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## Editorial.

### CHRIST THE SON OF MAN.

"The Son of man" is a phrase often used by Christ, and it applies peculiarly to himself. Not that he was the Son of any particular man or particular nation or race of men, for such was not the case. True, he was of Jewish origin, but his nature and purpose swept beyond the limits of Jewish nationality and Jewish religion and comprehended all nations and all races of people. He was the Son of universal humanity, and this fact brings him into personal kinship with all men whether born or unborn, living or dead. Such a character can not be restricted to the claims of any given race of people, for he belongs to the sum total of mankind. The benefits of his life and of his teachings extend to the whole world of humanity. As a result he has given to the world the only universal religion. It addresses itself to every individual, to every nation, to every race, and it adapts itself to all their physical, mental, moral and spiritual needs. Wherever there is a human soul struggling with the power of sin Christ is the only hope to which such a soul has access. It matters not how grossly ignorant, how learnedly wise, how polluted or how good such a soul may be, our Christ is ready to reach down and save to the uttermost all who will believe on and accept him as the Savior of sinners. This can not be said of any other person or religion. The Oriental religions have wonderful influence and great followings, but they are restricted to Oriental temperaments and civilizations. They can not be transplanted and given to other peoples. They possess no universal propagandism. More than this, they are religions that appeal, not only to man's sense of the supernatural, but mostly to his appetites and passions. They impose upon him no wholesome self-sacrifice, neither do they restrain his worldly ambitions and pride. And they do not develop him in virtue, moral sentiment and a clear knowledge of God. They deprave the better nature of man and hold him in the bondage of ignorance and superstition. Under their influence those who profess them make no progress in the industrial arts or in scientific investigation and research. Material and moral stagnation is their heritage now after centuries of experience under the horrid domination of these religions. But not so with the religion of Christ. The nations of the earth now in the forefront of the world's progress are Christian nations. As a matter of fact, they are the product of Christianity. Yet the religion of Christ is not a popular religion. It demands repentance, confession and self-abnegation. It strikes at pride and requires its votaries to lay aside self-righteousness and plead for mercy and forgiveness. And its purpose is to give to them clean hearts, pure characters and holy lives. Wherever it is embraced it produces these moral and spiritual results. And its most striking peculiarity is seen in the fact that it adapts itself to all peoples in all conditions and under all

circumstances throughout all the world. And what is the explanation? Why, he is the "Son of man." As such he reveals the mind of God to all men, makes himself the helper of all men; he voices the heartaches of all men and brings to them a remedy for their ills and misfortunes. His humanity makes him akin to all men and he is profoundly touched with their infirmities and seeks to relieve them of their woes and desolations. He knows his own and loves them with a tenderness that could only express its full meaning in his death on Calvary. The great underlying spirit of his mission is, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." What a blessed thought that Christ thus stands so closely related to our poor struggling humanity!

### THE TRUE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

There is a false idea of what it takes to make success. The world estimates success on the basis of present results. If a man projects a material enterprise and brings to him wealth and fortune, or if he enters the field of politics, or war, or literature, or science and wins for himself a name that shines with luster, he is written down a great success. May be that this is a true estimate, but one thing is certain, history often has to reverse the estimate. When Napoleon was carcering over Europe, upturning kingdoms and changing the map of the continent, his success was thought to have been more than assured. But in after years when Waterloo gave to the world the last drama in his spectacular life, and later still when he lay dying in St. Helena an emaciated prisoner, there was a different estimate placed upon his marvelous career. Men who have made the greatest real success died amid what seemed to be the wreck of monumental failures. It required years and even centuries to vindicate the wisdom of their sacrifices and to prove to the world that they were neither dreamers nor wild fanatics. When Jesus died on the cross it looked as though there was no element of success in his mission. At that time there were not apparently more than a score of people willing to prove their fidelity to his cause by their steadfastness and devotion. Even one of his disciples betrayed him to his death, another one denied him during the ordeal of his trial before Pilate, and nearly all the others forsook him and skulked away into obscurity. It looked as though his projected life-work had come to naught and fallen into hopeless disaster. No doubt but that the world so regarded it at the time and for years afterward. But how does his mission look to-day? When Paul gave up his place in the Jewish Church and identified his life with the Nazarene there were many to deplore his folly and fanaticism. And when he died years afterward in a Roman prison it looked as though the first estimate of his critics was more than verified. But where is the man in Christian history to stand closest to that of the Master? It is Paul, the man who lived and seemed to die a dismal failure. And when you take the men who now stand before the world as the great men of the ages, their own generations wrote them down as

dreamers, idealists and failures. Many of them—yea, the most of them—died as martyrs to their convictions. They were prophets and looked down the future to behold the outcome. Kepler, the great astronomer, said, when he made his scientific discovery that solved the problem of the planetary systems, that if God could wait six thousand years for a man to discover that truth he could afford to wait a century for those to come after him who would believe his theory. Therefore success is not the caprice of accident or fortune; it is the steady development and growth of a principle rooted in the heart and brain of those who have deep convictions of truth and righteousness. That development does not always mature itself during the life of such workers, but they toil on and die in the firm belief that time and history will faithfully take care of the result. Such people do not and did not labor and sacrifice and suffer with reference to the days and the years in which their burdensome existence spent its force. They lived and are living for the years yet unborn. If true success came to them while they lived, or if it comes to them as they are living to-day, well and good; to them this is not the important consideration. Their dominant consideration is to live and toil and suffer for principle, and they well know that God will take care of the result. Hence, even in his apparent failure on Calvary Christ "saw of the travail of his soul and was satisfied." He saw what we see to-day. Yes, he saw beyond our horizon, even to the remotest age and generation when this old redeemed world will take part in crowning him King of kings and Lord of lords! Therefore, it is our business to do our best in the little sphere where we labor, and it will then be useless to vex our souls about the ultimate success of our labors. Our associates may laugh at our folly, but God will take care of the fruit of our planting. True success is the final estimate that God will place upon our investments of energy, devotion and principle.

### THE GAMBLING MANIA ONCE MORE.

While the gambling den, as such, is getting an apparent setback because the officers of the law are giving special attention to the work of raiding and prosecuting it, nevertheless the last Legislature gave us a legalized form of gambling and it is stimulating interest in this immoral practice throughout the State. We are glad to see the den giving way under the progress of public sentiment; but we are supremely sorry to see horse race gambling on the increase, and under the sanction of law. Two years ago the Legislature passed a law closing all pool rooms where this sort of gambling was carried on. But our Court of Criminal Appeals, with one member dissenting, so crippled the law as to emasculate its power and efficiency. Now the last Legislature came along and passed a new law against the pool rooms, but excepting the horse races, providing the betting takes place on the day of the racing and within one hundred feet of the race track. But the pool rooms contend that the law does not interfere with their acting as agents for

the race track out of the State; and hence they are still running open. So we have horse race gambling at the fairs and pool room gambling all the time. This late law has given an impetus to the horse race evil. A noted gambler who, for many years, did business in Texas, but who has been out of the State for quite a while, has now come back and he is making himself very busy with preparations for the fall fairs and the races to be run at them. Outside gamblers of this sort are flocking into the State, new so-called fairs are starting up, and Texas is to become the wide-open State to horse race gamblers. And the Legislature is responsible for this state of things. That body laid down the fence and invited the gamblers back and they are coming. Many of them are already here and opening places of business. This also raises another question, and that is Sunday desecration. This city has already gotten a clause in its charter protecting Sunday amusements, and when the fair opens next October, Sunday will be the big day of that institution. From all over Texas people will flock here on the cheap Sunday rate, and much drunkenness and revelry will be the result. The fair will offer them special inducements. What else can you expect? We called the attention of the pastors of this city to this very question at the time we were asked to vote bonds with which to purchase the fair grounds, and told them that if they did not take action then, horse race gambling and Sunday desecration would be the result. The whole thing could have been defeated then had proper action been taken. But we could not induce them to take steps to that end. Now we have all that was pointed out then and more besides. The fair is in the hands of many of the leading elements of the city who are bending every energy to make the fair more objectionable in its Sunday desecration and in its horse race gambling than ever before. We favor the legitimate features of county and State fairs, for they add much to the industrial weal of the country, but these concessions now made to the Sunday excursions and the gamblers are an abomination and the Christian people of the State ought to resent them.

Love is a universal solvent. That is if we fill our hearts full of love it will turn all that is bad in us into something good. Evil can not abide where love monopolizes and controls our feelings. Love transforms and regenerates the whole inner life, and under its power we become new creatures.

We never envy our inferiors, but sometimes we allow this evil spirit to influence us in our relation to those above us in the walks of life. And it is such a mean and hurtful spirit that when it once gets possession of us it blinds us in our estimate of those whom we envy. We can not do them justice. But the worst of it is its influence rebounds and it hurts our own souls worse than it hurt other people. Envy has some of the elements of positive wickedness in its composition.

### THE YOUNG LIFE IN THE CHURCH.

We live in an age which was foreseen and foreshown by the prophet Malachi, what time "the heart of the fathers should be turned to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers;" and by this fact a curse is being averted, and unspeakable blessings is accruing to the earth. Natural affection was not the organizing principle of the family in ancient law and life. Not till Christianity had begun to affect with beneficent force the Roman Empire did affection for the young find expression in literature and care for child life become the custom of the great.

The Hebrew faith, preceding Christianity, and supplying the base on which its spires and pinnacles arose, had at least involved a widely different view of young life from that which prevailed elsewhere in the world. The instruction of the young in the precepts and principles of the law was early, solemnly and repeatedly prescribed. And the prosperity of the city was then only conceived as perfect, when, with old men and old women dwelling in it, it should also be "full of boys and girls playing in the streets." The hope and prayer of the devout was that their sons might be as "plants grown up in their youth, and their daughters as cornerstones, polished after the similitude of a palace." Childhood was accounted the heritage of the Lord, and children were presented with thank offerings in the temple. And the sweetest, grandest thought of their prophets was that when the fierce and warring elements of the earth shall be subdued in the reign of the Messiah "the wolf and the lamb shall dwell together, and the leopard with the kid, and that a little child shall lead them." That prophetic word, like the point of light in the eye of a portrait, illuminates the whole scheme of the prophetic economy.

But as the sun pales the luster of the moonbeams Christianity surpassed the Hebrew system in its relation to the young life of the people. It came to young life as a priest to consecrate, and as king to enthroning it. For childhood the new age dawned when he whom men believed a celestial Person came, not in the fullness of manhood's power and supremacy, but as a babe, a boy, a youth, a man—came, increasing daily in stature, in wisdom, and in favor with God and man. And it was only natural afterwards, in the perfect fullness of his energy and wisdom, the Lord should take children from the street into his arms and lay his hands on them in supreme benediction, saying: "Of such is the kingdom of heaven," and declaring in words whose echo never ceases in the world, "Who shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me!"

That was for the world the coronation of childhood! And from that time its recognition and culture have been the chief ends in all the societies into which the inspiration of Jesus has entered. This strong current of governing influence thus breaking into history has flowed on in it ever since; and to-day the assiduous and affectionate training of the young is honored as a primary duty in household, Church and State. The Church, inspired by the words and actions of Him whom it calls its Master regulates its worship, constructs its buildings, applies new forms of art, creates new literature, and organizes its enterprises to minister to the needs, and to direct the energies of the young life of the age wherever it has laid the foundation of its faith and lifted the spire of its hope.

Especially is it in accord with the genius of Methodism to recognize the needs, the hopes and the possibilities of her young life, and to educate, develop and inspire it for the Master's use.

But how early ought this young life be recognized, and accorded a place within the pale of the Church? I answer: In its infancy! Before it has ever sinned, it has a right, living, to a place in the Church militant; and, dying, to a place in the Church triumphant.

When the son of Maria Theresa, Queen of Austria, was only three days old that haughty daughter of the Caesars gallantly rode to the summit of the Royal Mount, and, waving the jeweled-handled sword of the realm toward the four points of the compass, defied the allied powers of Europe to dispute the right of the infant King to the throne of his fathers. So let Methodism take her stand on the summit of Zion's Hill, and with the sword of the Spirit in her hand defy the allied powers of the world, the flesh and the devil to dispute the right of her childhood to enthronement with Jesus Christ! If the child by sin forfeits this right when it arrives at the age of discretion let it be led back early to the Savior and into the Church. As soon as it is old enough to sin it is old enough to need and know its Savior.

The fundamental and abiding graces and principles of our religion are faith, hope and love. As soon as a child is old enough to believe its mother, to love its mother, and to trust in its mother's promises, it is old enough to love and trust and hope in God.

The divine plan, the world-conquering plan, is to evangelize and train up the child in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord. What shall the kingdom of God be likened to? Christ asked the question and himself answered it. "It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in the ground, but when it is grown it becometh a great tree." Half of the world's population consists in children, and the other half had their character formed in childhood. If we want to help our Lord save the world we must help save the children. To this work our Church is committed.

From the prophesying of Malachi to the Christian era was 400 years. During all these ages the heavens were silent and the Church received no message by oracle, neither by Urim and Thummim, nor by any prophetic voice. Malachi closes his prophecy with the declaration that in due time the silence shall be broken by the Messiah's forerunner, coming in the spirit of Elijah. This was to be the next prophet to the Church. He was to introduce an era of hope by turning the heart of the fathers to the children. And the next recorded message from the skies was that of Gabriel to Zacharias; and the heavenly herald begins just where the earthly prophet left off, and declared that the forerunner was to be Zacharia's son. "And he shall go before the Lord... to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children... to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." God's way, then, of promoting a worldwide revival is to turn the heart of the parents to the young life in the Church, and this fact is given prominence in both dispensations. The old closes with it; the new opens with it. This is the connecting link between both, and is the hinge in which they meet and combine with each other. How plain is it that God regards it as of prime practical importance for the world's salvation!

Methodism, from the very outset, sought to be faithful in her duty to the young. In the first Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church the question was asked, "What shall we do for the rising generation?" and five distinct answers were given, the first of which was this: "Where there are ten children whose parents are in the society meet them at least once a week; and in addition to this every preacher, before being admitted, was required solemnly to promise to 'diligently instruct the children in every place.' Our Junior Leagues furnish a new field to carry out the purpose of the Church. They are shaping the plastic, young life of the Church into living stones for that temple which is to be the habitation of Him whose glory is the fullness of the whole world.

Every season of life has its own necessities, sorrows, joys and aspirations; and it is by the delicate appreciation of these in every case and by the possession of resources ample enough to meet them that Methodism is to prove itself the power of God. Its gospel must mingle with the warm rush of youthful blood, and keep time with the beating of the bounding heart. Youth is full of hope; it burns to put things right; it longs to emulate the heroes of the past; it is full of life and enthusiasm; it is nature's priest.

"And by the vision splendid Is on its way attended."

And there is nothing too great for it to attempt in the name of Jesus Christ. We are not to set it in the molds of conservatism, nor cool it with the maxims of prudence; but to brighten its armor, put the sword into its hands, breathe into it divinest inspirations, and send it forth in the struggle of the new century.

We are to teach that Christ came to save the whole life, and not the soul only; that he says, "Come with me," no less than, "Come to me;" that formation is better than reformation, and that innocence in youth makes one stronger to achieve than repentance in manhood's tardy time. Let us teach it that it is the meanest kind of religion—the most ignoble thought ever held—that one may give his young life to evil, and then come to Christ with the ragged fraction remaining, only to escape the fire and to get into heaven! Young life should early be led to acceptance of and loyalty to Christ. The flower of youth must be turned to the Sun of Righteousness for larger and fuller life, and to the Church for better equipment for the work of God. Its piety must be promoted, its experience enriched, its mind informed, its powers developed, its energies directed, its faith vertebrated, its hopes inspired, its aspirations enkindled, and its possibilities unfolded along the lines of progress towards the conquest of the world for God and his righteousness. To this end the great doctrines of the

Bible are to be taught, great principles implanted, great motives awakened and great enterprises presented to enlist its best thought and action.

The Epworth Leagues of our common Methodism contemplate that our young life in the Church be instructed in the doctrines, trained in the usages, infused with the genius and fired with the glorious history of Methodism, and so carry forward a "Christianity in earnest," until the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters do cover the sea!

If God has written his purpose for the future in the trend of present thought and action, then I can forecast great things to come: I can read of a more loyal citizenship in the kingdom of God; I can read of a better equipped and more intelligent denominational life; I can read of greater missionary zeal and liberality to be; I read of the coming abolition of the whiskey traffic everywhere our glorious flag shall float; I read of great social, civil and municipal reforms; and giant forms of evil, begirt with power, to fall before the steady tramp, tramp, of the advancing youthful host of the Church.

Ah! the Church to be—the Church of to-morrow—will get its greatest strength, its power of conquest, and its greatest victories through its fidelity to the young life of to-day. The Church of the future will widen its mental horizon, and master the new situations of the increasing purpose of a progressive providence only as it ministers wisely to youth and childhood.

Our machinery is sufficient. Our need is faith; our need is zeal kindled by the Holy Ghost in response to a deeper and fuller consecration. Let us go forward in the name of the Lord. The new century is big with promise. The young contingent is coming on. The prophetic Babylon is falling before its march. The New Jerusalem is descending out of heaven. The kingdom of this world is becoming the kingdom of God and his Christ!

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### MUSINGS OF AN OLD PREACHER.

Men sent as sheep in the midst of wolves, who had to speak on the housetop, what they heard in the ear, and who should be called Beelzebub, or worse, who were to be always at war with evil, were yet to be harmless as doves. They have gone forth to bless, and they should be careful not to harm. It is certain they were to be very positive, decided, fearless men, and not simply amiable imbeciles. While aiming to do no harm, they were by no means to be negative. The injunction to them rests on us, and we as ministers and evangelists are to be careful not to do harm, by any ministerial errors. I am sure much harm is done sometimes when the aim of the life was to do only good, and I will call the attention of younger ministers to some violations of the injunction to be harmless, which I have known, which were not by any means the result of any deliberate intent, and which would have been avoided if there had been fuller intelligence. Aiming to do good, and realizing the sacredness of the Divine call, young men are sometimes unmindful of the effect of what they think are trivial things in their lives. Sometimes a minister does harm by an air of professionalism, a pose which appears to invite recognition, or that of a man of superior position. If you wish to see this spirit manifested in its most ludicrous light, note a young negro preacher who has come from one of the colleges conducted by Northern officials. While no man should ever demean himself so as to surprise men when his ministerial character is known, it is surely not best to so advertise our office as to lead men to think we are seeking for consideration on that account.

We may do harm by a want of dignity which leads men to suppose us frivolous, when we are really serious. The exuberance of youthful spirit too often lead to levity, which has impaired our usefulness. We may do harm by an excessive talkativeness, and especially when the subject of our conversation is to a great degree ourselves.

We will do great harm if we fall into the habit of religious gossiping. "Why was Bro. — moved before his time was out?" I asked one of his stewards. "Because," he said, "he had the bad habit of talking about the faults of his members, individually, to their brethren." He meant no harm, but he did harm to his Church and to himself by this gossiping way. If he cultivates the spirit of gossip he will find much encouragement and will about conclude there are none good, no not one.

He may do great harm by amiably condoning things which ought to be corrected, and leading his people to conclude that all is well when there is a serious peril

just ahead of them. There are some very good men who never antagonize anything. They are lovable, amiable, popular; but, alas, the people they serve are the victims of their misplaced kindness. Rebuke is as necessary as commendation; but the rebuke should always be very tender, while it is very faithful. We certainly will do great harm by falling into the spirit of constant fault-finding, and especially is rebuke harmful when it is mixed with bad temper. I know of a visiting preacher who was much annoyed by a pert, silly, wicked boy. He bore with it for a time, then burst out in his wrath, "You little rascal on the third bench, if you don't behave yourself I will leave this pulpit and come down there and give you a spanking you'll remember." The preacher was angry and the meeting was ruined, and so was that preacher, as far as that community was concerned. Never lose your temper, however great the provocation.

We may do great harm by substituting our whims for God's mandates, even when we honestly think they are approved of God. Others may differ, and our simple assertion is not Divine law. I have known much harm done by the arbitrary dicta of good men, when only good was intended. Thousands are out of the Methodist Church to-day because some Methodist preachers were wise above what is written, and demanded that the new wine should go into the old bottle, without regard to consequences.

We may do great harm by taking up innovations and deciding that they are improvements. Some of our brethren, in their anxiety to avoid narrowness, have gone to the other extreme and have become entirely too broad in their teachings. In the anxiety to be liberal to our opponents and meet them fairly, some have scattered infidel teachings through the land that they might show how fair they were and how fully they could refute these higher critics and infidels. Alas, the position of the infidels has had a greater hold than the arguments of their opposers, and by giving statement to their views they have made them disciples.

We may do great harm by being too dogmatic and too narrow. The bitter sectarianism which is ever ready for battle, which shows no fairness in controversy, has done untold harm. Men vilify Catholics without exception and charge them with holding views they do not hold and doing things they do not do, denounce Calvinists for teaching what they do not teach, ridicule Universalists and indelicately accuse them of indecency, not recognizing the fact that our own Church recognizes immersion as a mode of baptism, etc., etc. To be fair is the one important demand in controversy. But others go to the extreme of holding no opinions, or of concealing them if they have them. It certainly does a great deal of harm to cultivate a jelly-fish theology. We should be positive while we are broad.

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### TACTICS OF LIQUORITES IN GRAYSON COUNTY.

I have just closed a revival meeting with Bro. A. P. Hightower in Bells, of Grayson County. While I was there the anti forces of Denison succeeded in getting the Commissioners' Court to order a prohibition election for Grayson County. There was a prohibition rally at Sherman immediately after the call of the election. We ex-cused the men from duty for one service of the revival in Bells and went with them to the rally. Before leaving Bells the local committee called upon Hon. Tom Wells and myself to address the people upon the subject of prohibition. We did so, and had a large crowd of hearers who literally blocked the street way in the town and stood for two and a half hours and heard us appreciatively, except a few liquor gluttons who are cursing us yet. While there in Sherman and Bells I got on to some of the campaign tactics of the antis that I will give the Advocate readers of Grayson County the benefit of.

1. The antis aim to make this fight such a bad one that many of the better citizens will take no part in it. In passing by a crowd on the streets of Sherman I heard one fellow say, "With the Denison liquor power to back us up we can cuss and get drunk enough to run the preachers and the amen corner men off the field." Of course they will not do that. The average preacher or Church leader can stand to hear a great deal more swearing and see considerable more drunkenness on a prohibition election day than he could in his Church. The rally in the courthouse at Sherman was an evidence that the preachers were not going to leave the field.

2. Some of the antis are making it their business to circulate the news among the pros that this election is illegal and therefore they had just as

well wait till the higher courts decide the legality of the case and then come and vote in the next election. How strange that they should want an anti to go and vote on an illegal election and yet advise the pro not to do so. Every prohibitionist in the county should go and vote against the saloon. The Commissioners alone, who called the election, are responsible to the higher authorities for the legality of their actions.

3. The antis are succeeding in getting some men to lie for them and dress it up so it will look like the truth—an art that most of them have graduated in. Some antis attended the speaking in Bells and immediately after the service were heard to say, "I was going to vote the pro ticket, but since hearing the saloon condemned and exposed I believe I will vote anti. I always like to help the under dog." About the only becoming thing in that statement was the word used to describe the liquor interest—dog.

4. The antis up there say local option to a pro, instead of saying prohibition, every chance they get at one in the absence of an anti. Let no prohibitionist vote "for local option," but "for prohibition" printed on your ticket or written with pen and ink.

5. The boldest display of ungar-nished personified anarchy is the effort they are making to boodle the pro leaders to their side. Mr. Wells, in the address which he delivered to the people at Bells, read aloud a letter which he had received fresh from the anti headquarters at Denison, in which they said "We have been informed that inasmuch as prohibition is not at all satisfactory to you, and the law as it is can not be enforced, that you preferred the open saloons to present conditions." They also asked when Mr. Wells would come to Denison and said that if he would confer with the anti committee in regard to campaign matters they would be glad to see him. Of course they did not state in the letter where they got their information. I suppose it came from the anti crowd. They ought to know their gang too well to depend upon their information by this time. In this instance they picked the wrong man. Mr. Wells read the letter, but withheld the name simply because it was written as a personal letter. He then read the reply to it amid loud cheers of his prohibition friends. The anti crowd will hardly try him again during the present campaign.

The news was circulated that one of our prominent Methodists in Bells was going to vote with the antis because they had defied the law, but when I called for a public street handshake for every fellow that would stand by prohibition on the 29th he was among the first to come.

I hardly think the antis can either treat the pros in Grayson had enough or good enough to induce them to vote their ticket.

Now, this is the longest article I have sent the Advocate in a long time, but prohibition for Grayson County is the biggest subject I have had for some time. I believe my new-made friends in Bells want to read it.

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### TRUE HAPPINESS.

The one ambition of the world is to gain happiness. The rich, the poor, the high, the low alike seek after it. Everything of life, the arts, politics, religion and happiness as well, have an opposite. Against the true is placed the false. The cause that produces this well known fact is that there are two known forces at work in the world—good and evil. These issue forth from God and Satan. Hence, if we be desirous of obtaining happiness we must consider the false as well, that we might the better choose. True happiness is determined from the fact that it lasts. Although Michael Angelo, the greatest sculptor and genius that the world has ever produced was so great in that line of art, he would be poor if he would not accept the Savior. Fame and worldly honor will not last. What man was more honored than Thomas Jefferson and yet without God's salvation he cannot be saved. How long did the fame that Aaron Burr had last after he had killed Hamilton? Gold satisfies but for a time. It will not buy joy and peace in the Holy Ghost. It will not buy eternal life. A man becomes a slave to his own gold. Is this true happiness? We should not love the gift of a friend more than the friend who gives it. We may have the riches of a Vanderbilt or a Rothschild and not be happy. "For what shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

"Tis religion that will give Sweetest pleasures while we live; 'Tis religion that will buy Solid comfort when we die."

—Matt. 6:33.  
We must seek true happiness from the source of all good, even God.  
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# Devotional and Spiritual

## THE ASCENSION.

The resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ are vital to the redemptive scheme. When Christ had instructed the world in righteousness and made atonement for sin, His mission was not ended. The resurrection and ascension are the crowning miracles of redemption. Without these our preaching is vain, our faith is vain, and we are yet in our sins. Besides all who have fallen asleep in Christ are perished. "But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept."

The resurrection and ascension of Christ are golden links in the chain of redemption. The decisive battle between life and death was fought at the tomb of Jesus. His resurrection from the dead sounded the death-knell of the powers of darkness. Sin, Satan, and death are doomed. The utter overthrow of Satan's kingdom is only a question of time.

Getsemane is past in triumph, and the fact of the resurrection of Christ is established beyond the shadow of a doubt. After his resurrection Jesus remained forty days with his disciples—long enough to establish his identity, gather together his scattered flock, recommit his apostles to go forth and evangelize the world by the power of the gospel, and assured them of his omnipotent presence to the end of the world. He then led them out to Bethany for the final parting.

The scene is sublime, startling, and epochal. How tender and beautiful Christ's last words to his chosen followers, "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." While these precious words were burning in their hearts, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

It was his last earthly benediction. "My peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Let not your hearts be troubled; I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." And while he blessed them he was parted from them and carried up into heaven. This imposing scene was probably witnessed by more than five hundred of Christ's disciples, whose eyes were fixed steadfastly upon him as he passed into heaven. As he faded out of their vision a feeling of sadness and loneliness steals over them. Is he gone forever? Shall we never see his sweet face nor hear his voice so full of love and sympathy again? Just then two men appear upon the scene arrayed in white. They break the silence, saying, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." The ascension of Christ transferred the arena of his mission to heaven, where vital interests connected with his kingdom awaited his coming.

### I. The Enthronement of Jesus Christ.

He had been despised and rejected of men and died the ignominious death of the cross. Now he goes up to his coronation. His homecoming is heralded with unspeakable joy. Angels and the redeemed host gave him an ovation worthy of their new-born King. As the conquering King approaches the golden gates, a voice rings out, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in! Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle." Jesus ascended as a mighty conqueror over death,

hell, and the grave. David tuned his prophetic harp, caught the refrain, and exclaimed, "Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive, thou hast received gifts for men."

Isaiah caught the strain, and cries, "Who is this that cometh from Edom with dyed garments from Bozrah, this that is glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength, I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save." Jesus Christ sits enthroned as the King of saints and the King of glory. Prophets and apostles vie together to crown the ascending King Lord of all. His throne is the throne of grace, and his scepter the scepter of righteousness. "Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a prince and a Savior for to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins." Jesus reigns and guides the march of his Church and multiplies her conquests over the powers of darkness.

He must reign until he hath put all enemies under his feet. If every professed Christian had no king but Jesus, the religious, social, political and home life would be revolutionized, and giant systems of corruption would be uprooted within the next decade. Many are quite willing to accept Christ as their Savior who are not willing to acknowledge him as their King. Jesus is waiting to be crowned Lord of all by his militant Church.

### II. The Ascended Lord Becomes Intercessor.

Next in importance to the atonement are the intercessions of our great High Priest. The death, resurrection, and intercession of Jesus Christ became the boast of the apostles. Paul exults, saying, "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died; yea, rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. If any man sin we have an Advocate with the Father Jesus Christ the righteous." But for the intercession of Christ our approach to God would be greatly embarrassed. Christ's ability to save to the uttermost all who came unto God by him hinges on the fact that he ever liveth to make intercession for us. While Jesus, our Advocate pleads, penitent sinners and struggling saints may come boldly to the throne of grace assured that they shall obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. God is not a heartless Judge, but our heavenly Father, and his only Son, our elder brother, is our advocate. Who so capable, so worthy, and so becoming our intercessor as Jesus? He was despised and respected of men and trod the wine-press of the wrath of God alone for us. He laid down his life for us and redeemed us by his precious blood, and shall he not be heard in our behalf?

Five bleeding wounds He bears,  
Received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers,  
They strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O, forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die."

Jesus Christ has a deathless interest in this world and who is so highly qualified to represent our cause in heaven? While he pleads the golden scepter is held out, and sinners find a hearty welcome back to God.

Presumptive sinners are kept out of hell by the intercessions of Jesus Christ. The ax is laid unto the root of the tree, and justice cries, "Cut him down," but Jesus pleads, and by the merit of His blood and the potency of his prayers, the blow is suspended and the offer of mercy still extended to the guilty.

### III. Jesus Ascended that the Holy Ghost Might Come in Pentecostal Fullness Upon His Church.

When Jesus reached the media-

torial throne, he sent the Holy Ghost to sanctify, empower, and guide his militant Church. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost he hath shed forth this which you see and hear. Whatever may be said of the eminence of the Holy Spirit in the Church before Pentecost, it is certain that the sweep of power and purity which characterized the Pentecostal baptism eclipsed all former dispensations. In the last day, that great day of feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." (But this spake Jesus concerning the Holy Ghost which they that believe on him should receive, for the Holy Ghost was not yet given because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

The baptism with the Holy Ghost is no ordinary manifestation of the Spirit. It is epochal and dispensational. The Church entered upon a new era. Salvation was precipitated and the Church leaped into new life and went forth with a conquering tread. From weakness she was raised into strength, and from timidity she became invincible and heroic, taking on the aggressive type of evangelism. Pentecost burned out of the Church all selfish, unholy ambition for place and power, clarified her spiritual vision, intensified her faith, and broadened her sphere of activity. The essential thing was, "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost." The Divine ideal is a Spirit-filled Church. A fractional Church never has and never can cope with the combined powers of darkness. Nothing short of the whole armor of God will enable the Church to stand against the wiles of the devil.

It is needful for you that I go away, said Jesus, for if I go not away the Comforter will not come. The corporeal presence of Jesus was a hindrance to the exercise of a vigorous faith. Jesus ascended to heaven that the Church might learn to live and walk by faith. It is better to walk by faith in the dispensation of the Holy Ghost than to sit with the beloved John leaning on the bosom of Jesus.

Pentecost flashed new light upon the Divine Christ, and the Church knew more of the Divinity of their Lord than was possible while gazing at the spectacular. The physical Christ and the physical miracles must give place to the spiritual, soul-transforming power of the gospel. The Holy Ghost came to reveal Jesus to the inner life of the Church and to glorify him in the midst of the people. The coming of the Holy Ghost into the Church is the coming of Jesus Christ into his temple. The Holy Ghost reveals the Divine Christ in ravishing beauty to the purified soul, and he cries out, "My Lord and my God." No man can call Jesus Lord but by the Holy Ghost.

### IV. Jesus Ascended to Heaven that He Might Ratify the Covenant of the Resurrection and Present His Glorified Body as a Sample of the Golden Harvest of the Risen, Glorified Church.

Our vile body shall be fashioned like unto his glorious body according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. We shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. As he lives, so shall we live also.—Western Advocate.

### THE CUP OF THE FOUNTAIN.

A certain man placed a fountain by the wayside, and he hung a cup near to it by a little chain. He was told some time after that a great art critic had found much fault with its design.

"But," said he, "do many thirsty persons drink at it?"

Then they told him that thousands of poor men, women and chil-

dren slaked their thirst at the fountain; and he smiled and said that he was little troubled by the critic's observations, only he hoped that some sultry summer's day the critic himself might fill the cup and be refreshed, and praise the name of the Lord. He is my fountain, and here is my cup; find fault if you please, but do drink of the water of life. I only care for this. I had rather bless the soul of the poorest crossing-sweeper or rag-gatherer than please a prince of the blood, and fail to convert him to God.—C. H. Spurgeon.

### THE TESTIMONY OF EXPERIENCE.

There are invincible proofs of the divine care, love, and power of Jesus Christ which are put within the reach of those who trust him. Countless myriads have, since the days of St. Paul, been able to accord with his testimony and declare—some of them in the face of martyr fires and other forms of torture inflicted upon them because of their fealty to their Redeemer—"I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Such witnesses are found to-day in every land under the skies. They know by personal experience the resources, the tenderness, the authority, the love, the mercy, and the omnipotent power of Jesus. Substantially their creed is a very simple one—about what that of the Roman centurion of Capernaum was: "I believe in the almighty power of Jesus of Nazareth." They have poured into his listening ear their confession of sin; they have found, at his feet, guidance in perplexity and light in time of impenetrable darkness; they have gone to him with the daily story of their weakness, their trials, their perils, their temptations; and they have been made conscious of his presence, his help, his sympathy, and his care.

Their knowledge of him as a present, divine Savior, with whom they hold daily fellowship, is inwrought into their very life; it has become a part of their souls. They know him by direct act of cognition and by virtue of a life of communion, which has stood the test of all the vicissitudes, dangers, temptations, and sorrows through which they have come. Whatever else they may doubt, of this one truth they have no question—Jesus Christ is an Almighty Savior. The declaration of the mountaineer, "I know that Jesus Christ is divine, because he forgave my sins; he saved my soul!" was not only good theology, but good logic.

This Man is the Creator of the new moral life which throbs through the modern world; he is the Maker of saints, ancient and modern, on earth and in heaven. Living witnesses by the million can be found to testify that he found them in their sins—perhaps living in gross and brutal wickedness or steeped in the savageries of heathen lands; that he forgave them, revealed to them a new life of peace and joy and hope; that he cleansed and renewed them and built them up into sainthood. Myriads can testify after this fashion: "In ocean storms and on the field of battle; in tropical jungles, with wild beasts on every side; face to face with mobs; in the midst of cannibals, when carrying burdens of responsibility and toil and care which seemed intolerable; when heartbroken with bereavement; when struggling with secret sins and with temptations which took hold on the very foundations of our life and in manifold other vicissitudes and adventures we have called on the Lord Jesus in prayer for help. While we prayed we found a strange and blessed calm administered to our quaking hearts. We have realized his presence as surely as though he had appeared visibly to our eyes.

His responses to our cries, his anointing touch, his immediate help, his gracious deliverances wrought in our behalf and, more than all, the constant supply of grace and peace which he has administered to us in our daily needs have made him the most real and blessed of friends and comforters. Whatever may be the limitations of our vision and our knowledge, this one thing we know: Jesus Christ is a friend who sticketh closer than a brother; he is a Counselor of the ignorant and a Helper of the dependent and the needy. We have trusted him and have not been confounded."—Jesse Bowman Young.

When a man maketh his complaint and openeth his need and grief unto his special friend, he feelth a certain ease afterwards; so that his pain and grief, by the rehearsing thereof, is somewhat relieved, remedied, and taken away. Much more comfort and ease shall we receive by telling and opening our grief and complain unto God. For man is soon weary of our complaining; but if we should spend the whole day in praying, crying, and complaining unto God, he would love, comfort, and strengthen us the more.

The human heart is like a millstone in a mill; when you put wheat under it, it turns and grinds and bruises the wheat to flour; if you put no wheat it still grinds on, but then 'tis itself it grinds and wears away. So the human heart, unless it be occupied with some employment, leaves space for the devil, who wriggles himself in, and brings with him a whole host of evil thoughts, temptations, and tribulations, which grind out the heart.—Luther.

### BUSINESS WOMEN.

#### A Lunch Fit for a King.

An active and successful young lady tells her food experience:

"Some three years ago I suffered from nervous prostration, induced by continuous brain strain and improper food, added to a great grief.

I was ordered to give up my work, as there was great danger of my mind failing me altogether. My stomach was in bad condition (nervous dyspepsia, I think now) and when Grape-Nuts food was recommended to me, I had no faith in it. However, I tried it, and soon found a marked improvement in my condition as the result. I had been troubled with deathly faint spells, and had been compelled to use a stimulant to revive me. I found, however, that by eating Grape-Nuts at such times I was relieved as satisfactorily as by the use of stimulants, and suffered no bad effects, which was a great gain. As to my other troubles—nervous prostration, dyspepsia, etc.—the Grape-Nuts diet soon cured them.

"I wish especially to call the attention of office girls to the great benefit I derived from the use of Grape-Nuts as a noon luncheon. I was thoroughly tired of cheap restaurants and ordinary lunches, and so made the experiment of taking a package of Grape Nuts food with me, and then slipping out at noon and getting a nickel's worth of sweet cream to add to it. I found that this simple dish, finished off with an apple, peach, orange, or a bunch of grapes made a lunch fit for a king, and one that agreed with me perfectly.

"I threw so on my Grape-Nuts diet that I did not have to give up my work at all, and in the two years have had only four lost days charged up against me.

"Let me add that your suggestions in the little book, 'Road to Wellville,' are, in my opinion, invaluable, especially to women." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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Secular News Items.

Much apprehension is felt over the appearance of yellow fever in New Orleans...

Dr. Prather, President of the University of Texas, died very suddenly of heart failure July 24...

A meeting of 100 anarchists was held last Sunday night, says a dispatch from Paris...

Seven persons killed and fifty-four injured is the record made this year so far by automobilists in Chicago...

Rear Admiral Sigsbee, with his fleet of cruisers bearing the body of John Paul Jones...

The following dispatch is dated Salonica, July 22: "A report received here says that a large Bulgarian band attacked the villages of Balinza and Gradshuliza..."

The following dispatch is dated Urdiapudze, Manchuria, July 22: "The Japanese armies at present occupy the position of an immense sickle..."

July 21 the American gunboat, the Bennington, was the scene of a fearful tragedy...

No European potentate has, when he travels, so many attendants, officers, and adjutants with him as the Shah of Persia...

The following dispatch from Humble, Texas, is dated July 23: "During a vivid electrical storm to-night lightning struck one of the big earthen tanks..."

One hundred teams are known to have perished in the great blaze, and many families have been burned out...

Marshal Oyama is very careful of his health while in the field and will not drink any liquor...

Admirers of the late Secretary Hay in Cleveland propose to start a fund for the erection of a monument to his memory...

The Federation of French Alliances in the United States has secured as lecturer for next year M. Julien Tiersot...

President Roosevelt will call an extraordinary session of Congress to begin Nov. 11...

An unsuccessful attempt to take the life of the Sultan was made at Constantinople July 21...

The committee appointed to inquire into the attempt on the life of the Sultan ascertained that the explosion of the bomb caused the death of twenty-four persons and wounded 517...

Mr. Robert A. Law, of Spartanburg, S. C., who recently received his degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Harvard University...

The following dispatch is dated Berne, Switzerland, July 29: "Diplomatic circles here are interested in an incident concerning the American Minister, Brutus J. Clay..."

Admiral Voelckersam, of the Russian Navy, who was killed in the battle of Korea Strait, was put in command of a torpedo boat when a junior officer...

M. Witte's departure for Paris July 19 on his way to the United States, while a very democratic affair, nevertheless, was the occasion for a remarkable demonstration in his honor...

Floating mines from Port Arthur continue a menace to navigation, says

the Pekin, China, Times. The Hsinch, from Tien-Tsin, reports sighting one of these drifting dangers...



See the feet of these little brothers. Would you like to see their picture after being cured? If you know such a child send us a description...

positions in this manner, and that in a number of cases the applicants have paid liberally for the service...

Phineas Bronsdonda, a pioneer constructing engineer of the coast, is dead. He went to San Francisco in 1858...

Emile Arton, one of the principal figures in the old Panama Canal scandal, committed suicide in Paris July 17...

Kniaz (Prince) Potemkine was a dear friend of Catherine the Great. He was not very popular with the plain people...

The end of the teamsters' strike that has so greatly disturbed business conditions in Chicago for the last three months is at hand...

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Willet I. Hays has taken hold of the affairs of the Bureau of Statistics with instructions from Secretary Wilson...

John Dunning, the janitor of Maine Hall, at Bowdoin College, has in his every day. The majority of the citizens are well pleased...

Commander Lucien Young, of the Bennington, has been referred to in newspaper articles many times as possessing the "finest record in the navy for bravery..."

His efforts saved all who were rescued from the sinking ship. Congress, recognizing his heroism, gave him a medal...

Recent disasters on American warships: Battleship Missouri, off Pensacola, April 13, 1904, explosion of powder; 33 killed, 5 hurt...

Chief Engineer Stevens has set out for Panama, and talks encouragingly of our prospects down there. He said: "When I leave the United States I expect it to be for a long, long time..."

A cablegram received from Shanghai says the American boycott by the Chinese has started there. Every effort was made to allay the agitation...

Dr. Sigurd Ibsen, son of the noted dramatist, is prominent in the movement which recently culminated in the secession of Norway from Sweden...

Prof. Charles Schuchert, head of the Yale University Museum, is to make a very extensive trip during the summer through the maritime provinces of Canada...

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Thornton.

F. M. Winburne, July 21: I'm in a fix—my camp-meeting has been deferred till third Sunday in August because of "crop conditions," sickness, etc.

Salado.

C. S. Cameron, July 21: We have just closed a great meeting at Prairie Dell on this charge in which we were blessed with 40 conversions and reclamations and 20 additions, all by ritual, with more to follow.

Moorhead.

J. H. Wiseman, July 23: We have closed a good meeting at Moorhead. A great work was done in the Church, and we had twenty-seven additions.

Merkel Mission.

T. N. Lowry, July 22: Our meeting at Stith, eight miles north of Merkel, closed last Sunday night. The meeting lasted eight days.

Hubbard City Station.

C. Bruce Meador: We have been silent down here during this entire conference year. The fact is we have not had much to write.

Plano.

M. H. Neely, July 15: On Sunday, June 18th, we commenced a meeting in Plano. On Wednesday, the 21st, Rev. John E. Green, the railroad evangelist, came, bringing with him his singer, W. L. Waltermire.

been given to the different Churches, and Methodism will get about fifty of the number. I never saw a more united effort on the part of the people of our community.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Columbia and Brazoria.

Morland Whaling, July 15: The preacher in charge of this work is a sort of general epistle. His territory is all that part of Brazoria County west of the Brazos River, some 600 square miles.

Mart.

A. E. Carraway, July 24: Have just closed a great meeting at Reisel; continued sixteen days; Church wonderfully revived; deep conviction on the unsaved; twelve additions to the Church.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Lone Oak.

W. T. Morrow: We have just passed our third Quarterly Conference. Bro. Peterson was on hand and painstakingly looked after all the interests of the Church and preached five splendid sermons to the great delight and edification of our people.

Saratoga.

J. M. Holt, July 24: Since our last we have held a meeting at Midway. No conversions, no additions, six infants baptized.

this people for thirty-two years at intervals, and said he had heard many shouts of praise in their meetings; but was sadly disappointed at this time.

POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE POINTS.

Prof. J. D. Boon has been proving his efficiency in the science department the past few days in that he has placed some new apparatus in position, thoroughly overhauled and is now Prof. Boon is not only a recognized scientist, but a cabinet worker of high order.

The college campus is putting on a neat appearance. Quite a number of old buildings have been torn down, new ones are going up and the walks repaired, all of which gives things a prosperous appearance.

President Boaz is out for a ten days' canvass on the T. and P. Railway west. A card from him says that a great number of students are coming to the college this fall.

Business Manager J. D. Young is down in the Brownwood country and has been for some days. He writes that something like a dozen students will attend the college from Brownwood.

Rev. J. H. Stewart has been out for a few days assisting some of the pastors in revival meetings.

Financial Agent Armstrong is a busy man these hot days. He spends most of the time on the road assisting in meetings and collecting money. He is meeting with splendid success.

WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT.

Were you ever in one of the large churches lighted with electricity when the lights failed and went out? Those creepy moments while enveloped in inky darkness cannot be described; they are truly typical of the life of man without the glorious light of the Savior's love shed abroad in his heart.

Two old sisters, especially, who in these choir-struck days are so seldom allowed to give vent to their feelings in song—it now being dark—opened their mouths and hearts and sang with the understanding and the spirit.

Dear friends, let's always keep the glorious light of the Savior's love refulgent in our hearts; the light that never flickers, and will never fail us, and let's always try and be veritable lighthouses for the sinners around us, remembering the mandate of our Lord, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

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Joint Immigration Agent.

July 1, 1905. To All Concerned: Effective this date, Mr. Otto Letzerick is appointed Joint Immigration Agent at Galveston, Texas, for the lines mentioned.

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There are forty of these questions—ten for each week for four weeks—and the boys and girls who make the required per cent for three of the four weeks shall receive special mention at the close of the series.

I have not time to write each of you a personal letter, but I will read your letters carefully, and will, each week, send the honor roll to the Advocate.

What you may do in this contest: You may, before you begin to write, take text books and study the lesson, and may ask assistance on subjects you have not had in your text books.

What you must not do: You must not ask the assistance of teacher, parents or anyone else, in answering the questions, or in finding the answers in the text books.

You must not forget to write on only one side of the paper, to give your address, and to copy and sign the following Pledge:

Pledge: "I am under seventeen years of age, and I have answered these questions without the assistance of any one; I did not take any notes, and I did not refer to any book or paper after I commenced to write."

Your letters must reach me not later than ten days after the date of the paper containing the question. Address MRS. ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM, Haskell, Texas.

- Miscellaneous Questions—Fourth Paper. 1. (a) Name the three parts of the brain and tell in fewest words the work of each part. (b) What is the effect of alcohol on the brain? 2. What is the spinal cord? What is the purpose of the nerves? 3. (a) We are told that 144 square inches make 1 square foot, and that 1728 cubic inches make 1 cubic foot...

The above may be copied and signed by any one—old or young—in every town or community in Texas. We want to get the names of our noblest, most unselfish young people. Please send them to us. (MRS.) ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM.

My Dear Boys and Girls: I am glad that so many of you realized that July 6—the day of our imaginary picnic—was, in reality, a day set apart to forget self and think of the comfort and happiness of others.

I know you will extend to dear Prebble Walker, of Sharp, Texas, your heartfelt sympathy when I tell you that on the day of our picnic she sat nearly all day by the bedside of her sick mother, and that the death angel came that night and took that mother to heaven.

Thank you, Price, for the "Eternal Revenue Stamps." I shall soon order a supply. Price says he gets these stamps from the Grace Publishing Company, Indianapolis, Ind.;

Some have asked if I wish you to write letters to send with your answers to the questions. It is not necessary that you write a letter, but I am glad to get them when you wish to write.

- \*Dorothy Marshall, Runge, Texas. Icie Durrett, Wolfe City, Texas. Louise Tadlock, Austin, Texas. Garvin Germany, Grand Saline, Texas. Eugene B. Germany, Grand Saline, Texas. Hugh Wallace, Munday, Texas. Annie Hamilton, Brad, Texas. Robert Greaves, Cumbly, Texas. Reuben B. Morris, Linden, Texas. Ethel Slinger, Duncanville, Texas. Annie Newell, Palestine, Texas. Seth A. Smith, Tyler, Texas. Ruby Lee Mitchell, Greenville, Texas. John Lemond, Olga, Texas. Harry Ellis, Cross Plains, Texas. Albert Walker, Rockwall, Texas. Della Young, Lovelace, Texas. Annie Toland, Ganado, Texas. John K. Montgomery, Hext, Texas. Robt. H. Montgomery, Hext, Texas. Eugene Naugle, Prosper, Texas. Hubert Sone, Prosper, Texas. Mary Simpson, Edna, Texas. Lena Simpson, Edna, Texas. \*J. D. Thaggard, Marietta, Texas. Price Scott, Mickey, Texas. \*Annie Belle McNatt, Black Jack Springs, Texas. Lillian Makamson, Leona, Texas. Lola Hall, Cuero, Texas. \*100 per cent.

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To say that Hezekiah needed the effect of sickness and pain and that it was a part of God's design; that God "designed" (foreordained) that he should suffer such sickness and pain in order to finish his faith in this life and perfect him for glory, and that he could not have been perfect without it, and could not get to glory without it, not only makes it a prerequisite to life, but to heaven as well.

No wonder that men are slow to believe the Bible, while wise men persist in teaching such rot for Bible truth. It is enough to make infidels of us all. Of the two, infidelity is preferable to Calvinism, or at least the part referred to. Preachers and teachers should present God in his dealings with the children of men in a different light altogether. Away with Calvinism from the earth!

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The Bonham Favorite speaks in high terms of the work being done by Rev. L. G. White of our South Bonham charge. He has made progress along all lines this year, and his people are rallying to him in his efforts to build that important work.

The editor is in Grayson County, helping in a local option fight, this week, and that will explain his failure to answer correspondents for the time being. He will be back after Saturday and will spend the rest of the summer at home. Thus far he has done much work on the outside; but from now on he will cut out all work away from the city, and put in his vacation working in the office.

Rev. J. W. Hill, of Denison, has had to go west on account of Sister Hill's health; and he will be absent for a month or so. He put in some telling blows for local option before he left; and now that he is gone some of the scurvies set up that way say he has run off to keep out of the fight. But all lovers of truth and those who have cognizance of the facts know to the contrary. We have no braver and truer man in the face of moral issues than J. W. Hill. He has been and is a great factor in work of this sort in Denison.

All the pastors in Grayson County are giving much time to the local option campaign and they could not do a better work. The return of the saloon means a great hindrance to Church work and the religious life of the people. It is not surprising that the preachers are looking out and fighting to prevent this coming back of the barrooms. May they succeed. And nearly all their people are with them, heart and soul.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.

To-day, July 24th, I lack \$1000 of having enough money to pay the third quarter drafts due Aug. 1st. Will the pastors send all the mission money they can collect and enable me to meet this payment without delay? The money must be provided for before the checks go out.

J. H. WISEMAN. Moody, Texas.

"Oh, mamma, come quick!" cried little Bess, who had never before seen her small brother do anything but crawl. "Come quick, mamma! Baby is standing on his hind legs!"

THE CAMPAIGN IN GRAYSON COUNTY.

At this writing, the local option campaign in Grayson County is at white heat. The antis have put speakers from a distance in the field and the pros are meeting them, and the discussions are warm from one end of the county to the other. The Brewers' and Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association has found it necessary to ship their "Secretary" into the field, with headquarters at Sherman, to organize and direct their campaign. He is a past master at this sort of work and he is bending his energy to carry Grayson for the antis. He keeps himself in a back room, and it was the merest accident that the local option committee discovered him. As soon as they located him, they issued a circular to the voters of Grayson County telling of his presence, and the work that he is doing. Surely the antis are hard pressed when they have to secretly put this "Secretary" down in a distant community to give his wits to the work of deceiving the voters of a county like old Grayson. During the past week it has been a warm place for the "Secretary." His "peculiar" methods of work have been laid bare and his purposes exposed. It has been our privilege to take part in the campaign. Last week we devoted four days to the work, and we are in the field this week. We spoke at several points, and at this writing we are shelling the woods along with more than a dozen others for local option. The vote will come off next Saturday, the 29th, and the result will be known by the time the Advocate reaches its remotest points. We think the county will stay in the dry column. The strongest opposition comes from Denison. This is a border town, and the majority of its citizens want liquor and lots of liquor. When they had anti local option and were cursed with nearly fifty barrooms and dives, these institutions made no pretense toward keeping any of the restrictions imposed upon them by the law. They paid no attention to the Sunday law, the law against gaming, or any other law designed to regulate the liquor business. And when the county voted in local option, these ex-liquor dealers went systematically to either openly violate or evade the law. Hence they have done all that has been in their power to trample the law under their feet and to show a contempt for the moral sentiment of the county. Now they come back to the people of the county and ask them to license barrooms again and to do it on the ground that these law breakers have persistently violated the law. A number of the same sort living in Sherman have joined them in this request and now they are trying to persuade the people that if they will vote them back into the open liquor business, they will be good the next time. But we do not believe that the people will trust them any more. They did not keep the law when they had a license to sell the stuff; they have tried to make themselves as disagreeable as possible during local option, and if they get back into business, they will be meaner than ever. The good people of Grayson owe it to themselves and their children to know this gang under the polls on Saturday, and thus rebuke the brewers and wholesale liquor dealers of the State for shipping their "Secretary" into that county to aid in the effort to thwart the will of the law-abiding citizens of that section. No hired instrument of the liquor dealers in Galveston and Dallas ought to be countenanced by the Christian people of Grayson. They ought to rise up and smite the gang with their votes and teach this high-handed method a needed lesson. On with the battle!

THE NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE.

While in Sherman last week we had the pleasure of a visit to Bishop and Mrs. Joseph S. Key and spent the night at the College. There is where we always go when in Sherman. Its hospitality knows no limit when friends call there. We found the Bishop in fine health and in a cheerful spirit. He is looking forward to his fall conferences with pleasure, and we are sure that his health of body and strength of purpose will be more than equal to the burdens and duties of those gatherings. It is a perfect delight to sit at the Bishop's feet and listen to his words of wisdom and counsel. He is a wise patriarch among his brethren.

Mrs. Key is busy about many things. Such have been her duties that she has not taken any vacation this summer—that is, she has not gone to any distant resort for rest and recreation. In the absence of all the faculty and the boarding pupils, it is a fine place to rest at the College. As we announced sometime back, she has purchased the old Mary Nash property, formerly used for a Baptist school for girls, and she has torn away the old building of wood, and in its place she is putting up a handsome three-story brick. This will be used largely for the Conservatory of Music. It will be an ideal place of that purpose. She is also having all the apartments in the other buildings renovated and put in order preparatory to the next opening. Already the applications are coming in numerous for the next term. She is expecting the largest opening in the history of the school. She has increased and strengthened her faculty, and she will be more than ready to meet all the demands of a first-class school for girls. The past work of the College stands out prominently in Texas and other States; but the future of this splendid institution is rich with promise. Mrs. Key is a great woman and she deserves all the success that has attended her labors.

A SMALL COURT DEALING IN LARGE OPINIONS.

A few issues back we had something to say about our Dallas Corporation Court deciding against the ordinance passed by the Council closing the saloons at twelve o'clock at night till six the next morning. This court "handed down an opinion" on the subject, in which the position was taken that the Legislature transcended its power in granting to the city the right, through its charter, to pass such a law. In this "opinion" this small court put on all the airs of a court of last resort. Now this same little court comes along and "hands down"

THE "SOU'WESTERN."

The above is the title of a handsome volume gotten out by the Athletic Association of Southwestern University. It is splendidly bound in morocco, comprises about two hundred pages and strikingly illustrated. Its opening page has a true picture of

Dr. McLean, so long Regent of the University, and to whom the book is dedicated. It has pictures of the entire faculty with true sketches of their lives and labors; also of the graduating class of the present year. It has groups of the junior, sophomore and freshman classes. It has fine illustrations of the several societies and of the leaders in them. The humorous side of the University also comes out in bold relief. There are many caricatures of members of the faculty and of the student body. These are laughable and entertaining. The Ladies' Annex comes in for its share of the fun. Also the medical faculty and students. The volume has all the information concerning the University that one need to know. And it is not only embellished with illustrations, but it has poetry and splendid touches of lofty sentiment. All the old students especially ought to own a copy of this rare and interesting book. The young people we understand, went to large expense to get up this book, and to obtain a copy of it will not only more than repay the purchaser, but it will also help the enterprising editors and publishers of it to make it a financial success. A letter addressed to any member of the faculty at Georgetown will be turned over to the proper persons, if you want to own this volume.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Mrs. Etta Bass, of Jacksonville, accompanied by Mrs. Ella Finley, of San Francisco, Cal., made the Advocate a pleasant call this week. Mrs. Bass is a daughter of Rev. J. M. Smith, of the Texas Conference.

Bro. W. W. Brooks and wife, of Burnet, and their daughter, Mrs. Harrison, of Arlington, called to see us this week. Brother and Sister Brooks have lived in Burnet forty years and remember the days when Indians raided that country. They are devoted Methodists and have been readers of the Advocate for many years.

Rev. C. W. Hearon, of North Cleburne, called on us en route to Arkansas for a short vacation. He reports fifty-five additions to his Church this year, salary paid to date and over, conference collections secured in subscriptions, and two notes on the church building paid. Bro. Hearon is one of our best young men and is doing a fine work.

CHURCH NEWS.

Rev. P. H. Whisner, Secretary of the Church Extension Society, has been visiting in North Georgia.

Bishop Smith called on the South Carolina Advocate editors last week and they report him much improved in health.

McKendree Church does not propose to relinquish its hold on the Annual Conference. It will provide a place ample and convenient.

Rev. Jas. A. Duncan has transferred to the Alabama Conference and appointed to the First Church, Birmingham. The Alabama Advocate says that the people are delighted with him.

Rev. W. C. Lovett, editor of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, has returned to Atlanta from an extended Western trip. This is the first outing he has taken since his connection with that paper.

Atlanta Methodism is planning for another evangelistic campaign in September. Sam Jones, Geo. Stuart, Bishop Candler, Bishop Galloway, with the preachers of the city, will take part in the meeting.

SAM A. EDGERLY.

In 1861 he came to Corpus Christi with his young wife as agent for a wool commission house of Brooklyn, N. Y. Being a Methodist, as a matter of course, he fell in first with Wm. Haden, and thence to Church following Sunday morning, where he found the Sunday-school and congregation struggling to raise tunes. Immediately his

fine voice rolled out and filled the little concrete church with melody—the best voice at that time ever heard in Corpus Christi. He presented his Church certificate, and we installed him as leader of the music. His voice was like the deep tones of an organ, and he was familiar with all Methodist hymns. He attended Theo. Gillett's camp-meeting thirty miles from Corpus and west of the Nueces. The last song we sung at that camp-meeting was, "Oh, happy day that fixed my choice," led by Edgerly. He was young, animated, modest. The war was right on hand, and he was just from the North. All of us expected soon to go to the front. Early the next spring all the young men in Corpus—including Edgerly—joined the army. I passed on to San Antonio and lost sight of him. He left his young wife and baby in Corpus, and they had a hard time during the war. At the close of the war, on my return from a trip to Georgia, I met him on the streets of Galveston; found him and John Howard running the finest Sunday-school in the city at old Ryland Chapel. The music of that school and congregation, with Edgerly as leader, was magnificent. A large number of new Sunday-school pieces were just then coming into use, and he quickly picked them up. At that beehive of children—Edgerly leading and Howard's face radiant as a May morning—we sang the "Evergreen Shore," and it was hard to keep from shouting in meeting. He led for Howard, Philpott, Lewis, Boring, Carnes and everybody else. Again we left for other fields and lost sight once more of Edgerly. We believe he was once connected in a business way with the Texas Christian Advocate before Shaw & Blaylock took charge. A few years ago we heard he had returned to Brooklyn, N. Y., and there suffered from nervous prostration and finally died in a sanitarium. Who knows but that grand voice may yet be heard among the angels!

BIBLE DRILLS.

The International Lessons which are in general use are not closely consecutive, and necessarily omit much important Bible knowledge which Sunday Schools should learn.

The lessons themselves are designed primarily to be taught for their evangelistic and not their educational uses. This fact makes it the more necessary that something should be done in the Sunday School to give the scholars a better knowledge of the Bible as a book, a unit of divine revelation.

Bible drills, when properly conducted, stimulate home study of the Bible, and make the book more real and interesting to the scholars. Young people and children once started in the way of home searching of the Scriptures will quicken the spirit of Bible study in Church and school.

A quick, spirited drill of a whole school upon simple Bible facts is always relished and by reason of its reiterations fixes the elements of Bible knowledge in the minds of the young scholars.

A Bible drill should never take more than three to five minutes of the school's time. A rapid drill, if protracted, wears and recoils; but a short, crisp drill refreshes a school.

It should come before the lesson study, and not after it. A drill is best when the scholars are freshest. Besides the lesson review should have its place after the lesson study.

It should be conducted by the superintendent. He is by virtue of his office the right one to lead in the drill. His crudeness and awkwardness at the first, however embarrassing to him, is not so apparent to his school, and it will soon disappear wholly if he is patient and persistent in his purpose to drill the school at any cost.

It should be a drill in fact as well as in name. A drill consists in the spirited repetition of a few Bible facts, the leader first stating them, fact by fact, and the school in hearty concert repeating the facts after the leader, until the matter of the drill is fixed in understanding and memory. The charm of the drill is in the fact that all are heartily joining in the same moment upon the same thing.

Every officer, teacher and scholar should be required to take part in the drills, the older ones for example's sake. If the superintendent is tactful and insistent, keeping in good nature over it, all the scholars will soon fall into line and drill.

Two cautions are needed, first as to putting too much into the drill; the second as to the superintendent's going too much talking and teaching and too little downright drilling. Success comes only when drills contain little in matter, but much in vigorous repetition.

The material of the drills should be varied, as follows:

1. The Books of the Bible—Begin with the Old Testament. Divide its books into classes, the historical, devotional, etc. Take one class at a time and make it the basis of one or more drills.

2. The Writers of the Bible—These



are some forty in number. A good Bible dictionary or teacher's Bible will give their names.

2. The Biography of the Bible—Take the great Bible men and women, putting not more than five leading facts about each into one drill.

4. Geography of the Bible—Take the salient places of the Bible and arrange them into a series of drills until the school can name and locate each place.

5. The History of the Bible—The groundwork of Bible history can be covered in a hundred facts. Take these and link them together into a set of connected historic drills. The history of the Bible itself, the great doctrines of the Bible in the order of their development, a child study of the several books, book by book, to say nothing of Church history and of the history of our Methodism, might serve as further material for drills.

From his own blackboard the writer submits sample drill "outlines" which were first printed neatly with crayon upon the board, and then used before the school as a basis of five minute drills:

- No 1. Bible Books.
  - O-I-d—three letters.
  - T-e-s-t-a-m-e-n-t—nine letters.
  - 39—thirty-nine books.
  - N-e-w—three letters.
  - T-e-s-t-a-m-e-n-t—nine letters.
  - 4904 2348 1491 1096 976 606 4
- No 2. Old Testament History.
  - C D E C D E C
  - 4904 2348 1491 1096 976 606 4
- No 3. New Testament Writers.
  - 8 men—27 Books.
  - Mark, 1 Paul, 14.
  - Matthew, 1 Peter, 2.
  - Luke, 2 James, 1.
  - John, 5 Jude, 1.
  - H. M. HAMILL,
  - Superintendent Sunday-school Training Work.

DEDICATION POSTPONED.

Owing to the delay in the shipment of our pews we necessarily have to defer the dedication of our church at Liberty from the fifth Sunday till some future date. J. R. RITCHIE, P. C.

SAD NEWS.

We are sitting in the shadows of a great sorrow. We buried our mother Saturday, who died at her home in this city. I. K. WALLER. San Antonio, Texas, July 24, 1905.

OUR WORK IN WACO.

Early in the present conference year a meeting was held in the study of our beautiful Austin Avenue Church, at which Presiding Elder Putman and all our city pastors were present. The result was an enthusiastic and unanimous decision that we should hold a round of protracted meetings in our various Churches in the city, using the pastors and presiding elder as far as possible in the leadership of the work. These meetings, as planned, began the first Sunday in April at Morrow Street and were continued successively at Austin Avenue, Fifth Street and closed with the meeting at Elm Street. The local pastors and presiding elder did all the preaching, except at Elm Street, where that efficient pastor-evangelist, Bro. R. J. Tooley, did effective service, according to previous engagement with Brother Barnes. As Secretary of our Pastors' Union I have been directed to report our work to the Advocate.

I have never been able to satisfactorily report the results of any revival meeting. The work is always beyond statistical reach. It is spiritual or nothing. Some great demonstrations leave behind them but little of permanent value to the Church. Contrariwise, I have known preacher and people to close a meeting with a feeling of discouragement at the paucity of visible results, only to discover its increasing effect on the spiritual life of the Church as the months and years passed by.

Judged by any legitimate standard the Waco meetings were a success. At the four meetings there were 72 accessions to the Church on profession of faith and many others were restored "oy certificate and otherwise."

That part of our membership which participated in the meetings was undoubtedly lifted to higher spiritual experiences and broadened in that greatly-to-be-desired spirit of fraternal fellowship. Methodism offers the best opportunity of any Church in Christendom for the development of the spirit of connectional fellowship and unity of interests. The most anomalous condition conceivable in our peculiar ecclesiastical economy is a spirit of indifference, not to say selfishness, concerning the welfare of the whole. The temptation at this point is not unknown in some of our cities. "Methodism is connectional," instead of being a rallying call to universal conquest, may sometimes become a "glittering generality."

Our meetings were productive of

good fruit in this particular work of bringing our members together, and while we can not claim to have accomplished a perfect work, we are at least Methodistic to the extent of "going on to perfection." Our pastors are all new in the work here this year, with the exception of Brother Barnes, and we find that our predecessors have wrought well. We have four well-equipped church buildings, besides two mission churches, worth altogether \$85,000; three station parsonages valued at \$8500; one district parsonage valued at \$4500. In addition to this property devoted to local interests we have the Rebecca Sparks Deaconess Home and the Orphanage, the property values of which amount to probably \$55,000. The only debts of any consideration are on the Austin Avenue and Fifth Street Church buildings, the former amounting to about \$7000, and the latter to nearly as much. In due time these obligations will be met and our material equipment will be admirable.

During this conference year we have received into the membership of the four Churches: Morrow Street, 50; Austin Avenue, 25; Fifth Street, 85; and Elm Street, 49, making the total additions number 209. The entire membership of the four Churches is now 1998, and the Sunday-school enrollment is 1525.

The outlook is promising for our work in this city, and our pastors are working harmoniously for the interests committed to their care. In addition to our regular work we have helpful co-operation in the management of the Deaconess Home by Miss Lockard, deaconess, who was appointed to this work at the recent session of the Woman's Board. Her work is not that of assistant to our pastors, but the management of the Home, the superintendency of the Christian home for young women and the day nursery. The one connectional institution of our Church in Waco in which the entire State is interested is our Orphanage. It is a privilege to be coveted to have the opportunity of pastoral ministrations to these children of the Church. If our Churches throughout the State could have this privilege it would prove an inspiration and a blessing. When Brother Vaughan receives his transfer to the Church triumphant this monument to the spirit of Christian charity which he has erected in the name of our great Church will proclaim him to coming generations as one of the Church's most valued sons and unselfish laborers, but in the meantime he has a very practical problem confronting him daily. Tears and eulogies can not fill a hundred and more hungry mouths three times a day for every day of the year. To neglect in the slightest measure this legitimate claim on our love and loyalty is little less than criminal. I am so glad that ours is an orphanage and not an exchange, where the passing multitude of infant humanity is simply transferred from one habitation to another. Let it be everywhere understood that the Texas Methodist Orphanage at Waco is a Christian home for orphan children. One of the most delicate acts of devotion to their work is a beautiful window which has been dedicated to this institution by Brothers Vaughan and Mulkey and placed prominently in the new Fifth Street Church. The magnificent figure which adorns the window is a conception of Brother Vaughan—Christ blessing the loaves and fishes in the presence of a company of children.

We hope the brethren of the conference will all get to see this beautiful window when they come to Waco to attend the 1906 session of the Northwest Texas Conference. JEROME DUNCAN.

"IMMORTALITY—REGENERATION."

The Advocate of June 29, 1905, contains an article under this caption, and over the signature of "Dr. J. W. Poole," of "Elmo, Texas." I wonder if the Doctor comprehends the full import of all that he says in that article. Does he know that he has wielded a blow at the truth of the entire Bible? Hear him. He says: "That story in Luke of the rich man and Lazarus was not enunciated by our Savior, and should be classed with the fables of Aesop. I have never been able to get any sound doctrine from it; and have placed it with 'old wives' fables'—in the chimney corner."

The latter part of the 16th chapter of Luke's gospel, beginning with 15th verse, is a continuous discourse presented by the writer as an address by Jesus Christ to the Pharisees when they derided him. He begins by saying, "And he said unto them," and proceeds without a break to the end of the chapter. The last thirteen verses (19-31) are the account of the rich man and Lazarus. It is a continuation of the discourse, which begins with the 15th verse. It is clearly presented as the words of Jesus Christ, and clearly indicates that it was "enunciated" by him. Yet Dr. Poole says that it "was

not enunciated by our Savior;" and classes it with "the fables of Aesop," and has placed it with "old wives' fables." Now, what does this amount to? Either the writer of Luke's gospel lied or Dr. Poole is blind to the truth. If the author of that gospel had lied he has thereby demonstrated that all that he has written is unreliable. If the writer of one of the four gospels is unreliable we have as much reason to doubt all the others; and as the rest of the New Testament is based upon the four gospels, the whole is unreliable. Thus, if Dr. Poole is correct we have no reason to believe that Jesus Christ is the Savior of mankind, nor that after death our bodies will be resurrected, or our souls shall live. The Old Testament, divested of its fulfillment in the New, promises nothing to us. Then, if Jesus Christ did not "enunciate" the account of the rich man and Lazarus as recorded in Luke's gospel, Christianity is a deception. Is Dr. Poole a member of any Christian Church?

As a Christian I cannot doubt the truths of the Bible or any part of it. Hence I believe that our dear Savior, for our needed instruction, "enunciated" the account of the rich man and Lazarus, and accept it as literally true. It is not given as a parable, and I do not regard it as such. I believe that this proud rich man, whose name is not known to us, now languishes in the place which the Savior called "hell," and that poor, humble Lazarus now rests in the place which he called "Abraham's bosom;" also that after the resurrection of their bodies on the great judgment day, when all moral accounts shall be justly balanced, this rich man will be consigned to "everlasting punishment;" but Lazarus will be received into "life eternal." (See Matthew 25:46.) W. P. ZUBER.

Iola, Texas.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

- July 20.—J. W. Moore, sub. E. T. Campbell, subs. F. A. Downs, sub. J. B. Wood, subs. J. E. Morgan, sub. S. J. Drake, sub.
- July 21.—J. C. Stewart, sub. B. F. Fincher, subs. Walter Griffith, change and sub. W. C. Hilburn, sub.
- July 24.—H. B. Owens, subs. W. L. Harris, sub. W. H. Vance, sub. Geo. H. Phair, sub. Nathan Powell, matter will have attention. D. W. Gardner, sub. D. F. Pulley, subs. B. H. Webster, sub. R. S. Cohn, sub. J. B. Dodson, sub.
- July 25.—C. N. N. Ferguson, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, subs. C. W. Meyers, sub. J. L. Massey, sub.
- July 26.—J. R. Ritchie, sub. W. H. Norris, sub.

THE DENVER CONFERENCE AND ELSE.

With the holding of the Denver Annual Conference, which adjourned last night, the round of Annual Conferences has begun. This session of the Denver was held at Colorado Springs, and was an occasion of pleasure and helpfulness. The membership of the conference numbers less than twenty, but during its sessions of three days some forty visiting ministers, of two branches of Methodism, but mostly of our own Church, were introduced to the body. Add to this Bro. W. C. Everett, Bishops Hendrix and Galloway, and it might seem that the visitors were in possession.

Some wicked (?) fellow, and, by the way, a Texan, suggested that the home brethren looked a little askance at the many visitors. All of which was interpreted to mean, some might be seeking (for the benefit of the wife's health) a transfer to this ideal climate.

Bishop Galloway was in attendance one day and preached a most helpful sermon. On Sunday Bishop Hendrix dedicated our splendid church, making 190 that he has dedicated, which came into our hands from the Cumberland Presbyterians, at about half its cost.

The men of this conference, while few in number and laboring in a field not the most encouraging, are a brave band. Bro. R. C. George, formerly of the Texas Conference—who has not forgotten his first love—is doing well at Trinidad. He now enters upon his second year at that important point.

The International Epworth League Conference was pronounced a great success. Let the young Leaguer, working in his home Church—may be, under discouragement—bear in mind that he is a member of a mighty host, marching under the same banner with the noble motto: "All for Christ."

There was no lack of good speaking. Mark Guy Pearce spoke twice. Perhaps no two men spoke oftener than our own Bishops Galloway and Hendrix, and they were always heard gladly. Of Drs. DuBose, Murrah, McMurry and others I heard good reports. In his response to the address of welcome, Dr. A. F. Watkins captured his audience. At the next International Conference, which will be held in Washington, D. C., the South ought

to be more largely represented. At Denver there were about twelve hundred from Iowa, while Illinois had seven hundred hundred.

Several things impress me in the three places—Denver, Colorado Springs and Manitou—I have visited: 1. The excellent buildings. All public buildings, including Churches, seem to be well and expensively built.

2. These are cities of trees. Along the streets, in the parks and yards, trees abound. Yet, every one was set out. One naturally contrasts that with those Churches, school-houses and homes, in other places, though long established, around which no tree has ever been planted. Who plants a tree does much.

3. These are clean cities. This fact adds much every way.

CHAS. F. SMITH, Manitou, Colo., July 17, 1905.

MARRIAGES.

Story-Pate.—At Oran, Texas, July 12, 1905, Rev. M. L. Story, pastor of Palo Pinto Circuit, and Miss Ella Lee Pate, Rev. E. F. Boone officiating.

Taylor-Pollock.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pollock, near Cooke's Point, Texas, July 20, 1905, Mr. W. E. Taylor and Miss Maude Pollock, Rev. E. A. Potts officiating.

Smith-Edwards.—At the residence of the officiating minister in Goldthwaite, Milam County, Texas, July 20, 1905, Mr. R. C. Smith and Miss May Edwards, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating.

Wilburn-Papworth.—At Mt. Selma, Texas, at 9 p. m., July 20, 1905, Mr. W. M. Wilburn and Miss Lizzie Papworth, Rev. W. F. Brinson officiating.

Ryan-Noah.—On the morning of July 4, 1905, at the Methodist parsonage in Cotulla, Texas, Mr. Geo. F. Ryan, of Cabezo, Texas, Rev. T. G. Woolfs officiating.

- Beeville District—Fourth Round.
- Corpus Christi, Aug. 23.
- Alice, Aug. 25, 27.
- Beeville, Aug. 29.
- Goliad, Sept. 2, 3.
- Floresville, Sept. 8.
- Kennedy, Sept. 9, 10.
- Mathis, Sept. 12.
- Flossmoor, Sept. 16, 17.
- Laverda, Sept. 20.
- Stockdale, Sept. 23, 24.
- Rockport, Sept. 29, Oct. 1.
- Oakville, Oct. 7, 8.
- Brownsville, Oct. 14, 15.
- Kingsville, Oct. 17.
- Berclair, Oct. 21, 22.
- Joe F. Webb, P. E.

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Between the time of registration and the drawing applicants will be given certificates permitting them to examine the lands. All applications for entry must be made individually, and cannot be made by agents or representatives except in the cases of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors, who may submit proofs of their qualifications through agents of their own selection. No person, however, will be permitted to act as agent for more than one soldier or sailor. The reservation is reached to advantage via a new transportation line from Mack, Colo., known as the Uintah Railway, also by stage line from Price, Utah, a station on the line of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad.

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TEXAS EPWORTH LEAGUE ASSEMBLY GROUNDS, CORPUS CHRISTI. SESSION AUGUST 8-18, 1905.

(All communications intended for this department and exchanges with articles to be commented upon, should be sent to Gus W. Thomasson, Van Alstyne, Tex.)

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## THE COMING ENCAMPMENT.

Exactly eleven days from the date of the issuance of this week's paper, the Epworth hosts from all over the State of Texas will begin moving toward Corpus Christi, for the great encampment session, which is to occupy ten days, beginning on the 8th of August. Only one more issue of the Advocate before the meeting is in full sway. This will be practically our last message to the Leaguers before the great event, for the next issue will not reach many before they will have started on their way. As is usually the case there are many things which will be forgotten at the last moment, and we write at this time in an effort to have you avoid as much of this disappointment as possible.

The most essential thing demanding your attention is that of reservations. If you expect to occupy a tent on the Assembly grounds, do not wait until you reach Corpus Christi to arrange for it. Write to A. K. Ragsdale, Dallas, at once and send him \$2 as deposit money on a tent. This amount will be credited on your bill. State how many cots, how many pillows and how many blankets you will want. All other equipment you must furnish yourself, such as sheets, towels, pillow slips, toilet articles, etc.

A station has been erected on the grounds, bearing the name "Epworth," where all trains will stop and passengers and baggage be discharged. In all probability your ticket will read to Epworth, but if it should not, do not suffer any uneasiness about it, for you can get off at Epworth if you wish.

Leave instructions at home for your mail to be forwarded to "Camp Epworth, Corpus Christi, Texas." Do this, and your mail will reach you promptly. A sub-office will be in operation on the ground.

Do not bring large amounts of money with you. Get New York exchange from your local banker, and this can be converted into cash easily in Corpus Christi.

Remember that a splendid restaurant will be in operation right on the grounds and meals may be had at \$5 per week. But if you wish to do your own cooking you may. Many are going to do this. A plentiful supply of barbecued meat will be available at all times.

Another very important thing: Do not wait until you are ready to start to see about your ticket. Investigate this matter at once, and if, for any reason, you can not obtain satisfactory information from your local ticket agent, write to Mr. A. K. Ragsdale, Dallas, and he will advise you promptly what to do. In the meantime, watch the Advocate for full information about rates.

We trust no Chapter will overlook sending in its dues. The rate of assessment is 50 cents for every twenty members, and this money should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. Theo. Bering, Jr., Houston. Every Chapter owes it to the State organization to contribute its part of the running expenses. Many have failed to remit this fund simply because it was overlooked, but this excuse need not longer obtain. Let your assessment go forward at once.

makes the fare from Houston and Waco \$4.00.

The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe has agreed to sell through tickets in connection with the Sap at Cameron, run through cars from North Texas points and check baggage through. For definite figures from many points see announcement in another column.

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In any event the \$4.00 rate on the Sap enables you to make a cheap trip, and if your home line will not sell you through, buy local ticket to nearest point on the Santa Fe or Sap and get round trip from there.

See your local agent at once and get his advice. Next week we hope to announce concurrence of all lines in a low rate.  
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## DR. RANKIN'S ENDORSEMENT.

The editorial appearing on the first page of the Advocate of July 29 is a splendid endorsement of the Epworth League Assembly enterprise and every Leaguer should read it to acquaint himself with the estimate which the Church is placing upon this work. Dr. Rankin is but voicing a sentiment which is held by our leading Churchmen everywhere, but we are glad to have this word from him at this time. He is to be with us at Corpus Christi and will help make the occasion a success.

## NOTES.

On to Corpus!

Just one more issue of the Advocate before the great encampment session begins.

The Epworth Era of August 3 will be a special Corpus Christi number.

The Dallas News of August 6 will contain a special illustrated write-up of the Texas Epworth League Assembly.

The rates which have been given for the encampment session are the lowest long limit rates ever made in Texas.

If you have not ordered a tent, do so to-day. Don't take chances on getting one after you arrive at Corpus Christi. Too many already are going to do this. Some are going to be disappointed. If you do not want to be one of these, write to-day, write now!

Miss May Leverett, of Center Point, has been appointed organist for the encampment session. The editor's wife will preside at the piano.

John S. Lillard, President of the Indian Mission Conference Epworth League, in sending us a copy of the program of the recent sitting at Oklahoma City, a leaflet of rare simplicity and neatness, artistically done in the League colors, white and gold, adds this word: "I am just back from Denver and am arranging to be with you at Corpus."

Rev. W. W. Watts writes from Marlin for accommodations on the Assembly grounds.

Tabernacle League, Houston, engages three tents with possibly more to follow. Shearn League engages accommodations for a large delegation.

Prof. S. V. Wall, Honey Grove, the efficient Third Vice-President of the North Texas Conference Epworth League, has just returned from Tennessee, where he has been on a vacation, and where, incidentally, he took unto himself a bride. We extend

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hearty congratulations. The Professor and his fair lady will be among the visitors at Corpus Christi.

Rev. Sam R. Hay, the popular presiding elder of the Houston District, recently made a visit to Corpus Christi, and, upon his return home, wrote us concerning his observations. Among other things, he said: "I want to express my thanks for the work the Assembly Committee has done for our Texas young people in establishing the League home at Corpus Christi. I was there the other day. To say I was delighted puts it mildly."

If you expect to sleep on a nice new cot during the Encampment session you would better write to A. K. Ragsdale to-day and have him reserve one for you.

Miss Effie Stanton, Decatur, writes that Bowie District is moving to reorganize. Send your Leaguers to Corpus Christi and they will take up this work when they return home.

Owing to the fact that a new church building is in process of construction, the Whitesboro people have asked for the postponement of the session of the Sherman District Epworth League. It will be held some time in September, and presiding elder, Dr. E. W. Alderson, is arranging to hold a one day's Sunday-school rally at the same time. Secretary Robt. B. Wear, of the North Texas Conference Epworth League, is actively engaged just now in gathering reports for the meeting of the conference which is to be held at Corpus Christi.

A joint session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies of the Sherman District was recently held in Van Alstyne. We had the pleasure of addressing the meeting and telling the good women of our plans at Corpus Christi.

We have just mailed a letter to every Methodist preacher in Texas, calling attention to the conditions prevailing just now at Corpus Christi, which are most excellent, and asking their earnest co-operation in making the first Encampment session a success.

We went out to lunch with a friend the other day. When we had finished our friend said to us: "Lend me a quarter and I will pay for both." We are still figuring on who paid the bill. Allan Ragsdale doubtless could tell.

Rev. Geo. S. Sexton, in his numerous visits to South Texas of late, has established a "raisin' pie" station at one of the wayside crossings. His friends will please make note of this, a feature which accounts for his improved looks. A correspondent asks how delegates are to be elected and what will be their duties and privileges. Each district is entitled to ten, to be elected by the District League Conference, if any, or appointed by the presiding elder. Their privileges are special seats, badges, voting and general executive powers.

A postal card to-day, stating a tent is wanted, with the number of cots, pillows and blankets desired, will save you a disappointment, for those who make advance application will be served first at Corpus Christi. Write for your reservation without further delay. Do it now.

Advance reports of the Denver meeting give the information that the attendance was not up to expectations, but the session was full of religious fervor and enthusiasm. The sunrise prayer-meetings conducted by Bishop Berry had an average attendance of 2000.

The League editor will leave for Corpus Christi on Aug. 1, and all mail intended for him after that date should be addressed to him at Camp Epworth, Corpus Christi. G. W. T.

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**GERMAN DELEGATES.**  
I send list of names of delegates to the State Epworth League Encampment of the District League of Eastern District, German Mission Conference. The same were elected by said District

League in regular session at Grassyville, Texas July 5:

Houston: Miss Lydia Bonowitz, Miss Carrie Potthoff, Miss Nellie Knolle, Joe Turner.  
Bartlett: Herman Hempfel, Ed Koonsen, Miss Annie Mueller.  
Grassyville: Henry Stuessy, Emil Burgsdorf, E. T. Rabke.  
Praying for God's blessings upon the State League Conference, I am yours fraternally, **F. W. RADETZKY,** President Eastern District League, German Mission Conference.

### THE CHILD'S NEED OF CHRIST.

The adult needs Christ, to be sure. Does not the child? You wish your child to be good. Who can give him such help to be good as Christ can? You wish your child to keep out of temptation. Who can deliver him as Christ can? You wish your child to grow in spiritual life. Who can help him in this growth as Christ can?

What is it that Christ does for the adult who looks to Him in faith? That and more Christ can and will do for the believing child. All that is for the present. In addition, however, is that life in coming days. How full of sorrow and suffering it will be, no one can predict. Blessed is he who finds Christ in time of trouble, but thrice blessed is he who has Christ as his all in all before the evil days come. In the valley of the shadow of death nothing brings peace like the consciousness of the presence of Christ. More children than adults pass through that valley. Hence the child needs Christ, as we know not when he shall pass through the valley.—A. H. McKinney, in "The Child for Christ."

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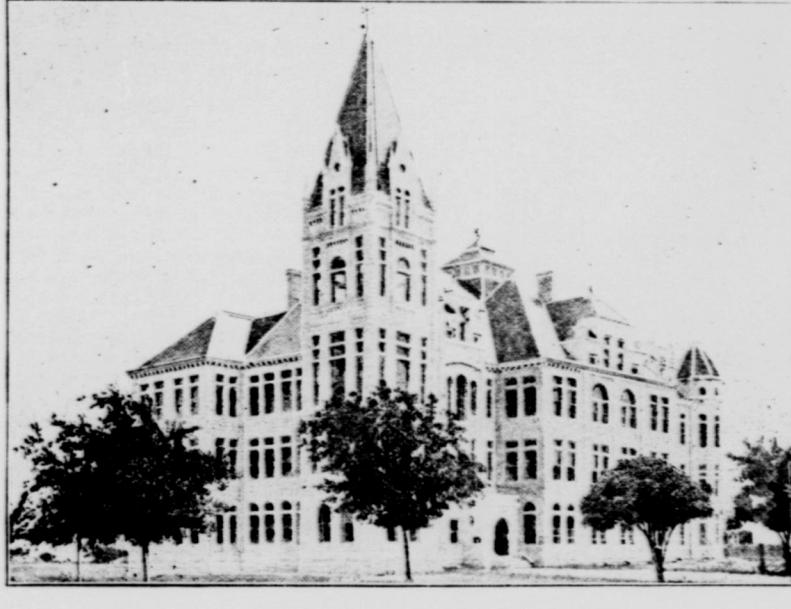
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### The Woman's Department

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#### A WISH.

"There are hermit souls that live withdrawn,  
In the peace of their self content,  
There are souls like stars that dwell apart  
In a fellowless firmament.  
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths  
Where highways never ran.  
Let me live in house by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man.

"Let me live in a house by the side of the road  
Where the race of men go by,  
The men who are good, the men who are bad—  
As good and as bad as I.  
Then why should I sit in the scorners seat  
And hurl the cynic's ban?  
Let me live in my house by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man.

"I can see from my house by the side of the road  
By the side of the highways of life  
The men who press on with the ardor of hope,  
The men who are faint with the strife,  
But I turn not away from their smiles or their tears,  
Both parts of an infinite plan.  
Let me live in my house by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man.

"I know there are brook-gladdening meadows ahead,  
And mountains of wearisome height,  
And the road passes on through the long afternoon  
And stretches far into the night.  
But still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice  
And weep with the traveler who mourns.  
Nor live in my house by the side of the road  
Like the man who dwells alone.

"Let me live in my house by the side of the road,  
Where the race of men go by,  
The men who are good, the men who are bad,  
Wise, foolish—so am I.  
Then why should I sit in the scorners seat  
And hurl the cynic's ban,  
Let me live in my house by the side of the road  
And be a friend to man."  
—Selected.

The auxiliaries of the W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, are again urged to collect the 5 cents per member at the monthly meeting for August, and send without delay to the Treasurer of the Conference Society, Mrs. R. H. Rivers, Kaufman, Texas, to pay the expense of printing the minutes of the annual meeting of the Conference Society.

We were glad to meet at a social gathering a few days since our friend and sister, Miss Maria Elliott, formerly of Dallas, now a deaconess at work in Los Angeles, Cal., who is home for a month's vacation. We give the following kind words concerning her from Mrs. W. H. Johnson, in the King's Messenger, knowing that her greeting will find a responsive sentiment in the hearts of the many friends of this consecrated young worker:

"It was a joyous welcome this little deaconess received a few days ago from a whole city full of loving friends. As a conquering warrior she returns to us wearing higher honors than world-wide conquests. A year ago Miss Elliott was sent by the Board of Home Missions to take charge of our Chinese night school at Los Angeles and teach the Bible class in Homer Toberman Deaconess Home. Mrs. C. Price Brown, superintendent of the Home and one of the most efficient workers on the coast, being compelled by failing health to resign, Miss Elliott was asked by the Board to also fill Mrs. Brown's place.  
"The Churches, especially Trinity and Bellevue, were urging her to assist them in city mission work, besides the Churches on the coast were asking that a Southern Deaconess visit them. Her territory was almost as large as a Chinese missionary's, and surely as important.  
"It was my good pleasure to make a tour of Southern California with her. Everywhere the Church people received us joyfully. We could have spent six months visiting from Church to Church. But we both had other engagements. Her life has been a busy one. If we had ten deaconesses in California all would have heart and hands full. We have two strong, well organized W. H. M. Conferences on the

Pacific Coast, led by as able a body of women as we have in the Church. Miss Elliott, with her deep consecration, intellectual ability and long experience in city Church and literary club work, is eminently fitted for the splendid position she holds. From Mrs. C. Jackson, the accomplished President of the conference, to the rank and file are delighted to do Miss Elliott honor. But if these dear sisters should ever be content to give her up her own home Church would receive her with shouts of welcome. While with us we want her to enjoy a well-earned rest. But you can't rest among your friends, my sister! You must go where people don't know or love you to do that."

#### IMPORTANT.

To the Northwest Texas Home Mission Society:

Dear Sisters: Postals have been sent throughout our bounds announcing that the September issue of *The King's Messenger* will be a special edition in the interest of our work. It will be a campaign number, filled with new features, magnificent plans, an array of facts, and appeals that must carry great force with them. Added the sparkle of enthusiasm and a spirit of fervid piety and you will see it may become an instrument for great good. I use the word maybe, for while we are sparing nothing in the way of labor and expense, it devolves upon you to circulate this paper and if you fail in your part the effort must to a large extent fail. It will take a little money and labor to carry out the plan, but it will come back in a large increase of members and an increase of vitality which will carry us at a bound clear out of sight of all past effort. Dear readers, will you do your part and give us your hand on a plan to invite every woman in the Church to come into organized work? We need them; they need us. We must have them. If they read this edition of our paper they will come.

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Press Supt. W. H. M. Society, North-west Texas Conference, Fort Worth, Texas.

#### W. H. M. SOCIETY IN NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

During the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th of May the District Conference of New Mexico Conference was held in Artesia, N. M., a town of two years' growth, about two hours ride south of Roswell (the principal town in the Pecos Valley). Hospitality abounded and the visitors were most delightfully entertained in the homes and taken around to see the sights, principally the finest artesian wells in the valley. These wells are fine, assuring them of an abundance of pure water. The presiding elder, J. L. French, presided, and the exercises were held in the Southern Methodist Church, Geo. R. Ray pastor in charge. This is a substantial church and a great credit to the town. They have an exceedingly flourishing W. H. M. Society, and the members are a very substantial aid to the pastor in this new field.

The W. H. M. Society was well represented, and two meetings—literary and business—were held, with Mrs. S. R. Twitty in the chair, and Mrs. D. L. Weems as Secretary. Mrs. Twitty has acted as District Secretary and Corresponding Secretary this year, owing to the temporary absence from the conference of the latter officer, Miss Carlton, and well has she discharged her duties, though only last fall did she know anything of the work of this society.

At the business session reports for the year were given, the work discussed, and words of encouragement from different pastors, telling what the society was to each of them. During the year the greatest advance made, considering number of members, Deming, with only twelve members, was in the lead. Artesia and Fort Davis need especial praise. On Thursday night, May 18th, the literary session was held. An attentive audience filled the house. Reading of papers, interspersed with good solos, duets and quartettes, made an enjoyable program. Books of Secretaries and Treasurers were audited, with Fort Davis at the head of the list as the neatest and up to the

standard in every respect. The subject of the papers were as follows:  
"Home Mission Literature."  
Our Reading Course.  
"Parsonage and Supply Departments."  
Model Corresponding Secretary.  
"Foreign Mission Work."

This is a widely scattered district, and much work that is done in some conferences cannot be done here, but we are much encouraged.  
Report for the year ending March 1, 1905:

Number of members in the Conference Society, 267; number meetings held during the year, 179; average attendance, 61 1/4; subscribers to "Our Homes," 198; number of tithers, 16; papers and leaflets distributed, 1938; visits to sick and strangers, 2011; Bible readings and cottage prayer-meetings, 111; number added to Baby Roll, 28; number baby mite boxes, 40; number garments distributed, 721; number needy assisted, 88; value of parsonages, \$8333; amount of money sent to Conference Treasurer, \$26,388; amount of money used locally, \$1782.  
MRS. MARY P. COBEAN,  
1st Vice-President Conf. So.  
Roswell, N. M.

#### ANNUAL MEETING W. F. M. SOCIETY, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The twenty-third session of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the West Texas Conference was recently held in Lampasas. The delegation was hardly as large as expected. Mrs. T. A. Brown, of Austin, presided with grace and dignity.

The Corresponding Secretary gave full reports of the work, Miss Malone, who has served faithfully as Treasurer for so long, met with us, but felt it necessary to give up her duties this year on account of her mother's ill health.

Rev. Mouzon, of San Antonio, preached an uplifting sermon Friday night. His talk Friday morning was a spiritual help to the workers.  
All were charmed with Mrs. Campbell, our missionary from Korea, who talked to the young people Sunday afternoon and the congregation at night, exciting more interest in the little "hermit nation" than we ever felt before.

Rev. W. T. Renfro preached a fine missionary sermon Sunday morning. Most of the District Secretaries have worked diligently throughout the year. Every woman showed earnestness of purpose and a determination to do more in this great field of labor. The Austin societies contemplate supporting a missionary of their own.

We are looking to San Antonio for greater help, and all the societies represented, we feel sure, will do better work this year.

Mrs. E. C. Nichols was made Press Reporter, and we will expect to hear from her often through the Woman's Department of our Texas Advocate.

While we have not made the improvement hoped for during the past year, the work is advancing; the pastors are standing by us. May the day soon come when West Texas will give of her abundance to the Lord, and may she present her sons and daughters as ambassadors for Christ, hastening that glorious day when the earth shall be full of his knowledge and glory, as waters that cover the sea.

MRS. M. Y. STOKES,  
Rec. Sec.

Lampasas, Texas.

If we waited on the Lord as much as the Lord has to wait on us we would grow wonderfully in grace.—Ram's Horn.

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SANTA FE—S. A. & A. P.—THROUGH SERVICE.

Since our notice appearing in the issue of the Christian Advocate of July 20th we have secured the concurrence of the Santa Fe in the application of reduced rates to Corpus Christi. Note revised list below.

August 7th the Santa Fe will operate special cars from Paris, Gainesville and San Antonio to Corpus Christi via Cameron and the S. A. & A. P., arriving at "Epworth" Station the next day about noon.

Unless you can purchase excursion tickets to Corpus Christi from your own station buy local tickets to the nearest Santa Fe or San Antonio & Aransas Pass station and then purchase tickets. If rate is not shown in this list write to us for further details.

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IN ADDITION TO THE SALE OF TICKETS ON AUGUST 7 AT THIS RATE THE SAN ANTONIO & ARANSAS PASS RAILWAY WILL SELL ROUND TRIP TICKETS FROM ALL STATIONS ON ITS LINE TO CORPUS CHRISTI AT ONE-HALF THE REGULAR ONE-WAY RATE, NOT TO EXCEED ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS AT SAN ANTONIO, AND THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS AT WACO, AND TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS FROM HOUSTON, selling date Friday, August 11, limited to return August 14.

These are the lowest long-limit rates ever made by any road for our meeting, and the Friday rate will enable a host of our young people, whose time is limited, to spend Saturday, Sunday and Monday on the encampment grounds. Special trains will be operated both ways. Announcement as to the co-operation of other lines will be made later.

The Fort Worth and Denver, the Frisco, Rock Island, Cotton Belt and Texas Midland advise that they will try and arrange to sell through tickets at low rates. Definite arrangements with other lines for sale of through tickets in connection with the S. A. & A. P., based on this rate, have not been made, but we hope to be able to announce this next week. IN ANY EVENT, IF THEY SHOULD NOT SELL, YOU CAN BUY LOCAL TICKET TO NEAREST JUNCTION POINT ON THE S. A. & A. P. RY. AND BUY ROUND TRIP TICKET FROM THERE. Figured on this basis, the rate from points in Texas will be about as given below. IF YOU WILL WRITE AT ONCE, STATING HOW MANY ARE IN YOUR PARTY AND WHERE YOU START FROM I WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU INFORMATION AS TO BEST ROUTE TO GET BENEFIT OF LOWEST RATE AND WHERE TO JOIN THE SPECIAL TRAIN.

Special parties will be made up at Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco and Houston, and those arriving at these junctions en route will be met by special committees Monday, the 7th. Tourist sleepers will be operated from Dallas and Fort Worth if desired at about \$1.50 for double berth through. Notify me if you want this. The \$1 round trip rate, applied from the Junction Points named, will make the rates from the following points for the round trip to Corpus Christi coast for 15-day tickets from following stations:

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Bremond	6.50	Hempstead	7.00
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Brenham	6.10	Luling	4.00
Burnet	19.50	Midlothian	8.00
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Dallas	19.00	Round Rock	6.50
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Georgetown	7.10	Taylor	5.50
Galveston	6.50	Wallis	4.60
		Weatherford	19.10

#### MANY OF THESE RATES MAY BE LOWER.

Watch the Advocate next week for information as to special train service, etc., or write me for information in regard to special parties and also circular concerning accommodations at Corpus Christi.

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#### LOSING WELL.

Bob sat in the barn doorway staring moodily down the road. When he heard Dick's step he began whistling; usually Bob was proud of his brother's friendship, but just now that brother was the last person in the world that he cared to see. Still, it had to be done, and the sooner the better; Bob whistled and braced himself for the greeting he dreaded. It came in the form of a heavy hand upon his shoulder and a voice full of cheer.

"It was hard sure enough, old man, but you'll have better luck next time."  
"There won't be any next time."  
Bob muttered gruffly. "It's no use."  
Dick nodded. "I know. I've been there. Do you remember the time I lost the race I'd been so sure of?"  
Bob looked up in spite of himself then. He had forgotten; Dick had won so many victories afterwards.

"I felt just as you do—disgusted—ready to throw the whole thing over. It was Professor Dana who saved me.

He came up and shook hands and congratulated me. I can remember his words now. 'Field,' he said, 'you put up a good race and next time you'll win; but you've won a bigger victory to-day, in proving yourself a good loser. I'm proud of you.' I wasn't, you know—I was black as thunder inside, but that made me think. Sometimes I've thought I didn't get anything in college so valuable as that sentence. It fits in everywhere."  
This time Bob nodded.—Selected.

Physicians say that those who sleep with their mouths closed have best health. If you happen to go to bed with your mouth open, or awake in the night and find it open, get up and close it at once.

Workman: "I've been and got married, sir, and I'd like you to raise my wages." Employer: "Very sorry for you, but I'm only responsible for accidents that occur in the works."

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### POT-POURRI.

Great is Texas! I have been traveling here and there in the empire State preaching the everlasting gospel, lecturing and incidentally prospecting for the location of my industrial school. Several eligible sites are offered me, and I think it likely that, on a larger scale and with better facilities than I had in Mississippi, I will work out my idea there.

I took in Sherman in my ramble. The bugles are calling the temperance people to their colors. Denison will be the Sebastopol. Let the fight go on. Down with the liquor business. At Stephenville I had to make a speech on the glorious Fourth of July. There were thousands of people on hand. They had me up to speak at the same time and in full view of a "cow tying" and "bronco busting" performance. As I had never seen this kind of a show I found it hard to frame patriotic climaxes while the pony was cutting his antics in the air. But I never saw a more orderly crowd—not a single case of disorder or misbehavior during the day. When I spoke of it at the hotel next day I was told it was the result of the stringent prohibition of the liquor traffic in Erath County. I am writing this at Union City, Tenn. I spoke of this excellent behavior in Texas to a friend here, and he told me that they had a similar result here. A shame battle and similar festivities brought ten thousand people into Union City on the Fourth; yet for the first time perhaps in many years there was not a case of disorderly conduct—the salutary result of the prohibition of the liquor traffic. And yet some people, like that brilliant Temple man, would have us believe that to close the saloons is to invite disorder and lawlessness!

The whiskey men pretend to believe, and try to make others believe, that it hurts business to stop the sale of liquor. A few years ago there was a local option election in Bolivar County, Mississippi. The late Mr. Richardson, of New Orleans, said to be the largest cotton planter in the world, except the Khedive of Egypt, had extensive plantations in that county. The temperance people invited Mr. Richardson to help them, but he declined, and on the contrary gave the whiskey side \$2000 to defeat local option, because, as he said, he feared the effect of stopping the sale of whiskey would be to make his negroes dissatisfied. The temperance people won the election. After two years, the time allowed by the law, the whiskey men wanted to try it over, and applied to Mr. Richardson to help them again. But he refused. He said that his interest in the matter was purely a business interest, he was neither in favor of or opposed to the sale of whiskey for its own sake. When they had the election before he supported the whiskey side because he feared the effect of prohibition on his negroes; but two years of local option had convinced him that it was far better for his interests to keep whiskey out, and he would give the temperance people \$4000 to defeat whiskey if necessary. There could not be a stronger testimony to the financial benefits of prohibition to all legitimate business interests. Such a question ought not to be decided on a money basis. No community can afford to carry on a business that destroys men and women as the whiskey traffic does, no matter what it pays; but it is well to expose the fallacy and refute the error that prohibition is hurtful to business. It promotes every interest, moral and material, that concerns human welfare. I know that I would infinitely rather locate in a county like Erath, where they not only vote the accursed traffic out, but are alert and energetic in the enforcement of the law, than in a "wet" county where a depraved public sentiment supports the saloon. The only objection I have to some places that want my school is that they have saloons. The saloon represents a low order of civilization. No man wants it near his home, and no right thinking man wants to bring up his family where the infamous agency of evil exists. I have hope that the election in Grayson will redeem the whole county from the sway of the saloon. Dr. Binkley leads the column. He has led it to victory before.

I am delighted with Texas and Fort Worth. Dr. Monk drove me about that beautiful city and explained the strategic points now occupied by Methodism, including the admirable site secured by his own Church right in the heart of the city. What a grand success the Polytechnic has achieved! Five hundred students sounds well. Now for a thousand and facilities to teach them. This institution ought to become the educational center of our work in Texas—a great university, with which there should be correlated a system of preparatory training schools covering the whole State. This perhaps will sound like treason down at Georgetown, but Georgetown is not and never will be a center. A university must be at a center of population

and power. The quiet, select influences that surround a boy in a delightful place like Georgetown are highly favorable to a training school or college, but a university is for men; and Texas Methodism should plan to build and maintain a great, first-class university. The State has no business with education beyond the common school, and that only so far as intelligence is necessary to citizenship. Not one in a thousand of the people will go to the university, and it is not right to tax the people to provide higher education for such a limited class. It is in the nature of "privilege," which is foreign to the genius of democratic government, even if Jefferson, the great Democrat, did found the University of Virginia. He did several other things not consistent with the political principles he so clearly and ably elucidated. The State ought to require an educational qualification for the ballot, and provide for such education; but beyond that it should not go. Do you always have such delightfully cool weather in Texas as this July weather? Under a light blanket in July in Texas—who will believe the report!

Union City, Tenn.

### TYLER DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Tyler District Conference met in the new and beautiful Church at Mineola, June 28th to July 2d, inclusive, with Presiding Elder E. W. Solomon in the chair, and with scarcely any of our preachers absent. All the sessions of the conference were well attended and all the interests of the district received their due share of attention. From the reports of the several pastors we may easily conclude that almost every department of the work is advancing. There has been some building of new, and improvement of old, Church and parsonage property, new territory has been entered and occupied, the interests of our young people and children have been studied, and, in many cases provided for, by the Sunday school and Leagues, while quite a goodly number have been added to our Churches, and as we believe, they have been "added unto the Lord." There is much to inspire hope and confidence and lend encouragement in these reports of our faithful pastors and devout local preachers. We were favored with the presence of some visiting brethren, among whom were Doctors Seth Ward, G. C. Rankin, Revs. James Kilgore, J. W. Downs, J. B. Sears, T. J. Milam, W. K. Strother, L. B. Elrod and Mr. W. C. Everett. A hearing was given each of the brethren who had come to address the conference concerning the respective interests represented by them. Great prominence was given to the devotional exercises and to the preaching of the Word. A series of sermons, embracing the cardinal doctrines of the Bible, and Methodism, was carefully prepared and rendered, in part, as follows: "Justification by Faith," Rev. G. R. Hughes; "Repentance," Rev. B. W. Allen; "Witness of the Spirit," Rev. W. T. Ayres; "The Atonement," Rev. C. B. Garrett; "Regeneration," Rev. S. S. McKenney; "Infant Baptism," Rev. W. F. Packard. Helpful and uplifting sermons were also preached by Revs. A. Little, Seth Ward and H. A. Matney, while an excellent and powerful address was delivered by Hon. Cone Johnson, of Tyler. A special hour was set apart in the interest of the W. H. M. Societies, and it was really refreshing to see with what ease, dignity and gentleness of spirit they conduct their affairs of business, and it was inspiring to hear the reports of those women who labor with us in the gospel. Finally, it is but proper to say that a more cordial and hospitable people can nowhere be found than the kind friends of Mineola, who so loyally and generously entertained our conference. To love them is but to know them. May we, who were so kindly received into their hearts and homes, have left behind, as God's true noblemen, the fragrance and lustre of holy living, as the odor lingers in the room after the flowers are removed, and the light lingers in the heavens when the sun has gone down.  
S. S. MCKENNEY, Sec'y.  
Emory, Texas.

### THE DIGNITY OF THE PULPIT.

St. Paul says: "Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel. This was not a commission to ignore baptism, but placing it and all other ceremonies in their proper place of subordination to the preaching of the Word. It is often charged against the Methodists that they give preaching a position of too great prominence in public worship, and we are counselled to yield the central place to something else. It is said ought not our people to be taught to come to Church for the purpose of speaking to God rather than to be spoken to by man. Now this has a pious sound; but there is a fallacy in it. Preaching is not merely the speaking of a man. If it is then it is not worth the hearing. Preaching, if it is the right kind, is the voice of God. In the best of preaching there

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is a large human element beset with infirmity; yet in all genuine preaching there is conveyed a message from heaven. New Testament preaching dates from the day of Pentecost. Tongues of fire rested on the assembled Church, and they began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance—the Word of God, the testimony of Jesus, the gospel of our salvation preached in tongues of men of every race. But the tongues were tongues of fire. This fire is the Holy Ghost—literally, fire in the speech of men—the Word of power, coming, burning, hot out of the living heart of a believing man. This gives us the fundamental view of our work as preachers. We should give more earnest heed to our preaching—a larger and better preparation for that hour. To make it effective on the lives and thoughts of the heart of man; their need of it, their pain and loss when it does not help and reach them. A layman said to me not long since: "If ministers knew the silent appreciation of helpful preaching they would work if not harder, at least more hopefully." To show you the importance of this, take an average attendance Sunday morning of 250. The preacher does not preach well, but he works hard during the week, as may be seen from his daily program. Monday, literary department of the League, 15; Tuesday, teachers' meeting and Circle, 12; Wednesday, prayer-meeting, 30; Thursday, H. M. Society, 8; Friday, Bible class (young men), 15. Total number of persons reached by pastor, with special effort, not more than 50, leaving 200 reached only by preaching. So on Sunday morning he would do just four times as much good and reach more than four times that number of people. Let us not neglect our pastoral work in any wise, but above all things, we owe it to the Church, to ourselves and to the people not to neglect the gift that is within us.

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### CULTIVATING REVERENCE IN CHILDREN.

Besides training the child to "feel" the presence of God in nature and cultivating the sense of obedience to rightful authority, much can be done by direct effort. Gradually and carefully, by every possible means, we should lead the child to feel more personally the presence of God. By our own reverent devotions, by look, voice, and every attitude of real worship we instill reverence into the child. But the worship must have the quality of genuineness, for the child is quick to distinguish between

the tinsel of mere attitudes and the gold of hearty devotion. Then by explanation of prayer as "a talk with God," and such other simple efforts, we may help to make devotion natural and easy to the child, and thus help him to realize the touch of God upon his soul.

Meditative, reverent worship is utterly impossible with much of the "hurry-scurry" of our modern life. The rushing family altar, with only time for a short chapter and a hurried prayer; the bustling Sunday-school, where noise reigns from beginning to end, with only a moment or two of silence during prayer; the impatient mother teaching the child his catechism while she ties his necktie for Church; the loud-singing, bustling service of the sanctuary, with a grand rush to get through in a limited number of minutes, furnish neither time, nor place, nor opportunity for reverence to take root and grow. All of these agencies are losing much of their efficiency because they fail to recognize the fact that the child must be in gentle, quiet frame of mind before he can be in right religious attitude and be prepared for hearty reverent worship.—Rev. William George Koons, in "The Child's Religious Life."

### WHICH ARE YOU?

Two boys went to gather grapes. One was nappy because they found grapes; the other was unhappy because the grapes had seeds in them.

Two men, being convalescent, were asked how they were. One said: "I am better to-day." The other said: "I was worse yesterday."

When it rains one man says: "This will make mud." Another: "This will lay the dust."

Two boys examined a bush. One observed that it had a thorn; the other that it had a rose.

Two children, looking through a colored glass, one said: "The world is blue." The other said: "It is bright."

Two boys having a bee, one got honey, the other got stung. The first called it a honey bee, the other a stinging bee.

"I am glad I live," says one man. "I am sorry I must die," says another.

"I am glad," says one, "that it is no worse." "I am sorry," says another, "that it is no better."

One says: "Our good is mixed with evil." Another says: "Our evil is mixed with good."—Selected.

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**REV. T. W. ROGERS.**

On June 18, 1905, Rev. T. W. Rogers, a superannuated Methodist preacher and a member of the Northwest Texas Conference, passed to his reward. Fifty years he had been a minister of the gospel, devoting his life to this one work. Fifty years of effort to make the world better, to save and uplift sinful men, to spread the knowledge of Jesus Christ! Is there any life comparable to that? No wonder the prophet exclaimed: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good; that publisheth salvation." Many a man after fifty years devoted to the accumulation of money, or to the making of a career, has the bitter consciousness that he has accomplished nothing and that his life is a failure. Not so the humble minister of Christ who has by long and faithful effort aided hundreds and thousands to the Christian life, who has by counsel and sympathy comforted and edified multitudes. He may be poor, he may die in a house provided by the Christian benevolence of another as did Bro. Rogers, but he can never contemplate his life as a failure. The recollection that he has been a benediction to others will fill his heart with joyful thanksgiving. Even though age and feebleness may unfit him for an active ministry, he will contemplate the years of unselfish and disinterested service with delight and the consciousness that he has striven for higher things than gold or fame, or power, or reputation, or earthly honors will be no small compensation. Thousands for this ministry have laid aside earthly pursuits in which they might have achieved distinction and, like the Master, have declared that they came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

Bro. Rogers was one of the pioneer preachers of Texas. He was born in Campbellton, Ga., on the 12th day of April, 1834. Writing of himself he says: "At the age of 10 years I became deeply concerned about the salvation of my soul; and such was my anxiety that I could not find any peace of mind." At a revival held at Joseph Murphy's house in Dade County, Georgia, he writes: "I found relief from the deep anxiety and sorrow which had so long distressed me, and although at that early age I was unable to comprehend to the full extent all the evidences of an evangelical religious experience, yet I have never doubted my conversion to God at that time. This time and place remain a bright oasis in my life, and I now look back to them with the most profound pleasure as well as grateful thanksgiving to the merciful Father." At 19 years of age he believed it to be his duty to preach the gospel, and at 20 he was licensed to preach. In 1855 he entered the traveling connection at Marshall, Texas. Those were days which tried the fiber of one's soul. There were parts of Texas infested with Indians. Bro. Rogers took great satisfaction in recounting the perils he endured in conveying the gospel to sections of the State, which without the courageous devotion of the itinerant preacher would have been utterly neglected. He once told the writer how when a young man he had gone forth on a large circuit where

Indians abounded and could never be sure that he would return unscathed to his young wife, whose person he had committed to the protection of the fort, which later received the name of Fort Worth. This man of God helped to lay the foundation of the prosperous and rapidly growing city, where he lived during the years of his later life, and where his body will sleep until the trump of the resurrection. Without the heroic pioneer preachers who took their lives in their own hands before the whites had driven out the fierce and untractable natives what would be the civilization of the present time? The nation builds monuments in memory of the great soldiers who have fought valiantly, but who erects monuments to the men without whose dauntless and deathless devotion to Christ and humanity there would be no national greatness and glory? Of the thousands in Fort Worth who are reaping honor and fortune how many do you suppose stopped to shed a tear or drop a flower on the bier of the old preacher who helped to make it profitable for them to live in the "Panther" City? The survivors of this noble army should be held in great esteem. We of the younger generation in the press and urgency of our work are perhaps a little prone to forget the old men whose fidelity bequeathed to us a ministry and opportunity greater and broader than they themselves enjoyed.

Bro. Rogers was the presiding elder of what is now the Houston District of the Texas Conference when the writer became acquainted with him. He was then in the enjoyment of health and of his well-matured powers. He was a devout man. He believed in and preached the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He was kind, affable, sympathetic. He was a Christian gentleman. It was his pleasure not to disparage, but to encourage the young men of his district, and doubtless he is held in affectionate regard to-day by those to whom his kindly spirit ministered. He was utterly devoid of the desire to "lord it over God's heritage." Any attempt at display of official authority would have been impossible to him. In the evening of his life he calmly saw the light growing dim and with simple and unswerving faith in the God whom he had served "passed to where beyond these voices there is peace."

S. H. WERLEIN.

**BROOKS.**—Mrs. Mary J. Brooks was born August 21, 1834, in Newbury District, South Carolina; came to Texas in 1852; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1853; was happily married to Rev. R. L. Brooks, Dec. 21, 1854, and died at her home in Walker County, Texas, July 11, 1905, aged 70 years, 10 months and 9 days. She is survived by eight children, four girls and four boys, and eight grandchildren. One daughter preceded her to our Father's house many years ago. Her body was laid in the grave at Prairie Plains, Grimes County, Texas, July 12, 1905, in the presence of a large congregation. Her example will last long with us to teach us patience and humble trust. She was a fine social character, a modest lady, a kind friend, a true wife, a devoted mother and an exemplary Christian. She has gone to a better world. Many way-worn itinerant preachers have found a welcome shelter under her roof and partook of her kind hospitality for the last fifty years of her life. Many of them have rested from their labors, and she has gone to meet them in the glory world. We mourn not as those that have no hope.

G. POWLEDGE.

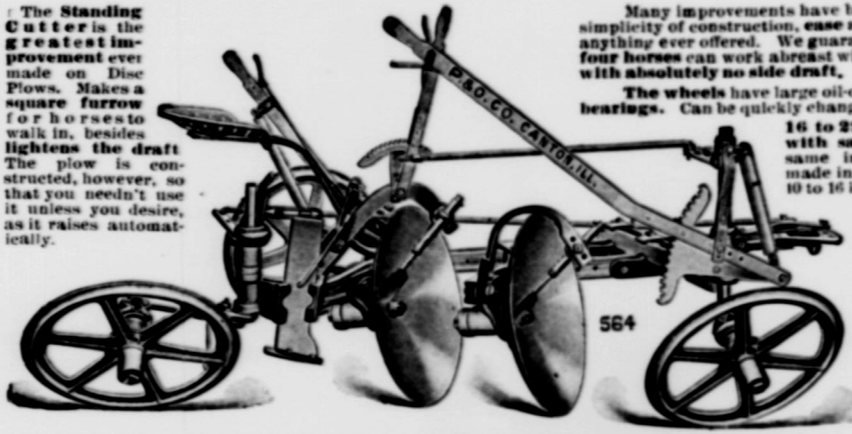
**STRICKLAND.**—At his home, near Manchaca, Texas, after protracted illness, Geo. W. Strickland died June 12, 1905. He was born in Montgomery County, Alabama, and came to Texas in early childhood, and was married Dec. 4, 1870, to Miss Nannie Stockton in Bastrop County, Texas. They lived near Manchaca for twenty-three years, where Sister Strickland and some of the children continue to reside. They have three sons and six daughters living and one dead. Bro. Strickland was an active member of the Methodist Church since 1872, having been steward, Sunday-school Superintendent, class leader and at his death a trustee. He was an honest man and good citizen. May the Holy Comforter abide with the family. Their pastor, F. J. PERRIN, Manchaca, Texas.

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**RIGGS.**—Geo. A. A. Riggs was born in Parkersburg, Va., March 12, 1818, and died in Benton, Ark., Jan. 31, 1905, in the 87th year of his age. He married Miss Lucy M. Trower, of Kentucky, a lady of most estimable character, and of fine social and religious culture, but she dying in 1874 he spent most of the remainder of his life with his daughter, Mrs. John R. Heartsill, in Marshall, Texas. In May, 1861, he enlisted in the Confederate Army at Natchez, Miss., and served till the close of the war. On the twenty-first anniversary of his birth he was converted, and at once joined the Methodist Church, of which he lived a consistent and most exemplary member throughout his long and useful life. He was peculiarly blessed in having two loving, faithful daughters and one son, each of whom rendered him every attention and comfort to his dying day. He was visiting his youngest daughter, wife of the writer, in Benton, Ark., when his heavenly summons came. His remains were taken to Missouri, where they were interred by the side of his sainted wife, and in the old home cemetery of Smyrna. Literally it may be said of him that he was full of religious fervor, and abundant in Christian work. In every relation of life, as husband, father, citizen, patriot and Christian, he was a model that might be safely followed by the young. He has gone to his reward, but his works do follow him.  
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Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

**San Angelo District-Third Round.**  
Pontotoc, at San F., 5th Sun July.  
Menardville, at Hex, 1st Sun Aug.  
Junction City, at Rode, 2d Sun Aug.  
San Angelo sta, Aug 15.  
Brady cir, 2d Sun Aug.  
Brady sta, 4th Sun Aug.  
Miles sta, 4th Sun Aug.  
Water Valley, 4th Sun Aug.  
J. D. Scott, P. E.

**Llano District-Fourth Round.**  
Bertram, at Bertram, 4 p. m. Aug 12.  
Liberty Hill, at Leander, 4 p. m. Aug 11.  
Willow City, at Walnut, 9 a. m. Aug 21.  
Johnson City, at J. C., 4 p. m. Aug 20.  
Blanco, at Blanco, 4 p. m. Aug 20.  
Sunny Lane, at Lake Victoria, 4 p. m. Sept 2.  
Burnet and Marble Falls, at Marble Falls, 4 p. m. Sept 3.  
Kingsland, at Moor's Ch, 3 p. m. Sept 16.  
Llano sta, 8 p. m. Sept 15.  
Kerrville, at K., 8 p. m. Sept 22.  
Bandera, at Medina, 11 a. m. Sept 25.  
Center Point sta, 3 p. m. Sept 27.  
Boerne, at Salado, 3 p. m. Sept 30.  
San Saba sta, 8 a. m. Oct 11.  
San Saba sta, 8 a. m. Oct 11.  
Cherokee and Valley Springs, at V. S., 3 p. m. Oct 12.  
W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

### NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

**Gatesville District-Third Round.**  
Evant, at Evant, July 29, 30.  
Jonesboro, at Sardis, Aug 5, 6.  
Maxdale, Aug 8.  
K. and Nolville, at campground, Aug 10.  
Oglesby, at Oglesby, Aug 12, 13.  
Copperas Cove, at Picoke, Aug 19, 20.  
Gatesville mis, at W. Ch, Aug 26, 27.  
Gatesville sta, Aug 27, 28.  
S. W. Turner, P. E.

**Corsicana District-Third Round.**  
Barry, at Mt. Zion, July 29, 30.  
Richland, at Pursley, Aug 5, 6.  
Dawson, at Dover, Aug 5, 6.  
Thornton, at Locust Grove, Aug 12, 13.  
Alma, at Reynolds, Aug 19, 20.  
Rice, at Chatfield, Aug 26, 27.  
Coolidge, at Delta, Aug 24.  
Grosbeck, Aug 26, 27.  
Corsicana, First Church, Sept 2, 3, 4.  
Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

**Georgetown District-Third Round.**  
Taylor Bohemian mis, July 29.  
Taylor sta, July 29, 30.  
Salado cir, Aug 2.  
Hutto, Aug 5, 6.  
Florence, at Trickam, Aug 5, 6.  
Troy, Aug 11.  
Rogers, Aug 12, 13.  
Bruceville and Eddy, Aug 19, 20.  
Belton cir, Aug 21.  
Georgetown sta, Aug 26, 27.  
J. S. Chapman, P. E.

**Brownwood District-Third Round.**  
Cross Plains, at Crosscut, July 29, 30.  
Rising Star, July 29, 31.  
Coleman mis, at Fairview, Aug 5.  
Coleman sta, Aug 5, 6.  
Indian Creek, at Bethany, Aug 5.  
Santa Anna, at Salem, Aug 11.  
Bangs, at Trickham, Aug 12, 13.  
Gustine, at Energy, Aug 18.  
Proctor, at Purvis, Aug 19, 20.  
B. R. Bolton, P. E.

**Fort Worth District-Third Round.**  
Missouri Avenue, July 29, 30.  
Mulleys Memorial, July 29, 31.  
North Fort Worth, Aug 5, 6.  
Peach Street, Aug 6, 7.  
Azle, at Silver Creek, Aug 12, 13.  
Joshua, at Benton's Ch, Aug 19, 20.  
Cresson, Aug 26, 27.  
Covington, at Covington, Sept 2, 3, 4.  
First Church, Sept 3, 4.  
O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

**Ablene District-Third Round.**  
Aspermont, at Aspermont, July 29, 30.  
Haskell, Aug 1.  
Anson, at Anderson Chapel, Aug 5, 6.  
Avoca, at Fairview, Aug 5.  
Haskell, at Ward, Aug 12, 13.  
Sweetwater, at Eskota, Aug 19, 20.  
Clyde, at Fotosi, Aug 23.  
Buffalo Gap, at Lemon's Gap, Aug 26, 27.  
Baird, Sept 2, 3.  
Putnam, at Pisgah, Sept 9, 10.  
Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

**Colorado District-Third Round.**  
Colorado mis, at R. Bar, July 29, 30.  
Gall, at Gall, Aug 5, 6.  
Clairmont, at Jayton, Aug 12, 13.  
Snyder and Dunn, at Ennis, Aug 19, 20.  
Midland, at Stanton, Aug 26, 27.  
Big Springs, Aug 26, 27.  
Colorado sta, Aug 30.  
J. T. Griswold, P. E.

**Dublin District-Third Round.**  
Huckabay July 29, 30.  
Stephenville, at S. Aug 1.  
Bluff Dale, Aug 3.  
Morgan Hill, Aug 5, 6.  
Carbon mis, Aug 9.  
Desdemona, at Alameda, Aug 12, 13.  
Duffau, Aug 19, 20.  
Rose, at Rose, Aug 26, 27.  
Glen Rose, at Glen A. E. Bailey, P. E.

**Waxahachie District-Third Round.**  
Milford, at Midway, July 29, 30.  
Italy, 8:30 p. m. July 30.  
Red Oak, at Chapel Hill, Aug 5, 6.  
Hardwell, at Bird, Aug 12, 13.  
Grandview, Aug 19, 20.  
Lovelace, at Union Valley, Aug 26, 27.  
Jas. Campbell, P. E.

**Weatherford District-Third Round.**  
Ranger, at Gunsight, July 29, 30.  
Crystal Falls, at Fort Griffin, Aug 2.  
Breckenridge, at Eolian, Aug 5, 6.  
Palo Pinto, at Cedar Springs, Aug 9.  
Whitt, etc., at Salesville, Aug 12, 13.  
Peaster, at Pookville, Aug 16.  
Springtown, at Proden, Aug 19, 20.  
Graham mis, at Salem, Aug 25.  
Graham sta, Aug 26, 27.  
Eliassville, at South Bend, Aug 29.  
Throckmorton, at Profitit, Aug 31.  
Farmer, at Olney, Sept 2, 3.  
E. F. Boone, P. E.

**Vernon District-Third Round.**  
Spring Creek mis, July 29, 30.  
Seymour sta, Aug 1.  
Knox City mis, Aug 4.  
Munday and Goree, Aug 5, 6.  
Matador cir, Aug 12, 13.  
J. G. Miller, P. E.

**Corsicana District-Third Round.**  
(In part.)  
Barry, July 29, 30.  
Richland, at Pursley, Aug 5, 6.  
Dawson, Aug 6, 7.  
John M. Barcus, P. E.

**Clarendon District-Third Round.**  
Amarillo, July 29, 30.  
Channing, at Dumas, Aug 5, 6.  
Rowe, Aug 9.  
Princeton, at Elythe's Chapel, Aug 12, 13.  
Canadian, at Miami, Aug 18.  
Tulia, Aug 19, 20.  
Silverton, Aug 22, 23.  
Cataline and Shamrock, Aug 26, 27.  
McLean, Sept 2, 3.  
James M. Sherman, P. E.

**Waco District-Third Round.**  
Axtell, July 29, 30.  
Mt. Calm, Aug 2.  
Abbott, 5, 6.  
Fifth St. Waco, 11 a. m. Aug 13.  
Elm St. Waco, 8:30 p. m. Aug 13.  
Mart, Aug 19, 20.  
J. G. Putnam, P. E.

### NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

**Bowie District-Third Round.**  
Holiday, July 29, 30.  
Archer, July 30, 31.  
Crafton, Aug 5, 6.  
Gibtown, Aug 12, 13.  
Decatur cir, Aug 19, 20.  
Decatur sta, Aug 20, 21.  
T. K. Pierce, P. E.

**Dallas District-Third Round.**  
Trinity sta, July 29, 30.  
First Church sta, Aug 5, 6.  
Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at C. H., Aug 12, 13.  
Lewisville sta, Aug 19, 20.  
Cochran and Caruth, Aug 26, 27.  
Mart, Aug 29, 30.  
J. L. Morris, P. E.

**Greenville District-Third Round.**  
Merit, at Merit, July 29, 30.  
Greenville mis, Aug 5, 6.  
Fairlie, at Olive Branch, Aug 12, 13.  
Leonard, at Orange Grove, Aug 19, 20.  
J. M. Peterson, P. E.

**Sulphur Springs District-Third Round.**  
Cooper sta, 8 p. m. July 29.  
Klondike cir, at Price S. H., 5th Sun July.  
Mt. Vernon, at Mt. Vernon, 1st Sun Aug.  
Sulphur Springs sta, 8 p. m. Aug 7.  
Birtbright, 2d Sun Aug.  
Purley cir, at Pleasant Hill, 3d Sun Aug.  
Ben Franklin, 4th Sun Aug.  
Lake Creek, 11 a. m. Aug 28.  
Sulphur Bluff, 1st Sun Sept.  
Bonanza cir, 2d Sun Sept.  
C. B. Fladger, P. E.

**Gainesville District-Third Round.**  
Marysville, at Sivel, 5th Sun July.  
Nocona, 1st Sun Aug.  
Aubrey, 2d Sun Aug.  
Dexter, 3d Sun Aug.  
Sanger and V. V., 4th Sun Aug.  
Bonita, at Illinois, 1st Sun Sept.  
Ponder and K., at Stoney, 2d Sun Sept.  
Era and B., 3d Sun Sept.  
Rosston and M., at Van S., 4th Sun Sept.  
J. A. Stafford, P. E.

**Terrell District-Third Round.**  
Kaufman, July 29.  
Elmo, at Elmo, Aug 2.  
Rockwall, at Pleasant Valley, Aug 5, 6.  
Reinhardt, at Rose Hill, Aug 10.  
Kepp, at Becker, Aug 12, 13.  
Mabank, at Bethel, Aug 19, 20.  
College Mound, Aug 26, 27.  
Chisholm, at Rose Hill, Sept 2, 3.  
O. S. Thomas, P. E.

**McKinney District-Third Round.**  
Celina, at Celina, July 29, 30.  
Prosper, at Prosper, Aug 5, 6.  
Allen, at White's Grove, Aug 12, 13.  
Coppell, at Hillwood, Aug 19, 20.  
Blue Ridge cir, at Hensley Ch, Aug 26, 27.  
Blue Ridge mis, at Snow Hill, Aug 27, 28.  
Wylie, at St. Paul, Sept 2, 3.  
Josephine, at Milam Chapel, Sept 9, 10.  
Farmers Branch, Sept 16, 17.  
I. W. Clark, P. E.

**Bonham District-Third Round.**  
Randolph, at Edhube, July 29, 30.  
Honey Grove, at McCraw, Aug 5, 6.  
Lannius, at Allen Chapel, Aug 12, 13.  
Ladonia sta, Aug 19, 20.  
Trenton, at Blanton Chapel, Aug 26, 27.  
Dodd, at Windom, Sept 2, 3.  
Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

**Paris District-Third Round.**  
Clarksville cir, at Liberty, July 29, 30.  
Clarksville sta, July 30, Aug 1.  
Albion mis, at Dimple, Aug 5, 6.  
Whiterock sta, Aug 12, 13.  
Bagwell, at Lone Star, Aug 19, 20.  
Annona and Williams Ch, at G.S.H., Aug 26, 27.  
Avery mis, at Shawnee Ch, Sept 2, 3.  
Emerson cir, at El Bethel, Sept 9, 10.  
Chicota mis, Sept 16, 17.  
E. H. Casey, P. E.

### TEXAS CONFERENCE.

**San Augustine District-Third Round.**  
Burke, at Huntington, July 29, 30.  
Nacogdoches, July 30, 31.  
McLure, at Simpson, Aug 5, 6.  
Cushing, at Sacto, Aug 12, 13.  
Geneva, at Rock Spgs, Wed, Aug 27.  
Bronson, at Brookland, Aug 26, 27.  
San Augustine, Aug 27, 28.  
Minden, at Minden, Thu, Aug 31.  
Carthage, Sept 2, 3.  
Appley, Thu, Sept 7.  
Gary, at Wesley Chapel, Sept 9, 10.  
C. A. Tower, P. E.

**Tyler District-Third Round.**  
Chandler, at Red Hill, July 29, 30.  
Meredith cir, at Phillips Ch, July 30, 31.  
Athens, July 31.  
Coifax, at Morris Chapel, Aug 5, 6.  
Canton and Edgewood, at C. Aug 6, 7.  
Snyder Spgs, at China Grove, Aug 12, 13.  
Edom, at Ben Wheeler, Aug 13, 14.  
Cedar St, Aug 16.  
Big Sandy, Aug 17.  
Troup and Overton, Aug 19, 20.

**Marvin, Aug 26, 27.**  
Maiaokoff, Aug 27, 28.  
E. W. Solomon, P. E.

**Calvert District-Third Round.**  
Rogers Prairie, at Gum Spngs, July 29, 30.  
Franklin sta, Aug 5, 6.  
Pettyway, at Boon Prairie, Aug 12, 13.  
Travis sta, Aug 19, 20.  
Travis, Aug 26, 27.  
Durango, Aug 26, 27.  
Lott and Chilton, Aug 27, 28.  
Wheelock, Sept 2, 3.  
R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

**Marshall District-Third Round.**  
Coffeville, at Harleton, July 29, 30.  
Beckville, Aug 5, 6.  
Hallville, at Kiley's Chapel, Aug 8, 9.  
Jefferson sta, Aug 13, 14.  
Harrison, at Karnack, Aug 19, 20.  
Arlington, at Bethel, Aug 21, 22.  
Kellyville, Aug 26, 27.  
Longview, Kelly Memorial, Sept 2, 3, 4.  
Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

**Pittsburg District-Third Round.**  
Pittsburg cir, July 29, 30.  
Pittsburg sta, July 30, 31.  
Cason, Aug 4, 5.  
Ganssberg, Aug 12, 13.  
Quetta City, Aug 15.  
Quitman, Aug 19, 20.  
Redwater, Aug 24.  
Daisy, Aug 26, 27.  
J. T. Smith, P. E.

**Huntsville District-Third Round.**  
Magnolia, July 29, 30.  
Montgomery, at Stoneham, Aug 1.  
Millcan, at Welburn, Aug 3.  
Cold Springs, at Evergreen, Aug 5, 6.  
Conroe mis, Aug 8.  
Bedias, Aug 10.  
Anderson, Aug 12, 13.  
Prairie Plains, Aug 19, 20.  
Walker, Aug 26, 27.  
Hempstead, Aug 27, 28.  
C. R. Lamar, P. E.

**Houston District-Third Round.**  
League City, at Seabrook, July 29, 30.  
Hosensberg, at Guy, Aug 5, 6.  
Angleton and Velasco, at Fair, Aug 12, 13.  
Sandy Point, at S. Point, Aug 19, 20.  
Cedar Bayou, at C. Bayou, Aug 26, 27.  
Bay City, at Matagorda, Sept 2, 3.  
Wharton, at Wharton, Sept 9, 10.  
Galveston, Central, Sept 16, 17.  
Galveston, West End, Sept 17, 18.  
Alvin, Sept 23, 24.  
S. R. Hay, P. E.

**Palestine District-Third Round.**  
Augusta mis, at Liberty Hill, July 29, 30.  
Negus cir, at Shades, Aug 1, 3.  
Grapsel, at Baywood, Aug 19, 20.  
Crotchet cir, at Concord, Aug 12, 13.  
Laloue cir, at Concord, Aug 12, 13.  
Kennard mis, at Center Hill, Aug 19, 20.  
Brushy Creek cir, at B. C. Aug 21, 22.  
Wells mis, at Durham, Aug 26, 27.  
Arto cir, at Arto, Aug 28, 31.  
Husk sta, Sept 2, 3.  
Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

**Brenham District-Third Round.**  
Fulshear and Brookshire, at Katy, July 29, 30.  
Somerville, Aug 1.  
Caldwell sta, 8 p. m. Aug 4.  
Caldwell mis, Elizabeth Ch. Aug 5, 6.  
Thorndale, Pleasant Retreat, Aug 12, 13.  
Miano, at Gause, Aug 19, 20.  
Giddings, Burton, Aug 26, 27.  
Brenham, Aug 27, 28.  
Rockdale, Sept 3, 4.  
Cameron, Sept 10, 11.  
Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

**Beaumont District-Third Round.**  
Corrigan, at Chester, July 29, 30.  
Sabine Pass and Pt. Neches, at Nederaland, Aug 5, 6.  
North End, Aug 6, 7.  
Orange, Wed. night, Aug 9.  
Woodville, at Holly Ford, Aug 12, 13.  
Liberty, at Raywood, Aug 19, 20.  
Wallisville, at Wallisville, Aug 26, 27.  
First Ch, Beaumont, Thu. night, Aug 24.  
Burkeville, at Burkeville, Aug 26, 27.  
Jasper cir, at Magnolia, Aug 30.  
Silsbee, Sept 2, 3.  
Kountze, at Kountze, Sept 3, 4.  
Warren, at Saratoga, Sept 9, 10.  
Call, at Cairo Springs, Sept 16, 17.  
O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.

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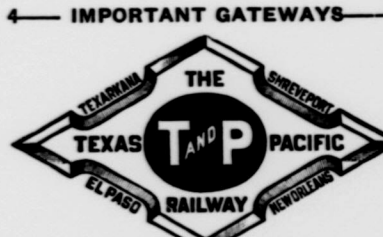
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### THE HEART OF ASBURY'S JOURNAL.

Bishop Asbury took his journal-writing pretty seriously. He labored at it with praiseworthy diligence, revised and corrected it with a great deal of pains, bemoaned its inelegance, and expressed frequent hopes that it might be published, at least after his death, "as a record of the early history of Methodism in America," and to show his friends how he employed his time. It is certainly of value for this purpose; but one cannot wade through it (even in the abridged and amended form in which it is given to us now) without regret that the good Bishop's intellectual powers had not been greater, so that he might have made better use of his unexampled opportunities. He is somewhat free in his criticism of Wesley's Journals, which were before him as a model; but his own are not in the same class, owing to the difference in learning, mental calibre, and literary skill. It is very difficult to get enthusiastic over the commonplace reflections and unimportant remarks with which they are so largely filled. They are much improved by the headings, notes and pictures with which the present edition is supplied; but it seems to us that considerable more might have been left out without loss. Asbury was a great man in his way, but it was not the way of the pen.

There is much, however, in this large volume (732 octavo pages) that has intense interest, and we could cull items well worth reading far beyond our available space. His experiences in New England naturally appeal to us, and we will give a paragraph to them first of all. The first entry is May 28, 1789, where he says:

"New England stretcheth out the hand to our ministry, and I trust thousands will shortly feel its influence."

He visited it in June, 1791, and was charmed with the temporal thrift displayed, being reminded of England, but grieved at the dearth of spiritual life. He writes:

"I do feel as if there had been religion in this country once; and I apprehend there is a little in form and theory left. There may have been a praying ministry and people here, but I fear they are now spiritually dead, and am persuaded that family and private prayer is very little practiced."

They were very cold to him, showing him little or no hospitality, in marked contrast to "wicked Charleston." "The people will not pay large money for religion if they can get it cheaper," he remarks; but he thinks Methodism will manage to work its way in spite of opposition. He speaks of Massachusetts and Connecticut as the only two States in the fifteen which are not free, "fettered with ecclesiastical chains, taxed to support ministers who are chosen by a small committee and settled for life," "priest-ridden communities." He praises, however, "the simplicity and frugality of New England." He speaks of the congregations at Lynn as "large and lifeless." And again: "There have been awful times at Lynn for two years past; the preachers are a burden, they do not

preach evangelically, do not visit families, neglect the classes." He is very much distressed over the steeples and bells which he finds creeping in (in 1813), and is much afraid that there will even be organs by and by. He counts these things "contrary to the simplicity of Christ," and says: "We shall possibly give up the houses unless the pews are taken out." "The great wants of Boston are good religion and good water. How can this city and Massachusetts be in any other than a melancholy state?" There was, perhaps, more religion than the Bishop supposed, but there is not an over-supply even at present.

The main impression which this journal makes—and which probably it was intended to make—is as to the severity of the regimen to which the writer was subjected. The entries under this head would fill many columns. Asbury's health was very poor much of the time, but he stuck to his work with an iron will, and endured right manfully.

"Though in a high fever I rode twenty miles through the rain to Baltimore. \* \* \* I have now been sick near ten months, and many days closely confined; yet I have preached about 300 times and rode near 2,000 miles, though very frequently in a high fever. Here is no ease, worldly profit, or honor. \* \* \* I am sick and weary—ah! how few are there who would not choose strangling rather than life and the labors we undergo, and the hardships and privations we are compelled to submit to! \* \* \* I injured myself by speaking too long and loud. I rode seven miles, got wet, had poor lodgings, with plenty of mosquitoes. Next day, poorly as I was, I had to ride seventeen miles and spoke while I had a high fever on me. I laid me down on a plank—hard lodging this for a sick man. \* \* \* Oh, how glad should I be of a plain, clean plank to lie on, as preferable to most of the beds; and where the beds are in a bad state the floors are worse. \* \* \*

"Here I found some lies had been told on me; feeling myself innocent, I was not moved. \* \* \* I have served the Church upward of twenty-five years in Europe and America. All the property I have gained is two old horses, the constant companions of my toil, six if not seven thousand miles every year. \* \* \* I have been sick upwards of four months, during which time I have attended to my business and ridden. I suppose, not less than 3,000 miles. \* \* \* Would any man give me 10,000 pounds a year to do and suffer again what I have done for that house (Cokesbury College), I would not do it. \* \* \* I tremble and faint under my burden, having to ride about 6,000 miles annually; to preach from three to five hundred sermons a year; to write and read so many letters; all this, and more, besides the stationing of 300 preachers, reading many hundred pages, and spending many hours in conversation, by day and by night, with preachers and people of various characters, among whom are many distressing cases. \* \* \* Money could not purchase the labor I have gone through this week. \* \* \* Blamed by men of slender sense for consequences impossible to foresee, for other people's misconduct. \* \* \* The murmurs and discontent of ministers and people. An old, worn man of about sixty years, riding 5,000 miles a year, at a salary of \$80, through summer's heat and winter's cold, his best covering from rain often but a blanket; the surest sharpener of his wit hunger; his best fare for six months of the year coarse kindness; and his reward suspicion, envy, and murmurings all the year round. \* \* \* Oh, to escape from the toils and sufferings of another year! \* \* \* What are called the comforts of life I rarely enjoy. The wish to live on here such a life as this would be strange to so suffering, so toilworn a wretch. But God is with me, and souls are my reward. I shall yet rejoice."

There are occasionally brighter notes struck, as he sees the work advancing. Some years it did not advance. He has to write: "The state of the work here appears to be very low." "I find the work in general very

dead." "Death, death, death." "It seems as if I should die among this people with exertions and grief. I pity our preachers who labor here." Of Philadelphia he writes: "This is a horribly wicked city. The spirit of prayer has departed, and the spiritual watchmen have ceased to cry aloud among all sects and denominations."

But in other years and other places matters moved grandly. Flames break out on every side, good tidings come from every quarter:

"Not less than 1,400, white and black, have been converted in Sussex Circuit the past year, and still more in Brunswick Circuit. \* \* \* The happy news of the revival of the work of God flies from one part of the continent to the other. \* \* \* I have good evidence that fifteen or eighteen hundred souls have professed to be converted in the United States within the past twelve months" (1792).

Again, writing of 1804, he says: "I mark this year as the greatest that has ever yet been known in this land for religion." In 1801 there was a general revival throughout most of the land. Conversions by the hundred and by the thousand were reported from all directions. This paid for many hardships.

Some miscellaneous entries are rather interesting: Nov. 1, 1792: "I felt awful at the General Conference which began today—an experience which has come to many Bishops since then.

"Marriage is honorable in all, but to me it is a ceremony awful as death. Well may it be so when I calculate we have lost the traveling labors of 200 of the best men in America or the world by marriage and consequent location."

"Am somewhat distressed at the uneasiness of our people who claim a right to choose their own preachers—a thing quite new among Methodists."

He was very strenuous for discipline, and felt himself called, as he says, "to stand against all opposition, as an iron pillar, strong and steadfast as a wall of brass."

"Preached to the people with some sharpness. \* \* \* While I stay, the rules must be attended to. \* \* \* Some drop off on account of my attention to discipline. But my work is to please God. \* \* \* Offenses increase. I cannot help it. My way is to go straight forward, and aim at what is right. \* \* \* None of these things move me; my mind is calm, and my soul under a comfortable sense of God. \* \* \* Some of my brethren did not altogether please me. My hand appears still to be against every man. \* \* \* I turned out the disorderly members, which always are a weight and a curse to any religious community."

He was a man of much prayer: "Dec. 8, 1776. My present practice is to set apart about three hours out of every twenty-four for private prayer, but Satan labors much to interrupt me." "April 1, 1778. I purposed in my own mind to spend ten minutes out of every hour, when awake, in the duty of prayer." "June 15, 1780. I see the need of returning to my twelve times of prayer: I have been hindered and interrupted by pains and fevers. Pain is trying, but I am kept from murmuring hitherto." "I make it a rule to spend an hour morning and evening, in meditation and in prayer, for all the circuits, societies, and preachers."

He rose, as a rule, before 5 o'clock in the morning to study the Bible, and chides himself sharply once for lying till six when there was no necessity for it.

"Aug. 26, 1779. This morning I ended the reading of my Bible through in about four months. It is hard work for me to find time for this, but all I read and write I owe to early rising. If I were not to rise always at 5 o'clock and sometimes at 4 o'clock, I should have no time only to eat my

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