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Editorial.

THE INJUNCTION MENACE.

Injunctions against local option elections are still in progress in Texas. Nearly every time a county goes dry, it matters not with what majority, the courts are applied to for an injunction restraining the Commissioners from putting the law into effect. If the court having special jurisdiction in the county where the election is held fails to grant the restraining order, then some distant court far removed from the one having jurisdiction is sought out and the injunction denied at home is obtained abroad. This procedure is not always in harmony with the deference that one court owes to another, and it aids in arresting local self-government. It is not surprising therefore that the people are reaching the conclusion, whether right or wrong, that where one court thus interferes with the jurisdiction of another they are under no lawful obligation to heed his injunction. As a result a number of counties have already treated the outside injunction with contempt, gone ahead and published the order of the Commission putting the result of the election into effect, as though no restraining order were pending. And only in one single instance has the home court decided that the publication was in contempt of the injunction issued. But in this instance the prison penalty was suspended, a small fine paid, the defendants released and local option went into effect. In several other cases the home court saw no contempt and enforced no penalty. Such is the widespread opposition to this injunction menace by the people and by the leading lawyers of the State, that two of our South Texas Judges who have granted a few of these injunctions now come out and openly declare that the home Judge is the proper authority to adjudicate such matters and that hereafter the antis need not apply to them for any such interference. This is the only tenable position for the courts of the State to take upon this question in order to preserve the confidence of the people in the judiciary of Texas. We have been taught to believe that the courts of the country are the defenders and preservers of the rights and the liberties of the people, but if the time ever comes when this confidence is undermined, as it is being done by this effort to govern the people by injunction, then it will be a sad day for popular government. The people who have so far treated the restraining orders of outside courts with contempt, felt and still feel that that they were justified in so doing, and we are inclined to the belief that they are correct; nevertheless it is establishing a precedent that may lead to serious consequences. When the habit of setting aside the action of the courts is fixed, under circumstances justifying it, then there may come a time when this course will be followed without any justifying pretext. So that the trend of this condition of things is paving the way for anarchy. Therefore our courts need to give this question very serious and grave concern before

they proceed further with the injunction menace. Without law we can not maintain civil government, and without courts the law can not be enforced. Hence the necessity upon the part of courts to use very great caution in granting these restraining orders where the Honorable Judge, having jurisdiction in the case and having knowledge of the facts and the law, has peremptorily refused such injunction. The present practice upon the part of many of our courts bodes no good for law and popular self-government.

A NON-DEBT PAYING PREACHER.

As a rule, preachers are the best debt-payers in the community. They receive less salary, according to their education and ability, than most any other class of men, but they manage to live comfortably, educate their children, and pay their bills. We have had business men to tell us that ministers have better credit than even the money-making classes, because they are scrupulously honest and meet their obligations. But now and then we find a preacher who gets into a careless habit of failing to look after his little business matters punctually. He does not always intend to beat anybody out of money he owes, but he permits the little items to accumulate until he finds himself unable to settle for them. Then, again, we occasionally have a preacher who is extravagant in his tastes; he buys things that could be done without, simply because he can get them on a credit; and the first thing he knows, he has gone beyond his ability to pay for them. In either event, however honest may have been his intentions, he has done himself, his brethren, and his Church an injustice. People will not make any allowance for the preacher who is in the habit of not paying his debts. They will regard him as dishonest. This hurts him, his cause and his colleagues. Therefore, no preacher can afford to go to conference, leaving any unsettled bills, or at least without making satisfactory arrangement with those who have given him credit. He may not return to his old charge, and the brother succeeding him will have to bear the brunt of his failure to take care of his credit. Besides this, no preacher can be acceptable and useful who has debts dragging after him. They are weights that will clog his efficiency and unfit him for a helpful ministry. He can afford to look a little seedy in his apparel; he can afford to have his family dress very plainly; yea, he can afford to skip his table; but he can not afford to let mean little debts hang on his trail from one appointment to another. His calling is too sacred to be vitiated with plague spots of this character. A clean business record is essential to the success of every preacher.

THE DIVORCE INIQUITY.

Marriage is God's method of keeping the race pure and of maintaining the best interests of society. It is of divine origin and is co-existent with the earliest history of mankind. When the marriage vows are entered into they become binding during the lifetime of either one or both of the parties,

and there is but one condition upon which the vows can be morally set aside by law, and that is the infidelity of one or the other contracting parties. On any other ground, no divorce is justifiable in the sight of God, and it might not be justifiable in the sight of courts and men. But such matters are coming to a bad pass, and the cause of it is found in the fact that people are under the impression that marriage is a civil contract, pure and simple, and that it is just as easily set aside as any other civil transaction. The result is that the divorce iniquity is alarming. Our courts are doing more of this sort of business than of any other character, particularly in our large centers of population. It is true in Dallas. The court are actually converting themselves into divorce mills. They are dissolving the marriage contract between parties on any sort of ground, and the records are burdened with this sort of proceeding. No doubt but that the principle cause of nearly every divorce is found in the fact that one or the other parties to the affair wants to marry somebody else. And in most cases, where the divorce is granted, the same parties are united with others before the ink on the document granting the divorce is dry. This sort of business is very common among our negro population. They marry and then secure divorcees at will. But a certain class of white people are just as guilty of this reprehensible sort of practice. In all our centers of population, we have a class of lawyers who make the divorce business their principle stock in trade. Our courts need to call a halt in this wicked matter. They are making themselves parties to one of the worst evils now rooting itself in the heart of our civilization. Unless there is a first-class cause for granting a divorce, no court ought to lend itself to such a practice. It is a sin against humanity, and an outrage on Christian civilization.

THE BAPTIST-HERALD ON MODE AND SUBSTANCE.

Our recent editorial on the non-importance of the mode of baptism had one happy effect on the Texas Baptist-Herald. It gave our old friend, the editor of that paper, an opportunity to drop, for the time being, his worries with the "Board Party" folk in his denomination long enough to devote three long and wide columns of his space to the views we expressed. This was a great relief to his readers and to the editors of the Standard and the Missionary Worker; and if we did no other good, this one result is worth the time we devoted to the subject. We are sure that several leading men in his Church will feel under obligation to us to that extent. As to the reply itself, Dr. Hayden, while brotherly in his reference to us, nevertheless labors very severely to prove the difference between the mode and the substance of water baptism, but throughout all his effort he simply proves that he is discussing a difference without a distinction. Our position was and is that the mere mode or manner of water baptism has no significance, any more than the mode of manner of taking the Lord's Supper. Some

take it sitting, some standing, and others kneeling. So it is with baptism. Some go under the water, some have it poured upon them, and others receive it through sprinkling. Dr. Hayden fails to change our views of the matter. Just why an applicant should be required, *volens volens*, to be taken down into a pool of water and be dipped under it, is something we can not understand. If the applicant wants it that way, then it is all right; but to make him take that way, or refuse to consider his case, is the puzzle. If it is thus done because they assume that Christ was baptized that way in Jordan, then the Baptist ought to adhere to Christ's example and always go down into a river and administer the ordinance. But this they fail to do. They will go to work, construct a pool in the church building, when they are able, and plunge the candidate into this artificial body of water. But if they are not able to do this, they will go to a branch along the roadside, build a dam across it, and when enough water accumulates, they will baptize several persons in this muddy and uninviting water. We have seen this done many a time. And we have seen delicate women dipped into the river when the temperature was at zero, and we have known severe cases of sickness to follow. Is it possible that the dear Lord would require the adoption of an ironclad mode, where such results are liable to be superinduced? If there is anything, therefore, in the example of Christ, they ought to follow him in all things connected with his baptism, and stay in a river—Jordan, if possible. But they do not follow this course. They hold on to immersion, but they administer it in a river, a hole in the creek, a pond, or an artificial pool. But it remains a fact that Christ makes no reference to any mode, neither his disciples, nor any of the writers in the New Testament. So that we naturally conclude the mode amounts to nothing, but the thing itself is the point of interest and value. Dr. Hayden holds to the mode, but we hold to the substance.

Justice demands its penalty, but Mercy forgives without exacting punishment. Justice is stern and unrelenting, but Mercy weeps over the erring and the weak. Justice requires the last farthing, but Mercy accepts penitence, and bids us go and sin no more. Justice is blind and can make no discrimination, but Mercy has eyes to see human tears and ears to hear human sobs. Justice is enthroned upon Sinai, and sends forth lightning and thunder and smoke; but Mercy sits upon Calvary with bleeding hands and feet, and cries out, "Come to me and live."

When Joseph was sold to the Ishmaelites and taken to Egypt, and became a slave, the way looked dark to him indeed; but when he went to prison because of his fidelity to virtue, it seemed that God had forsaken him. That was the human view of it. But when we afterward find him next to the throne in position and power, the human view was false. God had a purpose, and it took a season in slavery and a few months in prison to develop it. But it reached its end in God's way and time.

Into the Great Southwest

By Rev. Seth Ward.

In these days of much travel, when trans-continental trains are crowded with tourists and every nook and corner of the country is being explored by seekers after pleasure or gain, a journey of a few thousand miles is a matter of small consequence. Indeed, it is quite a commonplace occurrence. My only excuse for inflicting these pencil-lines upon the readers of the Advocate is the fact that a recent trip into the great Northwest was of more than usual interest to me.

In order to conserve and possibly to advance some interests of our mission work in the West, it seemed well for me to attend the sessions of the Denver and Montana Conferences. Of the trip from Nashville to Pueblo, Colorado, I will not speak. At the latter place the Denver Conference was held, August 29 to 31, under the presidency of Bishop Galloway, whose genial spirit, and brotherly heart, as well as his eloquent tongue, make him a favorite in all parts of our Church. The conference adjourned on August 31, and at noon the same day I boarded a train on the Rio Grande and Denver Railroad for Helena, Montana, the seat of our conference in the latter State. As we left Pueblo, Pike's Peak could be seen standing off in the north, his snowy head lifted well above the surrounding heights. Our route was up the valley of the Arkansas River as it comes down from its sources in the Rocky Mountains and makes it way toward the south and toward the sea. To describe the scenes through which we passed is beyond the powers of my prosy pen. They must be seen to be known. As we sped on toward the west the valleys deepened, the mountains became more rugged and precipitous, and the summits of the hills lifted themselves higher and higher above our heads. Our train followed close along the bed of the river, crossing and recrossing the stream, winding around the curves and pushing its way through narrow defiles, like some great iron serpent with fiery head. By and by we passed through the "Royal Gorge." There the peaks of the Rockies stood close together and frowned down upon us from dizzy heights, while only a narrow line of blue told of the heavens above. Sometimes the mountains stood further apart and a little valley nestled between with its narrow field but fertile acres. Here and there miners, with pick and pan, were seeking gold in the old-fashioned way, carefully washing the "dirt" to see how it would "pan out." Poor fellows, their lives are hard and in most cases their gains are small. But on we went, up, up, up, all the time. The Arkansas River grew smaller and smaller until it was only a brooklet rushing over the stones, and was finally lost in a little valley up there in sight of the August snows. A little before night we reached the "Tennessee Pass," where we were ten thousand four hundred feet above the level of the sea. There we crossed "the divide," passing out of the Mississippi Valley and into the great West. The descent of the western slope was not unlike the experiences of the earlier part of the day—down through passes, defiles, gorges, that touch the duldest beholder with awe and leave in the mind memories of indescribable grandeur. Our train followed a stream in its descent, one of the headwaters of the Colorado of the West. Even there man's safest way is along the path that God has opened. I was sorry for night to come on when there was so much to be seen, but gradually the sunlight faded from the gray and white peaks of the Rockies, the stars peeped down into gorges, and our train sped on toward the west.

The next morning we were in Utah, passing through a desolate and almost barren region lying between the mountains through which we had passed and another range of the same great system that constitutes the backbone of the continent. Again our route was through gorges and passes. Great ledges of granite, tilted at various angles, wrenched and twisted from what have been their original positions, are grim reminders of Titanic forces that gripped and shook the continents in ages long ago. Those invisible giants are dormant now. Will they ever again be aroused and unleashed? Who can tell? By and by we came in sight of Lake Utah and passed through the beautiful valley surrounding it. Cultivated fields, rich harvests, fruitful gardens, cosy homes, made a pleasant scene after our long ride across barren plains. A little further on and the Great Salt Lake was in view. When Brigham Young led the zealous but misguided followers of Joseph Smith into this region more than fifty years ago, putting many a weary mile of mountain and plain between them and civilization, no doubt they thought they had found a spot where an em-

pire could be built apart from the world. Now it is on the highway between the oceans, and multitudes of travelers pass by the Great Salt Lake every day. Isolation is impossible in the twentieth century. Industry and irrigation are making those Western deserts blossom as the rose, and the same forces and processes, on an ever enlarging scale, will transform many a barren plain into productive farms. The former haunt of the Indian and the bison will yet be the seat of empire. We passed through the State of Idaho, following the windings of Snake River, which, by the way, is so named because of its sinuous course and not because of the abundance of serpents. On we went towards the northwest until we reached Montana, land of mountains, whose northern boundary touches the domain of Edward of England. Our conference was held at Helena, the capital of the State, under the presidency of Bishop Morrison. Our Kentucky Bishop was easily at home in the "western work" and captured the conference to a man. Brother John R. Murray, formerly of the Texas Conference, has served our Church in Butte, and served it well. He is now the presiding elder of the Helena District, and Brother John W. Bergin, also of the Texas Conference, goes to St. Paul's, Butte, our strongest Church in that State. Brother G. C. Rector, after doing valiant and valuable service in that field, transfers to old Holston, where he expects to take work this fall. After leaving Helena I spent part of a day in Butte, which is noted as the greatest mining camp in the world. It is a city of sixty thousand people. Millions upon millions of dollars are invested in the mines, and the chief output is copper. It is the home of W. A. Clark, United States Senator, "Copper King," and many times a millionaire. Through the courtesy of an old-time Texas friend, Mr. R. H. Ward, formerly of Huntsville, I was enabled to see something of the city, both above and below ground. A descent of twelve hundred feet into the bosom of mother earth was a novel and an interesting experience to me. There, clad in overalls, jumper, and an oil-cloth cap, with lighted candle to dispense the gloom, we wended our way through long passage ways whence vast stores of wealth have been taken—where vast stores of wealth are still untouched.

But enough. From Butte I turned my face toward the south and in due time found myself at headquarters on the Cumberland.

What of our Church in the West? Well, I am not writing about that, but will venture a word. It is a great field. Distances are immense. I was surprised to find it as far from Pueblo to Helena as it is from Nashville to Pueblo. Difficulties are many and mighty. Forces of evil are strong and defiant. It will require all the religious forces now engaged, and many more, to keep pace with the growth of population in that vast land. There is room enough and work enough for all. Many of our young men are out in that western country. I met them at almost every place. We must follow them with our gospel. We need strong men in that field. Weaklings will fail. There is something in the atmosphere of that region that takes the starch out of a superficial man in short order. Men of strong faith, who preach a strong gospel, are needed. For such men there is an abundance of work and sheaves to be borne in at the close of the day. The noble men who are doing the work of Southern Methodism in that difficult field well deserve our admiration, our sympathy and our support.

LETTER FROM MISSOURI.

The Missouri Conference was held in Mexico, Mo., two weeks ago. It was a delightful, helpful session. Bishop Galloway was at his best, and gave the conference three addresses of unusual excellence, and preached as only he can. The attendance was large and brotherly love and good will dominated every heart. They reported an increase in membership of 1279, the foreign missionary claim of \$12,000 paid in full and the domestic missionary claim overpaid, with increase in the other collections and salaries.

The conference was held in a brand-new church. I think the neatest and completest house of worship I have ever seen.

The thirty-third session of the Southwest Missouri Conference was held in Sedalia one week ago. The attendance was good, though several of our members were not present. But few of the superannuated preachers attended. Four of these had died during the year. We have but two members now whose names ante-date mine on our roll, neither of whom has attended conference for several

years. For three years I have been the oldest preacher in my conference present at its sessions. Fifty-three years ago I was the youngest. I think we never had a more harmonious session. The statistics, however, show a decrease in membership of 564 compared with last year's reports, yet the Secretary told us that, according to the reports of the preachers, there ought to be an increase of about 1000. This led to a running discussion of over half an hour, about making statistical reports, which left no one wiser than he was before. As long as we have indolent, indifferent, inattentive, incompetent preachers we will have incorrect reports. All the financial columns showed increases.

The Advocate contained about a month ago an obituary of a superannuated preacher, Bro. Angel, written by Dr. Neely, which impressed me very much. He and I were born on the same day, 31st of the same month, March of the same year, 1829. We were both converted and joined the Church the same year (1845), and licensed to preach the same year, 1850. I joined the itinerancy in 1850, he in 1851. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Paine; so was I; and elder by Bishop Kavanaugh, as I was also.

One more item: Dr. Neely had the courage to say: "He was not a popular preacher." When I die my brethren cannot tell the truth about me more tersely than by using the above sentence. Popular preachers are not always the most helpful, and I had rather do men good than have their applause. Once I asked a presiding elder who was a D. D.: "Doctor, who is the best preacher in your district?" After thinking awhile he replied: "Bro. S." I then asked: "Who is the next best?" He answered, "Bro. B." Yet those two men were the most unpopular preachers in the district. A few, good, great, instructive preachers are also popular preachers. It is because of their personal magnetism. But men who are not endowed with this indefinable something that draws men to them, yet have clear perceptions of truth and ability to tell it to the people so as to make them see their sins, will often be other than popular preachers.

"Protsman's Sermons, A Monumental Volume," is the title of a new book which can be had in paper covers for 50 cents, or bound in cloth for 60 cents. Send orders to me, Fayette, Mo. The objects to be accomplished by publishing the book are: To do good and put a monument over his grave. I mailed you a copy. I sent one yesterday to Center Point, Texas. A hundred more ought to go to that great Methodist State. The book contains his picture, a sketch of his life, and seven of his sermons, among which are the funeral sermons of S. S. Headlee, our martyred preacher, and J. T. Peery, who was once a member of one of the Texas Conferences. It contains considerably more reading matter than Bishop Fitzgerald's "Upper Room Meditations," which sells for \$1. Get the book. It will do you good, and you will thereby contribute to a worthy cause.

W. S. WOODARD.

Fayette, Mo.

PARIS LETTER.

The grandest meeting ever held in Paris closed Sunday, Aug. 30. The meeting, conducted by the pastor and Rev. L. S. Barton, of Clarksville, and Mr. Phillips, gospel singer, was held at Centenary Tabernacle. Bro. Barton was filled with the Holy Ghost. His power and presence were evidenced by the arrow of conviction that pierced the hearts of so many of the mass of people; from 2000 to 2500 in number each night sat spell-bound as the man of Galilee, the crucified Jesus, was held up before them in a way that was irresistible to hundreds of souls. Little children flew to the arms of the Savior. Men and women came flocking home to God. Strong men, with broken hearts, cried out for mercy. The Father's compassion and long suffering were manifested in the salvation of the old as well as the young. One poor old man 75 years old was converted. Our hearts sang, "Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power." To dwell upon the details of the meeting would take too much of your valuable space; but it is a theme upon which we shall ever love to dwell. And we feel like singing, "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace." The deep work of grace that has taken hold of our people is something wonderful indeed, and the result of which eternity alone will reveal. We saw great numbers of sinners saved, but we believe the greatest work was done in the Church in strengthening and building up the Church and in leading the people to higher heights of Christian perfection. We shall ever praise God for the emphasis laid upon consecration by Bro. Barton. So strong and forcible were his exhortations to a holy consecrated life that many threw their all upon God's altar. Bro. Barton told of how God delights to reveal himself to those who earnestly desire to know his will and obey, and how

this deeper life gives us a certainty and makes our spiritual standing truly satisfactory and intensely real. He told of how we dishonor God by our half-dead, up and down, in and out religion; he portrayed most beautifully the holy life, and his Scriptures were so pointed, his teachings so clear and distinct that it caused many to realize their guilty distance from God and that they were following him afar off. He told of how that a life hid with Christ in God means infinitely more than attending Church on the Sabbath day, and singing sweetly in the choir. It means to be qualified for robust Christian work; how the school of Christ will develop through hard, rough work for him an athletic soul who is holy consecrated to him. If Daniel had not served God save when three times a day he worshiped toward the temple, the lions would surely have eaten him up.

We shall ever remember with joy Bro. Barton's sermon from Isaiah 5. He told how in order that we may have the assurance of answer to our prayers they must be backed by a holy life, and not until then are we in an attitude of prayer. Hezekiah appealed to his record and said, "Remember, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart and have done that which was right in thy sight," and God accepted it and sent Isaiah back with healing and blessing. We thank God that we have the privilege of approaching the Father as did Hezekiah, having the assurance that as the wings of the little dove bears it above the storms and ragings of the deep, so faith has wings that will bear us above the storms of life and bring us into the peace of God that passeth understanding. It is a blessed secret living by the day, abiding in Christ, doing the work, however hard, for one day, living sweetly, quietly, patiently, lovingly and purely till the sun goes down. And this is all that life ever means to us—just one little day. So let us do today's duties, fight to-day's battles, not distracting our minds by looking to tomorrow. To-morrow is never ours till it becomes to-day. We feel that many of us have learned as never before the Christian's secret of a happy life, and we pray that the fires that have been kindled upon the altar of our hearts may continue to burn until every home in this city will feel its influence; that we will walk so close to our Savior, trusting in him, coming more and more to find out, understand and appreciate him, so that we will be always ready to lay aside thoughts of self and be filled with love and consideration for others. And may every follower of the meek and lowly Nazarene be so filled with all the thrilling realities of eternity that they will be able to hold up the crucified One as the light of the world, the only way of salvation, in such a way as that sinners will fall so desperately in love with him that they will be willing to leave all to follow him.

And now in closing, we invoke the richest blessings of heaven upon these godly men who came to our rescue to help in this great warfare against sin and Satan. We pray that the light from God's throne may shine upon their pathway and help them to conquer the falling shadows of life's evening, and show them where to tread without fear in the valley of death.

MRS. JENNIE C. YOUNG.

Paris, Texas.

REV. ABE MULKEY AT PITTSBURG.

One of the greatest revivals in the history of Pittsburg has just closed. Visible results: One hundred and ten joined the Methodist, and about sixty-five the other Churches. It is estimated that the whole number converted and reclaimed will reach 250.

The greatest harmony prevailed. Members of all the Churches took active part in the work, and the meeting was not only the leading topic on the streets, but in the country as well. Many visitors came from the neighboring towns. The commodious Tabernacle, with seating capacity of about 2000, was not sufficient to accommodate the great crowds, and seats had to be provided on the outside. The interest and attendance was good from the first service. All places of business were closed in the morning from 9:30 to 11 o'clock during the meeting.

Bro. Mulkey was with us twelve days and was assisted by Sister Mulkey a part of the time. Her talk to the ladies at the Opera House Sunday at 11 o'clock was largely attended, and was pronounced by all who heard it to be the best they had heard on the subject. While Sister Mulkey entertained the ladies at the Opera House Bro. Abe was firing hot shot at the men at the Tabernacle with telling effect. At the close of the talk about 500 men came forward and gave him their hands, promising to lead a better life.

It is impossible to describe the great work that was accomplished in the twelve days. Men and women shouted the praises of God (loudest of whom was Bro. Lon Morris, of course); infidels, skeptics and hardened sinners were converted and joined the Church; people who had not spoken for years

made friends, and everybody seemed to be happy.

I shall not attempt to describe Bro. Mulkey's preaching. Every one who has attended his meetings knows of his wonderful power over the people. He unbolted the hearts of his hearers with his inimitable wit and humor, and then plants the truth with wonderful effect. He uses his experience in impressing upon the minds of his audience the practical part of the gospel. He cries aloud and spares not. You have no use for the pitchfork, for there is no one left to lay your sin on. His people to receive money and other sermon on "Restitution" caused several things from unknown debtors and mysterious sources. The people showed their great appreciation of his earnest and effective work by a liberal free-will offering. Miss Mary Cato, the amiable daughter of Bro. D. F. C. Timmons, who so faithfully served as organist for the meeting, was remembered with a scholarship for one year in Mrs. Key's College for young ladies at Sherman, Texas.

A free-will offering for our Orphanage at Waco was made, amounting to \$41.

Altogether about \$1200 was raised during the meeting.

Our beloved pastor, Bro. Timmons, was present at all the services, but was prevented by illness from taking that active part he so much desired.

Our presiding elder, Rev. J. W. Downs, was present most of the time, and did effective work.

Rev. E. M. Francis, pastor of the Baptist Church, was of great service in personal and altar work.

Bros. L. H. McGee, F. A. Downs and J. A. Carr were visitors at the meeting and took an active part.

A great work has been accomplished. God has been honored, and the people blessed. May God bless Brother and Sister Mulkey, is the prayer of all the people.

D. H. ABERNATHY.

Pittsburg, Texas.

MY VISIT TO SOUTHWESTERN.

It was my privilege and honor to deliver the opening address for Southwestern University Sept. 17 inst. I was entertained at the Annex, where I found a large number of young ladies under the care of Professor and Mrs. Landon C. Smith. The building was almost crowded at the very opening day. I was much pleased with the body of young lady students and with the lady teachers.

Thursday morning I found myself before a large audience composed of the citizens of Georgetown and the students of the three departments of the institution.

I found Prof. Moore, who has charge of Giddings Hall, renting additional house room in order to accommodate his large crowd of boys.

So far as I could learn, the college, the annex and the fitting school each opened with increased attendance. Everybody seemed to enter into the new year with enthusiasm and earnestness.

The faculty of the college impressed me as being thoroughly competent and efficient. Most of them are young men and men of high culture. These professors, as a rule, go off during the summer to study to further fit themselves for the work of teaching in the institution.

Southwestern I regard as the most important enterprise now before Texas Methodism. Its endowment is the one thing for us to provide for.

To Dr. Ryer, the faculty and the students I am indebted for a delightful visit.

J. E. HARRISON.

"Well, Davie, did you enjoy your visit to the museum?"

"Yes, mamma."

"Do you remember any of the nice things you saw?"

"Oh, yes; I remember lots of them."

"And can you tell me what they were called?"

"Yes; most of them were called 'Do not touch.'"—Exchange.

BREAK THE FAST.

The Morning Meal Should Not be Mised.

After a night's fast the stomach should have some food for breakfast to sustain mind and body during the morning. It should not be a heavy meal, but wise selection will pay immensely.

A young Los Angeles woman says: "For years until I used Grape-Nuts I have never been able to eat breakfast, for eating in the morning was always followed by terrific sick headaches and my stomach has always been delicate. "Some time ago a friend urged me to try Grape-Nuts food, and I began eating it every morning. As a result of its steady use I have gained 11 pounds, and the headaches have disappeared entirely, and my weak stomach has become normal and strong. All my food digests and I now perform my daily duties with a renewed cheerfulness and energy. Evidently I had been eating the wrong food, but Grape-Nuts soon put me right." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

Devotional and Spiritual

AN ECSTATIC RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE.

Mrs. Jonathan Edwards, the wife of the great theologian, philosopher and preacher, once had a marvelous experience which she has put on record in the following words:

"Last night was the sweetest night I ever had in my life. I never before, for so long a time together, enjoyed so much of the light and rest and sweetness of heaven in my soul, but without the least agitation of body during the whole time. Part of the night I lay awake, sometimes asleep, and sometimes between sleeping and waking. But all night I continued in a constant, clear, and lively sense of the heavenly sweetness of Christ's excellent love, of his nearness to me, and of my dear-ness to him; with an inexpressibly sweet calmness of soul in an entire rest in him. I seemed to myself to perceive a glow of divine love come down from the heart of Christ in heaven into my heart in a constant stream, like a stream or pencil of sweet light. At the same time my heart and soul all flowed out in love to Christ, so that there seemed to be a constant flowing and re-flowing of heavenly love, and I appeared to myself to float, or swim, in these bright, sweet beams, like the motes swimming in the beams of the sun, or the streams of his light which come in at the window. I think that what I felt each minute was worth more than all the outward comfort and pleasure which I had enjoyed in my whole life together. It was pleasure, without the least sting or any interruption. It was a sweetness which my soul was lost in; it seemed to be all that my feeble frame could sustain. There was but little difference, whether I was asleep or awake, but if there was any difference, the sweetness was greatest while I was asleep. As I awoke early the next morning, it seemed to me that I had entirely done with myself. I felt that the opinions of the world concerning me were nothing, and that I had no more to do with any outward interest of my own than with that of a person whom I never saw. The glory of God seemed to swallow up every wish and desire of my heart. * * * After retiring to rest and sleep a little while, I awoke, and was led to reflect on God's mercy to me, in giving me, for many years, a will-

ingness to die; and after that, in making me willing to live, that I might do and suffer whatever he called me to, here. I also thought how God had graciously given me an entire resignation to his will, with respect to the kind and manner of death that I should die; having been made willing to die on the rack, or at the stake, and if it were God's will, to die in darkness. But now it occurred to me, I used to think of living no longer than to the ordinary age of man. Upon this I was led to ask myself whether I was not willing to be kept out of heaven even longer; and my whole heart seemed immediately to reply: Yes, a thousand years, and a thousand in horror, if it be most for the honor of God, the torment of my body being so great, awful, and overwhelming that none could bear to live in the country where the spectacle was seen, and the torment of my mind being vastly greater. And it seemed to me that I found a perfect willingness, quietness, and alacrity of soul in consenting that it should be so, if it were most for the glory of God, so that there was no hesitation, doubt, or darkness in my mind. The glory of God seemed to overcome me and swallow me up, and every conceivable suffering and everything that was terrible to my nature seemed to shrink to nothing before it. This resignation continued in its clearness and brightness the rest of the night, and all the next day, and the night following, and on Monday in the forenoon without interruption or abatement.

"When I arose on the morning of the Sabbath, I felt a love to all mankind, wholly peculiar in its strength and sweetness, far beyond all that I ever felt before. The power of that love seemed inexpressible. I thought, if I were surrounded by enemies, who were venting their malice and cruelty upon me, in tormenting me, it would still be impossible that I should cherish any feelings towards them but those of love and pity and ardent desires for their happiness. I never before felt so far from a disposition to judge and censure others as I did that morning. I realized also, in an unusual and very lively manner, how great a part of Christianity lies in the performance of our social and relative duties to one another. The same joyful sense continued throughout the day—sweet love to God and all mankind."—The Ram's Horn.

ABIDING IN CHRIST.

To attempt to follow Christ without abiding in him is to assume the form of godliness without gaining its power. The one who abides in Christ is a new creature; his life is not spent in a continuous search for new ways in which to gratify the old nature, for that nature has become in him a thing to be opposed instead of gratified. He is not troubled by the vexed questions relative to the extent a Christian may engage in the follies of the world. He does not try to get as near the world as he can without being considered a worldlyling, for he is under the influence of a power that draws him in another direction. The spirit within constrains him to a course of conduct which inevitably widens the gulf between his soul and things evil.

The secret of a happy life has been intensely sought in every age. Philosophy, ever in the search, has never found an answer to which the soul can fully respond. The pleasures of wealth and fame have ever failed to bestow contentment. Many will agree that the Christian life affords the only true happiness. This blessing, however, is not for the wavering Christian, but for him only who abideth. What declaration

is more solemn or worthy of more careful thought than this, "If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered."

How ought the professed followers of Jesus to live? "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked." "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." By what mark may believers be known? "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." Not only has the soul that abideth in Christ peace, joy, and abundant spiritual life, but the relationship with kindred souls is necessarily harmonious. Heaven is within the soul that abideth in Christ.—J. A. Cross, in United Presbyterian.

THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT.

The gift of the Holy Ghost as the source of effectiveness is not only an emancipation, but it is also an endowment. It is a triune gift of power, and of love and of a sound mind. Let us notice specifically the elements of this endowment:

1. It is a divine energy in the soul. "The spirit of power," Jesus said to the disciples, just before his ascension, "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Then he added, as a desultant, "Ye shall receive power, the Holy Ghost coming upon you." (R. V.) Here he declared the nature and secret of spiritual power; it is the Holy Ghost in the believer, and coming upon him as he shall be depended upon, in life and service.

The power of the Spirit is a greatly misunderstood subject. There is no gift of power as such disconnected with the indwelling of the Holy Ghost himself. Power is not some new faculty, capability or attachment put on to the spiritual life. It is God himself in us by the presence of the Holy Ghost, imparting to us the divine energy, which works through our personality whether it be great or small. The divine energy of the indwelling of the Spirit, modified by the intervention of human personality adapting it to impress and help souls, is power. This freights our words, our manner, and our activities with a spiritual avoirdupois. It is that breath in prayer, in testimony, invitation, exhortation and preaching which awakens, comforts, illuminates and blesses souls—one word in the power of the Spirit is worth more than a hundred without it.

A Christian woman said to a worldly man, "Albert, you ought not to lose your soul." He could not get away from these words; they weighed upon his heart until he broke down into contrition. Like words had been spoken to him before, but she said them now in the power of the Spirit. There are repeated instances of those who have been brought to Christ by a single line written, a few words spoken, a simple testimony given or a short prayer offered. What accounts for the unusual power of these small things except the divine energy of the indwelling Spirit in the souls, whence they emanated? This divine energy often works through the very presence of the child of God.

The cultured and skeptical Lord Chesterfield said to Fenelon, in whose company he had been thrown, "He will make a Christian of me in spite of myself, if I stay long with him."

Operators in a mill in New England quit their lathes, fell to weeping and praying, as Charles G. Finney simply walked about the factory. A look, a tone, a gesture given, has often had the power to smite down souls into penitence, or lift them into life.

A preacher in early Methodism, while discoursing on the story of Gideon's victory, shouted out, "The sword of the Lord—and Gideon," swayed his hand to the right, and



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people fell by the score to the ground; he repeated the words, swayed his hand to the left, and they fell in like numbers in that direction. There is such a thing as the power of the Holy Ghost.—Dr. S. A. Keen.

LOVEST THOU ME?

A beautiful story is told in a German legend, meant perhaps for children, but will you listen to it? The Master is in his garden. He is walking along the pathways, before the flowers in Paradise have been given their names. An angel, speaking in the Master's name, commands every flower to be still, because the Master is going to speak, and they must listen to know how they are to be hereafter distinguished. The rose listens, and the carnation listens, and the lily listens; each of them eager to ascertain its name.

And so with all the flowers. And when they are all named the Master speaks. He says, "My children, that I may be certain that you know your names, each one will tell it to me."

And the rose tells its name, and so does the lily, and the carnation, and the daisy. They all can tell their names but one, a wee little blue flower. And the Master, standing before it, hears that little flower pleading: "Oh, Master, forgive me; but I was so occupied with the tones of thy voice, I was so occupied with the beauty of thy face, that I was only thinking about thee." "Little flower," said the Master, "you have won my heart more than all the flowers in Paradise: I will give you a new name, 'Forget-me-not.'"—Selected.

PEN POINTS BY REV. J. M. STEADMAN.

Disappointment is a relish for happiness.

Study sharpens the tools, prayer is the power that wields them.

If we let the light in us shine it will brighten others.

Next to a life of absolute innocence one of true penitence is most worthy to be sought.

He who never drops the plummet of his thought into wells of truth whose bottoms he cannot touch makes no progress.

Forsaken sin is the only sin God can forgive.

The gossip kills reputations and time with the same relentless cruelty.

TAKING OFF HIS HAT TO NATURE.

Hamilton W. Mabie repeats a story which shows how one man at least was affected by the beautiful in nature. One day in the early spring a Scotchman was walking along the side of a mountain in Skye, when he came to a hut in which lived an old man he had known a great many years. He saw the old man with his head bowed, and his bonnet in his hand. He came up and said to him after a bit:

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Secular News Items.

STATE NEWS.

Gov. Lanham opened the State Fair at Dallas last Saturday with an appropriate address.

Prohibition went into effect in Bell County last Saturday night despite Judge Smith's writ of injunction.

Judge Spencer, of Galveston, has granted a writ of injunction against local option in Brown County.

Judge Bryant, of the United States District Court at Sherman has made the injunction perpetual against local option in Bowie County. The pros will have another election ordered.

The State authorities are watching the yellow fever status on the Mexican border with a great deal of care. Strict quarantine is in force.

Last Saturday night near Mesquite, in Dallas County, two passengers assaulted the T. and P. conductor and seriously wounded him in the neck with a knife.

A contract has been let for sinking six artesian wells along the Lott road. Many more will be sunk along the entire line. The grading work is rushing.

A number of cases of diphtheria are reported by physicians south and west of Taylor, two deaths having occurred of children in the family of a Bohemian farmer, six miles south of town.

General Superintendent Pettibone, of the Santa Fe, states that the round-house, which was recently burned at Beaumont, will be rebuilt.

The Rock Island is extending its yards at Chico. This was found necessary from the increased traffic and general business at this point.

The Trinity and Brazos Valley Railroad Company has let the contract for the construction of fourteen new passenger depots on its line to a Houston contractor. The contract price aggregates something less than \$100,000.

E. S. Peters, President of the Texas Cotton Growers' Association, advises farmers to market their cotton slowly, predicting 15 cent cotton.

As a result of the recent summer normal examination 1319 teachers secured certificates to teach.

Don Bell, of Weatherford, has a watermelon which weighs 102 pounds and promptly points to it as a sample of what Parker County can do.

Gen. Oppenheimer had a conference with the Governor relative to the State sugar mill at Harlem. It developed

IS YOUR STOMACH ON A STRIKE?

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There is such a thing as forbearance ceasing to be a virtue even in the case of one's stomach. There is no question but that some stomachs will stand a great deal more wear and tear and abuse than others, but they all have their limit, and when that limit is reached the stomach must be reckoned with as sure as fate. The best way and really the only effective way to treat your stomach when it rebels is to employ a substitute to do its work. This will give the weakened and worn-out organ an opportunity to rest and regain its strength and health.

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that new machinery had been installed to the amount of about \$35,000 and a warrant for that amount will be drawn in a few days.

At Kanawaba, Red River County, Parker Chambliss, a merchant at that place handed his little daughter a gun to carry into the house. While in her hands it was accidentally discharged, killing her 5-year-old brother.

Unknown parties posted notices at Sour Lake warning negroes to leave without delay. The better element of white people advised the negroes to disregard the warning. No further developments have been noted.

Prof. John A. Craig has been appointed Dean of the Agricultural Department of the A. and M. College at Bryan.

The Commissioners' Court of Palo Pinto County declared that anti-prohibition carried by a majority of three votes at the election recently held in that county.

The City Attorney of San Antonio has instructed the traction companies that the law against half fares for school children must be observed without unnecessary delay.

The National Bank of Commerce of San Antonio has been authorized to begin business with a capital stock of \$300,000. Julius P. Barclay is President and Robt. L. Ball, Vice-President of the new bank.

J. C. Kirby purchased Major John D. Armstrong's residence at Austin for \$20,000.

Matt Holmes was run over and killed by a train at Temple. He was a farmer from Little River.

At a spelling match at Longview the lawyers spelled the teachers down. It was great fun and the entertainment netted the public library \$52.75. The lawyers remained standing at the close of the contest.

IN GENERAL.

The estimate is that Turkey has killed 50,000 of the Bulgarians. The condition is that part of the world is dreadful. Isn't it time the Powers were calling to Turkey to cease its horrible butchery?

Near Charlotte, N. C. last week while running at a high rate of speed, No. 97, the Southern Railway's south-bound fast mail train, jumped the track from a trestle, seventy-five feet high, half a mile north of Danville, Va., at 2:50 o'clock and was almost demolished. Of the crew of sixteen men on the train nine were killed and seven injured.

Baron Iwasaki Hisya, the richest young man in Japan, is visiting Gen. James H. Wilson at his home in Wilmington, Del. He formerly attended the University in Philadelphia and will visit that city before leaving for England.

Harry Ziegler, a resident of Philadelphia and a member of the life-saving guard at Atlantic City, saved fifty-two lives during six weeks of the season at that resort. Ziegler is a strong and daring swimmer.

Robert Cassidy, of Richie County, West Virginia, does not believe in banks, so he put his savings of \$500 in cash in a straw mattress. His wife does not believe in dirt and burned the straw. Nothing is left of the savings of several years but ashes.

French astrologists are telling us that this is going to be a very unlucky year, because in no fewer than three cases the 13th of the month falls on a Friday; and last year, when the calamity only happened once, we had the eruption of Mont Pelee as a perfectly obvious consequence.

Patrick Driscoll, who owns four of the richest silver and gold mines in Arizona, and has an income of over \$90,000 a year, confines his personal expenses to the lowest possible figures. It is said that for years he has spent no more than \$30 a month. He is liberal in his gifts to worthy persons and purposes, however.

Some time ago it was announced that 500 bachelors of Rugby, N. D. were seeking wives. Through a friendly intermediary over 100 women opened up correspondence. Forty-eight of these are just about to leave Kokomo and Howard Counties, Indiana, to share their lives with as many bachelors.

One of the most costly challees in the Roman Catholic Churches of New York will be presented to the Rev. Dr. Burke, Rector of the Colored Church of St. Benedict the Moor, upon his return from Rome next month. The gold and precious metals in this communion service have been contributed chiefly by colored people from all parts of the State.

Consul Ayme is not sorry to go from Point-a-Pitrie, Guadeloupe, to Para, Brazil. He says there isn't a theater, a club, a library, a real newspaper, a good shop, a livery stable, a glass window, a stove, or a clothespin on the island. "The earthquakes are the only element of variety in the life," he says, "and even they get to be monotonous."

Dr. Depew has written to the Sun a letter about his alleged expression of a wish for the battering down of poor

old Beirut. "The incident has added to the gaiety of nations," he writes, "and I am quite willing to be the sacrificial instrument for such enjoyment. Now, however, that it is closed, I rise to remark that I never said anything of the kind."

The Bufalini prize—worth \$1200—will be awarded at the end of October, 1901, by the University of Florence. It is given every twenty years for the best essay on the value of the experimental method of scientific inquiry as opposed to the speculative. Like many other prizes offered by Italian seats of learning, the Bufalini prize has outlived its usefulness, and its guardians are at their wit's ends to surround it with sufficient barriers which shall keep it from the mere scientific hack, who can obtain plenty of specious material for his essay by reading the scientific papers.

At Liege, Belgium, on Aug. 15, a balloon fete was held in the court yard of the palace of the Prince-Bishops. Five balloons were used. The second, the Etoile, contained Dr. Delecomette and M. Thibet, a student of medicine, with the aeronaut was suspended in a trapeze below the basket. On the ascent the Etoile was borne against the palace, where it smashed several windows. When it reached the roof Dr. Delecomette managed to jump off, while the propulsion given by the loss of weight threw the aeronaut through a window on the opposite side of the street. Several hours later the balloon, with M. Thibet, effected a safe landing near Aix-la-Chapelle.

Henry G. Well, leader of the younger set in the Waldorf crowd of Wall Street speculators, has retired from the street for good, having sold his seat in the Stock Exchange. He is credited with having made \$3,000,000 in three months. From the beginning of the slump last March he made large profits, persistently working for lower prices, and a great many men who followed his advice have made small fortunes. He is going on a tour of the world for two years. Mr. Well was suspended by the board for a year because in what he regarded as a panicky time he demanded \$50,000 in currency on his check. The board claimed that such action was had policy.

One of the first things Lord Dudley did after taking possession of Dublin Castle as Viceroy was to put Lady Dudley into his automobile and start off on a tour of Ireland. He steered clear of the houses of the nobility and gentry, but made friends with the parish priests, tradesmen, inn keepers, blacksmiths and peasants, and heard all they had to say. By the time he got back to Dublin he knew Ireland as none of his predecessors had known it. During the recent royal visit he was cheered by the people as uproariously as was the King. "He's the most popular Viceroy we ever had," says a Nationalist M. P. "While he remains at the castle there'll be no serious trouble in Ireland."

Chicago has an Alderman in the person of Stanley Kunz who has a somewhat novel way of backing up his convictions on municipal affairs. He has contended that the city has been paying exorbitant prices for street paving and now that certain contracts are to be re-advertised he has waged \$5000 against two new bids that the price will be less than \$122 per square yard. The bids are put up by the President and Secretary of the Board of Local Improvements respectively.

A recent article from the pen of Thomas Lough, an English member of Parliament, has the following interesting passage in reference to the over-taxation in the Emerald Isle: The Royal Commission on the financial relations with Ireland, appointed by a Liberal Government and presided over by a Liberal ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, published the accounts between Ireland and Great Britain for every year since the union, and it reported that Ireland had overpaid her due proportion by something like two and three-quarter millions a year for

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two generations. Upon this report did the British hasten to repay Ireland? On the contrary, they took an exactly opposite course and added two and three-quarter millions more to the taxation of Ireland within the last seven years, during which period the population was diminishing in the most tragical fashion. According to the Royal Commission, therefore, at the present moment Great Britain is exacting some five and one-half millions more from Ireland than an honest government should.

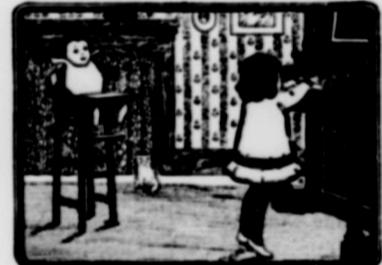
London Punch has a suggestion which Sir Thomas Lipton might do well to consider. Each of the boats built for him has been an improvement upon her predecessor, and would have beaten the American boat of the previous contests. It is accordingly suggested that he might at once set to work to build Shamrock V, omitting Shamrock IV altogether. Punch, however, seems to forget that it is the fourth leaf of the shamrock which brings the luck.

Observations extending over several years have, according to the Kolnische Zeitung, established the fact that the water of the Kaiser Wilhelm Canal has a very marked influence on thunder storms in Holstein. This interesting fact has been very obvious lately during the long continued prevalence of westerly winds. The thunder clouds which rise at the mouth of the Elbe in their course over the land follow the line of the new water-way. The districts lying at some distance from the canal on either side are much less often visited by thunder storms since the opening of the canal. So, also, hail storms, which are so much dreaded by the farmer, have become much rarer. In the district between the canal and the Elbe thunder storms are now in fact, it is stated quite a rarity.

Mr. Edgar R. Waite, of the Australian Museum at Sydney, in support of Mr. Henschel's account of the duet which his bullfinch and canary used to sing, cites a somewhat similar feat performed by two magpies. The first one had been taught a simple little song, which he piped very often and accurately, even maintaining it exactly in F, the key in which it was first given to him. A second magpie was purchased and this bird soon learned the tune from the other one. When the first bird commenced its song the new-comer immediately came to attention and, with half open beak, awaited a certain note, at which point the other bird stopped, and the song was finished by the second singer. No matter how far separated, if the birds were within hearing distance of one another, the duet was always sung in this way.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Gordon.

A. P. Smith, Sept. 26: We have just closed a very good meeting at Gordon. Had some fifteen or twenty conversions and reclamations...

Corsicana, South Side.

J. B. Berry, Sept. 28: The Mulkey meeting closed September 2 with good results. We had several conversions and reclamations...

Gordon.

G. S. Wyatt: Saturday before the last Sabbath in September found me on my way to Gordon to assist Bro. A. P. Smith in a protracted meeting...

Groesbeck.

W. W. Moss, Sept. 25: Though we have been silent and published no report of the work in Groesbeck, we have by no means been idle...

Crowell.

J. T. Bloodworth: We are gradually nearing conference time and when we will sing "And are we yet alive," etc. Thank God for the uncertain future...

a turnip, that is, if there is any blood in it, of course, Rev. W. M. Leatherwood, of the North Texas Conference, is to be with us third and fourth Sundays in October in a revival meeting...

Taylor Station.

J. W. Story, Sept. 28: We closed a good meeting last night. The Church is much revived. There were eleven accessions to the Church, and every interest of our Zion has been quickened into new life...

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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Appleby Mission.

M. I. Brown, Sept. 23: My revival campaign is practically over. It has been the hardest worked summer of my life, and the happiest. I have seen more persons profess religion during this summer than ever before...

Midway Mission.

Jno. M. Neal, Sept. 25: The Midway Mission is a new work that was made at the last session of the Texas Conference. Midway and Elwood were taken from the Madisonville Circuit and Sulphur Springs from Zion Circuit...

ton, of Zion Circuit, a strong, vigorous and forceful preacher. The numerical result was 35 conversions (most of whom were already members of the Church) and five additions to the Church. At our third Quarterly Conference, which was held at Elwood Sept. 12-13, our new church—the money for which was raised under the administration of W. W. Horner in 1897 and 1898, built while G. W. Davis was pastor in 1899, seated in 1900 while Chas. U. McLarty was pastor, and finally ceiled under my administration—was "set apart from all unhalloved or common uses, for the worship of Almighty God..."

Jacksonville Circuit.

Ben M. Shoemaker, Sept. 25: Rev. J. M. Smith closed a very successful meeting at Antioch on August 14, resulting in one conversion and several backsliders reclaimed; Church revived and lifted upon higher plain of Christianity and five additions to the Church. Bros. Harrison and Henderson were with us and rendered good and efficient service. This is Bro. Smith's first year with us, but he is loved and honored by all his members...

Arlington.

W. W. Graham, Sept. 22: Our meetings at Bethany, Mt. Zion and Harmony were profitable in many respects, yet we had no accessions, so we write them down as only a partial success. At the Bethel camp-meeting we were very short of help. We made the fatal blunder of neglecting to engage the brethren ninety days in advance, hence they could not come. The presiding elder was compelled to leave on Monday to see a sick wife. Bro. Gus Garrison came Monday and rendered magnificent help till the close of the meeting. After all it was rather above the average, resulting in thirteen accessions to the Church and quite a help to the Sunday-school and congregation. From the so-called revivals that demoralize the Sunday-school and scatter the congregation may the good Lord deliver us. We are now organized into a regular camp-meeting board and hope to do better for the future. At Midgett, one of the outside appointments, we held a week's meeting that resulted in eleven accessions to the Church and the organization of a Sunday-school. Having no Church in the

place and failing to get an arbor built, we had to use the school building. On Wednesday night one of the posts that sustained the upper floor toppled over and struck Mrs. Pink Holland on the head and came near resulting fatally. The next night the foundation gave way, which made the people quite uneasy. However, on Friday the brethren put new blocks in place of the old ones and that night we closed with quite a large congregation and a very profitable service. Everything is full but the collections and we are filling them up as rapidly as we can.

Caldwell Circuit.

Miss E. Willie Runkle, Sept. 23: We have been rejoicing all along through the year at the numerous reports of successful revival meetings in the different conferences, at the same time hoping and praying that our little community might also be visited by a gracious revival. At last we came at the very close of summer we come with a good, glad story of our own. Our pastor, Bro. H. R. Kimbler, came to Cooke's Point the fifth Sunday in August and began the meeting. He fully expected help from one or two of the pastors whose works join his, but they were providentially hindered. Bro. Freeman, C. P. of Brazos County, was with us a week and did some good preaching. Bro. Kimbler must certainly have been at his best. One little girl said: "Bro. Kimbler preaches so plain I can understand everything he says." I have never seen more harmony among the workers of the different denominations; differences of that kind were laid aside and all worked for the salvation of the lost. At one service I noticed Christians of three denominations kneeling in the altar with the penitents. The visible result may seem small to others, but there is a song

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The Home Circle

MARY'S LAMB "UP-TO-DATE."

If Mary's little lamb, my dears,
Had lived at our date,
The little fleecing woolly thing
Had had a better fate.

For if it followed her to school,
The teacher kind would say:
"Why, Mary, dear, I'm glad he's here,
I think we'll let him stay."

The children all would gather round
Discussing every feature,
As though a treasure they had found,
They'd talk about the creature.

They'd draw a picture of it, too,
"Would really do them credit;
And then a story each would write,
"Would please you if you read it."

The lamb would be allowed to roam
Around the room at pleasure,
And when at noon it trotted home,
Its joys would know no measure.

I'm glad that time a change hath
wrought
Regarding education,
Now children's minds are used for
thought,
Their eyes for observation.

—Agnes A. Twichell.

A BOY'S COURAGE.

There is nothing more pleasing and gratifying than to see real, manly, unflinching courage in a boy; and usually a boy's life and surroundings are such as to put his mettle to the test, quite as often as his elders', giving one abundant opportunity to observe it. When it does come out, through thick and thin, true blue and as firm as steel, it can not but arouse admiration and commendation. Its possessor is a hero.

The lad with a stout heart behind his jacket, though it be but a ragged one, is to be envied far beyond the youth born to wealth and luxury and fine clothes—but faint heartedness. The former has a prize that will serve him in good stead all his life; the latter a glittering bauble that may take wings at any time.

Boys naturally have a great deal of admiration themselves for true courage. It is sure to call forth their loudest applause. The timid fellow who shrinks back overawed by trifles soon wins their contempt, while he that hesitates at nothing is immediately recognized as a leader. You need watch boys at their play but a short time to discover this to be true. Who among them is the best swimmer, the fastest runner, the strongest wrestler? The question is no sooner asked than answered. Such prowess has won recognition long since. Such courage as a boy possesses is soon known among his fellows.

But now and then boys get false and distorted ideas of what is and what is not true courage. It sometimes takes close attention on their part to distinguish between the two. Here are some of the mistaken ideas about courage entertained, occasionally, by boys:

First, that a bull; is a great hero. That is not true. He is nothing but a great tyrant; that is, in truth, the worst kind of a coward, deserving nobody's commendation or emulation. Whenever you see a large boy taking unfair advantage of his companions by means of his greater size and strength, you may know that he is weak and faltering at heart, and will run like a frightened deer before the first show of real danger. Always treat a bully with contempt. That is all that he deserves.

And again, some young persons think that to be bold-faced and forward is courageous. What an error! Did you ever see a boy insolent or disrespectful toward his parents or teachers? It's a sad sight to witness, and impresses you as anything but courageous. The great heroes were always distinguished for their respectful deference and gentleness. To be rude is to be the very opposite of brave. It is to harbor a vice, and not a virtue.

Once more, a few, and I am glad to say that their numbers are but few, regard it as prowess to be profane and vicious. But there is nothing attractive or commendable about such practices. They should indeed be shunned with the utmost loathing.

The average boy, however, is pretty keen at detecting what is good and what is not. He generally recognizes the true ring in word or deed, and is ready to accord it its real worth.

It is a remarkable fact that all of our great heroes, as a general thing, were in reality heroes when boys. Washington, Grant, Lincoln, for example, displayed strength of character in youth, which the keen observer could have detected as marking them for a more than ordinary career.

And this, perhaps, is the most pleasing feature of all about a boy's courage, and that it is the infallible assurance of the greater, grander, better

man's courage which is eventually to follow. A boy of a brave spirit and a stout heart is a hero in the bud.

Certainly as remarkable a human career as any recorded in the Bible is that of David. First, going out as a shepherd boy, and fearlessly attacking and slaying the lion and the bear; then when still but a youth, meeting the champion of the Philistines single handed, when no other man had the courage to face him; and eventually becoming Israel's great king and ruler.

As remarkable a fact as any connected with this remarkable life history is the striking manner in which it displays a boy's courage, gradually expanding and developing into the commanding heroism of a great man. David is in many ways the ideal boy's model. He can not be brought to the attention of the young too often. There is an inspiration of priceless worth to them to be gotten from him. The story of his life can not but appeal directly to them, and for this very reason, that it is so grand an illustration of the glowing future which awaits a courageous boy.

Every young reader of this paragraph can not possibly do better than to make the resolve from this day forth to make the best and the most of the elements of courage which he finds within himself, and to encourage his fellows to do the same.

Earnestly cultivate a brave and courageous spirit, boys. Land and magnify and commend and encourage every brave, magnanimous, large-souled, open-hearted, heroic act which transpires in your little company of associates. You can not make too much of it. It will certainly lead to something better. Seek to acquire and inspire a large degree of boy courage; it is the beginning of a man's career. —R. B. Buckingham.

A HERO, AND KNEW IT NOT.

He was a cripple—"Crippled Tim" they called him—but he had always longed to be a hero. He had heard people talk of heroes when he was very small, and his heart had beat with wonder and admiration when he heard of their brave, noble deeds. When he was older, he learned to read and write a little, and when he could get accounts of some heroic deeds, he would leave the other boys, and hobbling off by himself would read and picture in imagination the brave, thrilling events chronicled in the story.

Once, while Tim had been selling newspapers on the crowded streets, he had seen a runaway and a man dash into the street and stop the maddened horses at the risk of his life. Tim had always remembered it, and he felt that if he could have stopped that horse and heard the cheers of the crowd, he wouldn't have minded being lame the rest of his life. He would rather have been that man than king of the greatest country.

When he stood among the crowds that lined the pavements, and saw the soldiers marching to transports which were to carry them to the battlefields in distant Philippines, his heart had almost burst with envy. He didn't cry with disappointment, because heroes wouldn't have cried, but he thought of it for days, and it seemed very, very hard that he must always be "Crippled Tim."

Sometimes he wondered whether, if he ever had an opportunity, could he become a hero, too? and he pictured himself doing some of the things he had read and heard about until he felt quite sure that he could do something brave if he only got the chance.

It was dusk of a winter evening, and Tim had been selling papers, when he did get the chance he longed for. He was just starting across the street when he heard some one cry, "Run away!" and the people crowded back to the sidewalk as two maddened horses and an empty buggy rushed wildly toward the crossing. They had nearly reached it when there was a sudden, frightened cry, and Tim looked around him to see a small boy who had fallen directly in the path of the horses. Tim, being lame, had not reached the sidewalk as quickly as the others, and was nearer the child than any one else. In another moment the horses would be upon the boy and crush him under their flying hoofs. And then the crowd that gazed in shuddering horror saw some one hurry forward and drag the child from under the very feet of the horses, and a wild cheer went up from the assembled crowd. And little Tim? For one awful moment he had closed his eyes; then he had opened them again, seen the maddened horses dash past, seen some one raise a frightened child in his arms, heard the wild cheers, and knew that his opportunity had come—and gone. And then "Crippled Tim" had gone on crying his evening papers.

It was during the same winter that Tim's mother fell ill and was forced to stop working. Tim was the oldest child, and there were little mouths to feed, so he worked very hard. He sold

more papers and stayed out late in the cold, dreary streets to get rid of them, and he got up very early to sell the morning ones.

During the day he blackened boots and did whatever he could to earn a penny. He never complained, though it seemed to him that he was always cold and tired and hungry. And when at last his mother was better, his crippled leg had become so bad that he had to stop working. He grew worse, and then there was a fever, and the doctor said "Crippled Tim" would die.

His mother did all she could for him, but it was no use; and when the doctor came the last day and heard the story of how Tim had worked while his mother was sick, there were tears in his eyes, and he bent over the bed and said something about a "little hero." But Tim did not hear it. He was dead. And probably if he had heard, he would only have wondered what the doctor meant.

Tim had not realized that his work saved a human life. It had never occurred to him that he was a hero.—A Prize Sketch from Current Literature.

SOME WINTER BIRDS.

There are three birds that at any time, if it is not very stormy, will help to make many a winter's day merry. These are two nuthatches and the chickadee. They are often found together, and are as much features of the season as withered leaves or snow and ice. Everybody knows the chickadee. Emerson, in a poem, has been its best biographer. But the lively nuthatches have been too much neglected. Perhaps it is because they do not sing; yet they are not mute, and their querulous cries fit well with many a wild winter day. But what we can see is as much to be considered as what we hear, so I wish to say a word about sights, which at this season so largely take the place of sound. These three birds are always busy, and this is significant. If never idle, it behooves us to know what is the meaning of their ceaseless activity. Watching them closely, we find they are searching for food. Like ourselves, they must eat to live, but the trunk of a tree does not appear to be a promising field for food. This is because our eyes are not so sharp as theirs, and we get a valuable hint from this simple fact. If we looked at all objects more closely than we are apt to do, we would see more. In winter nature does not display herself for our ready recognition. Only in the glory of summer days is she on dress parade. With few exceptions, nature's bright uniforms have been laid aside in midwinter. A plainer dress befits the winter season, and it is one so plain at times that sharp eyes are needed to distinguish the moving figures from the background.—Dr. Charles C. Abbott's "Some Winter Birds," in St. Nicholas.

ANTS ON "HORSEBACK."

A French traveler has discovered a new specimen of ant in Siam, or at least a new trait that he has never before seen recorded. The creatures were small, of a gray color, and lived in damp places. They traveled often and in troops which seemed to be under the direction of a commander who rode on "horseback." M. Meissen, the Frenchman, who noticed this peculiarity, was attracted to these groups by discovering that each company contained a large ant that traveled more rapidly than the others. Observing them more closely, he noted that each large ant always carried a small gray ant upon its back, though the remainder of the troop were on foot. This mounted ant would ride out from the line, travel swiftly along the column from head to rear, and apparently overlook their maneuvers. M. Meissen concluded from what he saw that this species of ant while on its travels is under the direction of a commander, though such "ant-horses" as the General rides must be rare and valuable, for he scarcely ever found more than one mounted ant in a colony.—Presbyterianian.

BOYS' LEISURE HOURS.

A boy was employed in a lawyer's office, and he had the daily newspaper to amuse himself with. He began to study French, and at the little desk became a fluent reader and writer of the French language. He accomplished this by laying aside the newspaper, and taking up something not so amusing, but far more profitable.

A coachman was often obliged to wait long hours while his mistress made calls. He determined to improve the time. He found a small volume containing the "Elogues of Virgil," but could not read it, so he purchased a Latin grammar. Day by day he studied this, and finally mastered its intricacies. His mistress came behind him one day as he stood by the horses waiting for her, and asked him what he was so intently reading. "Only a bit of 'Virgil,' my lady." "What! Do you read Latin?" "A little, my lady."



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She mentioned this to her husband, who insisted that David should have a teacher to instruct him. In a few years David became a learned man, and was for many years a useful and beloved minister of Scotland.

A boy was told to open and shut gates to let the teams out of an iron mine. He sat on a log all day by the side of the gate. Sometimes an hour would pass before the teams came, and this he employed so well that there was scarcely any fact in history that escaped his attention. He began with a little book on English history which he found on the road. Having learned that thoroughly, he borrowed of a minister Goldsmith's "History of Greece." The good man became greatly interested in him, and lent him books, and was often seen on the log conversing with him about the people of ancient times.

Boys, it will pay to use your leisure hours well.—Selected.

A QUEER OLD THING.

"What a queer-looking old thing!" "Did you ever see such a ridiculous, old-fashioned gown?" "She looks as if she had come from the backwoods!"

Such were some of the comments made by a group of merry school girls as they noticed an old woman who was standing on the corner of the street.

"She has lost her way, I think," said one of the girls, who had not joined in the merriment. "I am going over to speak to her."

"Oh, don't go, Marie," they urged. But Marie broke away from the group, and ran up to the old lady.

"Can I be of any help to you?" she inquired, gently.

The perplexed old face lighted up with a smile.

"I have never been in the city before, my dear; and all this noise is so distracting! Could you tell me where 241 West Mill Street is?" and the old lady handed her a card.

"Why, yes! This is the address of a friend of mine. I will go to the door with you." And, taking the old lady's arm, Marie led her down the avenue, while the other girls looked after them, laughing.

A walk of several blocks brought them to a beautiful house, and as Marie led her charge up the steps and bade her good-bye, the old lady said sweetly:

"Thank you, my dear. You have

given a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple; and I am sure the Master will bless you."

Marie walked away with a happy heart. But she felt sorry for the other girls the next morning. They were all standing around her, listening to her story, when Elenor Livingstone, one of the most popular students in the school, joined the group.

"Oh, Marie!" she exclaimed. "We have been singing your praises in our house! You rescued dear Aunt Margaret yesterday, when she had nearly lost her way. She came a day earlier than we expected, or the whole family would have met her at the train. She is our favorite auntie," explained Elenor, addressing the little circle, "and she lives in the dear old home-stead, away up among the Vermont hills. You must come home with me, Marie, after school. She wishes to see you again."

The other girls looked at each other sheepishly. Perhaps they had learned a lesson.—Caroline A. Watters, in S. S. Advocate.



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A SUNDAY IN HOUSTON WITH THE WASHINGTON STREET PEOPLE.

For sometime I have been under promise to Rev. S. W. Thomas and his people, at Washington Street, Houston, to be present at the re-opening of their Church and take part in the service. So early last Saturday I boarded the M., K. & T. train in this city and made the run that day. And on Monday I took the Santa Fe at Houston and returned by night, reaching home promptly on time. These two roads make a fast run through the State to Houston and Galveston without a change of cars, and it is a great convenience to the traveling public. It used to be that the northern part of the State was shut up to one road to the coast, but the Santa Fe and the Katy now do a large part of the traveling business to and from that section. They both run sleepers both ways, and along their lines are the best eating houses in Texas. Nothing is left undone by these two great and enterprising systems to accommodate the traveling public. They run the very best cars, and their conductors and trainmen are polite and attentive to the wants of all. It is a delight to patronize these roads. The management of them is broad and liberal, and they do not hesitate to spend money to perfect their facilities.

Brother Thomas met me at the depot and conveyed me to his elegant parsonage home, where I was cordially received and pleasantly entertained during my stay. Houston is like home to me, as I spent four busy years there as pastor of Shearn Memorial. Washington Street Church is on the street of that name a few blocks from the Union Depot, a prominent location, and in a most excellent part of the city. It has a wide territory all to itself. For several years we have had a modest brick building there and a small parsonage. Also a good membership, made up of excellent people. Under the pastorate of Rev. Ira M. Bryce a year or two back, they built a good, modern, two-story parsonage in place of the small one. This was a fine stroke of enterprise. When Brother Thomas came to the charge he saw that it was then necessary to improve

the church structure, so he began to create sentiment on that subject. A few weeks ago he sprung his people to the necessity for the improvement; so they went to work, and at a cost of \$800 the work was soon accomplished. The entire outside of the building was finished in stucco, an imitation of stone. The material is largely cement, and such finishings in that section are popular and durable. It gives the structure the appearance of a stone building. The inside is beautifully and tastefully papered, and paint and varnish were used to good effect. Also a carpet all over the floor, or ready to be placed there, and the whole effect is pleasing and comfortable. The church now is a real gem, a credit to all that part of the city and an honor to the cause it represents. It is suited to all the purposes of worship, and it is good enough for anybody. By and by they will add to the rear of the structure a much needed Sunday-school room and their plant will then be complete. The membership is between two hundred and fifty and three hundred and the Sunday-school is on the increase. During the progress of these improvements the services were suspended, so last Sunday was the opening of the improved house. A large congregation filled all the seats, the music was good, and the occasion inspiring. A more perfect day one rarely ever sees. We had a real fine service, spiritual and edifying. The attention was unbroken. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken to finish paying a little balance, and the subscription placed the debt where it can be handled with ease. In fact, it is all practically provided for. Only seventy-five dollars is lacking, and that will be forthcoming. At night we had another large gathering and the service was helpful to me, and I think the people enjoyed it. I have not participated in two better services in a long time. Old Washington Street Church is now in the best condition of her history, and she has a future. Brother Thomas is sturdy, substantial and progressive as a pastor and a preacher. He has a firm hold upon his people and they are following his leadership. His wife and two sweet little girls make a family whose domestic orderings are an accession to any congregation. They take an active part in all the work of the situation. I was sorry not to be able to remain over and meet the preachers on Monday in their weekly convocation, but duty called me back home. In fact, I had no opportunity to see the scores of my old friends. I put in a whole Sabbath with the Washington Street people. But I heard encouraging reports of the other preachers and their work. Houston Methodism is strong, robust and vigorous. On my return home I met along the way a number of the brethren, among them Rev. H. W. Weise and Rev. J. G. Mueller, of the German Conference, Rev. H. R. Kimbler of Caldwell, Rev. J. L. Massey of Cameron and Rev. C. F. Smith of the Brenham District. Also Doctors Stone of Caldwell and Georgetown. These excellent laymen are brothers and fine Church workers. On the train at Cameron we were joined by Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, of Fort Worth, who traveled with us to Cleburne. The brethren all gave good account of the work in general. G. C. R.

AN EVENING WITH MULKEY MEMORIAL.

Last Tuesday evening a week ago we ran over to Fort Worth and spent an hour lecturing for the good women of Mulkey Memorial Church. I had the pleasure of taking tea with Mrs. Fred Cox, widow of the late Fred Cox, long a member of the conference. It was good to be under her roof and share her delightful hospitality. At the Church we had a good audience, and I tried to entertain and instruct them for a time. They seemed interested and were responsive. Brother Whitehurst, the pastor, was in charge, along with Rev. Dr. Armstrong, and they gave me a cordial welcome. Brother Whitehurst is in favor with

his people and they are devoted to him. Mulkey Memorial is a good brick structure and has served an excellent purpose, but it is growing too small for the congregation. It will have to be enlarged, or a new one take its place. Fort Worth Methodism is vigorous and growing. That part of the city where Brother Whitehurst ministers has a large resident population and the congregation is destined to be one of the strongest in the conference. I also met Brother Howard, of Missouri Avenue. He also has an important field, and perhaps the best Methodist church structure in the city. G. C. R.

PROHIBITION NOTES.

It is said that the antis are not even satisfied with their overwhelming defeat in Kaufman, but that they intend to try for an injunction. We do not know how true this is, but if the Kaufman majority does not satisfy them, it will be hard for the pros to get a majority to suit them. Do they want us to get a unanimous vote in order for it to be effectual? Judge Bryant of the United States Court at Sherman has made his injunction against the Bowie County local option election perpetual on the ground that the election was held one day before the lawful time had been reached for said election. This will necessitate another election, and we understand that the pros up there are already getting ready to have another one ordered. We hope the Commissioners will make no mistake the next time, for such mistakes are costly luxuries. Now let the Bowie County people snare their liquor shops under 'n great shape when they get a lick at them the second time.

The Brown County antis ran away off down to Galveston and got an injunction last week against local option. It seems that they are opposed to local self-government. The ground upon which the injunction was granted is "religious intimidation." This intimidation consisted in women being near the polls serving lunch. Did the antis try the "intimidation" act? It has come to a great pass that women can not serve lunch within fifty feet of a voting precinct without oppressing and frightening off the poor, timid antis! Poor fellows! How easily they are scared out of their rights to go to the polls and vote! And the court seems to have believed the plea of these frightened sovereigns.

The Bell County antis submitted to the law and let local option go into effect last Saturday night. They obtained an injunction at Fort Worth but the pros of that county ignored it and went ahead with the publication of the order putting the law into force. The injunction deserved that sort of contempt. The home court refused it, and gave the applicants to understand that it would be refused, but a court over a hundred miles away met the emergency and granted it, but it was an injunction of straw. And the pros ought to proceed in this way every time an outside court interferes with the right of local self-government. People cannot afford to have their rights overthrown by a distant court when the court having jurisdiction decides that no injunction is justifiable. The Legislature will most assuredly regulate the jurisdiction of courts in this respect at its next session. The people of this country will not have their privileges to regulate their own affairs put under foot in this style.

In a couple of weeks the Grayson County case will be taken up by the Appellant Court in this city. It ought to have been done before the court adjourned last June, as there was ample time to have attended to it. But it was passed over till October to the chagrin of the people. By this failure the bar-rooms were granted these months additional to carry on their business in Grayson long after the lawful time for them to close out. We

understand that if the court, in this case, desolves the injunction, that the antis up there will have another one staked out and ready to present. If they do, let the Grayson County people ignore it before it reaches the local court for a hearing. If they recognize it and then let it get back to the Appellant Court, then they will have to obey it. But if they will take time by the forelock as in other counties and publish the order without any reference to an injunction, the case will settle itself.

The saloons are dying hard, but they are surely dying. They deserve death in whatever form the people see proper to inflict it, in accordance with the laws of the State. They have had their own way so long that now, under the sting of repeated defeats, they are growing desperate. Law or no law, they want to stay in business. Hence they are resorting to any and everything to resist local option. They practice frauds on the ballot box; they offend refined women who go to the polls; they sometimes treat with violence those who oppose them, and occasionally they rush into court with all sorts of pretexts to win their cases after the people have spoken most decidedly. The fact is, the most stubborn and lawless element in our Republican form of government is the licensed saloon. We cannot afford to enter into compromise with it. On with the battle!

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Brother R. L. Lowry, now of Oak Cliff, but formerly of Waxahachie, made us a brotherly visit this week.

Rev. G. A. LeClere, of the Houston District, made us a delightful call last week. He had been spending a season at Mineral Wells recuperating.

Hon. J. W. Robbins, State Treasurer, broke away from the State officials who visited Dallas at the opening of the Fair, and paid the Advocate a pleasant call.

Mr. W. J. Stovall, the President of the Epworth League of First Church, this city, has taken a position in the Girls' Industrial School in Denton. His associates here give him up very reluctantly.

We had a pleasant call this week from Rev. J. P. Lowry, of Boyd and Garvin charge. He tells us that he is building a new church structure in the latter place and hopes to have it done by conference. It will cost about \$1,000.

The Advocate deeply sympathizes with Bro. O. W. Crockett, of Waxahachie, Texas, in the death of his wife, which occurred September 17th. She had been long a faithful member of the Church and will be much missed in her community.

Rev. C. H. Booth and bride passed through the city this week and made the Advocate an appreciated call. They were recently married at Clarendon, Texas. The Advocate extends congratulations. Brother Booth has a pastorate in Austin. Mrs. Booth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Edlins, of Clarendon.

Rev. Abe Mulkey, the inimitable, was in the city the other day and gave the Advocate force the benefit of his face and counsel. He is always a welcome caller. He had just closed a fine meeting in Chillicothe. Sister Mulkey was in the meeting with him and rendered fine service.

CHURCH NEWS.

A committee has been appointed to raise \$12,000,000 to supplement the resources of the Presbyterian College and theological seminaries.

A fine deaconess-house and hospital has been erected by the German Evangelical Church in Cincinnati at a cost of \$100,000 for the building alone.

Some brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church are discussing the advisability of uniting the Publishing Houses of that great ecclesiastical body.

The Standard of Chicago says: "The Methodists are by far the most enterprising of the denominations in Chicago. Their growth has been re-

markable. They have erected no less than eighty church edifices in Chicago and suburbs within the past ten years, and they have now over 150 Church organizations."

Dr. C. H. Briggs, presiding elder, says that 1,900 have been received into our Churches in St. Louis since the last Conference—1,700 of these on profession of faith.

Bishop Galloway is to be one of the speakers at an Epworth District Conference in Albany, New York, October 20th. Good speaking our friends up there will have on that occasion.

Bishop Hoss, we are glad to say, has recovered from a slight spell of malarial fever at Montegale, Tenn. He will spend the Sunday before the Indian Mission Conference in Dallas.

Evangelist R. G. Pearson has found it necessary to leave Asheville on account of the altitude, and he has taken a position in the faculty of the Cumberland Presbyterian School at Lebanon, Tenn.

The report of a big shortage in the New York Book Concern of the M. E. Church proves to be false. Messrs. Eaton & Malns affirm that "there is not a shortage of one cent in the New York Book Concern."

It is estimated that about twelve new places of worship are completed each day in the year in the United States. The average cost is \$7,000, or an aggregate of from \$85,000 to \$105,000 daily for church buildings.

The Kentucky Conference has provided for the appointment of a Conference Cashier, whose duty will be to collect at the annual sessions the money and reports of the preachers and distribute them among the proper committees.

The value of Protestant Church property in the city of New York, as estimated by the assessors, is \$82,521,000. The Roman Catholics is \$33,165,000. Among the Protestants the Episcopalians possess the largest amount—\$14,302,500. The Methodists rank third, having \$4,941,500.

ADVOCATE AGENT ABOARD.

A trip through Ellis County this fall makes glad the heart and delights the eyes. One is impressed with the fact that this is, indeed, a goodly land. As far as the eye can reach the land is one great stretch of golden cornfields and dark cotton patches with their creamy and pink blooms, relieved here and there by the lighter green of kaifir corn and milo-maize. It is, indeed, a land

"Where every prospect pleases And only man is vile."

This is the banner agricultural county of Texas, and of the world. And Methodism has done and is doing a large part in its material as well as spiritual development. It was in Waxahachie that "Old Master" McKenzie did his last great work; that Marvin College was situated; that Bishop Marvin and Dr. Wood met the Texas representatives of our Zion and completed the great work that gave Texas Southwestern University. So I enjoyed going over this historic ground with Bro. E. W. Nation, our pastor at Barwell. We visited Avalon, a Presbyterian settlement leavened by a sprinkling of fine Methodist people. We always feel safe in a good Presbyterian town. Rev. Angus Johnson is their pastor, now in his 56th year; still vigorous, active as a pastor, and came out to hear me at night and responded by "amens" with the old-time ring. Think of a life like that—only four years of a centennial and nearly eighty years as a preacher! He is justly loved by all. Avalon has a fine school building, and we ought to have a church built right away. But Bro. Nation is doing a fine work, and thinks a church is almost in sight. At Rankin we dined with Brother and Sister N. B. Rankin, from Dr. Rankin's old country. Bro. Rankin was born on the San Jacinto River, November 11, 1828, and remembers the battle of San Jacinto. His father moved here in 1850, and the town of Rankin is named for him. He is well-to-do now. Bro. Nation has some fine officials—Brothers Wood, Thomases, Colliers, Young Carter and the Owens, Whiteside, Sain, Walker, Hale and such folks. He and Sister Nation need to have the old parsonage fixed up and furnished, and they are doing some on it. Bro. W. A. Sampey and wife promise to help, and Sister Sampey is a whole team. He has a 600-acre farm there. Bro. Nation will do, Bishop. WM. A. BOWEN.

Gleanings from the Exchanges

A PLUCKY WOMAN.

Arkansas Methodist:
Eight hundred miles from the nearest physician and with her husband in danger of dying unless operated on immediately, Mrs. William H. Logan of Bethany, Ill., who recently went to China with her husband as a missionary, gave him an anaesthetic and successfully removed his appendix, following instructions he gave her before he lapsed into unconsciousness. When Dr. Logan had rallied sufficiently from the operation Mrs. Logan took him 800 miles by rail and wagon to a physician, where the treatment was completed.

CHRISTIAN BIGOTRY.

Cumberland Presbyterian:
A correspondent of the Gospel Advocate asks the question: "Is it right for a Christian to take part in a union Sunday-school?" And that paper responds: "We do not think any man could work long in a union Sunday-school and be true and loyal to the Word of God. If he should stand for the whole truth as taught in the New Testament, he would either break up the concern or they would put him out of it." Strange what ideas some people have of loyalty to the Word of God. The man who cannot work in a "union" or other Sunday-school without making a disturbance is a poor specimen of a Christian.

AMERICAN WOMAN DINES WITH A KING.

Harper's Bazar:
An American woman, who desires to withhold her name, and whose husband is a member of the diplomatic corps at Madrid, has written an interesting article describing a state dinner at the Royal Palace there, at which the young King Alphonso and his mother presided. The description is written as only a woman could do it, with those minute but interesting details visible only to the feminine eye. The King's mother, it seems, wore a state ruby as large as a hen's egg, and though the dessert service was of gold, there were, to the manifest horror of the American guest, two wooden tooth-picks placed neatly at each plate. It is an entertaining glimpse at royal Spanish dinner-giving.

THE FAILURE OF PROTESTANTISM.

Central Christian Advocate:
Howsoever the Roman Catholic periodicals may differ on many subjects, there is one on which they speak with strange unanimity; and that is "The Failure of Protestantism." The demonstration of this failure, put forward by them, is the small attendance at Protestant Churches. But it is worth while to call the attention of such writers to the fact that, whilst the Roman Catholic idea is to build big churches in the midst of large parishes, the Protestant theory is to pur-

sue exactly the opposite policy. The Protestant parishes are small and the churches numerous. There are about as many Methodist Churches in Chicago as there are Catholic, and there are five times as many Protestant Churches as there are Catholic. If, therefore each of these groups of five Protestant Churches were to be consolidated into one, it would be found that the congregations are quite as large as those in Catholic Churches. Looking at it on a wide scale, it will be seen that in the country at large the Protestant Churches are building about twelve to fifteen churches a day, at a cost of about \$100,000, or \$35,000,000 a year. This does not look as if the Protestant Churches were decaying very rapidly.

THE TONGUE AND THE BRAIN.

Religious Telescope:
The ability to talk glibly and continuously about nothing is a gift of very questionable value. Great talkers are seldom great thinkers. Wind, when it is "air in motion" is a good thing; but wind, when it is a continuous gush of great, swelling words to no profit, is detestable. Words, when they are the vehicles of valuable ideas, and so spoken as to make clear and impress great truths, are more beautiful than silver and more precious than gold; but when they are only the vapourings of vacant minds and vain gabblers, they are a waste of time and a strain on patience. It is a good thing and profitable to rest the tongue sometimes. It is better to work the brain and let the tongue be idle than to work the tongue and let the brain be idle.

BRIEF NOTES.

H. G. H.

We were on the point of sending church-builders a note of warning not to go in debt with the hope that the Church Extension Board would pay the debt when here came an application expecting that very thing. This is getting to be the chronic habit, and its effect is nearly always bad on the incoming pastor.

Will some thoroughly well informed member of the last General Conference please tell us, in a few simple words, if that legislative body meant that by forbidding our ministers from marrying people under certain conditions they wished to keep them from taking part in the act of adultery? What about persons under such conditions being married by other ministers or civil magistrates and remarrying acceptable members of our Church?

Will some member of the General Conference explain why there is such a complete breakdown under such circumstances in the enforcement of the moral law against adultery? Where is there relief for the pastor and his flock?

In answering the above questions we do not want the member of the General Conference to waste his time in quoting a lot of Scriptures to prove that adultery is immoral.

Anent the late effort of a mentally unbalanced man, armed with a pistol, to enter the President's house, doubtless to kill him, we desire to express the opinion that any man who has been pronounced insane, and who is not responsible before the law for his acts, should be kept under guard in an insane asylum.

An insane man is governed by a wildly-disordered imagination and not by right or reason—worse still, nearly always imagining God directs him to commit murder. There are many such men out of the asylum, and some of them even holding important positions.

Your readers are with you in your fight on the liquor question. The prohibition campaign seems to be conducted with unusual intelligence. A few years ago prohibition in the State was defeated by nearly 100,000, but such a day may never come again in Texas. A close hand-to-hand fight in each county is the best method.

As little as the men are willing to admit it, Mrs. Stoddard and Mrs. Zehner are great factors in this mighty movement, and the large daily papers (sometimes without intending it) are rendering large help in publishing so many facts connected with the movement. We can get along without their editorial comments pro and con, but their accounts of victory for prohibition make good reading.

E. H. Holbrook's account of the conversion of Walter C. Hendrix brought to my mind the fact that his grandfather was my class-leader in old Millidgeville, Ga., in 1856, and was one of the most famous exhorters in Middle Georgia of the old school style of Reddick Pierce, shaking sin and sinners from their foundations. Under his exhortations I broke from the theater and circus, and in 1857 helped the same old son of thunder hold a revival meeting in a factory town. When he was on his high horse his voice rolled like a bass drum and the ungodly man quaked.

Probably not in twenty years has the Advocate's "Notes from the Field"

contained so much stirring revival news. That makes rich reading, and then the dear, good brethren are discovering so many great preachers. If we look a little closely we'll find it the grand old gospel that is really the great power in these meetings.

BROWN COUNTY ANTIS INTIMIDATED.

I see from the Houston Chronicle that the Brown County antis have presented a petition for injunction to Judge Furman, of Belton, on the ground of "religious intimidation," and that Judge Furman refused the injunction. It occurs to me that the position of the Brown County antis is well taken, under the facts of their case. While the majority of the antis are conspicuous by their absence from religious worship, and are not known to be zealous workers in the cause of the Master, still many of them do claim to be moral men and believers in religion, and it is a fact that many of them have their names enrolled on Church books. The facts with reference to our election are that the ladies and children of our town, while serving lunch in the courthouse yard, sang religious songs, such as "There is a Great Day Coming," and "I Want to Be a Worker for the Lord," and the mothers displayed such mottoes as "Save Our Boys," and the children such as, "We Won't Be Material for the Gin Mills." Are not the thoughts suggested by such songs and such mottoes as these well calculated to "intimidate" the moral and religious antis?

It is true that these good women are American citizens and legally have all the rights of any other American citizen with reference to an election, except to vote. It is also true that they did not go within fifty feet of the polls, and did not enter the Courthouse where six-foot ward-healers were pulling and hauling at the voters as they approached the voting place. But still I am inclined to think that the moral influence exerted by the presence of these ladies and the singing of these songs was well calculated to "intimidate" the moral and religiously inclined anti, and to deter him from voting for the saloon. In fact, I think the antis are entitled to an injunction forbidding all reference to morality and religion in the discussion of prohibition. They are entitled to an equal show, and what chances have the advocates of the whisky traffic when morality and the responsibilities of Christian citizenship are brought into the discussion of the question? C. H. JENKINS, Brownwood, Texas.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Read before the fourth Quarterly Conference, Canton and Edgewood charge:

Whereas, We as pastor and stewards of Canton and Edgewood charge, Tyler District, Texas Conference, knowing that this is the last year we can have Bro. J. T. Smith as our presiding elder, and that this is the last day that he is likely to serve us in that capacity, be it resolved,

1. That we extend him our deepest love and appreciation for his four years of diligent service;

2. That we commend him to the Annual Conference as a man worthy of the trust imposed to him and as a man who gets close to his associates and friends and thereby does a great deal for our Church and the cause of Christ.

3. That we resign our will to that of God and his Church and know that whatever Bro. Smith is sent to do, by God's help, he will do it, and wherever he is sent, by God's help, he will bless the section over which he presides.

4. That we heartily endorse his work among us these four years and we promise him an interest in our prayers.

5. That we send a copy of these resolutions to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

Respectfully,
G. R. HUGHES, P. C.
J. T. C. STEWARD,
R. O. HOOKS,
Stewards.

MRS. WHITE DEAD.

Rev. J. L. White, a member of the Northwest Texas Conference and pastor of our Church at Ranger, had the great misfortune to lose his wife last Saturday. He passed through Waco Sunday on his way to Florence, Texas, where the body was laid to rest. Bro. White is one of the young men of the conference and this is indeed a sad affliction, thus to lose his wife and companion in his youth. May the God of all consolation sustain him. A suitable obituary will appear later.

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I was converted at a meeting held by this minister of God in 1871, at Scott Chapel, McLennan County, Tex. So I regard him as my spiritual father. My earthly father died in 1862, in time of that terrible war. My mother had gone home long before that. I thought when father died all earthly counselors were gone. The memory of father is still dear to me. So the memory of Bro. Melugin is also dear to me. I don't think I was ever acquainted with a man that I had more confidence in as a Christian than he. He preached more on the possibility of apostasy than any preacher I was ever acquainted with. Glorious revivals swept over the Bosqueville Circuit during his pastorate. As a result at one appointment, first and last, seven brethren were licensed to preach, and are still at the post of duty.

Truly a good man has fallen and gone to his rich reward. I remember but one fault (if a fault), that is, he was despondent at times. Never heard of complaint being made but once, and that was in a quarterly meeting held at Bosqueville camp-ground. The complaint was made by Bro. Ricey, of Waco, as follows: He said, "I have complaint against your preacher." After keeping us in anxious suspense a minute, he said: "Your pastor is going to kill himself preaching so loud, and then a widow and orphans would be left on our hands." Bro. Melugin modestly promised to do better, but the next day, I think, he preached louder than I ever heard him. I expect to meet him in heaven.

MARION MILLS,
Coperas Cove, Texas.

NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE.

I am pleased to report the opening of the North Texas Female College as the best in its history. There are now present 208 boarding pupils, with sixteen more to come who have rooms engaged. The total enrollment at present is 308. Our rooms are nearly all filled.

J. M. BINKLEY, Agt.

ATTENTION, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

The Melugin call expires Oct. 8, 1903. Your brotherhood is in fine, healthy condition. We have almost no forfeitures, and then only by forgetfulness or miscarriage in the mail. Do not let the time pass. If your fee is not in the Secretary's hand, send at once.

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GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID.
H. Sam. 8:4-16.

Golden Text: "Thy throne shall be established forever." (H. Sam. 7:16.)

Topical Outline: I. God's promise to David Himself. (Verses 4-11.) II. God's Promise to David's Posterity. (Verses 12-16.)

Time: About 8 C. 1942.

Place: In the King's house at Jerusalem.
Paul Whitehead, D. D., in Sunday School Magazine.

The pious thought of David's heart to erect a glorious temple for Jehovah, communicated to the prophet Nathan, brought a revelation through the same prophet of the divine mind and purpose respecting David and his family.

What the Apostle Paul terms (Rom. 11:29) "the gifts and calling of God," with respect to nations and rulers, and the bearing of these leaders upon national history are founded upon the divine view of what is best and most truly available for God's glory under all the circumstances. In this sense God says of David: "I took thee from the sheeplote, from following the sheep, to be a ruler over my people, over Israel." (Lesson, verse 8.)

His providence selected David as he rejected Saul. Happy the man who has the comfort of being persuaded that it is God's calling, and not ambition or greed or self-will, or love of power, which moves him to great places and prompts to the fulfillment of high duties!

Such providential selections are made in connection with the destiny of God's Church and people, and not from personal favoritism or partial considerations.

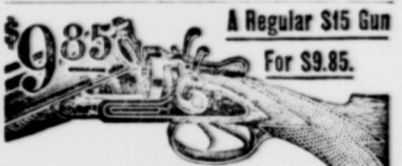
First of all in Nathan's revelation came the statement of the divine purpose to give Israel a permanent place and footing in the earth; so that, if faithful, they might nevermore be removed or afflicted by "the children of wickedness." Dearer in the eyes of God than any welfare of David or his family (for his sake) was the welfare, the stable welfare of his people. They were as "the apple of his eye."

For David's comfort the assurance was given him of the comparative stability and endurance of his personal succession.

Most Kings, if not all monarchs, have desired that their names might not be "blotted out" in the generations following, but continued in the persons of a worthy line of successors. This was probably David's aspiration. He reflected sorrowfully upon the fate of Saul's children, and hoped to have a worthier seed. Continuance, to a certain extent dependent upon personal obedience to God, was promised. Upon his glad heart the vision arose of a long line of good men pleasing God and guiding and governing the nation in righteousness. It was a flattering view which came before his imagination. He knew not how his own sins and those of his great and wise yet morally weak son were to color the picture, to blot and blur the final result.

Warningly to David himself, as well as for a witness for the time to come, Jehovah says that this covenant of his is not to be perverted into a license to "commit iniquity." He will not deal with such sinners as with Saul. The line of descent will hold good, and, though chastened, these transgressors shall not be utterly destroyed. God is merciful to men for their fathers' sake. His long-suffering is great toward those who trace their descent from pious and godly ancestors. The prayers and intercessions of such holy men, like Job's, turn aside bolts of vengeance for a time. Both Solomon and Rehoboam appear to have owed to the memory of David's better days and faithfulness in tribulation a mitigation of the calamities their sins provoked.

David was much affected by the communication made through Nathan. He felt his littleness, the amazing condescension of the Father in heaven, the wide and far-reaching sweep of his good and gracious dealing with himself and the people of Israel. His thought and purpose were to be worthy of these.



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NOTES.

Miss M. Rothe, Secretary Sherman District, is compiling a register of the local Chapter officers, and is planning an aggressive campaign in the interest of her work.

Miss Clara Wood, having been appointed by President Halsell to the State work, has resigned as Junior Superintendent of the North Texas Conference League. Her successor will be announced next week. Miss Wood has served in the capacity of Junior Superintendent from the local Chapter up and is well qualified for the position to which she has been appointed.

Rev. George R. Stuart, who is to hold a series of meetings in Texas this fall, is well thought of by the Leaguers. He was one of us on our Detroit trip and said he felt more like a Texan than anything else.

Don't forget to furnish your pastor with the correct number of members in your Chapter for his report to the Annual Conference. Don't leave him to guess at the membership. If your Chapter is not correctly reported in the conference minutes it will be your fault, Mr. League President.

A series of lectures on the history of Methodism would be a good thing to add to the regular literary program during the winter months.

A five-minute Bible drill at the close of the weekly devotional meeting would prove interesting and helpful.

Now is the best time of the year to push the collection of local dues, and all financial enterprises as to that.

Governor Mickey was introduced at Detroit as the Governor who refused to allow a ball at his inauguration. Replying, the Governor said he deserved no praise for his action; that he was raised a Methodist and Methodists didn't dance.

STATE LEAGUE FINANCES.

Has your League sent in the amount necessary for State League expenses? Our State organization when properly conducted is a vital force in strengthening the League work. To successfully carry on the work we need funds. Each League is asked for 50c for every 20 members; but a larger contribution would be appreciated. Remit to A. K. RAGSDALE, Sec'y-Treas., Dallas, Texas.

DETROIT DELEGATES.

By request of a number of those who were members of our Detroit party we will meet in Dallas during the Fair in a reunion. As a number of the young ladies are teachers it is not possible for them to be here during the week, so we have called the meeting for Friday evening, Oct. 2. Most of them can reach Dallas Friday afternoon. This will give Saturday at the Fair, and those who wish can stay over Sunday. Reduced rates to Dallas are on sale on all the roads.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Until this year the mission study classes of the Epworth Leagues have used as a text book the Missionary Book in the regular League Reading Course, which has been selected from various sources. Necessarily this book could not always be selected with special reference to its fitness as a text book for the use of study classes.

The Young People's Missionary Movement, which is a movement among the young people's societies of the Christian Churches of North America, parallel to the Student Volunteer Movement among students, was organized in 1901, and held its first Southern conference at Lookout Mountain, July 1-8, 1903. Under the direction of this movement a series of text books on missions, adapted to study classes in young people's societies, is being prepared. The aim is to publish a series of text books covering the various

home and foreign fields. A general account will be given of some of the smaller countries, such as Japan, Korea and Turkey; but for the larger fields, as China, Africa and India, the general account will be supplemented by a series of biographies of the principal missionaries connected with the country. The courses will be known as the "Forward Movement Study Courses."

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The Study Course begins Nov. 1. It is suggested that Oct. 25 be considered as Mission Study Rally Day, and that a part of the League meeting on that day be devoted to setting forth the obligation and the plans of mission study, and to the organization of the Mission Study Class.

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FOR THE LITERARY MEETING.

Many times the inquiry comes regarding certain familiar old sayings. The following bits of information have been collected by The Christian Advance:

Dean Swift is credited with "Bread is the staff of life."

It was Keats who said "A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

"Man proposes, but God disposes," remarked Thomas a Kempis.

Franklin is authority for "God helps those who help themselves."

"All cry and no wool" is an expression found in Butler's "Hudibras."

It was an observation of Thomas Southerne that "Pity's akin to love."

We are indebted to Colley Cibber, not to Shakespeare, for "Richard is himself again."

Edward Coke, the English jurist, was of the opinion that "A man's house is his castle."

"When Greeks joined Greeks, then was the tug of war," was written by Nathaniel Lee.

"Variety's the spice of life," and "Not much the worse for wear," were coined by Cowper.

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Christopher Marlowe gave forth the invitation so often repeated by his brothers in a less public way: "Love me little, love me long."

The poet Campbell found that "Coming events cast their shadows before," and "Tis distance lends enchantment to the view."

To Dr. Johnson belongs "A good hater," and to MacIntosh, in 1701, the phrase, often attributed to John Randolph, "Wise and masterly inactivity."

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I met the other day one of our prominent laymen who was prevented from attending the District Conference by a prohibition campaign in which he took an active part, and he was surprised to learn that he had been elected over two months ago to serve as a delegate to the Annual Conference which meets at Bryan in December. This reminds me that I have seen no report of our proceedings. Under our present law some of the acts of every District Conference should be published. Our district elected last year a very strong lay delegation, and the Annual Conference saw fit to give each of them an influential position on some one of our various boards. This gives them the opportunity to bless the Church for four years with their business, wisdom and consecrated services, and we deemed it our duty to return them in a body. They are R. M. Kelly, of Longview; R. R. Ramsey, of Marshall; H. L. Griffin, of Henderson, and J. E. Biggs, of Beckville.

The Licensing Committee elected under paragraph 77 was constituted as follows: Gus Garrison, traveling elder; J. I. Lavender, local elder; R. R. Ramsey and H. L. Griffin, laymen.

An assessment equal to the amount assessed by the District Stewards for Bishops' fund was placed on each pastoral charge for the purpose of making some repairs on the district parsonage. This matter was placed in the hands of the presiding elder, who is receiving the same cordial support that has been given him in every cause which he has had occasion to present to the people of the district, and the house will be in "apple pie order" for the fortunate man who succeeds the "present incumbency."

The characters of the following local elders were passed: J. H. Westmoreland and J. I. Lavender; also the following local deacons: J. H. Crouse, A. Bradburn, W. N. Brown, J. T. Biggs and E. T. Bridges. The following local preachers had their characters passed and licenses renewed: J. W. Pool, E. C. Esoot, R. E. Brothers and W. C. Parham.

The next session of the District Conference will be held in Kilgore.

The meeting was spiritual and the preaching was all good. We had no sky-scraping and no higher criticism, but much of the heavenly unction. Naturally my own heart was deeply touched by the presentation of a handsome gold-headed cane to the presiding elder in token of the love and confidence of the members of the conference. The Irish member did the coming act with characteristic grace. C. R. LAMAR.

THE ANDERSON-WARLICK DEBATE.

A religious discussion between Dr. E. W. Alderson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Elder Joe S. Warlick, of the Campbellite Church, was held in the town of Cumby, Texas, Sept. 8-15. It was my privilege to hear nearly all of the debate. To those who know Dr. Alderson it is unnecessary to say that his manner of conducting a debate is of the highest order. In this particular discussion he won a great victory. The cause of Methodism was greatly strengthened and the fallacies of Campbellism fully exposed. Dr. Alderson as a debator is clear, considerate, fair, profound, scholarly and logical. He simply leaves nothing out, but exhausts the subject. Likewise his argument is so put together that there is not a single vulnerable point for the arrows of his opponent. He makes no assertions that he is not prepared to prove, all the time impressing his hearers that his cause does not require its defender to resort to tricks and subterfuge to triumph. The Methodists were proud of their champion and had no cause to feel in the least uneasy during the entire debate. In fact, Dr. Alderson drew friends to his cause as the debate advanced. Methodism was never stronger in Cumby. She has nothing to lose by a discussion of her doctrines, for the truth of Scriptures as taught by her can but prevail. It is but just to state that Elder Warlick made out the best possible case for Campbellism. He has his lesson perfect, understanding completely the little circle of argument as used by all Campbellites. It is really amusing to note with what composure Elder Warlick poses as a great scholar, when any school boy could see that his knowledge was superficial and second-hand. Instead of meeting argument with argument he sought by bombast and ridicule to carry his point, and to dispossess the minds of his hearers of the impressions as made by Dr. Alderson. He sought by mere assertion to make his audience believe that he had carried every point, continually saying that "the Doctor" should not have one point of the entire debate. As a consummate braggadocio, Elder Warlick has no equal. Whenever Elder Warlick would get in a close place he was always equal to the emergency. If he could not back out or slide out or dodge out he denied out. As an illustration: In quoting the parable of the vineyard as recorded in the 21st chap-

ter Matthew, he made it read, "He will miserably destroy the vineyard," instead of quoting it correctly, "He will miserably destroy those wicked men." When called to task by Dr. Alderson he denied it. He did things of this character more than once. Not content to garble and misquote Scripture, Elder Warlick also put in a "not" in reading Moses Stuart, when alas for him the much-needed negative was not in the passage. When Dr. Alderson sharply rebuked him for publicly falsifying the author he unblushingly denied it before the audience who had heard him perpetrate the untruth not a half hour before. This is but a sample.

Dr. Alderson never sacrifices permanent results for present victory, and never uses an argument that he does not believe perfectly valid. Hence the results of his debates are lasting and increasingly apparent as time passes. The Church is greatly and permanently helped. Our people become increasingly proud to be known as Methodists.

As a trickster and dodger Elder Warlick has long since reached the climax. Let me say in conclusion that Methodism has nothing to fear when Dr. Alderson is her defender against any one the Campbellites may have. C. W. DENNIS.

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MEN OF ISRAEL, READ!

To the Members of the North Texas Conference:

It goes without saying that all the "collections ordered by the Annual Conference" are important. And it is hardly necessary to say that the assessments on the various charges are the smallest possible, consistent with the pressing needs of our several interests and the ability of the Church to pay. And yet we are faced with a deficit year after year.

Now, to the point: Have you taken the pains to notice which one of our institutions suffers most from this deficit? It is Church Extension. Foreign missions generally come first. Brethren seem to make a special effort to strike a balance in that direction. And it is right. Our brethren and sisters in heathen lands must be sustained. But is it not a fact that next in importance to the sending of a preacher is a place—a house—in which to preach, and a parsonage in which to live? Is not Church extension, in fact, as much of a missionary work—foreign and domestic—as any other arm of Church service? It certainly is, and it is neither wise nor prudent to neglect its claims in the interest of any other, except it be in behalf of our foreign workers.

Now, brethren, when you fill out your blanks for your conference reports, please have a kind regard for the Church Extension column. It is worthy; it is needy. JAS. W. HILL.

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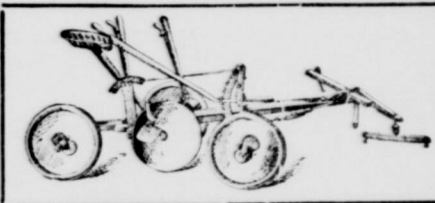
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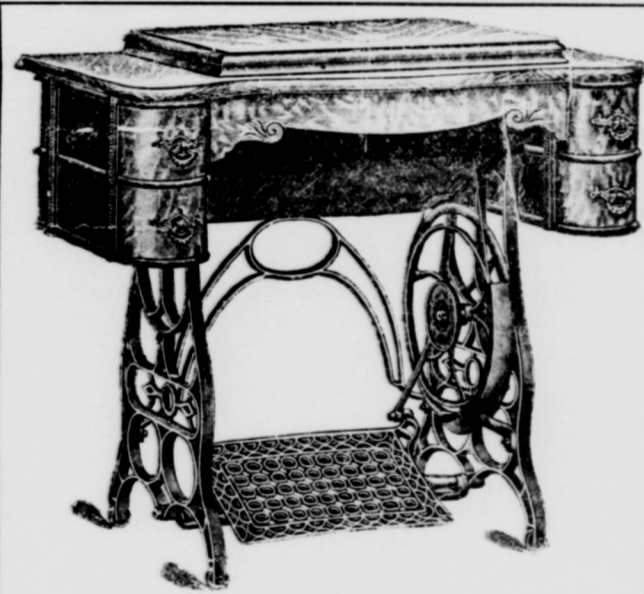
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ONE MORE URGENT CALL FOR REPORTS.

I am glad to say we have had encouraging reports from auxiliaries W. F. M. Society that have observed "Parsonage Program;" but, oh, such a small per cent of the auxiliaries of North Texas Conference have reported. The next annual meeting of the Home Mission Society, North Texas Conference, will soon convene. I just beg that if any auxiliaries have observed Parsonage day and not reported to me, that they do so at once. And I implore the auxiliaries that have not used the programme, to carry it out at their next meeting and report at once, in order that the report may be in my report for the annual meeting. I had so much hoped that every auxiliary in North Texas Conference would give one meeting to this programme. We gave it considerable thought in preparation, and prayed that it might accomplish much good. I shall wait until the very last to make out my report, hoping to get the reports from auxiliaries. I have had much encouragement this year. Now, I ask that all auxiliaries hearken to this last appeal for this conference year.

MRS. W. W. WILLIAMS,
Supt. Parsonage Dept., Conf. Soc'y,
Decatur, Texas.

"SILVER JUBILEE."

Several months ago our society decided to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South. The auxiliary at this place is less than a year old, and we thought, by bringing our work before the public in this "jubilee" celebration it would be the means of building up the society.

The committee issued over two hundred invitations, reading as follows:

"The bountiful year of 1903
Is the year of our Silver Jubilee.
We hope you will not hesitate
To come and help us celebrate.
A pleasant evening, we believe,
With cordial welcome you'll receive.
From four to seven will be the time,
Please bring with you a silver dime."

The Sunday-school and prayer-meeting rooms of the church were appropriately decorated, where the guests were received by the reception committee. About one hundred guests were present. The first hour and the last were spent socially, the hour intervening being set apart for the programme.

Mrs. W. D. Butler, president of the society, opened the programme with a review of this missionary movement from its origin. Special music was rendered. Short talks were made by the members on various phases of our missionary work. A paper was read by Mrs. Jerome Duncan on "The Scarritt Bible and Training-School," and one by Mrs. T. B. Davis on the subject, "We Can Do It If We Will."

It was the endeavor of the programme committee to arrange the programme so that it would prove educational along the line of our work. We feel that there are many women in our Church who will join us if we press our claims until they realize the importance of this great work.

The offering in silver dimes amounted to \$9.60. Nine persons applied for membership in our society as a result of the evening's entertainment, thus making our band number thirty-four. As a whole, the evening's effort was considered a success. The programme was instructive as well as entertaining, and the social feature all that could be desired.

MRS. T. B. DAVIS, Cor. Sec.
Hillsboro, Texas.

W. F. M. SOCIETY.

In compliance with a request of our president, Mrs. Bullock, will send to the Woman's Department a few lines concerning the W. F. M. work in Gatesville District.

I find from the District Secretary's book that Gatesville has 15 members, McGregor 12, and our own Meridian some would say is dead; yet the spirit of, and love for, the foreign missionary work is still living in a few hearts in Meridian. The little so few of us can do looks so small, but we are not to despise the day of small things. Therefore, we have determined to be faithful in our work for the Master, trusting him to send us help in his own good time.

Although we have not members enough to fill all the offices of the auxiliary, we are not discouraged, for we know the Lord doth lead us and can prosper the work of our hands though we be few.

Would that all the women of Southern Methodism would prayerfully consider what will be the result of our indifference toward this glorious work! Would that at the next annual meet-

ing we may be permitted to report a W. F. M. Auxiliary in each pastoral charge in Gatesville District! We ask each pastor in the district to help the women organize and to encourage them in this work for the Master and the poor benighted souls who know nothing of the sweet consolations of the gospel of Christ Jesus.

"How dark would this life be to us
Without the ray from our divine religion given!
'Tis this that makes our darkness day!
'Tis this that makes our earth a heaven!"

And when we are called to pass through deep waters of affliction, how utterly unable we would be to bear it but for the knowledge we receive from God's word, of the blessed life beyond and the sweet assurance of having our loved ones again—our very own! Can we sit idly by and thus withhold this blessing from our heathen sisters?

Dear sisters, let us haste to help send the gospel light. Our time is short. Our opportunities fast passing. Let us be up and doing!

(MISS) ELLEN CLARK,
Dist. Sec. Gatesville Dist.,
Meridian, Texas.

W. H. M. SOCIETY.

The Young Ladies' Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South, of Brownwood, Texas, was organized as an auxiliary to the Ladies' Home Mission Society, during the month of May, 1901, with a membership of fifteen. The members are enthusiastic workers and in a financial way have accomplished as much if not more than other societies in the church, when the length of existence is considered.

During the first year twenty-five dollars was given and used toward the defraying of expense of placing an altar rail in church building. In the month of August, 1902, the society was called upon to donate fifty dollars for the purpose of repairing the parsonage. To this call the members promptly responded. Again, in December, 1902, the society assisted the "mother society" in refurbishing the parsonage by giving forty-five dollars, making a total of one hundred and twenty dollars. Aside from this amount, money has been expended for minor purposes. The society at present has a bank account of seventy-five dollars.

The society is not by any means a financial organization. Much good is accomplished by committees that are appointed to visit the sick, care for the poor and do such other work as the Lord would have them do.

Mrs. L. L. Mallon, the president, is a consecrated Christian worker, and to her the society owes much of its success.

Since June, 1903, the auxiliary has been a connectional body. The present membership is twenty-five.

MRS. CLARENCE A. TRIGG, Sec.
Brownwood, Texas.

THE UNSPEAKABLE GIFT.

Can any one who has ever had even the slightest Christian teaching forget that remarkable saying: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life?" It is found in the third chapter of John, sixteenth verse.

Marcus Rainsford said: "There are seven marvelous truths contained in this verse: 1. The greatest possible gift; God gave his Son. 2. For the greatest possible number; the world. 3. On the easiest possible terms; whosoever believeth. 4. For the most blessed deliverance from eternal perdition; shall never perish. 5. The greatest blessing; everlasting life. 6. On the highest possible security; on the witness of Christ himself. 7. From the highest possible motive; God's love.

This is not all. He gave us this example of loving, but he shows also that the natural sequence of loving is giving. His last and most important command to his disciples, from that day to the present, is to make this spirit of manifesting and giving Christ continuous, that each one who believes in him shall "go into all the world," or "send," and tell the people this good news.

The obligation, as Mr. Speer says, is "personal and inalienable." He says also: "The moment that a man says that his Christianity does not require him to give the gospel to the world, then he has no Christianity at all. This is strong language, but it is true. Such a person is spiritually dead, and there is no life in him. For a moment let us consider: What is true spiritual life? It is the life that is "hid with Christ in God." It is a life that is awake and active, a life that presses on and "up from earth's level."

"To the heaven's height far and steep."
It overcomes "the strifes and storms" through which it passes, and says: "Peace, be still." It transports the soul out of its walled cell of narrowness, out of its darkness, out of its coldness into the warmth, light, and

wideness of God's mercy, where the soul finds freedom and strength—the freedom that delights in the law of the Lord, the strength that is able to do all things through him that loved us and gave himself for us.

"I have faith such end shall be."

W. F. M. S., NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Quarterly report of the Corresponding Secretary for the quarter ending September 30, 1903:

Adult auxiliaries, 44; adult members, 891; adult auxiliaries organized during the quarter, 2; adult members added during the quarter, 64; Young People's and Juvenile Societies, 21; Young People's and Juvenile members, 614; Young People's and Juvenile members added during the quarter, 30; total membership, 1505; life members, 55; honorary life members, 2; Bible women supported, 4; scholarships supported, 7; day schools supported, 1; subscribers to the Woman's Missionary Advocate, 364; subscribers to Little Worker, 202.

We have added to our roll for the two quarters of the fiscal year nine adult and three juvenile societies—Minerals Wells with 13 members, Big Springs, 16 members; Midland, 11 members; Rising Star, 19 members; Hewitt, 14 members; Claude, 5 members; Hereford, 7 members; Mt. Calm, 7 members; Frost Juveniles, 22 members; Dublin Juveniles, 17 members; "Rankin Cheerful Workers" at Channing, 13 members. We regret to lose any from our numbers, but several adult and juvenile societies have ceased to live. Will others fill up the ranks? The money is in the treasury for a Bible woman, supported by Weatherford First Church Auxiliary, but has not been placed. Two new scholarships taken in Chihuahua, Mexico one by Temple Juveniles and one by Dublin-Stephenville Auxiliaries. Granbury has one ready for Brazil, but not yet placed. We hope it will not be long ere each society or district will support its own Bible woman and scholarship; these are good, but would urge large support on pledge.

The Training School scholarship must receive your prompt attention; pay now. All your finances for the year should be half paid. I give you an extract from Mrs. Trueheart's letter of September 16: "The condition of our treasury needs your prayerful consideration. In June the full appropriations were sent to China, Korea and Brazil, and only half sent to the other countries, and not enough yet in hand at this writing to send the balance. In addition to this sad state of affairs, the drafts for the October quarter have been called for in the far-away countries, but the call has to be unheeded, because there is not enough to send. Of course on the 20th the Conference Treasurers will send in their second remittances, which may meet this quarter's necessities, but what is to be done with the deficit on the June quarter? I know our faithful women have many demands on them, but our foreign work, which they planted and which has been wonderfully prosperous, should not be left to suffer, and some of it is suffering at this time. I hope you will greatly increase your collections, that soon all will be well. With God's help and some self-denial, we can meet our obligations." Will every Auxiliary Treasurer make this a personal matter and, without delay, make a tour of collection, leaving nothing unpaid and remit at once to the Conference Treasurer?

Let no one suffer on account of my unpaid dues. You have been supplied with the quarter's literature, with report blanks, conference and board minutes and summaries and handbooks; study them carefully.

Do not neglect your prayer calendars, with October begins the days of prayer for conference societies and their officers, "pray one for another."

"I believe God answers prayer,
I am sure God answers prayer,
I have proved God answers prayer."

Let us echo the strain until God echoes it back again in multiplied blessings. MRS. W. F. BARNUM.

As I finished this report there came a letter from Mrs. Trueheart, saying: "I feel considerable apprehension about the yellow fever in New Laredo, and telegraphed to the Laredo Seminary if the disease appeared there for all to leave except the 'immunes.'" Miss Holding continues quite sick, though not with yellow fever.

Again, "pray one for another."
MRS. W. F. B.
Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 25, 1903.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of Italy, Waxahachie District, was organized some eight or ten years ago, the exact date not known, as all the old records seem to be lost.

This society has done some excellent local work. Besides some parsonage furnishings this year the so-

ciety is raising funds to assist in the rebuilding of the church, which is now in process of construction.

There are now some sixteen members with the promise of a new member at the next meeting.

We have two meetings each month, one devotional and one business.

We hope to rally our forces and do more and better work than ever before, especially the connectional.

At present we have only one set of the first year's reading course and are taking but one copy of the paper "Our Homes." MRS. O. P. KIKER,
Corresponding Secretary.

Loss of Appetite.

Is commonly gradual; one dish after another is set aside till few remain. These are not eaten with much relish, and are often so light as not to afford much nourishment.

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OBITUARY.

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F. M. WINBURNE, P. C.
Delia, Texas, Sept. 23.

MORTUARY CALL NO. 1.

Members of the Northwest Texas Conference Brotherhood Auxiliary, Attention:

Dear Sister—We are called to chronicle the first death in our auxiliary. Mrs. J. L. White, wife of our pastor at Ranger, Texas, passed to her reward Sept. 26, 1903. Your mortuary fee of \$1 is now due and should be paid within thirty days. Call expires Oct. 28, and should you fail to pay within that time you would forfeit your membership and could only be restored at conference upon the payment of all arrearages. Your mortuary benefit will give great relief in a trying hour. M. S. HOTCHKISS,
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It took over two years work to solve the problem successfully. After it was solved the food was given to many people and the result watched carefully.

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Then, from these imitators, came the offering of spoons, knitting needles, chinaware, pictures, doll babies and even pianos to induce people to gorge themselves with the various and sundry things.

Fortunately the most of these imitation foods are harmless and decently clean, so that no real harm is done except that people who pay out money to secure a food for special service have a right to expect an equitable return for that money.

Investigation proves that in practically all cases where imitations are put upon the market, the men who place them are untrained and have no knowledge of the real scientific basis of food making. If they did have, they would produce original articles. The very fact that they make imitations is prima facie evidence that they have no professional ability to originate valuable articles themselves, but must get under the eaves of some originator.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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of joy and thanksgiving in our hearts because that the Lord met with us and blessed us. Our Church was wonderfully revived. We are lifted to a higher plane. The service of the Master is sweeter to us. There was a spiritual glow in the prayer-meeting last Sunday that showed that the revival was still on. Four reclamations, four professions and four accessions to the Church is the numerical counting, but deep in our hearts there abides a faith that God will bring forth richer things from the labors of this meeting and that sons and daughters will be added to the family of our heavenly Father, who will point this as the time when they set their determination to serve the living God.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

First Church, Dallas.

John M. Moore: First Church in this city had a splendid day last Sunday. The lecture room has been freshly painted in white, the old pews have been replaced by chairs, the lights have been renovated and a new stairway has been built. Last Sunday was opening day. The Sunday-school had a most interesting session with 263 present, the largest attendance since the "exodus." The Epworth League held a most spiritual consecration service in the evening with an attendance of 87, about half of whom took active part in the services. The preaching services were attended by large audiences. Rev. A. Lichtenstein, the Superintendent of the St. Louis Mission to the Jews, spoke at the evening hour. The accessions to First Church for the ten months of this year have been 210, a few more than have been lost by dismissal to other Churches. One special feature of the work now being done is the great interest and service of the young people. The Methodist young men of the city are being carefully and systematically looked after by a regularly organized band of young men. Pastors and parents having young men coming to the city to engage in business may have them cared for by writing the pastor.

Chico.

H. B. Johnson, Sept. 28: We have finished our round of protracted meetings with very good success. Have had 32 additions to the Church during the year. Baptized six babies last night, making ten in all for the year. Our Church is in better condition than at any time during our pastorate of two years. We have had two very pleasant years on this work, but it is to come to a close very soon, we having transferred to the Los Angeles Conference. We will leave for our new field of work about October 26. Bro. H. E. Smith will take charge of the work until conference.

Kingston Circuit.

C. I. McWhirter, Sept. 28: Rev. A. W. Gibson, P. C., has been in failing health for some months and has had an attack of fever continuing two weeks or more. He is now clear of fever, but is left in a prostrated condition. He wishes the writer to ask the prayers of his brethren in his behalf. It has fallen to my lot to act as supply to him in filling his appointments. I find that he is in great favor with his people. In spite of his failing health, which prevented him from holding several protracted meetings, he has had between fifty and sixty accessions and over 100 conversions. Kingston wants to be a half station and ought to be to meet the demands of the situation. It is to be hoped that the authorities will be able to make such arrangement. Bro. Gibson says that his failing health will force him into retirement from active work. The circuit, under proper management, has a good outlook.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Floresville.

I. K. Waller, Sept. 26: Solomon once said there was nothing new under the sun. But, down here, on the night of the 23d, there was something entirely new. The parsonage folks got an all-round pounding just six weeks before roll call. Verily, it is new. We are in the midst of the closing efforts for our second report from this very pleasant station. Last year was the driest and hardest ever known in this county. This has been by far the wettest ever known. The boll weevil nearly ruined us, but reports shall be good.

Eola.

M. B. Bynum, Sept. 26: Our camp-meeting held in August, seven or eight miles east of Mereta, by S. J. Franks and M. T. Allen and others, was a benediction in this country. Twenty-five converted and the Church built up in Methodist faith and doctrine. I

notice in the Christian Advocate of August 27, 1903, Mr. F. E. Bogard, of Mereta, spoke of a merchant selling goods and watermelons on the camp-grounds all day the last Sunday of the meeting. It can be proven by twenty good citizens that it was not the case.

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FOOLED CUBANS.

Tobacco Raised in East Texas Pronounced Cuban Weed.

A tobacco manufacturer and grower who recently returned here after a trip into Cuba brought back a story that will be gratifying to the Texans in this part of the State who are experimenting with the plant to ascertain its value as a crop to the grower on Texas soil, says the Galveston News.

His main object in going to Cuba was to see the plant, the soil, the crop and the treatment process. With this plan before him in Cuba he had a long pleasure, he took with him, upon leaving Texas, a half dozen samples of leaves from as many parts of Eastern Texas, along the line of the Texas and New Orleans branch of the Southern Pacific. He procured it to make comparisons in extent here that might be serviceable. After using these leaves to the extent of their usefulness, his brain fell upon a test that he wanted to apply, which would be proof positive for or against Texas. It required considerable nerve, as he admitted, but he did it anyway. In Havana he called upon one of the old manufacturers at his establishment and handed him these Texas leaves, asking him at the same time where they were grown. The Cuban expert looked them over carefully and answered:

"This tobacco was grown in San Juan in the Vuelta Abajo district." This was so highly gratifying to the American that he could not refrain from telling the Cuban tobacco, as a matter of fact, was grown in Eastern Texas in the United States. This completely confounded the Cuban, but he asked to keep the samples. They had been taken from different points in Eastern counties of the State now engaged in raising sample crops. It is pertinent to mention here that the Vuelta Abajo district in Cuba grows the best smoking tobacco brought from that country.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC CAUSES "RICE EVOLUTION" IN CHINA.

"Carrying Coals to Newcastle" is an old saying, but "Carrying Rice to China" is a newer one which has just originated with the Southern Pacific Railroad, for General Passenger Agent T. J. Anderson, on request, has just shipped to the Flower Kingdom a quantity of Southern Pacific Rice Cook Books, and the disciples of Confucius will be taught the two hundred different American ways of cooking rice, therein contained.

Mr. Anderson received a letter from a Chinese merchant of Hong Kong, requesting these recipes for cooking and preparing rice, the art of which has all along been conceded as exclusively the Jap's and Chinaman's own, for it seems the spirit of Americanism and American ideas has overspread the Orient, and this latest is an evidence of the deadly blow which has been struck at the altars of Confucius and the dethronement of the sacred traditions of thousands of years. China is the greatest rice-consuming country of the world, but the contact of American influence evidently had wrought a "rice evolution," the far-reaching effects of which can not be foreseen. The next thing Sunny Italy will be sending to America to learn the best way to prepare spaghetti!

The Southern Pacific is about one of the biggest advertisers in the United States, but it looks this time as if its efforts in the art of publicity were about to batter down the impregnable Chinese wall and show the yellow Celestials how to cook even their own native staple food.—Houston Post.

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CRAWFORD.—Hon. John Emory Crawford departed this life at San Angelo, Sept. 12, 1903. He was interred in the cemetery at Franklin, Robertson County, Texas, Sept. 13, 1903. Our lamented brother was the son of the Rev. Robert and Mary Crawford, who were devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and faithful Christians. Bro. J. E. Crawford was born Dec. 7, 1853, at Cedar Hill, Dallas County, Texas. He was educated at Marvin College, Waxahatchie, Ellis County, Texas. He graduated at Vanderbilt University June 29, 1877, with the B. L. Degree. He taught school one year, and then practiced law in Robertson County. He was elected three successive terms as County Judge. He then formed a partnership with the late Judge T. J. Simmons, and they were the leading law firm of Robertson County. Dec. 14, 1892, he married Miss Della Kell, of Tehuacana, who survives him, with their two children, Miss Ruby and John. He was elected to represent Robertson County in the Fifty-fifth Legislature, and his energy and good management was a potent factor in the defeat of the "Willacy Bill." Bro. Crawford was a many-sided man. He was known as a great lawyer. He was prominent in every place where his duty called him. In the Church he filled every place that a layman was eligible to fill—Sunday-school teacher, superintendent, steward, trustee, delegate to the District, Annual and to the General Conference, to which he was elected in 1892. He prayed in public, led the prayer-meeting, held his family prayer. He made very liberal donations to the Church. He was an affectionate father, a devoted husband and a true friend. He was an all-around good man. And as a lawyer, husband, father, citizen, Knight of Pythias, Master Mason and a Christian man I do not think he could be excelled. His death was caused by overwork. We all depended upon him. Legal papers connected with the Church were almost all in this county drawn up by him. We called upon him in all our doubts and law difficulties, and he never failed us. With sorrow we confess that we worked him beyond his strength, but he never murmured. "Nervous prostration" carried him off. Our town and county is in mourning, and his beloved wife stricken with the deepest sorrow of life, and his sister, Mrs. White, of Galveston, and his brother, Charles, M. D. of Ozona, are clinging to the God of all comfort and praying with broken hearts. "Thy will be done."

WHEELER.—Bro. A. C. Wheeler was born in Livingston County, Ky., June 2, 1834; moved to Texas in 1872; to Louisiana in 1875, and back to Texas in 1902. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church in the spring of 1871 and entered at once upon an active Christian life. Owing to his peculiar fitness for leadership in the Church, he was made steward soon after his conversion and he served acceptably in that capacity for twenty-five years, and after being disabled by affliction for active service, he was retained on the board as one of its wisest counsellors. He was also Sunday-school superintendent for several years. He was married to Miss Fredonia A. Owen, of Illinois, Dec. 24, 1867. They had no children, but sheltered several orphans in their home. On Dec. 8, 1897, Bro. Wheeler fell into a well, receiving injuries that resulted in the loss of a lower limb and finally in paralysis from which he died. He was a patient sufferer and died in great peace in Karnes City, Texas, Aug. 28, 1903. He leaves a wife and her sister to mourn their loss, but their trust is in his God for final triumph.

GOODWIN.—Little Elmo, son of Bin and Mattie Goodwin, was born Jan. 27, 1901; went home to Jesus June 24, 1903. For two years and nearly six months God permitted this bright little face to light up the home of these fond parents. Elmo was sick only a few days, and the angel came and bore his little spirit to its home on high. Elmo was an affectionate little fellow, always manifesting a cheerful spirit. A while before he died, with a sweet little voice, he said, "Mamma, see that picture;" but no one but Elmo could see it. He was getting glimpses of things beyond. We know, dear parents, no one can ever take the place of your little darling, but cheer up with the assurance Jesus has carried him to a world far better than this, and you shall see him again not with pale cheeks as you last saw him in his little coffin, but eternal health will be blooming on his sweet little face. Trust in Jesus and he will carry you through.

MORTON.—John Early Morton, the little son of Rev. John E. and Mrs. Rilla Morton, was born Feb. 22, 1901, and died July 2, 1903. Johnny was a beautiful child and gave evidence of a very bright intellect; was strong and muscular and well grown for his age, hence was the central figure of the home; but alas! it does seem that in this case death loved a shining mark, and Johnny is gone to be with Jesus and his little glorified sister in heaven. Dear parents, brothers and sisters, continue to trust in the Lord and by and by he will say, "It is enough, come up higher." Then you can sing, "Troubles over" and "Dwell with Jesus evermore."

SIBLEY.—Herbert Hogarth Sibley, son of Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Sibley, was born Oct. 18, 1896. He was baptized in infancy and was early taught the necessary truths of Christianity. He was a reverent, obedient, intelligent child. He found joy in the worship at the public sanctuary, delighted to look up to his Heavenly Father by faith in prayer and had repeatedly expressed the purpose to give his life to God as a minister of the gospel. It was indeed hard to part with one so young with such hopeful prospects for a life of usefulness. He died Saturday, Sept. 12, 1903, and we laid him to rest in the Arlington cemetery on the following day.

ETTER.—Mrs. M. A. Etter, daughter of Uncle Jackie and Mary Johns, was born June 17, 1839, in South Carolina. She was converted at fourteen years of age and joined the M. E. Church, South. About this time she moved with her parents to Mississippi. On Nov. 4, 1855, she was happily married to Dr. Martin Sanders. To this union four sons and one daughter were born, of whom two of the boys have crossed the river to join the father, who died soon after the war. Before Dr. Sanders died he moved his family to Texas and settled in Johnson County. On May 29, 1875, the subject of this sketch was married to Jno. A. Etter, to which union two girls were born, both of whom are living. Sister Etter buried her second husband Aug. 28, 1883, and for twenty years lived for her children and loved ones, and died July 16, 1903, a ripe sheath for the garner in heaven. Sister Etter's last days were not free from suffering. She was an invalid for two years and confined to her bed for six months. But as her sufferings increased so did her anticipations of heaven. To her children and friends who so lovingly administered to her wants, she spoke often of heaven. May blessing abide with the bereaved.

DIETRICH.—Veda Ophelia, daughter of Bro. R. W. and Sister Mary A. Dietrich, was born Oct. 15, 1899, and died August 19, 1903. Such is the brief statement of a bright, lovely little girl who was the joy of her home. Veda was the friend of all who knew her. Especially was she the friend of the pastor. Whenever I went to her home she would run far down the road to meet me. We all loved her, but we shall see her here no more. How sad is the home without her! We miss her, oh, so much! but we expect to meet her on the shore where there will be no more sorrow. God bless father and mother and little sisters and bring them to the home where little Veda has gone.

HAYDEN.—Little Carleton Clifford Hayden, infant son of A. A. and Nettie Hayden, was born May 24, 1902; died June 29, 1903. He was from his birth a delicate child; always a sufferer. At last the mortal timent grew too frail to contain immortality. As a tender little rose he bloomed in an ungenial climate and was too fragile to bear earth's poison breezes. The heavenly Father took him home where "no chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore." Parents and loving ones, weep not as those who sustain a loss, for little Clifford is still yours at home in the Father's great mansion house awaiting your "home coming" and looking out for you.

AKIN.—James Akin, a young man of noble Christian impulses, after suffering most intensely for many months, fell asleep in Jesus in July, and entered into his rest above. He bore his suffering with much patience. No young man stood higher nor had more friends than "Jimmie," as he was familiarly called. I visited him much and we became devotedly attached. I shall never forget his welcomes smiles and oh, how I miss him when I visit his home. His father is my steward. I enjoy myself nowhere more than I do in his home. The family is large and all my members. May God bless and comfort them. They meet "Jimmie" in heaven.

BROOKS.—Frances, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Brooks, after a brief illness, died suddenly at their home in Navasota, Texas, May 23, 1903. The little flower had scarcely bloomed ere it became the victim of the "grim monster;" yet the brief day was sufficient to entwine the little life with strong cords of love about the hearts of father, mother and sisters. The separation was so sad. Most parents know what it means. Little Frances, though but a little over one year old, had a mission to earth and performing that, returned to God, and henceforth becomes a strong bond uniting the hearts of loved ones to the throne of God. Endure, dear friends, this bereavement as brave "soldiers of the cross," and "some sweet day" God will requite you for every pain it brings. "She is not dead, but sleepeth."

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REMINISCENCES OF FRONTIER LIFE.

No. 2. In writing some items of what took place during the time of the Indian troubles on the frontier I am sorry that I kept no data and have to depend wholly upon memory. I may, therefore, make some mistakes as to dates, etc.; however this may be of one thing I am confident, and that is, that the statements made are substantially correct. I write by the request of our dear editor, and also of various old friends living in different counties, whose wishes I regard.

In the dangers and hardships undergone by the frontier people, the preachers nobly bore their part. The courage, zeal and self-denial that shone forth in the labors of many of them were unsurpassed by the giants of Asbury's day. The trusty steed that bore the itinerant with Bible and hymn book to his far-off appointment carried richer freight than the boatman's craft which contained Caesar and all his fortune. Inspired by the precious promise, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," he cared not for earthly fame or treasure. With the iron grasp of poverty at his throat and prowling savages and wild beasts besieging his pathway, he pressed with unflinching steps his glorious mission. What was it? Why, to proclaim the message of redeeming mercy to the perishing poor in the wilderness. I can see him now with my mind's eye as he wends his solitary way over hill and vale for many a weary mile. Far away from any human habitation a sense of loneliness steals over him. He turns off the way to seek help in prayer. He kneels and implores Almighty God to protect and

bless him. No human eye beholds him, but God and holy angels look down well pleased. Jesus whispers in his ear, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." strengthened and comforted he resumes his journey, resolved to do or die for the sake of the Lord Jesus, who had called him into this ministry. I could follow this train of thought much further, but forbear. These are facts, not fancy. The writer knew many of the frontier preachers, both itinerant and local. We were the best of friends. We wept and rejoiced together. Beneath my mother's humble roof they were always assured of a hearty welcome and the best fare the house afforded. We looked upon their visits as a benediction to the family, and parted from them with regret. The majority of that "old guard" have unbuckled, laid aside the sword, the helmet and the shield, and have put on the wardrobe of the skies. A few of them yet linger on the shores of time, but must soon follow their comrades who have gone before. May we all finally meet "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

"To sing and shout our sufferings o'er. Where Christian friends shall part no more."

The first itinerant preacher to visit Comanche County was Bro. Kemp. He then belonged, I suppose, to the old Texas Conference, as the Northwest Texas Conference had not then been organized. This visit of Bro. Kemp took place, I think, as early as 1855 or 1856. Among the first settlers in Comanche County there were some Methodist families, namely, the Neals, Shockleys, Hastys, etc., who formed a small neighborhood on Resley Creek, Comanche County. These good people

were anxious to have the Church privileges which they had enjoyed in the old settlements. They sent an invitation to Bro. Kemp at Gatesville to come and preach to them. Pursuant to their request, Bro. Kemp came, preached several times, formed a society composed of the above named families and a few others. This society, I take it, was the first Methodist Church organized in Comanche County. At the time adverted to the country between Resley Creek and Gatesville, a distance of about fifty miles, was almost an unbroken wilderness. Bro. Kemp the first day of his trip from Gatesville failed to reach the Neal settlement. Night came upon him about six miles from the place of his destination. He stopped on the east side of the Leon River for the night. After staking his horse to graze on the luxuriant grass, which then grew everywhere, he spread his blanket on mother earth, commended himself to the care of his heavenly Protector and lay down to sleep, his slumbers undisturbed except perhaps by the wolf's long howl or the panther's piercing shriek. The next morning he started again for the settlement, which he reached safely, and found in the home of Bro. James Neal a kind reception. This account of Bro. Kemp's visit to Comanche County I got both from Bro. Kemp and Bro. Neal. These good men have long since gone to the world of spirits. My pen would linger longer over their names, but as I have already passed the limits I assigned myself when I commenced to write I will stop for the present.

T. S. EWELL.

Morgan Mill.

The Quarterly Conference for Morgan Mill will be held at Sylvan Oct. 3, 4. M. C. DICKSON, P. C.

MARRIAGES.

Doolen-Goodwin.—At the Methodist Church, Paducah, Texas, Sept. 2, 1903. Mr. J. Oram Doolen and Miss Ella Goodwin, Rev. Milton L. Moody officiating.

Everett-Martson.—At the parsonage, Arleston, Texas, Aug. 14, 1903, Mr. John H. Everett, of Harrison County, and Miss Emma Martson, of Panola County, Texas, Rev. W. W. Graham officiating.

Hill-Morgan.—At the parsonage, at Arleston, Texas, Sept. 6, 1903, Mr. H. Wood Hill and Miss Enma Morgan, all of Greenwood, La., Rev. W. W. Graham officiating.

Phillips-Hines.—At the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Italy, Texas, Sept. 10, 1903, Mr. Silas Phillips and Miss Maude Hines, Rev. O. P. Kiker officiating.

Grober-Reed.—At the residence of Rev. Daniel Morgan, near Lometa, Texas, Sept. 16, 1903, Mr. Nerr Grober and Miss Leola Grace Reed, Rev. Daniel Morgan officiating.

Reed-Horrell.—At the residence of Rev. Daniel Morgan, near Lometa, Texas, Sept. 16, 1903, Mr. W. E. Reed and Miss Tommie Harrell, Rev. Daniel Morgan officiating.

WALL SCHOOL OPENING.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Sept. 21.—M. H. Hudson, sub. M. A. Turner, subs. M. I. Brown, sub. J. J. Canafax, sub. C. E. Gallagher, sub. E. R. Bareus, sub. Thos. Reece, sub. V. A. Godbey, sub.

Sept. 25.—W. A. Edwards, sub. A. O. Evans, sub. H. T. Hart, sub. J. W. Bowden, sub. W. B. Wilson, subs.

Sept. 28.—W. D. Bradfield, sub. J. D. Hendrickson, sub. G. W. Harris, sub. W. B. Wilson, sub. G. W. Kinchloe, sub. R. S. Helzer, has attention. C. S. Field, sub. H. K. Agee, subs. J. J. Canafax, subs. J. F. Alderson, sub. C. S. Cameron, subs.

Sept. 29.—S. T. Powell, sub. J. A. Ruffner, subs. J. J. Canafax, sub. J. B. Adair, sub. E. R. Bareus, subs.

Sept. 30.—D. F. Fuller, subs. A. P. Smith, has attention. C. D. West, subs. R. S. Collier, subs. C. A. Corry, subs. S. C. Vaughan, sub.

Marshall District—Fourth Round.

Arleston, at Bethany.....Oct 21, 25
Henderson sta. at Good Spgs.....Oct 21, Nov 1
Kerbyville, at Sibley.....Nov 7, 8
Northside, at Northside.....Nov 12
Harrison, at Parsonage.....Nov 17
Beckville, at Beckville.....Nov 21, 22
C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round.

WinnabroSept 28, 29
Hopewell, at Hopewell.....Oct 19, 11
Sulphur Bluff, at Sulphur Bluff.....Oct 11, 12
Forest Home, at Bonanza.....Oct 21, 25
Ira Franklin and Pecan Gap, at Ben FranklinOct 27, 28
Combs, at Pictou.....Oct 31, Nov 1
Reby Springs, at Parks Chapel.....Nov 1, 2
CooperNov 6
Lake Creek, at Lake Creek.....Nov 7, 8
Klondike, at Bethany.....Nov 8, 9
County Line, at Towell.....Nov 9, 10
Mr. Vernon, at Pine Forest.....Nov 11, 15
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Chicago—Account National Live Stock Exposition, one fare plus \$2, Nov. 28 to 30, limited Dec. 2.

Waco—Account Meeting Chapter Eastern Star, convention rates, Oct. 12 and 13, limited Oct. 16.

St. Louis—Account Fair, one fare plus 50 cents, Oct. 3 to 8, limited Oct. 12.

Beaumont—Account Meeting United Order of the Silver Piece and Leaf, one and one-third fare, Oct. 5 and 6, limited Oct. 13.

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