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Editorial.

THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

This magnificent body of men met in Ft. Worth the 11th of this month and adjourned last Monday afternoon. It is the largest conference in Texas, both as to membership and territory. They travel over and comprise a vast area of the State and their influence is pungent and far-reaching. There is not a single conference in our Methodism that surpasses them in ability and aggressive work. Ft. Worth has entertained them before and they were no strangers to the Panther City. They were there from away out as far as Midland and Texline, and from as far south as Georgetown and Taylor. Along with them were laymen well known in the Church and whose presence is always recognized and welcomed. The city of Ft. Worth flung wide open her doors to their reception and entertainment. The local pastors, aided by competent laymen, gave themselves wholly up to the work of looking after the comfort and convenience of the conference. Such is the magnitude of the body that the City Hall was secured for its daily sessions. All the apartments of the great building were at the disposal of the gathering. The hall is very large and the attendance great, so much so that the sessions reminded one more of a convention than a conference. But it gave all an opportunity to enjoy the sessions. It was a great social gathering as well as religious. We never saw people enjoy an occasion more heartily. The daily press of the city as well as of Dallas laid itself out in giving accurate reports of the sessions. Also many notes and comments were recorded in these papers. We have never seen better and more interesting reports of a gathering than those appearing in the Daily News, the Daily Record and the Evening Telegram. The anniversaries and the Sunday services were all held in this auditorium. Immense congregations crowded out to them all. Sunday was a great day religiously. The love feast was rich and full. The sermon by Bishop Duncan was crisp, pointed and bristling. It was also evangelical, but it contained much warm matter for the delectation of the preachers. We copy from the Record, in another place, an excerpt from it. It was original, unique and characteristic. It was just such a sermon as one will never forget, and the more he thinks about it the more he will find in it food for thought and for future use. The Bishop made a fine impression on the conference. He kept it going at a good pace, and while he was considerate and pleasant to all, nevertheless his wit and humor never failed to turn a good point at the expense of some brother whenever the occasion presented itself. However it was the sort of wit and humor that left no sting. He is really a very warm-hearted and tender man. The brethren soon learned not to take his sallies too seriously and they really enjoyed his peculiar way of conducting the business of the sessions. Such is his readiness and alertness that it

is useless to fire back at him in a little parliamentary skirmish unless you court the worst of the contest. As a matter of fact, he makes a conference session a mighty interesting occasion. He skips all about in a presiding elder's district and from one district to another in calling the names of the preachers for their reports and in such an hour as a brother thinks not his name is called out. This keeps them all at their posts until their cases are disposed of. For such a large body the appointments in the main gave satisfaction. Of course where there are so many to be placed not every man got just what he wanted, but the Bishop and his advisers did their best for the men and the work. In the end it will be all right. Every man is given a field for service and that is what every faithful preacher wants. May this be a great year for the Northwest Texas Conference.

THE MAN WHO NEVER MAKES MISTAKES.

There never was but one man who had immunity from mistakes and that was the Savior of men. The reason of this is, he was perfect. No other man has lived a perfect life and never will in the flesh. He is liable to err because of his imperfect judgment and his imperfect senses. However well trained may be his mind and however sincere and transparent his heart, he will continue to make mistakes in his dealings with men and matters as long as he lives in this world. This very fact ought to teach us the lesson of charity and forbearance. It is an easy matter to misjudge the acts of men and thereby do them a great injustice. Before reaching a final conclusion in our judgments we ought to be careful to weigh all the circumstances and make due allowance for the foibles and infirmities of men, and even then if we are forced into unfavorable estimates we ought to leave room for the exercise of charity. On the other hand, men ought also to be careful in the acts and conduct of life upon which they are to be judged by others. There is no excuse for viciousness or criminality upon their part, and if they are willfully guilty of such things they lay themselves liable to severe treatment upon the part of others. Neither ought men to be careless or indifferent as to what other people think of them. Accuracy and painstaking thought are imperative upon us when we come to decide questions of conduct and courses of action with reference to all the transactions of life. We will make mistakes enough, even when this is the case, but where discrimination is lacking we will make them by the score. In all business relations we ought to take it for granted that the people with whom we have to deal are naturally inclined to do right until they convince us beyond doubt that the opposite is true. Hence, when mistakes and misunderstandings come about it will be an easy matter to correct and rectify them amicably and satisfactory. But the man who loses his head because a mistake has been made, flies into a passion and condemns his fellowman will find it a difficult matter to meet his brother face to face and adjust

the differences. Our Savior lays down a safe rule: "As ye would that men do unto you, do ye even also unto them." And in connection with this it is well to remember that it is human to err, but divine to forgive.

YOUR NEW PREACHER.

At least half of our Methodist people now have their new pastors for another year and the other half will be supplied within two or three more weeks. Hundreds of changes are now taking place and the facility with which these changes are effected is marvelous. No other system of Church machinery works with such ease and with so little friction. Every congregation knows that it will have a pastor and every pastor knows he will have a congregation long before the conference sessions are held. On this score there is not the least anxiety felt. Sometimes the preacher is a little anxious as to the place to which he is to be assigned and occasionally the congregation is a trifle nervous as to the sort of preacher they are to receive. This is perfectly natural, but neither one under our system is responsible for the causes of this anxiety. At first there may be a little friction here and there until the new arrangements adjust themselves, but by and by these matters become rectified and the work goes forward smoothly and successfully. The preacher needs to go with faith in God and hopeful for the best year's work of his life, and the people need to receive him as the one sent of God, and then the best of results will follow. This is usually the case, because our plan of operation has been at work so long that all the elements fall into line and work to this one end. Therefore when your preacher arrives give him a warm and cordial welcome and make him and his family feel that they are at home and among friends. This will brighten the parsonage life and start the preacher off with a light heart and an earnest purpose. And let the preacher give his people to understand that he is delighted with his new charge, and at once enter upon its duties with zeal and earnestness. Go from house to house until you have learned where all your people live, find out the names of the children, inquire for the poor and the sick and minister to them, and soon the people will feel that an angel has been sent to them. That sort of a minister will find warm and helpful hearts and his loved ones will not lack any good thing. The fact is, the preacher generally makes the sort of place and people where and among whom he labors. Give to them service and smiles and benediction, and they will return the favor in kind. Frown and scold and complain at them, and they will cast the same back at you. Mutual confidence and sympathy are necessary to a successful pastorate. The preacher must love his people and show it by his words and manner, and they will love him in turn. By and by they will become one in the work of the Church. Then sinners will be converted, the Church built up and God's name glorified. Try it, brother; try it, people, and see if this will not be the result.

THE PREACHER'S SUPPORT.

If your new preacher has not already met with you he will be in a few days. One of the first duties of the congregation is to provide for his support for the coming year. As to this you do not want to be little and mean, but broad and liberal. Do not try to find out on how little an amount he can live, but measure your ability and assess his salary at a figure that will do credit to yourselves and place him above want. You do not want him to go in debt and have bills in the meat market and at the stores. This will embarrass him and may injure the Church. Hence you want to do all that is necessary to make him reasonably comfortable, and pay him by the month. Make it a point to get every member of the Church to contribute something, however small, and these small amounts will make something in their aggregate. This will make everybody feel an interest in the work of the Church and bring them all into touch with the services. But see to it that the pastor is made to feel independent. He will work with so much more heart when this is the case. He takes it as an evidence that the people appreciate him and hold him in esteem. It will encourage him to invest his very all in his constant effort to do them good and to make himself a blessing to their homes and community. Then do not higgie over little things. Be broad, go down into your pockets as God has blessed you and support him like a manly man needs support. Do not make him feel that he is a burden, but pay him in such a way as to make him believe that you take pleasure in it. The servant is worthy of his hire, and the preacher is your servant for Jesus' sake. You pay him reasonably well and he will more than recompense you for your remuneration. The burden will not fall heavily upon you if you will systematize and distribute it. Therefore let no steward shirk his duty during this year. Let him gird himself and do his full share of the work and the Master's cause will prosper.

The invitations of the gospel are full and free. Everywhere men are invited to come. It is with them to accept or reject these invitations. If we accept them we are blessed with life eternal, but if we cast them aside banishment from God will be the result. Even the gospel of love is not outside of law. He that believes is saved and he that believeth not is damned. We must either come when God invites or depart when we decide against his love.

When people tell you of the evils of their fellows it is well not to believe the half that is told. No man can repeat exactly and accurately what he hears another one say. He will either omit or add to what he has heard. True, he may do this unconsciously, but whether unconsciously or not, he is sure to do it. Under such circumstances it is best to go to the one who is said to have done the talking and learn from his own lips what he really did say. Such a course will save hard feelings and many misunderstandings.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE, 1902-03

Table with columns: NAME OF DISTRICT, Local Preachers, Members, Total Members, Additions on Profession of Faith, Additions by Certificate or Otherwise, Removal by Death, Certif. or Otherwise, Adults Baptized, Infants Baptized, Societies in Charge, No. Houses of Worship, Value of Houses of Worship, Indebtedness on Houses of Worship, No. of Parsonages, Value of Parsonages, Indebtedness on Parsonages, Value of District Parsonages, Indebtedness on District Parsonages, Value of Other Church Property, Money Expended for Churches & Parsonages, No. Churches Damaged or Destroyed, Amount of Damage, Insurance Carried, Premiums Paid, Losses Sustained, Collected on Insurance.

Table with columns: NAME OF DISTRICT, No. Senior League Members, No. Junior League Members, Total League Members, Raised by Leagues for Missions, Raised by Leagues for Other Objects, Total Raised by Leagues, No. Sunday-Schools, No. S. S. Officers and Teachers, No. S. S. Scholars Enrolled, Collected for Sunday-School Supplies, S. S. Collections for Missions, S. S. Collections for Children's Day, S. S. Collections for Other Objects, Total Raised by Sunday-Schools, No. Wom. Foreign Missionary Societies, No. of W. F. M. S. Members, Total Money Raised by W. F. M. S., No. Woman's Home Mission Societies, No. W. H. M. S. Members, Total Money Raised by W. H. M. S., Total Collected by Women's Societies, Total Amt. Reported on This Table Not Elsewhere Reported.

Table with columns: NAME OF DISTRICT, Presiding Elder, Paid for Presiding Elder, Assessed for Preacher in Charge, Paid for Preacher in Charge, Assessed for Bishops, Paid for Bishops, Assessed for Conf. Claimants, Paid for Conf. Claimants, Assessed for Foreign Missions, Paid for Foreign Missions, Assessed for Domestic Missions, Paid for Domestic Missions, Assessed for Church Extension, Paid for Church Extension, Assessed for Education, Paid for Education, Paid American Bible Society, Superannuates' Endowment Fund, Assessed for Orphanage, Paid for Orphanage, Paid for Other Objects by Church, Total Amt. Raised for All Purposes.

Northwest Texas Conference

This magnificent body of men held the session of this conference this year in the city of Fort Worth. The local pastors and the people gave the conference a fine entertainment. Nothing was left undone necessary to the pleasure and comfort of the preachers and the delegates. The sessions were held in the City Hall, as there was no church edifice large enough to accommodate the gathering. It will seat at least 1500, and was usually full. The conference was called to order by Bishop Duncan promptly at 9 o'clock. A hymn was sung and prayer was offered by the Bishop. After this he read an appropriate selection from St. Paul and delivered a strong address to the brethren. The hall was crowded with preachers, delegates and visitors, making an audience of several hundred. They listened attentively to the Bishop as he expounded the ministry of Paul. He dwelt with emphasis upon the passage, "Handling the word of God deceitfully." He told the preachers that they were not called to entertain people with rhetoric, but to preach to their hearts and heads the truth of Christ. "When a man preached himself he has a very limited theme." This sentence created a ripple. "A popping jay with a sheepskin in his pocket and one on his back, preaching himself, is a sorry spectacle." There were several sharp utterances of this sort and they went unerringly to the mark, and his words were well received. At the close of the talk, Rev. J. M. Barcus came forward and called the roll. Brother Barcus was unanimously re-elected Secretary and several brethren were given to him as assistants. Dr. J. D. Hammond was introduced to the conference. The list of the old guard was called and several of them responded in very touching terms. There are many of them in this conference and they are held in loving esteem. Many of them are aged and infirm and now look feeble, but there was a time when they were young and active, and they helped to make Texas Methodism what it is to-day in this great State. They deserve to be made the guests of honor on these conference occasions, and they were given the right of way when their names were called. The undergraduates were called and made their reports. One brother in giving the items of his report, gave his

amount for "the Bishop's Palace" in full. Another brother reported very well, but said some of his stewards did not take the Advocate and they failed in collecting his support. The Bishop remarked, "Stewards who do not take their paper will not support their preacher." In the afternoon Rev. T. J. Duncan preached at the First Methodist Church and the committees held their meetings at the hall. At night there was a great Sunday-school rally and Dr. J. D. Hammond made the principal address. There was a large audience. Thursday morning the weather was fine and the devotional exercises were heartily entered into. The names of the presiding elders were called and their characters were passed. Rev. J. S. Chapman: "Georgetown District is in good condition. Have had some 600 conversions; have built two churches, costing \$10,000 each. We have also begun work among our Bohemian population with evidences of success." Dr. Chapman also brought a number of promising young men for admission on trial. Rev. B. R. Bolton: "On the Waco District we have had a good year. Have had grand revivals of great power. Every charge has been blessed. Have had 1400 conversions and 1300 additions, and \$15,000 raised for church and parsonage enterprises; thirteen charges have collections in full and the others are well up. The Lord has been good to us and we are thankful." Rev. S. W. Turner: "Fairly good year on the Gatesville District. Preachers have wrought well. About 600 conversions. Ten of the sixteen charges paid out in full; one church built; a location secured for one more; about \$400 put on district parsonage, and the district is in good condition. We have looked after the interests of the Advocate." Rev. J. M. Barcus: "In the Corsicana District the preachers have done an excellent work. We have had universal financial depression on account of boll weevil. Much of our territory has been completely devastated. Have had good revivals and collections have been good, considering our troubles. Have built a new district parsonage, \$3000. Have preached 275 times and held 90 Quarterly Conferences." Rev. E. F. Boone: "A reasonably good

year on Weatherford District; one church built. A number of the charges paid in full. Revivals in nearly all the works. The spiritual state of the work is good." Rev. J. G. Miller: "In the Vernon District we have had about 500 conversions and additions. Have built and have under construction four churches at a cost of \$4000. Have built two parsonages at a cost of \$900. Conference collections in each charge are full and some in excess. Salaries well up. In all matters the Church has been greatly blessed." This is a fine report. Rev. J. M. Sherman: "In the Clarendon District we have dedicated eight churches and paid them out of debt. We have several other enterprises on hand, one of them the best church in the district. Have built three parsonages and one other in course of construction. Have had about 1000 conversions and about 700 accessions. Our finances are not full, but well up. We have had a very fine year. The Clarendon Institute is in a prosperous condition." Rev. Jas. Campbell: "We have had a fine year on the Fort Worth District. There have been a number of gracious revivals and many additions to the Church. Most of the charges report collections in full. Three new churches have been erected and another is being built. We have at last succeeded

ed in the erection of a beautiful and commodious district parsonage on the Polytechnic Hill. Old church debts have been lifted and in general there has been advancement in all Church interests." Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh: "In the Waxahachie District we have had 1729 additions to the Church, 1443 conversions. Sixteen pastoral charges paid out in full on conference collections; fifteen charges paid pastors in full, excess paid on missions \$521, an increase of 756 Sunday-school scholars, and \$100 as special fund for Soochow. The district is in a most healthy state." Rev. W. H. Matthews: "The Brownwood District, all things considered, has done well. The preachers have been faithful and we have had conversions and accessions in all the charges. We have had some material improvement." Rev. E. A. Smith: "Abilene District has made progress. Have had good meetings and some church and parsonage improvements. The reports of the preachers will make a good showing." Rev. E. A. Bailey: "The Dublin District has had a fine year; 1200 conversions and 900 additions. Collections in full and \$400 over. The pastors are all paid in full with only two exceptions, and some are in excess. The district has made great progress along all lines." This is a very fine report and shows great success. The call of the preachers was continued and reports were made. Rev. I. Z. T. Morris made his report in connection with his work of securing homes for homeless children, which was well received. He stated that he needed \$100 with which to perfect his work and the money was placed upon the table. Dr. Thompson, agent of the Sunday League, was presented and spoke in behalf of the maintenance of our American Sunday. He spoke of the work done, accomplishing the closing of the World's Fair on Sunday, and other results obtained through the work of the League. He was given a close hearing. Many of his statements were roundly applauded. Drs. J. W. Moore, of San Antonio, and Jno. M. Moore, of Dallas, were introduced to the body. Also Rev. Sam Hay, of Houston, formerly of this conference. He was cordially received by his old friends. Rev. George S. Wyatt also mixed with the brethren pleasantly. Rev. Sam Barcus reported on his

PAINE & LANE FUND. Table with columns: District, Ass'd, Paid. Rows include Georgetown, Fort Worth, Waco, Waxahachie, Corsicana, Weatherford, Gatesville, Dublin, Abilene, Brownwood, Vernon, Clarendon, Total, Total last year.

work at Clarendon Institute. He reported the enrollment for the past year of 253. They have built two new houses and are now averaging one new one a year. And the work has been done without asking any outside assistance. The college has a bright outlook and is hopeful. The speech was enthusiastically received. In the afternoon the committees continued their work. At night Rev. Jas. W. Moore preached to a great audience at the City Hall. His sermon was thoughtful, chaste, eloquent and effective. It was not eloquent in words simply, but in power and demonstration. It met with hearty response. Friday morning was a warm and beautiful day and the brethren assembled about the hall early. Promptly at 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair and Dr. Chapman was called upon to open the conference with devotional exercises. The Bishop called for those who were applicants for admission on trial. There were several names presented. Among them was Dr. C. W. Macune, whose case elicited much discussion on account of his age. Many of the brethren spoke pro and con. The vote was taken and he was admitted by a good majority. All who spoke testified to the good character of Dr. Macune and of his ability as a preacher. His age was the only thing in question. Rev. A. C. F. Schmidt, a young Bohemian, was admitted and he will be used as a pastor among his people. The call of the pastors was continued throughout the morning. The preachers made their reports, nearly all of whom gave most encouraging accounts of their work. Some of them made very full reports, showing a fine state of things in their several charges. Rev. H. A. Boaz spoke in high terms of the work at Polytechnic College. There are many young men preparing for the ministry and several children of our pastors in attendance. These are welcome to the advantages

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THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH.
PART FIRST.

One day the World went away to himself, in the fields, where nature, at least, seemed pure and fair; for with all his gold and pleasures, and although his handsome form was bedecked with many costly jewels, and his hand was sought by the rich and famous, there was an unsatisfied longing in his heart he did not understand; which must have been a longing of the divine part of him to seek after his God. While thus sadly he wandered, his eyes beheld a maiden very beautiful, indeed, as she sat reading a book. As he approached, she looked at him shyly; but he detected a glance of admiration for his attire. After speaking of landscape and flowers, he became anxious to know who this beautiful girl should be; for he would win her and break her heart, as he had done many before. Looking admiringly upon her, he asked why such a mist of shining hair should have only a rose to grace it, and why her dress so plain. She smiled, but frowned a little as she answered:

"I am Christ's, and he does not wish me to adorn with gold and costly apparel; but I must have a meek and quiet spirit; and I love Him and must obey Him."

"Oh, then; you are the Church?" he said, glancing at the book to see if it were about her Christ. To his astonishment, he saw it was a book rather of sentiment, and one that spoke very highly of some of his own entertainments.

With a fierce feeling of regret in his heart that the Church was not reading the right book, he determined to win her from her Christ to himself. He loved her for her innocence; but took advantage of her weakness. Remembering her admiring look at his jewels, he took a gold and jeweled clasp from his pocket and placed it on her shining hair.

"There," he said; "you look more womanly; indeed, you do. You know women do not wear their hair so plain nowadays." Then taking her small white hand in his own, he placed upon it a beautiful sparkling ring. And as he saw a frown pass over her brow, as if she would refuse, he looked into her eyes with his saddest expression and said:

"Forgive me; it is only a token of my love for you, and you know you must win the love of the one for yourself that you would win to your Christ."

Then remembering that her duty was to win the World for Christ, she said: "Oh, why don't you come and go with me and serve my God."

He smiled as if to say "Some time," as the thought filled his breast: "I will go with you, but you shall serve my God."

Then, after surveying nature in his most learned manner, and feigning much awe and respect for her religious views, he at last sighingly said nobody loved him, and looked straight into her eyes, to read there what she could not help looking—that she loved him. Yes, she was beginning to love the dazzling World; and she found herself thinking youth must have pleasures that God cannot deny.

The World is wise, and reading her thoughts, he took a shining golden chain from his own attire and placed it lovingly around her neck, saying as he did so: "I know you will wear it for the sake of one who loves you."

Then they walked and talked together for a long while; for there was an excitement in the heart of the Church, and she kept a pretty good step with the World now; and he, knowing how to win, kept up a lively step until she, being weary and blinded by the dazzling World, began to stumble.

Then, knowing his opportunity, he laid his arm around her and helped her along; and seeing her pale and fearful, he stooped and kissed her brow. And, behold, a horrible scar on her brow where the World had kissed her!

He had won her from her Christ, and so easily; so he hated her, and turned sadly away, for he was disappointed even in his own success.

PART SECOND.

The World's Meditation.

"I have won the heart of the Church. Yes, she belongs to Christ in name; but her heart is mine. Poor, faithless Church. Even I, the gay, pleasure-loving World, am better than she; for I do not profess to serve any one but Satan. Ah, how well I have served him! I knew the sparkle of my jewels would win her when I saw her reading that book. But what have I done? My master will be pleased; but where is my reward? If there be no truth, oh, sadness of heart, what then?"

PART THREE.

As the World meditates thus he wanders aimlessly on until he hears a

voice, sweeter than any he has ever heard before, singing.

"Rock of Ages cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee."

Fascinated by the voice he comes nearer till he can see a fair maiden clinging to a blood-stained cross—while the stormy wind seems determined to carry her away—fiercely moaning as it sweeps about her. But she clings more firmly to the cross as she kneels there, singing.

"In my hand no price I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling."

And the World creeping a little nearer, took off his hat, for this must be the true and faithful Church. And the longing for God and salvation in his heart grew stronger as he gazed upon that scene. At last, turning, she saw him and fixed her eyes upon him. He trembled before that look of love, pure as the light of heaven. But the Spirit of his master was yet upon him, and he threw back his haughty head and tried to laugh. Still he could not help looking, and he saw her cling closer, still closer, to the cross, until it seemed the cross was all about her and above her; and he heard her say, "Get on the Rock of Ages, get under the blood-stained cross." And the once gay—but now broken-hearted World—for the first time in his life fell upon his knees and cried, "What shall I do to be saved?" And he looked on the cross and saw there traced in precious blood these words: "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." He saw the blood; he knew its power; his old master fled. The great chains by which he had been bound to him were broken; for the power of the Spirit of God was upon him. And as the vision seemed to move toward heaven I heard the voices of the con-

verted world, the consecrated Church and the holy angels as they were blended into one chorus, "Christ is all in all!"

JENNIE SMITH.

LOVE FOR CHILDREN.

By Elsie Malone McCollum.

A rich merchant once advertised for another book-keeper, and among the many who responded to the call were two young men, both of whom came highly recommended. They came to the office about the same time. The office boy asked them to be seated and wait, as the merchant could not come in for a half hour. The young men had met before, and they greeted each other pleasantly, although each one knew that in the other he had a formidable rival for the position sought by both.

Soon after applicant No. 2 was seated a little child who was crying pitifully and calling, "Mamma, mamma," stopped in front of the office door and looked in.

No. 1 then said in a sarcastic tone: "If the mamma has run away I shouldn't blame her. She would at least get rid of a nuisance. Suppose we close the street door and keep out the noise." But his friend had stepped out on the pavement and was talking to the sobbing child, who, when asked where mamma was, said: "Home." But when asked his name said: "James Luten, Jr., and my papa's name is James, too."

Then the young man took the child in his arms, saying: "Come along, we'll find mamma," and the child put his arms around the neck of the stranger, and nestled as trustingly as if that stranger had been his father. They stepped into the first store. The young man looked into the 'phone di-

rectory, found the name of James Luten, and to the one who answered the 'phone he told of the lost child and where he might be found. He then bought an apple for "James Luten, Jr.," and brought him back to the merchant's office just before the half hour had expired.

When they entered the office the young man whom we have called applicant No. 1 said rather stiffly: "You can keep yourself pretty busy if you continue to play free nurse for the city. I generally try to get out of the way of crying brats."

The child clung to his protector, who was about to make some reply; but this reply was never made, because the merchant suddenly entered from an adjoining room—the door of which had been ajar—and greeted the two young men, both of whom handed him their testimonials.

The old gentleman looked over the papers, then said: "Excellent testimonials both, but you (to the young

man who still held the now pleased and chattering child) may come and take your place immediately, for you possess one qualification that is lacking in your friend here, and that qualification is a love for children."

Suddenly the child called out: "Papa!" A tall gentleman entered the street door, took the child in his arms and expressed first his thanks, and a moment later—after he had heard all the circumstances—his congratulations; then took the baby to his mamma, while one of the young men marched to his desk, and the other one, with a look of mingled remorse and shame, went out the street door, resolving, we hope, to cultivate a love for children.

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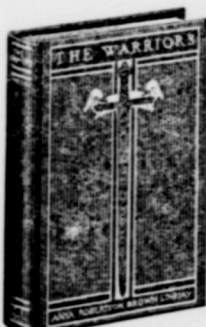
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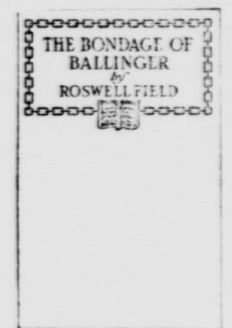
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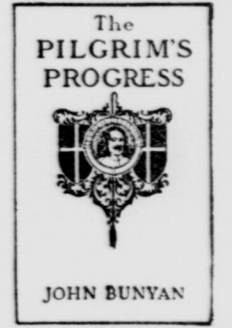
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