aided in its development, called to his assistance men qualified to become his co-workers, and then, at a ripe old age, was gathered to his fathers. But the work went on, and is still progressing with marvelous rapidity. Wesley could contribute nothing more to its success were he living and speaking to-day. In fact, he felt that in his extreme old age he had gone beyond the limits of his efficiency and that it was better for him to depart, leave the work in younger and more active hands, and pass in peace to his reward. In other words, he lived long enough, and did all that God intended him to do in his personal life and ministry. He exhausted his resources in creating the conditions of a permanent spiritual revival, and it became the duty of others to take up these conditions and crystallize them into a self-perpetuating organization. Hence, at the death of this great and matchless man, Methodism, instead of dropping out of the evangelical procession, assumed a more thoroughly aggressive relation and addressed itself to the needs of universal humanity. But such was the power of his ministry, the perfection of his organization, and the completeness of his doctrinal system, that his followers have never departed radically from the movement he inaugurated, and with them his influence still abides as a potential force. But the man himself has taken his proper place in history, and there he will remain, while his followers will continue to do all the work necessary to the growth and development of the movement which owes its existence and success to his consecrated spirit and genius. So it is with all great reformers. The world does not need their recall. God is not scarce of men. When the times demand a strong character to check the tide of evil, whether in Church or State, he comes to the front and is ready for his heaven-born mission. It is fortunate that such is the case. No one man, except the Christ, fits into all the needs and conditions of all the generations and of all the centuries. Each one suits the demands of the times which call him forth, and when his work is done, it is better for him, and better for the world, that he lay down his armor and pass on to his reward, leaving the field to others whom God designates for the increased responsibility. We venerate

Mr. Wesley, and regard him as one of the best and the greatest born of woman, but he finished his part of his work, and in person he is not needed in the struggles of the present age. He left it in such shape that others are doing it more successfully than he could, were he present in the flesh. God saw this, and he buried his honored workman, but still carries on his work!

AN OUTRAGE UPON LAW-ABIDING NEGROES.

Last week a worthless negro attempted to assault a lady in Whitesboro, but her screams defeated his purpose. The whole community was justly stirred on account of the attempted crime and an arrest was promptly made. It seemed for a while that the arrested man would be lynched, but better counsel prevailed and he was placed in the county jail at Sherman. But a class of people in and around Whitesboro took advantage of the indignation of the community and spent the whole of the night visiting the negro settlement in the town, assaulting numbers of them, fired off guns and served notice on the whole negro population to leave the community instant. The frightened colored population made haste to get out of danger as quickly as possible. We are glad to know that none of the better class of the white people took any hand in this outrage upon the unoffending and law-abiding negroes, and that the unjust and unlawful treatment of them is condemned and much deplored. It is bad enough to deal out lynch-law justice to worthless and guilty negroes when we have courts and officers to do this in an orderly and legal manner, but when any class of people so far forget themselves as to perpetrate open outrage upon innocent and industrious negroes, it is mean and criminal beyond expression. Why hold a whole community of good negroes responsible for the crime of one guilty wretch who happens to conceal a brutish heart under a black skin? They are no more responsible for his crimes than a whole community of white people are for the crimes of a mean criminal white man. Wherever such outrages are perpetrated upon innocent and law-abiding negroes the whole machinery of justice ought to be invoked without delay to mete out the severest punishment to the offenders. There is no excuse for such unmitigated wrongs and we hope the authorities of Grayson County will leave no stone unturned to discover the parties guilty of this outrage and make haste to apply to them the extreme penalties of the law. We are not a barbarous and a savage people, and an innocent and an industrious negro is entitled to all the protection that the great State of Texas can give him. This sort of thing ought to be brought to a speedy terminus, and in this position we voice the sentiment of all law-abiding citizens of this great Commonwealth.

RELIGIOUS DISCUSSIONS.

There is a religious discussion, conducted by two well-informed and fair-minded ministers, capable of benefiting the people who attend upon it. Such men are desirous of

finding the truth on their given sides and of establishing it by scriptural proofs and sound arguments, and in this way the doctrines and polity of the two Church organizations involved in the discussion are expounded and properly set forth. Both men observe the rules of debate and treat each other with courtesy and becoming respect. They are not so much seeking popular applause as they are the vindication of doctrine and usage. A debate of this character is elevating in tone and instructive in matter. But when either one or both of the contestants are simply bent on apparent victory and resort to all the tricks and advantage of the hustings and fail to treat each other with respect, that sort of debate is out of place and does more harm than good. It engenders strife, stirs up bad blood, inflames passion and reflects no credit upon the men engaged in it or the Churches they assume to represent. As illustrative of our position we clip the following from one of our exchanges:

"At the recent discussion in Sedalia, Ky., between J. N. Hall, Baptist, and R. H. Pigue, Methodist, four preachers were arrested for disturbing the peace. They were W. H. Evans, Methodist, and W. M. Hicks, L. Y. Brown and J. J. Kesterson, Baptists. Hicks and Evans were fined \$5 a piece and costs."

Such a performance as the above is a disgrace to Christianity. Where is truth benefited by any such outburst of temper? Ministers of the gospel actually engaging in a fisticuff under the inspiration of a religious debate and the matter forced into settlement by the courts! Yet the conditions for this state of things are occasionally found in these controversies where J. N. Hall is one of the participants. He frequently comes to Texas and challenges our preachers to polemical combat. And when he meets them he does not always confine himself to the rules of debate and he is often very insulting to his opponents. To put up with this without resenting it places a severe stress upon those opposing him, and unless great forbearance is exercised just such unseemly outbreak as above described is liable to occur. If, therefore, a debate can not be conducted with some one jealous for the truth, it is best to let it alone. No good can come to any community under such circumstances. The fact is we do not need many of these public debates at the present time. A good revival, followed up by a few strong sermons setting forth our doctrines and Church polity, is worth fifty public controversies. Now and then the debate becomes a necessity, but the man who poses as a champion carries a chip round on his shoulder, struts with the pompous airs of the prize ring, seeks controversy in order to win apparent victory, has no respect for the common proprieties of public discussion and gloats over his ability to create a laugh or to crack a coarse joke—such a man had better be treated with the contempt due his style rather than be dignified by public notice. We do not hesitate to advise our preachers to have nothing to do with the man who has nothing to lose in a contest of this character.

METHODISTS NEED NOT APE OTHERS.

Methodists used to be a peculiar people. This was true of them, not only in their religious experience and in their manner of worship, but in their style of dress and conversation. They were distinct from other people in a variety of customs and usages. This is why they were called Methodists, for they were not exactly like other people. When John Wesley and his little band were carrying on the work of the Holy Club at Oxford they were called Methodists, not only because they were methodical in their prayers and Bible study, but also because they were unlike the other people in the University in their separateness from the world and in the severity of their piety and religious life. When the work spread and found its way into the home and life of the common people of England, it took on other peculiarities in the way of special services in the expression of their experiences and in their style of dress. These peculiarities differentiated them from the rest of mankind, and their own special way of doing marked them as a distinct people having their own purposes and aims. All their work was done in their own way, and that way was not like the way of anybody else. As the years have advanced and education and material success have gotten in their work on the habits and customs of people, many of these peculiarities have been lopped off and the distinctions between Methodists and the rest of mankind are less marked. In many respects, this change is all right; but we are in danger of carrying it too far. We still have our own peculiar religious experience, our own form of service, our own ministerial gifts, and our own way of reaching the people. Our success as a Church depends upon our fidelity to our own special way of doing. We can learn from others, but not to the extent of displacing our own individuality with that of other people. We do not need to ape others. We simply want to be Methodists. This is what we are, and to be anything else is to cease being ourselves. To imitate the world or to fall into the ways of other pretentious denominations is ridiculous, not to say contemptible. We have nothing to gain, but everything to lose by any such course. Lofty airs are not becoming to Methodists. To be ashamed of our origin, or form of worship, or our enthusiastic experience, or polity, or our distinctive doctrines, is unbecoming in a Methodist, whether he be a layman or a preacher. The individuality of Methodism has given it a sure place in the world and in the kingdom of grace, and we do not want to forfeit it by being less than full-orbed Methodists. Methodism is all right as long as it is Methodism, but it is a failure the moment that it takes on the complexion of some other system, or custom, or doctrine. Let us, therefore, hold to our deep religious experience, our simple form of worship, our grand doctrines, our efficient plan for reaching the people with the truth and our sympathy for the poor and the lowly. In these matters it is to be hoped that we will not get beyond our raising, assume airs and try to strut. Sister, brother, do you see the point?

Letter from Rev. Geo. G. Smith

Recently I found myself a little too much out of sorts to go to Church, so I concluded to spend the preaching hour when I might have heard my Bro. Scroggs preach in preparing a fireside sermon. I have just begun a re-reading of my Bible and have been studying the practical lessons of the Book of Genesis. I send you with this the result of my cogitations.

"Our Nath is here. He is a prophet honored in his own land. A boy of good stock, Baptist one side, Methodist on the other, good on all."

Fireside Sermon.

"Entangling alliances of the sons of God and the daughters of men." Text, "The sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair, and they took to themselves wives."—Gen.

The man who studies this first book of the Bible merely to gratify his curiosity; who seeks to answer all the questions it asks, and solve all its mysterious problems, will have a hopeless and profitless task before him, but the man who devoutly studies it, that he may be instructed and warned, and encouraged, will not go astray. This statement I made in a preface to another sermon published in another paper and on another topic, but it is specially applicable to this mysterious passage. Who these sons of God were we do not know; who these daughters of men were we do not know. We only know there were sons of God who were good. We only know there were daughters of men who were not good, but who were fair, and that there was marrying between them. From this union sprang a race of evil giants and a fearful moral depravity which called for a flood to cleanse the world. This incident divested of all that is mysterious, teaches us something of the seductiveness of evil beauty.

"Vice is a creature of such hedonous mien That to be hated needs but to be seen."

That is poetry, but it is not truth. Vice is often very beautiful, never repulsive. It wears the garb of innocence as well as beauty, and entices us by its charms. No son of God is ever so sure that he is not in danger of falling under its influence. The lust of the eye preceles, oftentime, the lust of the flesh. How it happens that a good man is every led into sin by a sinful desire no man can explain by any human psychology, but the sad story of the Garden has been repeated in all these centuries. Philosophers speak of the "true, the beautiful and the good," as if they were inseparable, but alas, the beautiful is not always the good. The spirit may be willing, but the flesh is weak. Men look upon the wine when it is red and beautiful, and forget it biteth like an adder. The song of the Syren, the beauty of the enchantress, which in Homer's day called for a rope to bind the voyager lest he be led to death, is still here. This ensnaring of beauty is especially seen in leading good people to form marriage alliances which bring about the most fatal results. Good men are but men, and good women but women, and love for the physically fair is an instinct. Love is blind, the heathens say, but it became blind after its object has blinded it with its blaze of beauty. Many a noble life has been wrecked by an unhappy marriage and many an unhappy marriage has resulted from the fascinations of a beautiful and goddess woman or the attractions of a handsome man. None can give certain counsel as to whom another should marry: a pure profession of religion nor even the fact that the piety of the party is beyond question, can certainly secure such genuine attachment as makes marriage proper, but one thing is almost certain, if a good man marries a goddess, worldly woman, he is doomed to wretchedness, if not to ruin, and yet how often, when one has seen that she was fair, and has let his heart get away with him, he has become as wildly devoted to her who has bewitched him as did the wives of the wise king and led like him to serve other gods. To suppose all beautiful and lovely women are good is simply absurd. They are fair, but they serve other gods than the God of the Bible. The same thing is true and even truer of the other sex. Some of the most magnetic, attractive, lovable men are far from being good men, and many a good woman has made the mistake of her life by merely considering the attractiveness of the man she promises to marry, not his moral features.

I certainly should not advocate the rigid rule of the Quakers of old time, who allowed none to marry out of their sect, nor of the old Methodists who forbade marrying out of Society, nor should I even go so far as to say no good man or woman ought to marry a person, however lovely, who has made no profession of godliness, but I should go far enough to say that no mere love for the beautiful or the at-

tractive in physical feature, or even in mind, should ever lead us to take so important a step. We ought to marry in the Lord, if possible, but certainly never to marry when one is sure the one who is married is at open enmity to God. No man should marry any woman, however good, who does not love, but no man should marry, however much he loves her, any woman who is avowedly a worshiper of another God. Marriage with godless loveliness has wrecked many a useful preacher of the gospel. It has been somewhat of a protection to Methodist preachers that in my early day they had few things to offer to beauty which were enticing. They had neither wealth nor position, and at that time not even culture, but the times have changed. A girl of the world may find a talented preacher who has an attractive person, no mean "catch," in a worldly point of view, and she may seek to ensnare him because she seeks her own, and too often she succeeds. She really loves him, but she does not love his work, and everything about it is repulsive to her. The sad sequel it is needless to tell, and many a wrecked man has turned with loathing from the easy conquests of a fashionable circle to the attractions of some genuinely Christian girl, who added to her personal charms the beauty of holiness, and has sought to win her. He, too, alas, succeeded, and she has found too late that he was not willing she should have but one object of adoration, and her life long misery has been the price of her infatuation.

I have not spoken of illicit love, and yet it is well not to mince matters, but to warn against the seductions of beauty as tending to crime. How many good men have been ruined and loved, to their eternal wretchedness. They were the sons of God, but they were men, and they ventured into temptations too strong for them. They did not mean to go too far; they never dreamed of becoming criminal, but they did not flee from fascinations, and they fell. I know no danger to which the ministry is so exposed as to this special one, and I know no advice wiser than that which says, "Converse sparingly with women." Ministerial privileges demand a special regard for the most exact proprieties and call for great caution in conduct.

Many years ago I knew a minister who stood at the top. He was popular beyond degree, especially a favorite with young women. He was married, but he chose his companions elsewhere than in his home. I need not tell the story to the end. He fell like Lucifer from the skies. I saw him, when all was gone, a magnificent ruin. This danger to the sons of God is not to the younger ministers alone. Alas, no! The ruin of preachers who have passed beyond forty is more frequent than that which comes to those this side of it. From a fall like this a minister never recovers. I did not intend, in taking this text, to deal exclusively with this part of it, but it is perhaps best that I should. The shameful sensualism of the goddess is unblushing. The times of Charles II, the days of the French kingdom in the days of Louis XV, were not worse than the condition of things in our larger cities are now, and, alas! this sad decay in morals does not belong to the avowedly godless alone, but to those who have been trusted and honored and against whom no suspicion has been breathed, and even now, as a thunder peal from a clear sky, we hear the fearful story of a son of God who has fallen. A great Episcopal minister on the highest point of honor, pastor of a large Church in New York, suddenly threw up his credentials and sank out of sight. Two prominent men of the same Church in Georgia had the same story; a famous Methodist evangelist, a leading Congregationalist, a great Presbyterian, are among those who stand up before us as warnings. No depth of piety, no exalted position, no firmness of character can save us from this danger; nothing but God's amazing grace. The daughters of men are fair; if they were not, we might be in less peril. I heard Bishop Andrew at an Annual Conference, when one had been expelled for crime, say, "Our safety is like that of Joseph—often found in flight."

There are the attractions of advanced thought of Emersonian philosophy, of polite literature, of delightful society, of public applause, which attract the sons of God. They are fair, and very fair, and too often there is alliance and the unhappy results are as they were in marriage. "We may inspect some danger nigh Where we possess delight."

The most dangerous snare to which a preacher is exposed is the fair aspect of great fame, of popularity and of prominence, and the object of pursuit seems so laudable that he becomes a slave to it, and is wedded to

the world before he dreams of his peril. We are always in danger, not always from storm, but from sunshine in storm we draw the cloak of our piety closer around us; in storm we are too apt to lay it aside. We can not be too watchful or prayerful, nor can we too earnestly cry to God to save us from ourselves and to deliver us from temptation. The demand of the present time is for beauty. Elegance of architecture, beauty of adornment, fairness of features, sacretness of sound. We seek it everywhere and suspect no serpent in so beautiful a garden. We do well to remember Eden and the days when the sons of God looked on the daughters of men and said they were fair.

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THE SABBATH IMPERILED.

Reading Bro. Shutt's article in a late issue of the Advocate reminds me that I have been neglecting to write an article upon the subject of "Sabbath Desecration." That constant innovations are being made upon the sanctity of this holy day none can question. While the Sabbath excursion is one of the great promoters of Sabbath desecration, yet it is only one way among the many of defiling and profaning this day. There is general laxness in observing the day, as a holy day, sacred to the Lord—a day for rest and worship. The distinction between this day and any other day in many places and with many people is not very marked. While there is a large class who refrain from pursuing their regular work in the regular way, yet they fail to observe the day as originally designed by the Lord. It is made a day of pleasure rather than a day of rest unto the Lord, a day for worship and spiritual development. The street car is made to do service for a spin around town. Buggies are brought into use for pleasure riding. Visiting is the order of the day. Sunday evening is spent in pleasure-seeking, while the house of God, the sanctuary of worship is neglected. Often the faithful pastor returns after the delivery of the Sabbath evening sermon with a feeling of disappointment. A small congregation confronted him, when he should have had a large one. A proper regard for the Sabbath would have filled his house. There are three ordinary ways of desecrating the Sabbath: First, by doing work on this day. The law of God is specific: "The Sabbath day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work." A careful study of the Scripture impresses us with the fact that no work whatever, except it be some unavoidable matter that cannot be postponed, nor arranged for preceding the Sabbath, such as works of mercy, relieving the sufferings of man or of beast. No man, with the open Bible, can justify any line of ordinary work on the Sabbath, such as running street cars, steam cars, etc. This government by its postal system constantly ignores and rides down the law of God. I submit that if it is wrong to operate the steam cars and the street cars on the Sabbath, then it is wrong to patronize them. To patronize them is to encourage the running of them. I hold that no man, minister or layman, can ride on the cars without becoming particeps criminis. If a man encourages a deed he is regarded as accessory to the deed, and is held by common law to account for the same. And will not God hold a man to account for encouraging either directly or indirectly the infraction of his law? Besides this, who ever rides on the cars must first pay his fare. He purchases a ride. Then he has bought. Turn to the thirteenth chapter of Nehemiah and read what is said about trading in fruits, fish, etc. Turn to our book of Discipline and read what is said about buying and selling. Who can tell the difference, if there be any so far as the principle is concerned in buying five cents worth and a thousand dollars worth? Then to pay for a ride is to buy. It follows then to ride on the train or street car is to incur two violations of God's law. Just here there is much quibbling and dodging the issue, and propounding questions—questions of work, of running dairies, of sick children, and of getting to Church, and the like. But after all it does not devolve upon me to amend the law of God or to specify exempt cases. The word is positive, direct, specific, and it becomes men professing godliness to keep it. If it is impractical then God is unjust. But it can be kept holy, for men do keep it holy. If one man can keep it holy so can another. I have already referred to the second way the Sabbath is profaned—buying or selling. The law precludes the buying and selling of milk, meat, ice, or anything else on the Sabbath. The State law precludes the selling of goods, groceries and the like, with certain exceptions, to say nothing of the law of God. The third way of Sabbath desecration is seeking pleasure on the Sabbath. Treating this subject, the Prophet Isaiah says: "If thou turn thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord honorable; and shalt honor him not doing thine own ways, nor finding

thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own word." It is certainly clear from these words that we are not to substitute the Christian Sabbath for the continental Sunday. We are not to make the Sabbath a day of pleasure any more than we are to make it a day for secular profit. This certainly cuts off buggy riding for pleasure and all other devices for sensual enjoyment on this day. If the Sabbath is being constantly defamed, if there is manifest disregard for its sacred claims, then the question is how can this be remedied? I conceive that there can be but one answer to this question: The people who call themselves Christians must have a strict and rigid regard for the day, not in theory only, but in practice as well. We will never correct the great evils so prevalent until the Christian world becomes consistent. Let every minister be strict in observing and faithful in dealing with the Sabbath, and every layman's life be a constant protest to every phase of Sabbath desecration, and in the near future a great reformation can be effected, and not until then.

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REMINISCENCES OF FRONTIER LIFE.—No. 1.

Many known to the writer, who settled in Comanche, Erath and other frontier counties during the fifties and sixties, "have passed beyond that bourne whence no traveler returns." Some remain to this day, but "time's furrows on the brow" admonish us to walk thoughtfully on the silent shore of that vast ocean we must sail so soon.

The country owes much to those hardy pioneers who were the first to break down the briars and thorns and to hew out a pathway for Christian civilization. A better class of people never settled a new country. They were intelligent, brave and independent. They were honest, industrious and law-abiding. They loved to worship God, loved to educate their children, loved their log cabin homes. They practiced an unstinted hospitality and would share their last loaf with the hungry stranger.

In reclaiming the country from a state of nature and forming homes, many difficulties confronted them. They were remote from all the conveniences which now everywhere abound. Some of them auleed their domestic supplies with an ox team from the interior of the State. In this way Col. John Stephen, the noted pioneer, brought family supplies from Houston to Stephenville. (The latter place bears his honored name.) This was in '55. The good women on the frontier wrought with busy hands at the spinning wheel and loom, and thus provided much of the clothing worn by their families. Fair belles appeared at Church arrayed in the neatest homespun. Preachers carried rifle and six-shooter as well as Bible and hymn-book to their appointments. Having reached the preaching place they would lay off their arms and, with Bible in hand, they would proceed to preach to the waiting congregation, usually early in attendance. "The word of the Lord was scarce in those days." The writer has often known families to go to Church in ox-wagons through portions of the country exposed to the throats of murderous savages. Sometimes they would report the discovery of fresh moose-in tracks or other "Indian signs" or their way thither. Although the Indians depredated upon the country for perhaps full fifteen years, yet it was very seldom that anyone was ever attacked by them when attending the public worship of God—a fact worthy of record. The writer, though living in the country during the period spoken of, never knew or heard of but one instance. Two preachers, Bros. Griffin and White, going once to a meeting in Hamilton County, were attacked by Indians. Griffin was killed. White, though badly wounded, survived for many years afterwards. Bro. White was a friend of the writer, and has told him all about his encounter with the Indians. He was a good man, highly respected, and was at one time Judge of Hamilton County. He has been dead for a number of years.

As I pen these lines, scenes and incidents of "long time ago" on the frontier come trooping up the corridors of memory and clamor for mention. I will write again and give some account of one or more depredations committed by the Indians which, I suppose, have never been put in print.

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REVERIES BY THE SEA.

Stretching for forty miles eastward the blue Matagorda Bay gleamed under the silver radiance of the full moon, riding in state the blueer deeps of the unclouded skies. A lone fisherman wandered among the ruins of Old Indianola, and amid the night silences heard voices of the long ago. Where once a populous city lifted its concrete houses by the sea are now only half-sunken cisterns protruding

from the shelly ground and the crumbling walls of the courthouse standing like ghosts in the shadowy night. Yonder are the black piers in the water, remnants of an ancient wharf, where once large vessels of the Morgan line were anchored to discharge or receive freight and passengers from and for other ports and lands.

I seem to see again the full-blown sail as the pleasure boat, with the young and gay, glides over the rippling bay. I hear the glad laugh of the boys and girls gathering shells on the beach. Yonder is a fishing crew hauling their net to shore; and, whistling from toward Victoria, comes the evening train. The lights are agleam in the cottages and the merchant sits down with his family by the festal board. The hotels are crowded with visitors, and the low tone of yon wandering pair, blending with the monotone of the restless waves, betokens "two hearts that beat as one." Then, floating out over the town and the bay is the sound of violin and the measured tread of dancing feet keep time with the pulse-beat of the dancing bay. Peering through the open door of the saloon I see the drunkard at his cups, the gambler at his cards and, grating like a discord from perdition, comes the foul song and the profane oath.

Somewhere up yonder street is the Methodist Church, and its young pastor, Rev. H. G. Horton, is cooking in his bachelor's quarters his evening meal.

And as the fisherman dreams on in the silences all this teeming life that was becomes quick again, and the hopes that thrilled, the despairs that killed; the prayers, the cures, the loves, the hates; the rush and roar and rhythm and discord of it all—is heard anew! An owl comes out of an old cistern and perches in the salt cedar by the ruins of the courthouse, and the jackdaw chuckles in the bunch of oleander which once adorned a merchant's front yard. The wild duck calls to his mates and the festive mosquito hums his love song in the long salt grass growing in tufts along the marshy bayou. And then I heard the winds wail amid the ruins, and gaunt ghosts of an awful hour came up out of their graves and told me a tale of horror. The storm king came out of the cave of the winds somewhere in the West Indies and tore with fury across the blue gulf. The assaulted water threw up its white arms in mortal terror and fled inland across Matagorda peninsula and deluged the bay until it sought relief out on the stretching prairie.

Straight through the heart of the town the mad waves rolled, pursued by the shrieking storm and the discordant artillery of furious elements was blent with the cries of drowning men and women. Fair maidens were wrested from the arms of parents and lover and hurled into the seething maelstrom of wind and wave. Tender babes were beaten blue by the black fists of the night, and the curse and prayer of the people blent with the hurricane's hiss. On the morrow the once fair city by the sea was scattered far and wide over the face of the land, and the vultures were feasting on the nude, dead bodies of its inhabitants. Others had been borne back with the returning tide, and the crabs and fish were nibbling their flesh from the bones.

Hark! Yonder filmy flock skimming the rippling wave is a white sea gull, and that was its cry that broke into my dream. 'Tis midnight by the sea, and my comrade down yonder in that lone warehouse is wondering where I can be. So I bid the ghosts good-night and seek my pallet by his side. To-morrow the lizzard will sun himself on these ruined walls, the sand-crab dig his holes in the wet sand, the fishers' boats sail by toward Port Lavaca, and the whole wide world rush on, on, on!

Begrudge not this reverie to a tired preacher, seeking rest in these silences, but with a prayer on your lips wish for every weary world-wanderer a safe haven of everlasting calm!

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WE INDORSE THE EDITOR.

I want to thank you for that editorial in the Advocate of Aug. 6 entitled, "The Mode of Baptism of No Importance." When I was a boy—now I am on the shady side of 50—that was the position of the Methodist preachers on that subject. They told their young converts to settle the mode of baptism for themselves, and they were ready to receive them, and they generally got all of their converts. The Baptists and Campbellites insist that nothing but immersion is baptism. Are not our Methodist preachers drifting toward the other extreme? If you are right—and I think you are—why should Methodists be in this everlasting water fight? W. S. ROBINSON.
Stoneburg, Texas.

There is more force in an iceberg than in a fire-cracker.

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Devotional and Spiritual

SIFTING CHARACTER.

Weakness turned into power! His failure made an eternally helpful thing to his brethren in all ages. His fall and rising again made the doctrine of divine forgiveness a vital energy in his sermons and letters. After this experience, what gospel had he to preach? He knew by experience the unforgetting, rescuing love of the Christ—the grace of God. Oh, what a reality it was to him! Pentecost rings yet with the eloquence of that once broken heart. Hope in Christ; oh, what a certainty did it have to him. His first letter is called "the epistle of hope." Jacob, the supplanter, had been made Israel, Prince of God. And now Peter was sifted out of Simon—sifted out with an experience which made him a ceaseless strengthener of men. O Simon! are you being sifted? Tried by your wealth, tried by your poverty, tried by joys, tried by sorrows, stand up to God's purpose. There is a Peter in you, and God is overruling everything that he may be brought out. Do not faithfully resist the divine purposes. Do not throw aside every possibility of your nobler self by declining the sifting processes of life. It is not a hopeless, but a most hopeful, process. "Simon, I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not." "Help my brethren," you say. Yes, but first you must be helped—like Peter turned again to the all-helping goodness. Shall we resist being made strong and true by the shifting of life? No; by God's help let us say, "Permit anything, Lord God, any trial, any sifting, only sift me out of my weakness, only bring out the Peter out of the Simon, and then leave my sorrows and my sifted powers to strengthen my brethren."—G. W. Gunsaulus.

PERSISTENT FOES.

Behind the masks and shadows of all ages stand constant enemies of the soul, intimate heart temptations which every man must face and overcome—selfishness, covetousness, pride and anger. These are sins of attitude toward God and toward the world. While life lasts they are not to be wholly shaken off. They are elusive as the mist that folds about us, and as close at hand.

Every one of these four deadly sins is the shadow of a good quality of soul. We have not only to defend ourselves but to distinguish. There is a self-love which is essential to our life. We are told to love our neighbor as ourself—not better than ourself, which pressed too far would make our own individual contribution to the work of the world impossible. How shall we love ourselves unselfishly? By loving God with all our hearts and ourselves as the place of God's indwelling the instruments of God's work. This is the experience and the attainment of the life that is hid with Christ in God. "I live, and yet no longer I, but Christ liveth in me." When the center of our life is in its place with God we shall have a true perspective for the temptations of our human selfishness.

Covetousness belongs with the narrow view and the false horizon. It is as if a man could see the ground but not the sky. We are not forbidden to delight in the beauty of earth's foregrounds, so long as we consider them with reference to the great background and skyline of the loving will of God. While heavenly-mindedness destroys all covetous affections, it heightens our enjoyment of every innocent earth-beauty and earth-delight.

It is the downward look that ministers to pride. It is the upward look that feels humility and also dignity and self-respect, of which pride is the evil counterfeit. For pride is glorifying in self, blind refusal of the facts of man's littleness

and sin, while true humility shows man his place of honor as a child of God, an instrument of the divine purpose in the progress of the world.

Anger is one of the sudden sins. It is like the leap of the wild beast, which has us in its clutch before we recognize its presence. But there is a righteous anger which is never absent from a holy character and which often rose in the heart of Christ. It is difficult to be angry and sin not—we shall only learn to distinguish between selfish and righteous anger as we keep ourselves wholly in the spirit and the mind of Christ.—Congregationalist.

THE DAILY LIFE OF THE CHRISTIAN.

The best proof of the divinity of the Christian religion is the daily life of the Christian himself; not his words and professions, but his conduct and spirit; not his Sunday gab and service, but his everyday tone; not his Church ways, but his home walk. In the first third of the First Century the world saw the incarnate God—the Word of God made flesh and dwelling in human form among men. The Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries need no less than this. They must see God manifest in the flesh, that human eyes may now behold, and human hands now handle the Word of Life; that the supernatural may be brought within our easy reach; that to all inquirers the Church may now say as Jesus said to the disciples of John, "Go tell the things which ye do hear and see," not deeds of healing wrought in the flesh, but "greater works than these"—works of healing in the spirit, evil passions subdued, bad habits broken, burdens of sin removed, blessings of spiritual life bestowed, steadiness of purpose and experience through all outward vicissitudes made clear to a witnessing world. A life thus setting forth the power of Christ in this present time is worth more than all the books of argument and all the sermons and lecture courses of a century in favor of Christianity. It is another Word of God, a living epistle read and known of all. It is a silent, present, unshadowed, unanswerable demonstration. It makes doubt impossible. Men simply feel its force and are silent—then turn to pray.—Bishop John H. Vincent.

A ROBUST RELIGION.

We keep our religion too much indoors; it ought to be climbing rocks or hewing forests—a stalwart religion, a robust religion, a religion able to digest the strong meat of the world—instead of being kept on the pap and gruel of spiritual invalidism. It is high time that we threw off the Sunday clothes of sickly sentimentality and put on the work-day dress of an active, earnest Christian.—Exchange.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY.

In this matter of sympathy it is more "blessed to give than to receive," for the giver enjoys the purest happiness that can enter our life here upon earth, and partakes of one of the joys of heaven.

To find a really brave soul by the wayside of life crushed and beaten by adversity, to be permitted to bind up the bleeding wounds and lift the injured one upon his feet and direct him to the right road for peace and safety, is the sweetest privilege that can come to any one of us, and while performing this gentle deed of mercy no thought of payment will ever occur to us. Afterwards, we will realize that we had received our reward in having had the opportunity itself.

Wisdom should be the inseparable companion of sympathy; for sympathy alone is but a halting friend at best. It may sit beside us and stroke our hand tenderly and lis-

ten patiently to our cries of suffering, but it can seldom apply the right lotion to heal the wound, and we are, after all, but little better for its presence, however, sweetly offered. To learn the secret of keeping our petty annoyances to ourselves, to bravely endure a fleeting anxiety rather than express the thought that shall convey its existence to one near and dear to us, is the only just and selfless course to pursue and if, as many advanced thinkers of to-day claim, "thought-currents" flow from our minds, and mingling with those of others, make up the sum total of thought itself, how grave the responsibility for good or bad thinking that could be laid upon the conscience of each of us, whether it is a thought that is expressed or not!

Supposing that we could "think" forth streams of worry, or hate, or evil, or all uncharitableness, or meanness, and watch this sorry tide mingling with the great ocean of thought abroad in the world to-day! Is it not possible that we should then understand why people are causing us the trouble, or annoyance, or sorrow, or petty disappointments that create our need for the balm of sympathy at any time?—Christian Work and Evangelist.

As a songbird is shut up in a dark place to learn a new song which it could not have learned in the light, so in our withdrawal into the shadow we are to be taught some new sweet song in the night which we may sing ever after in the ears of sad and weary ones.—J. R. Miller.

THE WILL OF GOD.

Faith always finds the purpose of the Father in the life of the world and in the life of the individual. It saves us from despair when all things seem to be going wrong. It always sees the Christ, whether he be on the shore or walking on the sea. God is accomplishing his will among the armies of the heavens and among the children of men. When faith sees this it goes on and never wearies.

To know that the will of God is being accomplished brings peace. How restful to know that God is in the storm and stress of life. He will gain his ends. Though the powers of earth should all combine, he laughs at them and in his own time will break all the mergers of wickedness. His own shall be owned from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same.

"For I doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs, And the thoughts of men are widened by the process of the suns."

It gives courage. Timid souls do not see that God is in the midst of the movement, and that he will bring it to pass. The crash of failing thrones and cherished institutions fills them with dismay, and causes them to beat a retreat. They hesitate, when, if they would go forward, they would find that the stone was rolled away. They come to Kadesh-Barnea, and will not go up because they do not feel sure that the will of God can be accomplished, even though the giants stand in the way.

It gives hope. This feminine virtue needs to be sustained by faith in the power and love of God. His will is always for the perfection of his Church and people, and will not fail till they are all safe at home, and the works of righteousness are accomplished by his followers.—Rev. C. Clever.

HELPFUL CHRISTIANS.

There are happy, sunny-hearted people with whom one meets occasionally, whose helpfulness of spirit and cheerfulness of disposition have the same kind of effect upon us, only in a greater degree, that the notes of the spring birds have in winter time. They are angels of light in a cloudy world. They are prophets of the dawn. Their pres-

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ence in any household or social circle is better than medicine. They are optimists, either by nature or by grace, or both. Nothing is so bad but that it might have been worse. No one is so thoroughly depraved but that these clear-eyed children of faith can see some good in him. These are they with whom "December is as pleasant as May." The bright and sunny world within them is projected outward and objectified until every cloud that drapes the sky has a golden border, and every mountain peak of difficulty that obstructs human progress is bathed in the light of the coming dawn. Even the valley of humiliation and of sorrow, when viewed through their eyes, is threaded by a silver streamlet, on whose banks bloom the blessed flowers of peace and hope. The earth is richer, brighter, and better for the presence in it of these elect souls, who scatter sunshine through the cloudy days of life, and whose triumphant faith pierces through intervening clouds to the land of eternal sunshine.—Christian Evangelist.

It is not our part to guide our life in this world, amid its tangled affairs. It is ours just to do our duty, our Master's bidding. Christ's hand is on the helm. He sees all the future. He pilots us. Let us learn to thank God that we cannot know the future, that we need not know it. Christ knows it, and it is better to go in the dark with him, letting him lead, than to go alone in the light and choose our own path.—J. R. Miller.

SUNSET GLORIES.

I watched a glorious sunset, marveling at the beauty wherewith the evening skies were all ablaze and adoring Him who gave them their matchless coloring. On the next evening I resorted to the same spot, hoping to be again enraptured with the gorgeous pomp of ending day, but there were no clouds and, therefore, no glories. True, the canopy of sapphire was there, but no magnificent array of clouds to form golden masses with edges of burning crimson, or islands of loveliest hue set in a sea of emerald; there were no great conflagrations of splendor or flaming peaks of mountains of fire. The sun was as bright as before, but for lack of dark clouds on which to pour out his luster, his magnificence was unrevealed. A man who should live and die without trials would be like a setting sun without clouds.—C. H. Spurgeon.

HIS MOTHER'S PRAYERS.

A great man relates how, on one occasion, he suddenly opened the door of his mother's room and saw her on her knees beside her chair, and heard her speak his own name in prayer. He quietly withdrew with a feeling of awe and reverence in his heart. Soon he went away from home to school, then to college, then into life's sterner duties. But he never forgot that one glimpse of his mother at prayer, nor the one word—his own name—which he had heard her utter. He well knew that what he had seen that day was but a glimpse of what was going on every day in that secret closet of

prayer, and the consciousness strengthened him a thousand times in duty, in danger and in struggle. And when at last death came, and sealed those lips, the sorest sense of loss he felt was the knowledge that no more would his mother be praying for him.—Raim's Horn.

Think, as you sit here, of anything that you are doing that is wrong, of any habit of your life, of your self-indulgence, or of that great, pervasive habit of your life which makes you a creature of the present instead of the eternities, a creature of the material earth instead of the glorious skies. Ask of yourself of any habit that belongs to your own personal life, and bring it face to face with Jesus Christ.—Phillips Brooks.

Not long ago a young man got converted. One of the first and visible signs of his regeneration was the fact he began to sit beside his father in the family pew. Go and do thou likewise, young Epworthian! Filial duty, Christian spirit, good form, are all found in the divine commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother."—Selected.

Let it be our happiness this day to add to the happiness of those around us, to comfort some sorrow, to relieve some want, to add some strength to our neighbor's virtue.—Selected.

SUBURBANITES

Breakfast on Coffee, a Roll and a Rush for the Train.

The commuter who bolts down a few mouthfuls of food and hurries to catch the train usually catches dyspepsia as well.

The "coffee and roll" road to ill health is not necessary for there is an easy pleasant way to get back to health and shake off all the coffee diseases by shifting to Postum Food Coffee. "For a number of years I was a business woman rising early and swallowing a roll and a cup of coffee just in time to catch a train. A feeling of nausea or palpitation and a continual dullness in the eyes and head invariably followed my coffee breakfasts until one day a good angel in the guise of a woman friend bade me try Postum Food Coffee in place of coffee.

"Always trying to be progressive in my daily life I accepted the advice and the result was I found Postum a delicious clear coffee colored beverage suited to the stomach and satisfying to the appetite. After using Postum faithfully for a month I was surprised at the result in my health. All symptoms of dyspepsia or nervousness had disappeared and because of this marked benefit I reasoned that if such a simple and inexpensive remedy could prove such benefit in my case why was it not my duty to let other sufferers know about Postum. So I began to try to help my friends and I have helped many to shake off sickness by recommending Postum in place of coffee.

"There was one who was a victim of nervous dyspepsia and who craved coffee to such an extent that he invariably drank it in spite of medical advice not to do so and I could not persuade him to change, so I got his wife to give him Postum in the morning for a few days without saying anything to him about it. The result was really wonderful. He did not detect the change but noticed that he got over his indigestion. Then we told him the truth about it and now he takes his Postum regularly and is so far relieved of his nervousness that his physician predicts a speedy cure. He likes the Postum just as well as he used to love the coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Secular News Items.

STATE ITEMS.

Col. D. C. Giddings, of Brenham, died last week.

Sam Williams, Van Grant and Walter Storie, white, and well known at Tyler, have been arrested for assault to murder Dr. Chamberlain, of Palestine, near the Cotton Belt depot recently.

A blind man was arrested at Paris on a charge of marrying a girl under age.

Four rattlesnakes were found in a telescope valise left at the Fort Worth union station.

The roundhouse and machine shops of the Santa Fe Railway at Beaumont were destroyed by fire last week. Seven locomotives and \$20,000 worth of machinery are a total loss. The whole loss is estimated at \$100,000.

The Groesbeck National Bank closed its doors last week as a result of the failure of the Citizens' Bank at Beaumont. A telegram from Rod Oliver to the Cashier, Mr. C. S. Bond, was posted no cotton would be sold to any National Bank Examiner had closed the doors of the bank at Beaumont and that no money should be paid out until the affairs of the Beaumont bank could be adjusted. Mr. Oliver is the President of the bank here.

Colonel E. S. Peters, of Calvert, has recently received letters from manufacturers of cotton goods east of the Mississippi River relative to the price of cotton. These manufacturers advocate organization on the part of the cotton growers of the South, and say that they would be perfectly willing to see the price of cotton fixed at 14 cents per pound, and would not object to paying this price for cotton provided no cotton would be sold to any one for less than the stipulated price—14 cents.

Hon. J. M. Pinckney, who made his campaign as a prohibitionist, was nominated for Congress last Wednesday night in the Houston District.

Allen & Oliver, bankers of Hubbard City, closed their doors recently. It is reported to be caused by the trouble of the Citizens' National Bank of Beaumont, of which Mr. Oliver is President. It is reported that the bank here will be only temporarily closed and will soon resume business. Mr. Allen is an old citizen of this place and has the universal love and confidence of the people, who deeply sympathize with him in this misfortune.

The county courthouse at Seguin is being thoroughly renovated and modernized at a considerable cost.

Hundreds of acres of melons in Guadalupe County are rotting in the fields near Seguin, due to the glutted market.

An unknown man used a dynamite stick to blow off his head at El Paso.

County Judge Jerry McCarthy died at Eagle Pass some days ago.

The losses by the Sour Lake fire will not exceed \$25,000 all told.

Ex-Gov. Hogg lost \$12,000 in a bank failure at Beaumont Wednesday, but the big Governor will probably survive the loss, as he is reputed to have reaped a million or more from his oil investments.

Suit is to be brought against thirty-six mutual fire insurance companies for forfeiture of charter in Texas.

Dallas County's assessable values will be two millions more this year than last.

A large shipment of public documents was received at Mount Vernon recently for the government depository for this Congressional District, which is located at Franklin Institute.

IN GENERAL.

Senator Hanna recently said in Cleveland: "If I had the power to reach men's hearts as the simple prayers and music of the Salvation Army do, I should resign my position in the United States Senate and do my duty as a member of the Army."

Wireless photographs are the latest discovery in the electrical world, and, according to Nikola Tesla, the day is not far distant when one may sit in New York and have his photograph immediately transmitted by a wireless system to any place in the world.

The recent flurry in Wall Street is said to have made American securities shrink by the sum of \$5,000,000. Which only means that \$5,000,000 worth of water has run out of the over-capitalized trusts and corporations. And some of them needed to spring a leak.

A Berlin tailor shop is advertising suits of clothes, made of woven paper, for \$2.50.

William Ellis Corey, who has been appointed assistant to President Schwab, of the Steel Trust, is described by a writer in the New York Press as a jolly-looking, square-faced young man of 37. The lower part of his face is broader than his head. His mustache is trained up at the ends,

like Kaiser William's, revealing a wide mouth and a thick underlip. He wears a folded collar and a butterfly tie. His fancy runs to baseball, football and horses when he is out for recreation. In baseball he is an ardent enthusiast.

There are 700 newspapers in Kansas in which you will find no liquor advertisements. Will you find such a condition of things in any license State?

The baggage of the royal party on the occasion of King Edward's recent visit to Ireland weighed 200 tons. The King's wardrobe alone filled forty-two trunks.

At the automobile races at Yonkers, New York, Oldfield made a world's record of one mile in fifty-five and four-fifths seconds, with a seventy-horsepower gasoline machine.

A proof of the change of educational ideas at Oxford and Cambridge is the growing popularity of the natural sciences. There is at the same time a decadence of the mathematical tripos at Cambridge. It has always stood first until this year, when, at a jump, it has gone to fourth place.

The University of Chicago has completed the exterior work of its building for the new School of Education. It will cost about \$150,000. One million dollars were given by Mrs. Emmons Blaine for this school. What remains after the completion of the school will form an endowment.

When the United States took possession of the Philippine Islands there was not a single school throughout the entire archipelago devoted to what can fairly be called common school education. To-day there is not a town or city of any size throughout the vast territory without a school.

One of Missouri's unique industries is the growing of a kind of corn whose cob is specially adapted for pipes. A group of farmers in Lafayette County raise it extensively. One field of twenty-five acres produced 1126 bushels of corn worth \$366, and the cobs sold for \$198. The average per acre was \$21.36. Corncob pipes are supposed to dispose of nicotine without injury to the smoker. Senator Cockrell's corncob pipe is one of the traditions of Missouri campaigns.

A Jersey City boiler company voluntarily raised the salaries of some of its "union" men who were specially skilled to \$3.75 a day. The union ordered a strike and demanded that the price be reduced to \$3 a day, on the ground that none of their men should get any better salaries than the others. If that isn't queer! What next?

H. P. Lowe, Chief Engineer of the steel trust, hired a special train to take him from New York across the continent to Los Angeles to the bedside of his dying daughter of eleven. He failed to reach her while she was still living, but his train broke the record in the effort. The distance of over 3200 miles was made in seventy hours and twenty-one minutes, or a little less than three days.

Dr. Matiegka, of Prague, after weighing the brains of 235 men, finds that on the average the brains of day laborers weigh 1,410 grains; of mechanics 1,436; of business men 1,468, and of professional men, 1,500 grains, showing that as a rule increase of intellectuality means increase of brain weight.

In Minneapolis the 330 saloons are limited to one-twelfth of the city. In the eleven-twelfths where there are no saloons twenty-eight policemen are found sufficient for patrol duty. In the one-twelfth where the saloons are, 147 policemen are required.

Those modern philosophers who think they have found something very new in the theory that "matter is merely a mental concept" and that the whole universe is nothing but pulsations, would do well to go back and read what Laotse, the Chinese moralist, wrote of the philosophy of Taoism twenty-four centuries ago, namely: "It knows no distinction between spirit, mind and matter, between what men call existence and non-existence."

The development of the auto truck in general business is great. Two hundred of these trucks have been licensed during the last month. The number of licenses so far issued in New Jersey is 3,568. Over thirty licenses are added every day. And yet good horses are scarce and high.

Commenting on King Edward's telegram to President Roosevelt about the visit of the American naval officers in England, the London Times blandly observes in a leading article: "Our correspondent adds that the message reached President at Oyster Bay, in South Florida, where he is making a short stay."

In a corporation case in which Vice Chancellor Pitney was sitting at Newark on Saturday he is reported to have made some extraordinary remarks in correction of one of the counsel. "The Massachusetts judiciary," he is represented to say, "is degenerating and I don't consider their opinions any more. Thirty years ago

it was different." This provokes the remark from the Boston Post: "It is impossible to regard this reported outburst of Vice Chancellor Pitney seriously. Whatever our laws may be, their administration and interpretation by our courts command the respect not only of jurists and laymen in our own Commonwealth and nation, but in foreign countries, including New Jersey."

The parcels post of the British suffers from such notoriously bad bargains with railways (as the United States postoffice does) that the postoffice is beginning to send parcels by its own vehicles. Horse or motor vans now run on most of the main roads from London, and by this means 11,500,000 parcels a year are saved from the extortionate railway rates.

It is said that the salary of George C. Boldt, of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, is \$500,000 a year. He was once a waiter. He failed as a chicken farmer, but is now the greatest hotel proprietor in the world. It is noted that he gets five times more for being the greatest landlord than Chauncey M. Depew gets for being the chief of the Vanderbilt railroads.

Dr. E. R. Tenney, of Kansas City, who recently returned from the Philippines, describes the Sultan of Sulu as not the sort of potentate pictured in comic opera. He is a very ordinary individual and does about as all the rest of the Sulus do. He is not a man of great strength of character, but possesses craft and cunning. He has a fine string of ponies, which he is fond of racing against the army officers' horses. He has four legal wives and a lot of children.

From Kansas City comes the story of a remarkable excursion that was run from Shreveport, Louisiana, to Missouri's chief city, a distance of 560 miles. It was remarkable because it was organized and conducted by William Harper, a negro 60 years old, who assumed all the financial responsibility, and in face of discouraging conditions, made money from the venture.

When Harper first approached the railroads he was told that the train would cost him \$2,340, so he deferred the project. Recently, when Harper again approached the company, the former rate was the best that he could obtain, the railway company insisting that he pay \$2,340 cash for a train consisting of eleven coaches and a baggage car, instead of accepting as customary, a percentage of the receipts. The company simply undertook to furnish the train and to run it. Harper, this time undaunted, accepted the company's terms and paid over the money when he ordered the cars. He reserved two cars for white people and charged fifty cents extra for seats in them. He took absolute charge of the passengers and all the details of the work in connection with the transportation of such a large number of persons. It is estimated that Harper cleared about \$1000 on the transaction. He won the distinction of having controlled the highest price special, all things considered, that had entered Kansas City.

The Russian Black Sea Squadron, which was ordered to Turkish waters and which has arrived at Inada, Eastern European Turkey, August 19, to support Russia's demands on the Sultan growing out of the assassination of M. Rostkovski, Russian Consul at Monastir, has been recalled to Sebastopol, the squadron's point of departure. The squadron sailed soon after.

When word was received in New York that the Panama canal treaty had been rejected by the Colombian Senate, William Nelson Cromwell made the following brief statement as counsel for the Panama Canal Company: "A committee of the Colombian Senate on August 5 recommended the treaty with a number of amendments. Our recent cables state that various parliamentary motions have been made, more or less involving these

amendments, and a recent one indicates that the treaty is not acceptable without amendment, but this is not regarded as final."

Lord Salisbury died peacefully at 9:01 o'clock the 22d. During the past forty-eight hours the end was seen to be inevitable, the great frame of England's foremost premier being only sustained by the constant use of oxygen. Even the administration of oxygen failed in effect as the evening advanced, and soon after the shadows had crept up from the valley and enshrouded the dull red walls of Hatfield house, the distinguished statesman, making the last effort of his life, turned slightly toward his favorite daughter, Lady Gwenolyn Cecil, who was kneeling beside him, and then quietly breathed his last.

About one-fifth of the population of New York City is of American birth and American parentage. This is one of the greatest reasons why the religious problem of the metropolis is so serious.

Third Baseman Bagsby, of the Augusta, Georgia, Base Ball Club, filled the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, of that city, two Sundays ago. Mr. Bagsby is a theological student and is paying his way through college by the salary he derives from playing ball.

Fredrika Neilson, the foremost Scandinavian actress in America, has resolved to quit the stage and engage in religious work. She will preach in a Norwegian-Danish Church at Minneapolis. Twenty-three years ago she filled a pulpit in Norway, but sought fame and fortune in a dramatic career. Having won both she returns to her first love.

Fourteen Chicago clubs have discontinued the sale of liquors because they cannot afford to pay the \$500 license fee required by the city. Some right shrewd prophets are predicting an amendment to the law. For after all there is no way to get a law fixed so quick as by obeying it judiciously in times of trouble.

Lack of shade need not hinder any one from giving a lawn party, even if paper-covered lawn umbrellas, varying in size from four feet to twelve feet, may be purchased at prices ranging from seventy-five cents to three dollars and a half. Having double covers, these umbrellas not only furnish shade and help carry out the general scheme of the party, but they are so strong that they may be used any number of times.

Dr. Francis L. Patton, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, has a reputation not only for the excellence of his sermons, but for the short notice at which on occasion, he can prepare them. Some time ago he was conducting a "question box" at summer school, when he was asked by one of his auditors: "Will you tell me, Dr. Patton, your method in preparing your sermons? Do you begin early in the week?" "Yes," said Dr. Patton, "quite early." "But," persisted the questioner, "how early?" "About 6 o'clock Sunday morning."

A pianist has to cultivate the eye so as to see fifteen hundred signs in one minute, the fingers to make two thousand movements, and the brain to understand all these signs, as well as direct all these movements. In playing Weber's "Moto Perpetuo" a pianist has to read 4,541 notes in less than four minutes, or about 19 a second, but the eye can receive only about ten consecutive impressions a second. So that in quick music it seems that a player does not see every note singly, but in groups, probably a bar or more at one view.

Ten thousand looms are idle in Belgium on account of the high price of cotton, and the French steamer La Bretagne, now on her way to New York from Havre, is bringing a large cargo of cotton which has been shipped here in order to obtain the extraordinary price which cotton now commands in this country.

Brussels newspapers announce the death of Aphonse F. Renard, the former Jesuit priest, who occupied the chair of geology at the University of Ghent, and whose withdrawal from the Church two years ago caused a sensation. Great efforts were made during his last illness to win him back to the Church, but he refused to admit priests and threw letters unopened into his waste basket. He was an optimist and regretted that he could not live a hundred years to witness the world's improvement. He translated one of Darwin's books, and was an authority of oceanography, of which he wrote a history. He was born in 1842.

Another pension grab is planned for the coming session of Congress, one that will add perhaps \$50,000,000, perhaps only \$10,000,000, says the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Record. The Grand Army, at the encampment in San Francisco, will be asked to give the scheme its support and force the bill through Congress. It provides for the payment of \$12 a month to all men or the widows of men who served ninety days or more in the Civil War and were honorably discharged. Pensions of \$8 a month

have been granted to all survivors of the Mexican War and the war of 1812, or to the widows of the fighters in those campaigns. The increase of \$4 a month for Civil War veterans is said to be putting the matter on an equitable basis, the cost of living being greater now than it was when the pensions were granted to survivors of the other wars.

President Roosevelt has written a letter to Governor Durbin, of Indiana, who took such vigorous action in connection with the Evansville lynching, commending his active repression of mob violence, and declaring: "The nation, like the individual, cannot commit a crime with impunity. . . . Where we permit the law to be defied or evaded, whether by rich man or poor man, by black or white, we are by just so much weakening the bonds of our civilization and increasing the chances of its overthrow, and of the substitution thereof of a system in which there shall be violent alternations of anarchy and tyranny."

It is figured that the United States spends annually \$227,000,000 on public school education, which is almost as much as the whole of Europe spends. Our yearly expenditure averages \$22 for each pupil.

Arrangements have just been made by the Republicans of Michigan looking to a national jubilee celebration to be held at Jackson next year to mark the birth of the Republican party there in 1854.

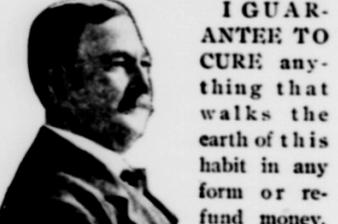
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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Ross.

L. A. Reavis, Aug. 18: Our Elm Mott meeting was a grand success. There was a fine attendance from start to finish. The Church was anxious for a good meeting, and did all they could to make it a success. There were 29 conversions and two reclamations. Twenty-two others were added to the Church, and hope others are yet to follow. Bro. Braswell was with us again and did fine work. Bro. Long said that he never heard such preaching.

Richland.

Alzira N. McKnight, Aug. 17: The Richland people had the pleasure of attending the revival meeting held by Bro. H. B. Laney, with the assistance of Bro. G. J. Irvin, in our humble little town. We are glad to state in spite of condition, sickness, business and all other objectionable matters, we had a meeting that was most profitable—a meeting that will long be remembered in ages to come. We feel that God has been with us from time to time. Christians around this little town are becoming so much more encouraged. They have the faith to believe their prayers are going to be answered some time, somewhere. We are so glad we have a few in our midst that have the power and will by the grace of God to cause the vilest sinner to humble. We believe even if they did not make an open confession that many a heart has been touched and prayed by the faithful preaching and prayers of the Christian people of Richland. We do sincerely hope they will come up and acknowledge their God before it is too late. It is so strange that people will sit back and hear the gospel preached as plain as it was here this past week by Bro. H. B. Laney and Bro. Irvin and will not yield. Something is wrong. Oh! Christian friends, let all of us join in together and try to find the cause that keeps these unthoughtful sinners from accepting the best friend they have. This is one reason why I state here today that I believe many a heart was reached and just didn't have the courage to come up bravely and acknowledge it. We are thankful for the assistance Miss May Davis has rendered during this meeting. She has let her light shine before the young and old of

Richland. May God be with her through her work. Mr. W. Garland has been another faithful worker. Oh! if all boys would determine to work for Christ as he has. We only wish he could be with us all the time, for it may be he would be able to do great good in our little town. We are also so thankful to our Baptist sister, Miss Eibel Trotter, for being such a faithful organist. Our best wishes are for her. May God be with her, that she may be able to bring some soul to Christ. Bro. Irvin is a good preacher, a truly consecrated man, a faithful worker and a man of intellect. We shall always remember him. May God be with all the preachers that they may be able to administer their work for the cause of Christ, so when they come to press a dying pillow they can say, "I have done what I could."

Dawson.

C. G. Shutt, Aug. 24: We are in a fine meeting at Mt. Zion, near Purdon. A number of conversions. We received twenty-two members yesterday; several yet to receive.

Palmer.

J. D. Odom, Aug. 24: Closed Dixon Chapel meeting last night. Results: Thirty conversions and twenty-six accessions to the Church. Twenty-five joined the League. Fine subscriptions on conference collections. The Church was greatly revived and strengthened. Bro. C. L. Browning did the preaching after the first three days and it was well done. Bro. Browning captured our people and did us great good. Bro. Andrew Davis was with us and preached once. Everybody loves Uncle Andrew. Bro. McAfee was in the meeting one day and secured twenty subscriptions for Go Forward. I was taken sick early in the meeting, but it went on under the faithful leadership of Bro. Browning.

Green's Creek.

U. J. Morton: The protracted meeting at Bunyan embraced July 25 to August 2, and resulted in fifty conversions and reclamations and thirty accessions to the Church and a general uplift to the membership. Our pastor, Rev. K. S. Vanzandt, was assisted at Bunyan by Rev. C. S. Cameron, from Holland. It would be difficult to find more true "yoke fellows" than Vanzandt and Cameron are, and if they, under the inspiration and leadership of the Holy Ghost, can not reach and stir the conscience of the people, then they are "very far gone indeed." The Green's Creek, at the tabernacle, on Green's Creek, embraced August 5 to 16, and resulted in thirty conversions and reclamations and twelve accessions to the Church. Bro. Vanzandt was assisted in the camp-meeting by Rev. P. B. Summers, from the Arkansas Conference; Uncle Dick Thompson, of North Texas, also Rev. E. A. Bailey, our presiding elder. Rev. Summers did the principal preaching and greatly endeared himself to all the people. It was his first preaching tour in Texas, but he did not seem a stranger among us after the first day on the camp ground. His preaching was scriptural, philosophical and his logic was faultless, and it was all attended by the "power and demonstration of the Spirit." Uncle Dick preached three times to the delight of all and as he alone can preach. Our people gave him \$30 for the Orphanage. We hope he will come again. Bro. Bailey, though overworked, came in and remained two nights and a day and preached with his characteristic zeal, earnestness and power, and held our third Quarterly Conference. Bro. Vanzandt begins his meeting at Lingleville Friday night, the 28th, and his meeting at Harlin will embrace the first Sunday in September. We hope to swell the list of conversions to more than 100 in these two meetings.

Buck Creek.

D. C. Stark: In our last report we told about our meeting at George's Creek. We now want to tell of a meeting at another creek—Buck Creek. The two places are about five miles apart. We had for our help Rev. Sterling Richardson, same as at the other place. Our George's Creek people followed us over to Buck Creek and we hitched the two teams on together and for ten days they fought like trained warriors. Richardson stood in the pulpit and like a trained battery he threw earthquakes at the enemy till the host of sin gave way. The fight was long and hard, but thank God, we came out victoriously. We had about seventy-five conversions and sixty additions to the Church and more to follow. The convictions and conversions were of the old-time Holy Ghost kind. People came forward and knelt at the altar and were converted and then went out to get some one else saved. I have been twenty-five years in this work and taken all in all I have never had a more remarkable revival than this. This was a little afternoon appointment where we had eleven members

at the beginning of the year. We now have about seventy-five and expect to build a church this year. Our people worked hard, prayed, shouted and sang. Our young people who came forward, would leave the choir and go in the altar and pray with their friends till they were converted and go back and work on. So we have had a glorious meeting, for which we thank God and take courage. When we get that new church built we are going to have the editor of the Advocate to come over and dedicate it. The Outlook now is that the Fort Worth District will report two thousand or twenty-five hundred conversions by conference.

Santo Circuit.

Jim M. Bond, Aug. 22: Just closed at Lipan; this was a grand success, said to be the greatest ever held in the place. There were eighty conversions, fifty additions to our Church, with more to follow. There were more heads of families converted than any meeting I've been in for years. Hard old sinners came and gave up their sins. Campbellites shouted. This is 140 conversions on Santo Circuit since I took charge of it, which was in April. We are now engaged at Brazos. I have no ministerial help.

Horn Hill.

Frank Hughen, Aug. 22: We began our meetings in this charge at Central Institute on the third Sunday in July, but owing to a superabundance of rain, people were hardly ready for a meeting. It was also our Quarterly Conference occasion. Our "beloved" was with us and did some most excellent preaching, which proved to be "the power of God unto salvation." Four immortal spirits were born into the kingdom of God, with four children to the Church and seven children baptized. On the fourth Sunday in July we began at Mesquite, assisted by Rev. H. B. Laney, of Richland. The Church was considerably revived and just when we were hopeful for conversions it began raining and practically closed the meeting. The people were highly pleased with Bro. Laney's preaching. On the second Sunday night we began at Horn Hill and continued ten days. Here we were ably assisted by Rev. W. W. Moss, pastor of our Church at Groesbeck. His preaching was clear, logical and powerful. I feel that his preaching has been a great blessing to us all. Fourteen conversions and sixteen additions and by far the best general collection in the history of the Church, were the visible results. All in all, we conclude that it was a splendid meeting. We are now in a meeting at Nus, where we have recently refurbished the church at a cost of \$125. I am praying for a good meeting. From here we go to Ben Hur Wednesday night, Sept. 2. May the Lord give us victory.

Childress Circuit.

Dora Overstreet, Aug. 17 we closed our camp-meeting in the Walter Hill pasture, sixteen miles southeast from Childress, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Overstreet. Rev. J. T. Bloodworth, of Crowell, and Bro. Yagan Switzer, a young local preacher, who was a power in prayer and song. Bro. Bloodworth joined us on Tuesday and did most of the preaching from that time. He is the right man in the right place, preaches a pure gospel that reaches men and women, and does not give Satan and sin an inch of ground. We had a glorious meeting; forty or fifty conversions and reclamations, the Church wonderfully revived. Gray-haired men united with the Church and were baptized. One father came up with his wife at the evening service, Aug. 17, dedicated their baby to God, that night gave his life to God and joined the Church. God help every unsaved father to do as this one did.

Ovilia.

W. H. Harris, Aug. 19: We have just closed the Ovilia camp-meeting after running 9 days. There was about 20 camps and large congregations after the first Monday and Tuesday. We started off fine Sunday morning, but a heavy rain fell just while we were eating dinner; so for the next two days we could not do much, as it kept raining some every day. Bro. Boaz preached for us Sunday at 11 o'clock, and the old-time power fell on us, and several came forward for prayer, with one conversion; so we claimed the victory from the start. Bro. A. P. Lowery, of Waco, who is so well known as one of our most effective local preachers, stayed with us and preached twice a day on through the meeting, and salvation's tide continued to rise until the last three days. There was 25 conversions Saturday; 28 Sunday and over 30 Monday; 25 in the last service. Sunday afternoon we received about 60 into our Church at one time, and nearly all on profession. The line reached from the pulpit nearly to the row of tents. There

were about 150 professions in the meeting, and over 100 gave their names for the different Churches. Praise the Lord for this wonderful victory. Bro. Lowery is a man of great faith and power with a God. He preaches plain and yet he makes saint and sinner see he loves their souls. A great many heads of families were saved, and so many of our young people. We have had about 225 conversions on this charge, and have two more meetings to hold yet. Bro. Brown, of Cleburne, helped me at Sardis. Bro. Caraway from Mart helped me at Red Oak, and Bro. Hearon, of Midlothian, helped me one day at Onward. Then my local preachers helped me in some of the meetings. Everything is in fine shape, so says my beloved presiding elder. Conference collections about secured in full, and salary well up. I am one of the happiest preachers in Waxahachie District. And am praying for great victory in my other two meetings. Oh! the blessed Lord is so good to us, we have all resolved to be better folks.

Holland.

C. S. Cameron, Aug. 19: Our meeting at Three Forks was not such a great success as we had hoped for, but such was the conditions, i. e., farmers were so busy with the crops, and other things forbade its continuance, but we had four conversions and five additions, notwithstanding we continued only four days. We expect to renew the effort there the first Sunday in September under God. The Three Forks people sent this preacher a pleasant surprise this week, a pounding of many good things, by Bros. Morgan and McHood, of that place. Thanks to those good people. Let others do likewise. See? We are now in a good meeting here (Holland). Bro. Wyatt is with me, and he is doing fine work.

Munday.

Ed. R. Wallace, Aug. 21: We are to build a \$1500 or \$2000 church at Munday. The contract is let for the building; no paint, no seats \$1,150, and we put rock and lumber on the ground. The corner-stone is to be laid with Masonic honors August 28th. I began my Munday meeting last night.

Gustine.

A. E. Turney, Aug. 23: Just closed a very successful meeting last night at Fleming. Bro. G. W. Kincheloe was with us several days; his preaching was powerful and appreciated by all. Rev. Beaty was with us, and gave us good assistance. The entire county was moved, and God was with us. We had 39 conversions and 39 accessions to the Church; one infant baptized, and as a result family altars were erected, and several Advocates will come in the community.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

New York Circuit.

D. F. Pulley, Aug. 22: Just closed a five days' meeting at Redhill, in connection with our third Quarterly Conference. Our beloved presiding elder was with us Saturday night, Sunday and Monday; held our Quarterly Conference Monday. Finances very well up. Bro. Smith preached five uplifting, soul-stirring sermons for us and gave us a forward move. Results: Twenty-five conversions, twenty-one accessions; baptized one baby; backsliders reclaimed. Church revived and lifted up on higher plains of Christianity; old difficulties settled.

Clayton.

Thos. Reece, Aug. 22: We have just closed a fine meeting at Pine Hill in Rusk County, one of the best meetings they have had for fifteen years. Fifteen or twenty conversions and reclamations; some old-time shouting, the Church greatly revived. The people say we had the largest crowds that they had seen at old Pine Hill for twenty years. Everybody is well pleased with this cornfield preacher as far as I know. Held a four days' meeting at Gary; had a fine meeting there. Will begin at Bethlehem tomorrow. We have some of the best people down here in the world. I may settle over here in the piney woods. I am going to build a parsonage this fall. I may need it next year.

Appleby Mission.

M. I. Brown, Aug. 19: Since I last wrote we have held three more meetings on this work. These have all been very successful. The Linnflat meeting resulted in about 25 conversions and reclamations and 12 accessions to the Church. The people say it was the greatest meeting that community has had in ten or twelve years. I believe a better day for that community is dawning. The meeting at Socul, a small town on this new T. and N. O. Railroad, has a good meeting in many respects. Backsliders were reclaimed, sinners were converted and Christians

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were strengthened and made to rejoice. We organized a Church there with a small class, which we think will form the nucleus of a good Church in the future. We closed out at Pine Grove last Sunday night the best meeting that we have held this summer. God's power was wonderfully manifested, and many souls were brought under its influence. There were about 40 conversions and reclamations and 20 accessions to the Church. There were many families who pledged themselves to hold family prayer. We are now engaged in a meeting in Cushing, a rapidly growing town on the T. and N. O. Railroad. There were 5 conversions last night. I think we will organize with a good class here.

Canton.

G. R. Hughes, Aug. 20: Canton and Edgewood charge in good shape. Our dear Brother Cain did a fine work here, bringing the work up to \$700 on salary, and his missionary money all paid, and other finances in good condition. It is astonishing how the people loved him. The new Canton Church

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HOW GRANDMA WAS LOST—A TRUE STORY.

"O dear!" sighed Dolly.
"O dear!" moaned Dotty, her twin.
"Let's go tell grandma," and away they scampered to grandma's room.
"Just see it rain, grandma," said Dolly.
"And we can't go," added Dotty.
"Go where?" asked grandma, looking up from her mending. "Why, yes, to be sure! You were going over to see Hannah Jane, and pick berries with her, weren't you? Well, now, I'm proper sorry you're disappointed; but perhaps you can go to-morrow."
"But that isn't to-day, grandma. What can we do to-day?"
"Where are the doll-babies? Why not play with them?"
"Rose has torn her dress, 'n Dotty's Nan has lost hers. 'Sides, dolls, is so common!"
Grandma smiled at this last remark. "Dolls are," she corrected, gently. Then she added, persuasively, "You go get the dollies, and we'll see what can be done for them."

When the little girls returned, each bearing a forlorn specimen of doll-hood, they found grandma had opened her piece-box, and was looking over the bright-colored scraps.
"There, children, you may look these over, and see if you find anything you think will do for dresses for the babies."

"To rummage grandma's piece-box was untold delight, and the two little maids were soon deep in its treasures.

"Just see this funny brown piece, with bunches of grapes on it!" said Dotty.

"Do look at this homely piece!" answered Dolly, holding up a bit of dull red calico, on which were queer, yellowish figures like snails.

So the inspection went on, pretty pieces of white, sprigged with green or pink, being admired, and those of quaint coloring or curious design being called queer, or homely, or—in the case of a snuff-brown piece, dotted with irregular spots of all colors—even ugly. The matter of dresses for the dolls seemed to have been forgotten until Dolly found, almost at the bottom of the box, a purple calico bag.

"See what I've found!" she cried. "Please, grandma, mayn't I have this for a skirt for Rose? I could just rip the bottom open, and it's already gathered, so it wouldn't be much work."

"Let's see," said grandma, pushing up her glasses to look. "Bless you, child! That's a pocket that belonged to my sister Sarah's best dress. When we were children, pockets were not sewed into the dresses, but were made to hang from the belt. No dear; I'd rather not have that made into a dress for Rose. You look again, and I'll tell you a story about Sarah."

Both the twins, however, dropped the gay bits, to sit close to grandma's knee; for wasn't a true story about a real, live little girl better than doll's dresses?

"Your grandfather—no, your great-grandfather," began grandma, "had a large family of children. There was a Charles, and Edwin, and Lucinda, and Almira—"

"That's grandma!" whispered Dolly. Dotty nodded.

"—and Rebecca, and Job, and Sophronia, and Daniel, and Sylvester, and Nancy, and Sarah. There were so many of us that even the younger ones had to help. We lived in a house, in Eastford, that had brick gable ends, but the rest of the house was wood.

One afternoon mother sent Sarah and me out to the end of the woods to gather huckleberries. I was eight years old and Sarah was six. Such great, big, shiny fellows as we found! At first we picked quite steadily; but

after we had eaten all we wanted and had our pails about half full, we wandered about, looking for the patches where the berries were thickest and biggest.

"Suddenly Sarah cried, 'O sister! where's the sun?'"

"Frightened I looked up, and saw that a great black cloud was rolling up in the west, and darkness seemed to shut down over us all at once. As I was two years older than Sarah, I tried to appear brave, and took her hand as I said, 'There's going to be a storm 'n I guess we'd better go right home.'"

"Faster and faster the clouds rushed over the sky; the lightning became almost constant, and the thunder seemed to shake the very ground under our feet. We remembered the terrible gale of the year before—the famous gale of 1815, when so many houses and trees were blown down—and we expected to see the trees fall all around us.

"Sarah trembled so she could hardly stand, and when there came a very vivid flash of lightning she would turn white and gasp, till I was afraid she would die of fright. We had gone about far enough to be at the 'north pasture;' but where was the great elm? Could it be that we had lost our way?"

"Just then Sarah tumbled over a huge tree-trunk. 'Jump up, Sarah,' said I. But Sarah didn't stir. She just laid there so white and still that I was almost beside myself with terror.

"Sarah! Sarah!' I screamed; 'wake up! wake up!' At the same time I shook her as hard as I dared. Then she slowly opened her eyes and said, 'I've hurt my arm.'"

"Down on the wet grass beside her I sat, and rubbed the hurt arm, and comforted her as best I could.

"After a little she felt better, and we went on again, slipping on the wet moss, climbing over tree-trunks, some times ankle deep in a swamp, and again getting scratched in a black-berry tangle—on and on, for miles it seemed to me, till at last we came to a road. I was so glad I could have cried for joy almost.

"Down the road we went, two wet, torn, muddy little girls. The rain was still falling, but the hardest of the storm was over.

"There's a light!" said Sarah. "Sure enough, there was, down the road a little farther. How glad we were! We tried to run, but our shoes were so heavy and wet that we couldn't.

"When we reached the house, which was built of logs, I knocked, but there was no answer. Then I felt for the latch-string, but it was out of my reach.

"Sarah, I whispered 'I'll knock again, and if they don't hear, I'll lift you up, and you see if you can find it.'"

"So I knocked again, real hard. I thought, but in vain. Then I put both arms around Sarah's waist and lifted her up as high as I could reach.

"In a minute she said, 'Here it is, Almira.'"

"Pull it!" said I, and she gave it such a jerk that the door flew open, and we tumbled headlong into the room.

"A man and woman were sitting by the fireplace. As they jumped up it seemed to me that they would touch the ceiling. They were the tallest people I ever saw.

"Our story was soon told. "Dear, dear; you poor little things!" said the woman.

"Guess I'd better step over to Mr. Stanley's 'n tell him the gals are safe," said the man.

"O take us, too?" we begged; but he shook his head, and said, "It's more 'n six miles 'round the road, 'n you've had all 'he walkin' you need for one night." Then he took his cap and went out.

"The woman took off our wet clothes and wrapped us in blankets. Then she went to a press and brought out a calico short gown and a white cotton shirt. The gown she pinned up and put on Sarah, while I was pinned up in that shirt. Dear me! how I felt! After we were fixed, the woman put us close to the fire, 'to heat out the cold,' she said, and then got each of us a pewter porringer of bread and milk. Soon we were both nodding, and then she tucked us into a trundlebed, where we were soon sound asleep.

"In the morning, when we woke, the first thing we saw was father—the storm was over—the sun was shining."

"Why, so it is!" said Dolly.—West-ern Christian Advocate.

A ROUND-HEADED BOY.

I like a round-headed boy. I see that you stare at me, not able to get hold of my meaning.
Come up here, John. Let me feel of your head. Ah, I see. Your head is very wide and short. Come up here, Francois. Your head is quite long, but narrow. Neither one of you is just

the boy I am after. I like a round-headed boy.

Did you ever read that all the Latin races, for example, Italians and Spaniards, are long-headed, like Francois?

They love beautiful things, and like authority and love the past. Did you ever read that the Saxon races, for example, the Germans and Norwegians and English, are short-headed, like John? The short-headed people are independent and self-reliant, and love progress.

When you go into a museum you will see these skulls of men. Notice that some of them are quite long and some quite short.

You will find that the long-headed boy is docile, is easily led, is tied to his mother's apron-strings, but is gentle and reverent.

You will find that the short-headed boy is independent, is a leader, wants to have his own way, and gets restless under authority.

Boys, I wish that you would all feel of your heads. If your head is too long, and not thick enough above the ears, then you want to cultivate independence. Go to the gymnasium, and try for hard things; go in for the rough sports. If your head is too short, you want to cultivate reverence, read poetry, be particular about obeying parents and minding teachers. The fact is, you can read your own history by looking at your hat-band.

Believe me, the round-headed boy is the all-around man. I like a round-headed boy; one who is reverent and independent; one who is self-reliant and knows how to mind; one who is a leader, and yet is quick to obey.

Look at your hat-bands, boys.—Men.

YES, THEY KILL.

Just as really as a pistol, although it may be slower, Mr. G. W. Stevens draws a picture of the boy and this leath weapon. He says: Boy: the biggest developing possibility known to men. Cigarette: a boy-killer by a more or less rapid process. If it did it straightway, as arsenic or strychnine does its work, it would be better, for the preventive would be applied, and it would kill no more people than these; but it is all the more dangerous because it does not do its fatal mischief in a day or week, but insidiously, by inches, painlessly, and even pleasantly, yet none the less certainly. We can imagine a boy saying: "What! One of these innocent looking things have harm in it—kill me? Why, I can smoke a dozen of them an hour! I have done it, and it did me good. I never feel so well as when I have one in my mouth, and plenty of them in my pocket, and I am perfectly miserable when I am out and can't get any. And, besides, I have tried to quit, and failed." Nevertheless, they'll kill, and that in a very few years, unless, indeed, you have an iron constitution, which is not probable in these days of physical degeneration; certainly not if you smoke to excess—and nine out of ten boys do that who smoke at all. And even if you do not now and never will, smoking them in moderation seriously hurts a boy.

THE BELLS OF JAPAN.

One of the sweetest of them rings out many times every day into the waiting air, in a far-away little city. Its tone is intensely thrilling and pathetic. The bells are not sounded by a clapper, but are struck from the outside by a sort of wooden arm. Being withdrawn to the proper distance and released it strikes the bell once; the strokes are allowed to succeed one another only with dignified and stately regularity. Tradition says the finest bells have much silver in their composition, which may account for their deep and wonderful sweetness. Whether this be so or not, the bells make a profound impression upon all sensitive and musical persons, here tofore accustomed to the more discordant bells of our western civilization.—St. Nicholas.

TIM'S EXCUSE.

Thud! thud! thud! and so on for half a minute came the blows thick and fast on some one's back in John O'Hara's house. Then suddenly out of the door shot Tim, holding his hands to protect the back of his head. The tears were in his eyes, and a look of grim resolve on his face not to utter a sound. He found Jim Murray waiting for him, and it was Jim who heard the thuds.

Tim O'Hara was about thirteen, and his brother Joe was eleven. The one thing Tim cherished was this young brother Joe, and Joe followed Tim as a collier follows his master.

"What's the matter, Tim?" asked the sympathetic Jim.

"Oh, nothin'," answered Tim, "only father's been drinkin' and is ugly and been poundin' me."

"What's he poundin' you for?"

"Nothin', only just he's ugly. He always pounds me when he's drunk. Come on down to the stone-crusher. 'Hold on a minute, Tim," said the

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wise Jim. "Why don't you clear out from home, and get away from them lickens? I wouldn't stand 'em if I was you."

"Ain't nowhere to go, if I wanted to," answered Tim.

"I heard Mr. Bradford tell father this mornin' he wanted a boy on his farm. He'll take you in a minute, an he's a good feller, too."

Tim's eyes shone, but he said: "Good place, Jim, but I can't go."

"Why?"

"Cause I can't."

"Well, why?"

"Cause I can't, I tell yer."

"Well, why can't you?" persisted Jim.

"Cause," said Tim, "if I ain't there to lick, he'll lick Joe."—Frederick Lynch.

THE HYMNS BOYS LIKE.

Boys are commonly supposed, by their elders, to prefer hymns that are "catchy," such as are used in young people's societies and Sunday-schools. But just try asking the boys themselves. One worker asked each boy between the ages of twelve and twenty to bring in the first lines of the three hymns he liked best. Forty responded. "Jesus, lover of my soul," stood first, being mentioned by sixteen. "My Jesus, as thou wilt," was mentioned by fifteen. "Nearer, my God, to thee," by eleven. Next, named by six, came "I am praying for you," by four, each. "How firm a foundation," "Saved by grace," "Lead, kindly light" and "Abide with me." In the remainder of the list, too, the "catchy" tunes scarcely appeared at all.

This will be a surprise to many, and is most encouraging. Now, let's give the cheap rub-a-dub-dub hymns a rest, and sing the best. We must stop saying: "That hymn is too good to be liked in Sunday-school."—Pilgrim Teacher.

THE MIGHT OF MANHOOD.

Manhood is the bottom fact. We may build great navies, but their efficiency is no greater than that of the Commander, the gunner, the man in the stove-hole. We may construct complicated systems of laws, but they are utterly invalid unless the strength of manhood is behind them. The obsolete, hindering enactments are those which seek to create a paper manhood, worth no more than last year's hornet's nest. We lead the world in industries because we have working-men who are men as well as workers.

In the high place and in the low, it is manhood that counts. It is what everyone with great experience of the world comes to prize most highly, because it does not fail him. When the eye has ranged over life long enough to detect its shams, when the ear has been trained to detect the accents of the fakir from those of the prophet, when men have gone long journeys, and made great searches for life's secrets, they usually return upon the personal equation. To find a man with manly qualities is to discover a great nugget.—The Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

SUPPOSING.

The case was against one of the colored citizens for trespass. He was evidently unpopular in his small community, especially with the feminine portion of it, and was accredited with doing many unneighborly acts "jes' foh meanness." There were a number of his acquaintances in the courtroom, and they were only too willing to testify, but the exact facts in regard to the matter in hand were difficult to obtain. Aunt Dinah was one of the witnesses.

"Yessah, Jedge, I see dat Ephum goin' 'cross the yard jes' when it's gettin' dark, an' s'posin' he's goin' to steal chickens—"

"Don't tell what you suppose; tell what you know," interposed the magistrate.

"Well, I ain't knowin' ef he's got pison foh de dawg, or ef he's stealin' chickens, but bein' it's Ephum, it's foh some meanness, an' I's 'sposin'—"

Again the magistrate interposed, and Aunt Dinah waxed indignant.

"Den we-all might as well go home, Jedge, kase ef we can't tell what we s'pose 'bout Ephum's meanness dere ain't nuffin else to tell! Ef folks didn't keep s'posin' t'ings 'bout each oder, ye



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Sure enough! How much quarrelling, contention, bitterness, and unhappiness would come to an end if only people would stop "supposing" evil!—Kate W. Hamilton, in Forward.

PLACE THE BUTTON IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

Mrs. McLean, a young Scotch mother, decidedly deficient in government, had great trouble to keep her two-year-old boy from running into the streets of the village. The little woman was greatly terrified lest her robust son should be trampled by horses on some of his forbidden excursions.

She had just returned from an exhausting run after him, and was closing the front gate when the old teamster, Donald McTavish, a good home disciplinarian, drove along on his way home.

"Oh, Dear," said the little woman, "I have such a time to keep this boy out of the streets. I am discouraged. What shall I do, Mr. McTavish?"

"What have you been doing, Mrs. McLean?"

"Oh, I first buttoned the gate, but he soon found out how to open it. I put the button higher out of his reach and I in a day or two he found how to climb up to it. I hid the box he climbed upon and he found another. I then put the button as high as it would go on the fence, and now he gets a stick and opens the gate. What shall I do?"

"Ah, my leddy, ye dinna know how to do it? Put the button on the boy," replied the Scotchman.—Selected.

A man does not stumble over the moral law until he tries to cross it.

GOT TO Have Sharp Brains Nowadays or Drop Back.

The man of to-day no matter what his calling, needs a sharp brain and to get this he needs food that not only gives muscle and strength but brain and nerve power as well.

A carpenter and builder of Marquette, Michigan, who is energetic and wants to advance in his business read an article about food in a religious paper and in speaking of his experience he said: "Up to three years ago I had not been able to study or use my thinking powers to any extent. There was something lacking and I know now that it was due to the fact that my food was not rebuilding my brain."

"About this time I began the use of the condensed food Grape-Nuts and the result has been I can think and plan with some success. It has not only rebuilt my brain until it is stronger and surer and more active but my muscles are also harder and more firm where they used to be loose and soft and my stomach is now in perfect condition. I can endure more than twice the amount of fatigue and my nights' rest always completely restores me. In other words I am enjoying life and I attribute it to the fact that I have found a perfect food." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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SEA SHORE EPWORTH LEAGUE ASSEMBLY.

I wonder if you would not gladly give place in your columns to some account of the Sea Shore Epworth League Assembly just over? This great conference of Epworth League workers was first conceived as a Tri-State Assembly, but has now enlarged its scope and purpose so as to embrace all the Southern States, and I do trust that many delegates from our Texas League will attend its next meeting in the summer of 1904.

This Assembly has been, throughout, a surprise and delight to me. I had no idea such a feast of good things awaited me here. There could be no more happily selected location for such a meeting than this beautiful spot by the seaside, shaded by tall pines and oaks and magnolias, from whose leafy boughs the mocking-birds pour out rapturous bursts of melody; while the vast sea stretches out before us, charming in its varied aspects, whether we see it sparkling in the sunlight, or behold it ablaze with sunset tints, or, under the star-lit sky, watch "the ghost-white faces of the surf," as Dr. DuBose expresses it, and listen to the waves "fall in moaning miserreres on the shore." "Is it cool there?" you ask. Why, there are warm periods everywhere in summer; a letter just received from a friend on the sea coast of Long Island complains that it was 90 and 92 degrees up there. I have only once seen our thermometer climb that high, and even then the refreshing sea-breeze, rarely lulled, makes us ready to deny point blank the statement of the thermometer. A fine shell road along the beach extends five miles to Mississippi City one way, past Beauvoir, the home of our dead hero, President Davis, and beyond Biloxi in the opposite direction. Biloxi is two miles distant, a pleasant walk, but two omnibuses ply every hour between that thriving town and the camp ground, and seem to do a lively business. This smooth shell road is a delight to bicyclists. Besides, there are the pleasures of sailing and fishing excursions—experienced seamen being always on hand with their white-winged crafts, taking out parties of young people for two hours for ten cents each.

I have expended this much space to the mere setting of the Assembly, because I know that the "where?" of our meeting will be of anxious interest to many Leaguers. The Assembly itself and the work undertaken and accomplished, I feel that I cannot commend too highly.

Rev. Dr. Featherston, President of the Assembly, was indefatigable in zeal and devotion. In the absence of Prof. Carre, ill at home of typhoid fever, he conducted daily the historical Bible study, leading us, step by step, through the events of our Lord's life, from his miraculous birth to his resurrection and ascension. He also conducted the interesting conference held on "Methods of Personal Work," a department designed for Dr. Lambuth, who did not arrive in time for it.

The Rev. Dr. Chappell, of Nashville, has so long stood in the very forefront of Southern Methodism that he needs no introduction to your readers. They will remember with pride his early career in Texas, as pastor of the leading Church in Austin. His three lectures on "The Importance of Literary Work," "Selection and Method," and "Practical Suggestions," gave the fine flower of his ripe culture and keen literary insight. After these exhaustive lec-

FACTS WORTH KNOWING.

The bowels must at least once in twenty-four hours discharge the waste matter of that which has been taken into the body as food. When they fail to do so constipation results.

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tures one wondered what remained to be said by Dr. DuBose on "The Epworth League Reading Course," and "How to Get It Read," but he very cordially settled the doubt—he was altogether delightful. So full is he of originality, of individuality, of that intangible something that we call magnetism, that he makes vital every subject he touches—creates out of the bare skeleton of his outline a living, breathing creature of flesh and blood. The League is to be congratulated on having such a man for its General Secretary. The Doctor also gave an address on "Christ as a Teacher," and preached the closing Sunday morning sermon, August 2, on the text, "When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth," St. Jno. 16:13.

But the leader of thought to whom, I believe, we all felt most deeply indebted, was Rev. Prof. Carter, of Vanderbilt University, a man earnest, thoughtful, profound, abreast with the higher culture of his day, and, withal, possessed of deep spiritual insight and convictions. His course of lectures on Christian Sociology was a revelation to many of us, and his daily teaching on "The Devotional Study of the Bible" seemed to lift us to a higher plane of being and fed the deeper springs of our nature, "the unutterable thirst of man for God."

There were other good things on which I cannot dwell. Dr. Lambuth's missionary address last Saturday morning, and the one at our closing service last night, on "The Problem of the City," full of interest for every earnest soul; Dr. S. A. Steel's charming and characteristic lecture on "The Pioneers of Methodism;" Dr. Boggs, on "The Architecture of Ethics;" Dr. Watkins, on "The Methodist Itinerary," and "John Wesley," and three other lectures on Wesley by Dr. Chappell, Prof. Carter and Dr. LaPrade, respectively. Besides, there were various addresses on literary and social work by Mrs. A. P. Watkins, made the more effective by the grace and sweetness of her personality—a matron for eleven years, she seemed as young and fresh as any girl on the grounds. Miss Russell discoursed on temperance work in the League, and Miss Wheeler, of Birmingham, Ala., instructed us from her own wide experience in faithful and devoted charitable work. Altogether, the Assembly was a happy success, and it seemed a fitting climax to the pleasure, instruction and inspiration received, when the President announced last night that the whole amount needed for constructing the proposed Epworth League Lodge had been collected; so that next summer there will be ample accommodations for all Leaguers.

LEILA EWING WERLEIN.

NATH IN GEORGIA.

Well we have enjoyed a fine trip to the old folks, kin and friends in Georgia. Summer time is the time to visit these old red hills and shady dales. Juicy fruits, vegetables, watermelons, cold, crystal waters, fried chicken and big meetings, all of which I have taken in very freely.

The family reunions and face to face with old friends again have been very enjoyable and refreshing.

The brethren treated me to big crowds to talk to and hearty amens while I was talking.

Dr. Glenn, the presiding elder of Griffin District, gave Miss Sara and me a happy introduction to his conference and the brethren a royal welcome. The presiding elder let me preach in his place. You know out here they think a fellow from West Texas is somewhat. I never told them any better, just went right along like it was so. Ain't it great to get clear away from home and be company?

A few more days in the land of fried chickens and poor folks, watermelons and big meetings, with a happy heart and head up, we turn our feet toward our work in the West among a people we love almost like Georgia kin.

By the grace of God from now till we meet in Austin we aim to run like a cannon ball passenger engine, and pull like a double-header. Boys, let's meet up there at old Austin this fall with the heaviest head of steam and biggest load on hand we ever fotch up to an annual meeting. God bless you every one, layman, lazy member, preacher and poky thing, presiding elder and figure-head, Bishops and big-heads, ladies, gentlemen and the rest of you.

Dr. Rankin, if you were to die pretty soon, here is something of what I would write about you: "He had lots of sense, common and uncommon, and knew how to write it down so we common folks would read and relish. He gave us during his editorship the best Advocate in Methodism covered by my acquaintance. His editorials were always practical and to the point. His work on the paper was like a fast train, the farther he went the faster he got; in other words, he got better all the time. As a level-headed and progressive prohibitionist, brethren, he was a sight, etc., and so on." How do you like that antic-mortem obituary? And that ain't all. Just wait till you

die. 'Taint much trouble to preach some fellow's funeral.

Let me see what would I say about Bro. Blaylock: "O! I am so sorry he is dead; he always did loan me money to get home from Annual Conference, and I don't know what I will do now." Bless his old heart, I am glad he ain't dead, and I hope he will live to loan me many another five dollars.

Lots and lots of love to you all in the office. The fellow who sets this up, prints it, mails it and reads it.

NATHAN THOMPSON.

H. G. H.

You often hear of him in the Advocate. Frequently he is telling his recollections of some other fellow. Now, I happen to know something about this same H. G. H. forty-one years ago. We "soldiered" together in Arkansas about that time; in fact, belonged to the same "critter" company; and somebody has said, if you would know a man, "soldier" with him a few years.

My father was Gen. Henry E. McCulloch, a Methodist, who carried his religion with him into the Confederate army, and as he served his country, served his Lord, in no uncertain way. In 1862 he was ordered to Tyler, Texas, to organize and send forward to the Arkansas army sixteen regiments of infantry, which was afterwards known as Walker's Division. On his arrival at the point of rendezvous he took up his abode in a hotel run by a Methodist preacher (Irvine) and, as was his custom, soon became acquainted with the Methodists of the town, and as the necessity soon demanded a hospital, had the ladies convert the Methodist church into a hospital, and thereafter the preaching was done in the court-house. The General was proud of his staff and said to some of the brethren: Now, when my staff arrives, we will have some fine preaching sure enough, for the distinguished Dr. Jesse Boring, formerly of Georgia, is my chief of the medical department and one of the great preachers of the Southern Church. Dr. Boring soon came, and at 11 a. m. on Sunday preached to a great crowd one of his strong, lengthy, theological discourses, that would have been a fine sermon for some occasions, but it did not savor much of the fervor of youth or the eloquence of war, and, to be candid, was not "applauded to the skies" by his hearers. Preaching was announced for the afternoon, and a good audience was present to

hear another new preacher—this same H. G. H. He was younger then than now, full of zeal and all the enthusiasm of a young soldier; the Spirit was with him; he had the eloquence and he "swept the house" with his oratory. Commendation was on the lips of all as to his splendid sermon, and some of the old brethren advised the General that if he wanted to "show off the big preacher on his staff, he had better keep that young fellow in camp."

Such was H. G. H. forty-one years ago; afterwards a successful chaplain in the army; after the war a useful itinerant minister in West Texas, and now an honored, but not idle, superannuate.

Why wait until a man is dead to say good and truthful things of him?

May the Lord yet spare Brother H. G. Horton many years to the Church and State. BEN E. McULLOCH, Austin, Texas.

ROMANS 6.

I have read Dr. J. W. Hill's "Exposition of the 6th of Romans, and consider it the most concise, clear cut, comprehensive and unanswerable argument upon this passage of Scripture I have ever read. It is published in neat pamphlet form and should be read by every Methodist preacher and layman generally. It would be wholesome food for Baptists, and all immersionists likewise. D. G. MURRAY, Pastor First M. E. Church, Denison.

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TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

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DEATH OF REV. W. K. TURNER.

Rev. W. K. Turner, of the Texas Conference, and for years on the supernumerary list, died last Sunday and was buried at Owensville on Tuesday. Thus another veteran of the old guard passes over the river. He was a sweet-spirited and lovable man, and very devoted and useful in his active days. We have no data as to his early life, conversion and admission into the traveling connection; but for years we have known him as one of the best and saintliest men in Texas Methodism. He was greatly beloved and highly appreciated by his brethren and his death will be a source of sorrow to them all. But he has finished his course with joy, and now he has entered upon his long-sought rest. His influence remains like sweet perfume with those who knew and loved him so well.

THE NEW BOOK AGENT.

The Book Committee met last week at Nashville to elect a successor to Dr. R. W. Bigham. After going thoroughly over the field they elected D. M. Smith to the Agency and Dr. A. J. Lamar, of Alabama, to the position of Assistant Agent. Mr. Smith has been the Assistant Agent for fifteen years, and is the best equipped man in the Church for the position of Agent. He knows the business thoroughly and has all its details well in hand. We firmly believe that the Book Committee did the wisest thing possible in choosing him for the place. He is in every way worthy of the responsibility thus placed upon him, and the Church at large is to be congratulated on the election of such a man to this high position. Dr. Lamar is well known throughout the Church. For years he has been a leading minister in the Alabama conference, and at the late General Conference he was Chairman of the Committee on Episcopacy. He is safe and conservative and one of the most genial and brotherly men we have ever met. That his election to this place will give general satisfaction there is no reason to doubt. The Advocate pledges the hearty support of Texas Methodism to these two men, and if there is anything out this way that they want we are all at their service. They are good, true, devoted and noble men and worthy successors to those who have gone before them in the work.

A SUNDAY IN WYLIE.

Wylie is an enterprising town some thirty miles north of Dallas, in Collin County, situated at the intersection of the Santa Fe and Cotton Belt junctions. It has a population of one thousand or more people, and the residences and business houses indicate a prosperous community. It has several cotton gins, a splendid school structure and three or four good churches. The country round about it is fine, black land, and very productive. Cotton and corn are the principal products. When the seasons are good the crops are very abundant. The past two years were dry and the conditions unfavorable, but this year the rains have been good and the corn is luxuriant, with a good prospect for cotton. The people are hopeful of a prosperous fall output. I preached up there last Sunday morning. The pastor, Rev. J. N. Hunter, has a good tent meeting in progress. It had been going on a week with successful results. The tent is a large one, and will seat probably six hundred or more. It belongs to Rev. A. T. Stodgell, of Rockwall. He is assisting Brother Hunter in the meeting. Last Sunday there was a great congregation. All the available seats were occupied. The people were there from miles around in buggies and wagons and on horseback. They were well-to-do and intelligent looking folk, and very attentive to the preaching. The singing was good. We had a most interesting service. I met many readers of the Advocate and was accorded a warm welcome—the temperature was about one hundred in the shade. The outlook for a great meeting was fine. Brother Hunter is very active and he is working with great energy all over his circuit. Has had several good meetings. Brother Stodgell is doing good preaching in this meeting and his sermons are producing excellent results. Near the tent we have a good church building, and it is in excellent repair. We have there a membership of about one hundred and forty. While in Wylie I was hospitably entertained by Brother Hunter and his cultured wife. She is a woman of gifts and education. They live in a cozy little parsonage. Brother Hunter is a good preacher, an attentive pastor and a most lovable brother. He leaves no part of his work unattended to. This is his second year on that charge.

G. C. R.

PROHIBITION NOTES FROM UPSHUR COUNTY.

Last week I was urged to go to Upshur County by the local option Executive Committee and give the cause of prohibition a lift. They are in the toils of a pending election. It will come off Saturday of this week. Gilmer is the county seat, and it has six bar-rooms. There are four in one or two other places. Most of the county is already dry. Gilmer is the saloon center, and I was told that there was apathy in the community, brought about by the aggressive methods of the saloon element. They did not want agitation. They desired the people to keep quiet, and I found them exceedingly quiet. Our side wanted me down there to throw a little "high life" into the campaign, so I went, notwithstanding the hot weather and other matters to engage my time. A run of a hundred miles brought me to Big Sandy, and then a change from the T. & P. to the Cotton Belt, with another run of sixteen miles, landed me in Gilmer. I was met at the train by that prince of good Methodist laymen, Brother G. A. Eberhart, and Rev. L. H. McGee, our pastor. To the home of the former I was conducted and given delightful entertainment.

After dinner I met the representatives of the local option movement. We arranged to canvass the town and invite the people to the Baptist Church to hear the subject discussed. Rev. Ed Jones, a local preacher, is Chairman of the committee. Dr. C. L. Gregory is also a member. At night we had the house about half full of

leading men and women. I proceeded to look into the merits of the saloon. The next day there was more talk of local option than before. At night the Church was filled with intelligent people and the saloon men stood outside. I proceeded to finish up the job begun the night before. As a result of the meetings the good women organized and made all arrangements to do their duty on the day of the election. This, together with my arraignment of bar-rooms, enraged the liquor element and they became turbulent. Gilmer is cursed with a few of the worst men of this sort to be found in the smaller towns of the State. They pose as bullies, and what they can not accomplish by their quiet methods, they propose to do through violence.

After the last night's speaking it was my purpose to take the midnight train, come to Big Sandy and get a T. & P. train home. I was not suspecting any trouble, for I had not uttered an improper word and had offered no sort of insult to anybody in my speeches. While seated on the gallery of the parsonage talking to Brother McGee and his wife about twelve o'clock, and waiting for the train, a man came up and said he wanted to speak quietly to us. Then he related a plot that he had overheard among the saloon element to be at the train and "do me up." He gave the names of a few desperate cut-throats who were to attend to the job. At first Brother McGee and myself made up our minds to get ready for them, and go on to the depot as though nothing were on hand, but after talking the matter over he thought it best just to spend the night with him, drive down to Big Sandy next morning and put in another day at a big prohibition rally at that point. There was to be a barbecue down there, and public speaking, so we took that course.

The next morning while at breakfast the hack was waiting in front of the house to convey us. Two saloon bullies drove up and made inquiry for me, and said they were going to way me before I left town. The two gentlemen with the hack informed them there would be more than one whipping if the attempt were made. I did not know they were there until they had left. We drove slowly to Big Sandy rather expecting trouble, but as "barking dogs" rarely ever bit in the day time, we did not encounter them. At Big Sandy the ends of the earth had turned out to the speaking; that is, a prohibition precinct. But we had not been on the ground very long until the Gilmer toughs also showed up. They had followed on behind us, but had showed no disposition to overtake us.

The speaking was in full blast. Judge Fitzgerald, of Tyler, was addressing the great throng. The occasion was an orderly one. It was a prohibition meeting. After the Judge had closed his masterly argument, I was introduced, and had one more shot at the gang. They were in front of me. I gave an account of what had transpired at Gilmer that morning and the night before, and proceeded to denounce the instigators in language more emphatic than elegant. They listened to what I had to say, but did not open their mouths. Such men only act when they have numbers to back them, and when they have darkness to cover their devilry. They are not to be feared in the day time. In conclusion, I asked the people of Upshur if they intended to perpetuate the business of a set of murderous wretches who were making it their business to stifle free speech, to intimidate decent white men and to commit the grossest acts of violence in the shire town of their county? I gave the anti the full benefit of the contemplated deeds of the liquor dealers of Gilmer. The good people of that town felt very much humiliated and outraged at the conduct of these base fellows, and the good people of Upshur will settle up with them next Saturday.

After the dinner Cyclone Davis spoke, and his appeal was one of the most effective as a vote winner that I have yet heard on that subject. He is a tall, angular fellow, gifted with fluent speech, full of magnetism, and a voice with marvelous compass and power. There was a man who tried to reply to him, a very good sort of man, but his speech was flat, as he had no subject to discuss. Davis' rejoinder was a great triumph for prohibition. The campaign is now red hot, and if the people of Upshur do not drive the bar-rooms from her borders, then all the signs will fail. They are now organized, and the episode above described has thrown life and vim into the prohibition movement.

The most lawless institution with which the people of Texas now have to contend is the liquor traffic. It has no respect for God or man. It is desperately depraved, full of iniquity, the embodiment of violence, inspired with hate, besmeared with blood, encouraged by thugs and endorsed by every diabolical spirit in this Commonwealth. Many of its supporters stand ready to commit deeds of lawlessness whenever opposition gets in their way. Will the people of Texas further tolerate such an organized effort to override justice, to trample under foot the rights of free people, and to browbeat and kill those who stand up and expose the bar-room? We hardly think such will be the case. The fact is, the bar-room is cutting its own throat and winding up its own days. On with the battle!

TEXAS PERSONALS.

T. F. Temple, a leading lawyer of Weatherford and a most excellent brother, made us a pleasant visit a few days ago.

Rev. W. H. Moss, of Hubbard, a veteran member of the Northwest Texas Conference, recently brightened up this office with his presence.

Rev. W. T. Harris, of Forney, called last week to see us. He is cheerful as to his work and he is taking much interest in the local option election in that county.

Rev. J. J. Morgan, of Garland, dropped in on us the other day. He has recently held a great meeting, assisted by that indomitable worker, Rev. L. S. Barton.

Rev. W. M. P. Rippey and Rev. Leo Rippey, of the Indian Mission Conference, were in the city recently and made the Advocate a most delightful visit. The ex-Texans are doing well in that fine country.

We were delighted this week at a visit from Sheriff S. B. Turbeville, of Cooper. He is not only a first-class officer, but he is also a good Methodist, and he has been a reader of the Advocate twenty years.

Rev. E. H. Casey, of the Paris District, passed through the city last Monday and called very pleasantly at this office. He reports a great meeting in progress at Paris under the pastorate of Rev. J. L. Morris, aided by Rev. L. S. Barton.

The Advocate regrets to learn that Rev. N. A. Keen, of Mt. Calm Circuit, has been compelled to give up his work on account of ill health. He is a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. We trust a little rest and recreation will restore him to his wonted health. His postoffice address will be Hubbard City. Presiding Elder Bolton has appointed Rev. Chas. Hearon, of Grandview, to succeed Bro. Keen at Mt. Calm.

We were delighted last Monday to meet in this office Dr. M. H. Neely, of Plano. He looked as fresh as a boy bent on a pleasure trip. A little inquiry told the cause. Last Sunday night at the close of his service, one of his members asked the privilege of making a statement. The Doctor had no idea what was going to be said. So the brother stated that their pastor had been very faithful in the pulpit and in the pastorate and deserved a little rest, and in the name of the congregation he proceeded to take a vote, unanimously granting the Doctor a month's vacation, and then handed him a well-filled purse with which to defray all the expenses of the trip. So

he was on his way to Chicago for a season of rest and recreation. He has a wonderful hold on his people and he could scarcely keep the tears back as he told us of the incident.

CHURCH NEWS.

A commodious deaconess home is being built by our people at Los Angeles, California.

Nearly two thousand members have been received in the St. Louis District this year.

Of Italy's 33,000,000 people 20,000,000 have refused to enter the Roman Catholic Church.

It is estimated that one-fourth the membership of the Methodist Church is in heathen lands, says the Epworth Era.

The additions to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church last year were 110,000, but the net increase was only 22,139.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church supports fifty-three well equipped woman medical missionaries.

Rev. J. D. Parks, son of Rev. W. A. Parks, of the North Georgia Conference, died at his home in Whitesburg, on the 12th inst.

William E. Dodge, the philanthropist and leader in religious and charitable work, died at Bar Harbor, Maine, on Sunday the 9th inst.

A good layman whose name is not given makes a gift of \$1000 to our Board of Missions for the purchase of property in Santa Clara, Cuba.

There are four presiding elders in the Tennessee Conference who will have served out the limit of four years at the next session of the conference.

Rev. J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer of our Board of Missions, reports collections up to August 1st of this year, \$9,068 in advance of the same date last year.

Rev. Richard Wilkinson, formerly of the St. Louis Conference and now of the Rayne Memorial at New Orleans, is visiting friends and relatives in England.

Bishop Hendrix has dedicated 172 churches, twelve of them in Texas, within a year, scattered over a region extending from the Gulf to the mountains of Colorado.

Bishop Hargrove recently lectured at 11 o'clock on Sunday at Monteagle on "John Wesley as a Leader and Organizer." He preached in the Methodist Church at night.

Rev. D. W. Carter, D.D., Superintendent of the Cuban Mission, is visiting with his family in Athens, Tennessee. His vacation is a brief one, as he returns to Havana about the first of September.

Twenty-five young preachers, all of them students from Kentucky University, are making a vigorous effort to evangelize Breathitt County, in Kentucky, which has been the scene of many feuds and murders.

It is estimated that the number of converts in all heathen lands to-day exceeds one million souls in Protestant missions alone. Missions have been planted within a single century in every nation and island of the world.

Rev. C. R. Wright, pastor of our Church at Temple, Texas, is, with his family, on a visit to Tennessee and Kentucky. Brother Wright is one of the eminently useful and successful of the younger men in our connection.—Exchange.

The Greensboro, North Carolina, Female College has been saved to the Church by the heroic efforts of our elect ladies. They raised \$26,000 which paid for its outstanding stock and guaranteed the raising of an endowment.

About 700 young men, representing 125 different Young Men's Christian Associations and colleges, attended the annual Bible student meeting at Northfield, Massachusetts, Mr. Moody's old headquarters. These meetings are designed to train young men in Bible teaching and other religious work. The afternoons were devoted to athletics.

Gleanings from the Exchanges

THE IDLENESS OF HOTEL LIFE.

Nashville Advocate: What is to be done to check the suicidal folly of women, married or unmarried, who allow advances to be made to them by married men? It is coming to pass that almost every tragedy which finds its way into the papers has as its background the violation of marriage vows. Wicked men are usually the slaves of one or more of their passions, but this is not generally true of women, even when they are irreligious. Might we venture the suggestion that the idleness and idling of hotel life is an insidious danger for women?

ANSWERING A FOOL.

Dr. R. N. Price, in Holston Advocate: Among the objections urged against railroads a hundred years ago was that it would take all the rails in the country to build them, and thus leave the fields unfenced! When George Gahagan was running for the Legislature in Madison County, North Carolina, and advocating a railroad along the French Broad River, a voter said: "Colonel, the poor man can hardly get anything to eat in this country; what is he to do when the railroad is built and carries all the provisions out of the country?" Gahagan answering a fool according to his folly, replied, "He can live on astonishment for ten years!"

AMBASSADOR CHOAT'S DOUBLE.

London Tattler: Apropos of mistaken identities, those who were at a certain dinner given to Sir Henry Irving a few years ago will recollect what happened on that occasion. Quite a number of the guests who knew the American Ambassador by sight were startled to meet him at the entrance to the reception room arrayed in a kind of court suit, with a white waistcoat and knee breeches. At first they were inclined to assume that this was the long anticipated American diplomatic uniform. But the mystery was soon solved. The apparition took their names and announced them. Then it began to dawn upon them that they had mistaken the usher and toast-master for Mr. Choate, whom he so strongly resembled.

THE D. D. BUSINESS.

Alabama Advocate: A preacher in England sued a paper for saying that his degree of Doctor of Divinity was a fake. It developed in the trial that the "university" from which the degree was received was nothing more than a school on paper in which the "professor of astronomy" was a tooth carpenter, and the lady who presided over the faculties was the Secretary of an oil promoting scheme. For a consideration, measured by the coin of the realm, this "university" would undertake, while they waited, to adorn the cognomens of its patrons with letters suited to their vanity and commensurate with their purses. When the facts came out, the reverend gentleman of the wild-cat doctorate kindly consented to withdraw the suit and pay the costs.

GULLERS AND THE GULLIBLES.

The Interior: The gossip writers who fill up the otherwise vacant columns of our sensational journals have lately discovered that America is producing more sky-blue, time-worned Egyptian "scarab" than ever were made by the gemcarvers of the Pharaohs. These sacred beetles, without one of which no returned traveler could prove that he had visited the land of the Nile, are shipped by the barrel from New England, and cunningly distributed by the wily Arab where they "will do the most good" by being discovered. Costing the fraction of a cent apiece in America, at their exhumation they easily retail at a dollar. Thus "the whirligig of time brings round its revenges." American faddists sow American soil with the ancient and discredited faiths of dead and gone philosophies, and America in turn ships tons of sleepy Buddhas to India and ship-loads of "sacred" talismans to the regions of Osiris. And so the shrewd, conscienceless Yankee "promoter" catches his own gullible countrymen "coming and going."

TEN YEARS OF FOOTBALL.

St. Louis Advocate: The Maryland Medical Journal publishes the record of intercollegiate football from sixty colleges, covering a period of ten years and including 1,374 separate teams. The object is to show the dangerous character of the game. Of the 22,766 men in these teams, 654 received serious injuries, and were thereby prevented from carrying on college work. The number of fatalities were, also, numerous, although the statement omits the list. The number of players in intercolle-

giate teams has been steadily decreasing during the decade covered by the report, but the number of the injured has been rapidly increasing. Beginning in 1893, and ending with the close of the 1902 season, the number of injured in the intercollegiate football games each year runs thus—40, 46, 49, 48, 52, 52, 67, 90, 76, and 143. The enormous number of injuries and fatalities which occurred in the games played last year forced the college faculties to bring pressure to bear on the intercollegiate football executive committee to revise the mass play out of the game, which has been done.

A TRIBUTE.

A tribute to the memory of Mrs. G. W. Gray, of Terrell, Texas, by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, North Texas Conference.

Our Conference Society is bowed in grief over the loss of one of our most consecrated, efficient workers. Mrs. G. W. Gray, the Treasurer of this Conference Society, has been called from labors abundant to her eternal reward. When we say that in the death of our beloved Treasurer we have lost one of our most faithful co-laborers, it seems but a faint expression of our feelings. Our hearts ache for the "touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still." We comfort our questioning hearts with the precious promise, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." As a Conference Society be it

Resolved, First, That while Mrs. Gray's home-going is great gain to her, we mourn our loss, but will revere her memory, and imitate her consecrated life, her patience in suffering, and her faithfulness in every duty.

2. That as a Conference Society we will arouse ourselves to a deeper interest in the work which lay so near her heart, thus helping to hasten the day when the heathen shall be claimed as our inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth as our possession.

3. Our hearts' deepest sympathy goes out to the devoted husband and loving children of the departed, praying for them an abundant portion of sustaining grace in this dark hour of sorrow and bereavement.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Conference Society, published in the Texas Christian Advocate, and a copy be sent to the sorrowing family.

MRS. W. B. DASHIELL, MRS. G. S. SEXTON, MRS. EVA ADAMS, MRS. A. P. BOYD, MRS. W. G. WHITE.

(Adopted at annual meeting of the Conference Society in Clarksville, Texas.)

BAPTISM AND THE MODE.

You are the second person that I ever heard speak of the distinction between baptism and the mode of baptizing, and that the Bible nowhere says how to baptize (Editorial in Advocate of Aug. 6), which I have been trying to preach for thirty or forty years. I have written several short articles and two treatises on it, and my recollection is that only one short article was ever published, except what was published in a local paper in Kimble County, Tenn. I have been made to wonder why our people so universally ignore the distinction between the thing done and the mode or manner of doing it. There are a number of things which are called baptism in the Bible. It is true that Paul says that there is "one baptism," but he does not say that there are not others. That one baptism is the work of the "one Spirit," which "baptizes" us into the "one body."—1 Cor. 12:13. And the baptism spoken of in Rom. 6:3-9 and Col. 2:12, produces a death to sin, and buries, plants or hides us with Christ in God.—Col. 3:3. And Heb. 10:22 undoubtedly refers to the fulfillment of Ezek. 36:25-27. It is true that one uses the term "sprinkle" and the other the term "wash." But neither means mode, for they both refer to clean, pure water as a type of cleansing. I should have said that in my treatise I quoted every passage that contained the term, "baptize," showing that they always refer to the thing done, and not to the mode of doing it. May the blessings of God rest upon you and the dear old Advocate. W. R. KNOWLTON. Newburg Park, Cal.

The Wesley Picture is very appropriate for Church and Sunday-school. Note what Mrs. Fannie Cockrell says: Pecan Gap, Texas, August 20, 1903: Dear Christian Advocate: Please send me two more pictures of John Wesley. I want one of these for our Church.

OMISSION—NOTES—ELSE.

H. G. H.

J. W. Hill, in Nashville Advocate, names in commendatory terms the Methodist schools of Texas, omitting any allusion to San Antonio Female College, which is doing first-class work in the largest city in the State; to the forefront in arresting the educational influence of Roman Catholicism; on a more solid basis to-day than ever before, with a future second only to that of Southwestern University.

The Churches in the West that applied to the General Board of Church Extension for needed and important help have been greatly disappointed by results. All the facts in each separate case were properly placed before the board in its annual April meeting, but the money was not on hand nor in sight to meet these wants. It is not the policy of the Conference Board nor General Board to create false hopes. The influence of the whole College of Bishops amounts to nothing when the money is not in the treasury.

Since last conference we have sent out an unusually large number of blanks to come before the next meeting of the Conference Board, and unless the collections come up they will be but blanks indeed. The brethren must not ask the Conference Board to promise anything or vouch for anything. That is clear out of their line of business.

We have lately had plenty of Methodist preachers in Seguin—Sessions, Schaper, Rector, Windle, Draeger, Bowen, Phillips, Mood, Harrison, etc., besides one other German preacher and three Mexican preachers, was the lucky number of thirteen, with the old superannuate thrown in to rejoice at the activity of these men. That seems to be more than the number composing the first Texas Conference. Miss Leonora Smith, missionary from Brazil, lectured here twice on some features of her work in that country. She was heard with much interest, has a fine presence, and, apparently without intending to do so, presented a fearful arraignment of Roman Catholicism.

The country and town meetings in West Texas have been seriously interfered with the present summer by all sorts of weather. The corn and forage crop is very large, but cotton is uncertain and the collections mainly depend upon the gathering and sale of cotton. It is believed we will have a good cotton crop. People generally, preachers and Churches, are full of hope.

The Mexican work in this district is prospering in Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, J. A. Phillips is active, J. R. Mood is said to be doing a large amount of hand to hand work on his large Mexican Border District. Both of these men require infinite patience. The American population should give them all the co-operation and encouragement possible.

The building of the Orient Railway from Red River through to the northwestern border of our conference, by way of San Angelo, and thence into Mexico, either at Eagle Pass or Brownsville, will open up a wide, new country to settlement. This road will pass through the Southern sanitarium of North America.

A word to writers for Advocate: Let us know what you are driving at in your opening sentence, and continue the same clearness of thought and expression. When you make your strong point, stop right there and let the reader do the rest of the thinking on the subject. We waded through a column and a quarter the other day in a vain effort to see the point of the writer, and there are thousands of good people just as dull as we are.

Why should there be such serious objection to the public mention of names for connectional offices? Behind the scenes interested classes bring forward names, communicate with other parties all over the connection, and go up to the General Conference with things cut and dried. Is there any sacredness or piety in underground politics over above ground politics?

CHANGE OF PLACE.

The third Quarterly Conference, Milano Circuit, is changed from Gause to Minerva. The date is not changed—third Saturday and Sunday in September. CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E.

CORONAL INSTITUTE.

We are all in a high way down here over our school prospects. The corn crop is made—a big one—and the people are much encouraged by the cotton prospects. A little further delay on the part of the boll weevil will put money in the pockets of parents to educate their children. The Prospect at Coronal Institute is quite pleasing. A large house has been secured as a boarding place for a part of the boys who will be under the immediate care of Prof. Crutchfield, one of the faculty. The State Normal is completed and it is a solid beauty. The professors are coming in and the school will begin Sept. 9. Several new boarding houses are being completed, one and two blocks

from the building. These houses are supplied with water from the big San Marcos Spring, have electric lights, bath rooms, etc., and no effort will be wanting to make the pupils comfortable. Prof. S. W. Stanfield, one of the faculty, will give one desiring the necessary information as to boarding. Let the pupils come on. We can take care of them. Our pulpits are supplied with educated and capable men and we know we can give satisfaction to all those attending. W. J. JOYCE. San Marcos, Texas.

Unanswered Letters.

- Aug. 20.—B. Harris, sub. T. W. Ellis, sub. T. N. Lowrey, sub. C. B. Garrett, sub. S. N. Allen, sub. C. L. Cartwright, sub. C. F. McKinney, sub. Aug. 21.—W. M. Lane, sub. R. F. Dunn, sub. W. D. Bradfield, sub. Ross Williams, sub. Aug. 22.—D. F. Pulley, sub. V. A. Godbey, sub. S. T. Powell, sub. A. H. Hussey, sub. F. M. Winburne, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. D. H. Hotchkiss, sub. W. W. Horner, sub. O. P. Kiker, sub. M. P. Morton, sub. Aug. 25.—R. J. Smith, sub. T. W. Lovell, sub. Aug. 26.—C. B. Meador, sub. J. C. Carr, sub. S. J. Franks, sub. S. C. Vaughan, sub. R. B. Moreland, sub. I. K. Waller, sub. A. E. Turney, sub.

Paris District—Fourth Round.

- Lamar Ave. Sept. 20, 21 West Paris Sept. 21, 22 Centenary Sept. 23, 24 Woodland and Kawaha at W. Sept. 26, 27 Detroit sta. Sept. 27, 28 Rosalie cir. at Garvansville. Oct. 3, 4 Clarksville sta. Oct. 4, 5 Clarksville cir. at Liberty. Oct. 10, 11 Blossom sta. Oct. 11, 12 Deport cir. at Deport. Oct. 17, 18 Marvin cir. at Pattonville. Oct. 18, 19 Douglass mis. at Spring Hill. Oct. 24, 25 Annona cir. Oct. 25, 26 Whitebrook sta. Oct. 31, Nov. 1 Let every steward do his duty toward his pastor. He having been faithful, he also faithful. Let the pastors press the collections. Let the trustees make report as Discipline directs. E. H. Casey, P. E.

Dallas District—Fourth Round.

- Lewisville Sept. 12, 13 Denton, 8 p. m. Sept. 13 W. Dallas, G. Prairie, at W. D. Sept. 19, 20 Wheatland, at Wheatland. Sept. 26, 27 Farmers Branch, at Coppell. Oct. 3, 4 Argyle, at Chih's Chapel. Oct. 10, 11 Clarksville cir. at Bagwell. Oct. 17, 18 Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at D. Oct. 24, 25 Grace Church, H. a. m. Nov. 1 Ervay Street, 8 p. m. Nov. 1 First Church, H. a. m. Nov. 8 Trinity, 8 p. m. Nov. 8 Wehrman and Caruth, at Caruth. Nov. 14, 15 Oak Cliff, 8 p. m. Nov. 15 Clark's Chapel, H. a. m. Nov. 22 Oak Lawn, 8 p. m. Nov. 22 No pastor should fail to have full collections this year. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Fourth Round.

- Milford, at Berry's Chapel. Sept. 26, 27 Venus, at Mt. Peak. Oct. 3, 4 Fairbairn, at Bay. Oct. 10, 11 Forrester, at Forrester. Oct. 17, 18 Bristol, at Alsford. Oct. 17, 18 Boz, at Oak Branch. Oct. 24, 25 Alvarado. Oct. 25, 26 Grandview. Oct. 27 Hasen. Oct. 28 Lovelace. Oct. 29 Hillsboro. Oct. 29 Palmer, at Palmer. Oct. 31 Ferris. Nov. 1 Midlothian. Nov. 3 Italy. Nov. 3 Ovilla. Nov. 4 Waxahachie. Nov. 7, 8 Ennis. Nov. 9 O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Calvert District—Fourth Round.

- Hearne and Wheelock, at H. Sept. 19, 20 Jewett, at Jewett. Sept. 26, 27 Leon mis. at Tubbs. Oct. 1 Centerville, at Leona. Oct. 3, 4 Marquez mis. at Rogers. Oct. 4, 5 Preston mis. at Mt. Zion. Oct. 10, 11 Fairfield, at Fairfield. Oct. 11, 12 Kofke, at Eureka. Oct. 15 Franklin cir. at Hickory Grove. Oct. 17, 18 Franklin sta. Oct. 18, 19 Pettaway, at Beck. Oct. 24, 25 Fremont and Reagan, at B. Oct. 31, Nov. 1 Calvert sta. Nov. 1 Durango. Nov. 7, 8 Lott, at Lott. Nov. 8, 9 Travis, at Cedar S. Nov. 14, 15 Rosebud sta. Nov. 15, 16 Marlin sta. Nov. 21, 22 R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round.

- Pittsburg sta. Sept. 6, Oct. 13 Atlanta sta. Sept. 13, 14 Linden, at Union Chapel. Sept. 19, 20 Naples, at Naples. Sept. 26, 27 Winfield, at New Hope. Oct. 3, 4 Mt. Pleasant sta. Oct. 4, 5 Texarkana, State Line. Oct. 11, 12 Rose Hill mis. at Eylaw. Oct. 15, 16 New Boston mis. at Red Bayou. Oct. 17 New Boston and Dekalb, at N. B. Oct. 18 Leesburg, at Union Ridge. Oct. 21, 22 Musgrove Springs, at Soul's Ch. Oct. 24, 25 Gilmer, at Mt. Gilead. Oct. 25, 26 Queen City, at Q. C. Oct. 30, Nov. 1 Quitman, at Forest Home. Nov. 7, 8 Dalby Spgs, at Godley's Prairie. Nov. 14, 15 Carson mis. at Carson. Nov. 19, 20 Daingerfield, at Daingerfield. Nov. 21, 22 Redwater mis. at Mand. Nov. 28, 29 Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

STATE FAIR.

The Texas State Fair management has just gotten out a pamphlet descriptive of the broncho riding contests which will be a daily feature at this year's State Fair at Dallas, which will open September 26. A list of handsome premiums has

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The Texas State Fair Association received last week a copy of the Portland (Oregon) Journal of August 10, which gives a lengthy account of Diavolo and his wonderful feat of "looping-the-loop" on a bicycle.

The Journal says of this thrilling performance and the fearless rider, in effect, that a score of Diavolo's emulators have met untimely deaths or have become crippled in attempting to imitate his wonderful feat. It states that they had the courage to attempt this almost impossible turn, but lacked the skill, hence they were all now either dead or crippled as a result of their defiance of the well-known laws of gravitation.

The prizes in the riding contests offered by the Texas State Fair are announced as follows: First prize, \$500; second prize, \$250; third prize, \$150, and a consolation prize of \$100. All information concerning these contests will be furnished upon application to Capt. Sydney Smith, Secretary of the Texas State Fair.

The report of the Department of Agriculture just issued gives the wheat crop of Texas for 1903 as 18,841,000 bushels, or an average yield per acre of 13.4 bushels. The above yield is one bushel more than the average for the United States.

The yield for 1902 was approximately 8,900,000 bushels, or 8 bushels per acre, which shows an immense increase in the total yield for the State of Texas.

The rice condition for Texas is phenomenal, showing 97 per cent, or just .03 per cent of 1 cent below a perfect crop. The acreage in rice in Texas this year is estimated at 220,000 acres against 181,000 in 1902, and the probable crop for 1903 will be from two to two and one-half million barrels, or about 10 barrels to the acre. Last year the average yield was about 8 barrels to the acre.

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A man can only see himself aright in God's light.—Ram's Horn.

The Sunday-School Department The Epworth League Department

Third Quarter, Lesson 10, September 6. DEATH OF SAUL AND JONATHAN. I Sam. 31:1-13.

Golden Text: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 14:12.

"The Philistines, so long kept at bay, broke into the Israelite territory. From the five cities they advanced far into the land. They had been driven from the hills of Judah. They now summoned all their strength for a last struggle in the plain of Esdrathon, where their chariots and horses could move freely. In the central branch of the plain, on the southern slope of the range called the hill of Moreh, by the town of Shunem, they pitched their camp. On the opposite side, on the rise of Mount Gilboa, was the Israelite army, keeping, as usual, to the heights, which were their security. It was as nearly as possible where Gil- con's camp had been pitched against the Midianites. But there was no Gideon to lead the army now." Saul was in a despondent and sullen mood. The Spirit of the Lord had deserted him. He no longer had the guiding voice of the prophet Samuel. The sole survivor of the priesthood, more- over, Abiathar, was following the fortunes of David, and had with him the Urim and Thummin of the High priest's breastplate. In this extremity the unfortunate King, who had once peremptorily ordered that wizards and necromancers should be put out of the land, now had recourse in the dark- ness of night to a woman with a fam- ilar spirit, and demanded that she should call up Samuel from the invis- ible world. Little comfort did he get from the interview. The angry proph- et, after making other announcements, added: "Moreover the Lord will also deliver Israel with thee into the hands of the Philistines; and to-morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me." So it came to pass—Bishop Hoss.

Thus ended the first monarchy of Israel. It might have been otherwise had Saul been a broader and a larger man mentally and morally. But he was not built after the pattern of a great King; he was narrow, conceited, and full of prejudice and jealousy. He was too stubborn to take the advice of wiser heads and his own judgment was not reliable. He had no military acumen and was unable to conduct a successful war with his enemies. The result is that when he met them in Gilboa he lost the day and was severely wounded. Death saved him from an ignominious capture, but his dead body was greatly abused by the Philis- tines, for it fell into their hands. Un- fortunately Jonathan also fell in the battle and was lost to Israel. He was a great improvement on his father in character, mind and heart. He was truly a great man in his endowments and one of the most faithful friends recorded in history. His name is still a synonym of fidelity and friendship. But he fell a victim of his devotion to his father and perished also in Gilboa.

- A Few Practical Lessons. 1. Self-will has been the ruin of many a man. He will not listen to wis- er heads, rushes on into danger and disaster is the result. 2. Suicide is unmitigated cowardice. The man who resorts to it is afraid to meet issues that are impending. Saul preferred to die on his own sword rather than fall into the hands of his foes wounded. But it is better to face any sort of calamity bravely than to avoid it by self-destruction. 3. Friendship has its rewards and to-day Jonathan's name is like ointment poured forth. No man loses any- thing by fidelity to friends. 4. Wickedness carries its own pun- ishment and sooner or later it will en- force its severe penalties. God put up with Saul's folly for quite a time, but it came to a disgraceful end.

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NOTES.

Robert Wear, writing from Galves- ville, says: "Our Detroit crowd talk about our trip every chance we get. We held a special meeting at the League Sunday and told of our trip. Mr. Halsell was here about two weeks ago and gave us a prohibition speech."

Some of the brethren are writing us in regard to securing the International Conference of 1907 for Texas. If there is enough interest in this matter we will take it up through the columns of this department. A strong sentiment has already developed in favor of the plan. G. W. T.

MORE GOING.

Toronto, Niagara Falls, Home Again.

We left Detroit at 12:30 Sunday night over the Michigan Central for Toronto. Reached Niagara on the lake at about 7:30 next morning. Took steamer across Lake Ontario for Toronto. Toronto is the capital of the Province of Ontario, has a population of near two hundred thousand and is a most prosperous and beautiful city. Having spent several days there on a previous occasion, and being well acquainted with the city, I became idle to such of the party as like my- self preferred the street car to a tally- ho, and we took a belt car which car- ried us clear around the city, and through some as pretty streets and by some as fine residences as the eye ever rested on. Completing the circle of the city, we took a car through the center to the parliament buildings, or rather building, for it is one immense structure, with many apartments. It is built of red granite, is a costly and imposing pile, resembling our own State House. An old janitor conducted us through. In many of the rooms, rare and costly paintings of Canada's great men of the past and present scenes of beauty are to be seen. The rooms of the upper and lower house of parliament are small, but richly fur- nished, evidently no large number of visitors attend their sittings. The building stands in the center of Queen's Park, where nature and art have combined with lavish hand to make it a thing and place of beauty.

Monuments, statuary, mounted can- nons, winding walks of concrete streaking the gently undulating, closely mown green sward, and fringed with great banks of luxuriant flowers, are some of the attractive things. There are also many slightly shade trees, one a pin oak, was planted by the Prince of Wales—now King Ed- ward—in 1869, and while I am no worshiper at the altar of royalty, yet I did, by permission, pluck a leaf and brought it home. Toronto is a city of universities and fine churches. We next visited the Canadian Methodist Publishing House, then Metropolitan Church, which is valued at three hun- dred and fifty thousand dollars, and is said to be the finest Methodist Church in the world. The Auditorium was undergoing some little repairs, but they said they were only going to spend about \$25,000 now. We got our dinner at the Eton apartment store in which a fine restaurant is run, and a big dinner given for 20 cents. It's a small store on Young Street, with 22 acres of flooring, and in which 5,300 employes work. At about 4:30 we set sail back for Niagara Falls, reaching Lewiston, New York, at about 8 o'clock. We had wind and rain while crossing, and the great blue body of water showed us some of the capers it could cut. Most of us wished for a real storm, but some of our party were quite sick enough to remember the ride anyway. From Lewiston to the Falls we took the Gorge elec- tric car, which runs right along the bank of the river, giving a fine view of the rapids. No more sublime or inspiring sight ever greeted the eye of man than that presented by the rapids from the Falls to Lewiston, a distance of seven miles. The mad waters beat into furies, rush and roar, whirl and swish, lash and roll, writhe, seeth and boil, rise almost to the height of ten feet and break in billow clouds of frothy spray. As you gaze upon it transfixed with amazement the heart cries out: "How great are thy works, O, Lord God of host!" Our party registered at the Imperial Hotel,

a first-class house, and after supper some of us walked down to the falls, and back by the Cataract Hotel, the finest one in the city. (Niagara is a city of fine hotels); here we found a dance going on and as I had never seen that thing in its modern glory, I said, gentlemen, I will take a chair by this window and see a while. Well, I have seen a good many little things in my life, but this got me. There they went, these flying couples, breast to breast, knee to knee, cheek to cheek. It was the only graceful, real live, up-to-date public hugging I had ever seen. It was well done. Next day our party, well rested, were ready for more sight-seeing. This was my fourth visit to the Falls, but I viewed them with ever increasing wonder. The mad rush, the ceaseless roar like the oncoming of a hundred flying trains, is ever the same. So the blue sea be- low, 180 deep, whose bosom leaves and swirls with apparent pride at all the majestic surroundings, according to the United States geological survey 1886, the height of the American Fall is 167 feet. The Horse Shoe, 158 feet; contour line of American Fall 1969; Horse Shoe Fall 3010. It was over the Horse Shoe Falls that Mrs. Anna Edson Taylor made her wild plunge in a barrel October 24, 1901, and was taken out beat almost to a jelly and in a state of unconsciousness, but alive. There are perhaps a hundred different view points from which to see the falls, and each presents some new interest. I took this time my first ride on the Maid of the Mist, the little steamer that carries venturesome sight-seers where they can see the falls from mid-river. The little thing would venture almost under the fall, and puff and snort and make believe like it would dare and defy all the waters of Lake Erie. But of great bridges, Smiling Parks, Goat Island, Cave of the Winds and other things, I must not write. Our party all had tickets to return by steamer from Buffalo up Lake Erie to Detroit, but myself and three other members preferred the cars, as it would take almost a half day and all night run on the lake, so at 2:20 p. m. we took the train back through Canada, which gave us a daylight run nearly back to Detroit. This is a fine farming country, very level, soil rich, not densely populated, many new farms, and on all fine crops of corn, wheat, rye, barley, oats and meadows. Also many fine apple or- chards. Our party concentrated in Detroit by 9 o'clock Wednesday, and at 12:30 about half of us took our de- parture for home. We had four hours in Cincinnati, and four in Memphis, and reached Texarkana Friday morning at 8:40. I have had many pleas- ant trips, but none that I ever enjoyed more than this. The splendid com- pany, the country traveled, the long distance, the many places of interest, and the remembrance that it all came through the kindness of dear friends all conspired to make it so.

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As Secretary and Treasurer of the Texas Epworth League I desire to call the attention of all Leaguers in Texas to the fact that we need a certain amount of money to successfully carry on the work. Some obligations from last year have not been met, and in order to begin an aggressive campaign for the good of the work in Texas we must have funds. Very few of the Leaguers have paid the assessment of 50 cents for every twenty members, and as in former days I desire to make a request on you for a voluntary contribution. Will not every League in Texas remit me what you feel that you can spare to carry on the work? Any amount up to \$5 will be acceptable and will be used for "the good of the order." Talk it over, and if you have any suggestions to offer as to methods of work in State or local matters write me. The State League can do much in systematizing and developing the work, and should have the support of every pastor and member. Please do not make it necessary to ask again, but make remittance at once.

A. K. RAGSDALE, Sec'y and Treas.

Dallas, Texas.

JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS.

What are you to do? Much indeed! I write to help you.

1. Effect an organization, and seek by study and work to perfect it. Who are to be members? Well, all the children must be cared for. Perhaps you could have the little tots organized under the care of the Woman's Home or Foreign Missionary Society and take those from 10 to 16 years old into your Junior League. I am of the opinion that this is the best plan.

2. Report your organization, of the number of members and names of officers to Dr. H. M. DuBose, Nashville, Tenn., applying for charter and literature. Work up a club of ten for the Era.

3. Make your place of meeting as attractive and inviting as possible, and arrange for regular meetings.

4. So far all is easy sailing. For the rest much depends upon the diversity, energy and willingness of the superintendents. Permanent results will come by a slow process. We must be patient. We must learn to plod.

Mrs. Woodcock at Detroit suggested that "A Converted Childhood" be made the watchword of every Junior League. This strikes me as being eminently correct. Seek the conversion of the Juniors.

Childhood is the most favorable for faith, trust and obedience. A devotional meeting with songs, prayers and Scripture reading after careful preparation will not fail.

5. Teach the Juniors to sing, to testify, to pray and to use their Bibles. Mrs. Woodcock urges that children be taught to be honest in testimony and prayer. This is exceedingly important.

President Bashford suggested a daily prayer for Juniors, which we give here:

"I thank thee, Lord, for morning light, For sleep and safety through the night,

Whether at study, work or play, Help me to do thy will to-day."

Of the social, the literary and the systematic Bible study for Juniors much depends. Of this we will write later. T. F. SESSIONS.

BIBLE AND WORKERS' CONFERENCE.

Beginning July 17 at San Luis Potosi, Mexico, for more than a week the missionaries of our Church, together with one native pastor from each presiding elder's district, sat in delightful converse and conference, studying methods of work and God's hand-book of missions—the Bible. There were present about 35 workers, who were men of ability and long experience, and well qualified to give information and counsel on the problems connected with our missionary operations. The purpose of this conference is best given in the words of the prospectus: "An opportunity of conferring and by an interchange of opinion and experience to reach some conclusions as to the proper policy and the best methods of work for our Church in Mexico."

Every morning at 8:15 a. m. Dr. W. R. Lambuth conducted the morning hour of prayer and meditation. From 9 to 10 Rev. O. E. Brown, D. D. of Vanderbilt, lead the workers in most helpful studies in the New Testament. Words of praise could scarcely be too extravagant to apply to these seven lectures on "The Spiritual Crises in the Apostolic Church." From the opening sentence: "The help we get from God is measured by the greatness of the undertaking we make for him," to the closing words: "Let us resolve never to do anything in our daily life that cannot be made the policy and norm for all the rest," these discussions touched high-water mark. They were searching, compact, intense, direct and suggestive. It may be that we did not reach many conclusions as to the best policy on the field; it is certain that

all felt under lasting obligations to Dr. Brown for his sane and helpful exposition of scriptural truth.

Possibly his address on the "Crisis in the Method of Jesus" was the most practical of all. In this he told us of the possibilities of a common-place life in the hands of Jesus, how he selected plain, matter-of-fact men and taught them the grace of humility, absolute loyalty to him, the spirit of forgiveness, and the power of a consecrated personality. One whole morning was devoted to the perplexing subject: "Self-Support." Heretofore there had been doubt in many minds as to what should be included under this head. In our Annual Conferences we had been reporting under "self-support" only such sums as were actually paid into the hands of the pastor. The consensus of opinion at this conference was that: "Everything reported by the pastor to the session of the Annual Conference." The secret of the brilliant success in this department at our charge of Chihuahua was found to be due to the painstaking, systematic work of the good women in charge at the Palmore Institute. Bro. Tafolla made a splendid point when he said: "Don't mend our laws, but obey them. Have good stewards that love the Church; let them make estimates as to how much each member will give weekly; let the people be approached; let no one be released from this obligation except by order of the Quarterly Conference."

The conclusions of the Committee on Schools and Colleges were unanimously adopted as follows: "It is the sense of this body that for the purpose of building character and fostering a spirit of self-reliance an industrial feature be introduced in all our schools and colleges, such as plain sewing, the responsibilities of house-keeping, and training in kindergarten work for girls. The directors of boys' schools, of course, will select correspondingly suitable work for those committed to their care. The best results can be obtained only in those schools in which the teachers come into hourly contact with their pupils; for this reason we recommend boarding departments in connection with each school. In consideration of the need for well-qualified Christian teachers:

"1. We endorse the normal work in Colegio Ingles of Saltillo.

"2. We recommend that a similar department for boys be added to Lauren's Institute in Monterey. Inasmuch as the work of organizing and directing our Bible and Training School at Monterey is confessedly of vital importance to the future of our work in Mexico, it is the sense of this body that the man put in charge should have that special fitness for such work that results from long experience on the field, the deepest piety, and the most thorough college education."

In answer to the question, "What advantages have accrued from our medical work in Mexico?" Dr. Nixon told us of the prejudice to evangelical work that had been broken down, of how educated and refined trained nurses were going into the Mexican families and by kind deeds were bringing home the gospel to them, and of how the Americans too were being influenced by ministrations to the physical man.

One thing was very manifest: the workers are men and not machines; they have decided and strong opinions, and are not slow to express them. The sparks flew sometimes, but, after all, the saner views prevailed and every one was benefited by contact with his neighbor, and the rich blessings that came from on high. J. R. MOOD.

A FINE KIDNEY REMEDY.

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

Conducted in the interest of the W. F. M. Society and the W. H. M. Society. Address all communications to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 179 Masten Street, Dallas, Texas.

W. F. M. SOCIETY.

I want to tell the readers of the Advocate, through our Woman's Department, what a treat our auxiliary enjoyed last Tuesday. I think it will especially be appreciated by other auxiliaries of North Texas Conference. Through the efforts of our wide-awake President, Mrs. Baumgartner, Miss Leonora D. Smith, returned missionary from Brazil, visited us. Oh, how we enjoyed having her. Listening to her tell of her trials, disappointments, successes, and, best of all, her faith in God, which I hope inspired many to be more zealous in the cause of foreign missions. As she told us of the feeble effort she began with in the school at Ribeirao Preto, and the success she had achieved, it made our hearts swell with gratitude to God that he had guided us into the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. As she told how from day to day she was forced to have certain expenses, and oftentimes nothing in sight to meet them, and when the wherewith did come how forcibly she was reminded that her prayers had been answered, my faith in him, which hitherto had been strong, was helped to be stronger for the future. Any auxiliary will feel repaid doubly for the expense of bringing Miss Smith to them and have her tell of the noble work our missionaries are doing at Ribeirao, Preto, Brazil. She is possessed with a gifted mind and Christ-like spirit. She asked for our prayers in such a touching way that I've been impressed with the importance of us praying for these self-sacrificing women more than ever before. I hope we all will remember her in our prayers, that her health may be fully restored and that she may do better work than ever before for the Master.

MRS. W. W. WILLIAMS.
Decatur, Texas.

W. H. M. SOCIETY.

With the encouragement and assistance of our pastor, Bro. Daniel, and his good wife, the ladies of the Aid Society of the Methodist Church at Belton resolved themselves into a connectional Home Mission Society February 2, 1903, and were organized by electing the following officers:

President, Mrs. W. H. Nichols; First Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. Hudson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Capt. Wilson; Third Vice-President, Mrs. C. M. Hatcher; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Law; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Hunter; Treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Lee.

We regret very much that the report of our organization, sent by our Corresponding Secretary, was not published (The report here spoken of was never received, or it would have been published.—Ed. W. D.), for we do not wish to keep our light under a bushel. We have a band of noble Christian women in Belton, who, in dispensing charity, visiting the sick and strangers and in keeping up the parsonage, have been faithful and untiring under our local organization.

Although some departments of this work are comparatively new to many of our members, and we have not been able to carry out the law to the letter in some parts, and for this reason can not send an itemized report of all the work done, still we hope soon to see every department of the work carried forward with the same zeal and energy that ever characterizes the work of our women.

Since organization we have enrolled twelve new names and removed two; have on Baby Roll eight names; have collected in dues since March 2, \$23.45; for the contingent fund, \$2.75; for the Baby Roll, \$2; for the Mission Home, Dallas, \$1.25; for the scholarship in Scarritt Bible and Training School, \$1. We have raised for local purposes, \$39.56, and have expended for insurance and work on the parsonage, \$34.90. We have seven subscribers to Our Homes.

There are two very important departments of the work that have been discussed in our meetings, but have never been taken up. They are tithing and the Bible Study, laid down in Our Homes. We will be glad if some one who has kept up the tithing successfully will give us light on the subject.

In reading reports from so many points and learning how great a work is being done by the grand Home Mission Society all over our land, we feel a keen regret that our hands have been idle so long.

Hoping by our zeal in the future to atone for our negligence in the past, and praying God's blessing on every worker in this great cause, I am, very respectfully,

MRS. W. H. NICHOLS.
Belton, Texas, Box 319.

THE MODEL W. H. M. AUXILIARY.

By Elsie Malone McCollum.

The imagination is a faculty capable of a high degree of cultivation, and this cultivation is commendable, so long as the products, by lifting our ideals, make the world brighter, better or happier.

The beautiful fairy story, told to a tiny tot, may reveal a moral, which might otherwise have been lost.

Then, since we are but children grown tall, and since the President of our Conference Society, in assigning to me this subject, did not make any suggestions as to how she wished the subject handled, and did not restrict me in any way except to say "a brief paper," I will presume to express my idea of the model Woman's Home Mission Auxiliary by giving an account of an imaginary attendance upon one of its meetings. I say imaginary because it has never been my happy lot to know of any such society, and as it is difficult for us as human beings to conceive of things we have never seen, I may be a little skeptical of the existence of any such flawless organization.

True, we have many excellent auxiliaries, and they are doing much good work; but of none, I fear, may it be said, "It is perfect," and nothing less than perfection, even though it be only in imagination, should serve us as a model.

I have never heard of but one ideal society, and even that was lacking in point of numbers. It consisted of only one member, held its regular services of song, prayer and Bible study, and during the year distributed much good literature and did a great deal of local work. I believe it was in "Our Homes" that I, several years ago, read of this society.

But I will hasten on with the account of my visit to the W. H. M. Society in the little town of X.

I was a stranger in the town, and happened by accident to meet with one of the Home Mission workers. Her invitation to attend the meeting of the society that afternoon was so cordial that I gladly accepted, especially as she said she would drive by and take me in her buggy.

I knew this was called the banner society of the conference and indeed of the M. E. Church, South, but I had presumed that their ability to do so much was due to circumstances, more favorable than those under which we had labored.

By noon it was cloudy, and before the time for starting there was a slight sprinkle of rain; so I settled myself down to letter writing, feeling sure there would be no meeting of the society that afternoon. You can therefore imagine my surprise when my new-found friend called for me at the hour agreed upon.

I made a hasty toilet and apologized for my tardiness, by saying that I had supposed the prospect of a shower would preclude the idea of the meeting. I saw she looked a little surprised at this; then she said: "True there was a little sprinkle, but people—both men and women—are out attending to worldly affairs, and we who have an engagement to attend to some of the work of the Master can not afford to be less zealous." I answered that I knew she was right, but at the same time I mentally pronounced her a religious enthusiast whose principles were surely the exception, and not the rule, in the society.

When we reached the church and I saw several other buggies and carriages hitched there, and a number of ladies—who had walked—just entering, I asked my friend if it were an open meeting. She answered that it was not more so than usual, though there might be a few other visitors beside myself.

"What," said I, "do you have all these vehicles at a regular meeting?"

"Yes," she replied, "these turnouts are here at almost every meeting."

Then I of course concluded that the W. H. M. ladies of X had more leisure than those of our home town.

My next inquiry was: "What per cent of the women of the Church belong to the Home Mission Society?"

She answered: "One hundred per cent—we have all of them. When a new name is added to the Church roll it is very soon added to the Home Mission roll also. Then, too, the young ladies have their society and the juveniles have theirs, and both of these are watched over by our adult society."

"Wonderful!" said I, then added apologetically: "But that would be impossible with us, for some of our members are not financially able to pay the dues of \$1.20 per year, and many would not have time to attend the meetings even if they belonged to the society."

She said sweetly: "There are always some of our members absent, but they always have good excuses; for all enjoy the meetings too much to be absent when it can be avoided."

We have but very few who are really unable to pay, and they are very old ladies and invalids; but these are such a help to us spiritually

that we could not afford to do without them, and of those financially able we always have a sufficient number willing to pay the dues of those who are unfortunate.

True, we have in our auxiliary a number of women in very limited circumstances—some of them do menial service—but when they become identified with our society, their circumstances appeal to the more fortunate sisters and these put into the hands of those working women the means of earning many times the annual dues."

All this information I gained before entering the church, and in my mind I said over and over again, "One hundred per cent of the women of the Church in the society!" Of course this is as it should be, and in this respect at least this society merits the name it bears.

When we went into the church, my friend introduced me first to the President and Secretary, and then to the other members. After I was seated the Secretary brought me a program and a Bible and asked me to respond to a certain number on the program. This number read "Two-minute talks by visitors."

In the few moments preceding the opening of the meeting there was an exchange of pleasant greetings, as well as inquiries after the aged and invalid members.

Promptly at 3 o'clock the President called the house to order, the organist took her seat at the organ and all joined in the hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Then the President conducted the scripture lesson which was arranged from the Bible Study in Our Homes. Each member called upon gave a brief but clear explanation of the part assigned and it was given with a readiness that showed preparation of the lesson. Then came three or four short prayers, closing with a prayer by the President. After this came the hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story," which was followed by the usual order of business.

Among the things that impressed me most were the large number of copies of Our Homes taken by the members, the two-minute parliamentary drill and the earnest, business-like way in which every one did her part.

A certain time was allotted to each part of the program, and when the time for one division was passed, that subject was left and another taken up. I distinctly remember one lady was reading an interesting paper on "Our Home Mission Schools," but before she had finished it the gavel sounded and she sweetly took her seat. Two members whose names were on the program were absent, but they had prepared the works assigned them and had provided substitutes to read them; so that every number on the program was carried out with a dispatch that was entirely new to me. I thought how I should blush to have any of these members visit our little society, which usually opens a half hour late because we could not earlier get a quorum; even then, other members who may come, stroll in at intervals until the close. Then, too, I should regret for them to see our ignorance of or at least our utter indifference to all parliamentary law—two or three members all talking at once and perhaps on different subjects—making motions without rising or even addressing the chair, etc.—as well as our slovenly manner of carrying out the program.

When the President of this model society called on me as visitor to make a few remarks, I endeavored briefly to express my enjoyment of the meeting and my admiration for their plan of work; then spent the remainder of the time asking questions and receiving answers. I asked how often they had the parliamentary drill; how many of the members were connectional, and how many would lead in prayer. The President answered: "We have a short parliamentary drill at every meeting—they are always conducted by some member appointed by the Program Committee. We are all connectional, and while we are not eloquent, no one ever refuses, when called upon, to lead in prayer. I then asked of their local work and she told me that they pointed with pride to their parsonage and furniture; that they looked after the sick, the distressed and the strangers of the town; contributed to our Mission Home at Dallas, and supported two scholarships in the Scarritt Bible and Training School. I had in mind one or two other questions, but I saw the President glance at her watch, which was lying open on the table, so with a sincere "I hope I may have the pleasure of visiting you again," I took my seat before being informed that my two minutes had expired.

Just as the clock struck four, the meeting adjourned, having occupied only one hour, although the program had been carried out, several committee reports read and other business attended to.

When I reached my room I thought I would make a summary of the reasons why the W. H. M. Society at

X had so long been called the model auxiliary, and here are some of the reasons I had discovered in one meeting:

Because they enroll all the women of the Church and keep a wise supervision over the young people also.

Because of their promptness in the hours of meeting and closing and the interesting as well as business-like way in which their entire program was executed.

Because of the large number taking the reading course and Our Homes.

Because of the zeal and sunshine that pervaded all their work.

Because the officers had studied their duties and promptly performed them all—even the sending of the quarterly reports to the conference officers.

Lastly, because of the devotion which resulted from their entire consecration to the Master's cause.

Haskell, Texas.

ANTI-BACCOLINE.

What the Editor of the Texas Holiness Advocate Says:

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B. HARRIS, Chairman.

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King En-tse-Lap will make his grand and glittering entry at 9 a. m., September 16, and will crown Queen Palestine at 8 p. m.

Various county exhibits of agricultural and horticultural products will be a special feature, for which handsome premiums will be awarded.

Palestine bids you welcome to three days and nights of royal entertainment, where music, mirth and merriment will reign supreme, and everything will be free.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

(Real Estate.)

By virtue of an execution issued out of the 4th Judicial District Court of Texas, Dallas County, Texas, I have levied upon this, the 4th day of August, A. D. 1903, and will, on the 11th day of September, A. D. 1903, it being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., in front of the Court House door of Dallas County, sell to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which L. S. Thomas had on the 4th day of August, A. D. 1903, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property, to-wit: Situated in the City and County of Dallas, Texas, beginning at the southwest corner of Block 55 in said city of Dallas, at the intersection of the east line of Cedar Springs Street with the north line of Buena Vista Street, thence east with the north line of Buena Vista Street 125 feet, thence northwesterly parallel with Cedar Springs Street 150 feet, thence west parallel with Buena Vista Street 125 feet to Cedar Springs Street, thence southwesterly 150 feet with the east line of Cedar Springs Street to place of beginning; being the western part of the land conveyed by Elijah Hawkins and wife to L. S. Thomas on February the 19th, 1881, and being the western part of the land conveyed by Barnett Gibbs and wife to L. S. Thomas on January the 4th, 1883, and reference is here made to said deeds of record for a full description of same. The above property is levied upon, and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in the 4th Judicial District Court of Dallas County, on the 7th day of April, A. D. 1897, in favor of Mrs. Georgia Blaylock and Louis Blaylock, and against the said L. S. Thomas, for the sum of six hundred and fifty-nine and 78-100 (\$659.78) dollars, principal, with interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum from May 7, 1897, and the further sum of nine and 25-100 (\$9.25) dollars, costs, and all costs, accruing by virtue of said suit.

Witness my hand this the 4th day of August, A. D. 1903.

J. R. JOHNSON,
Sheriff Dallas County, Texas.
By J. F. Witt, Deputy.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dallas County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper, published in the County of Dallas, for four consecutive weeks, previous to the return day hereof, you summon Annie Ury, Edward Ury, Julius Ablowich, Alfred Ablowich, Louis Ablowich, Isadore Ablowich, each of whom are non-residents of the State of Texas, and A. A. Miller, Jennie Levinson, Abe Levinson, Annie Freedman, Louis Freedman, Joseph Ablowich, and the unknown owners of the land sued for in this cause, the residence of the parties last above named being unknown, to be and appear before the District Court of the Fourteenth Judicial District of Texas, to be holden in and for the County of Dallas, at the Court House thereof, in the City of Dallas, on the second Monday in September, 1903, then and there to answer to the petition of Sam Davidson, filed in said Court on the 19th day of August, 1903, against the said A. A. Ablowich, David Ablowich, Gertrude Ablowich, Abe Ablowich, Jr., Mrs. A. S. Ablowich, Rosa Dreelben, Edward Dreelben, Annie Ury, Edward Ury, Julius Ablowich, Alfred Ablowich, Louis Ablowich, Isadore Ablowich, A. A. Miller, Jennie Levinson, Abe Levinson, Annie Freedman, Louis Freedman, Joseph Ablowich, and the unknown owners of the land sued for in plaintiff's petition, for suit; said suit being numbered 22796, and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit:

Suit for partition of the following described land, to-wit: Situated in Dallas County, Texas, in the Miles Bennett survey, and being a part of a tract conveyed to J. A. Smith, by Miles Bennett containing 129 acres of land and being the same 129 acres conveyed to Hersh Robinson by W. H. Lemmon, and Mattie A. Lemmon on July 22, 1886; deed recorded in volume 355, page 316, Deed Records of Dallas County, Texas.

Also the same land of which an undivided one-half interest was conveyed by S. Davidson to Harris Ablowich by deed of date April 6, 1899, and recorded in volume 125, page 426, Records of Deeds of Dallas County, Texas; said land being the value of \$2600 per acre and of the estimated value of \$3,690.00.

Plaintiff alleges that he is the owner in fee simple in an undivided one-half or seven-fourths of said tract of land and is also the owner in fee simple of an undivided one-seventh of the other one-half of said land, this one-fourth formerly owned by Abe Ablowich, making a total of eight-fourths undivided owned by plaintiff of said tract of land, the other six-fourths undivided interest in said tract of land being owned by the defendants.

Wherefore plaintiff prays for a partition of the above described land and alleges that said land is incapable of partition and asks judgment of the Court, directing the sale of said land as under execution and that the proceeds of said sale be divided among the several owners, or if denied, that Commissioners be appointed and said land divided according to law, for costs, etc.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, H. W. JONES,
Clerk of the District Court of Dallas County, Texas.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court at office in the City of Dallas, this the 11th day of August, A. D. 1903.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Beeville District—Fourth Round. Alice Aug 29, 30 Mathis Sept 5, 6 Goliad Sept 12, 13 Laveria Sept 19, 20 Pleasanton Sept 26, 27 Oakville Oct 3, 4 Corpus Christi Oct 10, 11 Blanesia Oct 17, 18 Rockport Oct 24, 25 Beeville Oct 31

San Angelo District—Fourth Round. Sherwood 5th Sun Aug 29 San Angelo 1st Sun Sept 5 Sonora 2d Sun Sept 12 Pontotoc 3d Sun Sept 19 Brady Sept 26 Milburn 4th Sun Sept 23 Mason 1st Sun Oct 1 Junction City 2d Sun Oct 8 Center City 3d Sun Oct 15 Lometa Oct 22 Lampasas mis 4th Sun Oct 29 Water Valley 1st Sun Nov 5

Llano District—Fourth Round. Liberty Hill, at Leander Aug 29, 30 Burnet, at Marble Falls Sept 5, 6 Blanco, at Blanco Sept 12, 13 Johnson City, at J. C. 3 p. m. Sept 19 Willow City, at Walnut Sept 26 San Saba sta, 3 p. m. Sept 23 San Saba mis, 3 p. m. Sept 25 Cherokee, at May's Ch. Oct 4, 5 Rock Springs Oct 19, 20 Briggs mis Oct 26, 27

Austin District—Fourth Round. Columbus sta Sept 3, 4 Eagle Lake, at Eagle Lake Sept 5, 6 Weimar and Orange, at Weimar Sept 12, 13 West Point cir, at Winchester Sept 19, 20 La Grange sta Sept 26 Cedar Creek cir, at Watson Sept 23 Smithville sta Sept 20, 21 Elgin sta Sept 27, 28 Eastrop sta Sept 27, 28 Melade cir, at Melade Oct 4, 5 First Street, Austin Oct 11, 12 Webberville cir, at W Oct 18, 19 Manor sta Oct 11, 12 Manchaca cir Oct 17, 18 South Austin sta Oct 18, 19 Walnut cir, at Walnut Oct 25, 26 Hotchkiss Memorial, Austin Oct 25, 26 Tenth Street, Austin Oct 31, Nov 1

San Antonio District—Fourth Round. Laredo 5th Sun Aug 29 Fearsall 1st Sun Sept 5 Amphion cir, at Amphion 2d Sun Sept 12 Moore cir, at Moore 3d Sun Sept 19 Bexar cir, at Bexar 4th Sun Sept 26 Hondo and Devine, at H 1st Sun Oct 3 Utopia cir, at Sabinal 2d Sun Oct 10 Canadian Oct 17, 18 Carrizo Spgs, Hatesville, at E 2d Sun Oct 24 Sherman St. 11 a. m. 4th Sun Oct 31 Comal St. 8 p. m. 4th Sun Oct 31 West End Oct 28 Travis Park Oct 29 South Heights 11 a. m. 1st Sun Nov 5 Prospect Hill 8 p. m. 1st Sun Nov 5

Cuero District—Fourth Round. Flatonia 1st Sun Sept 5 Edna Wed. Sept 5 Nursery and Ft. L., at Ft. L. 2d Sun Sept 12 Hunge, at Hunge Wed. Sept 19 Greenville, at Union 2d Sun Sept 26 Victoria Wed. Sept 23 Hallettsville, at H 4th Sun Sept 20 Rancho, at Bunk 1st Sun Oct 3 Sweet Home, at Hope 2d Sun Oct 10 Yorkum, nig 3d Sun Oct 17 Clear Creek, at Rocky 3d Sun Oct 24 Ganado, at Ganado Wed. Oct 21 El Campo, at El Campo 4th Sun Oct 28 Cuero 1st Sun Nov 5

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE. Dublin District—Fourth Round. Dublin sta, at Dublin Sept 5, 6 Granbury sta, at Granbury Sept 12, 13 De Leon sta, at De Leon Sept 19 Carbon and Gorman, at Carbon Sept 26 Carbon mis Sept 23 Eastland, at Eastland Sept 28 Morgan Mill Oct 3, 4 Stephenville, at Stephenville, p. m. Oct 4, 5 Glen Rose, at Glen Rose Oct 11, 12 Huffdale Oct 18, 19 Carlton, at Carlton Oct 18, 19 Hero, at Hero Oct 25, 26 Fredell and Fairy Oct 22, 23 Duffau Oct 24, 25 Green's Creek Oct 29, 30 Deadmona Oct 31, Nov 1 Huckabay Nov 1

Corsicana District—Third Round. Armour Aug 29, 30 Meza Aug 29, 30 Lone Cedar Sept 12, 13

Waxahachie District—Third Round. Venus Aug 29, 30 Midlothian Aug 29, 30 Kniss Sept 4, 6

Gatesville District—Fourth Round. Quarterly Conference 3 p. m. Oct 29 Meridian Sunday, Aug 29 Quarterly Conference 5 p. m. Oct 26 V. Mills and Clifton, at C. 8 p. m. Oct 31 Quarterly Conf. at C. 8 p. m. Oct 27

Vernon District—Fourth Round. Vernon sta Aug 29, 30 Vernon mis Sept 5, 6 Quanah sta Sept 12, 13 Childress cir Sept 19, 20 Crowell cir Sept 26, 27 Matador cir Oct 3, 4 Childress cir Oct 10, 11 Spring Creek mis Oct 17, 18 Seymour sta Oct 24, 25 Munday cir Oct 24, 25 Benjamin mis Oct 21, Nov 1 Paducah mis Oct 21, Nov 1 Wellington cir Nov 1

Corsicana District—Fourth Round. Corsicana, First Church Sept 12, 13 Corsicana, South Side Sept 19, 20 Corsicana cir, at P. Grove Sept 26, 27 Blooming Grove Sept 26, 27 Eureka, at Eureka Oct 3, 4 Cotton Gin, at Cedar Island Oct 3, 4 Wortham Oct 10, 11 Richland, at Richland Oct 17, 18 Alma, at Alma Oct 24, 25 Rice, at Rice Oct 24, 25 Branch Oct 21, Nov 1 Frost Oct 21, Nov 1 Dresden Oct 21, Nov 1 Lone Cedar Oct 22 Barry Oct 22

Marshall District—Third Round. Beckville Aug 29, 30 Coffeeville Sept 5, 6 Arleston, at Bethel Sept 19, 20

Marshall District—Fourth Round. Harrison cir, at Waskom Sept 26, 27 Church Hill cir, at London Oct 3, 4 Hallville, at Summerfield Oct 10, 11 Kilgore, at Bellview Oct 17, 18

Thornton Oct 27 Horn Hill, at Ben Hur Oct 24, 25 Armour Oct 26

Weatherford District—Third Round. Throckmorton, at Bush Knob, Aug 29, 30 Ellaville, at Cedar Oct 31, Nov 1 Mts. Inst. at Graham Sept 2, 3 Graham sta Sept 5, 6

Weatherford District—Fourth Round. Weatherford, First Church Sept 13 Weatherford, Couts' Mem. Sept 13 Palo Pinto, at Palo Pinto Sept 19, 20 Mineral Wells Sept 26, 27

Georgetown District—Fourth Round. Belton Sept 12, 13 Moody Sept 19, 20 Temple, First Church Sept 26, 27 Temple, Seventh Street Sept 27, 28 Pendletonville Oct 3, 4 Troy Oct 10, 11

Clarendon District—Fourth Round. Canyon City Sept 5, 6 Amarillo Sept 12, 13 Claude Sept 19, 20 Memphis Sept 26, 27 Channing Sept 26, 27 Dalhart Sept 26, 27 Stratford Sept 29, 30 Tulla Oct 3, 4 Plainview Oct 10, 11 Lubbock, at Center Plains Oct 17, 18 Silverton Oct 24, 25 Floydada Oct 24, 25 Emma, at Dickens Oct 17, 18 Alameda Oct 24, 25 Cataline Oct 24, 25 Higgins Oct 24, 25 Canadian Oct 24, 25 Dumas, at Plainview Oct 28 Hereford sta and mis. Oct 31, Nov 1 Clarendon sta Nov 7, 8

Abilene District—Fourth Round. Aspermont Sept 6, 7 Anson Sept 13, 14 Stamford and S. C. P. Sept 13, 14 Haskell mis Sept 12, 13 Haskell sta Sept 12, 13 Albany and Moran Sept 19, 20 Big Springs Sept 26, 27 Lynn and Terry Oct 3, 4 Midland Oct 10, 11 Colorado sta Oct 17, 18 Gall mis Oct 17, 18 Clairmont mis Oct 17, 18 Snyder Oct 17, 18 Roby Oct 24, 25 Eskota Oct 24, 25 Putnam Oct 24, 25 Baird Oct 24, 25 Eula Oct 24, 25 Merkel Oct 31, Nov 1 Buffalo Gap Nov 2 Sweetwater Nov 4 Truby Nov 6 Abilene Nov 7, 8

Fort Worth District—Fourth Round. First Church Aug 29, 30 Glenwood Sept 5, 6 Trinity Sept 12, 13 Mulkey Memorial Sept 19, 20 Peach Street Sept 19, 20 Missouri Avenue Sept 26, 27 North Fort Worth Sept 26, 27 Arlington Sept 26, 27 Polytechnic College Sept 27, 28 Azle, at Azle Oct 3, 4 Mansfield, at Mansfield Oct 10, 11 Cresson Oct 17, 18 Joshua, at Joshua Oct 17, 18 Hono, at Hono Oct 17, 18 Blum, at Chapel Grove Oct 17, 18 Covington, at Covington Oct 18, 19 Grapevine Oct 24, 25 Smithfield Oct 24, 25 Cuba, at Chappell Hill Oct 31, Nov 1 Cleburne Nov 1 Kennedale Nov 8

Bonham District—Third Round. Trenton, at Blanton Ch. Aug 29, 30 Randolph, at Randolph Sept 5, 6 Bailey, at Cranford's Chapel Sept 12, 13

McKinney District—Third Round. Prosper cir, Wesley Chapel Aug 29, 30 Farmersville sta Sept 5, 6 Blue Ridge Sept 12, 13 Copeville mis Sept 19, 20

Bowle District—Third Round. Iowa Park Aug 29, 30 Wichita Falls Aug 29, 30

Terrell District—Third Round. Kemp, at Wilson Chapel Aug 29, 30 Chisolm, at Bethel Sept 5, 6 Royce Sept 12, 13 Mabank Sept 19, 20

Greenville District—Third Round. Quinlan, at Quinlan Aug 29, 30 Kavanaugh Sept 5, 6 Greenville mis Sept 12, 13 Lone Oak Sept 19, 20

Indian Mission Conference. Mangum District—Fourth Round. Deer Creek, at Reed Aug 29, 30 Chisolm, at Victory Sept 5, 6 Gosnell, at Frederick Sept 12, 13 Mountain Park, at Deep Red Sept 19, 20 Granite Sept 19, 20 Hollis, at Sand Hill Sept 26, 27 Eldorado, at Eldorado Oct 3, 4 Leger Oct 10, 11 Harrison and Cobb Oct 17, 18 Mangum Oct 17, 18

Tyler District—Fourth Round. Wills Point cir, at Wesley Ch. Sept 19, 20 Wills Point sta Sept 26, 27 Canton and Edgewood, at E. Sept 23 Grand Saline, at Oakland Sept 26, 27 Emory, at Point Oct 3, 4 Mineola Oct 3, 4 Tyler, at Center Oct 10, 11

Cedar Street Oct 11, 12 Malakoff, at Malakoff Oct 17, 18 Athens Oct 18, 19 Meredith, at Cottonwood Oct 20, 21 Lindale Oct 25, 26 Marvin Oct 25, 26 St. Paul, at St. Paul Oct 24, 25 Edom Oct 31, Nov 1 Golden Nov 7, 8 White House, at White House, Nov 14, 15 Trans cedar Nov 19, 20 New York Nov 21, 22 Big Sandy Nov 21, 22 Troup and Overton, at Troup, Nov 28, 29

Huntsville District—Third Round. Willis and Conroe, at Willis Aug 27, 28 Huntsville Aug 30, 31 Dodge, at Riverside Sept 3, 4 Waverly, at Point Blanc Sept 5, 6 Midway, at Elwood Sept 12, 13

Houston District—Third Round. Whiteoak Aug 29, 30 Sandy Point Sept 5, 6

Houston District—Fourth Round. Mt. Belvieu, at Barber's Hill, Sept 26, 27 Cedar Bayou Sept 27, 28 Columbia and Brazoria, at C. Oct 3, 4 Angleton, at Angleton Oct 10, 11 League City, at Harrisburg Oct 17, 18 Rosenberg, at Rosenberg Oct 24, 25 Wharton and Hungerford Oct 25, 26

Beaumont District—Third Round. Livingston, at Moscow Aug 29, 30 Woodville, at Wolf Creek Sept 1, 2 Call, at Caney Sept 12, 13 Wallisville, at Double Bayou, Sept 15, 16

San Augustine District—Third Round. Hemphill, at Brookland Aug 29, 30 Sexton, at Rock Springs Sept 5, 6 Appleby, at Wallace Grove, Sept 12, 13

Brenham District—Third Round. Pleasant Hill, at Thorndale Aug 29, 30 Crockett cir, at Bethel Oct 10, 11 Lyman and Terry Oct 10, 11 Willard cir, at Josseland Oct 17, 18 Groveton cir, at Saron Oct 18, 19 Augusta mis, at Liberty Hill, Oct 24, 25 Kennard cir, at Ratchiff, Oct 31, Nov 1 Beaver Valley cir, at Nov 7, 8 Brushy Creek cir, at Neches, Nov 14, 15 Gito cir, at Alto Nov 21, 22 Rusk sta Nov 22, 23 Jacksonville cir, at Earl Ch. Nov 28, 29

Palestine District—Fourth Round. Palestine, Centenary Aug 30 Palestine, Howard Ave. Aug 30 Grandland cir, at Grandland, Sept 5, 6 Elkhart cir, at Holmes' Ch. Sept 12, 13 Jacksonville sta Sept 19, 20 Mt. Selman cir Sept 26, 27 Trinity and Lovelady, at L. Oct 3, 4 Crockett cir, at Bethel Oct 10, 11 Lyman and Terry Oct 10, 11 Willard cir, at Josseland Oct 17, 18 Groveton cir, at Saron Oct 18, 19 Augusta mis, at Liberty Hill, Oct 24, 25 Kennard cir, at Ratchiff, Oct 31, Nov 1 Beaver Valley cir, at Nov 7, 8 Brushy Creek cir, at Neches, Nov 14, 15 Gito cir, at Alto Nov 21, 22 Rusk sta Nov 22, 23 Jacksonville cir, at Earl Ch. Nov 28, 29

Sherman District—Third Round. Pottsboro and P. 5th Sun Aug 29 Gordonville 1st Sun Sept 5 Sherman cir 2d Sun Sept 12

Sherman District—Fourth Round. Gunter mis Sept 19, 20 Collinsville and Toga Sept 26, 27 Trinity, Denison Sept 26, 27 Waples Memorial Sept 26, 27 Bells Oct 3, 4 Willow Street Oct 4, 5 Southmayd Oct 10, 11 Glenwood Oct 17, 18 Whiteoak Oct 17, 18 Pottsboro and Preston Oct 24, 25 Pilot Grove Oct 31, Nov 1 Van Alstyne Nov 1, 2 Howe Nov 7, 8 Bells reall session, 2 p. m. Nov 14, 15 Writwell Nov 14, 15 Travis Street Nov 15, 16 Waples Memorial death 7:30 p. m. Nov 18 Sherman cir Nov 21, 22

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will have a window put in by the Junior League in memory of him. Our meeting at Morris Chapel was a fine success. Brother A. Methvin, of Grand Saline and Henry Hamlin (local), held the meeting. Thanks to Brother Brother Turrentine, of Willis Point, held the Edgewood meeting at the same time. Charlie Hughes came in the last 4 days and did some good work; and, as a whole, these were fine meetings. All accessions were grown people. We never will forget the kindness shown us at Lindale. An angel could not have been treated better during our sickness and short stay with them. We are under many obligations to Drs. Arthur and Christian, of Lindale, and Drs. Waldert and Shuford, of Tyler, for their medical skill and close treatment, to whom I am very grateful for my life. We are on the Canton and Edgewood charge. This is one of the best works of its grade in the conference, and we have come to stay. No man ever was more royally received. The Advocate is taken and read.

Minden.

C. B. Smith, Aug. 22: The third Quarterly Conference for Minden charge was held at Mt. Enterprise last Saturday and Sunday. Rev. C. A. Tower, presiding elder, on hand. He maintained his record for power and efficiency in the pulpit and chair. Fact is, he grows on us. Every Church except Glenlawn represented. Financial report considerably ahead of last year. But we have a very peculiar situation all over this county, that is sad to some of us. The absence of conversions in our meetings. Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians all are meeting the same difficulty. Bro. Nunn helped me in my meeting here. Bro. Tower preached four times at Quarterly Conference; I have done rest of it. Two more meeting to hold.

Pasadena.

H. McLean, Aug. 23: Bro. L. L. Hursey has just closed a very successful ten-days' meeting at this place, resulting in twenty-nine additions to the Church and nine children baptized. (Bro. L. P. Davis did the baptizing.) Inasmuch as this meeting was held in a school house and in a small community and as our membership numbers only about twenty, I consider this a remarkable meeting. It was a much-needed meeting and will put our Church in the front at this place. Bro. Hursey is a power in God's hands. He reaches all classes, young and old. Next fall, when he will be admitted into the conference, any Church will be fortunate in getting him for their pastor.

Leon Mission.

M. L. Story, Aug. 18: We have many things for which to praise God. I have just closed a meeting at old Liberty in which God's power was manifest. The writer did the preaching from Friday to Tuesday night, Wednesday morning. Rev. Jno. W. Holt came to our assistance. This man of God preached with the power of the Holy Ghost and sinners were convicted, mourners converted, and the Church greatly revived. There were some 20 or 25 conversions and reclamations; 12 were added to the Church. We thank God for such a wonderful power. The love of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. The conference collection was some \$4 or \$5 over the assessment. May the good work go on.

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D. D. Banks: I am constrained to speak of the glorious meeting which closed at Mt. Zion on the 9th of August. It lasted for eight days. The first three days it seemed as if it would be a failure, but then it was the Church awoke to a realization of what it must do and with its earnest work, together with the able preaching of Bro. Dawson, of Risk, and our much loved pastor, Rev. I. F. Pace, almost the entire community was swept into the fold of Christ. Forty were added to our Church. Some will join others. Mt. Zion Church has been established near 30 years, but never during its history has there been such an awakening. This is Bro. Pace's third year with us. Up to the present, there have been 62 accessions to the Church. There are still two meetings to hold. Pray for us that the number may reach over one hundred before this conference year shall close.

Beckville.

J. C. Carr, Aug. 22: I closed a fine meeting last night at Tatum. The meeting only lasted six days. There were about 20 or 25 conversions and 22 accessions to our Church. I was assisted four days by Bro. W. L. Pate, of Carthage Station. He preached eight strong and helpful sermons to appreciative audiences. The interest increased until the close of the meet-

ing. Tatum is a nice little village on the T. S. V. & N. W. Railroad. The people there are energetic and enterprising. We have a nice new church-house there, and a membership now of fifty-one. The Methodists and Baptists worked in perfect harmony throughout the meeting; brotherly love prevailed, and the Lord manifested his love in great power. I commenced a meeting at Pisgah, August 20, which lasted six days. There were about 25 conversions and 21 accessions. Rev. J. T. Blugs, local deacon, preached one good sermon, and assisted much with his earnest prayers and efficient service at the altar. This was the best meeting, all in all, I think I have seen during my pastorate in this charge. There were penitents at every service, except the first one held. The converts ranged from about 12 years old up to about 60. Christians shouted, prayed and worked, while sinners trembled and turned to God. The Lord has blessed my labors abundantly this year, and so far it has been the best of the four pleasant and happy years on this delightful charge. Some preacher will get a good work at the approaching conference. While the work is large, and therefore heavy, it is one of the most pleasant charges I have ever served. May God in his infinite mercy continue his blessings upon the noble and generous people of Beckville circuit. I begin here at Beckville tomorrow.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Hopewell Mission.

C. F. McKinney, Aug. 18: We have just closed a ten days' meeting at Mahony. Twenty-two conversions and 17 additions to the Church. Two more to join. We were ably assisted by local preachers L. F. Tannery, of Pickton, and A. J. Hopper, of this mission. Bro. Tannery is a man that not only preaches with power, but he feels his acceptance with God, and gained the confidence of all who heard him preach. It is both a pleasure and a profit to hear him preach. Bro. Hopper is an old soldier of the cross. He has fought the battles of our Lord for many years. He is perfectly familiar with the subject of religion and the conditions on which a sinner is saved. He honors God in his life and in his preaching. We pray the rich blessings of God on both these brethren. All the way through it was a wonderful meeting, and as I look on the bright, happy faces of those that have fasted and found the Lord was gracious. I want to say with the Psalmist, "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and his wonderful works to the children of men."

Coale's Chapel.

Mrs. L. C. Parker, Aug. 23: A few months ago we had no Church at this place. There are just a few families of Methodists in this community. We have a nice school house and we used to have preaching some time, but they had quit preaching. Oh, how often I wished we could have preaching. Our pastor on the Allen Circuit, Bro. Coale, on the first of March came around and looked after the scattered flock and left an appointment for the fourth Sunday evening. He protracted the meeting a week. We had a splendid meeting and he organized a Church here of thirty members, and, thanks be to God, he has had another gracious revival at this place. It closed yesterday with thirty-two conversions. Our little Church is growing. We now have fifty-two members. We love Bro. Coale. He is a most earnest worker. His health is not good, but he is pleading with sinners to come to repentance. We had a grand sermon yesterday morning from Bro. Stone, of McKinney, and Bro. Stuckey, from the same place, in the evening. He preached on the subject: "Why I am a Methodist." He certainly did justice to the subject. Bro. Stuckey is an able man. Our Church is four miles southeast from McKinney. We named our Church for our pastor, and feel honored thereby. Our community has come together in unity. We feel that we can work together for the good of our Master.

Dodd City.

L. P. Smith, Aug. 21: On Aug. 1, in connection with the Cumberland Presbyterians, Rev. A. W. Kirkpatrick, pastor, we began a protracted meeting at Windom, Fannin County, and continued it two weeks. Rev. Wilkins, pastor of C. P. Church at Ladonia, assisted us the first week, and Bro. Howell, of Ector, who was recommended for admission on trial into our conference by the Bonham District Conference at its last session, assisted a part of the second week.

These brethren did excellent preaching and a number of our people did earnest praying and faithful work. A better and more hospitable people than those of Windom will be hard to find. God blessed us wonderfully. Between forty and fifty professed religion and the Church in her different branches was graciously revived. Fourteen have joined our Church, with more to follow, I think. Six joined the C. P. Church. Some will join the Baptists and likely some go to the Campbellites. A young men's prayer-meeting has been organized. Our conference collections are largely secured and we have forwarded to the Treasurer more than the amount of our foreign mission assessment. We are to begin at Dodd City on the 29th inst. Bro. C. T. Talley is to help us here. We are hoping and praying for a great meeting.

Lannius.

A. H. Hussey, Aug. 21: We closed our second protracted meeting for the season at Allen's Chapel last Thursday night. We held twelve days and had about six professions and the Church much revived. Our first meeting, which was held at Brotherton, resulted in about six professions and the Church considerably revived. We did nearly all the preaching in each of these meetings. We began at Lannius yesterday. We hope for a fine meeting.

Forest Home Mission.

C. A. Martin, Aug. 21: In spite of sickness and death we have made some advancements on our charge. Our daughter, Bessie, took sick the first of March with a gripper, developing into hasty consumption. She passed away August 9th. She died as sweet a death as any one could. She would talk to mamma and papa about dying as though she was going to take a trip not far away. Her life was a life of devotion to her sick mother and to her God. She would stay at home and take care of mamma and the little children while papa went and tried to get others saved. She is not dead, but sleeps. We cannot bring her back to us, but, thank God, we can go to her. Wife has been sick for the last four years; but, thank the good Lord, she too is strong in the faith. This is our second year on this work, and the Lord has blessed our labors all the way through. I had to put off all of my meetings on account of sickness, except at Forest Home. The parsonage is within a hundred yards of the church. Just closed last night one of the most glorious meetings I ever held; about 25 conversions and 33 additions. The Lord was with us in power; was ably assisted by Brothers McKirby and Mead, of the C. P. Church. These brethren will do to depend upon anywhere. Brother Mead did the preaching from Tuesday night till the close; it was certainly done well. These people will make a preacher happy in spite of sickness or death; they stick to their pastor all the way through. May the good Lord bless them for their kindness to us. We have doubled the number at Forest Home in the last two years. This is going to be a strong appointment in the near future, if properly cared for; will soon be a half station with the right nursing. We have a little town here and two Churches—Methodist and Baptist. Thank God for the victory. Yesterday was a great day with us; had an old time love-feast and such a time I never witnessed. The preacher could not get to preach for the rejoicing of almost the entire congregation. More to join yet.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Corpus Christi.

C. S. Mills, Aug. 19: I closed a revival meeting in the country, eight miles south from Corpus Christi and organized a Church last Sunday morning, with forty-three members. Thirty-seven of them joined on a profession of faith.

Sonora.

S. J. Drake, Aug. 17: Sonora charge is making progress. We are building a new church at Eldorado, which will cost when completed \$2000. There is not a Church in the county at present. Our Church is growing stronger there all the time. I will hold a meeting there soon. At our regular services at Sonora the second Sunday in August I received five into the Church, three by ritual and two by letter. They were of the solid people of the county. We have bought a new bell for our church, and the W. H. M. Society has lighted it with beautiful acetylene lights at a cost of \$45. And the Eldorado W. H. M. Society gave us money with which to build a barn. We have two of the best W. H. M. Societies in the conference. The one at Sonora especially has done a great work. Uncle Caleb Smith, of the Texas Conference, and Bro. R. M. Leaton, of our own conference, have been with us and their presence was a blessing to us all. They are grow-

ing old, but they still preach with power. I never knew better men. I will begin a meeting at Menardville Friday night.

Sutherland Springs.

E. H. Holbrook, Aug. 21: We have held three protracted meetings on this charge. At Nockenut Bro. Waller did faithful work, good preaching, with one conversion, a number of members revived. May God reward his faithful work. At Sutherland Springs no conversions or accessions; assisted by Bro. Myers, of the Evangelical Methodist, who did earnest and good preaching and faithful work. At Caddo Bro. Williamson gave us one good sermon. Bro. Webb, our presiding elder, came Tuesday, remaining to the close, holding our fourth Quarterly Conference. A successful meeting. Four infants baptized, a number of conversions, seventeen accessions to M. E. Church, South. Bro. Webb preached good sermons and did faithful work; preached a great temperance sermon.

Mereta.

F. E. Bogard, Aug. 23: The people, six or seven miles east of Mereta had a kind of a union camp-meeting. Twenty-five conversions, 10 joined the different denominations. Two young men disturbed the services on the third night of the meeting; were arrested; they plead guilty, and were fined a little over \$31 apiece. And on Sunday, the last day of the meeting, a merchant sold goods and water melons all day. Is it not a violation of law to sell goods on Sunday, as much so as it is to disturb public worship? I am a stranger here; have just moved in. This is a good farming country. We need Christ-like men to move in here.

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The premiums will be awarded by a committee of farmers selected by the Managing Committee.

All of these exhibits must be brought in on the Fair Grounds on Farmers' Day and after the awards have been made they can be taken away or sold on the grounds, as the owners may see fit.

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