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Editorial.

THE CONNECTIONAL SPIRIT OF METHODISM.

The purpose and spirit of Methodism are connectional and have been from our beginning as a Church organization. No one congregation is independent of the others, neither is the conference. Our whole system is an articulate system, and each part of it fits into the other with exactness and precision. As a result, we are able to assess the strong and prosperous charges in one section of the Church to strengthen and help the weak in the new and sparsely settled sections on the frontiers. Yes, we are able to carry the strength of the well established and able societies even to the distant regions beyond, and there carry on missionary operations among the heathen nations. It is owing to this spirit of connectionalism that we have made such rapid growth as a Church in this and in other lands.

However, looking at our work in Texas, a State that covers such vast areas of territory, we are bound to confess that our connectional spirit has not kept pace with our growth in matters of material concern. We have not yet reached that stage of connectional co-operation contemplated in our system. True, we have made and are making some progress, but we are still too segregated in our movements. Each conference is too intent upon its own development, and each central charge is thinking too much of its own interests to the neglect of other sections and institutions of our State-wide enterprises. Go into the most of our cities, like Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, Houston, Galveston and San Antonio, and it requires a wonderful effort to persuade the membership in any one of these places to feel a supreme interest in any movement outside of their own corporate limits. They think that they are burdened with their own local enterprises, and they are not as liberal as they should be toward some needy institution in some other locality in the State. As a result, Southwestern University is not receiving the financial support at this time from centers of population removed from Georgetown. We are still following the policy of a contracted localism in matters of this character. We are willing to help the enterprise located in our midst, but we do not always want to see large contributions go from our own locality to a community two hundred miles away, where our central institution is striving to build up a permanent endowment. Now and then some broad-minded layman will rise above this local spirit and make a good contribution to Southwestern, or to the Orphanage at Waco, or the Medical College in Dallas; but he is the exception, and not the rule. Our people seem often to forget that our Methodism is a unit and that our system is connectional. It matters not whether any one of our great institutions is located in our immediate community or not; it is nevertheless ours, and just as much ours as though it were next door to us; and loyalty to the Church makes it incumbent upon us to do our best to make

it a great success. Our preachers need to cultivate among our people a spirit of general interest in whatever belongs to our great Church. We can only make it effective and successful by being able to take the strength of our men of means and throw it to the support of any movement looking to the permanency of Methodism. Disguise the fact as much as we please, we are suffering from a lack of a well-developed spirit of connectionalism in Texas. Southwestern University is not receiving the sympathy and the co-operation of our centers of population as it should, simply because it is not located in these centers. Yet it is the property of all the Church in Texas, and to make it largely successful is to strengthen and to impart an impetus to the whole of Texas Methodism. When the time comes in which we can command the co-operation of the whole of Texas Methodism, all our State-wide enterprises will take on new life and our work will extend aggressively to every nook and corner of this great Commonwealth. While we are making some progress in this direction, we ought to bend every energy to increase the acceleration of this progress an hundredfold.

DEATH THE OFFSHOOT OF THE SALOON.

The Dallas News of October 3 gives us a heartrending account of the murder of young Mabrey near the city of Dallas. The substance of this horrid crime, as given in the News, is as follows: The young man was an inexperienced youth, not over 18 years old, the son of an invalid widowed mother who was dependent upon this industrious boy for her living. The boy got to Dallas Friday, intending to go to the cement works west of Dallas in quest of work on Saturday. This innocent, industrious and unsuspecting lad was met on the streets by two devils incarnate, who always loiter around saloons. The poor boy doubtless inquired about the cement works. These demons, under pretense of friendship, proposed if he would wait until night they would accompany him. This gave them time to find out if he had any money and lay plans to rob and murder him. As an ideal place to accomplish such a diabolical purpose, they decoyed him into various saloons. In paying for the drinks they found he had some money. Their plans were at once fixed to get him drunk and rob him, and if this failed, to murder him and then get his money. This they did, and the brutality of these demon fiends in killing the poor boy is too horrid to relate. It makes the blood curdle to think of it.

Now with these sad facts before us, let us stop and reason for a moment. Is it not a fact that saloons, as a rule, seek to either dodge or break the law (and thereby do they not encourage lawlessness?); and is it not strange that law-breakers would naturally congregate about such places? Is it not also true that whisky, the only article of merchandise they handle, dethrones the reason, blunts and destroys the moral sensibilities and makes man a mere beast and as unfeeling as a dog with the rabies? Therefore, whisky, as an instrument in the hands of

the devil, to divest men of the finer feelings of humanity, and to qualify him for the fiendish crime referred to above.

Whisky not only qualifies the drunkard for the crimes of murder, arson and robbery, but it deprives the victim of reason and self-defense and makes him an easy prey to the vicious. This whisky devil did its full share in the case before us. It made demons of the murderers and gave them a helpless victim. If there had been no saloons in Dallas young Mabrey would today be living, an industrious, noble young man.

No father knows but that his inexperienced boy may soon meet the same or some similar fate while these dives are legalized by the State. To talk about regulating the whisky traffic by law is folly. The saloon men meet in convention and promise reform in the liquor traffic. And we ask, can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? One is just as impossible as the other, and each will always bring forth after its kind. But they say let the liquor traffic alone and it will let you alone. This broken-hearted mother let it alone, but instead of it letting her alone, it deprived her of her loved boy; it broke her heart and left her a poor invalid, bed-ridden widow, robbed of her only hope of support.

The inexorable decree has gone forth: "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Just as long as the State by license sows saloons she will reap a large harvest of the blacker crimes. On with the battle!

THE DEVIL UNMASKED.

On another page in this issue we publish a circular under the above heading anent the Baskin-McGregor law. It was written by the County Attorney of Wood County, and it points out the hitherto undiscovered fact that this new law makes a provision for the "wholesale dealer" by which he pays the regular license fees, obligates himself to sell in quantities of not less than one gallon to be "made of different liquors in unbroken packages." This provision is found in the first section, and after that no further reference is made to this feature of the law. All the other sections have reference to the "retail dealer." This wholesale arrangement requires no bond, no character and no sort of regulation. Not one of the so-called drastic features of this law applies to the man holding this wholesale dealer's license. All he does is to pay the license fees, then he can open, fix up his packages of mixed liquors containing only one gallon in the aggregate and sell it to his customers. A half dozen of them can chip in and buy the gallon, sit down under an electric fan, behind screens, play games, have music, and there is no law to molest them or to make them afraid. No wonder that many liquor men are taking out a wholesale license instead of a retailer's license, since the former are immune from the operation of all the penalties attaching to the Baskin-McGregor law. One by one the fatal defects of this infamous law are coming to the light. The Attorney General has recently held that the druggist must take out a license, just like

the saloon, if he uses intoxicants in preparing prescriptions, and that when he takes out his license he can sell by the drink just like the saloon. Beautiful regulation of the liquor traffic is this Baskin-McGregor law! It is the most unmitigated fraud that ever went on the statute books of Texas. But we are not surprised when we recall the fact that three of the most rabid antis in the State, one of them the attorney for the liquor people in South Texas, drew this wonderful law and put it through both branches of the Legislature.

THE SECRET OF A HAPPY LIFE.

The selfish person is an unhappy person. The unselfish person is the happy person. He who dwells upon himself, his ills, his misfortunes, his neglects and slights has no room in his experience for happiness. That element is literally crowded out, and the result is morbidness and a grum disposition. Some people do not give themselves time to get away from their self-centered consciousness, and they necessarily get nothing but self out of life. They soon drift into the thought that other people care nothing for them, that the world is unsympathetic and that they are constantly being imposed upon. They soon lose confidence in their neighbors and those with whom they have social or business dealings.

There is but one remedy for this sort of condition, and that is to get out of self and take an interest in the self of some one else. All round you are those who have real sorrow, real affliction and real want. To find them and minister to them is to give yourself relief. For the moment that you forget yourself and your petty grievances, you get into a new experience. As a rule, the selfish man seems to overlook the fact that there are other people in the world, and that they are entitled to a part of his service. When he calls this to mind, he looks out upon the world through new eyes, and this vision brings to him a new hope and a new desire to make something out of life. Did you ever try it? If not, attempt the experience, and you will be surprised at the result. Christ kept himself so busy with the needs of others that he rarely ever took time to think much about his own condition, and this led him to see the travail of his soul and to bring satisfaction to his own experience. To follow him is to find happiness. We simply make our experience either by dwelling upon our own selfish interests or by thinking somewhat of the needs of other people. Happy is the man who takes time to keep himself in touch with the great world of mankind, and who enjoys the consciousness of knowing that other people love and trust him. The selfish man trusts nobody, and but few people care to trust him. No wonder he is unhappy. Happiness comes as the result of unselfish service. Would that men could learn this simple lesson!

Thunder has no power in it. It is merely the report of the concussion following the lightning's stroke. The power is exerted before the thunder is audible.

NEW YORK LETTER.

The Prodigal's Return—Changes in New York—The Sky Scraping Era—Big Tunnel and Subway Depot Buildings—1,000,000 Jews in New York—They Celebrate.

The vacation season is now about over and a hundred thousand people or more have already returned home and are busy looking over the marks and rents in the fine clothes they wore away and in figuring out the cost of the trip, or consulting doctors to find out the quickest means of getting rid of freckles, sun burns and bruises. Many are in bad humor because they can not find their baggage, or because the wrong trunk has been delivered for their own. Some are soliloquizing over the folly as to how they came to leave the roomy, comfortable quarters of their happy homes and all the conveniences and luxuries of a great city and hie themselves off to rural districts, there to be stowed away in stuffy rooms and tortured by mosquitoes and flies. Roaming over sand-hills picking huckleberries in the broiling sun may be all right for those who like that brand of romance, but none of that kind of pleasure for mine. Neither do I care to sit all day on a log fishing for shiners with only one bite an hour. Life in the city with all kinds of enjoyments and rides, and steamboats and railroad excursions to different places on different days are far preferable to me, and then one sees more for his money and there is less wear and tear to his clothes and his system. New York is certainly a summer resort good enough and varied enough for those even the hardest to please. Good board can be had at old-style hotels at from \$15 to \$20 a week, and at nice boarding houses at from \$8 to \$12, and far better rooms and fare obtained than can be had at seashore or mountain resorts for the same money, and then one can visit hundreds of beautiful places from ten to one hundred miles away in comfort and at trifling expense each day and return by the evening train or boat. There is certainly no better way of getting a good run for your money.

New York is much changed now from what it was thirty or more years ago. Then there was a marked sameness about its public buildings and institutions, hotels, theaters and churches, business houses and residences, but now the style of architecture is as marked as the sameness was then, and everything seen today is on such a colossal scale that comparison is all the more noticeable. Many of the best hotels of the 70's have been torn down and others closed, and of these I will mention the Metropolitan and Sinclair on Broadway, the Morton House on Union Square, Erles' Hotel on Canal Street, Leggett's on the Bowery, Frenche's on Park Row, where the World building stands, the United States on Pearl Street and the Merchants on Courtland Street. The old Astor House and Metropolitan down town and the old Grand Central and Gilsey House up town are still running and a few others. In another year the historic Fifth Avenue is to be demolished. They are all simply too plain for this age and had to go. Many theaters and churches have gone the same way, but others and far better ones have taken their places. Hundreds and perhaps thousands of buildings that were considered imposing once—buildings 50x100 and four and five stories high—have long since passed away to make room for more modern structures eight and ten stories high and for sky scrapers from 15 to 40 stories high. Whole blocks of buildings in different parts of the city are now being demolished, so rapid and demanding is the march of improvement. The craze for sky scraping apartment houses and for long rows of flat houses has materially changed the appearance of the city, especially up town. But the four elevated railroads in Manhattan and the thirty odd miles of subway railroads have brought about the greatest change of all, and the displacing of horse cars by the trolleys have contributed to the change, but still we have a few of the old eye-sore crosstown horse cars left on Manhattan Island. The finishing of two Hudson River tunnels and two others under the East River to Brooklyn this fall, with others to follow about a year later, as also the completion of the marvelous terminal buildings for the tunnels, subways and bridges, elevated railroads and trolley lines will bring still greater changes to the appearance of New York, and will add much to the railroad facilities of the metropolis. Three of these massive buildings are now being erected, one by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. at 31st and 33d Streets, and reaching from Sixth to Ninth Avenues. It

will be two average blocks in width and six in length, and will have connections under ground on different levels with the up and down town and cross-town subway. On the street level it will have ample facilities for all trolley lines and vehicle traffic, and also the usual conveniences and comforts for passengers in the way of spacious waiting rooms, lobbies, promenades, ticket offices, restaurants, news stands and other stores, barber shops and every conceivable thing in the way of comforts for ladies. On the second floor these conveniences will be duplicated, and there will be connections with the elevated railroads. Above these will be a first-class, up-to-date hotel and railroad offices. Much of the excavating for this monster building has been through granite rock to a depth of over thirty feet, all of which is nearly completed, as is much of the massive iron work up to the level of the street, and in places above it. Down town the New York and New Jersey Tunnel and Railroad Co. are putting up a similar building along Church Street one block west of Broadway. It will be two blocks long and half a block wide and twenty stories high. It will front on Courtland, Dye, Fulton and Church Streets. The other mammoth building of this kind is being erected by the city at a cost of \$5,000,000 at the terminal of the Brooklyn bridge. It will front on City Hall Park, Park Row and Center Street and will reach down the latter street two blocks to Duce Street. It will be a railway depot for subways, trolley lines and elevated roads, with connections by rail with three of the Brooklyn bridges. It will be twenty stories high and the floors above the second will be occupied by the city for offices for all of the various municipal departments. Nothing has as yet been done in the way of construction, but a start will soon be made, as the buildings occupying its site have recently all been demolished. It is promised that the railway floors of this building, as also of the other two buildings, will be finished by January, 1909, and that by that time Pennsylvania trains will reach New York by the Hudson River tunnel, cross Manhattan Island by subway and on to Brooklyn through the East River (Long Island Sound) tunnel. The subway tunnel from the Battery to City Hall in Brooklyn is about finished, and it is confidently promised that regular service will begin in November, and then the 1,500,000 citizens of that part of Greater New York will rejoice to see the morning and evening crush on the Brooklyn bridge greatly relieved, an event that has for years been greatly needed and earnestly desired.

A good idea of the magnitude of the city may be gained when it is known that 50,000 people are on its pay-roll, and that their pay amounts to \$40,000,000, and that the total expenses of the city last year was \$130,000,000, while the Board of Estimate has just figured it up that \$150,000,000 will be required for the ensuing year. In no place else in the world is there such an army of employes in a similar capacity. The entire expense of running New York State outside of this city does not begin to equal the above figure. New York City now has 9,000 policemen; 3,753 firemen and 4,000 school teachers; then there are about 3,000 employed in the Health Department and about 3,000 of the "White Wings" fraternity—street cleaners; the Park Department employs 2,500 at a cost of about \$2,000,000. The Law Department costs \$685,000, and the city courts in wages and salaries, \$3,911,430. New York has policemen on foot, on horseback, on bicycles and in boat and there is something doing all the time and everywhere.

Sunday, the 8th of September, was, according to the Jewish Ritualists, the world's birthday, or the 5668th anniversary of creation and services throughout the city were marked by observances dating back to the days of David and King Solomon. Perhaps not less than one million men, women and children took part in the celebration. It is not probable that ever before has so many people of any nationality or race assembled together in any kind of a celebration. Certainly no such a number has ever gotten together in New York before. The eminent historian, H. Graetz, only credits Jerusalem with having 600,000 in its palmiest days during the golden reign of King Solomon at the time when the city had been rebuilt and it was crowded with Jews from all the country over during the holy seasons. Never since the Roman besiegers destroyed Jerusalem in the year 70 A. D. has there been so many Jews living under any single municipal government as are to be found in New York today. Preparations for this celebration have been going on for weeks, and many Churches besides their own, public halls and theaters have been used for it. The 300 synagogues in the city were far short of capacity for such gatherings of people.

E. H. QUICK.

WHO DOES THE ELDER SON REPRESENT.

By Rev. W. H. Hughes.

In your issue of September 19 there are three articles concerning my views on the above question—one by Brother Robert A. Baird, asking two very pertinent questions and one each by Brothers C. M. Barrick and Newman Phillips. I shall not take each of these separately, but will in a general way answer every salient point they make, by giving as best I can my reasons for my interpretation of this parable, and then so far as I am concerned, dismiss the subject.

This parable is perhaps the most instructive, beautiful and far-reaching of any uttered by our Lord. It embraces in one panoramic view a perfect photograph of God's whole family, "in heaven and earth." "A certain man had two sons." This covers all intelligences—God, angels and men. To talk about confining this parable to the Jews and Pharisees is folly. It was just as true in the morning of time as it is now and will continue to be true when time is no more. It was true before there were any Jews or Pharisees. What the Bible says does not make a thing true. It states things because they are eternal verities. I therefore Christ pictures the Father's whole family, namely, angels and men. If God had any other intelligent offspring, we have no record of them. These two sons represent all moral agents, whether angels or men. They represent the two great classes into which all accountable beings are divided, namely, the good and the bad. 1. The good who, like the elder son, or angels, never at any time transgressed the Father's commandments. 2. The bad who, like the younger son, "wasted his substance with riotous living."

This parable shows two kinds of righteousness. First, the righteousness of the law, which requires perfect and perpetual obedience. This the elder son had. "Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither at any time transgress I thy commandment." The other kind of righteousness is by grace to the penitent sinner. This the younger son obtained when he returned to his father's house and was invested with the best robe. I am glad these brethren, in criticising my views, called attention to the parables of the lost piece of silver and of the stray sheep. These two parables were spoken by our Lord at the same time he uttered the parable of the prodigal son. The three parables were spoken in one discourse and are recorded in the same chapter and are called by commentators twins. There is an analogy like a golden thread running through these three parables which when analyzed will go far to prove the correctness of my exegesis.

The reader will observe that this discourse of our Lord was cumulative, beginning with the inanimate and moving up step by step to the moral and spiritual, all of which was to show God's perfect justice to the sinless and tender mercy toward the penitent sinner. 1. These parables all show that there was something lost and afterwards sought and found, the stray sheep, the lost piece of silver, the prodigal son. 2. These parables all show that there was something which stayed in the proper place, the ninety and nine which went not astray, the money which was not lost, and the elder son, who the father says was ever with him. 3. All three show joy upon the part of the proprietor on the recovery of that which was lost. 4. All three show that the angels were present and witnessed the joy of these proprietors on the recovery of that which was lost. "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Mark you, this was not the joy of the angels, but the joy of the Father in their presence, just as the father rejoiced in the presence of the elder son when the prodigal returned. 5. All show that the rights and worth of the ninety and nine which remained in the fold and went not astray and money which was never lost were not depreciated by the straying of the one and the loss of the other. Therefore, when the elder son said, "Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment," the father replied: Yes, my son, all this is true; thou art ever with me and all I have is thine as a reward of thy perfect obedience. No father could put the seal of approval upon the character of a son more clearly than is done in this instance. And no man can brand the elder son with falsehood without at the same time accusing the father of indorsing that which was untrue. Here we would do well to be cautious.

Now, let us place the two theories side by side and then test them by the Scriptures. All parties to this discussion will agree that the Bible is infallibly true, and any interpretation which contradicts the plain, general teaching of the Scriptures must be false.

First, let us take the old theory which claims the elder son represents the Jews who crucified Christ, the self-righteous Pharisees, or any other wicked character. The advocates of this theory will admit that the only ground for making the elder son represent these vile characters is the statement he was "angry and would not go in." We have repeatedly shown that the word "angry" in the Scriptures does not necessarily imply sin. God is often said to be angry. Jesus, who knew no sin, was angry. Paul said to Christians: "Be ye angry and sin not." The advocates of this old theory take this act of the elder son and this word (angry), which is clearly ambiguous, and put their own construction upon both, and then make them outweigh the plain statement of both God and the elder son, thereby logically impeaching the veracity of both.

But if the elder son represents the unfallen angels, then it harmonizes the general teaching of the Scriptures as well as the truth of the statements in the parable of what the father and elder son both say. If the elder son represents any of these bad characters, then it can not be denied that the father said to that character: "All I have is thine," which is in direct contradiction of what the Bible teaches from Genesis to Revelation. If he was any one of these bad characters, then it is certain that these are the sort of folks God keeps in his home, for he said to him, "Son, thou art ever with me." Again, if he was the man they say he was, then he was one of the most impudent liars on earth when he said face to face with God: "I serve thee, and never at any time transgressed I thy commandment." When Ananias and Sapphira were killed for lying, Peter gave as the reason for this severe punishment, "Thou hast not lied to men, but unto God." Did God kill these for lying and then indorse the same crime in the elder son? Is God inconsistent or partial in dealing out justice to his creatures?

Now, take the other side of this question:

1. Angels are not infinite in wisdom and could not intuitively know the profound mystery of "God manifest in the flesh" until God taught them. It is said, "Angels desired to look into these things," which certainly implies their need of information on this subject. Therefore, when the elder son heard music and dancing over the return of the rebellious son who had "wasted his substance with harlots and riotous living," he inquired, "What these things meant." The father sees no rebellion nor stubbornness in this inquiry or this conduct of the elder son, and at once proceeds, in a most tender and fatherly way, to explain the reasons for this joy. He said unto him, "Son, thou art ever with me, and all I have is thine. It is meet that we should make merry and be glad: for this thy brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost, but is found." Here the curtain drops and there is not the slightest intimation that the elder son refused to accept the explanation given by the father.

Here I close my part of this discussion, repeating the proposition made in my first article: If any one will harmonize the truth of the statements of the elder son and of the father with the old theory which says he was a wicked character, then I will abandon my theory. It is an easy matter to write down the elder son as a "wicked Jew, a selfish Pharisee, a heartless brother and the greater sinner of the two," but give us the proof without contradicting the record.

REJOICING UNDER TRIALS.

By Rev. R. L. Snider.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. Phil. 4:4.

Let us look at some Bible characters who did not and some who did. Jacob did not. "And Jacob, their father said unto them: Me have ye bereaved of my children. Joseph is not and Simeon is not and ye will take Benjamin away. All these things are against me." Gen. 42:36. All these things were not against him as subsequent events proved. They were all for him. The children of Israel did not. "We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt, freely, the cucumbers and the melons, and the leeks and the onions and the garlick. But now our soul is dried away; there is nothing at all besides this manna before our eyes." Num. 11:5, 6. Jonah did not. Therefore, now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live. Then said the Lord, Dost thou well to be angry. Jonah 4:3, 4.

Mrs. Job did not. "Then said his wife unto him: Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God and die." Job 2:9. The Jews did not. "The Jews then murmured at Him because he said, I am the bread of life which

came down from heaven." John 6:41.

Rejoicing under trials is a test of perfect love. Those who did rejoice. Job did. "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21. The Hebrew children did. "Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego answered and said to the King, Oh Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God, whom we serve, is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O King. But if not be it known unto thee, O King, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." Dan. 3:16-18. Nebukkad did. "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; yet I will rejoice in the Lord. I will joy in the God of my salvation." Hab. 3:17, 18. Daniel did. "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed he went into his house (not in a rage) and his windows being open (he did not open them to be mean, or to be seen of men) in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees (a proper attitude in prayer) three times a day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." Dan. 6:10. It was no spasmodic campmeeting thing with Daniel; it was his custom. The disciples did. "For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and ye joyfully spoiled of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. (Heb. 10:34.) and they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." Acts 5:41. Paul did. "Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then am I strong." 2 Cor. 12:10.

Jesus tells us what to do when we are in trouble and what we are: "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely (lying) for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." Matt. 5:11, 12. This cannot be done without the indwelling Christ, by faith. Eph. 3:17. Most people have a wrong idea of persecutions. They look upon them as hardships, when the fact is, they are the Christian's inheritance. In the days of Jesus it was the custom to leave the best and richest bequests until the last. Reader, if you will keep this thought in mind while reading Mark 10:29, 30, it will help you. If you will turn and read your Bible you will see persecutions are placed in the same list with the good things of this life—and the next:

"Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me."

But, beloved, should those hard trials and persecutions cease for awhile, watch and pray much. At this point there is danger of fanaticism in the higher life. Of being infallibly taught and led, some have thought that they were so taught and led of the Spirit, that whatever they said or did was of the Spirit, and would become very censorious if others would not receive all their absurdities. I want to say, there is nothing that so pleases the devil as to get a spirit-baptized Christian to "run on impressions." I have met and had to deal with some very excellent Christians who were believing every spirit to the great detriment to the cause of holiness. People living in a low state of grace very seldom, if ever, become fanatics. John Wesley saw it when he dropped this thought: He says: "The very desire of growing in grace may sometimes be an inlet of enthusiasm. It may lead us unawares to seek something else new; besides new degrees of love to God and man."

I will say, with the Spirit in our hearts we not sin, but we may. If we should sin, the temptation (because of our high profession to holiness and our reputation) is to cover up our faults and sin. This is very dangerous. So some of these strange advocates for perfection have given it a deeper wound than all its enemies together could do.

Let us try this spirits by the Word of God. This is the try-square, not an isolated passage, but the general teachings. You do not need to kick a door down to do the will of God. Do not be in a hurry to act on doubtful questions. The devil comes quickly, loudly and in a rush—and is gone. The Holy Spirit slowly, gently and stays by and intreats.
Huckabay, Texas.

Devotional-Spiritual

GOD'S UNFAILING WATCHFULNESS.

A consciousness of God's hand in our blessings and comforts will have upon us two effects which at first glance seem antagonistic, but are really in perfect harmony. One effect is to make us humble. Who am I that God should be so good to me? Who am I, and what have I ever done, that the infinite God should bestow upon me this rare and beautiful gift? It is this humility of spirit that makes it possible for God to bestow still richer gifts upon us. There is an old beggar who solicits alms near the St. Juan Road, along which Queen Victoria sometimes drives. He is a queer old beggar, seated in a ramshackle wooden chariot drawn by two great dogs. This old beggar always races the Queen's carriage when it comes along. As soon as he sees her majesty coming, he rouses his dogs and waits. Immediately the two equipages, in such strange contrast, are level, the old man shouts to his team, and away they go at a mad pace down the hill, scaring the passers-by and raising clouds of dust. The Queen instructs her driver always to let the dogs win, and then the old beggar receives his allowance. It is his weakness, his humility, that wins for him. If one of the nobility should race with the Queen it would end with no such result. So we make headway before the mercy-seat, not by our pride, but by our humility. The most swift-winged angels that fly in God's train can not outrun the humblest soul that smites upon his breast and says: "God be merciful to me, a sinner." If we receive our blessings as a conscious mercy from God, we are humbled, but at the same time enriched.

The other effect is that when we are conscious that God has out of his great love comforted us and blessed us with some rich and wonderful joy, we are conscious at the same time of a new sense of dignity and honor. There is a kind of holy pride in being chosen as the child of God to receive this great honor. God gives dignity to his humblest children. Humility is always united with the noblest dignity. A gentleman tells how he was staying at the house of a family who had a child that had fallen out of a swing when it was four years old. It was a very curious case. The little creature was then twenty-three years of age, and yet his arms and legs and hands and feet were those of a child four years old, though the body had developed into manhood. One day he afflicted little creature looked up into his mother's face and said: "Ah, mother! I shall not trouble you you much longer!" "Trouble, darling, trouble! You are the light of our home! You are the joy of our household! Trouble! We are learning lessons of trust and faith and patience from you every day, my sweet one. When God takes you from us it will be a dark day for our home." "Yes," he said, "yes, mother; but I am so tired; and when I die I shall go to heaven. Jesus said, 'Suffer little children to come unto me,' and he meant crippled children, too, mother; and when I stand up with the angels I shall stand up straight." How many of God's crippled children, who have

been marred and impoverished and lamed by the cruel sorrows and misfortunes of life, by the unkindness and the bitterness of oppression from without, who has made, even in this world, through some sweet comfort of his love, some gift of divine consolation, to stand up straight in the sunlight with a new sense of honor and dignity!—From "The Lord's Arrows."

HONESTY WITH LIMITATION.

Some men are very punctilious in paying their debts—a virtue that is of high rank and commendable at all times. They are not content to see the year close unless their accounts are balanced, and they can begin the new year free from all indebtedness. At the same time many of these very men sit down at the table without asking a blessing or thanking God for all his gracious, loving kindness. They have no family altar where the children are brought together, and, on bended knee, express their gratitude for daily mercies. They live from year to year at the expense of God's great bounty, yet forget all about their obligations. If it is a virtue to be honest with men, is it not a greater virtue to be honest with God? When God is calling for laborers, they withhold their sons and daughters. When he pleads for money to enlarge the work, their ears are deaf to the divine entreaty. They have little thought for the house of God or for its ordinances. They tithe neither the mint, anise nor cummin, and leave undone all the weightier matters of the law. Life and health and prosperity, the love of home and the pleasant blessings of life, create an obligation which they never try to meet. To be honest with men and dishonest with God makes a doubtful combination. — United Presbyterian.

OUR HOLY CALLING.

God's greatest servants are generally called to fill, not the easy, but the difficult places. The place of danger and of trial is the post of honor. I heard of a father who was an officer in the Union Army, and whose son was a subaltern. He called his son; wrote out an order, and handed it to him, saying: "Deliver this to the general away down on the firing line." The young man placed the message under his belt, mounted his horse, and rode away. The enemy's bullets flew thick and fast while he made the dangerous ride. He drove the spurs into the flanks of his gallant steed, and went with iron nerve to deliver the message. The father stood and watched, and waited and wondered, while that strange conflict raged in his soul that must take place where the father and officer are one person, and the son and subaltern the other, and that son exposed to danger by the father's command.

At last the son rode back into his father's presence on his foam-covered steed, and dismounted. The father threw his arms about his boy's neck and said: "My son, I did not want you killed, but I had to send a man that I could trust." So God's bravest and best soldiers are in the hard places. It is comparatively easy to be the pastor of a wealthy and fashionable Church, with a large salary and great social advantages. Of course, such places have their own difficulties; but what are they compared with the trials and hardships and difficulties of the heroes away on the frontier and in our home mission fields in great cities? In such places are the heroes, and when the mists shall all have rolled from all the hills, and we shall see things as they are, it will be perfectly evident then, if it is not understood now, that the heroes and the heroines are often in obscure places.

I know not what God may ask you

to do. It is for you to say when he calls: "Here am I; send me." Ask no questions. Be ready to obey your marching orders. You may be called to a distant foreign field, to spend your life amid the gloom of heathenism, dispelling a little of the darkness as you hold forth to the people the Word of Life.

It may be that you will have no other call than in your place of obscurity. It may be that God will ask no more of you than that you shall gather in some little children, otherwise untaught and uncared for, and teach them in the Sunday-school.

It may be that your duties will not be outside of your own home, where there may be the aged ones to comfort, where there may be sorrows to assuage, and work to do, and trials to be borne, and sufferings to be endured, of which the world will never know. It may be to that young man in the gallery the first duty will appear to him to be to write a letter to his mother in the old home who prays for every night before she sleeps; for in her heart and in her thought he is yet her baby boy.

It may be that you will have no other call than in your place of business, as a business man, by your integrity and honor and uprightness in the business world, to preach the gospel by exerting a religious influence among those with whom you are associated.

It is not for us to choose our field of labor. It is for us to listen for the voice of God, and, when he calls, to say, "Here am I; send me."

Do not, then, stand idly waiting
For some greater work to do;
Fortune is a fickle goddess—
She may never come to you.
Go and toil in any vineyard,
Do not fear to do or dare;
If you want a field of labor
You can find it anywhere."

From "The Changeless Christ."

OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD.

Our affection for our friend is not shown by having confidence in him when all appearances are in his favor. We trust him when all suspect him. We vindicate him when he is caiminated. Can it be otherwise with our feeling and attitude to God? To be true to him when we never see him; through all the slow years to trust him strongly when his ways seem strange; to accept his will when it lies athwart our fondest wishes; to speak to him much in a long distress, though he seems only to listen, and hardly that, and never a hand is raised to help; to confide in him though it looks as if he were slaying us, and no explanation given of our pain—that is the noblest heroism of the soul. It brings out that which is the root of the highest character and experience. "The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace," said one man to another in a day of sore fatigue and loneliness. "Thank you, my friend, for your prayer," was the reply. "I hope I have learned always to think and speak kindly of him behind his back." They, indeed, have a great reward who can hold to him in loving constancy, though they see not the shining of his face. — William Watson, M. A.

AN ATMOSPHERE NEEDED.

Man needs an atmosphere if he is to reveal his greatness. The tree must have its atmosphere of sunlight and air and water and food, else it can not live. God is the atmosphere of man. Only in the presence of God, in closest intimacy with him, under the warm touch of his breath, does he come into his growth. And getting clear in his relation to God simplifies a man's contact with his fellows, and simplifies all of his thinking of life. Simplicity is seeing clearly what is essential and what is detail—non-essential, and being controlled accordingly. So man

rises up into the full mastery of himself through his utter dependence upon God.

But simple does not mean crude, nor rude, nor immature, nor lacking in culture. It means being controlled by the essentials, which themselves are always few and simple.

Here are found great traits of self-mastery. It is quiet and rhythmic; it is unhurried and simple.— Rev. S. D. Gordon.

THE DIVINE FATHERHOOD.

Just as it is human parentage that makes the perfect earthly home, so it is the Divine Fatherhood that makes heaven. Without that downward flowing parental love, and without that complementary upward love of children, the true home can not be—the best furnished and most populous house is empty of the home idea. And so would heaven be an empty vault without the presence and the grace of the Fatherhood that makes it what it is. What constitutes heaven is God; what constitutes God is love; and it is his love that makes God our Father. What we have here to note is that this Fatherhood has its worthy and beautiful environment in the heavenly order.—Rev. E. Griffith-Jones.

BUSINESS AND PIETY.

There is no necessary connection between devotion to business and forgetfulness of God. Attention to secular affairs will not make a man irreligious if his heart is where it ought to be. But if one's religion is only a veneer, these secularities will soon tear it off. They will soon reveal whether the religion is genuine or a mere pretense. One may be self-deceived as to the sincerity of one's profession; but if one's piety will stand the test of modern business methods and activities, it is a strong argument in favor of its genuineness. It is hard to go through the grind and vexations which are so closely associated with the industrial life of today without having the keen edge of religion dulled. The man of business should be a man of prayer. Samson may have to grind corn; but he can grind and gain strength, and though his eyes be sightless, he can lift them toward heaven and throw his strength against the pillars of evil and make them crumble. —United Presbyterian.

TOIL IS LIGHT.

It is not by seeking more fertile regions where toil is lighter—happier circumstances free from difficult complications and troublesome people—but by bringing the high courage of a devout soul, clear in principle and aim, to bear upon what is given to us, that we brighten our inward light, lead something of a true life, and introduce the kingdom of heaven into the midst of our earthly day. If we can not work out the will of God where God has placed us, then why has he placed us there?—T. H. Thomas.

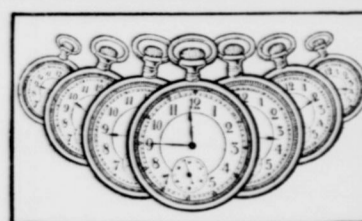
I declare that the joy of a perfect abiding love is the greatest this world contains; and yet, if you find not his love, naught will be lost of all you have done to deserve it; for this will go to deepen the peace of your heart, and render still truer and purer the calm of the rest of your days.—Maeterlinck.

OPPORTUNITY.

The youth who says, "There is no opportunity in my daily life for a noble deed," shows a distressing lack of observation, but does not prove his case. The records of heroism show that in every condition of life and under every conceivable kind of circumstance, the hero finds his opportunity and uses it. A noble soul is all that is necessary—but no complainer has that.

PLACING THE BLAME.

No one lets sin into our lives but ourselves. Our sin is never anyone's fault but our own. Sometimes



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it is hard to recognize this, and sometimes it is easy; but recognize it we must if we would ever hope to overcome sin. Every sin is a defeat, and defeat is possible in this warfare only through the aid of those within the garrison. There is not much credit to ourselves in this thought, for past defeat: there is a world of encouragement here for future victory, if we will put the keeping of the garrison into the hands of One whom sin has never conquered. But the first step toward such victory is to acknowledge the whole blame of every failure.—Ex.

Of Interest To Women.

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The Endowment of Southwestern University

Its Necessity and the Ways of Getting It.

By the Preachers of Texas

WHY ENDOW SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY?

A man may be endowed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with large mental powers and yet lack some of the elements of wide and permanent service to the world. John Fletcher was as spiritually minded as Wesley and he had a powerful and well trained mind, but he lacked that vigor of body and that power of organization and financial management that made Wesley the great servant of his day and ours. For a man to make a marked and enduring impression for good on the world it is necessary that he have this combination of powers.

What is true of men is also true of institutions founded by men. Southwestern University has from the first had the endowment of the divine Spirit and has been blessed with consecrated men of large mental powers, as can be seen by her fruits. But in order that she may make a larger and more enduring impression on our age and on the ages to come it is necessary that she be endowed with great financial ability. The body of Christ—the Church—is composed of many members of various gifts. All of these gifts should be consecrated to Christ in order that he may have the pre-eminence in all things. If we will lay on the altar of the Southwestern University the diversity of gifts with which God has endowed the membership of our Church in Texas, there is no danger that Christ will have to forfeit his pre-eminence in any sphere of endeavor in our great State. We have consecrated, spiritually minded professors, we have eager and inquiring youth waiting to be taught; let us pour in the proper means for equipment and endowment, then will our Southwestern University have her proper pre-eminence at the head of our system of education and Christ will be more truly pre-eminent in the whole sphere of our lives.

J. KILGORE.

ENDOWMENT.

The request that I contribute to the symposium has recalled to my mind the following from "Personal and Ideal Elements in Education," by Dr. King, President of Oberlin College:

"No age ever believed more than our own in education, in the ethical, in life. No age ever demanded more imperiously the best that education, ethical living and the richest experiences of life can give. And the truest thinking of our time indicates that into this best no age and no man may come without religion. We cannot dispense with religion. It is absolutely fundamental."

This is the conviction of our Church. And it follows that we must provide for the life-molding of our immortal sons and daughters in Christian institutions of learning and by men of whose Christian character there can be no doubt. Religion may not be dispensed with during the school years of the young life of our Church. At the same time the Church must not put its members in a position where loyalty to its institutions will be in conflict with the interests of their own children. Our people can see through shams and pretenses. All are agreed that Southwestern has made noble contributions to the development of our Church in Texas. But the good is sometimes the enemy of the best. We have not the best; and the best in faculty and equipment can be secured only as in the great universities—through endowment.

As to how this is to be secured there may be difference of opinion. While some preachers are able to lead the van, the majority are not. The main of the money has to come from the wealthy laymen of the Church. I can suggest no better way than is being pursued—pastors preparing the way for the Commissioners by earnest preaching and direct personal work. Methodism has magnificent resources in this State. Surely it can be turned into right channels. Endowments, however, have not been secured in a year. They have been the fruit of decades of planning, persuading and plodding. Have we not reason to be encouraged? The work of the last few months has not been in vain. In money secured and in inspiration gathered the efforts of our preachers and Commissioners have been successful.

The history of the proceedings of the convention for forming the Constitution of the United States in 1789 records that on the back of the President's arm chair there was emblazoned a half sun brilliant with gilded rays. At the close of the session as the meeting was breaking up and the Chairman rose from his seat, Franklin pointed to the back of the chair and made it

the text for a prophecy: "As I have been sitting here I have often wondered whether yonder sun was rising or setting; but now I know that it is a rising sun." Those of us who were privileged to attend the meeting of the Board of Trustees last June and have kept in touch with the advance movement then initiated, know that the Sun of Southwestern is rising and will reach its meridian.

THOMAS GREGORY.

ENDOW SOUTHWESTERN.

Why?

1. By common consent Southwestern is the central institution of our educational work in Texas and should represent the highest scholarship and the broadest culture. Eliminate the Preparatory Department and enlarge the higher. This cannot be done without sufficient endowment.
2. Make it as easy for our young people to attend Southwestern as any college or university in the State and her halls will be filled with the best young people of the State.
3. We are sufficiently able.
4. There is every reason why it should be done and not one why it should not.
5. Where every reason demands the doing of a thing, failure is guilt.

How?

It will never be done until the pastors in Texas get it upon their hearts and intelligently lay it upon the consciences of our people.

It is all right to secure special donations through special means, but when success is reached, it will be largely due to the loyalty and faithfulness of the pastors and members of our Church. A contribution from every member should be our motto.

Let the whole Church move; everybody get busy and success will be assured.

T. B. HILBURN.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

May the good Lord give us an endowment fund as far as possible of the people for the people and by the people. If one thousand people pay one dollar each to the endowment fund would it not at least approximately create one thousand times more interest in the people at large than if only one man paid the one thousand? Would it not be as a small seed planted by each in the garden of God? Would it not tend to draw and rivet the interest and constant attention of each donor? If you wish your child to take real interest in the garden just influence it to plant a few seeds of the different kinds of vegetables. Its attention and interest will be attracted and centered there and it will naturally take a living interest in cultivating the plants and destroying vermin and all enemies to the crop. If you want a farmer to make the best citizen "tie him to the soil," let him own the farm. If you want a Southern Methodist to make the best friend to our educational interests tie him through the endowment fund to our Southwestern University. Give "the masses" a chance. Don't slight the common people. There are many noble souls among them—among the "one-horse farmers" and their peers. Millionaires are not always the best people or Christians. They can build schools and churches quicker, easier—but do they build the best? Who are the best taxpayers? "The more well-to-do homes the more stable the government." Let as many as will take part. Give every Methodist in Texas a chance to show his or her colors. Even give the "two-bit man" and the good "two mites" woman a chance. "Many mickles make a muckle." Let us all continue to pull and work together and we will have one among the best schools in the South.

C. C. GIBBS, Layman.

THE ENDOWMENT.

Our great Church could no more run the machinery of Methodism in Texas without our central institution, the Southwestern University, than a great railroad company could run its engines and cars without the general building and repair shops. In order to have the benefit of the latest improvement—an up-to-date equipment—and thus meet the demands of this grand and awful age, or do something worthy of this great corporation of high heaven, of course an endowment is absolutely necessary. This will, doubtless, be conceded by every intelligent Christian and every deeply thoughtful man.

We can't run the Methodist machinery without the university. We can't rightly run the university without the endowment. So much for the necessity of it.

"The ways of getting it?" Keep this crying need before our people

until every Methodist preacher and wide-awake layman determines to get the endowment, by praying and saying and paying as much as practicable for this one thing. Then it shall come and come running.

JNO. E. GREEN.

THE ENDOWMENT.

I have received the request for suggestions as to why Southwestern University should be liberally endowed, and how that endowment can be secured. After mature reflection I must confess that I can give no reason for the endowment of that great institution that has not already been given by more than one of the brethren; nor can I see how the methods being used by President Hyer, Commissioners Harless and Mood, Dr. Harrison and others, can be improved upon. They are safe leaders and I have no doubt about the success of their efforts. I am very sure of two things:

1. Southwestern ought to be endowed.
2. I am ready to do my utmost to help those in charge bring it about.

THOMAS H. MORRIS.

Tyler, Texas.

THE ENDOWMENT FUND REACHES SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND.

Mr. S. F. Carter, of Houston, joins the One Hundred Thousand Dollar Club. Bro. Carter is one of Houston's prominent bankers and lumbermen. He is a member of Shearn Church and a trustee of Southwestern. The University acknowledges with thanks his gift of \$1000.

Prof. F. E. Burcham, head of the Fitting School at Georgetown, joins the Harrison Club. He became one of the long line of Southwestern's teachers who have stood so nobly by the university. The Southwestern acknowledges his gift with thanks.

Commissioner Harless announces that two friends of the University, whose names at their request are withheld, each give \$1000 to the endowment fund. For this liberality they have the sincere thanks of the University.

Dr. W. H. McCullough, of Waco, gives \$1000 and makes the seventy-sixth member of our One Hundred Thousand Dollar Club. Of him Rev. J. Sam Boreus, who sends in his name, writes: "He is one of Waco's most substantial business men, an active member of Austin Avenue Church, a graduate of Southwestern University and one of God's noblemen. He is the second member of his family to join the club."

Mr. J. S. Jones and his good wife join the One Hundred Thousand Dollar Club. This is the seventy-seventh thousand secured. Bro. and Sister Jones reside at Tyler and are members of our Church. The love the Southwestern and show their faith by their works.

FORWARD MOVEMENT IN DALLAS.

Dallas Methodism has had two great days in the past week. The formal opening of the Southwestern University Medical College took place last Friday evening. Notwithstanding the downpour of rain which lasted throughout the day a good sized audience assembled in the college building. Dr. J. O. McReynolds, Dean of the college, presided and added to the delight of the occasion by many bright remarks. Addresses were delivered by Rev. W. D. Bradford, Judge M. M. Brooks, President R. S. Hyer and Dr. G. C. Rankin. Mrs. Cassidy presided at the piano and Mrs. Beverly Wortham delighted the audience with her singing.

The visitors and friends of the institution were shown through the college building by a committee of physicians, with Dr. Marchman as Chairman. The occasion was delightful. The students were enthusiastic and all went to their homes assured of the best year's work in the history of our Medical College.

The formal opening of the college and the tireless work of Commissioners Harless and Mood made splendid preparation for Bishop Candler and Bishop Ward, who spent Sunday in the Dallas Churches in the interest of the college. The Dallas Churches were asked for \$3000 on the college debt and responded satisfactorily. The amount was secured. Bishop Candler preached at Grace Church in the morning and at First Church in the evening. Bishop Ward preached at Trinity in the morning and at St. Mark's (Oak Cliff) in the evening. The daily papers did themselves proud in giving several columns to the messages of the Church's honored Bishops. Dallas Methodism was charmed with the visit of these chief pastors.

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Last Sunday was a great day for the people called Methodist in and near Retrop. It was the time selected for the dedication of the church at that place. Bro. C. E. Roberts, our former presiding elder, came over from Granite and preached to the delight and satisfaction of all and then lifted the indelicacy on the church. The sermon was truly a great one. Tears of joy flowed from many eyes as he talked of heaven, the home of the good. I am sure many felt inclined to live a better life.—M. C. Ellis, Oct. 1.

THE DEVIL UNMASKED.

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Quitman, Texas, Sept. 30, 1907.
Dr. Alderson, Sherman, Texas:

Dear Sir: With reference to the operation of the Baskin-McGregor law in this county since local option was defeated, on the 31st day of last August, will state that there have been two (wholesale) liquor shops opened in Mincola, with prospects of some half a dozen more in same town. Perhaps the wholesale feature of the law has escaped your attention. It seems to have escaped the attention of a majority of the members of the Legislature, else such a travesty on regulation of the saloon would have never become a law. Under the first paragraph of the law, as you will observe, the occupation tax for the sale of liquor in quantities of one gallon or more is placed at \$375. "Provided that in selling one gallon, the same may be made of different liquors in unbroken packages, aggregating not less than one gallon." Now this is the last time that this phase of the law is mentioned. No bond is required. No "character" is required. No restrictions of any kind thrown around such a saloon. This is a new situation in Texas. What is there in this much boasted new law to prevent minors from going in and staying in such "wholesale" saloons? What is there to prevent lewd women from going into and remaining in such saloons? What is there to prevent owners of such places from putting up blinds at his door, putting in domino, pool and billiard tables, his negroes and fiddles, or other music? What is there to prevent a man from buying a gallon of beer on ice in bottles, and sitting down at a domino table, behind a blind, under an electric fan with his companions, either male or female, or both, while the aforesaid negroes regale him with rag-time music? All these things may be done under the provisions of the new Baskin-McGregor law. And rulings from the Attorney General's Department of this State bear me out. This is only one of the defects latent and patent that exist in this new Baskin-McGregor law. Immediately after the result was declared in this county, quite a number of ex-saloon men and erstwhile bootleggers applied to the County Court for license as retail liquor dealers, but recently, and before the hearing of their application for retail license under the provisions of the new law, they discovered the wonderful possibilities under the wholesale provision, for wholesale prostitution and debauchery, and are withdrawing their applications for retail license and opening up, without decree or bond, these wholesale grogshops and joints, and we are powerless to prevent it. Have your attorney to investigate this proposition and see if he does not corroborate me.

ANDREW J. BRETTON,
County Attorney for Wood County, Texas.

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THE PRIDGAL SON AGAIN.

The prodigal son—who was he, and who was the older son?

Because these questions have appeared in the Advocate recently from the pens of several, I desire to say, if permitted to do so: That both the sons were present when this parable was uttered.

The name of the younger son was publicans and sinners, and the name of the older was Pharisees and scribes.

With many well wishes for you and the Advocate and its many readers, I will not ask for more space.

LEVI McCOLLUM,
McCaulley, Texas.

THE PRESIDING ELDERSHIP.

There are two questions before our Methodism that are of vital importance. They are, or soon will become, burning issues. One is a complete change in the presiding eldership; the other is a modification of the episcopacy. The spirit of the times has changed, the conditions are entirely different from what they were when the polity of our Church was formed, and hence there has arisen a demand for several changes in our Church government. As a Church will be wise to see the situation and meet the issues with wisdom and promptness?

I yield to no man in loyalty to his Church. I believe I love my Church as well as any man in it with no more capacity, and for that very reason I cannot hold my peace. I write in the fear of God and with the sincere desire to help to make our great Church still more efficient.

This first article will be devoted to the question of the presiding eldership. That the presiding eldership has largely lost its power for usefulness is generally accepted without challenge. There are several reasons for this. First of all, the times have

changed. For a pioneer Church, perhaps, there was never a better form of government than ours. With a newly settled country, uneducated ministers, little education among the people, settlements far apart, ministerial help in meetings hard to obtain, the presiding elder held an important place and was a power for good. All is now changed. Our people are educated, our ministers are educated, towns and cities abound, the rural districts are thickly settled. We live altogether in a different age and with the passing of the old conditions the need that called for the presiding elder has passed away also. How much influence has the average presiding elder in a large city or well organized town Church? Almost none. I know that in many charges he is looked upon as a necessary burden, very expensive, and one that must be carried because there is no help for it. Many beloveds will not believe this, but it is because they have been beloveds so long they have become color-blind on the subject and do not know the real sentiment of the people. But it is true all the same.

Again, the minutes of the Church show that we have 300 presiding elders, receiving an average salary of \$2000. That is \$600,000. We know also that we are very short on ministerial supply. In every conference in the connection local preachers have to be used to supply many charges. Put these beloveds on charges, and you largely solve the problem at once. Then take that money and use it for missions, both home and foreign. What an impetus our work would receive!

But look at the question from another standpoint: The Texas Conference, for example, is raising this year \$10,000 for domestic missions. But for the fact that the presiding elder has to be paid, many of these charges that receive help would be self-supporting and the money appropriated by the board to said charges could then be used to open up new territory. At our last District Conference this writer was on the Committee on Missions. Several of the preachers came before the committee and reported new territory that ought to be occupied. The people are without the gospel. Other Churches are going in and taking the ground from us. These cases will be reported to the Conference Board of Missions, but the reply will be that it takes all the money the board can raise to meet present demands. Now, I submit that there is very little business sense, to say nothing of religion, in such a program. Will the next General Conference face this question and give us relief? Not if the conference is made up of presiding elders, as it largely has been in the past.

There is one argument still urged in favor of the present regime. It is said that the presiding elder is needed in the rural districts and to guide and help the young preachers and preachers of small ability. Look at this picture: A small country Church, ten miles from the railroad. Quarterly Conference to be held Thursday; presiding elder comes down on the train Thursday morning, gets a conveyance (or has the pastor to send for him), goes out to the appointment, preaches a sermon that he has preached a hundred times, holds the conference, gets his pro rata, goes back to the station that afternoon and is seen no more in three months. That is a living picture given to me by a young preacher not many moons ago, and that thing is transpiring all over our Church every week. What influence has that presiding elder in that charge, and how much help does that young preacher get from him? To ask the question is to answer it. I know one charge where the presiding elder has preached one sermon in nine months. He has held the conferences in the week, received his money and gone on his way.

Will we learn a lesson from our Methodist brethren in Canada, England and Australia? The District Chairman is the solution. Let him be assigned to a regular charge. During the year he can visit the charges in his district, confer with the preachers and the Churches, get all the facts necessary to help make the appointments. The Churches will pay his traveling expenses, and do it gladly. If I mistake not, the Presbyterian Church has an arrangement much like this in the moderator. He presides over the presbytery, visits during the year the weak Churches and assists in many ways the work within the bounds of his district. It is an excellent plan. Some such plan we need as a Church to take the place of our present law concerning the office of presiding elder. May the great Head of the Church direct us and lead us in the right way!

I. F. BETTS.

Bryan, Texas.

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Notes From the Field

Waco.

I am here in Elm Street with Rev. P. M. Riley. We began Friday night. Several have already been converted and a fine interest in the Church. We are expecting great things; 12 or 15 professions yesterday and last night.—W. H. Brown, Sept. 30.

Cloudfchief, Okla.

We are rounding out for conference in good shape. (Collections all up, Bishop). The best we could keep trace of our work, we have had 125 conversions; 78 additions; with 1 meeting to be held yet. A Brother Hines, from Texas, visited in our charge this summer and held a good meeting with great results. We would be glad to have him come again. The Lord has greatly blessed our labors at every appointment, for which we are glad. We will soon be ready to turn over one of the best circuits to the conference and the next man in the Oklahoma Conference. Everything full and running over.—J. M. Holt, Sept. 30.

Dexter Mission.

We have finished our round of meetings. We have already told you of our first meeting, which was at Black Jack school house, where we had 17 conversions and 10 additions to the Church. Our meeting at Walnut Bend was a good one; 11 or 12 converted and 13 joined the Church. In these two meetings no other preacher was present to help us. I therefore had to do all the preaching myself, but of course it was well done. From the Bend we went to Liberty Hill—another school house—where we have just organized this year. Bro. Stafford started the meeting off in good style by the third Quarterly Conference Saturday and Sunday. Then Bro. Ratliff, who is a splendid young preacher from Montague, now in school at the Polytechnic, fired in with us for a week. There were 18 conversions and 15 accessions. When one remembers that we had only eight Methodists at the beginning in the community, I think we very nearly multiplied the membership by three in one protracted meeting. At Dexter we first helped the Baptist people for ten

days through their meeting. Then held a week ourselves, with dear old Bro. Reynolds, of Sherman, helping us. He did most of the preaching and showed wonderful strength for a man of his age. As a result of the two meetings we received 20 into the Methodist Church. Last, we ran ten days at Mt. Gilead, where we are moving and rebuilding a church. We had help from Bro. Wilson, a local preacher of the Indian Mission Conference, and Bro. Dallas Lewter, the only local preacher we have on this charge. Everybody enjoyed the presence and labors of these servants of God, and especially did they rejoice that Bro. Lewter was physically able to lead one service. We had 27 professions and 24 accessions. Shouting and praising God was often heard at every one of these meetings over the circuit. The conversions were of the old-time kind. We have received just 100 into the Church, including those received by certificate since taking charge last December. We are thankful and are enjoying a healthy growth on Dexter Mission.—Jas. O. Davis.

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Mathis.

This is a large work, composed of a part of four counties, with 8 appointments on the circuit. This is a fine country. People are coming in fast and the work has a brighter outlook than ever before. We have held six protracted meetings so far. We have been ably assisted by Bros. Morris, Birdwell, Govett, Beall and Ellis. We have had some 40 additions to the Church; have built one new church at Sandia and preached in it yesterday for the first time. Have celled it, put in acetylene lights and bought a new organ for our church at Mathis. At Skidmore we have fenced the church, bought a new organ and have money for a bell. We have organized two Home Mission Societies and they are busy at work. The man who follows me on this circuit will have plenty of room to spread himself. We are doing our best to get everything in full by conference.—I. B. Gordon, Sept. 30.

Emory Circuit.

Our revivals on this charge have all been held. With the exception of one they were all a grand success. We began at Point with H. J. Hayes for our help there. He did some fine preaching and we had a grand meeting. Six additions to the Church. Our next meeting was at Ford Chapel, with no conversions nor accessions to the Church. Next at Sabine with Marvin Fuller for our help. We had three additions to the Church, with more to follow. Look out for Fuller, for he is coming. His preaching takes hold of the people. Next we went to Wootley, where this scribe did the most of the preaching. The exact number of conversions are not known, but we received 11 into the Church. The best was kept for the last; for six months we had planned and worked for our revival at Emory, which was to have been conducted by Rev. D. L. Coale, but he never came. We felt like we were almost ruined when Bro. Coale failed to come, but instead of a Coale God sent us a fire. When Rev. W. J. Holder came to our rescue he made this people think as never before. He is brim-full of the theology of Christ and tells it in such plain words that the children can understand it, and yet with such power that it makes all who hear him quake and tremble. No one can do better than to have W. J. Holder, of Lone Oak, for help in a revival. The result of this meeting was wonderful. Such has not been seen in our town before in years. We received 18 into the Church and the Church is greatly revived, and this good people never forget their preacher. On Monday evening after the close of this revival and as the dark shadows began to steal over the land and we sat meditating over our wonderful meeting, a delivery wagon stopped at our front gate and began to unload its burden. We watched the performance with joy, but stood spell bound until it was over and then turning to the gallery—behold! there was the fat of the land. Good things to eat too numerous to mention. (While our bodies feast on these good things may the souls of this good people feast on the bread of life). But they did not stop at that. Early next morning some good women came to the parsonage with money to buy their preacher a new suit of clothes. While we live over here in the land of smallpox and cyclones our people do not become discouraged, but continue to look up. We hope in the near future to see Emory a full station and Point to a half station. Happy will be the preacher that serves this good people another year.—J. L. Ross, Sept. 30.

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Bryson.

Our second protracted meeting at this place for this year closed the third Sunday in September. The spiritual condition of the community was not what it was three months ago. Water salivation and Immersion had been preached and "nagged in" so much that the entire community had nearly backslid. Bro. Forester, of Jacksonville, assisted our pastor, Bro. Overstreet, in the meeting. Bro. Forester is a good, faithful, earnest and zealous preacher. The Church was much benefited, and built up under his preaching. The last Sunday of the meeting Bro. Overstreet preached two sermons on "The Mode and Design of Baptism." It raised the "ire" of our "deep water brethren," but has certainly planted Methodism on a firmer footing. At the close of the month Sunday at eleven o'clock an infant was baptized and the close of the next service one young lady was received into the Church. This has been a great year for Bryson, spiritually. Bro and Sister Overstreet are greatly loved by their people.—Ben L. McCloud.

Goldthwaite.

We have just closed at this place the greatest meeting in our history. The meeting, resulting in about seventy additions to the Methodist Church, about forty to the Baptist Church and several to the other Churches of the town. The meeting was begun August 22 by our Presbyterian brethren, who continued one week. Rev. Mr. Moore, of Hillsboro, doing the preaching. At the end of that time Mr. Moore turned the meeting over to me, and I invited the Christian people of all classes to join us in a meeting for the salvation of the town. The people readily responded to the proposition with a unanimity that brought a mighty victory, and the people are rejoicing over the glorious results. Rev. W. A. Goodpasture, of West Virginia, attended the meeting, and was ably assisted by the other preachers of the town and some visiting brethren. Brother Goodpasture is a great success in a meeting, and I think any preacher fortunate who secures his help. The long sickness, and final death of my wife has greatly handicapped me in my work this year, but in the midst of it all God has been with us. My people have been kind to us, far beyond my deserts. May God greatly reward them. My year among the Texans has greatly endeared them to me, and in the providence of God I expect to spend my days among them.—J. S. Bowles, Sept. 30.

Griff.

As the fourth Quarterly Conference for the Menardville Circuit was held at Griff, September 28, 29, we write to say it was not our pleasure for our pastor, Bro. Thurman, to be present on account of his health. He has been confined to his bed for several months. Our beloved presiding elder, Bro. Will T. Renfro, was on hand. He preached five great and good soul-stirring sermons. The attendance was very good and we praise the Lord for such consecrated men and women. He says, "I delight in preaching the gospel and never think my task a hard one." For one among several others I have been benefited beyond measure by the good sermons he gave us, impressing on the hearts and minds of the people the need of labor for their Master, who has done so much for us. Griff has paid the preacher's salary in full this year, as usual, and we can say for our pastor we never knew a more consecrated man—one who stands firm and steadfast for right, who has said more than once, "I have given my heart and life to God; his will be done, and not mine." We never had a pastor who did his duty any better according to his surroundings than he. Griff is a small place, but a fine opening for a large membership.—Mrs. Sylvia Skelton Snow.

Talpa.

Our revival campaign is over. While some of our meetings have been barren of results, four of them have been very successful. We have had the old-time type of revival, deep conviction, thorough repentance and powerful conversions. In the meeting at Elk, Rev. W. Fox, of Comanche station, did most of the preaching. He did us excellent work and the people were delighted with him. His preaching was up to highwater mark. In our meeting at Talpa we were assisted by Rev. A. P. Lowrey and wife, of Ft. Worth. The people say Talpa was dug up as never before. We had a really great meeting at this point; something like our best professional conversion. Our meetings at Newwood and Spring Creek were also very successful. In all we've had something like two hundred professions on the charge, and about one hundred and thirty-five additions to the Church. In all these meetings the Rev. Charles McNeely, our young preacher of Comanche, rendered excellent service in the singing and in personal work. I would not forget to mention that the Church at Valera has built a nice church house which is almost paid for. In a word, we've had a most delightful year. I see an excellent people, and have great hopes for the future. At our last conference, when Talpa was called, we hope to answer everything in full.—T. W. Ellis, Sept. 29.

Pearl Circuit.

The meetings on Pearl charge have all been held. The Holy Ghost has graciously rested upon us and success has crowned our efforts in every battle. We had outside help in one meeting. Bro. Charley Brown helped us at Pidooske. This in many respects was a great meeting. There were some fifty families camped on the ground. We had six services a day. The singing was led by Rev. S. P. Gilmore, of Congress Cove, and it was fine. Bro. Brown did the best preaching some of the people say they ever heard, and the results will never be fully known till the judgment. The conversions could not be counted, but in the way there were some remarkable demonstrations. Bro. Brown took up a collection for the superannuated homes and got some one hundred and fifty dollars. The last afternoon we received fifteen into the Church. The pastor has here a strong helper in the person of his local preacher, Bro. J. W. Shook. At his home Church where he has preached for which we rely. Have held one meeting, three of which have been pre-arranged. On the third Sunday night in July I began my meeting at Oak Grove, my weakest country appointment. Here I did the preaching save three sermons by young Bro. Jackson, of Commerce. The Lord was with us in great power. We continued to spend for quite a number of conversions and thirteen additions to the Church. In this meeting we had the old time great meetings and many shouts were heard. It was a great uplift to the Church, and was far-reaching in the community. From there we went to Stringtown. Here I had no help except the Lord was with me; and we were forced to lead in prayer or do personal work, and after seven days of the hardest work of our lives, we closed with three conversions. On Friday night before the third Sunday in August we began at Cash. Bro. Aston, of Commerce Station, came to our assistance, but on Wednesday the rain came and we were forced to suspend for the time being. 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The Home Circle

A CRADLE SONG.

(Many mothers lull their little ones with the first verse of the following poem, without knowing that the whole is one of the most beautiful Christmas hymns, and contains a lesson which will last through life, if it be sung repeatedly into the infant ear:)

Hush! my dear, be still and slumber;
Holy angels guard thy bed!
Heavenly blessings without number
Gently falling on thy head.

Sleep, my babe; thy food and raiment,
House and home, thy friends provide,
All without thy care or payment
All thy wants are well supplied.

How much better thou'rt attended
Than the Son of God could be,
When from heaven He descended,
And became a child like thee!

Soft and easy is thy cradle;
Coarse and hard thy Saviour lay;
When His birthplace was a stable,
And His softest bed was hay.

See the kindly shepherds round Him,
Telling wonders from the sky!
Where they sought Him, there they
found Him,
With His Virgin mother by.

See the lovely Babe a-dressing;
Lovely Infant how He smiled!
When He wept, the mother's blessing
Soothed and hush'd the holy Child.

Lo, He slumbers in His manger,
Where the horned oxen fed;
Peace, my darling; here's no danger!
Here's no ox a-near thy bed!

May'st thou live to know and fear
Him,
Trust and love Him all thy days;
Then go dwell forever near Him;
See His face, and sing His praise.

I could give thee thousand kisses,
Hoping what I most desire;
Not a mother's fondest wishes
Can to greater joys aspire.
—(Isaac Watts.)

A HOOLIGAN TRAIT.

Who knows what it is about "best clothes" that appeals to the rowdy element of humankind as ludicrously funny? For want of a good local synonym, we have had to adopt the British term Hooligan to describe a part of our population which is waxing greater every year. And nothing seems to bring out Hooliganism in people of a certain class quicker than the sight of a respectable citizen "dressed for an occasion." Women who have been presented at the Court of St. James remember with horror the long wait as their carriages moved at snail's pace in the line approaching the palace, and Hooligans of every age and both sexes poked jeering faces close to the carriage windows, and passed brutal comments on the beplumed, bejeweled occupants. If there is any envy in the Hooligan mind, it is never expressed; rather are the poor women in court costume, the poor flunkies in their gorgeous liveries, made to feel the ignominy of their dressed-up condition.

In our cities we see the same spirit manifested. For example: A young woman who wore her dainty spring finery to a formal luncheon, found herself obliged to return home in the rain. She was making the best of the necessity, and with borrowed umbrella to protect her pretty hat, and her light skirt gathered up out of the wet, was standing on a corner waiting for her car. On an opposite corner were a party of female Hooligans who also had been caught in the unexpected rain; they carried their hats in newspapers, and seemed undisturbed about the rest of their attire. But the moment they sighted the young woman across the way, they began to "guffaw" with uncontrollable mirth. "Gee! see her swell petticoat," they shrieked. "Get onto her patent leather shoes—woosies—ain't it a shame to get 'em wet!"—and so on, until the poor young woman was almost in tears of mortification.

Now, the rudimentary sense of humor, we know, is excited chiefly by some one else's discomfort, and the Hooligan will try to cause such discomfort, if he fails to find it provided by Providence. It is his declaration of independence—the way he establishes, to his own satisfaction, that he is "as good as the next one." The Hooligan has but one ready measure of a man—his appearance as comprehended in his clothes. When the "next one" is dressed up, and the Hooligan is not, the Hooligan resents the implication he feels in the contrast, and tries to level matters by making "the next one" ridiculous. This is the Hooligan idea of all men

being "free and equal"—equal to the lowest.

If the Hooligan had any standard above clothes, he would not hate the best clothes of the stranger who passes him quietly bent upon some excursion into the world where best clothes are a required courtesy. If he had any real superiority in himself, he would be of a mind toward finery like that mind toward elegance which enabled the great spiritual philosopher to eat from gold plates as if they were wood, and from wooden plates as if they were gold. But, of course, the Hooligan has none of this superiority.

Yet, in a way, he is kinder than many who are more courteous. Toward discomfort he may be brutal, but to misery he is most compassionate. If you were starving and shelterless in a great city, the Hooligan would be far likelier than most wearers of broadcloth and fine linen to take you in, and make you welcome to his little all. It is only your prosperity he can't stand—your evidence of festivity; your woe would find him very pitiful. This isn't quite as it should be; there is a lack of the truest magnanimity in the nature that can not be tender until it can deign in pity. But are we not all, or nearly all, blame-worthy for this in some degree? It may not be good clothes which excite our mean spirit; it may be too-good-repute, like that of Aristides the Just, that makes us exult—very, very secretly, under our veil of unvarying good manners—when some one we've envied comes within the range of our benevolent sympathy. This is the Hooligan strain which is left in us and which helps us to understand some of the cruder manifestations of that same strain when we see them on the street corners.—Interior.

MIRTH AND MEDICINE.

I know of nothing else equal to a cheerful and even mirthful conversation for restoring the tone of mind and body, when both have been overdone. Some great and good men, on whom very heavy cares and toils have been laid, manifest a constitutional tendency to relax into mirth when their work is over. Narrow minds denounce the incongruity; large hearts own God's goodness in the fact and rejoice in the wise provision made for prolonging useful lives. Mirth, after exhaustive toil, is one of nature's instinctive efforts to heal the part which has been racked or bruised.

You cannot too sternly reprobate a frivolous life; but if the life be earnest for God or man, with here and there a layer of mirthfulness protruding, a soft bedding to receive heavy cares, which otherwise would crush the spirit, to snarl against the sports of mirth may be the easy and useless occupation of a small man, who cannot take in at one view the whole circumference of a large one.—Arnott.

AN ADVENTURE.

Mother and I had decided to open our summer house at Wallaquissett during my Easter vacation. The house needed its annual cleaning, and there would be no other opportunity before May 30, when we wanted to have a house-party at the farm. Just before we were ready to start, my cousin Belle ran over to protest again our going.

"It isn't safe, auntie, for you two unprotected women to go to that forsaken place so early in the season. If anything should happen to you, there would not be a soul within half a mile to give you any assistance. I wish you would not go!"

"Why, Belle," laughed my mother, "what could possibly happen to us at Wallaquissett? There are no bears, wolves nor wild Indians anywhere in Rhode Island now."

"But there might be tramps or drunken men," suggested Belle as we started.

Our summer home had been a deserted farmhouse, and stood, as Belle had said, half a mile from the nearest neighbor at this time of the year. In summer the old Smith place, near us, was occupied by people whom we knew, and there were plenty of campers in the woods beyond. But in spite of our isolation, mother and I were not at all afraid, and only hoped for warm and pleasant weather during our early outing. It seemed that this wish was not to be gratified, for the clouds gathered while we were on the train, and by the time we had reached Wallaquissett, a strong cold wind was blowing from the east.

Just after we arrived at the house we heard sleet upon the windows, and we were glad to find plenty of dry wood in the wood-shed. We soon had a bright fire glowing on the hearth of the living room. As we were hungry after our long ride, we opened the

basket brought from home, and prepared our supper as quickly as possible.

"Now, mother," said I when supper was over, "you make yourself comfortable in the sitting-room, while I whisk these dishes off. I'll be with you before you have taken forty winks."

She had hardly left the room before I heard what sounded like a knock upon the window. I jumped, and said to myself: "Why, how that window rattles! It sounded almost like some one giving three taps on the pane." I passed on into the pantry, and back again, two or three times, when the knock came again in three distinct taps.

"Mother," said I, rushing into the sitting-room, "some one is knocking on our window."

"Oh nonsense," she answered, "the wind is rattling the blind, and Belle's unnecessary suggestions have made you timid. Who could be out there in this storm?"

"I don't know," said I, "but I have heard it twice, and I wish you would come out."

So to satisfy me, though still doubting, she came into the living-room, and walked toward the window. Just then the three taps came again.

"Who is there?" said mother in a loud voice. No answer. "What is wanted?" she asked again, but still there was no answer. Then she pulled the shade down, and motioned to me to go back into the sitting-room.

"The doors are all locked," she said, "so no one can get in."

We listened for a while, but could hear no footsteps nor voices.

"Oh, mother," I cried at last, "we shall not sleep a wink to-night unless we know who is out there. We must open the door, and find out."

So I resolutely took the lamp in my hand, marched to the door, and unlocked it. Then I flung the door wide open, and called out: "What do you want?" No answer came from the

inky darkness, and a wild gust of wind nearly extinguished my light, so I was forced to turn back. Then I went to the window, and raised the shade, but could see no one outside. Finally I raised the window, and in came—a kingbird! Poor fellow, he had made his northern migration too early, and now was nearly numb from the cold and exposure. He had been attracted by the light of our hearth-fire, and wanted to share its warmth! Flying to a portiere pole, he alighted and began to dress his feathers.

"Well, sir!" said mother, "you have given us a good fright, but you are welcome to spend the night here if you wish." So we went back to the sitting-room.

Before going up to bed we looked in, to see how our unexpected guest was faring, and found him comfortably settled upon the couch in the folds of the afghan.

"Poor little traveler, he must be hungry and thirsty," said I. "What can we find for him to eat? There are no flies in the house, I am afraid."

I rummaged around in the pantry for a while where the most promising thing I could find for a bird's bill of fare proved to be some pearl barley; so I scattered a handful of this on the floor, and set down a saucer of water before going up-stairs.

In the morning we opened the east porch door, supposing the kingbird was now ready to go; but he seemed to have no intention of leaving such comfortable quarters, and remained with us quite comfortably all the morning. By afternoon the storm was over, and the sun shone out bright and warm. Mother and I thought we would take a little walk out to the orchard, and we left the west door open while we went. When we came back, the kingbird was gone.

"Well," said I, "we have had a visit not from a tramp, but from a king. Shall we tell Belle?"

"Oh, yes," said mother, "it is too good a story to keep, even if she does interrupt in the middle of it to say, 'told you so.'"—Sabbath Recorder.

COMPROMISES IN MARRIED LIFE.

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NOTES OF TRAVEL.

On the morning of July the 30th, in company with my wife, the writer left home over the Fort Worth and Denver road for Los Angeles, California. A broken baggage car, and a crippled engine forced a lay-over of about twenty hours at Pueblo. I shall not attempt to describe the superb scenery on the way to Glenwood Springs from Pueblo. It is sufficient to say, the railroad follows along up the Arkansas River, through a fertile valley laden with alfalfa, grain, fruits and beautiful residences nestled down in the midst of shade trees and flowers. The evidences of thrift are on every hand. The ascent up the Rockies now begins. Two engines pull and puff as we sweep along through varied scenery, wild and sublime, but still up through the great Royal Gorge, on and on, ever up; sometimes the train appears to be suspended in mid air, where, should a derailling occur, a thunderous crash over fearful precipices of hundreds of feet would be the awful result. The road bed is good, and every precaution is observed to prevent a wreck. Away up at the continental divide the Arkansas River expires and we begin to descend on the western slope where we come in contact with the head waters of the Grand River. The railroad follows this stream in its westward journey for many miles. We reach Glenwood Springs in the night. Here we remain over a day and a little more than a night. This is a lovely little town, remarkable for its hot springs and hot baths. The largest of these springs is the Yampa, which yields 4000 gallons of water per hour. This is a delightful place to take a quiet rest, for it is hemmed in from the outside world by mountain ranges. The climate is delightful, and everything inviting.

Salt Lake is an interesting place, the more so because of its history, being the seat of Mormonism. Their great temple, which required forty years to build, at a cost of about \$4,000,000, is located here in the very heart of the city. The temple grounds contain ten acres. On these grounds stands the Tabernacle, with a seating capacity of 8,000, the Assembly Hall with a seating capacity of 3,000, the Bureau of Information and some smaller buildings for their own exclusive use. There are men and women on hand at the Bureau of Information to answer questions, and to distribute literature; some of it they give away, and some they sell. It is estimated that 150,000 visitors are escorted around this block annually. We had hoped to be at their regular services, which are held every Sabbath at 2 p. m. except the first, which was the day we were there. These services are held at the Tabernacle. The first Sabbath is their fast day, and they hold all their services on that day at their ward churches. But for the accommodation of tourists and visitors they held a special service at 3:30 p. m. This we attended. Their great choir of five hundred was absent, but we had the pleasure of a recital on the great organ, and heard a lecture on Mormonism; these exercises constituted the programme of the afternoon. They do not allow any Gentile to enter their temple, which is used for funerals, marriages and baptismal purposes only. They claim that since the manifesto of Wilford Woodruff, then President of their Church in 1890, they have ceased to practice polygamy, except those who had at that time a plurality of wives, yet they hold that it is right for them to do so, from a doctrinal and religious point of view, except in so far as they are bound by their obligation to respect the laws of the United States. The Mormon population is about sixty per cent of the entire population. No more pleasant sensation can be experienced than a bath in the Lake. We had the pleasure of hearing a splendid gospel sermon preached at the First Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. B. Young. I was glad to note that this Church is keeping up the old-fashion class-meeting which is held before the morning preaching service. Their Sabbath-school is held in the afternoon.

We went from Ogden to San Francisco over the Southern Pacific, which crosses the Salt Lake. The average width of the Lake is thirty miles, and its length is seventy, with an average depth of ten feet. There has been an increase of the water in the lake during the past year. San Francisco shows plainly the dreadful shaking of the earth, and mighty conflagration through which it has so recently passed. Debris is on every hand, and yet the work of re-

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construction is going briskly on. There are surging multitudes going in every direction, almost in a trot. The streets are well nigh congested with street cars, all kinds of vehicles, pedestrians, debris and building material. The street car strike was still on, but this did not impede travel. The union people have improvised wagonettes for the transportation of their own people at a cost of ten cents per ride.

Los Angeles rivals other cities in beauty. The streets are broad and well paved with wide cement sidewalks. There are many magnificent business buildings, imposing structures of the most substantial material. The residences are neat and many of them are elaborate. The yards are beautiful lawns, with grass, flowers and shade trees of different kinds, imposing palms, palmetto, pepper trees, etc. We attended the First M. E. Church the first Sabbath we were there, but were disappointed in that we did not get to hear the pastor, Dr. R. McIntyre, he being absent from the city. Rev. W. W. Cookman filled the pulpit. His sermon was systematic and ornate, and artistically delivered, but lacked spiritual power. The class meeting which followed was soul-inspiring and very helpful. I had the pleasure of ministering to Brother Pritchett's congregation. He is the pastor of Trinity Church of the M. E. C. S. He is doing a good work and is held in high esteem by his people. I had a delightful time with him and his people. I also had the pleasure of preaching to Brother G. S. Clark's people. He went from our conference to California and is now pastor of St. Paul Church, M. E. C. S. We had a great service, which was a blessing to me, and I believe to the people. Brother Clark is held in great esteem by his people and is doing fine work. May God bless both these brethren abundantly in their far away field. Of course we attended one service at the Auditorium of Dr. Robert J. Burdett. This is a theater building pure and simple. It is an immense auditorium with three galleries, in the form of a horseshoe, rising one above the other. Although we went early we were compelled to get a seat in the first gallery. The people came in a stream until every seat was taken, and the preacher took occasion to say that hundreds had been turned away. I ventured to ask a lady by my side the seating capacity of the building, and was informed that it was 4,000. However, the minister said there were five thousand present. This was just an ordinary occasion, except the pastor was absent in the East somewhere and his place was being filled by the Rev. J. W. Brougher, from Seattle, Washington. However, he was not the magnetic attraction. This is a new departure—a Church auditorium, a place for the regular services of an organized congregation and also a regular theater building with regular plays. Bob Burdette is a unique character with National fame as a humorist. Much of this humor crops out in his sermons. The building is magnificent, tastefully finished, artistically designed. It is furnished with a large pipe organ, a chime of bells, and provided with a choir which renders some artistic music. There sat the expectant multitude, youth and age, some gorgeously arrayed, others with less pretensions, not presenting, however, the old time mien of devotion which some of us have witnessed in the past. The services opened with the chimes. Three familiar songs were sung, which the congregation were urged to sing, also one duet, one anthem and one solo were sung. Nearly an hour was consumed in opening the services. The title of the sermon was exceedingly sensational—"A Runaway Couple," but the sermon passed muster. I should like to write of our trip to Catalina Island, to Long Beach, a fishing expedition on the ocean, a plunge into the surf and many other things, but I have detained the reader too long already.

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DUBLIN DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Dublin District Conference should have been reported three months ago, but having the superintendence of a new school building on my hands at that time the manuscript was put away and forgotten, hence was not published. It has now been called to mind and I do not purpose to let it go unpublished.

The annual session was held at Gorman on June 27, 28, 29. And permit me to report that when the delegates got off the train they saw why they had been invited to Gorman. One of the cleanest towns in the State, an educational center for that section, crammed full of business and running over with religion. The Secretary had never been there before. The first glimpse of prosperity surprised him, but imagine his astonishment as he came in sight of that exquisite statue of Methodism (I came very near saying "monument," but Methodism is

not dead in Gorman to need a monument; on the contrary, it is by far the liveliest thing we had seen in a long time). Well, such a magnificent church! The best in the district, I am told; testifying to the grit, pluck and religion of the people of Gorman.

These are the people who took charge of us for three days. Led by the gallant pastor, Bro. Lee, assisted by the untiring layman, Bro. Gates, and relieved of every burden (the presiding elder and the Secretary) by the greatest Methodist woman in the State—Sister Kimble—these church-building people made us as happy as if we were at a great religious pleasure resort.

The conference moved off with that business-like spirit that characterizes our excellent presiding elder, Bro. Putman. Now and then we took time to sing a song or to shake the hand of some faithful old soldier whose "attilings will soon be over, whose head is blossoming for the tomb and whose spirit is longing to be transplanted into "Yonder bright city." The pastors and local preachers entered into the work as if they realized that it was the Master's business; and so the Holy Spirit was in evidence at every service. The cup ran over at the service held by the honored and much beloved Bro. Bailey, our superannuated presiding elder. He is loved as the father of this district.

The general reports show few conversions, but there was a solicitous feeling among most of the brethren which since that time has broken out in great revivals at many points over the district. Quite a number of visiting brethren were present and represented the various institutions of the Church. J. Sam Barcus represented Southwestern, Presiding Elder Sensabaugh, Polytechnic College and Jerome Duncan, Stamford Collegiate Institute. The Orphans' Home, at Waco, was represented by Bro. Vaughan. It is reported that these brethren received everything they asked. Our district never falls down upon propitiations of this kind.

If I were called upon for the features of this conference, I believe I would report the sentiment against officials not attending the various conferences, and especially that against local preachers who fail not only to attend, but to send in their written report, as the law requires. A copy of resolutions on this subject are enclosed with this.

The delegates elected to Annual Conference are:

- T. L. GATES.
E. D. JENNINGS.
M. J. THOMPSON.
J. E. MORTON.

- Alternates:
J. M. Williamson,
G. L. Clark,
M. C. Witcher,
R. L. Patterson.

Granbury was unanimously selected as the place of the next meeting of the conference.

Resolutions of thanks to the railroads and the good people of Gorman were adopted, a copy of which is sent with this. Everyone went away feeling that, as a whole, it was the best District Conference we have had and that the district is in as good condition as it has ever been, and most of us could see a marked improvement over anything of the past.

E. D. JENNINGS, District Conference Secretary.

Whereas, It is the duty of all local preachers of the district to attend the session of the District Conference, and that they not only need the inspiration and influence of the conference, but are needed in the deliberations of the same; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That it is the sense of this conference now in session that the pastors on their return to their several charges lay this duty and responsibility upon the hearts and consciences of those local preachers who have failed to recognize this relation. 2. That where local preachers willfully or negligently ignore this duty, either by their absence or failure to send written reports of their work, it shall be regarded as ground for the refusal of the conference for the passage of character or renewal of license.

- J. H. WATTS.
E. J. MAXWELL.
C. V. OSWALT.

Resolved, That this District Conference tender its thanks to the pastor and members of the Methodist Church, to other pastors and Churches, the city of Gorman and the railways for their courtesy and entertainment.

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JAMES W. HILL, President.

OUR CONFERENCES.

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There was a reception tendered the opening session of the Medical College last week. Dr. McReynolds presided and Dr. Bradford made the opening address. He was followed by Judge M. M. Brooks, who made a wise and humorous speech. It was greatly enjoyed by the student body and the audience. Dr. R. F. Hyer then came in with a most delightful talk, every word of which was like an apple of gold in a picture of silver. Good music was interspersed. Quite a number of preachers out of the city were present and enjoyed the occasion. The institution has had one of the best openings in its history. It is filled with a fine class of young men who are now down at hard work on the course of study. The faculty are greatly encouraged with the outlook for the year. The campaign now on in the city to raise money for the liquidation of the debt on the property is progressing finely, and by the end of the week the amount will be materially decreased. Southwestern University can well be proud of her Medical College.

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We are arranging to have special train out of Fort Worth, with sleeping car accommodations for all who want them, on Monday night, leaving there at 9:15 p. m.

Definite announcements will be made next week. Special coaches will also be provided on the train leaving Fort Worth on Monday morning for the accommodation of all who have to be there to meet committees Tuesday morning.

I hope all who do not have to go earlier will arrange to go Monday night, as we are arranging accommodations with this in view.

Look for specific information next week.
JNO. M. BARCUS,
Sec. N. W. T. C.

A FEW MORE DAYS IN GRAYSON.

Whitesboro is one of the large towns in Grayson—not so large as Denison or Sherman, of course; but it is a large and populous community located on the Trans-Continental and the M. K. & T. Railways, just at a point from which the M. K. & T. branches off to Gainesville and Wichita Falls. It has one of the most excellent citizenships in the county, and a great majority of them are on the right side of all moral questions. It has a large square of business houses, mostly brick structures, and they are well stocked with all sorts of goods. The country roundabout is very fertile, but it has suffered some in crop failures for the past two or three years. This year, however, the crops are fairly good, and the town is prosperous in matters financial. Some enterprising firm is getting ready to construct a large sanitarium on the outskirts of the town, where there are very valuable mineral waters. It is supposed to be the same source that supplies Tioga with this same character of water. An immense tank is being built, which will cover at least one hundred acres. It will be a very large body of water when filled with the winter rains. The company is selling off lots out there, each lot carrying with it water privileges. It will be quite an interesting property when the sanitarium is completed and this tank is filled. It will look like a large lake.

The church buildings in the place are up-to-date. No town of the same size can boast of better structures of this character. Ours is one of the best in the community—a large, modern wooden edifice, beautifully painted and well furnished. It is new and the pride of the town. Rev. L. P. Smith is the pastor. This is his first year, and his people esteem him very highly. In fact, we have no pastor in the conference who ranks higher as a preacher and a pastor than Brother Smith. He is not a man who pushes himself to the front. He is as modest as a woman, but along with this is an ability of an excellent type. He is studious, painstaking, devout, spiritual and intensely earnest. Wherever the conference sends him he makes full proof of his ministry. And whether in the pulpit or the pastorate, he is a model of propriety, and the very best type of the Christian gentleman. Any congregation is fortunate to have such a man as their preacher and pastor. Mrs. Smith is well known also throughout the Church as one of the leading workers among our good women. She is foremost in every enterprise under the auspices of our Foreign and Home Mission Societies. She presides over the parsonage with grace and dignity, and she is a born keeper of the home.

While at Whitesboro we were entertained in the good home of Brother and Sister H. H. Robertson. That has always been our abiding place when in that town, and we feel as much at home as though we were under our own roof. Their home is full of hospitality, and it has all the comforts one could desire. Mrs. Robertson loves flowers, and her yard abounds with a large variety. It was, indeed, a delight to meet these two good people again and be their guest. They love the Church and they read the Advocate. So do the Methodists generally in Whitesboro. They always give this editor a cordial welcome. The vote for local option in this community was large, and it was very much one way. They have had local option there for a number of years, and they never expect to permit the barroom to return.

Whitewright is another fine community and a good-sized town. It is located just where the Cotton Belt and the Katy roads cross. They, too, have had local option for a number of years, and they are the banner local option voters in the county. They never fail to roll up a splendid majority. They did their full duty in the recent election. Whitewright, Whitesboro and Van Alstyne are a sort of an offset to Denison. They have a fine school in Whitewright—the Grayson College. It is excellent property, and has been the glory of

the town for years. Professor Butler has long been at its head, and, after an absence of a few years, on account of ill health, he is again well and directing the institution. The school has had a fine influence on the public sentiment of the community. As a result, the young people of the town are generally well educated. We have just such a Church edifice here as the one in Whitesboro. It has long been known as one of our best structures. It is well located, and near by is a handsome parsonage property. Rev. W. F. Bryan is our pastor, and we enjoyed the excellent hospitality of him and his good wife. She was brought up in Oak Lawn, this city, and she is adapted to the work of her husband. This is Brother Bryan's second year, and he is doing a good work. He is one of strong younger men in the conference. He was educated at Southwestern, and is well equipped. He has the qualifications for any appointment to which the conference assigns him. Brother Bryan is one of the growing men of the conference, and he has a future. He is a most excellent Christian gentleman, cultivated, prudent and conservative. His membership is a strong one, and among them are men of wealth. No town in the county has a larger number of strong, well-to-do men than Whitewright, and a number of them are in our Church. Out of that congregation Rev. C. M. Harless has gotten two on his list for a thousand dollars each for the Southwestern endowment fund. And some weeks ago one of the good men of that membership passed to his reward, and in his will left a bequest for \$30,000 for our Orphanage at Waco. This will give the reader some idea of the character of people in our membership at Whitewright. On our return home we fell in with Rev. C. L. Spragins, of Sulphur Springs. He was on his way to this city on business for the day. He spoke encouragingly of the work in his charge, as well as on the district. We also had a few minutes with Brother Griffin, of Collinsville. He is a new man with us, having been in the conference two years only. This is his second at Collinsville, and he has had success. Recently he had a meeting of wonderful power, and a great many were converted and added to the Church. He is a valuable man, and capable of fine work anywhere in the conference. We also met our venerable Brother Hayes at Whitesboro. He lives there, after a long life in the active work of the ministry.

GRAYSON COUNTY ELECTION.

Yes, the ants brought on another election in Grayson County, and now they are sadder, if not wiser, because of their experience. They had dead loads of money, but they conducted a still-hunt campaign. They hired emissaries and sent them all over the country to tell the farmers how the joints were ruining the boys and young men of Denison and Sherman, and how prohibition was burdening them with taxes. They also sowed down the county with their literature and misrepresented the facts as to the success of local option. They were exceedingly anxious to carry the county, and back of them were the brewers and wholesale liquor interests of the State, giving them all possible aid in their efforts. But they put out no speakers. One speaker from Dallas went up to Sherman on his own account and made a speech to thirteen people, and threatened to canvass the county at his own expense! But the ants gave him no encouragement, and he packed his grip and quietly left the county. Our people were thoroughly organized, and they kept their hand on the situation. They put out literature so that every voter in the county could inform himself, and speakers went to every available point and aroused those in sympathy with our cause. It was a wonderful campaign on the part of the friends of local option. There was not a mistake made in it.

Denison and Sherman were the anti strongholds, particularly the former. Yet there had been improvement in the tone of things even in Denison.

They gave our speakers a respectful hearing. The Denison Herald, however, treated the pro speakers with the utmost contempt. It never failed to ridicule them, and to misrepresent their speeches. It did this, too, in the face of the fact that local option people take the sheet, and others of them in Denison and Sherman patronize its advertising department. The Herald treated all that class of its patrons with the most consummate disrespect. But the pros of Grayson knew how to take care of their end of the fight. They carried the day by about 800 majority. This is the third time in succession that the ants up there have been soundly licked. On with the battle!

In this issue Rev. W. H. Hughes has a closing communication upon his side of the Prodigal Son and the Elder Brother, and for the time being we will now suspend further controversy on the subject. Both sides have had a full hearing, and we trust the investigation has been profitable. Suppose we now turn our attention to another live issue raised this week by Rev. I. F. Betts and give that a turn for a few numbers. Doubtless the brethren will want to be heard on that subject.

In a recent issue of the Advocate our Alabama correspondent (and he is a good one) poked a little humor at our Georgia correspondent, as one who "moralizes, philosophizes, psychologizes, theologizes, and performs other literary and scientific stunts for the delectation of the Jews, Gentiles, barbarians, Scythians, bond and free." Yes, and Dr. Smith, like Dr. Wells, is always true when he puts pen to paper; and no correspondent is more generally and profitably read than the venerable George G. Smith. He is an authority on nearly all questions he treats, and he treats them in such an interesting way that his communications are looked forward to with pleasure by our readers. Therefore, he has the permission of Texas to just keep on "moralizing, philosophizing, psychologizing, theologizing," etc., for everything the old hero writes is a "delectation" to all who follow his virile pen.

Another wet county was captured from the ants last week. It is Barden County, and it went dry by about four to one. Carry the news to the Brewers' Association and let them groan over it in connection with their herculean failure in Grayson. One by one we will encroach upon their territory until the wet counties grow beautifully less. On with the battle!

The Ladies Home Journal, like its close kinsman, Collier's Weekly, is itching for a sensation. It is not satisfied with pursuing the even tenor of its way as a journal for the homes of our country, but it never loses an opportunity of late to put Protestant Christianity in the most unenviable light possible. And it does this with such consummate adroitness as never to show the cloven foot of its apparently Roman Catholic editor. It recently sent out a young lady to visit a number of our leading Protestant Churches, and then write her unfavorable impressions of them for the delectation of the Journal's readers. Never a word is said even slightly reflecting upon Roman Catholicism. But The Interior, a Presbyterian paper, touches off the Journal's "young woman" in such good style that we quote its words:

The "shabby young woman" of The Ladies Home Journal has now published the log of her voyage of discovery through the churches of Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati. This second installment of revelations about the unsociability of the Churches makes it plainer even than before that The Journal's professional "stranger" is a person of small notions and trivial standards of judgment. We have no information concerning the personality of the investigator, but the atmosphere of her article supports a confident guess that she had no great experience in church-going prior to undertaking this assignment. Her ignorance of common Church customs is often naively shown. She evinces no conception of a church building as a house of worship. Her sole measure for Christi-

anly is a handshake, and the only gospel for which she has ears is "Come again." And this must be put in spoken word and by direct address; if it is placed in her hand or before her eyes in printed form, she rejects it as meaningless. She actually grades the religion of the Churches according to the distance which she is led down the aisle by the usher. She testifies that once, when she landed in the sixth pew from the front, she said to herself: "My star is in the ascendant; this is the most prominent pew I have occupied in many a church." Had she happened, coming late into a crowded auditorium, to find only the front seat vacant, she would doubtless have been transported into the seventh heaven of bliss, though women less shabby and more normal would have suffered mortification. She considers it an affront that ushers walked before her in showing her to a seat instead of at her side. In another church it grieved her to see a man near her receiving "the ovation I hoped to get." "If you don't see what you want, ask for it," the young woman should have pinned a sign across her breast, "Ovation expected." Plainly this inquisitor went about her task with her self-consciousness all on the outside, judging all persons alike by the difference they might show in her presence. Any reasonably shrewd observer of human nature could have told her beforehand that she would not be satisfied with what would happen to her; nobody who meets the world in that kind of spirit ever is. Cordiality is an excellent—though scarcely the most fundamental—Christian grace, and many Churches need lessons in it; but the farther promotion of it waits for a prophet more discriminate and far less arbitrary than "Miss Smith." It is a fair adaptation of one of the Master's most crucial sayings to declare that "he who forgetteth his welcome at church shall find it."

The Western Christian Advocate gives us the following remarkable case of modern surgery:

The Philadelphia papers contain an account of a very wonderful surgical operation, performed in the Habnemann Hospital of that city. A little girl of five years, daughter of a man of wealth, had not been able to speak from her birth, though she seemed to make apparent efforts to express her feelings, always without result. The father decided he would spend his entire fortune, if necessary, to cure his child, and had traveled in all parts of the world, visiting noted specialists and surgeons, none of whom could offer any explanation of the strange malady, nor venture to suggest any cure. This gentleman, who lived in Montreal, came several months ago to Philadelphia, and, following his custom, brought his daughter to Dr. Tuller, of the above-mentioned hospital. The doctor turned a powerful X-ray upon the little girl's brain, and then announced to the anxious father that he was willing to attempt a cure. Accordingly he opened the brain, and upon examination, found that the nerves that controlled the power of speech had become tangled in a knot, impairing their functions. The process of cutting them and placing them in their right positions and joining them together was a supreme test of modern surgery, but the doctor was equal to the task, and the operation was a success. Shortly afterward the little girl began to make guttural sounds, similar to those made by the new-born baby. At the end of a week she was able to say "papa" and "mamma," and in two weeks her vocabulary contained more than two hundred words, and she was allowed to leave the hospital. The doctor says that by the end of a year she will be able to talk as well as any child of her age.

BISHOPS CANDLER AND WARD IN DALLAS.

Last Sunday was a red-letter day in Dallas Methodism. Two of our chief pastors were present and preached to very large congregations. Bishop Candler was at Grace Church in the morning and at First Church at night. Bishop Ward was at Trinity in the morning and at Oak Cliff at night. Both occasions with both Bishops brought out the largest congregations seen in many a day. Standing room was at a premium, and the sermons were of a very high order. Bishop Candler's text at the morning service was taken from the last verse of the sixth chapter of First Kings. We copy from the Morning News the following excerpt:

"It is said that the first few chapters in Proverbs were written by Solomon for Rehoboam's special benefit. However, Rehoboam doubtless noticed that when it came to drawing the line between silver and gold on one side and wisdom on the other, Solomon always settled on the silver and gold. Rehoboam was taking his instructions from Solomon's life, rather than his lips. The boy, like the second cron of wealth frequently is, was spinning in

the matter of knowledge and obese in the exercise of moral principles. Like some of the pines in Georgia—all right when cut the first time, but no good the second cutting, unless dead, and then they had to be dry to make good stove wood.

"When Rehoboam assumed the reigns of government and the people, headed by Jeroboam, asked concerning the amount of tax to be levied upon them, Rehoboam did one wise thing that I give him credit for. He called a council of wise men, the elders in the kingdom, and they advised him to 'speak good words unto the people.' But Rehoboam didn't want advice; he wanted backing. Like many others, he was not seeking suggestions, but indorsement. So he called the young men together and they advised making the people's yoke heavier. Doubtless Rehoboam considered the young men wise. Why? Because they agreed with him." At some length the history of the division of the Israelites was discussed, and consideration was given in this connection to the fixedness and immutability of moral principle, "which," declared the speaker, "has always and ever will be the same, just as the truth that a straight line is the shortest distance between two points, a principle that is true whether applied to two points in a corner lot in Dallas or to a lot in the New Jerusalem. In science and medicine discoveries have been made, but nothing has been added in thousands of years to moral truth. There was a little, hard-oil-finished fellow came up to me on the train the other day—he came for communion of the saints, I presume—and asked me if I ever studied sociology. 'No, sir,' said I. 'I study the New Testament, which is capable of solving all problems of capital and labor.'"

As evidences that more effort is now made toward making money than toward making men the speaker referred to the gladness with which investments were placed in fake investment companies and the reluctance with which money was placed in colleges and churches. "Since the war," he said, "you people of the South have lost more in cotton gambling than would be necessary to endow all the colleges from New York to the Golden Gate."

We also take the following excerpt from the sermon of Bishop Ward, whose text was Romans 15:12:

"The text means that we are to lay hold of the living truth and to apply it to the conditions of to-day," said the speaker. "Christ is as completely master of the twentieth century as he was of the first. He can still the storm now as easily as he stilled it then. The armor of the text, in the language of to-day, means more intelligent Christianity; for there never was a time when beating the air was more fruitless than it is now; it means the gift of insight and outlook. Time was when the occasional visit of the circuit rider answered. But times have changed. Now we must build churches, and the pastor must have a corps of able and efficient assistants. The pastor should not let any politician know more about the people of his city than he knows. We must have schools and colleges, and medical colleges; that is, the Church must go everywhere in order to control men. Above all, the Church must know the Bible, and the great well of truth that is under the surface of it, the great force that makes character. An age of progress must be an age of faith, since faith gives life. It is easy to be concerned more about forms than about the substance. The fear of an absentee God is not apt to influence the world of to-day. We must make God vital with us in order for him to influence us. It matters little with us what Christ did nineteen hundred years ago, but much what he can do for us this morning? Is Christ able to save men from sin? That is really the only question that concerns men this morning. We need preachers who have no doubt. The armor of life should include deeper consecration. The word 'consecration' has been used in a canting way—and God help us—by our own preachers among the rest—so much that it has lost caste, but for all that it is a grand word. It means that when we serve God we are to do so with a whole heart, whether we are merchant, society woman, preacher or missionary. There is but one standard of Christianity."

These brief extracts furnish but a mere glimpse of the matter of the two sermons. They were rich in thought, deep in exposition and comprehensive in sweep, and they were worthy of the two great men who delivered them. Collections followed all the services, but we leave to Dr. Bradfield's department to give the results.

On Saturday night previous a reception was tendered to the Bishops, the

pastors and Brethren Mood, Harless and Sam Barcus, together with Dr. Hyer, by Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Andrews. It was an elegant spread and a most enjoyable occasion. It was our pleasure to be present and take part in the entertainment. The Bishops spent Monday in the city and they met a great many of our Methodist people. From here they have gone out into the State in the interest of the endowment fund for Southwestern. Bishop Candler will put in his time at this work until the meeting of the conferences, which will begin the 31st of this month. He is an indomitable worker, and wherever he goes he brings things to pass. Bishop Ward will also render assistance, but his own conferences will soon demand his time and attention. Their presence last Sunday was surely a benediction to our people, and they were accorded a royal welcome. They both paid their respects to the Advocate office and made themselves most agreeable visitors.

PERSONALS.

Rev. A. R. Nash, of Plano, was down this week, and brightened up the Advocate force by a good visit. He has a good charge, and he is doing a good work.

Rev. J. R. Wages, of Farmersville, dropped down and spent Sunday, taking in the two appointments of our Bishops. He is rounding to for conference.

Rev. R. F. Bryant, of Roysce City, was down to take in the reception tendered the Medical College opening last week, and gave us the benefit of a pleasant visit.

Rev. W. C. Howell, of Mabank, was in the city last week, and dropped in to see us. His wife is not well, and she will remain in the city for a few days for medical treatment.

Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, of Fort Worth, spent last Sunday in the city. He heard Bishop Candler at Grace in the morning, and Bishop Ward at Oak Cliff at night. He also made the Advocate a pleasant visit.

Rev. F. B. Wheeler, of the Friendship charge, passed through the city Monday to visit his people at Terrell, and stopped with the Advocate force a short while. He took considerable part in the Grayson campaign, and is elated over the victory.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Abney, of Burkeville, lost their baby boy recently, and they are in much sorrow. No, they did not lose him; God took him to the better land, and they can meet him again one of these sweet days. They are finding comfort in their faith and submission.

Mrs. Young Burgher, wife of Col. Young Burgher of Honey Grove, and mother of B. M. Burgher of this city, died recently at her home. She was an admirable Christian woman, full of faith and good works, and nearly all her long life an excellent member of the Methodist Church.

We had a very pleasant visit from Rev. W. A. Goodpasture recently, of the West Virginia Conference. We knew his father's family in the years long gone. He was educated at old Emory and Henry College. Brother Goodpasture has been in Texas for a few months, and he is thinking of transferring to one of our conferences. Recently he aided in a fine meeting in Goldthwaite, where more than one hundred were happily converted.

We are in receipt of a letter from Rev. J. M. Alexander, of the Austin District, in which he gives us the cheerful intelligence that his health is much better. He feels that he is now nearly himself again. During his long illness he had to be absent from his district; but for the past few weeks he has kept in touch with it, and feels that his preachers will take up good reports to conference.

For Stomach Troubles, Bad Bowels and Flux, Use WARE'S BLACK POWDER.

WHOLESOME SANITATION.

No matter what may be the consensus of opinion as to the complete use of laws passed by the Thirtieth Legislature of Texas, it is safe to say that men and women unanimously endorse the bill introduced and passed, re-

quiring the scientific cleaning and disinfecting of schools, churches and public buildings.

In many places, particularly in the country, the church building serves not only for a place of Sabbath worship, but is the school building five days in the week, the lecture and debating hall, the room for entertainments, and the auditorium for political speakings. With a building in such constant use by men of varied types and systems, the result is often a floor and even four walls decorated with tobacco spittle, and sputum from throats diseased with catarrh, tuberculosis, and other "germ" diseases. In such cases the dry sweeping is not only nil as a method of cleanliness, but becomes a harmful practice, in stirring up the germs from the dust and dry spittle, which float about the room to settle on walls, benches and furniture.

The law requires the floors to be swept with sawdust, wet with a solution of formaldehyde, and that windows and furniture be carefully wiped off; rugs, carpets and movable furniture thoroughly aired after each meeting or service. This does away with the dry sweeping and the dry dusting. If germs have been deposited, they are positively eliminated by this airing, cleaning and disinfecting.

Instead, then, of poking fun at this measure, we should guard its requirements, and use our personal influence to see that such regulations are strictly enforced. In this way, and only in this way, can we make for the health and welfare of our children, our home and our native State.

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"OUR PEOPLE DIE WELL."

I am glad to be a witness to the fact that the above statement of Mr. Wesley is as true now as in his day. I am thankful also to say that the preaching of the cross brings the same blessed results on the mission field as among our own people.

On the 26th of July, last, Marina Hernandez, a young Mexican girl, went to Heaven from her home in Toyah, Texas, after suffering for several months with quick consumption. Marina was a true Christian to the best of her knowledge; a faithful worker, and an efficient teacher in the Sunday-school. She bore her sufferings with patience, and was cheerfully resigned to the will of God. As the end drew near she called the family and friends, and selected a number of hymns for them to sing—the last one, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," being sung as her spirit passed away.

Some years ago Marina was a student in our school at Saltillo, and while there she was a devoted member of the Epworth League. The League badge, which she secured while there, she kept as a sacred treasure ever since. Just before her death she gave it to her brother. When I visited the grave, a few days after the funeral, I saw this badge fastened to the headboard at her grave, with its motto, "All for Christ," plainly visible.

I thought, what an inspiration this should be to the Leagues in Mexico, to know that this member had tried to be faithful in life, and had been triumphant in death, leaving this motto as a call to other young people to give "All for Christ."

ARTHUR MARSTON, Missionary to the Mexicans, El Paso, Texas.

The Methodist Review for October, 1907, has the following table of contents:

The National System of Religion in China, by Dr. Young J. Allen. This is probably the last and certainly one of the ablest papers ever written by this great man.

Effective Preaching, by Dr. S. Parkes Cadman. Dr. Cadman, once a Methodist, now pastor of the largest Congregational Church in greater New York, is recognized as one of the first preachers of America—the man for the subject.

The Future of Political Parties with Reference to the Temperance Question, by Chief Justice O'Rear. A singularly significant document by one of the ablest lawyers in the country, the Chief Justice of Kentucky.

A Fresh Look at the Book of Job, by G. E. Hiller. A wonderfully clear and helpful exposition of what Carlyle called the greatest book in the world, whether in the Bible or out of it, by a German scholar.

Esperanto, the New Universal Language, by Prof. Julius Magath. From this comprehensive paper one can get an excellent bird's-eye view of Esperanto, the language which, if any, is most likely to be the universal language.

Margaret J. Preston, by Prof. S. A. Link. A beautiful paper on this gift-

ed and brilliant daughter of the South. The Ministry and Education, by Bishop E. R. Hendrix. A timely paper on a great and vital subject in Bishop Hendrix's best vein.

The Religious Element in Education, by Dr. J. C. Morris. This is a paper of alarming import on the godlessness of the present-day education.

The Tokio General Conference, by Dr. S. H. Wainwright. An eye witness account of the first General Conference of the New Methodist Church of Japan by Dr. Wainwright, one of the very ablest writers on mission problems.

The Broader View of Mission Work, by Gross Alexander. A study of the indirect results of the work of Christian Missions as distinguished from the direct statistical results in actual conversions. A most inspiring outlook.

The Subconscious, by Prof. George A. Coe. A study of this new and profound aspect of psychology, by Prof. Coe, of Northwestern University, author of "The Spiritual Life," and easily one of the three or four leading psychologists in America.

DEDICATIONS.

Rev. J. T. Griswold, presiding elder of Colorado District, will dedicate the church at R. Bar October 27, 1907. All former pastors are cordially requested to be present.

W. C. HART, Pastor.

We will dedicate our new church at Thrifty, on Bangs Circuit, October 29, 1907, at 11 a. m. Dr. J. S. Chapman, presiding elder, will preach the sermon. All are invited.

G. W. HARRIS, P. C.

Dr. G. C. Rankin will dedicate our churches at Atlas and Howland second Sunday in October—one in the morning and the other at night. Former pastors are invited to be present.

W. R. McCARTER, Roxton, Texas.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Cure for catarrh.

A HAPPY EVENT.

Wednesday morning, at 8 o'clock, October 2, 1907, Mr. James Nye Ryman and Miss Sunshine Dickinson were united in marriage. The event took place in the beautiful home of the bride's parents, Judge and Mrs. E. C. Dickinson, Rusk, Texas. A large number of relatives and friends from over the State were present. Peculiarly happy was the occasion, in that it brought together so many old Southwestern University students. The bridal party was composed almost exclusively of those who were together in school at Georgetown. Many readers of the Advocate have cause to remember Ernest Kurth, Ireland Graves, Ben Hearne, T. Clark Turk, John D. Wheeler, Robert Bolton; Misses Florie Gregg, Mamie Jameson, Evelyn Rice, Berta Cobb, Mary Bolton and Josie Beall Alford. They were all present, and more. A cousin of the groom, Mr. Geo. Serrill, of Bay City, was the best man; and Miss Margaret Fisher, of Chicago, was the bride's maid.

The happy couple left immediately on an extended tour through the East and North. In November they will be at home in Matagorda, Texas. Thither they will carry a handsome lot of presents and the good will and wishes of hundreds of friends. Blessings of long life and large usefulness to this loyal son and devoted daughter of old Southwestern!

OSCAR T. COOPER, Graham, Texas.

For Babies' Bad Bowels and Stomach Troubles, Especially when Teething, Use WARE'S BABY POWDER.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Claimants who may have changed their postoffice address during the last twelve months, or whose address is not correctly given in the last conference journal, will please drop me a card at once giving their present postal address. This is important to our board and of much value to you.

Pastors will kindly observe paragraph 137 of the Discipline and act accordingly. We wish any representation made in writing and not in parol. This relieves you of a burden, saves us much time and is better for the claimant. This is given to save all parties concerned time and trouble, aid us in reaching more correct conclusions and in justice to all claimants. JAMES M. ROBERTSON, Sec.-Treas. Joint Board of Finance.

General Debility

Day in and day out there is that feeling of weakness that makes a burden of itself. Food does not strengthen. Sleep does not refresh. It is hard to do, hard to bear, what should be easy,—vitality is on the ebb, and the whole system suffers.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

It vitalizes the blood and gives vigor and tone to all the organs and functions. In usual liquid form or in chocolate tablets known as Sarsatabs, 100 doses \$1.

FORT WORTH PREACHERS' MEETING, SEPT. 23, 1907.

Association called to order by President Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker. After opening services the following reports were made:

Bro. O. P. Kiker at Missouri Avenue; four additions; Mrs. Barnum addressed the congregation in behalf of the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Bro. L. A. Webb, Central; eight additions; Sunday-school largely attended; large congregations.

G. W. Shearer, Rosen Heights; good services reported; Bro. J. T. Bloodworth and O. F. Sensabaugh filling the pulpit; revival closed; seventy conversions, forty-eight additions; Epworth League organized.

Bro. R. C. Armstrong reported that he had preached to a large congregation Sunday morning at North Fort Worth.

Bro. N. A. Phillips, at Diamond Hill; good congregations and good interest. Bro. Keener, at Handley, said that everything was doing nicely at Handley.

Bro. J. A. Siceloff, assistant pastor of First Church, visited the association and declared his intention to apply for license to preach.

Bro. O. F. Sensabaugh; Two Quarterly Conferences held on fourth round—at Azle Saturday and Sunday. The country charges are developing very rapidly into strong stations and half stations. About 2500 conversions on the district up to date and the outlook good for a thank offering of \$100. Twelve young men have dedicated themselves to the ministry.

Bro. C. S. Field, at Grapevine, for Sunday-school rally. Church three in most gratifying condition.

Bro. C. W. Hearon, Peachtree; A revival in progress; several conversions and reclamations.

Bro. W. M. Lane, North Ft. Worth; Fine services; Rally Day in Sunday-school yesterday.

Bro. H. D. Knickerbocker, First Church; Sunday-school rally, over 500 present, collection over \$100; two great congregations morning and night; two accessions by faith and two by letter.

Bro. F. E. Singleton, Glenwood; Good interest in all departments; one accession.

The association will use every means to secure the conference for Ft. Worth next year and unanimously voted to that end. All of the pastors were anxious to have the conference meet here next session.

The pastors of the city will all unite in a union Methodist meeting to be held at First Church, led by Evangelist Brown and Singer Curry.

Bro. D. L. Coale, at Mulkey Memorial, finishing Bro. Slover's unexpired year, reported good congregations; seven accessions, one on profession; attendance on Leagues increasing.

FORT WORTH PASTORS' MEETING, OCTOBER 7, 1907.

Meeting called to order by President Knickerbocker, prayer by W. C. Hearon. The following reported: Brother O. P. Kiker: The people received with the appointments for the union meeting. Good services.

Brother G. W. Shearer: Fine service at eleven; one conversion.

Brother L. A. Webb: People entering heartily into union meeting; good services.

Brother W. P. Lane: Union meeting received favorably.

Brother C. W. Hearon: Five additions by vows; good services; meeting entered into heartily.

Brother N. A. Phillips: Good day; one conversion, two accessions.

Brother D. L. Coale: Two fine conversions; twelve additions.

Brother F. E. Singleton: One addition by vows.

Brother H. D. Knickerbocker: Two received by letter at eleven; house packed with men only in evening. Forty or more asked for prayer, ten to after service; five converted. F. E. SINGLETON, Secretary.

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All communications intended for publication in this department and all papers with articles to be commented upon should be addressed to the League Editor.
The following rules should be observed in remitting money on account of the State Organization: Local Chapter dues should be sent to Frank L. McNeny, Dallas. Assembly funds should be sent to Theo. Bering, Jr., Houston.

State League Cabinet.

- President, Allan K. Ragsdale, Dallas.
- First Vice-President, J. E. Blair, San Marcos.
- Second Vice-President, Miss Mattie Harris, Dallas.
- Third Vice-President, P. W. Horn, Houston.
- Fourth Vice-President, Miss Sallie Hartigan, Waco.
- Secretary-Treasurer, Frank L. McNeny, Dallas.
- Junior Superintendent, Mrs. W. F. Robertson, Gonzales.
- Chairman Board of Trustees, T. S. Armstrong, Waco.
- Secretary Board of Trustees, A. J. Weeks, San Antonio.

BOARD MEETING.

The Board of Trustees of the Texas State Epworth League met in Travis Park Church, San Antonio, Tuesday, October 1, 1907, with the following members present: Rev. G. S. Sexton, President; Rev. T. S. Armstrong, Vice-President; Theo. Bering, Jr., Treasurer; Rev. A. J. Weeks, Secretary; C. H. Benecke, of the Texas Conference, and A. K. Ragsdale, President of the State organization and Financial Agent of the board.

The meeting was called to order by the President and was led in prayer by the Vice-President. Treasurer Bering stated that he had not been able to make up an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the last Encampment. Gus W. Thomasson and A. K. Ragsdale were appointed as a special committee to audit the books, segregate the accounts and show the income and expenditure of each department, with final footings. It was provided that the necessary expenses incurred in doing this work be allowed the committee and that the final summary be published.

Treasurer Bering, as special committee, reported that nothing had been done on the deep well project. He had not seen Mr. Rucker since the adjournment of the Encampment and could not state what his plans might be. He reported on the insurance matter to the effect that he had been unable to secure any on either the hotel or furniture and that both were then uninsured.

The employment of a Financial Agent was then considered. The old contract with A. K. Ragsdale was upon vote, continued for the year 1907-08, which was accepted by Mr. Ragsdale and his services continued.

President Ragsdale and Secretary Weeks of the board were appointed as a special committee to convey to Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Requa the thanks of the board for their efficient management of the hotel during the first session of its opening. Treasurer Bering was appointed as a special committee to close an deal with Mr. E. N. Requa to re-open the hotel and manage it until June 1, 1908. The terms for the deal were agreed upon by the members of the board.

Secretary Weeks was appointed as a special committee to prepare a report to be submitted to the Annual Conference this fall.

The board moved to purchase the cottage owned, individually, by President Ragsdale, and \$200 in bonds was appropriated for this purpose, together with \$10 in cash. Later Mr. Ragsdale donated the \$10 cash.

Chairman Sexton tendered his resignation as a member of the board to become effective upon the adjournment of the meeting. He gave as a reason the great pressure of work then upon him. The resignation was accepted, and Rev. Ellis Smith, of Jacksonville, was elected to represent the Texas Conference on the board. Rev. T. S. Armstrong was elected to succeed Bro. Sexton as Chairman of the board, and Gus W. Thomasson was elected to succeed Bro. Armstrong as Vice Chairman.

The minutes of the session were read and adopted and the meeting adjourned subject to call of the President.

KEEP COMING.

It is a pleasure to report the following North Texas Conference League dues collected this week:

- Denton Seniors, \$1.65; Deport Seniors, \$1.40; Henrietta Seniors, \$1; Nocona Seniors, \$1.55.

The Leaguers in North Texas are doing a great work and by a prompt remittance of their 1907-08 dues they enable the North Texas officers to do something. We hope to hear from others immediately. Very few chapters have sent in their new list of officers. Please do this at once. If you have not held an election do so at once and report to me. O. L. HAMILTON, Sec-Treas.

Lewisville, Texas.

NORTH TEXAS FIRST VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Three months of our conference year have passed by and now that the new officers have been elected, we must get to work in earnest. We must have a good report from our department for the conference next year, and I feel sure we will. To make my report good, I will have to depend on the local League. Will you stand by me? I give you herewith an outline of how the report should be, then when I call for your report just before the conference it will be no trouble for you to make it out, and it will be such a help to me in making out my report. Pray for a good year's work.

Outline for Report.

- No. devotional meetings held during year
- No. Bibles taken from home and used in service
- No. Cottage prayer meetings held
- No. Conversions in League service
- No. Bible readings held with sick
- No. Keeping Quiet Hour pledge
- Average attendance at devotional services
- No. Taking active part in service
- No. on roll

Fill out as indicated and mail to me when call is made.

(MISS) LIZZIE CARSON.

First V-P., N. J. C. E. L. Terrell, Texas.

Following is a list of those who have responded to the Forward Movement. This list will be added to each week as every day brings more responses. Sign your card and send it in at once and let's get to doing something.

Main Street Cleburne, Elvay Street Dallas, First Church Dallas, Grace Church Dallas, Oak Cliff Dallas, San Marcos, Mrs. C. W. Henry (personal), Cleburne, Lewisville, Cuero, Kyle, Ben T. Laws (personal) Conroe, Fifth Street, Waco, Decatur.

Cleburne.—I think the "Forward Movement" a capital plan and I want to add my mite to its success. I wish I could make the full pledge, but hope some others will add the deficit. You may depend on me for one-half dollar a month, beginning with September.

MRS. C. W. HENRY.
(Note: Main Street League, Cleburne, has already subscribed \$1 a month to the Forward Movement.)

San Marcos.—I drop you a line in acknowledgement of your letter of a few days ago and to say you may count on us to aid in the "Forward Movement," as outlined by you. We are in hearty accord with your plans to make Epworth-by-the-Sea an ideal resort for the Leaguers of Texas who want to learn more than they know and get better than they are. We hold our business meeting next week and will fill out and sign the card you sent at that time. W. P. RYLANDER.

Bro. O. L. Hamilton, Lewisville, writes on the back of the Forward Movement circular as follows: "By a unanimous vote the League yesterday agreed to pay the \$12, and have the money ready to pay three or six months in advance when you notify us you want it."

SWOPE'S PICK-UPS.

"If you've a tender message, Or a loving word to say, Don't wait till you forget it, But whisper it today."

I had a short talk recently with Bro. Alderson, presiding elder of the Paris District and he told me that he was going to call a district meeting of the Leagues of Paris District about the middle of October for the purpose of reorganizing the District League. He wants to have a good representation and will see that it is well advertised before it meets.

I was in Honey Grove last month and wanted to attend the League, but could not because the League didn't meet. I had the pleasure, however, of being with Bros. Spence and Rue and Misses Maggie Parker and Nannie Kennedy, who waited with me for the meeting which did not meet. One very pleasant incident in my visit to Honey Grove was the privilege of attending the men's meeting at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, and if anyone reads this should happen to be there on Sunday they should go around to the Tabernacle and attend this meeting. This is a non-sectarian meeting of the men of Honey Grove every Sunday afternoon. It is attended only by men, who wear their coats or not, just as they choose, and who speak or not on any subject, just as they choose. The afternoon I was there they were discussing that beautiful chapter in Corinthians on charity. It is said that this band of men have been of innumerable value to the moral and religious side of Honey

Grove, and from this spontaneous movement there are numbers of men's meetings being held in various towns in North Texas.

It certainly is good to know that Bro. Sam R. Hay is back in Texas. The writer had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Hay preach in Centenary this summer, and from impressions received then he felt sure that if Bro. Hay did not get back to Texas it would not be because he did not want to come. Wish he was back in Houston.

It was certainly a very great pleasure which was afforded me to be in Dallas on the 29th, and on the evening of that day to attend the rally at Arlington. The Epworth songs were sung, the Epworth friendships renewed and it was a bright, happy and joyous day. An incident I shall not soon forget occurred on the special car which District President Ralph Porter had arranged for on the Interurban. It was going and we were singing "Christ is King." We had got on down in the chorus to the lines:

"Death has its life,
Its door opens in heaven eternally—
Christ is King!"

when the lights went out in the car. The car did not stop. It continued to go, and Misses Josephine Wolfe, Evelyn Wynn and Victoria Webster, who were leading the singing, repeated the chorus and continued to repeat it and we all continued to sing in the darkness, the car moving on rapidly. It was an impressive moment and I thought how beautiful it was to feel that when the time came that the grim reaper called for us and carried us away in the darkness of death that though our eyes might not see, yet our souls would sing out the glad refrain, "I am so happy in Jesus," and with material darkness round about us, there would be a spiritual light and we would go into eternity singing as we sang that Sunday night in the darkness of the Interurban car.

"Death hath its life,
Its door opens in heaven eternally—
Christ is King!"

On the night of October 1 I had the pleasure of attending the business meeting of Mt. Pleasant League, making them a short address. This League has been reorganized during the last six months, and Bro. G. V. Ridley, preacher in charge, says it is a good one and that he also has a banner Junior League.

For the benefit of those who are helping me in the sale of bookmarks for the Church at Kitsuki, Japan, I desire to say that the following was accomplished:

- Sale of Japanese sundries \$24.70
- Sale of Japanese bookmarks 52.89

Total to Sept. 1 \$77.50

I have asked a number of Leaguers to assist me in this work and have sent them samples. From some of them I have heard—from some I have not. Mrs. L. P. Smith, of Whitesboro, writes me that she will dispose of \$6 worth. I want to sell \$350 worth and we only need 25 more persons to help to the same extent to more than make up the desired amount. I need a number of volunteers in this movement. Who will help? Statements of sales in September will be published later.

Miss Minnie Evans, First Vice-President of the Texas Conference League, writes me suggesting that a meeting of the cabinet of the Conference League be held in Houston some time this fall. Three of the officers live in Houston, two in Galveston, and Miss Evans suggests that the other officers might come down if they could secure rates for some special occasion. At the time the No-Tsu-Oh Carnival is held in November would be a good time, for everybody comes to Houston at that time, and the railroads had people for practically nothing, so we will hope that the cabinet meeting will be held and that the Texas Conference League will do a definite work this year.

Carver King, President of the Arlington League, made one of the best addresses on League work, and one of the best appeals for support and assistance at the rally on Sept. 29 it has ever been my good fortune to hear. One of the visiting Leaguers made a pun, excusable for its aptness, when he said, "That President surely is a king." Miss Ella May Christopher looked as natural as ever, and was ever where at once, just as she was at Epworth this year. One of the fine features of the rally was the address delivered by L. L. Cohen, of Grace League, Dallas. That is, he is temporarily loaned to Grace League from Shearn League, Houston, where he was raised and trained, and which League will always be his home. It was more of a sermon than an address, and surely Grace League ought to be proud of him—as Houston is.

TOM C. SWOPE, Houston, Texas.

CHAIRMAN SEXTON RETIRES.

At a special session of the Board of Trustees, held October 1 in San Antonio, Chairman Sexton sprung a genuine surprise by resigning as a member of the board. Some few of the members of the board knew of his desire to retire some months ago, owing to the heavy press of work incident to his church building enterprise and other matters, but it was thought he would continue until another session of the State Encampment.

Bro. Sexton has been identified with the Assembly movement from its inception in this State and no one has contributed more time and zeal in the accomplishment of the work which has been done up to this time. He was one of the seven members of the original committee on location and arrangement, when the site at Corpus Christi was selected as the permanent home of the League, and as chairman of the committee he organized his forces and successfully launched the great Assembly work in this State in the summer of 1905. When the history of the beginning of this great work shall be written its pages will record the splendid service rendered by this man. The State organization can ill afford to lose him and we cannot believe that his retirement is to be permanent.

STATE HEADQUARTERS.

Many of our Leaguers are responding to the "Forward Movement," i. e., to furnish a definite fund for the furtherance of the work generally and to pay salaries and current expenses.

We must not lose sight of the fact that we as an organization are obligated for improvements authorized and made at Epworth-by-the-Sea. Many of us attended the recent session, approved of all that had been done and we must now lend the funds by purchasing bonds to pay our creditors. This is a League movement and is League property, operated and controlled by the Leagues, but I regret to state that to date less than twenty-five Leagues have made payment on bonds, and this out of more than five hundred organizations. We must do our part—each League—and we will easily have the greatest Assembly in the South. It is not a question of what you have on hand, or of wealth; it is simply one of being willing to assume a portion of this amount and put it in such shape that you can carry it until the amount is raised or the bonds redeemed. Each Senior and Junior League in Texas can easily purchase four bonds and should do so. We will gladly aid you in raising the amount later, but right now we must have funds.

A note from a Leaguer in regard to the Forward Move says: "Our League needs something to do. We are suffering from 'inactivity.' Is this a common complaint?" One of the best prescriptions for this is to borrow a hundred dollars, purchase four League Encampment bonds and raise the amount this winter to pay for them. You will have better meetings and will have at least four delegates to the Encampment next summer.

I spent two days at Epworth last week. The grounds are in excellent condition, as clean and neat as a front lawn. The grass is growing nicely, walks have been laid from the hotel to the beach and to both gates, and the hotel is in excellent condition; a large cistern installed and full of water from recent rains. The auditorium is swept and seats arranged to accommodate a crowd on a moment's notice. I stood on the platform and imagined I could again see the crowds and hear our Ramsey say: "I am asked for 172—C-O-M-E, F-R-I-E-N-D-S, S-I-N-G!" There are no songs like the songs we sang, and no place like Epworth-by-the-Sea.

A report will be made by the Secretary of the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees. I have agreed to continue the work of selling bonds and pushing needed improvements, and I am certainly counting on the active co-operation of every League and Leaguer. This does not mean simply that you will attend and have a good time, but that you will aid us with your means and time in building up our great resort.

For the successful endowment of Southwestern University our Methodist people in Texas are responding to the 100 club. Now we want a hundred club among Texas Leagues. We want within the next thirty days one hundred Leagues to agree to take four bonds each—one hundred dollars. You can make a note for this and we will give you three or six months to pay this. This is not a gift, but merely an investment on your part in an interest-bearing first mortgage bond and a needed lift right when we need it most. The trustees are carrying the load and are depending on us to come to their relief.

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A. K. RAGSDALE, Pres't.
Dallas, Texas.

PRAY FOR TEMPORAL BLESSINGS.

It is dry and dusty in Bowie County. Water in some places is getting scarce and our crops are very short, cotton in particular. Very often we have failures in crops. It is either too wet or too dry; or, in the cotton section, the boll weevil or boll worms get it. I am a very strong believer in prayer, and I believe if we, as Christians, would set a day, or some night, either on Sunday or through the week, and gather at some appointed place and pray for these temporal blessings that we would receive more of them; and I know it would be a great benefit spiritually to every individual. Besides we could reach those with the gospel who have never been touched, for if we ask in the name of the Lord, believing, he says he will give it. This would be a clear demonstration of answer to prayer. No one has ever prayed too much; and we will always get a benefit of it if it is done in the right way.

I am a young local preacher, just entering the ministry, and I ask all who read this to pray for me, that I may make my life a successful one.

T. S. OGLE,
New Boston, Texas.

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The experience of a Louisiana lady may be interesting. I received a severe nervous shock some years ago and from that and overwork gradually broke down. My food did not agree with me and I lost flesh rapidly. I changed from one kind of food to another but was unable to stop the loss of flesh and strength.

"I do not exaggerate when I say that I finally became, in reality, a living skeleton. My nights were sleepless, and I was compelled to take opiates in various forms. After trying all sorts of food without success I finally got down to toasted bread with a little butter, and after a while this began to sour and I could not digest it. Then I took to toasted crackers and lived on them for several weeks, but kept getting weaker.

"One day Grape-Nuts was suggested and it seemed to me from the description that it was just the sort of food I could digest. I began by eating a small portion, gradually increasing the amount each day.

"My improvement began at once for it afforded me the nourishment that I had been starving for. No more harassing pains and indigestion. For a month I ate nothing but Grape-Nuts and a little cream, then I got so well I could take on other kinds of food. I gained flesh rapidly and now I am in better health than I have been in years. I still stick to Grape-Nuts because I like the food and I know of its powerful nourishing properties. My physician says that my whole trouble was a lack of power to digest food, and that no other food that he knows of would have brought me out of the trouble except Grape-Nuts." "There's a Reason."

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Your Hearing in Danger If You Have Catarrh

Every one who has catarrh is in constant danger of becoming partially or totally deaf. Catarrh does not remain stationary or get well of its own accord. It is inclined to spread. It may make its way from the nasal passages through the little Eustachian tubes to the middle ear, and then it becomes a serious trouble producing "buzzing" noises in the ears and finally total deafness. No liquid, atomizer spray, douche, ointment or anything of that kind can go through the Eustachian tubes, and, therefore, cannot reach within an inch and a half of the middle ear. The only possible way of reaching it is by the means of a medicated smoke-vapor, which manner of treatment was originated by Dr. Blosser in his medical practice many years ago.

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SALVATION ARMY WORKER

Wife of a Captain in Charge of Army Work at Jonesboro, Ark., Writes Interesting Letter.

HER MOTHER ALSO

Mrs. J. Donaldson, of Jonesboro, Ark., a well-known worker in the Salvation Army, found herself ten years ago in very poor health, as the result of hard work, a weakened constitution and household cares.

In a letter recently written, she tells the story of how, after much suffering, she finally managed to permanently cure herself at home.

She writes: In 1895 and 1896 I suffered much with ovarian trouble. My limbs would swell, until great ridges would form out over my shoes. I was weak, with scarcely energy enough to do house-work at all.

Having read much of the merits of Wine of Cardui for female complaint, I decided to try it, and after taking two bottles was never troubled again.

During change of life, four years ago, my mother, Mrs. G. W. Wadsworth, nearly died. She had from sixteen to twenty-four cramping or sinking spells during a day and night, and many times we laid her down for dead. At last I persuaded her to take Wine of Cardui and Thedford's Black-Draught, which cured her.

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VACATION IN YOSEMITE.—DOWN-POURING FLOODS.

By Rev. John L. Williams, B. S.

In my last to the Texas Christian Advocate I ventured the promise of a description of the wonderful waterfalls of this mysterious region, the Yosemite Valley. But the task is so disappointing and so often misleading that I hesitate to take up my pen in compliance with that promise, but I will do so asking the kindest consideration of your many readers.

One of the greatest disappointments to nature lovers who journey thousands of miles to enjoy the delights of this wonderful Yosemite Valley is the fact that the season in which all of the glories are at their best is so short—sometimes not more than eight weeks. It is for the purpose of doubling this season that the government is engaged in preliminary work. For several years the close of the Yosemite season has depended in a great part on the date at which water ceased to fall over Yosemite and Bridal Veil Falls, two of the most natural attractions of the valley. Vernal Falls, Nevada Falls and many of the other falls, never go dry, but it is an unusual year when Bridal Veil and Yosemite do not go out of business in the early part of August. The present year is an exception, however, for water still flows over both these falls. The snow fall in the Yosemite Valley in the winter months is generally very heavy—about twenty feet of snow on the floor of the valley. The opening of the park season begins about the first of June. The experiences of the past have been that about three months of the year the valley is at its best. If two months or more can be added to the last end of the season the people of the country in general will be gainers just that much. It is to this end that Secretary of the Interior Garfield made a recent visit to the valley. He suggested that efforts be made to conserve the waters that pass over the Bridal Veil and Yosemite Falls. Who can adequately describe these wonderful down-pouring floods of foaming, roaring water as it flows over the lofty cliffs! These waterfalls are more impressive and beautiful than can be found in all Switzerland. It is only in volume that Niagara excels any of them. The Yosemite, Vernal and Nevada, what wonderful creations they are! They are undoubtedly the most beautiful cataracts in the world.

Bridal Veil.

The Bridal Veil Falls has a width of about thirty feet at the top and falls a distance of about 600 feet. The breeze that blows here adds much to its beauty. It catches the stream below its brink and sways it to and fro, forming long, sweeping and graceful motions. This fall was known as the Pohono, or the "Spirit of the Evil Wind." The water of the Bridal Veil Fall is precipitated over the cliffs in one leap of 600 feet perpendicular. The water then strikes upon a sloping pile of debris down which it rushes in a series of cascades for a perpendicular distance of 300 feet more. The effect is that of being nearly 900 feet. The next fall which greets you as you come into the valley is that of Ribbon Falls. This fall has a vertical descent of about 2000 feet. It also makes a further bounding descent of more than 1000 feet. Sentinel Fall disappears early in July. It is fed by the early melting snows.

The Yosemite Falls.

This is the most stupendous and wonderful waterfall in the world. It leaps over the northern wall of the valley about one-fourth of a mile back from the floor of the valley. There are three divisions to this fall—the upper, the middle and the lower sections. The fall is 2600 feet high above the floor of the valley, and the writer made the ascent along a zigzag trail of 5 1/2 miles to the top, which required about four hours of climbing. The upper section of the fall is 1600 feet and about 35 feet in width. The middle section is a series of cascades of 600 feet. The lower section makes a perpendicular descent of 400 feet to the floor of the valley. In the early season the mighty roaring of the Yosemite can be heard all over the valley and windows in buildings a mile away are shaken by it. As you approach the foot of the fall the sensations awakened are strange and bewildering. Looking up, your eye follows the white, mist-wrapped falls to the point where they seemingly leap out of the blue sky. In one moment the falls are in full view, the next you pass behind some great boulder until finally you reach a table rock or small ledge which forms the base of the upper falls. The roar and thunder of the river as it strikes for the first time, is deafening.

Vernal Falls.

This majestic waterfall has been named the Cataract of Diamonds, and it has been admired, possibly, by more tourists than any other of this won-

derful land. It is impossible to describe it. It seems to plunge into the earth and then to return in the form of fiery spray and smoke. It is 350 feet high and 80 feet wide with a granite bottom as smooth as glass and it has more than twice the force of the Niagara Falls. It was about ten o'clock in the morning that we had climbed to the top of Vernal Falls, and overlooking the wild, weird scene below, a sheet of water of sparkling brightness and of almost snowy whiteness that is sprayed into millions of Cataract of Diamonds, and out of the spray below are formed dazzling rainbows that arch the boiling abyss with halos of glory. Before I had witnessed such scenes.

Nevada Falls.

Some distance above the Vernal Falls you reach the Nevada Falls. As you ascend the river the bed in one smooth, polished floor of granite and the water flows at a speed of over 60 miles an hour, not very deep, but step into it and your friends will drag you from below. Soon we cross the Merced River on a bridge and the river beneath you rushing, roaring and flying swiftly by is called the Diamond Cascade. Nearly one mile above the Vernal Falls we reach the foot of the Nevada Falls. Nevada Falls is 605 feet high. To the left up a "zigzag" is the trail leading to the top. It requires one hour and fifty minutes to climb to the top of Nevada Falls. About half way the distance you have an excellent side view of the falls. It is quite difficult to gain the top, but when the top is reached, overlooking the iron railing, you get a most inspiring view of the Merced River as it leaps 605 feet with reverberating and mighty billows of mist and arching rainbows—one of the grandest waterfalls in the world. It was high noon when I leaned against the railing and gazed down on a scene which made me shudder. Here I beheld a combination of beauty and grandeur that is unequalled in the world. About two-thirds of the way down much of it breaks on a mighty boulder only to give perfection to the scene. As the waters, clear as crystal and as white as snow, leap into the quivering rainbows hundreds of feet below, breaking into millions of sparkling gems, and then into soft, snowy spray. I looked with great delight and pleasure upon the scene. I trembled with emotion, I wept in utter abandon—Here I abruptly left the scene with feelings which I cannot describe to my readers, and as I walked away my first thought was, Could Niagara, Montmorency, Spokane and the Yellowstone be grouped, there would be more volume and possibly more impressiveness, but even then the entrancing beauty, loveliness and spectacularity would stand out unrivaled and unsurpassed.

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PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON.

In the Advocate of August 29 Bro. W. H. Hughes restates his view of the elder son. I am very much surprised at "Uncle Buck." Not for taking a strange view of the elder son but for trying to explain the parable from a Calvinistic standpoint. I have known Bro. Hughes for many years, and have known him as an "old-line theologian" on some lines. But I see that he has made some new discoveries that have raised a question in his mind.

The younger son losing something (that he did not obtain in Adam) is the stick that breaks the camel's back. This is the thing that gives Bro. Hughes the trouble. This, like all things found in the Bible, cannot be explained from the standpoint of Calvinism. The abominable doctrine of Calvinism is responsible for all the trouble. Lay this aside, and we have no trouble in finding what the Scriptures teach. But as long as men hold to Calvinism and try to bend the Scriptures to make them fit such rotten doctrine, we will have "confusion worse confounded," and the world will remain in ignorance of the truth of the Bible.

Give heed to Dr. Tillett. He has made some discoveries.

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"1. Man's free moral agency.

"2. The abundant mercy of God.

"It is a part of our Lord's reply to the Pharisees while condemning him for eating with publicans and sinners. He took it from real life and it illustrates these two great doctrines which stand at the very base of all Bible truth.

"A certain man had two sons; the younger said to his father, Give me the portion of goods that falleth to me; and he divided unto them his living." The younger wasted his goods, and in hunger and want he resolved to return to his father. His father thought he was dead. When he returned his father met him with joy. His elder brother was not at all

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pleased with the conduct of his brother. His father forgave him readily.

The younger son asked for his portion of the goods of his own free will and accord and left home of his own choice (not in Adam), but of his own volition, just as every sinner goes into sin of his own free will. He repented and went back to his father, confessing his sins. So every sinner who repents and confesses his sins to God.

The elder brother cuts no figure in the case, more than to show that the father was more merciful than anyone in the home. "Be ye also merciful as your Father in heaven is merciful." And if an earthly father is so merciful to his prodigal children, how much more will our heavenly Father be merciful to us! "And if ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Ghost to them that ask him!"

He asked for his portion of the goods, obtained his liberty, wasted his goods, went into sin of his own choice. Man's moral agency and God's mercy. Away with Calvinism from the earth!

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STUMP ASHBY'S SPEECH RE-VIEWED.

On August 27, at Ballyville, in Milam County, I heard, for the first time, Stump Ashby deliver a lecture on Anti-Prohibition, and on the following day I replied to him at the same place.

The first thing he did was to read a clause to try to prove that the new State of Oklahoma had no prohibition clause in its Constitution. Then he spoke of having lived in Fort Worth in the midst of open saloons, and his boy did not touch a drop, but after he moved to the Indian Territory his boy had made a drunkard. Of course he laid the blame on prohibition, but if the old man will turn and read in the Bible in Galatians 6:7, 8, he will find why his boy has made a drunkard.

He said he had been working and praying for the good of his country for thirty-five years. Just think of a man standing up in the face of an intelligent public and making a statement like the above when everyone that knows the man knows that a large part of the thirty-five years has been given almost wholly in the interest of the saloons of this country, which means that he has been against God, the Bible, husband and wife, father, mother and children—in short, against everything that goes to make peace and happiness, home and heaven. But, on the other hand, he is in league with and doing in the most successful way all he can to wreck homes, separate husband and wife, make paupers of their children, build insane asylums, make it necessary to build jails, penitentiaries and the gallows. Besides, he is helping to make up the great tramping multitude of the 100,000 men and women that go down annually to drunkard's graves and a burning hell!

He advocated the drunkard being punished for the violation of the law. This looks like doing all he can for the good of his country, don't it? Do all you can to get his fellowman into trouble and then punish him for getting into trouble.

He said there were fewer drunkards before the war when they would knock out the head of the barrel and all drink with the tin cup. Those who lived before the war and are now living know this statement to be emphatically false.

He tried to make the impression that taxes in local option counties are higher because of local option, when all who have studied the question know that drunkenness leads to crime, and crime is brought into the courts, and in many cases the county is thrown in the cost.

He said in substance: "In order to get a man to be religious, give him a little peach brandy." If my boy was fifteen years old and could not beat

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that for an argument, I would whip him for his ignorance.

He tried to make a point on heredity by saying "If the boys inherit the appetite for strong drink from the fathers, why don't the girls, too? They do, and in most cases the reason why they are not drunkards is for lack of opportunity. Go into some of the larger cities into what is called high life and see the drinking among the women!"

He read a statement from a Catholic priest which was against prohibition, when everyone knows that the Catholic priests, with few exceptions, are drinkers and drunkards.

He said in 1900 there were about 1,040,000 deaths, and that there were something over 2000 that died from the effects of alcohol, when the real facts in the case are known there is about an average of not less than 100,000 deaths annually from King Alcohol.

He acknowledged that it was wrong to drink and that the Bible was against it; then told of having come from preacher stock, told of a preacher uncle dying on his knees, said he believed everything in the Bible; then tried to prove by the Bible and our Lord that it is right to make wine and drink it. Then tried to prove by old Noah, because the old fellow got intoxicated right after the flood, that it is right to get drunk. He said, "God never had a law against the making, selling or drinking of intoxicants."

Just think of a man who was once a Methodist preacher, a member of the Northwest Texas Conference, who has apostatized to the awful low depth of hellish rot and ruin, and then stand before people with but little compunction of conscience and get off such a string of diabolical falsehoods; and then, in the face of all this, try to make the impression on the minds of the African race and the ignorant white man that he is a Christian, to my mind, the worst form of blasphemy. After the long string of falsehoods he had the audacity to look his congregation in the face and say, "Now, if I have told you a single falsehood, I don't know where it was." My Lord and my God, what will man come to next! Can he get any lower? "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is death." "A man may believe a lie and be damned," Bible.

E. M. MYERS.

Bremond, Texas.

TRANSFORMATIONS

Curious Results When Coffee Drinking is Abandoned.

It is almost as hard for an old coffee toper to quit the use of coffee as it is for a whiskey or tobacco fiend to break off, except that the coffee user can quit coffee and take up Postum without any feeling of a loss of the morning beverage, for when Postum is well boiled and served with cream, it is really better in point of flavour than most of the coffee served nowadays, and to the taste of the connoisseur it is like the flavour of fine, mild Java.

A great transformation takes place in the body within ten days or two weeks after coffee is left off and Postum used, for the reason that the poison to the nerves—caffeine—has been discontinued and in its place is taken a liquid food that contains the most powerful elements of nourishment.

It is easy to make this test and prove these statements by changing from coffee to Postum. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason"

The Woman's Department

Mrs. Florence E. Howell, Editor, 176 Macon St., Dallas, Texas.
All communications in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society should be sent to the address of the Editor of the Woman's Department.

"JOY."

"Take joy home and make a place in thy great heart for her, and give her time to grow, and cherish her; Then will she come, and oft will sing to thee, when thou art working in the furrows, aye, or weeding in the sacred hour of dawn. It is a comely fashion to be glad—Joy is the grace we say to God."

An interesting and profitable monthly meeting was held by the Auxiliary Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Grace Church, Dallas, at the regular time in September. The meeting was held by invitation in the hospitable home of the President of the auxiliary, Mrs. R. W. Baird, who by her zeal and activity is doing much to advance the interests of the work. There was a fine attendance of the members, and a number of ladies of Grace Church, who were not members of the society, were present by invitation of the President. The presence of Mrs. W. F. Barnum, of Fort Worth, Third Vice-President of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, added much to the interest of the occasion, her address, which was the important feature of the occasion, being full of valuable information and delivered in that earnest, forcible manner which characterizes the utterances of this faithful and efficient officer of the board. A social hour was enjoyed after the close of the exercises, during which refreshments were served. This writer was glad to be one of the invited guests of the occasion, and only wishes such occasions, so full of profit and enjoyment as well, might be observed more frequently by auxiliaries in connection with their work.—Ed. Woman's Dept.

It is hoped that the auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Texas Conference are taking advantage of the voluntary service of Mrs. Galbreath, the Recording Secretary of that Conference Society, which she gave in preparing the "quiz," or set of questions, on the minutes of the last annual meeting of that Conference Society, held in Sherman in June. We are glad to know that some of the auxiliaries have already used the quiz and have thus gained valuable information connected with the work. A recent letter from Mrs. Stinnett, of the auxiliary at Van Alstyne, contains a reference to such a meeting, in which she says: "Our last literary meeting was given over to the questions on our last annual meeting prepared by Mrs. Galbreath, every member taking part and very minute being full of interest."

An interesting and well attended meeting, especially arranged for the study of these questions, was held last week by the auxiliary of the First Methodist Church, Dallas, at the home of Mrs. G. M. Swink, one of the oldest and most faithful of the members. The exercises were in charge of Mrs. S. V. Griffiths, the Corresponding Secretary of the auxiliary, a member who is unusually well informed in the general work of the society, because of her official connection, both in the Northwest Texas Conference and in the North Texas Conference, she having been formerly for several years a member of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions from the Northwest Texas Conference. The exercises were well planned and were both instructive and entertaining, a social time of conversation and enjoyment of refreshments served by the kind hostess following at the close.

The hot weather of summer is now over, and it is earnestly hoped the auxiliaries will take on renewed life and activity and begin the fall campaign of work which will bring forth large results in new members added and increased collections for all purposes.—Ed. Woman's Dept.

W. H. M. SOCIETY, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Sisters: The Woman's Home Mission Society of the North Texas Conference will hold its annual meeting during the latter part of October at Paris, Texas. We are preparing a sort of conference press exhibit which we heartily wish that every press reporter in North Texas would be there to see, not because it will be anything great or wonderful (for that—with the limited time and materials at our command—is quite impossible), but because we hope and believe that what we do have will be suggestive and helpful. From the reports and letters we have received we fear there is not much originality exercised in presenting the bulletins to the auxiliaries; and many write us for information along this line. It is impossible for us to write you what we can show you, so we urge every press reporter who can possible arrange to do so to attend the annual meeting and we'll do our best to help you.

Next month the Annual Conference of the preachers occurs. We recognize on our list of press reporters the names of many preachers' wives; so, in all probability, there will be many changes in the auxiliary press reporter's office before the first of December. Won't the Corresponding Secretary of each auxiliary see to it that we are notified promptly of any change that may be made?

We have had a very encouraging response to our call for reports this month, and we are very happy over it. MRS. FRANK BENNETT, Press Supt. Conference Society, Pottsboro, Texas.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE W. F. M. SOCIETY, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Sisters: The reports of District Secretaries for the second quarter of the current year have been received. They show much reason for thankfulness, but few of us have any for self-gratulation. Two districts have not been heard from by the Corresponding Secretary, but some auxiliaries in both those have reported to the Treasurer. Her report shows the receipt of \$586.42. Who sent it? Sister, you who read this, did your auxiliary send a large part of it? It is more than we have usually reported for the quarter. September 1 is a time when people in the rural districts have spent last year's income and have not received that of this year, and so our remittances are not large. December 1 is our best time. See to it that your pledge is paid by that time, and a little more.

Our missionaries write such bright, cheery letters that many think they live in Philippians 4:4, and so they do, just as St. Paul did, but go on and read the 11th, 12th and 13th verses of the same chapter and see how they "rejoice."

Some of them have been asked to let us see them also in 2 Cor. 11:24-28. In reply a letter from Miss Ivey tells of riding, or sometimes walking, in snow knee deep two miles to her school; but adds that she would rather be there than anywhere else in the world, unless her heavenly Father sent her elsewhere.

Have you read Bishop Candler's letter in the Texas Christian Advocate of September 26? If not, hunt it up and read it; if you have, read it again. It tells of an "acute situation and a great opportunity in Korea." Mrs. Cobb also tells of it in a letter which will appear in this number. Note what they both say of Wonsan.

Sisters of the Calvert District, Texas Conference, that is our girl. We wanted to try to pay her salary this year, but Western North Carolina had been allowed to adopt her, and would not give her up. Surely we can give her a comfortable home. Calvert District has also a daughter in Suchow, China, and Marlin alone made an effort to pay her salary; but Arkansas Conference had adopted Miss Rogers, and would not give her up. The building where she works is not sufficient or comfortable, and so September 1 Mrs. Stoddard, our Treasurer, received from Marlin more than one-fourth of the amount of her salary to supply her wants. Houston District has a daughter, who for six years has worked in China, and for nearly three years has been at work in Suchow. Miss Tarrant is in the same building with Miss Rogers. A question involving a challenge is on the point of the pen, but perhaps it is better suppressed. Houston District has also a daughter in Earedo, and North Carolina has adopted her. Brenham District has a daughter in Cuba, supported by South Carolina; and Marshall one in Huchow, China, supported by Virginia.

No wonder the Lord does not give us any more. Now read Bishop Candler's and Mrs. Cobb's letters and with deep thankfulness to God and the women who have adopted our girls, let us give at least as much as their salaries to make them comfortable. With earnest love and prayer. MRS. S. PHILPOTT, Dew, Texas.

FROM LONGVIEW.

Just because the auxiliary W. H. M. Society here is silent is no reason that it is dead. In fact, we are very much alive, for every officer is trying to do the duty of her office and accepts the duties of same as an opportunity to serve her Lord. There is unity of purpose and harmony of spirit in

every department. This is the fifth year Mrs. Boring has served us faithfully as President. Our books for last year show thirty-four members, seventeen subscribers to Our Homes, sixteen pledged to tithing, papers and leaflets distributed 783, visits to sick and strangers 732, garments in good order given out 372, delicacies to sick seventy-nine, flowers to sick and dead seventy. Money expended on local work \$300.

We had a pleasant and profitable service on "Galveston Day" and sent \$10 to our Wesley House there. We always observe our "Week of Prayer" and last year raised \$29 for Ruth Hargrove School. Every member paid her dues except one. In May our Third Vice-President, Mrs. E. M. Bramlett, held an open meeting and awakened new life and interest in that department. The children think it fun to help in the meeting; sing songs, say speeches and even play the organ. Our auxiliary always sends a delegate to our annual meetings and feels helped and refreshed by the reports from the field.

Our press department has a corner in our town paper and finds it an easy way of keeping the various departments of the Home Mission Society before the people. This year we are trying to make a better record than ever before. May each one of us use the talents given us for the Master's use. MRS. J. C. HOWARD, Press Reporter.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, LADONIA, TEXAS.

I have read so many good reports in our Woman's Department from other auxiliaries that I send a few notes from our auxiliary, hoping that you will have a place for them. Our plan has been to meet twice a month, once for Bible study and the other for business. A spirit of loyalty has been cultivated. We use our Bible study in Our Homes, a different leader being appointed for each month. And profitable work has been done along this line. Our spiritual growth has been felt. God comes and blesses us.

Under the wise supervision of our President, Mrs. E. B. Yeager, and other wise officers, we are expecting to do great things for Christ and with help and guidance of the divine hand we will accomplish much in His name. Our hearts are in the work. Although small in number, we hope to gradually grow in strength, and what we lack in number to make up in grace, that we may be enabled to meet the demands required of us to carry on the good work faithfully and successfully.

Our pastor is in sympathy with the Home Mission Society and is always ready to lend a helping hand. We love Brother and Sister Roach. We have much to do yet, so "let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." MRS. LILLIE MERRILL, Press Reporter.

FROM JEWETT, TEXAS.

The Auxiliary Woman's Home Mission Society of Jewett is doing very good work. We have paid all debts and have some money in the treasury.

We are indeed very thankful. The "Week of Prayer" is almost here and we are preparing to have an excellent week, praying and hoping for more earnest, consecrated effort than ever before.

Several members of our society have been tithing this year and it has helped us wonderfully in defraying all expenses on parsonage. The union meeting has closed and there were 28 accessions to the Church. "Truly, the Lord has blessed us."

PRESS REPORTER.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, SHEPHERD, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Last February, under many difficulties, our little Home Mission Society was organized and despite the many predictions made that "this thing" would not last long, we are still an active organization with a membership of 20. We organized with 16; 5 added since we organized and one withdrawn.

By the help of God we do not intend to give up this grand work of the Home Mission Society so long as we have the faithful few to stand with us, and that faithful few will always be found in the Church.

We have 18 subscribers to that most excellent little paper, "Our Homes," and it is read with much interest.

We realized \$47.40 from our bazar, part of which we have expended making our preacher's home more comfortable. We are now expecting to buy seats for our Church, for the women of the Home Mission Society are not only parsonage builders but church builders as well. But we are ever ready to do what ever our hands find to do when it comes to our Lord's work. The following is a list of our officers: Mrs. Ida B. Slaughter, Pres-

ident; Mrs. Grace Tribe, First Vice-President; Mrs. E. B. Harrell, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Rawlinson, Third Vice-President; Mrs. Cleli Fain, Recording Secretary; Mrs. E. B. Smith, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. H. L. Lilly, Treasurer. May this be a great year in our Home Mission work. MRS. IDA B. SLAUGHTER, President.

Treasurer's report, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, North Texas Conference, for second quarter ending September 1, 1907:

Collections:	
Dues	\$195 00
Pledge	121 65
Kendrick-Dye pledge	156 35
Bible Woman	8 25
Scholarship, Korea	60 00
Saltito Day School	51 10
Scarritt, for Miss Lura Johnson	50 00
Eliza Bowman lot	15 45
Conference expense fund	41 04
Publication fund	8 05
Total	\$691 89
Disbursements:	
Balance conference expense fund, first quarter	\$ 40 41
Balance publication fund, 1st quarter	6 65
Total for expenses, 1st quarter	96 15
Conference expenses for 2d quarter	74 55
Balance	\$ 21 60

Remitted to Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, General Treasurer, the following:

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Sent to Mr. J. H. Bowman, Financial Agent for Eliza Bowman lot	45 45
A free will offering to Misses Kendrick and Dye	150 00
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SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT OF WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE, W. F. M. SOCIETY.

Conference Expenses.	
On hand from last quarter	\$ 23.53
Received this quarter	26.09
Books sold at annual meeting	10.50
Transferred from Min. Fund	9.76
This quarter for minutes	11.40
Total	\$81.28
Paid for printing minutes	37.20
Mrs. Lee's exp. to annual mtg	8.70
Mrs. Lee's bill for quarter	9.06
Mrs. H. F. Lewis' bill for qtr.	3.00
Mrs. Decherd, correspondence	2.49
Mrs. W. E. Smith	1.25
Total	\$61.70
Balance on hand	\$19.58

Sent to General Treasurer.

Austin Mission	\$187.50
West Texas Mission	187.50
Home for native preacher in Korea (from Ozona)	50.00
Dues	178.80
Total	\$603.80

Carried Forward.

Austin Mission	\$540.05
Conference missions	832.93
Training School	49.67
Korean School (Tenth St. Juv.)	7.67
Brazilian School (South Austin District Juvenile)	3.65
Mary Keener School (Lampasas)	.50
Conf. Expense Fund	19.58
Total	\$1455.46

Disbursements.

General Treasurer	\$603.80
Conf. exp. and minutes	61.70
On hand	1455.46
Total	\$2120.96

Receipts.

From last quarter	\$1594.65
Received this quarter	515.81
Books sold at annual meeting	10.50
Total	\$2120.96

MRS. W. E. SMITH, Treasurer Conference Society.

To the Home Mission Auxiliaries of North Texas Conference:

We are rapidly approaching the time for our annual meeting to be held in Paris October 28 to November 2, 1907. A rate of 1 1/2 fare for the round trip has been granted, selling the tickets 26th and 27th, with return limit November 3, 1907. Send in the names of delegates at once to Mrs. S. C. Humphries, 319 S. Church Street, Paris. We want to make this our best meeting. The auxiliaries in Paris are making many plans for one of profit and pleasure and we must show our appreciation by a large delegation. MRS. L. P. SMITH, Cor. Sec. MRS. F. B. CARROLL, Pres.

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INFORMATION WANTED.

Information is wanted concerning William Bigham, who went to Texas in 1860 and died there twenty-eight years ago. He was from Missouri. Until his death he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Martha Guilke, who married again after her father's death, and her last name is unknown. Another daughter, Mrs. Samuel Ayers, came to California in 1857 and died here in 1881. Any information that can be given should be sent to Mrs. Mary Alice Bee, Guerneville, Cal. Do not fail to comply with this request in case you are able to do so, for a few facts relative to her grandfather might be worth considerable to Mrs. Bee. FRANCIS A. DOWNS, 740 Fifth Street, Santa Rosa, Cal.

The Royal Month and the Royal Disease. Sudden changes of weather are especially trying, and probably to none more so than to the arthritic and consumptive. The progress of serofula during a normal October is commonly great. We never think of serofula—its lumbos, cutaneous eruptions, and wasting of the bodily substance—without thinking of the great good many sufferers from it have derived from Hood's Sarsaparilla, whose radical and permanent cures of this one disease are enough to make it the most famous medicine in the world. There is probably not a city or town where Hood's Sarsaparilla has not proved its merit in more homes than one, in arresting and completely eradicating serofula, which is almost as serious and as much to be feared as its near relative—consumption.

GOOD OPENING.

I am glad to be able to announce that at the end of the first month we have in the San Angelo Collegiate Institute one hundred and forty-three students. If we should add to this those who are taking work in special departments, we should have above two hundred. W. M. CRUTCHFIELD.

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BOHEMIAN MISSIONARY.

The Board of Missions of the Northwest Texas Conference has secured a native Bohemian missionary and teacher to do work among our immigrant neighbors. Rev. V. C. Colner is now located at Georgetown, and will teach the Bohemian language in Southwestern University. The Conference Board has the endorsement and co-operation of the parent board, and rejoice to have secured this experienced and well-equipped missionary. In addition to other school work, Rev. Colner has had four years in Germany, and, while having excellent qualifications for teaching Bohemian and German, speaks three or four other languages. He is a missionary of large experience, and is thoroughly evangelistic and devoted to the welfare of his people. The board has secured two young Bohemians who came with Mr. Colner, and will prepare for the ministry in the University, and later the field as soon as possible. The faculty of Southwestern University will give credit in this language for work done looking to a degree, as in other modern languages; and, so far as the writer is informed, this is the only college in the South giving these advantages. I believe, through our missionary, I could secure other young Bohemian preachers to enter the field, if other conferences would undertake work. I would invite correspondence. M. S. HOTCHKISS, Missionary Evangelist.

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Secular News

By direction of the President, William P. Duval was appointed to be Major General in the army, vice Major General William McCaskey, the present commander of the Department of the Dakotas. Col. W. W. Weather-

The Atlantic transport line Minnehaha, just in from London, brought to port a story of having seen a rainbow at night. Capt. Robinson and a score of passengers vouched for the truth of the story.

H. W. Scovill, a retired merchant of Newburyport, Mass., said that the rainbow appeared just before midnight on Wednesday. All that day there had been occasional showers. Toward evening there was a clearing, but at night a mist settled down over the water.

"Along about midnight," said Mr. Scovill, "a peculiar half-circle of colored light appeared in the west. Both ends touched the sea, and, although not as vivid as the rainbow we see in the daytime, it was clearly defined and a beautiful sight."

The phenomenon remained in view twenty minutes, and finally faded away.

Leading officials of several of the large life insurance companies were summoned by District Attorney Jerome to appear before the criminal branch of the New York State Supreme Court to plead to indictments found against them by the Grand Jury.

Gen. Emilio De Leon, former Minister of Guatemala in Mexico and at one time Minister of Foreign Affairs in Guatemala, died in the City of Mexico suddenly October 6 of heart disease. Gen. De Leon will be buried by the side of his friend and former comrade, Gen. Barrillas. There is a rumor circulating to the effect that Gen. De Leon had been poisoned, but there is no evidence to support it.

With a long and cordial handshake and in his eyes a look of curiosity and evident admiration President Porfirio Diaz on the morning of October 1 received in the Hall of Ambassadors in the National Palace Secretary of State Elihu Root and added his part to the unprecedented demonstration of good will of which the American statesman was the recipient on his arrival at the capital September 29th, when Mexican authorities and people tendered him a reception which for its warmth and unmistakable enthusiasm was the most remarkable ever received by a foreign visitor in the City of Mexico. All the members of the Mexican Cabinet were present. The veteran ruler of the Mexican Republic expressed to his distinguished visitor his entire delight at meeting the man who had done so much to cement the friendship between all the Latin-American Republics and the great Republic north of the Rio Grande.

Secretary Taft's busiest day in Japan began with a reception and a luncheon given in his honor by Foreign Minister Hayashi at the arsenal, which was attended by all the officials of the Government departments, making it the most brilliant function of his visit.

Forty-two persons, including thirty Japanese soldiers, were killed or injured by the derailment of a south-bound train from Seoul, Korea, early Oct. 1. Responsibility for the wreck has not been located.

The newspapers in Nice, say that Princess Ann Monica Pia, daughter of Signora Toselli, ex-Crown Princess of Saxony, was recently placed in a convent at San Remo, twenty-six miles from Nice, and that an attempt was made Oct. 1, by a woman disguised as a Sister of Charity, who was accompanied by a young man described as a musician, to abduct the little Princess from the convent.

An explosion caused by the upsetting of metal pot in No. 1 cupola of the Standard Steel Company in Butler, Pa., late Oct. 6, caused the death of four men, fatally injured twenty and seriously injured ten others. Most of the men were foreigners.

A heavy downpour of rain continues over portions of the flooded territory in the south of France, but the situation there is much improved. The danger point is shifting westward, where the rains threaten an overflow of the Terre and its tributaries.

On account of continued ill health, Gov. Miguel Cardenas of Coahuila, has asked for an indefinite leave of absence, and Senor Melchor G. Cardenas has been appointed as his substitute. It is rumored that Gov. Cardenas will resign from his duties as

Governor within a short time and devote his time and energy to his large private interests.

The release of Caid Sir Harry MacLean, who for some time has been held captive by the bandit, Raisuli, at last seems to be within measurable distance.

The Associated Press was informed Oct. 6, on the best possible authority, of the acceptance by the British Government of Raisuli's decided terms for MacLean's release, the principal items being \$150,000 ransom and British protection for Raisuli and his family.

Great Britain's advance of the ransom will be guaranteed by Sultan Abdul El Aziz. Sir Harry MacLean's brother is now at Rabat, bringing the negotiations with the Sultan to a close.

Senor Ramos, a member of the Budget Committee of the Chamber, says that the close of the present fiscal year will show a deficit of 900,000 contos, gold, and believes that the new tariff will cause an annual loss of 3,000 contos, gold.

The Minister of Finance requests the Chamber not to make any extra expenditures in view of the deficit.

THE NICKOL & ATCHLEY DEBATE.

The debate between Rev. C. R. Nickol, of Clifton, Texas, representing the Christian Church, and Rev. J. R. Atchley, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at Dodd, Windom and Lannius, began at Lannius at 4 o'clock p. m., September the 9th, and closed at 5 o'clock p. m., September the 13th.

Four propositions were discussed. First: Bro. Atchley affirmed, "Affusion with water is scriptural baptism."

Second: Bro. Nickol affirmed: "Immersion in water to a proper subject is for (in order to) the remission of sins."

Third: Bro. Atchley affirmed: "Infant baptism is authorized by the teaching of the Scriptures and the history of the Church."

Fourth: Bro. Nickol affirmed: "The Church of Christ was set up on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ."

The opinion prevails that Bro. Atchley conducted the discussion on his part in a very able manner. On the first proposition he showed plainly by the Scriptures and the lexicons that affusion was baptism. He proved beyond question that the baptism of the spirit spoken of by John and Christ took place on the day of Pentecost and this was the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy in reference to the pouring out of the spirit. Hence spiritual baptism is by pouring, and baptize means to pour upon.

On the third proposition he showed the perpetuity of Church.

"Infants were in the Church under the old dispensation and there is no law to leave them out under the new dispensation. This subject was ably sustained.

On the second and fourth proposition it was like a mighty avalanche. He bore down upon his opponent like a mountain torrent and with an overpowering flood-tide he swept him entirely off his base, not leaving him a single point nor scripture to sustain his position.

Bro. Nickol seems to be somewhat of a scholarly man. He is full of ostentation. He spent much of his time in the display of his knowledge, especially his knowledge of Greek.

Bro. Atchley was able to cope with him on every part of the ground. He handles the lexicon and the Greek Testament with the facility of an adept.

We, as Methodists, are more than pleased with the results, especially since we had nothing to do with getting up the matter.

Our Campbellite brethren are wholly responsible for the debate.

They challenged Bro. Atchley in his own Church, in the midst of his own congregation. Moral—"Better not meddle, lest you be counted a busybody in other men's matters."—1 Peter 1:15. W. A. COPPEDGE, Lannius, Texas.

BRO. J. T. SMITH IN ERROR.

Bro. Smith said not a single district in the West Texas Conference paid out in full on all the general assessments. Every charge in the Llano District paid out in full and some of them were in excess.

The Austin District, as a whole, paid all the general assessments of that district in full. The small deficits in some charges were more than made up in others.

Since commencing to write I believe I will give you the facts as they show in the General Minutes of the conferences for 1906:

The four Texas Conferences gave the following amount per capita for missions: West Texas Conference, 49 cents per capita; Texas Conference, 33 cents per capita; Northwest Texas Conference, 35 cents per capita; North Texas Conference, 30 cents per capita. The General Minutes also show these four conferences contributed for missions, conference claimants,

church extension, Bishops, American Bible Society, as follows per capita: West Texas Conference, 85 cents per capita; Texas Conference, 56 cents per capita; Northwest Texas Conference, 65 cents per capita; North Texas Conference, 57 cents per capita.

It also appears that these conferences gave the following per capita for ministerial support: West Texas Conference, \$3.06 per capita; Texas Conference, \$2.35 per capita; Northwest Texas Conference, \$2.61 per capita; North Texas Conference, \$2.46 per capita.

There is no conference to the north or east of us in our Church that pays as much on ministerial support as the West Texas Conference, or on the general collections either, save the South Georgia Conference, which leads us on missions alone, paying 65 cents per capita for missions.

The South Georgia Conference pays for ministerial support \$2.27 per capita and for missions, conference claimants, church extension, Bishops and American Bible Society, \$1.03 per capita; for ministerial support and the five benevolent claims mentioned, \$3.30 per capita; whereas, West Texas Conference contributes to the same cause, \$3.91 per capita, thus leading the South Georgia by 61 cents per capita.

It can not be said that the West Texas Conference preachers are selfish because their people give more per capita to their support than the people of the other conferences do; for they still get smaller salaries than the preachers of the other conferences mentioned, to-wit: The South Georgia Conference pays her pastors, presiding elders included, an average

salary of \$800 per year; West Texas Conference, \$651 per year; Northwest Texas Conference, \$780 per year; North Texas Conference, \$715 per year; Texas Conference, \$680 per year.

If you take into consideration the fact that the 126 preachers of the West Texas Conference serve a territory as large as is served by the 276 preachers of the Northwest Texas Conference; also that they serve almost if not altogether as large territory as the 283 preachers of the Texas and North Texas Conferences combined serve, you can see of necessity traveling expenses show heavy, and also realize the handicapped conditions under which our pastors serve such a widely scattered population. It is also evident to any thinking man how difficult to evangelize such a scattered people. Yet, notwithstanding these conditions, we are doing well. Last year our pastors reported 2446 added on profession of faith and 2659 by certificate; total, 5105.

This year revival echoes are in the land. About 1000 souls reported converted in the Llano District and about 600 received on profession of faith and more to follow.

Dr. Harrison has just completed San Antonio Female College and the plant is now worth over \$100,000, and his school is overflowing.

President Fisher at Coronado is crowded, but he will have room when the new wing now being built is completed. Rev. W. J. Johnson has raised this year over \$20,000 for the school.

Presiding Elder Renfro and President Crutchfield are pressing hard after the \$10,000 needed to build their plant at San Angelo, and they will

succeed too, for San Angelo country will rally to them.

Our people are responding to the rallying cry of Harrison for the endowment of Southwestern University. West Texans will do their part to accomplish the much desired result.

No. Bro. Smith, West Texas is not languishing in the background, as you insinuate, but she is leading the van of our Methodist hosts in Texas and elsewhere. THEOPHILUS LEE.

TWO CIRCUITS IN PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

Queen City Circuit, Clyde B. Garrett, pastor, has done a fine year's work. Built a beautiful church at Harmony at a cost of \$1,200, had good revivals and every indication of life. At the fourth Quarterly Conference all the Churches paid out on salary and over, except two, and they will pay every dollar. Bro. Garrett reports all collections in full.

Linden Circuit, Ira M. Bryce, pastor.—Quarterly Conference was held September 21st. Every Church in the charge reported every dollar of salary paid in full. Bro. Bryce reported all conference collections in full and he is sure of an excess on missions. Now, if these two charges can come up in full two months in advance of conference session, I am sure there is not a charge in the district that can not pay out in full, and if there is failure anywhere, whose fault will it be?

I hope each charge will be ready to close out in full at the Quarterly Conference. You can do this if all will work to that end.

Now, boys, for a strong pull and a pull altogether. R. A. BURROUGHS.

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ridiculous than any comment of ours could make it.

Does Collier's expect to regain any self-inflicted loss of prestige by demonstrating thru suits for damages, that it can be more artful in evading liability for libels than the humble but resentful victims of its defamation, or does it hope by starting a campaign of libel suits to silence the popular indignation, reproach and resentment which it has aroused.

Collier's cannot dodge this public controversy by private law suits. It can not postpone the public judgment against it. That great jury, the public, will hardly blame us for not waiting until we get a petit jury in the court room, before denouncing this prodigal detractor of institutions founded and fostered either by individuals or by the public, itself.

No announcements during our entire business career were ever made claiming "medicinal effects" for either Postum or Grape-Nuts. Medicinal effects are results obtained from the use of medicines.

Thousands of visitors go thru our entire works each month and see for themselves that Grape-Nuts contains absolutely nothing but wheat, barley and a little salt; Postum absolutely nothing but wheat and about ten per cent of New Orleans molasses. The art of preparing these simple elements in a scientific manner to obtain the best food value and flavor, required some work and experience to acquire.

Now, when any publication goes far enough out of its way to attack us because our advertising is "medical," it simply offers a remarkable exhibition of ignorance, or worse.

We do claim physiological or bodily results of favorable character following the adoption of our suggestions regarding the discontinuance of coffee and foods which may not be keeping the individual in good health. We have no advice to offer the perfectly healthful person. His or her health is evidence in itself that the beverages or foods used exactly fit that person. Therefore, why change?

But to the man or woman who is ailing, we have something to say as a result of an unusually wide experience in food and the result of proper feeding.

In the palpably ignorant attack on us in Collier's, appeared this statement—"One widely circulated paragraph labors to induce the impression that Grape-Nuts will obviate the necessity for an operation for appendicitis. This is lying and potentially deadly lying."

In reply to this exhibition of—well, let the reader name it, the Postum Co., says:

Let it be understood that appendicitis results from long continued disturbance in the intestines, caused primarily by undigested starchy food, such as white bread, potatoes, rice,

partly cooked cereals and such.

Starchy food is not digested in the upper stomach but passes on into the duodenum, or lower stomach and intestines, where, in a healthy individual, the transformation of the starch into a form of sugar is completed and then the food absorbed by the blood.

But if the powers of digestion are weakened, a part of the starchy food will lie in the warmth and moisture of the body and decay, generating gases and irritating the mucous surfaces until under such conditions the whole lower part of the alimentary canal, including the colon and the appendix, becomes involved. Disease sets up and at times takes the form known as appendicitis.

When the symptoms of the trouble make their appearance, would it not be good, practical, common sense, to discontinue the starchy food which is causing the trouble and take a food in which the starch has been transformed into a form of sugar in the process of manufacture?

This is identically the same form of sugar found in the human body after starch has been perfectly digested.

Now, human food is made up very largely of starch and is required by the body for energy and warmth. Naturally, therefore, its use should be continued, if possible, and for the reasons given above it is made possible in the manufacture of Grape-Nuts.

In connection with this change of food to bring relief from physical disturbances, we have suggested washing out the intestines to get rid of the immediate cause of the disturbance.

Naturally, there are cases where the disease has lain dormant and the abuse continued too long, until apparently only the knife will avail. But it is a well-established fact among the best physicians who are acquainted with the details above recited, that preventative measures are for and away the best.

Are we to be condemned for suggesting a way to prevent disease by following natural methods and for perfecting a food that contains no "medicine" and produces no "medicinal effects" but which has guided literally thousands of persons from sickness to health? We have received during the years past upwards of 25,000 letters from people who have been either helped or made entirely well by following our suggestions, and they are simple.

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Our Departed Dead

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BRANDENBURG.—Mrs. Mary Brandenburg was born June 4, 1883, and died Aug. 7, 1907. She was married by the writer to R. G. Brandenburg Nov. 15, 1902. A more congenial and happy union is not often seen. Both she and her devoted husband gave their hearts to the Lord in early youth and when they married did not forget to take Him into the councils of their home. Being true Methodists, they dedicated to Him in baptism the two bright little boys that came to them. Mary was one of five children born to Jas. F. and Martha Fite, all of whom are living, and useful members of the Methodist Church. She was a lovely Christian character; even tempered, always cheerful and happy; a sweet singer, and, in her girlhood, such a help and inspiration that, as her pastor, I could but love her. And I feel now that in her early departure I sustain a personal loss. Her sufferings were intense, but grace enabled her to triumph gloriously. She loved life, and made a brave fight with the last enemy. But when her strength failed, she said: "I wanted to live, but the will of the Lord be done," then, after a moment, she added, "My Lord may have need of me." This brought to her mind the song she loved so much, "I'll go when you want me to go," and she repeated the first verse. Then her mind seemed to wander, and she said to her sister: "Beulah, what is the next verse?" But before it could be repeated she broke forth singing, "Hark, the herald angels sing." When unconscious, just as the golden bowl was breaking, like the old Peri passing through the gates, her song of triumph was heard, "I'm a Child of a King." The stroke is heavy, and our grief is sore, but our Father knows best, and his grace is sufficient. Dear Rob, look up; the way is clear, and you know where to find her. **J. F. ARCHER.**
Lewisville, Texas.

WATSON.—Pearl Lee was born in Cooke County, Texas, Dec. 30, 1902, and departed this life Sept. 3, 1907. Little Pearl was sick about one week, but what she suffered no one can know, but she bore her pain without a murmur. All was done for her that could be done, but to no avail. Pearl was such a sweetly disposed child, good natured, kind and obedient. Short was her stay in this world, but she wound herself into the affections of all who knew her. We must submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and may he comfort the hearts of a fond mother and father, and sisters and brothers. We cannot call her back, but we can go to her. Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."
C. B. GOLSON, P. E.
Rosston, Texas.

SCOGGINS.—James Marvin Scoggins, infant son of Brother and Sister Arthur Scoggins, was born in Clarendon, Texas, May 22, 1907, died at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. J. C. Scoggins, August 24, 1907. The father and mother had been forced to go South on account of the mother's health, and the funeral was made doubly sad in that they were several hundred miles away and could not be reached. All was done, however, that could have been done had they been present. The above dates indicate a brief life, but it was not without its mission. He stayed long enough to become very dear to the hearts of the family, and then went to the home above; and heaven is sweeter to them because little Marvin is there.
W. C. HILBURN.

JONES.—B. M. K. Jones was born in Cotton Grove, Madison County, Tennessee, August 1, 1845. Fifteen years afterward he was converted. He said himself: "I had lived long enough in sin and gave my heart to God." He joined the M. E. Church, South, that day and from then until his death he lived an exemplary life. He was used many times as an exhorter and frequently elected Sunday-school Superintendent. He was married to Miss Lona Noble, of Henderson County, Tennessee, October 7, 1874. They were never blessed with any children of their own, but were charitable enough to raise and care for the orphan in their own home. Bro. Jones was a Methodist of the best type, and from the best family. He knew the doctrine of the Church, and they were his chief conversation. He requested this writer to preach his

funeral and said: "Tell the truth; tell the people I am a sinner, saved by grace. Beg them to overlook my foibles and think only of my better deeds." He fell on sleep June 27, 1907. After sixty-two years of toil he was laid away in the cemetery at Deport, Texas, to await the resurrection morn.
W. J. BLUDWORTH.

BARRETT.—H. W. Barrett was born in Georgia, February 15, 1834; moved to Coosa County, Alabama; in 1858 to Arkansas and from Arkansas to Fannin County, Texas, in 1886. From Fannin to Delta in 1895, in which county he lived until God called him home August 11, 1907. He was twice married. First to C. E. Nelson. Three children were born to this union—two dead, one living. He was married the second time to S. V. Nelson. To this union eleven children were born—four dead, seven living. He was a true Mason for forty-two years. He was a soldier under Price the last year of the Civil War. He was converted at New Hope, Fannin County, and joined the Methodist Church, South, in 1888 and lived a consecrated life until God called him from labor to a rich reward, August 11, 1907. Truly a good man has fallen. The last few years were years of suffering, but he was calm and patient. But his sufferings are all over; he has entered the glorious rest. Look up, loved ones, a little while and you will meet to part no more.
J. E. SHORT.

HUDDLESTON.—A. W. Huddleston, son of J. A. and S. C. Huddleston, was born in Anderson County, Texas, March 1, 1875; moved with his parents to Wise County, Texas, in 1889; was converted under the ministry of Rev. J. M. Baker and joined the Methodist Church at Garvin in 1890. Brother Huddleston, from boyhood, was very conscientious, and under no conditions would be allured into places of vice and immorality. Always loved his home. He was a most dutiful son and affectionate brother. He leaves a father, mother, one brother and four sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss; but in blessed assurance of meeting son, brother and friend in the sweet by and by. About four years ago he was stricken with paralysis of the brain, from which he never recovered, and on September 9, 1907, he passed from labor to his eternal reward. The writer preached his funeral to a large congregation of sorrowing relatives and friends, and we committed his remains to the silent tomb in Garvin Cemetery to await the final resurrection.
A. P. HIGHTOWER.

HARROD.—Mrs. Josephine Harrod (nee O'Rear), born May 7, 1870, in Harmony community of Cass County, Texas, passed to her reward on high on September 8, 1907, at 11:15 p. m. When she was only fourteen she gave to God her life, and in loyalty abided in his hands to the end. On February 14, 1888, she was happily married to J. Solomon Harrod, who survives her to rear the four motherless children. Sick six months was she with lung trouble, but ready was she when the call came, and happy in Jesus, went home to her Father. A wife true, a mother devoted, a Christian consistent, a Methodist loyal on earth, a saint all white robed and joyous in her mansion heavenly. We will meet her.
C. B. GARRETT.
Queen City, Texas.

SMITH.—Brother L. B. Smith was born in Tishomingo County, Miss., April 27, 1846, was married to Mary Elizabeth Walker in Nov., 1866. To this union seven children were born, five of whom (all boys) are still living. Bro. Smith was converted when about twenty years of age, and joined the Church in which he lived until Sept. 15, 1907, when God called him home. He died with congestion of the stomach; had several attacks of it before, but this time it proved to be one that he could not survive. He was sick only about two weeks before he died, but suffered a great deal during that time. He begged for water a great deal during his illness. He told his widowed sister a few days after he was taken sick that he would never get well, but that it was all right; he had lived long enough, any way, and was ready to go. So the brother, sister, wife and boys will know where to look for him when they go into that eternal world beyond the grave. I pray that the life he lived may at least help draw these into the mansions of rest.
R. E. PORTER, P. C.

TERRY.—Arthur Ray, infant son of Emmett M. and Ella Terry, was born October 21, 1906, and departed this life August 27, 1907. He was sick from Saturday night till Tuesday evening at 4:50 o'clock, when he passed sweetly away to that home above. Ray was such a bright, blue-eyed baby, always full of life and sunshine. He did not stay with them long—just long enough to have their hearts tenderly entwined around him. It was so hard for them to give him up, but

God saw fit to take him home to heaven, where there is no more sickness, pain nor death. Weep not, dear parents, for Ray has gone to join his angel sister who had gone on before. **Praise God that you and his two little sisters may so live as to meet them in heaven, where parting shall be no more.** We laid his body to rest beside his sister in Mesquite Cemetery Wednesday evening, August 28, the funeral services being conducted by our pastor, Rev. Walter Douglass. Farewell, Ray; farewell. **HIS AUNT.**
Lawson, Texas.

ELLIS.—Martha Elizabeth Ellis (nee Bennett) was born in Morgan County, Alabama, November 9, 1828. In Winston County, Alabama, December 30, 1847, she was married to Wm. Ellis. Here they made their home until 1895, when they moved to Texas and settled near Bullard. There, July 3, 1907, the Master said, "It is enough; come up higher." Three boys and one girl blessed this home. One boy died in infancy, but the others live to know what it is to be without mother's tender touch. She was converted in early womanhood and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Later she joined the Methodist Church, and together with her husband lived faithful to its vows. Bro. Ellis preceded her to the glory land only about fourteen months. Grandma Ellis' life was a sweet aroma in her circle; all remember her with love. Her devotion to her Church was something remarkable. We shall see her again.
B. W. ALLEN.
Mt. Selman, Texas.

BAILEY.—Little Herbert, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bailey, was born July 7, 1907, and died August 11, 1907. Although his stay with us was only a few weeks upon earth, yet he was fondly loved by us all. And O how we do miss him in the home! Yet the very fact that he is gone from us is an assurance that there is a sweet flower blooming in heaven. How sad and lonely without him! Yet we must submit to God's will. He does all things right. We loved him, but God loved him best and took him up to heaven to be with his grandma and the holy angels. Weep not, dear papa, mother and little brother, for this precious baby, for he is better off in heaven. Let us be patient and faithful till God shall say to us, "It is enough; come up higher," and you shall be an unbroken family in heaven. His aunt,
(MRS.) M. L. STORY.

HAMILTON.—Lalla Mail, daughter of Conductor George D. and Mrs. L. M. Hamilton, of Paris, Texas, died at Ennis, Texas, October 2, 1907, of scarlet fever. She was on a visit to an aunt when the disease developed. She was born in Waco, Texas, January 6, 1897, but soon moved to Paris with her parents, where, with her sweet disposition and bright intellect, she gained a host of friends. She was a member of the Bonham Street Methodist Sunday-school, of which Church her mother is a member, and was literally endeared to her class and to her teacher. O how they will miss her! She leaves father and mother and sister and brother behind and goes to swell the chorus of the angels around the throne of God. Her body was brought back to Paris, and, after a funeral conducted by her pastor, the writer, at her home, in the presence of a large concourse, was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery to await the resurrection morning.
J. A. WYATT.

SMITH.—Bee Smith, son of Joe P. and Mattie Smith, was born December 15, 1883, and died at Austin, Texas, September 18, 1907. He was baptized in infancy and brought up in the Church, lived an exemplary life and has gone to receive his reward. He was a sufferer for more than two years, but God saw fit to call him from this world of suffering to a home where pain and sickness never come. While our hearts are sad and broken, yet we weep not as they that have no hope, realizing that death is only the unrobing room through which we enter our Father's house. Parents and friends, be faithful; it will only be a few days until we shall all be gathered to that home that Christ has gone to prepare for us.
N. D. WOOD, Pastor.

McWHIRTER.—Sarah H McWhirter was born in Lauderdale County, Ala., September 23, 1822; came to Texas in 1837 and was married to William McAdams in 1839, with whom she lived eight years. He died, leaving her with four children. In 1850 she was married the second time to James B. McWhirter, with whom she lived happily for forty-seven years. He died, leaving her with five children. Of the nine children three only are living. Sister McWhirter professed religion at twelve years of age and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which she lived a faithful member for seventy-three years. A mother in Israel has fallen.

The spirit left the body and went home September 29, 1907. Mother McWhirter was an old-time Methodist. She said: "I am ready to go home and be with my Lord." She was buried at Redwater Graveyard, witnessed by a large congregation, to await the resurrection morn. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Good-bye, grandma; we will meet you on the other shore. Her pastor,
J. M. MILLS.

FURGUSON.—Mary T. was born in Bear County, Mo., Jan. 25, 1847; came with her parents to Cooke County, Texas, in 1874, where she resided up to the time of her death, which occurred March 1, 1907. Miss Mary professed faith in Christ, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life, and was a consistent Christian to the end. She bore her affliction with Christian fortitude, and died peacefully. We would say to her brothers and sister, not to weep as those who have no hope. She is not dead, only sleeping, to wait the judgment day. So may you follow her example, and when the time of your departure is at hand may you go to that world of bliss and meet her where parting comes no more. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."
Her Pastor,
C. B. GOLSON.

BURTON.—Martha E. Burton (nee Elliott) was born March 15, 1880. She was converted in childhood, and lived a bright Christian life, cheering and making life bright for many. She first married J. A. Farris, in April, 1895. After the death of her husband she was married to G. W. Burton, June 21, 1897. From her first marriage were born two children, and from the second, four children; of whom five are now living. Sister Burton passed to her home Sept. 11, 1907. Though converted in childhood, she did not unite with the Church until Sept. 4, 1905. Her life was a model Christian one, and all who knew her loved her. In every enterprise for God's glory she was ready with hand and heart. In her home life she was loving, tender and sympathetic. She leaves a father, husband, five children, a sister and two brothers besides a host of loving friends. We all look not to the lonely grave, but to an eternal city, and mansion prepared for her by our Lord. Though our hearts are sad and lone, yet we know with her all is well. We that live faithful shall meet her on the morning of glad eternity.
J. N. VINCENT, P. C.

THOMAS.—Brother E. D. Thomas was born in Roanoke County, Virginia, June 16, 1828; moved to Kansas in 1873; removed to Handley, Texas, in 1878, where he resided till he departed this life September 27, 1907. He was one of the charter members of the Handley M. E. Church, South. God gave him long life, having permitted him to remain more than nine years over the allotted time, which was well spent in his service. His last months were spent in feebleness and ill health; but his spirit increased as the flesh decayed, till at last he shook off this mortal coil to take up his life again with loved ones gone before. He leaves seven children and many grandchildren to mourn his departure. One daughter preceded him last month in Denver, Colorado. His wife had gone on many years before, she having been the first laid away in the Handley Cemetery to await the resurrection of the dead. His was a long life, but passed away as a flower that is cut down but leaves its fragrance behind to sweeten the lives of others. To the dear ones left behind: Weep not, for he is not dead, but sleeping.
WESLEY H. KEENER.

CORLEY.—Mrs. Harriet Corley, wife of Bro. S. E. Corley, who lived near Harmony Church, in Texas, was born July 17, 1826, in Mississippi; was married to Bro. S. E. Corley at about eighteen years of age. In 1886 they came to Texas. God blessed the union with nine children, of whom eight had preceded her to the glory world. Sister Corley made her home with her only child and son, Bro. H. U. E. Corley, since Bro. S. E. Corley's death in 1862. Sister Corley found the Lord precious to her soul at the age of fifteen years. She joined the M. E. Church, South, after coming to Texas, and was a true and faithful member till death. She bore her afflictions well and relied strongly on God's promises. She was a sweet-spirited woman, always talking of God and his goodness. All who knew her loved her. Her only living son, who has been a steward in the M. E. Church, South, said he could not remember the day that he did not hear a mother's prayers. May mother's God lead her son and loved ones in this life in the way that is right, and heal the torn and lacerated hearts, and finally bring them to a Christian mother's home in Heaven. **G. W. CONLEY.**
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HILDRETH.—Mrs. Charlotte Hildreth was born in 1859; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of fifteen, and lived a faithful member of the same for thirty-two years, when God, in his wisdom, saw fit, on April 28, 1907, to call her from the walks of this life. Sister Hildreth was married to her husband, Mr. Dick Hildreth, at the age of 23, to whom she was faithful and true in fighting the battles of life. The Lord blessed this union with nine children, of whom five, with their father preceded her. Sister Hildreth leaves four children, a sainted mother and a host of friends to mourn her departure. May God bless those children and relatives, and lead them in the way that God would have them go, and in the morning of the resurrection own and crown them, one and all, as an unbroken family in his Kingdom.
G. W. CONLEY.

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The above is the statement made by a new convert in the great revival now going on here in old Montague. He is about 55 years old and was saved in the altar a few nights ago, and when the next opportunity came for testifying for Christ he arose with beaming countenance, tear-streaming eyes, and a glad and happy heart, and made use of the above words. I send them for publication, that many may feel the thrill that we felt when we heard them from his lips. 152 conversions; 121 accessions to date and still going on. S. M. BLACK. Montague, Texas.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

This week the topic of topics has been the new Cunard liner "Lusitania" that reached port Friday, being the mammoth steamship's initial trip. The Lusitania is the biggest boat yet built and has distanced all records for Ocean passage.

A few years ago people would have been incredulous of a prophecy that the Atlantic would be crossed in a fort-night's trip. Up to Friday the best record was about six days. The new craft crossed in 5 days, 47 minutes, thus holding the banner as the swiftest ocean liner up to now. Persons yet living will live to see the trip gradually and speedily reduced until about a day and a night will be all required. The possibilities of the turbine have not yet been reached and there is no estimating what will be done accurately.

On this famous trip of the "Lusitania", a city within itself, they ate on the trip:

- 10,000 eggs.
4000 pounds fresh fish.
2 tons of bacon and ham.
4000 pounds of coffee.
1150 pounds of tea.
500 pounds grapes.
100 pine apples.
15,000 oranges and bananas.
1000 lemons.
40,000 loaves of bread and rolls.
6 tons butter.

A daily newspaper was published, getting the news by "wireless." Many distinguished persons took passage for New York from Europe on this first trip. The incoming steamer was met down the bay by craft of every nature and as she steamed into port whistles were blown, every one in the harbor and other evidences of distinguishing the remarkable arrival and numerous efforts to honor the occasion.

As the writer has had occasionally to note, it takes a big thing to interest and arouse this great city; the wonderful "Lusitania" did it. An extended description of the boat could not be undertaken in the space allowed this correspondence, but in passing it may be mentioned that either of the four smoke stacks is as large as a railroad tunnel and would accommodate a double train of a double track.

New York harbor is as interesting point as a "sight seer" need care for. Here the shipping from the wide-world enters and departs: boats of every kind, size and capacity, manned by natives of all countries and flying the flags of all nations. It is here the great tide of immigration flows in and much time can profitably be spent there. H. W. FINDLAYSON. 450 Broadway.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

San Angelo District—Fourth Round. Milburn, at Locker, Oct. 12, 13. Paint Rock, at P. R., Oct. 16. Miles Sta., Oct. 19, 20. San Angelo, Oct. 22. WILL T. RENFRO, P. E.

Austin District—Fourth Round. Weimar, at Weimar, Oct. 12, 13. Columbus, Oct. 13, 14. Eagle Lake, at E. L., Oct. 15, 16. Tenth Street, 11 a. m., Oct. 20. First Street, 8 p. m., Oct. 20. Walnut, at Merrittown, 2 p. m., Oct. 23. University Church, 11 a. m., Oct. 27. South Austin, 8 p. m., Oct. 27. JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

San Marcos District—Fourth Round. Tilmon Circuit, at T., Oct. 12, 13. Buda Circuit, at Buda (Quarterly Conference in the afternoon at 3:30 and preaching service at night), Oct. 16. Dripping Springs Circuit, at Driftwood, Oct. 19, 20. Lockhart, Oct. 23. Belmont Circuit, at Belmont (Quarterly Conference at 3:30 in the afternoon and preaching service at night), Oct. 24. San Marcos, at S. M., Oct. 27, 28. D. K. PORTER, P. E.

Beeville District—Fourth Round. Pleasanton, Oct. 12, 13. Floresville, Oct. 13, 14. Corpus Christi, Oct. 19, 20. Kingsville, Oct. 20, 21. Oakville, Lebanon, Oct. 26, 27. F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

Llano District—Fourth Round. Llano, Oct. 12, 13. Boerne, Oct. 16. Bandera, Oct. 18. Center Point, Oct. 19, 20. Kerrville, Oct. 20, 21. THEOPHILUS LEE, P. E.

San Antonio District—Fourth Round. Eagle Pass, October 12, 13. Del Rio, October 18. Moore Circuit, October 18. South Heights, 11 a. m., Oct. 19, 20. Sherman Street, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 19, 20. Hondo, October 23. West End, 11 a. m., October 26, 27. Prospect Hill, 7 p. m., Oct. 26, 27. A. J. WEEKS, P. E.

San Augustine District—Fourth Round. Center Cir., at N. P., Oct. 12, 13. Tenaha, at Lone Oak, Wed., Oct. 16. Nacogdoches Sta., Oct. 19, 20. Cushing, at Trawick, Oct. 20, 21. Caro, Tuesday, Oct. 22. Timpson, Wednesday, Oct. 23. Geneva, at Rock Spgs., Oct. 26, 27. Tatum, at T., Wednesday, Oct. 30. Minden, at New Mt. E., Nov. 2, 3. Melrose, at M., Wednesday, Nov. 6. Beckville, at B., Nov. 9, 10. Garrison, at Mt. P., Wed. Nov. 13. Nacogdoches Mis, Smith's Ch., Nov. 16, 17. Carthage, Tuesday, Nov. 19. Gary, Bethlehem, Wed., Nov. 20. Lufkin, Friday, Nov. 22. Burke, at Burke, Nov. 23, 24. Keltys, at Keltys, Nov. 23. C. A. TOWER, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Corsicana District—Fourth Round. Wortham, at W., 11 a. m., Oct. 11. Kirk, Kirk, October 12, 13. Barry, 11 a. m., October 15. Alma, 11 a. m., October 17. Rice, Rice, 11 a. m., October 18. Purdon, Pursley, 11 a. m., Oct. 19, 20. Dawson, Harmony, Oct. 20, 7:30 p. m., October 21, 11 a. m. Irene, 11 a. m., October 22. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Dublin District—Fourth Round. Granbury Cir., Oct. 12, 13. Granbury Sta., October 13, 14. Proctor Cir., 11 a. m., Oct. 16. Bluffdale Cir., Oct. 19, 20. Carlton Cir., 11 a. m., Oct. 23. Daffau Cir., 11 a. m., Oct. 24. Glenrose Cir., Oct. 26, 27. Hico Sta., 8 p. m., Oct. 28. Dublin Sta., 8 p. m., Oct. 30. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Vernon District—Fourth Round. Vera, Vera, Oct. 12, 13. Paducah, Paducah, Oct. 19, 20. Crowell, Black's, Oct. 22. Seymour, Oct. 26, 27. Lively, Oct. 28. Childress, Nov. 2, 3. W. H. HOWARD, P. E.

Waco District—Fourth Round. Bosqueville Cir., Oct. 12, 13. Morrow Street, Oct. 13, 14. Hubbard City, Oct. 16. Morgan and Walnut, Oct. 19, 20. Elm Street, Oct. 23. Riesel, Oct. 26, 27. Mart, Oct. 27, 28. Penelope, Oct. 30. Aquilla, Nov. 2, 3. W. L. NELMS, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Fourth Round. Midlothian, Oct. 12, 13. Venus, Oct. 13, 14. Palmer and Boyce, at B., Oct. 16. Grandview, Oct. 19, 20. Alvarado, Oct. 20, 21.

Forreston, Oct. 23. Bardwell, Oct. 25. Bethel, Oct. 26, 27. Maypearl, Oct. 27, 28. Red Oak, Oct. 30. Ovilla, at Sardis, Nov. 2, 3. JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

Georgetown District—Fourth Round. Hutto, at Hutto, Oct. 12, 13. Taylor, Oct. 13, 14. Holland, Oct. 19, 20. Rodgers, Oct. 20, 21. Salado, at Salado, Oct. 26, 27. Florence, at Gravis, Oct. 27, 28. Georgetown, Oct. 28. B. R. BOLTON, P. E.

Clarendon District—Fourth Round. Clarendon sta., Oct. 12, 13. Dalhart sta., Oct. 16. Stratford cir., at Stratford, Oct. 17. Hansford mis., at Hansford, Oct. 19, 20. Plemmons mis., at Leib Sch. H., Oct. 21. Dumas mis., at Dumas, Oct. 23. Channing sta., Oct. 24. Amarillo sta., Oct. 26, 27. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Gatesville District—Fourth Round. Turnersville, Turnersville, at 12, Pearl, pearl, Oct. 16. Evant, Oct. 17. Brookhaven, Brown C., Oct. 19, 20. China Springs, Wesley's Ch., Oct. 26, 27. JAMES M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Brownwood District—Fourth Round. Cross Plains, at Dressy, Oct. 11. Sipe Springs, at S. S., Oct. 12, 13. Pioneer, at Okra, Oct. 13, 14. Rising Star Station, Oct. 14. Bangs Circuit, at B., Oct. 19, 20. Coleman Cir., at Junction, Oct. 21. Santa Anna Cir., at S. A., Oct. 22. Brownwood Station, Oct. 26, 27. JAS. S. CHAPMAN, P. E.

Colorado District—Fourth Round. Snyder Mis., at Crenshaw, Oct. 12, 13. Dunn, at Dunn, Oct. 14. Stanton, Oct. 19, 20. Big Springs Sta., Oct. 26, 27. Big Springs Mis., Oct. 26, 27. Colorado Sta., Nov. 2, 3. J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Ft. Worth District—Fourth Round. Smithfield, Keller, Oct. 12, 13. North Ft. Worth, Oct. 13, 14. Missouri Ave., Oct. 16. Britton, Britton, Oct. 17. Mansfield, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 17. Arlington, Oct. 18. Grandview Cir., Bethany, Oct. 19, 21. Mulkey Memorial, Oct. 22. Joshua, Oct. 23. Polytechnic, Oct. 24. Blum, Oct. 26, 27. Covington, Oct. 27, 28. Cleburne, Main St., 7:30, Oct. 28. Cleburne, North Side, Oct. 29. Weatherford St., Oct. 30. First Church, Oct. 31. Central, Nov. 1. Glenwood, Nov. 2. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

Abilene District—Fourth Round. Wehnert, at Wehnert, Oct. 11. Merkel, Oct. 12, 13. Haskell Mis., Ketrion Ch., Oct. 12, 13. Putnam, at Putnam, Oct. 14. Nubia, at Nubia, Oct. 19, 20. Lawn, at Lawn, Oct. 19, 20. Trent and Cross Rds., at T., Oct. 26, 27. Abilene, Oct. 30. Stamford, Nov. 2, 3. JNO. R. MORRIS, P. E.

Weatherford District—Fourth Round. Wayland, Wayland, Oct. 12, 13. Breckrenridge, B., Oct. 13, 14. Peaster, Poolville, Oct. 16. Whitt and Bethesda, W., Oct. 17. Palo Pinto, Palo Pinto, Oct. 19, 20. Graham Mis., Salem, Oct. 22. Farmer, Farmer, Oct. 23. Graham, 8 p. m., Oct. 23. Eliasville, Eliasville, Oct. 24. Throckmorton, T., Oct. 26, 27. Crystal Falls, Ft. Griffin, Oct. 28. Lyra, Oct. 30. M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Plainview District—Fourth Round. Matador, Oct. 11. Floydada, Oct. 12, 13. Hale Center, Oct. 16. Gomez, Oct. 19, 20. Tahoka, Oct. 22. Lubbock, Oct. 26, 27. Plainview Mis., Oct. 30. Plainview Sta., Nov. 2, 3. G. S. HARDY, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

McKinney District—Fourth Round. Blue Ridge Cir., at B. R., Oct. 12, 13. Josephine Cir., Honoker's, Oct. 19, 20. Nevada Sta., Oct. 20, 21. Wylie Cir., at Sachse, Oct. 22. Weston Cir., at Weston, Oct. 26, 27. Celina and Rosalind, at C., Oct. 24, 28. Princeton Cir. Wilson's Ch., Oct. 30. Prosper Cir., at Prosper, Nov. 3, 4. Frisco Cir., at Frisco, Nov. 3, 4. Farmers Branch Cir. F. B., Nov. 9, 10. Allen Cir., at Allen, Nov. 16, 17. J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Gainesville District—Last Round. Greenwood, Rush Creek, Oct. 11, 12. Rosston, Rosston, Oct. 13, 14. Sanger and V. V., Sanger, Oct. 19, 20. Era and B., Era, Oct. 20, 21.

Marysville, Oct. 26, 27. Dexter, Dexter, Oct. 30. Aubrey, Aubrey, Nov. 1, 2. Woodbine, Whaley, Nov. 3, 4. Myra, Myra, Nov. 9, 10. Saint Jo, Nov. 10, 11. Denton Street, Nov. 16, 17. Broadway, Nov. 17, 18. J. A. STAFFORD, P. E.

Sulphur Springs Dis.—Fourth Round. Sulphur Bluffs, Neit. and Sun. Oct. Birthright, B., 11 a. m., Oct. 16. Mt. Vernon, Mt. V., 3rd Sun. Oct. Winnsboro, 3 p. m., Oct. 25. Purley, 4th Sun. Oct. Klondike, K., 3 p. m., Oct. 30. Yowell, Y., 11 a. m., Oct. 31. Pecan Gap and B. F., P. C., 11 a. m., Nov. 1. Lake Creek, 11 a. m., Nov. 22. Cooper Saa., 8 p. m., Nov. 2. Brahear Cir., 11 a. m., Nov. 7. Cumby, Gafford, 2nd Sun. Nov. C. B. FLADGER, P. E.

Bowie District—Fourth Round. Byers, Oct. 12, 13. Henrietta, Oct. 13, 14. Boyd and Garvin, Oct. 19, 20. Rhome, Oct. 20, 21. Post Oak, Oct. 26, 27. Blue Grove, Oct. 27, 28. Bellevue, Oct. 29. Iowa Park, Nov. 2, 3. Wichita Falls, Nov. 3, 4. Archer, Nov. 9, 10. Holliday, Nov. 10, 11. Crafton, Nov. 13. Giltown, Nov. 15. Decatur Cir., Nov. 16, 17. Decatur Sta., Nov. 17, 18. T. R. PIERCE, P. E.

Bonham District—Fourth Round. Lamasco Mis., at New Hope, Oct. 12, 13. Bonham Sta., Oct. 13, 14. Brookston, at B., Oct. 19, 20. Dodd and Windom, at D., Oct. 26, 27. South Bonham and Ravenna, at S. B., Oct. 27, 28. Ladonia Sta., Nov. 2, 3. Honey Grove Sta., Nov. 9, 10. Petty Mis., at Forest Hill, Nov. 10, 11. Trenton Cir., at Trenton, Nov. 16, 17. Ector Cir., at Ector, Nov. 17, 18. M. L. HAMILTON, P. E.

Greenville District—Fourth Round. Lone Oak, Oct. 12, 13. Campbell, Oct. 19, 20. Commerce Ct., Mt. Zion, Oct. 26, 27. Commerce Sta., Oct. 26, 27. Kingston, November 1. Celeste, Nov. 2, 3. Leonard, Nov. 2, 3. Quinlan, Nov. 9, 10. Lee St., Nov. 16, 17. JNO. H. McLEAN, P. E.

Dallas District—Fourth Round. Argyle, at P. M., Oct. 12, 13. Ervay St., Oct. 19, 20. Trinity, Oct. 20, 21. Cochran Ch. and Maple, Oct. 26, 27. Grace, Nov. 2, 3. First Church, Nov. 3, 4. Wheatland, at DeSoto, Nov. 9, 10. Grand Prairie, Nov. 16, 17. J. L. MORRIS, P. E.

Terrell District—Fourth Round. Crandall, at Crandall, Oct. 12, 13. Kaufman, at night, Oct. 16. Rosser, at Jones Chapel, Oct. 19, 20. Mabank, Oct. 26, 27. Pleasant Mound at P. M., Nov. 2, 3. Elmo at Elmo, Nov. 9, 10. College Mound, 11 a. m., Nov. 12. Terrell, Nov. 12. Kemp, at Kemp, 11 a. m., Nov. 14. Chisholm at Chisholm, Nov. 16, 17. O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

Paris District—Fourth Round. Deport Cir., Deport, Oct. 12, 13. Shady Grove, S. G., Oct. 13. Roxton Cir., Roxton, Oct. 16. Rosalie Cir., R. Oct. 19, 20. Annona, Oct. 26, 27. Emberson Cir., Mt. Tabor, Oct. 30. Paris Cir., Palestine, Nov. 2, 3. Clarksville Cir., Nov. 6. Clarksville Sta., Nov. 7. Woodland and Kanawha, W., Nov. 8. Bonham St., Nov. 12. Lamar Ave., Nov. 13. Centenary, Nov. 14. The pastors will see that the Trustees' report are ready. J. F. ALDERSON, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Cuero District—Fourth Round. El Campo, October 12, 13. Pierce, October 14. Nursery, at Thomaston, Oct. 19, 20. Stockdale, October 26, 27. R. A. ROWLAND, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round. New Boston Mis., D. Ch., Oct. 12, 13. New Boston Sta., Oct. 13, 14. Texarkana, Central, Oct. 16. Park, Red Lick, Oct. 19, 20. Texarkana, Hardy Mem., Oct. 20, 21. Dalby Springs, D. B., Oct. 26, 27. Redwater, Redwater, Oct. 27, 28. Winfield, New Hope, Nov. 2, 3. Mt. Pleasant, Nov. 3, 4. Coffeeville, Coffeeville, Nov. 9, 10. Pittsburg Cir., Pleasant G., Nov. 10, 11. Pittsburg Sta., Nov. 13. Kelleyville, Nov. 16, 17. Jefferson Sta., Nov. 17, 18. Daingerfield, Nov. 19.

Cason, Nov. 20. Naples, Nov. 22. Quitman, Nov. 23, 24. Leesburg, Nov. 24, 25. R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

Huntsville District—Fourth Round. Hennard, Ratcliff, Oct. 12, 13. Montgomery Harmony, Oct. 16. Trinity and Onalaska, T., Oct. 19, 20. Huntsville, Oct. 21. Dodge Cir., at D., Oct. 22, 23. Waller, New Hope, Oct. 27, 28. Willard Cir., Willard, Nov. 2, 3. Groveton, Nov. 3, 4. Anderson, Roan's Prairie, Nov. 9, 10. San Jacinto, Bay's Ch., Nov. 10, 11. Cold Springs, C. S., Nov. 16, 17. Fostoria, Fostoria, Nov. 23, 24. Trustees will please have their reports at this conference. H. C. WILLIS, P. E.

Brenham District—Fourth Round. Caldwell Station, Oct. 13, 14. Bellville, at Cochran, Oct. 19, 20. Maysfield, at Maysfield, Oct. 26, 27. Cameron, Oct. 27, 28. Buckholts, Cameron, 11 a. m., Oct. 28. Davilla, Friendship, 10 a. m., Oct. 29. Milano, Milano, 3 p. m., Oct. 29. Somerville, S., 7:30 p. m., Oct. 30. Sealy, Sealy, Nov. 2, 3. Fulshear, Brookshire, Nov. 3, 4. Bay City, Nov. 9, 10. Wharton, Nov. 10, 11. Lexington, Nov. 16, 17. Brenham, Nov. 18. Chappell Hill, Nov. 19. C. R. LAMAR, P. E.

Calvert District—Fourth Round. Centerville, Evans Ch., Sept. 12, 13. Rotobud St., Oct. 18. Travis, Cedar Springs, Oct. 19, 20. Fairfield, Fairfield, Oct. 26, 27. Teague Sta., Oct. 27, 28. Leon Mission, Oct. 28. Hearne Sta., Oct. 30. Wheelock, Hickory G., Nov. 2, 3. Owenville, Owenville, Nov. 9, 10. Franklin Sta., Nov. 10, 11. Calvert Sta., Nov. 13. Normangee, Nov. 15. Jewett, Nov. 16, 17. Millican, Millican, Nov. 23, 24. Bryan Sta., Nov. 24, 25. E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

Tyler District—Fourth Round. Colfax Cir., Holly Spgs., Oct. 12, 13. Emory Cir., Point, Oct. 19, 20. Mt. Sylvan, Oct. 22. Chandler Cir., New Hope, Oct. 24. Edom Cir., Edom, Oct. 26, 27. Meredith Cir., Elm Grove, Oct. 29. Big Sandy Cir., Gladewater, Oct. 31. Canton and Edgewood, C., Nov. 2, 3. Harleton Cir., Ashland, Nov. 9, 10. Arleston Cir., Bethany, Nov. 15. Harrison Cir., Scottville, Nov. 16, 17. Marshall, First Church, Nov. 18. Marshall, North Marshall, Nov. 19. Grand Saline, Nov. 20. Tyler, Marvin, Nov. 22. Whitehouse, Flint, Nov. 23, 24. THOMAS H. MORRIS, P. E.

Beaumont District—Fourth Round. Saratoga and Batson, S., Oct. 17. Warren Cir., Warren, Oct. 19, 20. Jasper Mis., Byerly's Ch., Oct. 25, 27. Jasper and Kirbyville, J., Oct. 26, 27. Call Cir., Bessmay, p. m., Oct. 27, 28. Port Arthur, Nov. 2, 3. Laurella Cir., Leggett, Nov. 6. Westville & Benford, Corrigan, Oct. 7. Westville & Benford, Corrigan, Nov. 7. Lamella Sta., 8 p. m., Nov. 8. Livingston Cir., L., Nov. 9, 10. Amelia Cir., Amelia, Nov. 13. First Church Beaumont, Nov. 14. Orange Sta., Nov. 16, 17. Liberty Cir., Liberty, Nov. 19. Wallisville, Wallisville, Nov. 20. Woodville Cir., W., Nov. 22. Cartwright Ch., Nov. 23, 24. V. A. GODBEY, P. E.

Houston District—Fourth Round. Brazoria, B., Oct. 12, 13. Cedar Bayou, Oct. 19, 20. Richmond, Oct. 26, 27. Galveston, First Ch., Nov. 2, 3. Galveston, West End, Nov. 3, 4. Galveston, Washington St., Nov. 6. Alvin, Nov. 9, 10. Angleton Nov. 11. Grace, Nov. 13. Harrisburg, Nov. 15. St. Pauls, Nov. 16, 17. Tabernacle, Nov. 17, 18. McAshan, Nov. 20. McKee Sta., Nov. 21. Shearn, Nov. 22. CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E.

Jacksonville District—Fourth Round. Kilgore, Hickory Grove, Oct. 12, 13. Centenary, Oct. 13, 14. Malakoff, Malakoff, Oct. 19, 20. Athens, Oct. 20, 21. Hallville, La Grone's, Oct. 26, 27. Lonview, Oct. 27, 28. Neches, Neches, Nov. 2, 3. Brushy Creek, Mt. Vernon, Nov. 2, 3. Bullard, Eureka, Nov. 4. Henderson Cir., Carlisle, Nov. 9, 10. Elkhart, O'Neals, Nov. 16, 17. Grace, Nov. 17, 18. LaRue, New York, Nov. 22, 23. Troup and Overton, O., Nov. 24, 25. ELLIS SMITH, P. E.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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Endowment for Southwestern.
An Excellent Letter.

I beg to submit to the readers of the Texas Christian Advocate a sample of excellent letter-writing. First allow me to give some of the essential elements of good letter-writing:

First—The writer must have something to say—something definite and valuable. Unless there is this element, all so-called letter-writing is mere scribbling.

This sample of letter-writing I shall submit has this essential well defined and easily discovered by the reader.

Secondly—To write a good letter one must be able to say what one has to say, and say it distinctly and clearly, so that the reader shall thoroughly understand what is said. The sample I shall submit directly has this element conspicuously set forth, as the reader will observe.

Thirdly—No unnecessary words must be used. The good writer uses just enough words to make plain the thing he has to write, and stops right there. In the sample I shall submit the reader will discern this element of good letter-writing very conspicuously evident.

In setting this letter before my readers as an example of the most excellent letter-writing now known in Texas, I say unto each of them: "Go thou and do likewise."

Here is the letter. I commend it to you to copy by:

Georgetown, Texas, Sept. 30, 1907.
Dear Dr. Harrison: I want to join your Hundred Thousand Club for Southwestern University.
Sincerely, F. E. Burcham.

Professor Burcham is unanimously elected to membership in the Hundred Thousand Dollar Club for Southwestern.
J. E. HARRISON.

P. S.—In writing of Dr. Wood, I said, "the court-beset of that courtly manhood." My chirography is not good, so it came out, "of that country manhood."
J. E. H.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

West Texas Conference.

All preachers and delegates who expect to bring their wives with them to conference are hereby requested to notify me by October 15 at the latest. I want to do everything possible to please and serve, but cannot be responsible for the entertainment of anyone whose name is not sent in by that date. There will be no exception to this rule.
V. G. THOMAS.

Northwest Texas Conference.

Notice to Preachers of Northwest Texas Conference:

If you want a berth in sleeper reserved for November 4th and will notify me I will file application for same. The railroad has promised to provide ample accommodations if notified in time. The present schedule for train to leave is 9:15 p. m., reaching Amarillo 12 noon.

O. F. SENSABAUGH

Let all the preachers and delegates who intend to bring their wives to conference notify me at once. And if any are coming by private conveyance write me immediately.

C. N. N. FERGUSON.

Attention, Presiding Elders.

Please send me at once the names of your lay delegates, local preachers for ordination, applicants for admission, lay members of boards and any others who have any claim on our hospitality.

C. N. N. FERGUSON.
Amarillo, Texas.

The presiding elders will meet at the Methodist Church in Amarillo, Tuesday, November 5, 1907, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

B. R. BOLTON.

Northwest Texas Conference Notice.

Pastors will please not send money to me at Moody later than October 28. This is important, as my mission books will be closed.

J. H. WISEMAN.
Moody, Texas.

Fortify the system against disease by purifying and enriching the blood—in other words, take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

more good sermons. All the balance of the preaching for the two weeks was done by this series. Results: Between 45 and 50 conversions and the Church was greatly revived. The converts ranged from 16 to 59 years of age. From there we went to Dabney, where we were very ably assisted by Bro. Ratliff, a young preacher from Polytechnic College. We had a good meeting there. From there we went to Illinois Bend, where we had no ministerial help, but the Lord was with us and gave us a good meeting, with five conversions and the Church revived. From there to Liberty and thence to Bonita, with good results. We are now rounding up for conference. Think everything will be full, so far as the conference assessments are concerned. If I was asked to do so, could say, "good year, Bishop."—J. K. McMillan, Oct. 4.

Wesley, Greenville.

Our pastor, Rev. E. H. Caser, was on the sick list during the past month, but he has regained his former self, and is now doing his best preaching to appreciative audiences. While the Church has not much during the year in the death of members, yet its interests have been in favorable condition. The Sunday-school is doing a fine work. There are 1976 members in all the departments, and numbers are being added every Sunday. The services are well attended, and good interest manifested. There have been 140 accessions during the year. The general collections and pastor's salary are heading toward a full report at the Annual Conference. The Woman's Department stands in the forefront. Under the blessings of heaven, "Old Wesley" seems to be renewing her youth.—C. I. McVittier, October 6.

Matador.

The third Quarterly Conference is past. Bro. G. S. Hardy was on hand looking after all the interests of the Church. A fair attendance of membership, and the pastor's and elder's salaries were full up to date, while all the conference collections were reported in full or well secured. So Matador expects to come up at the end of the year with all assessments in full, as usual. Our pastor, Bro. R. L. Johnson, has labored this year under many disadvantages on account of the sickness and death of his mother and the long protracted sickness of his own family with a severe scourge of measles. Also the severe afflictions of some of his members, which has taken much of his time, but with it all he has done a good year's work, has won his way into the hearts of his people and laid the foundation for greater work in the years to come. Of course we expect his return.—W. P. Jones.

Balling.

The Methodist hosts have not been wholly inactive during the year that is now rapidly approaching its conclusion. About 50 have received into the Church. During the past three years 250 have joined. A large majority of these were received by certificate. Many obstacles impede the progress of the Church here. The preacher needs an inexhaustible supply of enthusiasm. Ballinger holds the unenviable distinction of being the only white evangelist in the Brownsville District. The foreign element is sufficiently strong to overcome the American majority, and many Americans are influenced by financial reasons to vote the anti-prohibitionists. We need 500 ardent prohibitionists to move in and occupy this fine country. It is too fine to be dominated by the whisky devil. The courage and spirit of our people were somewhat weakened by the long continued drought. Abundant rains have recently fallen and a hopeful spirit will prevail. The trustees recently let the contract for the remodeling of church building. This work when finished will cost about \$7000. When completed Ballinger will have a large and conveniently arranged church building. With the coming of the new railroad, which will probably be built next year, Ballinger will assume greater importance, if possible, than it now possesses.—E. P. Williams, Oct. 5.

Comanche Station.

A good year. One hundred and eighteen members received by trial. Net gain of 91. Net loss of 431 members. Congregational splendid. Conference collections all up by conference. Stewards have raised salary \$350 in two years over former assessment for the ministry and have paid the pastor every month. Think of Comanche being a \$1400 station next year! I cannot say a salary paid as easy as it has been this year. I don't believe there is a better Board of Stewards in the conference. We have two splendid missionary societies, both home and foreign. All debts will be paid and a clean sheet will be presented to the conference. It is not necessary for me to speak of the grace of our membership. Their work shows for itself. No friction. A smooth sea and all is well. The presiding elder has captured the people with his preaching. He will have a fine report. The two past years have been with us years of toil, yet we are happy in the work and turn our eyes to the future with faith in God and a genuine purpose to spend our lives in a brotherhood of ministers whose object is to spread scriptural holiness over these lands.—J. W. Fort, Oct. 7.

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MARRIED.

Chiles-Taylor.—At the home of the bride's parents in Holiday, Texas, May 18, Mr. W. C. Chiles and Miss Taylor, Rev. E. B. Parr officiating.

Ingham-Dudley.—At the Methodist Church, Ozona, Texas, September 18, 1907, Mr. Ben B. Ingham and Miss Frankie F. Dudley, both of Ozona, Texas, Rev. W. W. Nunn officiating.

Newton-Dupree.—On Tuesday evening at the Methodist Church in Midlothian, Texas, Mr. Herschel Newton and Miss Nannie Dupree, Rev. S. W. Turner officiating.

Nichols-Bicknell.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Bono, Texas, September 29, 1907, Mr. Vaughn Nichols and Miss Lena Bicknell, Rev. W. B. Vaughn officiating.

Smith-Killingworth.—At the residence of the bride's father in Haskell, Texas, October 2, 1907, Mr. G. E. Smith and Miss Ara Killingworth, Rev. J. H. Chambliss officiating.

Martin-Swinburne.—At the Methodist Church, Tolbert, Texas, August 25, 1907, Mr. Wade C. Martin and Miss Winnie Lee Swinburne, Rev. C. E. Clark officiating.

Crutchfield-Cook.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Tolbert, Texas, September 29, 1907, Mr. W. A. Crutchfield and Miss Bessie Cook, Rev. C. E. Clark officiating.

Robberson-Bales.—Dr. M. E. Robberson, formerly of Cooke County, Texas, and Miss Myrtle V. Bales, both of Brady, L. T., Rev. J. H. Dickerson officiating.

Jackson-Orrell.—At the parsonage at Houston, Texas, September 22, 1907, Mr. Albert R. Jackson and Miss Ada Orrell, Rev. C. B. Goslon officiating.

Pinkard-Brown.—At the home of the bride's parents in Coleman County, Texas, October 6, 1907, Mr. J. T. Pinkard and Miss Myrtle Brown, Rev. D. S. Pearson officiating.

A BATCH OF MARRIAGES.

I have united in holy wedlock the following couples since coming to Wharton:

January 7, 1907, at the parsonage, Mr. Ed Little and Miss Adella Gest.

January 16, at the Methodist Church, J. S. Cooper and Miss Ruth Riley.

January 28, at the residence of the bride's father, T. D. Sheffield and Mrs. Beulah Wiley.

March 3, at the residence of the bride's father at Lane City, Texas, L. H. Prell and Miss Joe Meadows.

May 5, at the parsonage, J. New and Miss Wilkinson.

June 19, in Houston, Texas, D. W. Oquinn and Miss Anna L. Long.

July 7, at the residence of the bride's father at Hungerford, Texas, Clairage White and Cordie Boykin.

August 25, at the residence of Mr. Mays, Wharton, Texas, M. T. Woodall and Miss Pearl Johnson.

September 19, at the residence of the bride's uncle, at Wharton, Texas, Albert Herzog and Miss Willie Mears.

W. L. FATE.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Sept. 26—L. F. Palmer, sub. A. E. Carraway, subs, have attention. J. H. Chambliss, sub. A. B. Davidson, subs. J. E. Gilbreath, O. K. M. J. Allen, sub. C. N. N. Ferguson, subs. C. U. McLarty, sub. J. H. Wiseman, sub. D. A. McGuire, sub. J. U. McAfee, sub. G. D. Wilson, sub. A. E. Carraway, sub. C. R. Wright, sub. J. T. Osborn, sub. J. A. Briggs, sub. J. M. Sweeton, subs.

Sept. 27—F. M. Neal, subs. W. T. Morrow, sub. J. T. H. Miller, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, subs.

Sept. 28—J. W. Johnson, change. J. T. Owen, change. E. R. Wallace, subs. S. J. Rucker, sub.

Sept. 30—J. M. Armstrong, sub. M. M. Beavers, has attention.

Oct. 1—J. F. Tyson, has attention. J. B. Davis, subs. J. W. Story, sub. D. C. Ellis, subs. D. B. Doak, sub. S. W. Turner, sub. W. W. Watta, sub.

Oct. 2—H. M. Pirtle, subs. S. J. Rucker, has attention. C. W. Dennis, sub. W. H. H. Biggs, change. H. T. Cunningham, subs.

Oct. 2—J. T. Owen, sub. O. E. Moreland, sub. C. D. Spann, sub. J. C. Williams, subs. T. W. Lovell, sub. S. J. Drake, trial sub and change. J. W. Rowland, sub.

Oct. 3—J. M. Wynn, sub. Samuel Weaver, sub. A. L. Bowman, subs. J. W. Downs, sub. C. L. Ballard, sub. C. C. Bell, sub. S. A. Steel, sub. J. B. McCarley, sub. C. M. Simpson, subs. G. W. Kincheloe, o. k.

Oct. 4—C. U. McLarty, sub. J. B. McCarley, sub. J. H. Wiseman, has attention. M. H. Neely, sub. V. V. Boone, sub.

Oct. 5—J. R. McCarley, sub. J. E. Vinson, sub. J. T. H. Miller, sub. G. W. Davis, subs. J. B. McCarley, sub. S. Q. Bass, sub. G. F. Harris, sub. J. Kilgore, sub. E. C. Eason, sub. P. R. White, sub.

Oct. 7—W. T. Gray, has attention. J. D. Odum, sub. C. E. Lindsey, change. N. W. Carter, change made. W. W. Graham, o. k. O. E. Moreland, sub. J. U. McAfee, change. J. D. Borsay, sub. W. W. Watta, sub. E. W. Morton, sub.

Oct. 8—G. W. Kincheloe, sub. G. D. Wilson, has attention. J. J. Tooley, sub. D. C. Ellis, has attention. R. D. Crockett, sub. P. S. Warren, subs. J. G. Pollard, sub. J. N. McCain, o. k. J. L. West, sub. Mrs. W. A. Govett, sub. J. B. McCarley, sub. R. H. Hubert, has attention.

Oct. 9—E. R. Barcus, sub. C. M. Simpson, sub. E. C. Eason, o. k. T. Hotchkiss, sub. G. W. Davis, sub. D. C. Ellis, change. D. H. Aston, subs.

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Roswell, October 9.
Dexter, October 12, 13.
Hagerman, October 13, 14.
Artesia, October 16.
Carlsbad, October 18.
Dayton and Lakewood, L., Oct. 19, 20.
Malaga, October 22.
Pecos, October 23.
Ft. Stockton, Grand Falls, Oct. 26, 27.
Odessa, at Monahans, October 30.
Toyah, November 2, 3.
Lordsburg, November 9, 10.
Deming, November 11.
Lake Valley, November 12.
Las Cruces, November 13.
Sanderson, November 16, 17.
Alpine, November 20.
Marfa, November 23, 24.
El Paso (Trinity), Nov. 30, Dec. 1.
Clint, December 4.
Carrarazo, December 7, 8.
Amarillo, December 11.
Tularosa, December 14, 15.
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REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE FOR SEPTEMBER, 1907.

Beaumont District—China and Sour Lake, F. O. Farrer: Conference claimants, \$12. Curigan, J. W. Campbell: Domestic missions, \$21. Jasper and Kirbyville, M. L. Linsey: Church extension, \$25. Wallisville, N. A. Griffin: Foreign missions, \$15.80. Warren, J. N. Broyles: Bishops fund, \$5; church extension, \$10. Woodville, J. B. Ritchie: Domestic missions, \$10. Total \$101.80.

Brenham District—Caldwell Mission, C. R. Kidd: Bishop's fund, \$8. Milano, H. M. Timmons: Foreign missions, \$40; conference claimants, \$5. Thornedale, F. D. Dawson: Bishops fund, \$4.50; conference claimants, \$17.50; church extension, \$9; education, \$13.75; orphanage, \$5. Total \$102.75.

Calvert District—Durango, J. B. Gregory: Bishops fund, \$7; conference claimants, \$16; church extension, \$7; education, \$19. Franklin, Jesse Lee: Foreign missions, \$69. Lott and Chilton, Geo. W. Phair: Conference claimants, \$25. Marlin, O. T. Hotchkiss: Bishops fund, \$28. Millican, Wm. M. Foster: Church extension, \$8. Total \$161.

Houston District—St. Paul, Geo. S. Sexton: Foreign missions, \$163; domestic missions, \$163. Rosenberg, Jm. W. Hennessy: Foreign missions, \$5; do-

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domestic missions, \$19. Total, \$332.

Huntsville District—Anderson, J. F. Billro: Domestic missions, \$15. Hempstead, B. C. Ansley: Conference claimants, \$28. Kennard, W. L. Gibbons: Domestic missions, \$7.50. Total, \$50.50.

Jacksonville District—Church Hill, H. G. Williams: Bishops fund, \$8; church extension, \$27. Elliott, W. W. Adams: Bishops fund \$2.50; conference claimants, \$10.75; foreign missions, \$20; domestic, \$12.75. La Rue, E. T. Bridges: Foreign missions, \$10; domestic missions, \$10. Neches, W. W. Horner: Conference claimants, \$15. Total, \$116.

Pittsburg District—Atlanta, J. C. Jones: Bishops fund, \$20; conference claimants, \$73; church extension, \$46; education, \$62; orphanage, \$20. Cason, D. P. Palley: Domestic missions, \$19; orphanage, \$9. Dalgemeyer, S. N. Allen: Church extension, \$14; education, \$9. Naples and Omaha, J. E. Morgan: Education, \$18.50. Hardy Memorial, M. F. Daniels: Bishops fund, \$10; conference claimants, \$21; church extension, \$16; education, \$26; Children's Day, \$4.45. Total, \$276.55.

San Augustine District—Keltys, B. C. Raush: Conference claimants, \$5.50; education, \$13. Shelbyville, T. B. Vinson: Bishops fund, \$12. Tatum, W. A. Cravey: Foreign missions, \$14; domestic missions, \$12. Total, \$54.50.

Tyler District—Grand Saline, Allen Tooke: Domestic missions, \$5. Henderson, C. H. Adams: Foreign missions, \$10; domestic missions, \$5. Lindale Circuit, T. T. Swartz: Foreign missions, \$8; domestic missions, \$8. Lindale Station, H. J. Hayes: Bishops fund, \$13; church extension, \$21; orphanage, \$12. Marvin, New Harbys: Foreign missions, \$30. Willis Point Station, H. T. Cunningham: Conference claimants, \$15.42. Total, \$109.42.

Grand Total, \$1476.92.

L. L. JESTER, Treasurer.

APPOINTMENTS NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

Alamogordo, New Mexico, September 30, 1907, Held by Bishop Seth Ward.

El Paso District.
J. B. Cochran, Presiding Elder.
El Paso District, C. M. Gibson.
Highland Park—To be supplied.
Clint and Shambrino—H. P. Bond, supply.
Las Cruces—T. L. Lallance.
Lake Valley—To be supplied.
Lordsburg—J. W. Abernethy.
Carlsbad—George R. Ray.
Alamogordo—J. A. Trickey.
Tularosa—To be supplied.
Marfa—R. W. Allen.
Alpine—C. L. Brooks.
Sanderson and Valeriano—To be supplied.
Pecos—J. H. Messer.
Toyah Circuit—N. F. Hoffpauir.
Carlsbad—J. F. Hodgketh.
Malaga Circuit—To be supplied.
Dayton and Lakewood—O. T. Rogers.
Artesia—W. V. Teasdale.
Hagerman—W. E. Evans.
Dexter Circuit—C. F. Carmack, supply.
Roswell—J. W. Smith.
Odessa Circuit—J. F. Wheeler.
Fort Stockton Circuit—George Ward.

Albuquerque District.
B. T. James, Presiding Elder.
Albuquerque—Loug I. McCalm.
Gallup—W. S. Hunt.
San Marcial and Rincon—N. E. Brazz.
Watrous—R. A. Waltrip.
Magdalena and Kelly—Samuel Linge.
Cimarron—To be supplied.
Tucuman—S. E. Wilson.
Puerto Circuit—S. M. Roberts, supply.
Grady Circuit—To be supplied.
Roosevelt Circuit—H. L. Shelton.
Floyd Circuit—Amos R. Thorp.
Melrose—G. H. Giran.
Texico—J. M. Woodbridge.
Chloris—L. L. Roseward.
Kenna—E. F. Gere.
Talan—P. J. Williamson, supply.
Elida—N. W. Turner.
Elida Circuit—S. B. Cox, supply.
Bonita—Paul Bentley, supply.
Logan—J. W. Campbell.
Fortale—L. W. Cochran.
Willard and Bellin—To be supplied.
Montoplat—To be supplied.

Conference Missionary Evangelist—J. A. Ray.
Conference Missionary Secretary—G. M. Gibson.

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Spanked Baby

The "Colic" of "Collier's" treated by a Doctor of Divinity.

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