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## Editorial.

### THE CHIEF GLORY OF WOMAN IS MOTHERHOOD.

Women do not always appreciate the honor that God has conferred upon them. That honor is expressed in motherhood. Many of them turn away from it with disfavor and endeavor to avoid its responsibilities. They do not want to endure its suffering, its drudgery, its worries, and its exacting duties. They want more of a life of ease; and they realize that motherhood is not a life of ease. Yet it ought to be the happiest life in the world. To bring immortal beings into the world, train them for usefulness, and then, in turn, have them to love you, and care for you when you grow old and infirm, is a recompense that more than remunerates for your suffering, your drudgery, and your burden of responsibility.

But it is often the case that children are born into the world under protest. They are not wanted and their welcome is scant and grudging. If there is anything in the power and influence of prenatal impression, we need not be surprised that we find so many morose, refractory and unmanageable children in the world. Many of them are born from necessity, and not from love. They are here because maternal choice was not consulted in their coming into the world. Long before they were born there was anything but hope and joy at the thought of their becoming a part of the home circle. Instead, there were occasions of chafing, feelings of rebellion, times of foreboding, resulting in a great deal of unhappiness and misgiving. Children coming into the world under such circumstances are to be pitied; and their chance for happy, bright and amiable dispositions is very much diminished. They often reflect the impressions made before they enter the experience of conscious life. They come into the world warped, and it requires a great deal of skill and training to put them back into their normal state. Happy thoughts, cheerful moods, hopeful expectancy, a royal welcome upon the part of motherhood, will give to children a wonderful advantage over those who are born under opposite circumstances and in the midst of opposite experiences.

When those who take upon themselves the possibilities of motherhood learn to appreciate the fact that God is honoring them with the gift of children, and they learn to rejoice over the realization of such a divine purpose, then children coming into the world will find a bright world, a beautiful world, and a home that is made to laugh and smile because they have become a part of its circle. Every child is entitled to this sort of a happy birth. And God expects the mother to hail the advent of such a birth with supreme pleasure and fondest expectation.

When a woman takes upon herself the duties of married life, God expects something of her. Under such circumstances she is not to become a slave, or the victim of her husband's pleasure; but she is to become a happy wife, devoted first to the welfare of

her home, rather than to the frivolous pleasures of society; and her chief glory and her most royal possession is to be found in the fact that children are given to her of God. They are to occupy her heart, her mind, her hands; and when she has done her utmost to train them in right principles, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and then in the end, when she turns them over to the world, good and true men and women, she has done more for the world than the man who fights his country's battles and wins renown upon the field of carnage. She becomes a veritable queen, enthroned in the favor of God. Happy is the home and thrice happy is the land whose matrons rejoice in the rich and royal gift of consecrated motherhood! The great need of the home and of the world is the normal, child-loving mother. Thank God, we have many of them! And they are the hope of the future. May their number multiply until every home is blessed with her presence!

### THE ROMAN CATHOLICS AND THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

We reproduce the following item from a recent issue of the Austin Statesman:

The Rev. M. P. Smith of the order of Paulist Fathers of New York has arrived in this city. He will at once begin to make preparations for the establishment of the work of his order in Austin. This work, as already announced in the Statesman, will include the institution of a new parish north of Nineteenth Street for the Catholics of that part of the city, and also the establishment of facilities for taking care of the moral and religious interests of the Catholic young men and women who come here to attend the State University. There are at present a large number of students claiming Catholic affiliations, and the number promises to become rapidly larger, from the fact that the Catholic colleges and academies of the State are beginning to affiliate with the State University. Hitherto the lack of adequate facilities for looking after the religious interests of these young men and women has deterred the majority of Catholic parents from sending their sons and daughters here to take advantage of the University training. The beginning about to be made by the Paulist Fathers is therefore a matter of the highest importance to the State at large, as well as to Austin in particular.

A fine piece of property at the corner of Guadalupe and Twenty-first Streets has been purchased, and a church, parish school, library, hall and other buildings necessary for the furtherance of the two-fold work will be erected thereon.

Father Smith's advent has been looked forward to for some time with expectant interest. He is one of the most distinguished members of a very distinguished order of priests, being not only a forcible and eloquent preacher, but also an energetic organizer, a widely known missionary, and a high official in the Knights of Columbus. He will make his headquarters for the present at the Seton infirmary.

What does this movement mean? It means that henceforth the Roman Catholic Church is going to entrench itself hard by the State University, ostensibly for the purpose of "taking care of the moral and religious interests of the Catholic young men and women who come here to attend the State University;" but all who know the arts and designs

of that Church will readily understand that their efforts will not be restricted wholly to the "Catholic young men and women." It will be seen that the movement is to be under the direction of the "Paulist Fathers," and that this wonderfully astute and far-seeing order is to give to it specific direction. A splendid church is to be erected; large hall for all sorts of social and moral entertainments, library, physical culture, hospital department, Knights of Columbus; and all sorts of spectacular attractions for young people. Doubtless all who so desire will have access to all these religious blandishments, so effective in their influence over the young and buoyant mind and heart.

That the Roman Catholic Church has all the rights, under our laws and usages, to project this gorgeous enterprise and through it appeal to young men and young women, no one will deny. We are not criticising them for this effort. It is not only in keeping with their rights in the premises, but it is one of the boldest strokes of wisdom ever delivered by that Church in Texas. They are planting themselves at the fountain-head, where educated young life is open to impression, and young character is in its formative state. There these hundreds of promising young people, who know but little at present of the doctrines and doings of Catholicism, are to be brought face to face with the most popular and attractive phases of Romanism; to receive its attention in their times of need, to have access to their places of amusements and to be thrown with the gewgaw and togery of the Knights of Columbus. Their spacious temple will be filled with handsome paintings and popular statuary, and all these influences will have their effect.

All this leads us to say that it becomes the duty of the Protestant Church to see to it that these influences are countered by equal enterprise upon our part. Especially ought the Methodist Church to arouse itself and be provoked to good works by this Catholic activity. We, too, have religious and moral interests to conserve among the young men and the young women who go to the University, by the hundred, each year, from Methodist homes. No Church in the State is sending annually such a number to that institution as the Methodist Church. Our people have already started a splendid enterprise close by the University, known as the University Church, and the walls are now up and ready for the roof timbers. But the local congregation is not able to finish it. They must have more help from the outside. Let our Texas Methodism bestir itself and throw strength to this weak point in this time of need. When this plant is completed, it will have all the modern appliances for looking after our own young people, and when they go there from their country homes they will find a Church home to give them a cordial welcome. Every congregation in Texas ought to take up a contribution and send to our people who are bearing the brunt of this needed enterprise, and thereby help them to finish and equip this handsome structure. This is exactly what the Paulist Fathers are doing. They are getting all the

money for their movement outside of Austin. Let us gird ourselves and immediately go and do likewise. That University Church must be pushed to a speedy completion.

### PREACHING TO THE UNCONVERTED.

Preaching to the unconverted is not as common as it used to be. In times of revivals, the sermons are addressed more or less to the unsaved, and they are urged to repent and to come to Christ. But at the ordinary preaching service, the sinner portion of the audience is often overlooked. The preaching is mostly to the saved. Yet there is rarely ever an audience that sinners are not present. They are there not only from force of habit, but because most of them want to hear something that will lead them into a better life. They are not satisfied with their condition. God has so made them that they want to be saved. His gospel is adapted to their needs. Christ "came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." He is anxious to save the lost. Therefore, every sermon ought to have something in it for the unsaved. It isn't a complete sermon unless an appeal is made to them. We need not wait till the revival season to preach especially to them. Every service ought to look for the immediate results of salvation. No minister ought to be satisfied with his sermon until he has directed a part of it to some one in the audience who is without hope and without God in the world. And there is no reason why there should not be conversions at the regular service Sunday morning and evening. This is the normal way to seek and to save the lost. It is not good religion to lead people to believe that there must be a special service in order to save people. Let every service be a special service. Put into every sermon something that will touch the heart and the need of the unconverted members of the congregation. Preach oftener to the unconverted. Tell them of the power of Christ to save today. Such preaching will never lack the presence of hungry souls to enjoy it.

Hope is the result of desire and expectation. Desire discovers something that we want and expectation affords some ground for realizing it. Then we hope for it. Hope is the headlight of the soul. It illumines the immediate future. It is also an anchor that holds the spirit fast to its submarine moorings. Without hope life would be mostly darkness and gloom. It throws light upon the way. It also fastens us to something better beyond.

The crucifixion of Christ is the most pathetic tragedy in the history of the world. He was slain not for aught that he had done, but for the sins of the world. He tasted death for every man. His resurrection from the dead is the forfeiture of death's claim upon the race. The grave has ceased to inspire terror and the sting of death has been extracted. The grave is a demolished fortress and over its realm floats the ensign of universal conquest. "O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory?"



# BOARD OF MISSIONS

By Rev. W. R. Lambuth D. D.

The Board of Mission met in its sixty-second annual session in St. Joseph, Mo., on May 9, 9:00 a. m., Bishop A. W. Wilson in the chair. A large number of the board were present at the first session.

The secretaries' reports indicated progress in every foreign field and a great missionary interest at home. From their report we gather the following facts of interest:

**China.**  
Our China Mission Conference was held by Bishop Wilson in Soochow during the first week in October, where there were reported 19 foreign members of the conference and 18 Chinese traveling preachers. The membership had increased 207, giving a total of 2,190, with 53 Sunday-schools and 2,750 scholars and teachers.

There was a decided advance in the amount raised for Church Extension and a most hopeful spirit in regard to the possibilities of advance in evangelistic and educational work. Both the Anglo-Chinese College, in Shanghai, and the Soochow University are filled to overflowing—there is need of reinforcement in both of these institutions, and a large addition to the evangelistic force.

The death of Dr. Young J. Allen, in Shanghai, on May 30, was an irreparable loss to the mission and to the Church. For twenty-seven years he had been a leader in the greatest mission field in all the world. The Doctor had proven himself to be a master-workman who had not only won the respect of his peers, but had powerfully influenced the course of events in China. As preacher, translator and author he stood in the front rank; and through his last book, "Women in All Lands," written for the purpose of determining the place of China among the nations measured by the standard of womanhood, he did a work for missions and for Christianity which will abide.

**Korea.**  
At the eleventh annual meeting of the Korea Mission, held in Seoul, the reports of the growth of the work seemed almost incredible. In only nine months there has been an advance of membership from 1,227 to 1,998, while the number of probationers was registered at 3,925 and the inquirers were almost without number. It was necessary for the Bishop to appoint Dr. R. A. Hardie to the position of field trainer, it being his duty to hold training institutes at convenient centers for class leaders and exhorters, who could in turn visit villages and hamlets in remote sections and indoctrinate those who could not be reached by the missionaries.

The policy which has been adopted in both evangelistic and educational work has the hearty endorsement and co-operation of Mr. T. H. Yun, who, with his knowledge of the situation, his sympathetic interest in his people, and his devotion to the Church and spirit of masterful self-control and self-sacrifice, is proving to be a tower of strength. No reasonable aid should be held from this providential man at this juncture when the Spirit of God has so marvelously moved upon Korea in preparation for the work of preaching the gospel and of educating the youth of the land to Christian leadership.

**Japan.**  
A commission was appointed by our General Conference to meet with similar commissions representing Methodisms engaged in missionary work in Japan. After a preparation of a Basis of Union, Bishop A. W. Wilson and W. R. Lambuth were authorized by the commissioners of our Church to represent them in Japan in the setting up of a Japanese Methodist Church, which was to unite the forces of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Church of Canada with our own. A General Conference was called, which met in Tokyo May 22 to June 19, for the preparation of a Discipline, the organization of Church Boards, and for the election of a Kantoku, or Bishop, who should be the General Superintendent of the new

Church. The union of the three Methodisms was happily consummated by the assembling of the delegates who had been elected by their representative Annual Conferences, by the election on the first of June of Dr. Y. Honda as Kantoku, and by the approval on June 19 by the commissioners of the Discipline of the united Church. The Basis of Union provided that, while the missionaries should have their Annual Conference relation transferred to their respective home conferences, they should have all the privileges of the Annual Conference in Japan, save a vote on ministerial character. It was also arranged that all educational property and missionary residences owned by the respective boards should be retained by those boards until such time as it was deemed wise to transfer the same to the Methodist Church in Japan.

The election of Rev. K. Usaki as editor of the Japanese Christian Advocate and Rev. K. Mito as Secretary of the Wesley Endeavor Societies and of Sunday-school work, both members of the Methodist Church, South, indicates the valuable contribution made by our constituency to the Union. The spirit of the Japanese brethren could not have been better, and the evangelistic campaign inaugurated upon adjournment of the General Conference, and the undertaking of missionary work in Korea by the Missionary Society is an indication of the aggressive spirit of the new Church. The Methodist Church in Japan begins its career with over 11,000 members, 139 preachers, 128 organized Churches, 86 church buildings and 18,409 Sunday-school scholars and teachers—no mean force with which to undertake the evangelizing of the forty-seven million people of Japan.

The annual meeting of the Japan Mission was held in Arima by Bishop Wilson, who held the first annual meeting of the Mission in Kobe twenty years before. At that time the Mission had only one member, a Japanese boy brought from China as an interpreter by J. W. Lambuth, and who was converted under him. The statistics presented at Arima gave 12 Japanese traveling preachers, 24 local preachers, 1,776 Church members with an increase of 293, or a gain of 12 per cent during the year. Dr. J. C. C. Newton gave a most encouraging report of our Theological School at Kobe, and since the annual meeting eight students of the senior class have graduated. In the literary department 240 men are being trained and qualified for leadership. There is a Bible Woman's School in the same city, and a great girls' school in Hiroshima with over 700 students. This body of workers and these institutions are making a powerful impression upon the social and religious life of the people. The coming of Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Hamill at a later date was hailed with pleasure and has contributed no little to the success of the campaign which followed the General Conference and the annual meeting.

The Church needs to stand by our work in Japan for years to come, heartily co-operating with Bishop Honda and his co-workers in an effort to reach the masses of the Empire with the gospel.

**Mexico.**  
The Annual Conference reports show a good increase in all the conferences. The schools are crowded. The preachers are full of hope. There are more revivals than ever before, and they are more pronounced. Very great progress was made in the way of buildings and equipment the past year. The Colegio Wesleyano, at San Luis Potosi, for the training of young preachers, is making its work tell. With some twenty promising young men in training, the outlook is brighter for supplying our itinerant ranks.

**Cuba.**  
The conference of last January was said to be "the most satisfactory, the most harmonious, and the most hopeful" we have yet held in Cuba. The reports not only indicated a healthy growth, but the indications were

prophetic of still more rapid and solid progress. There is improvement in both the number and quality of the native ministry. Our work is solidifying and assuming organic form. It is rapidly emerging from the somewhat tentative and experimental stage that belongs to work in a new field.

The people are accessible to us. There is less Catholic bigotry to contend with in Cuba than any other Catholic country. The people are religiously either indifferent or skeptical. They are willing to hear. The whole island is astir with change. The condition is favorable to the spread of the gospel. It may take its place, in taking its place, among the new forces that are making a new Cuba, a Cuba that shall be free indeed. The gospel is to be not merely one among the new forces, but the first and chiefest of them all, bringing to the people that noblest form of freedom from superstition, and the winning of them to the noblest form of subordination, the subordination to the truth as it is in Christ. We have the largest Protestant membership on the island and the largest responsibility for its evangelization.

**Brazil.**  
The importance of Brazil as a mission field, whether measured by the needs of its people, or by the extent and possibility of the country, is very great. The people not only read the gospel, they respond to it.

In 1879 we had only six Brazilians in our Church; now there are almost 6,000, an increase of nearly a thousandfold in twenty-eight years. They are, moreover, a liberal people. In this they are an example to the whole Church. In 1906 they averaged almost six dollars per member in their gifts to the Church. That this people are awakening to a sense of the importance of education is clearly indicated by the prosperity of our schools. Last year our nine schools showed an enrollment of 1,283.

**Progress at Home.**  
The Laymen's Missionary Conference, provided for by resolution of the Board of Missions in its last annual session, was held in the city of Chattanooga April 21-23, with an attendance of over 1,000 lay delegates and 500 preachers. It was an occasion of great spiritual power. The determining purpose of every session was to find the measure of responsibility and to assume it. The complete evangelization of the world was resolved upon without distinction as to home and foreign missions, but with a decided emphasis upon the wider and more needy fields in the regions beyond. In view of the imperative call from those fields and of the perishing millions who are depending upon us as a Church for the bread of life, the laymen made a ringing declaration of faith in the power of the gospel, and in the purpose of the Master to take the world in Christian conquest.

The spirit of helpfulness which has always animated our missionaries has become characteristic of the home Church. There are unmistakable signs of deepening conviction on every side. Not only is the faith in the speedy success of the missionary enterprise invincible, but there is an acceptance of the obligation of trusteeship in the gospel which is our surest guarantee of a full measure of liberality and of personal service. Ten days before the close of the fiscal year of the board, March 31st, we are facing a possible deficit of more than ten thousand dollars, with its attendant embarrassment if such a deficit could not be overcome. An appeal to our pastors, presiding elders and conference treasurers brought prompt and adequate returns, enabling our treasurer to report \$395,044.70 received on assessments from home conferences, and \$5,319.28 from foreign mission conferences, or a total of \$400,364.08 received on assessments—an increase in the regular collections of \$14,529.89. If to the foregoing we add the amount received from other sources (\$140,159.46) we have a sum total of \$540,523.54, or an increase over last year of \$21,307.17, a splendid showing for a year of financial stringency. To this

again we may add the \$226,192.88 received by the Woman's Board, which gives us a sum total of \$766,716.42 for foreign missions. Twenty-two Annual Conferences have paid up in full this year, the largest number yet recorded.

## THE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE AT ATLANTA, GA.

By Rev. Jerome Duncan.

Only the most casual observer could have failed to discover an epoch-making event in the Educational Conference held at Atlanta, Ga. March 19-21, in connection with the annual meeting of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Historically it may be observed that it was the fourteenth annual meeting of the board and the third of the conference. It will be remembered that the first of these Church-wide educational conferences was held in Dallas in 1906, and commanded a large place among the notable Church gatherings of that year.

Numerically the attendance at Atlanta did not reveal an increase of interest, but the real growth of the movement was indicated in the fact that the conference is no longer without form, nor void of tangible purposes worthy the educational forces of a great Church. The program outlined and the speakers secured were an implied declaration to the world that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, regards her educational propaganda as being fundamentally correlated with her every other field of operation. Whether a foreign or domestic mission is to be maintained, the evangelistic and pastoral work to reach its possibilities of power, or the thought-trend of the age to be developed on the broad basis of the teachings of Him who declared, "I am the Truth," indeed, from every point of view, it was made manifest that Methodism had inaugurated a campaign of education in earnest as a prime factor in the solution of her permanent problem of propagating in perpetuity her fixed purpose to "spread scriptural holiness over all lands."

It would require more space than the limits of this article will permit to give a detailed resume of the papers and addresses delivered, but I do desire to touch briefly on the purport of some of the most notable among them.

The keynote of the conference was sounded in the address of welcome, delivered by Dr. J. W. Lee, of Atlanta, in which he introduced statistics, figures and facts demonstrating the marvelous development and material prospects of the South, and then with a master's hand portrayed our educational policy, declaring that "we are actually so poor that our bones may almost be seen breaking through the skin of our body." His whole address was a clarion call to higher educational ideals. He emphasized the position that we can not long submit, to conditions which prosper the body and starve the mind, without becoming like an eagle built for the sky, but purposely failing to grow wings. We would, he declared, without larger educational equipment, find ourselves as would such a bird of the sun—doomed to the barnyard along with geese and ducks and fowls of the common dirt.

Rev. F. W. Hinit, D. D., the Presbyterian President of Central University, Danville, Ky., in a strong address emphasized two requisites to a Christian college: 1, the definite commitment of the institution to the Christian faith; and, 2, the personal sentiment of the teacher in loyal discipleship to Jesus Christ, that he may wisely leave the Christian impress upon the student. Dr. Hinit's address was of special import, viewed in the light of a paper read subsequently before the conference from Henry Pritchett, L.L.D., President of the Carnegie Foundation, New York. This "fountain for the advancement of learning," coming from the exhaustless stores of Mr. Carnegie's millions, has caused much perturbation of the educational waters. The financial overtures made to such institutions of learning as may be persuaded to barter therefor their

denominational birthright, has set the world of Christian education agog.

The announcement in a reputable magazine of the current month that Mr. Carnegie's faith in the Scotch Presbyterianism, which he inherited, has given place to the skeptical views which are not uncommon among men whose consciences can not quadrate with modern methods of predatory wealth-getting, and remain at peace, together with Dr. Pritchett's deliverance at Atlanta, will assuredly clarify the atmosphere and calm the troubled waters.

Dr. Pritchett said: "It may be entirely right to desire that a youth may be converted, but to turn the college into a place for that conversion is entirely unjustifiable. The American youth, no less than the American man of maturity, has come to realize in increasing measure during the last generation that religion is nothing other than the divine life in the human soul, a life independent, not only of theological dogmas, but also of formal organizations."

This, then, is Mr. Carnegie's announcement to the Christian colleges of America: "I will provide an annuity for your superannuated teachers, provided you will renounce the fundamentals of the Christian faith as indicated in creeds and organizations." Of all the egotistic and asinine insults ever offered the leaders of thought in a Christian Nation this is the most subtle and far-reaching. I am much mistaken in my estimate of men if Mr. Carnegie's "foundation" finds a secure resting place in any real Christian college. In the convention a very general expression of gratification prevailed, because Mr. Carnegie's representative had given such a clearly-defined declaration of principles governing the bestowment of his educational charity.

Henceforth the issue is distinctly drawn: Shall Christian colleges renounce their allegiance to the Christian denominations that gave them birth, and, amid poverty and privations, but with prayer and purse have struggled to sustain them, or shall they accept the niche prepared for them in Mr. Carnegie's educational monument to himself? No man who knows the spirit which actuates our Christian institutions can doubt the answer.

The time is ripe for largely multiplied contributions to Christian education. They must, they will, come. But no golden wedge must be permitted to introduce an Achan into the camp of Christ's educational Israel to destroy our counsels.

The educational policy of the Church was freely and profitably discussed. The definite demand for the best and highest standard of work in our schools and colleges was strong, and while we may have some schools still in the unclassified list which are filling a necessary place in the system, the evident purpose of our educators is to demand such classification and results as will meet the advancing requirements of modern education. It was evident that our Western schools stand in the forefront of these advanced educational ideals.

The discussion of the Sunday-school was made prominent in the conference. The address by Prof. J. D. Clary, of Fordyce, Ark., ought to be published in pamphlet form and scattered throughout the Church. It was among the very strongest deliverances of the entire conference. He magnified the supreme value to the Church of her secondary schools, as did Prof. W. R. Webb, of Bell Buckle. Prof. Webb took strong ground in opposition to the modern public school method of overworking children, declaring it to be a greater crime against the rising generation than is factory child labor. Chancellor Kirkland, of Vanderbilt University, made a strong and lucid plea for the proper solution of the problem of our unclassified institutions, and declared that it was perfectly practicable to put into effect the junior college as a distinct feature of our educational system. Such schools can easily do, not only preparatory work, but two full years of

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college work, and do it as successfully as our first-class colleges. Dr. Kirkland's suggestion is in exact accord with plans now in progress at our Texas schools located at San Angelo, Stamford and Clarendon.

The meetings of the board were full of interest and enthusiasm.

Dr. Hammond was authorized to employ needed assistance in his department, and Rev. A. F. Watkins, of Mississippi, formerly Agent for the Superannuates' Fund, was selected for the position.

Leave of absence was granted Prof. J. L. Cunningham, Director of the Correspondence School, in order that he might accompany Bishop Ward to the Orient.

Dr. R. S. Hyer was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the lamented Dr. Pritchett.

The presence of Bishops Galloway, Candler and Atkins gave emphasis to

the connectional value of the conference, and Rev. D. L. Andrews, D. D., President of Soochow University, Soochow China; Rev. W. W. Pinson, D. D., and our own John R. Nelson, with other leading missionary specialists, were much in evidence in the interest of the great cause.

Bishops Lane and Cottrell, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, were in attendance, and made a fine impression on the board and on the conference.

The cause of Negro education was accorded a hearing, so sane and so sympathetic that one could but wish that the irrational ranters and the calamity howlers could have witnessed this evident object lesson in the true solution of the negro problem—proper educational care and religious training under the kindly guidance of those who have his best interest at heart—the Christian men of the South.

he was constantly swept from his ideal by passion. He compares himself to a man oversleeping in the broad daylight, whose limbs are glued to the bed by drowsiness, and there is conflict between the intention to arise and the heavy slumber.

You will remember, too, how Bunyan tells that he realized the two selves at war within him. At first, when the devil came and tempted him saying: Sell him! Sell him! Sell him! Sell him! he fought him, and said: "I won't." But the devil continued saying: "Sell him!" And finally Bunyan answered: "Let him go, if he will." And for a whole year Bunyan suffered a perfect agony of remorse and torture, the one part of his nature accepting Christ, but the other willing to barter him away.

A man who is like this is not a strong man—he is unstable. The men who leave their mark in the world are the men of one purpose, who with Paul, can say: "One thing I do." The small man who has one intense purpose becomes a great man. If a man is taken up with one great thought, by the greatness of his thought he will presently approximate to the level of his conception; but the man who is divided by diverse interests becomes a little man. They who are so divided grope in darkness. Oh, happy are those who always live a balanced life of perfect equilibrium; who have their impulses well under control; who can put the brake on, can keep the wild horses in hand, and know what it is to do the thing they want to, and avoid doing the thing which their highest nature disapproves. Follow the one purpose. "Unite my heart! Knit my heart unto thee!"

The Consecrated Heart.

There are other aims besides religion which give peace and strength and vision to a man. John Foster tells us of a young man who one day climbed the hill which overlooked the broad acres of the inheritance which he had squandered and lost; but as he sat there, and looked down on what had once been his own possession, the purpose came into his mind to recover it. Passing through the village, he saw some coals lying outside a house, and obtained a pitance for removing them; and from that moment gladly performed the most servile duties until these opened into more remunerative ones, and he gained sufficient money to repurchase the inheritance, finally dying worth tens of thousands of pounds. It was his one purpose to be rich that made this young man strong.

In another case it was the purpose to be rid of a certain crabbedness of temper, and to cultivate a spirit of perpetual urbanity, that gave a purpose and a direction to life which had never before been realized.

In the life of John Bright we are told that it was the thought, suggested by Mr. Cobden, that he might be able to lighten the heavy anxiety which beclouded many homes, that delivered him from the melancholy death of his beloved wife had inflicted on his spirit. He was inert and paralyzed until the inception of this new purpose inspired him to take up his life anew. The purpose of philanthropy has again and again unified, quickened and ennobled the soul which seemed spent and hopeless. It has girt its loins to fresh endeavor, and in its unity has become strong. Get hold of a purpose, and live for it. A stream which spreads itself too broad, and is drawn into too many channels, has no driving power; but a very narrow stream becomes swift, and will turn the mills all along its course. A consecrated heart, even though not yet consecrated, is stronger than a divided heart.—"The Consecrated Life."

WALKING WITH GOD.

Man was made to be the friend and companion of God. It is a great mystery, but a wonderful fact. God put into man just such a spirit as he wishes to associate and commune with. Enoch walked with God, and Noah walked with God, and Abra-

ham was the friend of God. All through the Bible we find God calling men to come to him, to be reconciled to him, and to cleave to him. Of course, all this is for man's good. We often say God does not need man, but man needs God. Let us be on our guard when we speak thus. It is not at all certain that it is not for the delight and joy of the Lord as well as for the comfort and salvation of man that he is called to return unto the Lord. The Father is not content without the son who is lost.

God has promised, not only to be with us, but to dwell in us. We may be conscious of his presence. He will manifest himself unto us. We know what it is to live a whole year in perfect love and friendship with a human spirit. There is no break in the delightful relationship from the beginning to the end of the year. This friendship is tried. The world is full of trials of love and friendship. But when the relation is genuine, it may be tried every day, but it is not broken, nay, it is not strained; the cord holds. Not one moment of doubt arises. So one may live one whole year in perfect friendship with God. This friendship also is tried, but it is too strong, too precious, to be strained. One may not think of it every moment. He may not be sensible of the great fact every hour. But the relation is not distrained for all that. The tie is as strong when the thoughts are fixed on something else as when engaged in fervent prayer.

It is not enough to be near to God during the years of innocent infancy and childhood. It is not enough to walk with God through the valley of the shadow of death. Everyone wishes to be with God then. It is not enough to be with God in eternity. We all hope to be with him forever. But it is not reasonable to expect that we shall be with him in heaven if we live apart from him in this world. We are called to walk with God through the dangers, the sorrows, the prosperity and adversity of this world. It is not enough to have his blessing; we need him. His gifts are good, but he is best of all.

One day with God in the world is a high day, a day of holy emotions and high thoughts, a day of peace and joy and love, like unto one of the days of heaven upon earth. One year with God is a golden year, a jubilee. Then he is with us, and in us, ruling our spirit, imparting strength to our arm, breathing courage and peace into our heart, and completely satisfying the soul.—Exchange.

WHICH WAS THE WISER?

"I conducted, two years ago," said a clergyman, "the funeral services of one of my parishioners. He had been a farmer. Forty years ago he commenced work with 100 acres of land, and he ended with the same hundred. He was a skillful, industrious workman, but he had laid by no money in the bank. I understood the reason as I listened to the comments of his neighbors.

"It was always a hospitable house," said one. "The poor man was never turned away. His sons and daughters received the best education which his means could command, and all are leading useful and happy lives."

"Said another: "Those children sitting there weeping are the orphans of a friend. He gave them a home. That crippled girl is his wife's niece. She lived with them for years. The young fellow who is weeping so bitterly was a waif that he rescued from the slums of the city."

"And so the story went on—not of a miser who had heaped riches together, but of a servant of God who had helped many lives, and had lifted many of them out of misery and ignorance.

"On my way home from the funeral I stopped at the house of an-

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other farmer, who said to me in a shrill, rasping tone:

"So poor Gould is dead! He left a poor account—not a penny more than he had got from his father; now, I started with nothing, and look here," pointing to his broad fields, "I own down to the stream. D'ye know why?"

"When I started to keep house I brought this into it the first thing," taking an iron savings bank, in the shape of a wolf, out of the closet. "Every penny I could save went into his jaws. It is surprising how many pennies you can save when you have a purpose.

"My purpose was to die worth twenty thousand pounds. Other folks dressed their wives in merino; mine wore calico. Other men wasted their money on education; my boys and girls learned to work early and kept it up late. I wasted no money on Churches, sick people, paupers and books.

"And," he concluded triumphantly, "now I own to the stream; and that land with the fields yonder, and the stock in the barns are worth twenty thousand pounds. Do you see?"

"And on the thin, hard lips was a wretched attempt to laugh. The house was bare and comfortless; his wife, worn out with work, had long ago gone to her grave. Of his children, one daughter was still drudging in the kitchen; one son had taken to drink and died in prison. The other, a harder miser than his father, remained at home to fight with him over every penny wrung out of their fertile fields.

"And yesterday I buried this man," continued the clergyman. "Neither neighbor, nor friend, nor daughter shed a tear over him. His children were eager to begin the quarrel for the ground he had sacrificed his life to earn. Of it all he now had only enough to cover his decaying body.

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"KEEP THY HEART WITH ALL DILIGENCE." The Undivided Heart.

"Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth; unite my heart to fear thy name." Psalm 86:11.

This psalm has been compared to a tessellated pavement, because it is made up of fragments of other psalms reverently pieced together. But though most of its sentences may be discovered in other parts of the Psalter, this petition stands unique in its beauty and strength. This is the psalmist's Spirit-given invention; here he is original. This is the gush of some geyser spring in his heart, which flashes in the light, and pours its perennial fountain of inspiration on the world.

There are obviously three divisions in this verse:

1. "Teach me thy way." The Hebrew word used might be rendered "stake out." Sometimes in riding through the country, parts of which are submerged in the winter floods, we see high stakes, jutting out at various points. Our driver tells us that the river often overflows, and if it were not for these indications it would be impossible at such times to discern the way. That is the precise idea of the Hebrew: "Stake out my way, that even when the storm rises, and the dark water sweeps across my path, I may realize that thou hast staked it out so as to be unmistakable."

2. "I will walk in thy truth." Throughout the Psalter the word "truth" would better be rendered "truth"—what the girl plights to the man she loves: "I plight thee my truth," namely faithfulness. When the psalmist says: "I will walk in thy faithfulness," he means to say that all his life will be spent leaning and reckoning upon the faithfulness of his Guide and Friend, in the very atmosphere of trust in the trustworthiness of God.

3. "Unite my heart to fear thy name." We have another rendering in the Prayer Book version: "O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy name;" that is, not simply is the

heart united in itself, and to be a simple and single whole; but it is to become such because it is united and knit to the nature of the eternal God. "O knit my heart unto thee; knit it, weave it into thy life, and never let me extract myself again—knit my heart unto thee!"

The Divided Heart.

The double-minded man who is double-sighted; the man whose ways are perplexed because he has no definite purpose before him. The Greek word for "care" means "that which divides;" and Jesus Christ said we must live a life free from care, because care divides, weakens and makes us blind.

Some are divided by anxiety. When they are trying to take a strenuous course, they are attacked by anxiety. The man who is anxious can not take a strong, straight course, any more than a man can sleep when he is wondering whether he has locked the door, or wound up his watch.

Some are divided by contrariness, which is a most difficult and complicated disposition of the soul. We want to be pleasant, helpful, agreeable and amiable, but are conscious that there is some cross current. Whence it comes we do not know; but we find ourselves between two strong currents—the one to be sweet and Christlike, and the other to be awkward and restrained.

Others of us are divided because of the incoherence and fitfulness of our impulses. Happy are those whose impulses are well under hand; but with many they have the whip-hand. Their passions are strong, their desires ungenerous. It may be that this results from some strain or heredity which our ancestors have bequeathed to us, so that in this wonderful nature we are suffering from the lawlessness of men and women who have preceded us in the long generations behind.

Others are critical. They are divided because they are aware of two souls striving within them. While on the one hand they admire what is good in people, they are conscious of a second self that sits in judgment. It seems as if there is our purer, holier, lovelier self; and behind that dark, critical, cynical self, which is always judging people, and passing comments upon them.

Others who are divided by the accusations of conscience—always dreading that they have done wrong; always thinking that God is angry; always failing to be at rest with him or their own hearts. It seemed as though on Sunday they were at full stretch for the kingdom, and were caught up and borne heavenward; but as they touch this mundane world there is the inevitable reaction. The very yearning after God will be met to-morrow by an equal intensity in their business, or in making money, or in seeking pleasure. Augustine tells us that though the prayers of his mother so greatly affected him,

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### A PROTEST FROM POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE.

An article in the Advocate of May 28, written by Mr. J. H. Reedy, of the Southwestern University, is so incorrect in its inference and so misleading in its conclusions that it again becomes my duty to enter the lists; though, from a personal standpoint, I would prefer to avoid controversial notoriety and the risk of further misunderstandings. Stripped of all verbiage his professed review of my former article contains three propositions:

First, that my comparison of entrance requirements was made with a sinister motive.

Second, that the comparison was made without sufficient data on my part and was unjust to Southwestern.

Third, that Polytechnic's entrance demands are now probably one and one-half unit lower than Southwestern's.

In regard to the first proposition, it cannot be said that he charges me directly with a sinister design, but his prefatory reference to my motives certainly leaves such an impression. Personal impressions can hardly be subjected to analysis from the standpoint of argumentation, and my impression of his impression is entirely too vague for logical refutation. I can only appeal to the general tone and contents of the paper containing the comparison.

The first article of mine, published some months ago, was written per request to correct a wrong conception of Polytechnic existing in the minds of many Methodists because of prejudice or lack of proper information. The second, with which Mr. Reedy takes issue at this late hour, was made necessary by an unwarranted attack on my position. In the very nature of the case, I was compelled to introduce the comparison so displeasing to the Chairman of the Registration Committee. I wrote in good faith and in good spirits toward a school I hold in the highest regard, and there could not have been occasion for prejudice or malice on my part. I had well in mind a two-fold intent—to do justice to Polytechnic and no injustice to Southwestern. Before my paper was sent in for publication I submitted it to several who were familiar with the situation. All agreed that my method was necessary and perfectly legitimate and that the comparison contained no statement or reference offensive in nature. At the time I felt confident no real friend of the schools would question my motives or condemn my actions. I have just reread my statements, and I am yet unable to see how anyone could so misread my motives. I certainly made my points and purposes clear, and while I regret the misunderstanding, I cannot consider myself responsible for misinterpretations that may be justly charged to the account of careless reading.

With reference to the second proposition, it ought not to be necessary for me to write at length; in fact, I could simply refer the careful reader to the article under discussion and leave all else unsaid. But I want to make this paper final, and so will trespass on valuable space.

The comparison I made was based upon the June, 1907, bulletins of the two schools. These contained the official announcements and entrance demands for the year 1907-08, and were sent forth to give information with reference to such points. The question under discussion involved the freshman entrance demands September, 1907. In spite of an error by the copyist or by the printer, who made me say "present requirements" instead of "future" in one instance, my proposition was clear in this respect. Mr. Reedy charges me with discussing a unit system "not used in the session of 1907-08," condemns me for not reading a December bulletin and unfortunately leaves the idea that the higher standard was enforced at Southwestern for the September entrances. Whether or not I read the bulletin is altogether irrelevant and his comments upon my supposed "embarrassment" are really ludicrous. December bulletins do not fix entrance for the prece-

ding September. Applicants for freshman entrance into Southwestern last September, it stands to reason, had a right to enter and did enter according to the published terms—the unit system as given in the June, 1907, bulletin, the bulletin employed in the summer campaign. I do not mean that the count of twelve (12) was essential, for after all the numerical count is a minor affair; but I do mean the equivalent amount of work had to be accepted. Any other method would have been contrary to the fundamental principles of college entrance and would have placed an honored institution in a bad light. Now, if despite this, applicants were forced to enter them by the fourteen (14) unit count, the full demands, I was wrong in my comparison and thereby did Southwestern an injustice. It would have been the rankest folly on my part had the comparison been made without sufficient data and I would indeed be a fit subject for the severest criticism. Had there been any doubt in my mind as to the entrance requirements enforced at Georgetown in September, 1907, they would have been removed by official information as late as the following November. The same fact is established by even a later bulletin than the one of December, 1907. On page 17 of the Southwestern bulletin of March, 1908, is found the following language: "The standard has been raised each year until requirements for graduation are equal to that of the first-class colleges of the nation. The faculty have already announced to the students that beginning with next year entrance requirements consisting of fourteen units will be enforced," etc. (The black letters are mine.) Evidently "next year" refers to 1908-09. The higher demands were not enforced last September. My comparison was a correct one and my claim for Polytechnic's advanced position holds true according to Mr. Reedy's own estimate. He admits that Polytechnic's sixteen (16) units are more than equal to Southwestern's twelve (12), and had he "put himself in regard to" our September estimate offered in history, physiology, physical geography, and algebra, he would have considered my estimate of thirteen (13) units in equivalent terms of count a very conservative one indeed.

As for the third proposition, a grave injustice is done to Polytechnic with reference to the entrance demands for 1908-09. Mr. Reedy, who graciously volunteers "to correct Mr. Hearon," hastens into a blunder inexcusable from the standpoint of a professed reviewer. I quote from my previous article, the one he is reviewing: "Before the report of the Commission on Education had come our way, or we had ever caught a rumor of their doings, we had decided to revise our count, and we were pleased to see that our purposed count for 1908-09 session, in almost every detail, is similar to the fourteen unit count as agreed upon at the last meeting of the Commission. Moreover, we had determined to advance our standard an additional unit, so we find it a very easy matter to demand, even for 1908-09, the requirements set by the Commission for 1910-11." By way of parenthesis I will add that every student in the preparatory school readily consented to the advance, and that there is, consequently, no chance for any one to claim the entrance according to the June, 1906, bulletin. I quote again: "I sincerely trust that along with the acceptance of a common system of count and with equivalent entrance demands there will come a better understanding of each other's motives, a truer appreciation of each other's merits and a spirit of generous and helpful rivalry, that will be above petty contentions, will lend itself to timely co-operation and will stimulate both to the best within their reach." Yet, notwithstanding all this, he undertakes to rebuke me for making a comparison strictly in order, and then calmly proceeds to compare Polytechnic's entrance for 1907-08 with Georgetown's for 1908-09. Our sixteen (16) count is as much of a back number as their twelve (12) count. Without any direct evidence of an advance I took for granted that Southwestern

would make the entrance demands in full for 1908-09 and gave ample evidence of this in my article. With direct information from me, as an official in Polytechnic, concerning our acceptance of the recommended fourteen (14) unit count and the full entrance requirements for next year, he blunders into his unjust comparison and at the same time lectures me for carelessness. I trust he will be able to appreciate the grim humor of the situation. The "embarrassment" that my reviewer headed my way failed to reach its destination—in the days of floods and storms, travel, is uncertain in Texas; but on its arrival "Dean" Hearon will generously share with "Chairman" Reedy.

Our June, 1908, Bulletin is out now and gives in detail unit values for entrance at Polytechnic. These values will correspond with those of Southwestern, since both schools have accepted the recommendation of the Commission. In conclusion I want to assure the Methodists of the State of Texas that Polytechnic is not seeking to make capital at the expense of another. She desires the most friendly relations with the central school and sees no reason for prejudice or antagonisms. She claims a right to be heard in her own behalf, and she wants her position to be thoroughly understood. It is indeed high time for some issues and contentions to be relegated to the past. The scholastic year 1908-09 will open with a better understanding and in a clearer atmosphere. Let us join heart and hand in the great work that lies out before us.

R. A. HEARON,

Dean Polytechnic College.

### FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

Teague, Texas, is a two-year-old town with a population fully four thousand. Beautiful residences and substantial brick business houses have sprung up as by magic. The farm furrows are still in portions of the growing city and right recently cotton stalks were pulled up out of the principal streets. The stump diggers are busy in other parts of the town removing the remains of forests. The old settlers, as they rub their eyes and look on, can hardly realize what's happened.

The Trinity & Brazos Valley Railroad has erected good shops. This splendid plant indicates permanence and progress. The town will grow, we believe, until the expectations of the "Ten Thousand Club" are realized. Our Methodism, which was early on the ground in a temporary structure, has done good work with poor equipment. At the last session of conference Rev. K. W. Adams was appointed to this new and promising field. Hardly a better appointment could have been made. "Bob" Adams struck the town running and no grass has grown under his feet. The very first day, I believe, he bought a beautiful new house for a parsonage. After this wise movement to "provide for his own," he began preaching and visiting and talking up a new church enterprise. Soon he kindled considerable enthusiasm, despite divers difficulties encountered in this place to which many had rushed, merely to make money. With a master hand the wise pastor has controlled the situation for our Church which is now easily in the lead.

When this writer received an invitation to this railroad center he could hardly decline the call. Last Monday night we closed a meeting which was indeed a revival. After the third night we had to move to the opera house in order to accommodate the crowd. This place of new comers was greatly unified, the Church received a mighty uplift and there were many conversions and reclamations. Nineteen joined our Church, others will join us. Some of the converts went to the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches. Several subscriptions to the Advocate were secured.

One remarkable feature of the meeting deserves special mention. The last Sunday afternoon we had a great rally in the interest of the new church building. The pastor made a fine talk on Teague, its short past, prosperous

present and promising future. He made a happy hit for his new building when he spoke of Teague's crying need of good substantial churches and a modern up-to-date school. Bro. Adams said he had secured about \$2500, and that he was determined to build an eight or ten thousand dollar church. He was followed by leading business men and some good women, all of whom spoke very hopefully of the proposed building. There was not heard in the meeting or on the streets a discouraging note. Our congregation and the town seem eager to have the Methodists lead out in church building. Bro. Adams was highly elated after that rousing rally. He seemed to see that fine new church going up right now. By July 1 he expects to break ground and rush the work. Bro. Willis, presiding elder of Huntsville District, came in during the meeting and helped us by his presence and prayers. He said that he recently forded the Trinity River at the very point where Bishop Andrew crossed on his way to the second conference held in Texas. That conference was held in Wilson Chapel, near Huntsville. Willis said: "I imagine I stepped in some of the Bishop's tracks near that ford and they were much too big for me." Wonderful changes for the better in Texas since the days of the first Methodist planting in the State. Our Bishops on horseback, with sacrificing circuit riders, laid a firm foundation for our great Church. May the steam and electric car and automobile preachers of the present take time to be holy and strive to build in keeping with the work of our faithful fathers. Methodism must move mightily to meet the demands of this great west. Our work is just begun.

Providence permitting I shall begin a meeting next Sunday at Livingston.  
JNO. E. GREEN.

### PAPER ON FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ADOPTED BY THE LAYMEN AT CHATTANOOGA.

The following paper was offered at the Chattanooga Laymen's Missionary Conference by the Committee on Resolutions, and after discussion was unanimously and enthusiastically adopted. In obedience to the wishes of the body as expressed in the paper and also because of its merits and timeliness, we give it to our readers:

"Whereas, Our Southland has been blessed with great increase of wealth; and,

"Whereas, Riches will be a curse to us unless we recognize our stewardship for God; and,

"Whereas, The only safe financial basis for the individual Christian and the Church is that set forth in God's word, viz: For each to lay by in store as God has prospered him a portion of his income which he recognizes as holy unto the Lord; and

"Whereas, Such habit would settle our financial Church problems,

"Therefore, be it resolved,

"(1) That we urge each member of every Church to adopt the plan of paying not less than one-tenth of his income to God's cause;

"(2) That we request the Publishing House to furnish the literature and tracts on tithing, and especially Bishop Key's sermon in pamphlet form, and that our pastors aid and encourage all the lay leaders to begin a campaign of education and consecration on this subject;

"(3) That the pastors be urged to preach the gospel of money and to the end that they be unhampered in so doing, we recommend the stewards wherever practicable to relieve our pastors of taking all collections.

"(4) We believe the mission work is one, and that the best available men should be sent to mission appointments, and we urge the Bishops and their cabinets to send the most efficient men possible to our missions at home and abroad. To secure this, we pledge them our co-operation, both in supporting the workers and in sacrificing our personal preferences for particular men to serve our local Churches.

"(5) We call upon our young men to recognize that heroic service is needed in our mission work, and to

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"(6) That our Church papers publish these resolutions; and that the executive committee provide for putting a printed copy in the hands of all laymen."

### SPACE REQUIRED FOR CHURCH ORGANS.

Will A. Watkin, of Dallas, Texas, an expert in pipe organs, thinks that comparatively few architects appreciate the amount of space required for pipe organs. He says that his own experience demonstrates that seldom is enough space allowed by architects and builders for the organs," says a writer in the Texas Trade Review and Industrial Record, published in Dallas. "An architect of a leading Texas church, not many years ago, left a space of about six feet by twelve feet for organ and choir; when it developed too late to remedy matters, that he had in mind a reed organ of about the size, or smaller, than an upright piano. This architect's oversight later cost this Church about \$600 and a most unsatisfactory organ and choir plan.

#### How to Estimate Space.

"A church with a seating capacity of 500 persons should assign a floor space of not less than eight feet in width, and a height over the organ of not less than fourteen feet.

"A church with a seating capacity of 1000 should give an organ space of ten feet in depth by at least eighteen feet in width, with a uniform height over the organ of not less than eighteen feet.

"A church with a seating capacity of 1500 to 2000 persons should assign for the organ space not less than twelve feet in depth by twenty-two to twenty-four feet in width, and a height of not less than twenty-two feet.

"These general dimensions can safely be followed by architects, but it must be absolutely understood that their respective dimensions do not include any choir space whatever.

#### Electricity Supplies Power.

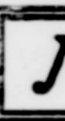
The newest and probably most satisfactory device for supplying wind to large church organs is the electric organ. One of its great advantages is that it supplies the wind direct to the organ trunk and does not have to operate or pump the bellows.

"Many smaller towns, however, have no electric current in the daytime, and therefore must use water engines. In fact, the water engines are most generally used. To secure best results, the water engine, which in itself occupies a space about two feet square, should be placed immediately under the organ. If a floor six feet or more below the organ floor can be utilized, the most satisfactory results can be secured. However, any basement or lower story floor, if twenty feet below the organ, can be used with satisfaction.

"In the construction of churches, fortunate is it where an organ chamber can be arranged with the sides and rear wall without any openings whatever. Organs keep in order and stand in tune very much better where they are best protected from draughts or sudden changes of temperature. The greater number of large churches have specially constructed organ chambers for the instruments.

"A small two-manual pipe organ weighs about two and a half tons and there are church organs in Texas weighing seven tons. Organ floors should be well supported by being solidly built, for there should be no vibration incident to the pumping of the instrument by hand or engine."

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# Notes From the Field

## Shamrock.

A storm struck us yesterday about 3 o'clock and our new church now lies in ruins. It is a total wreck. With a small debt on us, and having just built we are in hard shape. But we have the will and will find a way to rebuild. Other property suffered, but no lives lost. Our Sunday-school was one of the best, its enrollment being nearly double the membership of the Church. T. B. Hilburn, June 3.

## Pilot Grove.

Our third Quarterly Conference embraced the 29th, 30th and 31st of May at Gayhill Church. Our presiding elder, Rev. C. M. Harless, and son, was present from Friday until Monday, preaching and transacting the business of the Church with great ability and much spirituality. His sermon on "Foreign Missions" Sunday was much in advance of anything we have heard along that line, followed by a collection of \$39.85. This puts us out on our foreign missions. The business meeting on Saturday was not very well attended, as this was about the first day the farmers could get into their crops for a long time. However the reports were very gratifying and the outlook for the Church or charge is very encouraging and our people on the whole charge are second to none and will pay out in full if the Lord wills. We serve a fine people.—J. T. Turner.

## Sparenberg.

We have had a great revival at Sparenberg where there had not been any interest manifested in years. Bro. Self, of Big Springs, an exhorter, at his monthly appointment saw that all things were ready, and the Lord was on the guiding hand. He called for the writer and I reached here Tuesday

evening. There had been one conversion and two reclamations up to that time. We entered the fight in faith and prayer and the Lord came in power to convict and convert. There were twenty-two conversions from 16 to 65 years of age, and fifteen reclamations, and eight children from 19 to 11 years old; there was great rejoicing in the camp. Whole families were brought into the fold, and the place that Satan had used to delude the people was transformed into a place of worship. We organized a Methodist Church of ten members. May the Lord continue his blessings to these people.—E. G. Thomas.

## Lorena Charge.

During the nineteen years of my ministry I have not been hindered in my work as in this by storms, rain and mud. I have been forced for these reasons to miss more appointments during the past seven months than in the past ten years combined from weather or sickness. However we have made the best of it; the people have been indulgent (being more used to this black mud.) We begin our first meeting the 5th with Bro. M. S. Hotchkiss to help us. We are holding preparatory services at night now, trying to be ready at his coming for a good and great meeting. Up to the present we have received forty-one members, mostly by certificate, since conference. Our people have been heavily damaged by the heavy rains and hail, some having to plant cotton the third time, and some whose lands are in the Brazos bottom lost all by overflow. Yet we have never seen people more hopeful under their losses.—E. B. Chenoweth.

## Amelia Charge.

Amelia is gradually moving to the front. We are making some progress along most all lines. We have a Sunday at every appointment; three Methodist Sunday-schools. I have never labored among a more appreciative people. We closed our meeting at Port Bolivar last Sunday night. We had a splendid meeting. The meeting ran eight days and the interest increased until the last service. Bro. Milton, of Nederland, came to us on Tuesday and remained until the meeting closed, doing earnest, faithful work. Bro. Milton is good help in a meeting, and he left an abiding impression with my people. Bro. Pierce Wilson was with us the latter part of the meeting and his presence was highly appreciated by our people. As a result of the meeting six were added to the Church, eight children were baptized and the Church greatly blessed. We expect to have a good report at the coming Annual Conference. We have paid our foreign and domestic mission assessments, our Church extension, district parsonage and Orphans' Home assessments. We think we are doing pretty well. We had a local option election here at Port Bolivar in the early part of the year, and only two anti votes were cast, and we are in sight of the city of Galveston, too, and is that not strange?—J. W. Bridges, June 4.

## Fredonia Circuit.

Last Friday, May 29, was the occasion of our third Quarterly Conference. Rev. Will T. Renfro, our presiding elder, was on hand in good time for his work, and did us good service. Fredonia and Pontotoc of this charge both have held Children's Day services with gratifying results. The fifth Sunday was a great day at Fredonia. It was devoted to a joint study of missions and missionary work by Fredonia and Mason Leaguers. Sister Renfro, the best half of our presiding elder, was with us and added much interest to the occasion by a few minutes' talk at the close. Her talk was both instructive and inspiring. Owing to heavy rains, deep and sticky mud, only a few were able to attend the District Conference at Ozona; but they provided for a

League, Missionary and Educational Institute to be held at Brady, embracing June 11 to 14. Of course we, the preachers and delegates of the eastern part of this district, will be expected to show up and answer for our recreancy in not attending the District Conference proper. We anticipate that our repentance will be a source of great joy to some of the brethren from the west, but after this bit of pleasantries I must say seriously that we hope for the Brady occasion to result in great good. The district is, so far as this scribe is informed, moving successfully onward and will forge its way to very happy results. We are praying and working and God is blessing the work.—D. C. Ross, June 3.

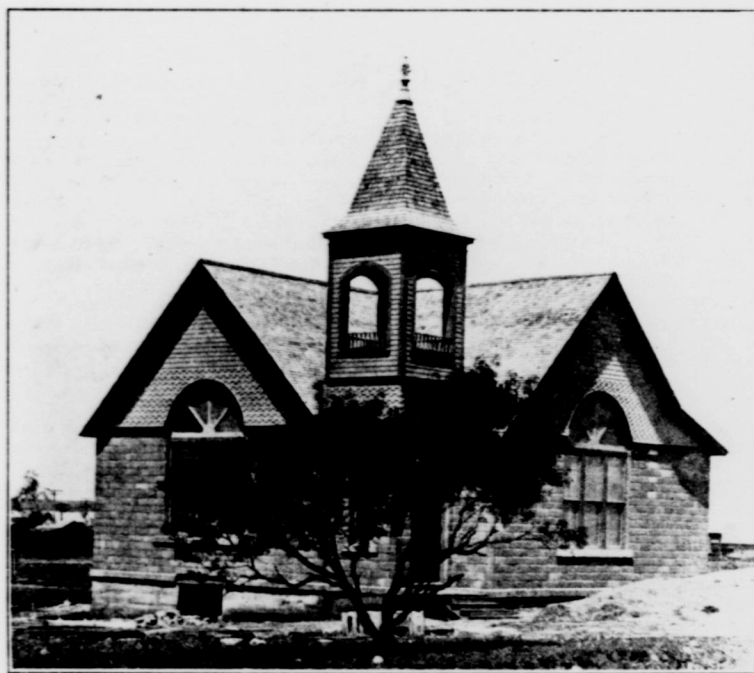
## Big Valley Revival.

Some two months ago our pastor, Rev. W. I. Caughran, said: "We must have a good revival at Big Valley this year." A few weeks after that he announced that our revival meeting

would begin at once. It was in the midst of cotton planting time. Many of interest were discussed through the entire day. On Saturday night we had a good sermon by Rev. C. L. Bounds. His subject was "The Layman's Movement." Sunday morning at 9:15 we opened up with an experience meeting led by the scribe. From 10 to 11 o'clock the Sunday school interest was discussed by Bros. Foster and Bounds, of Alvord, and Bros. Forester, Wisler and Hayter, of Decatur. At 11 a. m., Rev. J. G. Forester preached a stirring sermon to the delight of a very large congregation. Then dinner was served at the church. The afternoon was given to League work. A Junior League was organized with thirteen members at this point. A collection was taken and \$6 was secured with which to buy two dozen Revival Prizes. Had a good time.—J. K. McMillan, June 1.

## Greenwood.

Our fifth Sunday Institute at Greenwood, Decatur District, has just closed. We had with us Revs. J. G. Forester, L. W. Whisler and Hon. J. P. Hayter from Decatur, Rev. C. L. Bounds and two laymen from Alvord and the Greenwood Circuit very well represented. We commenced on Friday night with an opening sermon by Rev. G. W. Whisler. Bro. Whisler preached to the satisfaction of all that heard him. Saturday morning the



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## Moody.

May 10 dawned upon the pastor of the Methodist Church a very sick man, too sick to be in the first service I am about to report. Bro. R. C. Bland, the local preacher from Eddy, preached at 11 o'clock. All were well pleased with the sermon. Bro. Jno. Huckabee came in on the evening train and finding the pastor sick, took charge and for eleven days did some fine preaching. There was not a sorry sermon in the twenty-oneth faithful man of God delivered. The only regret I have is that every man, woman and child in Moody did not hear every utterance that came from the pulpit. There was not an uncertain sound ever fell from his lips, but plain, practical and to the point, just the kind of teaching we needed. There were several conversions and doubtless many reclamations and good resolutions formed. I believe great good has been done, though it was not in results what our hearts yearned to see, but I learned years ago not to worry over results. God helps us as his children to do our whole duty and

## Neches.

We are moving along very nicely on this work and making some progress. Last Sunday, the 3rd, was a red letter day at Swanson's Springs, a little Church that only gets a Sunday night sermon once a month. At 11 a. m. I preached a rousing sermon on "Prohibition from a Bible Standpoint" to a large audience and we carried the crowd with us. In the afternoon we had a real live missionary rally, con-

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to leave results to the Lord. Bro. Huckabee was called to meet his wife at Temple, where she came for treatment. We were sorry to see him go before complete victory came in the meeting, but could not insist on his staying longer under the circumstances. If I were going to fight the battle over I would rather have Jno. Huckabee to help than any preacher I know. God bless him; we will never forget him at Moody. I would not dare to close this article without bestowing a word of praise upon those who helped to make the singing a success that it was. Long will linger those soul-stirring melodies in the minds and hearts of every lover of sacred music. I am justly proud of our musicians and the way our dear people sing. If the angels don't let Bro. John Rutherford sing when he gets to heaven, but they will—so sing on "Bro. John." When I finish my work on earth and God calls me from labor to rest, I want Gabriel to send a band of musicians and singers after my spirit. Oh, I want to be borne aloft by them to the heaven of music and song and "That's enough for me."

"Then in nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing thy power to save;  
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue  
Lies silent in the grave."

—N. E. Gardner.

## Oktaha, Okla.

We have recently organized a Methodist Church at this place. We now have a membership of 26 and are trying very hard to build us a small house of worship. Our people are responding very manfully to the demands put upon them, but they are poor and we are compelled to have a church house. Just a small flock roaming around in the rain. Some will soon drown. You can't keep the family together without a home; so let a few of our Methodist friends send us a few dollars of the Lord's money and we assure you it will be invested in the interest of Methodism and the salvation of souls, besides aiding a struggling people. I thank you in advance for any help you can give us. Send your donations to—O. S. Snell, Pastor.

## Valley Mills.

We have just closed one of the best revival meetings Valley Mills has ever seen. There were about 50 conversions, most of whom were adults, many of them heads of families. There have been to date, 26 additions to our Church, with others to follow. Quite a number of family altars were erected, and the people are serving God "in the good old-fashioned way." We have just organized a splendid League, and our Sunday-school has enlarged very much. Bro. G. F.

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## BOY TORTURED BY AWFUL HUMOR

Almost Covered with Eczema—No Night's Rest for Nearly a Year—Feared Lifelong Disfigurement—All Treatments Failed and Limit of Endurance Seemed Near.

## PERFECT RECOVERY IS DUE TO CUTICURA

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"When it seemed as if he could possibly stand it no longer, I decided to try Cuticura. I bought a cake of Cuticura Soap, a box of Cuticura Ointment, and a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent. I used them in the evening and that was the first night for nearly a year that he slept. This may sound exaggerated to you, but in the morning there was a great change for the better. In about six weeks you could not have told that he had ever had anything wrong with him. I treated him twice a day for six months and at present he has a fine complexion and not a scar on his body. This story may seem overdrawn, but neither words nor pen can describe Clyde's suffering and how he looked. Our leading physician, Dr. —, recommends the Cuticura Remedies for eczema. Mrs. Algy Cockburn, Shiloh, O., June 11, 1907."

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## The Home Circle

### MY ROBIN.

When I was a child, beside our door,  
In a green and spreading sycamore,  
There sang each morning, with note  
as clear  
As a crystal brook, and full of cheer,  
A Robin.

I watched his plumage in childish  
glee,  
And fancied he sang his song for  
me;  
And the melody lingers in heart and  
brain,  
Making me often a child again—  
My Robin.

I look for his coming in early spring,  
When the crocus opens, and the map-  
ples bring  
Their crimson tassels to kiss the  
breeze  
And the sunshine dallies with new-  
leaved trees—  
My Robin.

I hear him sing as the sun goes  
down,  
And the stars come out o'er the silent  
town;  
But there's never a harsh or mourn-  
ful note,  
That wells afresh from the warbler's  
throat—  
My Robin.

And I learn a lesson of hope and  
cheer  
That carries me on from year to  
year;  
To sing in the shadow as in the  
sun,  
Doing my part till the work is done—  
My Robin.

—Sarah K. Bolton.

### HOUSEKEEPING AND HOME- MAKING.

"Eric, I wish you would come in  
or else go out. You're holding that  
screen door open like an invitation to  
the flies."

The boy, who was standing in the  
doorway looking up and down the  
street, turned at his sister's impatient  
call and entered the house. "I didn't  
think about the flies," he said good-  
naturedly. "Did any of them dodge in  
over my head?"

Frances did not reply. She was  
looking at the door, an expression on  
her face which was somewhere between  
horror and indignation.

"Eric Fraser, where in the world  
could you have found any mud to-  
day? No matter if there hasn't been  
any rain for a month, you'll come  
into the house and make muddy  
tracks across the floor. And I spent  
such a long time polishing it this  
morning," sighed Florence, with what  
her brother called her martyr-like  
tone.

"Well, I don't hunt up the wet  
places, if that's what you mean," was  
Eric's rather short answer. He pulled  
an easy chair into the bay window  
and settled himself comfortably with  
the morning papers. Frances, who  
had gone for a dusting cloth to re-  
move the traces of his tracks on the  
polished floor, uttered an exclamation  
as she re-entered the room.

"Eric Fraser, would you mind leav-  
ing that chair where I put it. The  
room is simply spoiled with all the  
furniture huddled into that end of  
the room. If you want to sit in the  
window, take the window seat."

"Oh, no! I'll go upstairs to my own  
room, and maybe there I can have a  
little peace." The slam of the door  
behind him was very expressive, and  
Frances sighed as she looked at her  
aunt. "You don't see how it is," she  
said. "Eric doesn't appreciate how  
hard I work to keep things nice. I  
think housekeepers have very hard  
times."

Her tone seemed to indicate that  
a little sympathy would be welcomed.  
Aunt Elizabeth was sorry for the girl  
who was trying so hard to fill her  
mother's place, but she did not think  
that sympathy was just what Frances  
needed. "My dear," she said, in-  
stead, "what is the object of all this  
dusting and scrubbing and polishing  
that goes on in a home? Why isn't it  
left out?"

"Left out!" repeated Frances. She  
stared at her aunt incredulously.  
"Left out, Aunt Elizabeth! Why, it  
would be intolerable. Nobody could  
have any comfort in a house that  
wasn't kept clean and in order."

"Exactly," Aunt Elizabeth looked  
pleased. "The comfort and enjoyment  
of the family are the first considera-  
tion. Order and cleanliness are im-  
portant as they contribute to the more  
important things. Just as soon as they  
interfere with the family comfort  
they have gone too far."

"I suppose you think I ought to let  
Eric track all around and not say a  
word," remarked Frances, crossly.

"I mean, my dear, that home-mak-  
ing is a higher art than housekeep-  
ing. I knew a woman once," said  
Aunt Elizabeth, reflectively, "who

had a reputation as a good house-  
keeper, and was determined to live  
up to it. When her husband came  
home at night he found his slippers  
waiting for him on the outside steps.  
He put them on before he crossed  
the threshold."

"That was going rather far, but  
still, it had its advantages," said  
Frances, laughing in spite of herself.  
"Yes, but it didn't stop there. The  
mania for keeping things in order  
grew on her till after she had a room  
arranged to her liking, she would  
lock the door and not allow any one  
of the family to use it. The kitchen  
was the last to be closed. Her hus-  
band came home one night and found  
a cot on the back porch and the cook-  
ing stove in the back yard."

"Why, she must have been crazy!"  
Frances exclaimed.

"That's what the doctor said. But  
I have always thought that she  
should be a warning to the house-  
keepers who keep their homes neat  
at the expense of family comfort. I  
have known," added Aunt Elizabeth,  
with a twinkle in her eye, "a number  
who have started on the same path,  
even though they never went as far."

Frances looked at her, and her eye  
reflected the twinkle.

"I wonder if Eric would like to  
make candy," she said, reflectively.  
"I've objected several times lately  
when he's proposed it, because the  
chafing dish gets into such a condi-  
tion, and the room is always out of  
order before he's through. I suppose  
the good housekeeper you were tell-  
ing about would never have thought  
of allowing such a thing."

"I don't believe she would, but a  
good home-maker might," said Aunt  
Elizabeth, smiling back.

And then the aggrieved Eric, sulking  
in his room upstairs, was as sur-  
prised as delighted to hear his sis-  
ter's voice in the hall. "Eric, come  
down. We've just time to make fudge  
before supper."—Mrs. Harriet L.  
Smith, in the New York Observer.

### THE MAN AT THE FRONT.

Beyond a doubt it had been a great  
convention. The religious papers had  
been full of it, and even the daily  
papers had contained columns about it,  
with condensed reports of the more  
striking utterances of the leading  
speakers. There had been photographs  
of the leaders, and these had found  
their way into the press, with noted  
names underneath.

The speakers had considered grave  
problems, they had laid deep plans.  
There had been discussion of condi-  
tions at home and abroad. Great men  
had participated from America and  
from lands beyond the sea. It was  
over at last, and the outgoing trains  
were filled with clergymen and lay  
delegates, who crowded the sleeping  
cars to overflowing.

Two noted men found themselves in  
the same car. They were both tired  
enough, but neither was able to sleep,  
and so for a long time they sat and  
talked.

They had much to talk about, for  
both had been prominent in the meet-  
ings. Their names had appeared on  
the programs, with titles before  
and capital letters following. They  
had been in evidence in the discus-  
sions, sometimes on the same side,  
and sometimes opposed. They were  
glad of some things and regretted  
others. So their minds were full; and  
in time the conversation turned to a  
discussion of the man who most of  
all had shown himself a great man  
during the meetings.

"There is one man about whom I  
have been thinking a good deal," said  
one of these two men. "Do you re-  
member Brinkerhoff?"

"I remember a man of that name  
who was in the class below me in  
theology. He went into home mission  
work, I think. I don't remember any-  
one else of that name."

"That's the man. He has remained in  
that work, I had a talk with him, and  
it impressed me as few things did at  
the convention."

"You surprise me. He was a good  
fellow, as I recall him, but I never  
had thought of him as a great man."

"Well, he is. He has spent these  
fifteen years in a little obscure field up  
in the upper peninsula of Michigan.  
His Church has thirty-two members.  
His field is approximately seven miles  
square. His salary is \$400 a year, and  
he has a little farm."

"He asked a little help for his peo-  
ple in the improvement of their Church  
building, for they are poor and few.  
And I was so busy I tried to put him  
off. But something in his way of put-  
ting things took hold of me, and I  
took him to luncheon; and he told me  
about it."

"He rides over that diocese of his  
in all weathers, carrying comfort and  
light to those scattered homes. Beside  
his little Church, he has a half-  
dozen schoolhouses where he preaches.  
"He has sent a dozen young people

to college, and two young men into  
the ministry."

"He has driven out saloons, and im-  
proved the schools, and exalted the  
ideals of that territory. He has simply  
leavened that district, and made it a  
bright spot on the map."

"I got so interested in hearing him  
tell of it that I was late at the after-  
noon session, and missed the address  
I had wanted most to hear, but I  
counted myself repaid."

"Every minute I found in my heart  
a new sense of admiration for the  
man, and a new measure of success  
and greatness."

"That man has never 'risen' in the  
ministry. He never will rise; and I  
don't know but that it will be because  
he is already so far above the rest  
of us."

"It is no cant but solemn conviction  
when I say that of all the men I met  
at the convention, Brinkerhoff stands  
out in my mind as the man who is  
doing the greatest work."—The  
Youth's Companion.

### "STRAIGHTENING OUT THE FUR- ROWS."

"Boys," he said. "I've been trying  
every day of my life for the last two  
years to straighten out furrows—and  
I can't do it!"

One boy turned his head in sur-  
prise toward the Captain's neatly kept  
place.

"Oh, I don't mean that kind, lad. I  
don't mean land furrows," continued  
the Captain, so soberly that the boys  
became breathless as he went on:

"When I was a lad about the age of  
you boys, I was what they called a  
'hard case,' not exactly bad or vicious,  
but wayward and wild. Well, my dear  
old mother used to coax, pray and pun-  
ish—my father was dead, making it  
all the harder for her—but she never  
got impatient. How in the world she  
bore with all my stubborn, vexing  
ways so patiently will always be to  
me one of the mysteries of life. I  
knew it was troubling her, knew it  
was changing her pretty face, making  
it look anxious and old. After a while  
tiring of all restraint, I ran away,  
went off to sea—and a rough time I  
had of it at first. Still, I liked the  
water, and I liked journeying around  
from place to place. Then I settled  
down to business in a foreign land,  
and soon became prosperous, and now  
begin sending her something besides  
empty letters. And such beautiful let-  
ters she always wrote me during  
those years of absence. At length I  
noticed how longing they grew—long-  
ing for the presence of the son who  
used to try her so, and it woke a cor-  
responding longing in my own heart to  
go back to the dear, waiting soul."

"So when I could stand it no longer,  
I came back, and such a welcome, and  
such a surprise! My mother is not a  
very old lady, boys, but the first thing  
I noticed was the whiteness of her  
hair and the deep furrows on her brow,  
and I knew I had helped to blanche  
that hair to its snowy whiteness and  
had drawn those lines in that smooth  
forehead. And those are the furrows  
I have been trying to straighten out."

"But last night, when mother was  
sleeping in her chair, I sat thinking it  
all over, and looked to see what pro-  
gress I had made."

"Her face was very peaceful and the  
expression as contented as possible,  
but the furrows were still there! I  
hadn't succeeded in straightening them  
out—and I never shall—never!"

"When they lay my mother—my  
fair old sweetheart—in her casket,  
there will be furrows in her brow; and  
I think it a wholesome lesson to teach  
you, that the neglect you offer your  
parents' counsel now, and the trouble  
you cause them, will abide, my lads,  
it will abide."—Exchange.

### ROSETTA POPE'S SCHOOL.

"What are you doing?"

It was Rosetta's uncle who asked  
the question.

Rosetta looked up with a little  
laugh. "I'm playing school," she said.

Uncle Leonard came near and  
gazed at her row of pupils, first in  
wonder, then with an amused smile.  
"You have some very famous  
scholars," he observed.

A dozen or more "Author" cards  
were arranged on chairs before her,  
and each card pictured the face of  
a man or a woman prominent in lit-  
erature.

"Is Tennyson at the head or the  
foot of the class?" he inquired, his  
eyes twinkling.

"Oh, at the head!" Rosetta an-  
swered. "I don't know what other  
people think, but I rank them first  
just as I like them, and then if they  
don't recite well they have to go  
down."

"Pray, what do they recite?" her  
uncle asked. "Spelling and geogra-  
phy?"

"Of course not! They recite from  
their own works—here are the les-  
sons!" and she laid her hand on a  
big pile of books at her right.

"Do you admit visitors?"

"Oh, yes, sir! Mamma often comes  
in. That's the visitor's seat," point-  
ing to a great armchair.

So from the other side of the room  
Uncle Leonard watched the small

teacher and her renowned scholars.  
"Lord Tennyson will please recite  
his New Year's poem, beginning:

"Ring out, wild bells, to the wild  
sky."

Whereupon Rosetta selected a book  
from the pile, and keeping her finger  
in the place, recited the lines with  
very little hesitation.

"Well done!" praised her uncle.  
"Thank you," said Rosetta, blush-  
ing.

The next card bore the face of Mr.  
Alexander Pope, and the teacher  
said:

"Mr. Pope, you may recite two  
lines from your 'Essay on Man,'" and  
again Rosetta spoke for her pupil:

"Honor and shame from no condi-  
tion rise;  
Act well your part, there all the  
honor lies."

Then she turned to her uncle with  
a smile. "I can't understand much of  
his," she explained; "but seeing our  
names are the same, I thought I'd  
have to put him in somewhere, and  
he's learned those lines so well he  
stays up near the head."

Uncle Leonard burst out laughing,  
but was checked by Rosetta's warn-  
ing finger.

"Mr. Cowper, please give us the  
first and last verses of 'John Gil-  
pin.'"

Rosetta began bravely enough:  
"John Gilpin was a citizen  
Of credit and renown,  
A—"

Silently she puckered her forehead,  
and then said, in a voice supposed to  
be stern:

"Mr. Cowper, you may go to the  
foot!" adding to her uncle, "I never  
can remember that, but I like it."

"And how often do you have this  
sort of thing?" asked Uncle Leonard.  
"Oh, whenever I get lonesome. I  
guess I'd rather have you talk to me  
now," and with one sweep of the  
hand she gathered her famous pupils  
into a pack and tossed it on the ta-  
ble.

"Tell me about Cousin Maud,  
please!" she coaxed.

"One thing about her is that she  
is lonely most of the time, we live so  
far from neighbors, I think I'll buy a  
set of 'Authors' on my way home and  
tell her about this school of yours."

"Oh, do," cried Rosetta. "And then  
when she comes down here next sum-  
mer we can play together. Mamma  
likes it because she says it teaches  
me so much."

"I should say so! I shall have to  
coach Maud at first; she doesn't know  
one author from another."

"Neither did I till I learned," said  
Rosetta.—Emma C. Dowd, in Chris-  
tian Intelligencer.

### JOHN'S REFERENCE.

John was fifteen years old when he  
applied for a place in the office of a  
well-known lawyer who had advertised  
for a boy, but he had no reference. "I  
am afraid I will stand a poor chance,"  
he thought, "but I'll try."

The lawyer glanced him over from  
head to foot.

"A good face," he thought, "and  
pleasant ways." Then he noted the  
new suit—but other boys had appeared  
in new clothes—saw the well-brushed  
hair and clean-looking skin. Very well,  
but there had been others here quite  
as cleanly; another glance showed the  
finger nails free from soil.

"Ah, that looks like thoroughness,"  
thought the lawyer.

Then he asked a few direct rapid  
questions which John answered as di-  
rectly.

"Prompt," was the lawyer's thought,  
"he can speak up when necessary. Let  
me see your writing," he added aloud.  
John took the pen and wrote his  
name.

"Very well, easy to read and no  
flourishes. Now, what reference have  
you?"

The dreaded question at last. John's  
face fell. He began to feel some hope  
of success, but this dashed it.

"I have not any," he said slowly.  
"I'm almost a stranger in the city."

"Can't take a boy without refer-  
ences," was the brusque reply, and  
as he spoke a sudden thought sent a  
flush to John's cheek.

"I have no references," he said, with  
hesitation, "but here is a letter from  
mother I just received."

The lawyer took it. It was a short  
letter:

"My Dear John—I want to remind  
you that whenever you get work you  
must consider that work your own.  
Don't go into it, as some boys do, with  
the feeling that you will do as little  
as you can, and get something better  
soon; but make up your mind that you  
will do as much as possible, and make  
yourself so necessary to your employ-  
er that he will never let you go! You  
have been a good son to me. Be as  
good in business, and I am sure God  
will bless your efforts."

"H'm!" said the lawyer reading it  
over the second time. "That is pretty  
good advice. I rather think I'll try you  
even without references."

John has been with him six years.

and last spring was admitted to the  
bar.

"Do you intend to take that young  
man into partnership?" asked a friend.  
"Yes, I do; I couldn't get along with-  
out John."

And John always said the best refer-  
ence he ever had was a mother's  
good advice and honest praise.—Ex.

### BETTY'S BARGAIN.

"Every time I want to go anywhere  
I have to play with Ned," said Betty,  
putting her little brother into his go-  
cart rather crossly. "The other girls  
can go pick flowers this morning, but  
I must amuse a tiresome baby all  
the time."

"It would be very nice not to have  
a little brother," said mamma, thought-  
fully. "You could go where you  
pleased all the time, and a few little  
cures would not count."

"Wouldn't it?" said Betty with a  
smile. "Just think of the good time  
Ned and Grace have. I wouldn't have  
to leave my story book so often and  
hunt playthings for Ned if he belonged  
to some one else."

"I'll buy him if he's for sale," said  
Mrs. Turner, who was coming up the  
walk. "How much do you ask for  
him?"

"A dollar," said Betty, and to her  
great surprise, the visitor took out a  
fat purse and gave her a big silver  
piece.

"Run along with the girls and spend  
your money as you please," said Ned's  
new mamma, as she took the baby out  
of the go-cart. "I think I have made  
a good bargain."

"I'll get some oranges and candy  
and popcorn," thought Betty, as she  
hurried after her friends. "They are  
not going very fast and I can catch up  
after I get the things. They'll be sur-  
prised, I guess, to see what I bring  
to the picnic."

The man at the store gave her a  
small basket, and when she went away  
with it filled with good things she had  
only half her money left. "I'll save  
this much to buy a little car for Ned-  
die," she said to herself, as she ran  
down the street. "He wants it so  
bad."

"Where did you get all these nice  
things?" asked the girls when they  
spread their dinners on the big rock  
in the woods.

"Mrs. Turner gave me a dollar,"  
said Betty, "and I spent half of it."

"Gave you a whole dollar? What  
for?"

"I—I sold the baby," stammered  
Betty, getting red in the face.

"Sold Neddie for a dollar? My mam-  
ma would have given you ten times  
as much as that if she had known you  
wanted to get rid of him. What did  
you want the dollar for?"

"I wanted to buy Neddie a cart  
and—"

"But you can't get him a cart when  
he don't belong to you," said Grace.

"I always thought you ought to be  
the best girl in the world because you  
had such a dear baby to play with, and  
here you sell him for a dollar."

"Do you think—" began Nell, but  
Betty was running home as fast as  
she could go. The goodies were left  
on the big rock, and all she cared for  
was to buy back the dear little  
brother.

"If you'll only sell him back to me,"  
she gasped, laying the warm piece of  
money in Mrs. Turner's hand. "I'll  
earn lots and lots of dollars to pay  
you. I don't know what made me so  
wicked."

"Well, if you are quite sure you  
want him, I suppose I'll have to give  
him back," said Mrs. Turner, with a  
smile. "He is a little darling, and I  
am not surprised to have you come  
after him."

"Mrs. Turner said I made a good  
bargain, but I think it was very bad,  
mamma," said Betty. "I hope Neddie  
will never find out how very near he  
came to being Ned Turner instead of  
Ned Brown."—Hilda Richmond in the  
United Presbyterian.

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**THE IMPORTANCE OF CIRCULATING THE BIBLE IN FOREIGN MISSION FIELDS.**

No. 2.

In this article I wish to bring out some additional facts for which I did not have space in my first communication. At the General Missionary Conference, held at New Orleans, April 24-30, 1901, Dr. John Fox spoke as follows on "The Bible and Missions":

"This has been called the age of steel, the age of steam, the age of electricity; it is emphatically the age of Bible translation. At the beginning of the last century there were between fifty and sixty translations of the Bible in existence, beginning with the Septuagint and coming down to modern times. By 1860 there were 220 translations; by 1890 the number had risen to 331. The last ten years of the century carried us well over the 400 line. These translations have always been made by missionaries, or under their supervision, but after they have been begun with the initiative and the encouragement of the Bible Society, if not by their direct agency, and the translators have been paid by funds provided by them, and with rare exceptions they have always been published wholly at the expense of the Society." (See "Missionary Issues of the Twentieth Century," page 102.)

Of course the intelligent reader will see at once that the Bible Societies of America and England are very necessary for the carrying on of the grand missionary work in foreign fields, and, indeed, the work could not very well go on without these societies; and all people should be only too glad to contribute of their means to enable these grand societies to go forward with their glorious work.

It was the Bible translated by the immortal Luther than shook old Germany from center to circumference, that gave rise to the glorious Reformation in the sixteenth century and caused the Pope of Rome to tremble upon his throne. Had Luther, Melancthon, Zwingli and others depended upon their preaching alone, the work of the Reformation would have been greatly retarded. But the Bible was rapidly circulated in Germany, and the people saw that the old doctrines and superstitions of the Romish Church could not be sustained by the Word of God, and so they flocked to the great reformers by the thousands. So in heathen lands to-day, when the natives can be induced to read the Bible they see that Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism and the other forms of religion taught them by their parents are utterly powerless to save them, and they are giving up these false systems and falling prostrate at the feet of the all-conquering Christ, and being happily converted to the Christian religion.

India, notwithstanding its awful caste system, is being mightily stirred, and it is the word of God read and expounded that is accomplishing these glorious results, as any one may see by reading the Conquest of India, by Bishop Thoburn.

China is in the throes of a stupendous revolution to-day and is awakening as never before; and this work is the grand result of the Bible reading and preaching, coupled with Christian education, as anyone may see by reading "The Uplift of China," by Dr. A. H. Smith, who has been a faithful missionary there for over 30 years.

Dr. John Fox, at the Toronto Missionary Convention in 1902, said: "The Reformation was an appeal to the Scriptures. It would be an absurd appeal if we did not intend to give the people the Scriptures. The very first duty of the new-born Church of the Reformation was to continue the ancient process which had been begun in early days, and to put the Bible into the hands of modern Europe and send it to the New World that had sprung into being. Is it not significant that the discovery of America, the invention of the printing press and the practice of Bible translation are so closely connected? It was a new epoch in the history of mankind."

In the same speech Dr. Fox dwells on the right use and the power of God's word, and to these wise words the readers of our own land would do well to take heed. Hear him:

"The Bible is not an end in itself; it is a means to an end. It is a definitely appointed instrument, a hammer, a fire, a sword, a well-made tool, intended to accomplish a certain purpose; and God has so constructed it that it will be useless unless we take it as He has given it to us and apply

it to the purposes for which it was intended. I need not dwell upon the uses which it has for our own personal salvation and growth in grace. Until one is compelled by some circumstances to look at it, I am afraid that the great majority of Christians have little thought of how the Bible as a book is to be made practically effective in the conquest of the world. But as soon as you think of it, you must realize that the Bible must be translated, and then there must be some effective and organized provision for its wide circulation among those who have never seen it. That is a task which the Bible Societies are set to do in co-operation with the missionaries." (See World-Wide Evangelization," page 557.)

The above words are profoundly true, and we fear that a vast majority of professing Christians have never looked at the Bible in this light. Now, the truth is that the Bible is most emphatically a missionary book almost from beginning to end, and no one can read it properly and understand it correctly without being imbued with the missionary spirit. And yet, as true as this is, we have a few who call themselves Christian who say they are "constitutionally opposed to foreign missions."

But the word of God must not only be circulated in dark heathen lands, but also in Roman Catholic countries where the people are utterly ignorant of its sublime teachings and are so completely under the domination of the ungodly priests of that corrupt Church.

Rev. H. C. Tucker, a faithful missionary in Brazil, tells of a man 70 years of age who traveled five days' journey on a mule, and then went 250 miles further to hear the gospel, and was saved, baptized and received into the Church. Then he says: "This may be said to be the fruit of one Bible sent by mail five days' journey beyond the railroad. No colporters or preachers of the gospel had ever visited that community." ("The Bible in Brazil," pages 36, 37.)

After speaking of the work in Bahia, Dr. Tucker says: "From the first attempts of evangelical Christianity to teach the truth in that city, a few Bibles found acceptance. On my first arrival the Baptist and Presbyterian mission stations were already well established and had reached out to a few neighboring towns and villages. The first words of testimony I heard from these missionaries were to the effect that the extension of this work in the city, but more particularly outside, was due to the work of the Bible colporters, and they offered every encouragement and promised co-operation in our efforts to carry the Bible to the far interior. Thousands of copies of the word of God have been sold within the city limits during the period of which we write." ("The Bible in Brazil," pages 148, 149.)

Dr. Tucker gives an account of a man and woman reading the Bible and being happily converted by it, and then, through their instrumentality, a Church was organized and were the means of many others being saved. I would commend this book most heartily to all our readers, as it is one of the very best of the many valuable missionary works of the day.

"Shall we whose souls are lighted  
With wisdom from on high,  
Shall we to men benighted  
The lamp of life deny?  
Salvation! O, Salvation!  
The joyful sound proclaim,  
Till earth's remotest nation  
Has learned Messiah's name."

W. W. HORNER,  
Neches, Texas.

**FROM MEXICO.**

I think that it helps our cause in Mexico to keep our people posted as to the labors of our missionaries, who are kept so busy that they can get little time to tell us of their work. So I send you an extract from a private letter from our missionary boy at San Luis Potosi, that, with its information, gives a glimpse of their every-day lives. The lectures referred to are lectures delivered in our church there by the converted priest, Valiente y Poso, on the subject of "Auricular Confession." These lectures are making a stir in Mexico. I think we ought to have them in English for our Texas readers, and circulate them in Spanish for our Texas Mexicans.

GILBERT ONDERDONK,  
Nursery, Texas.

**Extract from Private Letter.**

I have just returned from the downtown mission, and although I have a headache and am tired, I must not defer any longer writing to you. We have just closed two weeks of very

profitable special meetings. The first were the lectures of our pastor, and they were well attended, and produced fine effect. There were many well dressed people who attended the lectures, and then bought the printed ones afterward. One well-to-do family was converted and have all joined our Church. We shall expect valuable aid from them, as well as blessings to the souls.

The second week was taken up by the revival meetings. Bro. Castro of Saltillo came to our help and did good service. Eight persons presented themselves for membership. Thus we move on to victory in the Lord.

My school work is more and more a delight to me. I greatly miss the privilege of preaching, but I do appreciate the opportunity of helping to educate the future preachers of Mexico.

My dear wife is not as strong as I would like to see her, but the children are all well. My general health is fine, but I feel a little fagged sometimes. My plans are yet a little uncertain, but I hope to get up into Texas during the last part of June. Our paper will be out during the last week, I hope. The extra printing called for by the lectures delayed us. \* \* \*

F. S. ONDERDONK.

**THE FATE OF "RESTATEMENT."**

In the action of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the overture of our General Conference for a "Restatement of Methodist Doctrine" the expected has happened. The overture was unanimously rejected. We are not disposed to exult over this result, though none of those who know us will doubt that it gives us satisfaction. The opposition of the editor of the Era to this measure was open at every point. He fought it on its merits, or rather its demerits, as a theological and historical question. The adoption of it as a line of policy would have been to dangerously shift the whole doctrinal position of Methodism.

Notwithstanding the fact that "Restatement" got a majority in our General Conference, it never had any standing with the masses of our people. The Church has been against it from the beginning. Our good friend Dr. Ivey, of the Raleigh Advocate, thinks that nobody was changed in his views by arguments on the question. He was never more mistaken. Of five connectional officers who voted for "Restatement" at Birmingham, four confessed to us months ago that they had on reflection lost interest in it and had come to doubt its wisdom; and that, we think, would about gauge the decline of interest throughout the Southern body. There is other interesting inside information that might be given out, but what is the use? The "Restatement" has died of "happy and heaven-appointed inanition." Its tombstone stands as a milestone of progress. It brings us a paragon nearer to the ideal of Protestant freedom of interpretation. The doctrinal literature of Methodism as it exists to-day is not a barrier, but an open frontier. Beyond that frontier is the open Bible. Methodism has never yet, and never will, we constantly believe, number that frontier with so much as one dogmatic statement. Let us sound the trumpet for an advance!—Epworth Era.

**AT CORPUS CHRISTI.**

By the kindness of my good people I am spending a while at Corpus Christi. For three months I have been much run down in health. My congregation at Harris Chapel, appreciating my need of rest and recuperation, insisted on my taking a trip, and provided a purse for traveling expenses, to which my congregation at Long Branch and others added, so I could but go, and decided to come to Corpus and Epworth. I have been here ten days, and am feeling much improved already. I find this a most delightful place and a fine health resort. The salt bathing is as fine as is to be found anywhere, with good accommodations. They have a mineral well, which has wrought wonders in the cure of stom-

ach troubles and rheumatism. This water is free to everybody. I do not see why our people should seek health resorts at a distance, with one so good right at our door. In all my going I have never seen more generous sociability and hospitality shown strangers than by the people of Corpus.

I am delighted with Epworth, and the possibilities for its work are great. It can be made a mighty factor in the social and religious influence of the Church throughout the State. I hope to enlist my people more in the work.

Bro. Perry, our pastor at Corpus, is in very great favor with his people and doing a fine work. His influence is reaching out in the town.

I expect to return to my charge the latter part of next week, much renewed in strength for my summer's work. We are arranging for a big camp meeting on the San Marcos River at Staples, the preaching to be done by the presiding elder and pastors of the district. It is to be an old-fashioned camp meeting.

V. V. BOONE.

**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF THE BLOOMING GROVE TRAINING SCHOOL.**

Our commencement exercises were of such character that Blooming Grove is wearing a smile. Our homes having been thrown open and earnest invites having been given for visitors to come and spend the time with us, many visitors came, and went away delighted with the occasion.

Without a voice to the contrary, the exercises were better than ever before. Much praise is due the student body and faculty for the work done.

We will not be able to do all that needs to be done this year. We ought to have another building, but we contemplate good things for the school. Better recitation rooms, bath rooms, etc., are to be provided.

Rev. A. L. Moore preached the commencement sermon, and Hon. William A. Tarver delivered the literary address. Both the sermon and the address called forth earnest commendation.

After the school work closed, Miss Bama B'shop, who had sung for us on a former occasion, gave an entire program to a full house. Miss Bishop is a sweet singer of rare talent and culture. She was aided by her sister, Mrs. Jackson of Dallas, and a reading by Mrs. Saddler of Corsicana.

The outlook for our school is good.  
J. H. WISEMAN.

**AMONG GOOD PEOPLE.**

I have often heard it said if a fellow wanted to get his religious experience made better just go among the Northwest Conference folks. It has been my good fortune to mix and mingle with them for one month and I can truthfully say the half has never been told me.

I left Howe, Texas, my home, the last of April in poor health and not much money, with the hope of improving my health. I stopped off at Childress for a few days' rest and I didn't know a person in the city—alone among strangers. I soon met Judge Bob Bailey and Rev. R. M. Bailey, a local preacher, and in speaking to them about going to the hotel for board, they told me if I could put up with the fare I was more than welcome to stay with them without money or price. I accepted their kind invitation and they made me comfortable and happy while in their Christian homes. On Sunday I went to the Methodist church, where I met Rev. J. T. Hicks, the pastor, who, in his kind way of doing things, made it very pleasant for me. Bro. Hicks had one of the best Sunday-schools I ever attended.

A few days later I began to feel a little lonely and homesick and it was my good fortune to meet unexpectedly one of the best women in Texas in the person of Mrs. Ellen Hamilton, a friend of long ago. She was my neighbor in Georgia many years. It had been twenty-five years since we last met. She lives at Matador, sixty miles from Childress. I spent a pleasant night with her son who is the County Attorney of Childress County—a good man and a Christian gentleman and a

great friend to Methodist preachers. He has a sweet-spirited Christian wife and it was in this Christian home I was made to forget that I was lonely and homesick. He told me he wanted me to go home with his mother and see his father, and said he would pay the round trip fare on the mail hack. I accepted his offer and after a day's drive we reached Matador where I met Bro. J. W. Hamilton, whom I had not seen in twenty-five years. Speaking of happiness, it was there the climax came. Bro. Hamilton knows how to make Methodist preachers happy; he is an old hand at the business. I soon met the pastor, Rev. R. L. Jameson, who just spread himself to make me feel at home. God bless such men. He had me to preach Wednesday night and I did my best to do someone good and the Lord blessed us there. Some of his good folks gave us some money without asking for it at the close of the service. Any Methodist preacher can tell you how good this made me feel. Well, thank God, if it is his will I am going home the 20th inst. with my health much improved and my religion greatly built up, having met so many good people. May God's richest blessing be with them.

P. G. SMITH, L. D.

**SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE AT INDIAN CREEK CHURCH.**

The Gustine, Blanket, Comanche charges and Comanche station participated in the exercises of the Sunday-school Institute held at Indian Creek May 16-17. We believe results of the institute will be felt for years in every charge represented. There is no need of eulogy pronounced on the work that is being done by Bro. and Sister Field, as all Advocate readers are familiar with it. The subjects treated and discussed by the different pastors and delegates were beneficial.

Problems that once puzzled teachers are now better understood, and every teacher that was present received aid that will enable them to teach the word of God with greater success. If we had space we could give outlines of important subjects discussed but suffice it to say that they were ably treated. Gustine was awarded the honor of having the greatest number present, and Comanche station of being nearest the "standard Sunday-school."

All services were opened by reading of scripture and prayer. Our prayer is that God will bless every effort put forward in the Sunday-school work; that every teacher may become so interested in the study of the Bible and Sunday-school problems as to attend these institutes, thereby better qualifying themselves for the great and noble work that is before them.

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#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Ahlene, Stamford, 9 a. m. June 12  
Dallas, Oak Lawn, 10 a. m. June 16  
San Marcos, Lockhart, June 19  
Brenham, Cameron, 9 a. m. June 23  
Tyler, Willis Point, June 23  
Weatherford, Strawn, June 24  
Colorado, Big Springs, 9 a. m. June 24  
Dublin, Granbury, 9 a. m. June 24  
McKinney, Prosper, 8 p. m. June 24  
Weatherford, Strawn, 2 p. m. June 24  
Huntsville, Hempstead, 8:15 p. m. June 24  
Gainesville, Gainesville, 8 p. m. June 24  
Beaumont, Woodville, 2:30 p. m. June 24  
Calvert, Hearne, 2:30 p. m. June 24  
Llano, Marble Falls, June 24  
Corsicana, Wortham, 2 p. m. June 25  
Waco, Walnut Springs, 2:30 p. m. June 25  
Sulphur Springs, Brashers, June 30  
Pittsburg, Omaha, June 30  
Bonham, at 8 p. m. June 30  
Fort Worth, Burleson, 9 a. m. July 2

Just as we go to press we are in receipt of a telegram from Rev. Jerome Duncan giving the sad news of the death of his mother. Her remains will be interred in Nashville, Tennessee, by the side of her sainted husband, Rev. T. J. Duncan.

From a letter to the business office we quote the following: "I get a new subscriber almost every Sunday; got three last Sunday. We are trying to put the Advocate into every Methodist home on our charge and as many Baptists as will take it. I think a Methodist is bordering on the unpardonable sin when he will let a Baptist in his community take the Advocate and he himself refuse to do so. But I thank God that the most of our people take the Church paper. May God lead Texas in Christ and Methodism."

Dallas was favored awhile back, and so was all Texas Methodism, with a few weeks of the presence of Miss Maria Gibson, principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School. She attended some of the gatherings of our good women and contributed much to the cause of missions by her addresses. Ever since the founding of this great institution at Kansas City, she has presided over its interests with wonderful executive ability and success. She is one of the truly great women in our Methodism.

Saintliness does not grow by sighing.

#### AT THE SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

Last Saturday we made a visit to Georgetown to spend Sunday with the Summer School of Theology, and to preach to the gathering of ministers on Sunday morning. We reached there at four o'clock in the afternoon. The commencement exercises had just closed, but we heard the echoes of that occasion. It was one of the best commencements in the history of Southwestern University. The class of graduates was one of the largest and the quality of young men and the young ladies was of a high order. There were many visitors present to take in the services. Bishop Ward's sermon on Sunday is said to have been eminently appropriate to the occasion, and marked him as a man worthy of the high position he holds in the Church. The attendance upon the various departments of the University reached a high water mark. There were something over one thousand all told, and the character of the student body was fine. The University building grows on you as the years pass. It stands there a great contribution to the Methodism of the State. Additional grounds have been added by generous friends to the site and the campus is becoming ample. The Mood Hall is now completed, as a dormitory for boys. It stands on the same lot with the main building, but further back and to the right of it. It is a splendid stone structure, and one of the most complete of the kind in the State. No State school has anything to compare with it. It is three stories high, has eighty odd handsome rooms, with all modern conveniences and equipment. In the center of the structure is a court, giving ventilation to each inside room, and leaving space for fountain, shrubbery and flowers. It cost something over sixty thousand dollars, and it gives to Southwestern the long needed accommodation, of a good hall, for its growing patronage. It is a thing of beauty and the pride of the campus. It puts Southwestern to the forefront as a progressive Church school, worthy of the great denomination it represents. Just above it is the splendid Girl's Annex, crowning the hill, and the three stone structures impart the air of university life. They represent many thousands of dollars; and they stand there as the realization of the hopes of many workers living and dead. The old University building is further down, and it is used as a fitting school for boys. The whole property is very valuable, and it furnishes to us one of the best Christian schools throughout the connection. The prospects for next year are already promising, and they will have all the students that can be accommodated. The faculty is very much encouraged and they are even now beginning to look forward to a great term.

Just as soon as the commencement exercises were over, the Summer Institute began. About two hundred ministers have been registered. There would have been more but for the excessive rains and the deepening floods. All the classes completing first, second, third and fourth years in the conference course were present in force, and those appointed to teach and to examine them were also present and at their posts of duty. This is a wonderful advantage to the young men engaged in completing these courses. The charges are nominal, and all have access to the advantages. In addition, prominent men from a distance were also present to deliver courses of popular lectures on various topics of interest to the young ministers. Dr. Snyder, of Wofford, delivered a series of very entertaining lectures on literature, etc., and he not only gave great satisfaction, but captured the audiences who heard him. He is a gifted man on the platform, and his style is very pleasing. Dr. Thomas Carter, professor of New Testament Greek in the Vanderbilt University, was also on the program and lectured on a number of inspiring subjects. We heard him on Paul's letter to the Romans, and it was a carefully prepared and thoroughly evangelical discourse. On Sunday night he lectured in the

Church on "John Wesley as a Preacher," and he presented the strong points in the life and ministry of this wonderful man. There were a few flashes of humor now and then that made the address very taking. He is one of our most scholarly men, and wonderfully well prepared for his work in the Vanderbilt University. He is a son of Rev. C. W. Carter, D. D., of the Louisiana Conference, and a brother of Rev. Brisco Carter, for several years in the North Texas Conference, but now in the Louisiana Conference. He is a bright, brainy and scholarly man. Dr. Cope, an expert of Sunday-school work, contributed much to the interest of that department of Church work. Last, but not least, was Dr. McFadden, of Canada, who gave the young men several strong lectures on expository preaching. Like all those Canadian preachers, he is an eloquent man, with a very attractive personality.

Rev. J. Sam Barcus and Dr. R. S. Hyer had charge of the management of the Institute, and right well did they conduct it to a successful issue. Brother Barcus gave it his thought by day and by night, and he and Dr. Hyer arranged and executed one of the best programs in the history of the institution. It required a great deal of their time and attention, but they made it a most satisfactory success. Brother Barcus is proving himself a very useful factor in Southwestern. We had the pleasure of spending the time of our visit under his most hospitable roof. He and his good wife know how to dispense the grace of Christian hospitality. Mrs. Williams, the mother of Mrs. Barcus, makes her home with them, and she is a ripe Christian woman. It was pleasant to meet and to know her. The venerable mother of all the Barcus boys was there on a visit. All Texas Methodism knows and honors her. She has given four boys to the ministry, and her only daughter is the wife of the Rev. Jackson Cox, one of our useful missionaries in Mexico. She has two other boys who are useful citizens—one a teacher, and the other a lawyer. She made a great success of her family. And, now in her advanced age, with health still good, she enjoys her alternate visits to them. She is living in the present age, and takes the keenest interest in the work of the Church.

On Sunday morning the spacious church was filled with a large audience—many of them ministers—and we enjoyed preaching to them the Word of life. It was an attentive audience, and we hope something of good was accomplished.

Rev. Jno. M. Barcus is the pastor, and he is making a success of his work. He has had a great meeting and many conversions. He is an alumnus of the University, and this fact makes him very helpful to the school as its pastor.

Rev. O. S. Thomas was present, and took great interest in the commencement. He is a member of the Board of Trustees.

Rev. Theophilus Lee, presiding elder of the Llano District, was there and had charge of one of the classes. The West Texas Conference has never had a more faithful man, and one more devoted to its weal, than Brother Lee. He has a heart in him as big as his body.

Rev. J. W. Hill won praises as a teacher of one of the advanced classes. He puts variety into his work, and there is not a dull moment in his class room.

Rev. J. L. Pierce, of Sherman, was there and had charge of the devotional services for one week. He is a deeply spiritual man and his expositions of the General Epistles of St. John were very helpful indeed. They started off the day with a religious relish.

Rev. J. W. Moore, of Houston, had charge of the devotional services for the first week, and his work was greatly appreciated. He has a nature

that puts him in rapport with student life, and he adapted his expositions to the need of all present.

Dr. E. D. Mouzon rendered valuable service, though we did not get to meet him, as he spent Sunday in Denton, ministering to the commencement exercises of the North Texas Normal.

Rev. Horace Bishop, D. D., was on the ground and left nothing undone in the department of missions. He is an expert in matters of this character, and the Institute would never be complete without him.

Many other brethren were present, whose work was equally as valuable as that of those whom we have mentioned, but time and space forbid further record of their service. They had charge of class work and did their duty conscientiously.

#### RESTATEMENT RETIRED.

Without one word of debate, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church adopted a report unfavorable to the proposition submitted to them from our Church to join with world-wide Methodism in a Restatement of our Articles of Religion. This strikes us as a trifle strange, though we confess our pleasure in their action. That Church is nothing if not radical and aggressive. It was generally taken for granted that their General Conference would most surely accede to our proposition; but they did not give it the courtesy of an open discussion. And the Wesleyan Conference completely ignored it. So that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, stands alone in its expressed belief in the necessity for restatement. But when you come to think about it, the matter was sprung upon our General Conference without any previous discussion, or even warning. It elicited a spirited controversy on the floor of the conference; but by a decided majority the proposition was adopted. Now we stand alone, with our feet somewhat in the air! So much for an attempt, by a conservative Church, for something novel in advanced thinking. We sympathize with our brethren who spoke eloquently and voted emphatically for the proposition, but we are glad that they will have further time for thought and reflection before they again attempt something new.

#### TO VOTE ON SUBMISSION.

The Democratic Executive Committee met in this city last Monday, and there was presented to them a petition signed by forty-one thousand qualified voters, asking that the question of instructing the next Legislature to submit to the people of the State next year a prohibition amendment, be voted on at the primary election in July, and the request was granted. There were twenty-six members present and twenty of them voted to give the people in the primary the right to vote to instruct the Legislature to submit the amendment. So now we have before the Democratic voters in their primary, not the question of prohibition, but the question of submission. We want all the people of the State to vote on prohibition, but this can not be done until the next Legislature submits an amendment. Then it will become an issue, not for the Democrats of the State to settle, but for all the people, regardless of party, to settle. In the meantime, we will vote as Democrats in the approaching primary to instruct the Legislature to give us this amendment. Do not confuse the questions of submission and prohibition. We are now working for submission, pure and simple, but we will work for prohibition after the Legislature shall have acted.

The "local optionists," represented by Senator Willacy and other leading anti-prohibitionists, also had a petition before the committee, asking for the submission of a demand upon the next Legislature to "perfect our local option laws so as to prohibit the sale or the gift of liquor as beverages in local option territory." This was also granted, as no State-wide prohibitionist objected to it particularly. We did

object to the shape in which they tried to put it, and it was changed so as not to make it possible for the people to be misled by it. But think of the bar-rooms, lead by Senator Willacy, putting forth special effort to improve our local option laws! There was never a higher joke perpetrated upon a smiling public! The whole of moral sentiment in Texas ought to take one broad grin of derision! Be not deceived. All that this is intended to do is merely to try to get the primary voters to express their preference for local option rather than State-wide prohibition. These new converts to local option are as afraid as death of State-wide prohibition. Hence, they are local optionists! Bah! But the fight is now on in its preliminary state, and let the army move up. On with the battle!

#### PERSONALS.

Rev. R. C. Hicks, of Ladonia, stopped to see us on his way to the Summer School last week. He had charge of the class of the second year, and rendered valuable service.

Bro. T. S. Garrison, of Timpson, made the Advocate a pleasant visit last week. We have no more substantial Methodist in Texas than he. He is one of our leading laymen in East Texas.

Rev. S. W. Kemerer, of Houston, made a flying visit to North Texas and was a pleasant visitor at the Advocate office. This is his first year in the Texas Conference, being a transfer from the M. E. Church. Barring the warm weather, he is pleased with the South and Southern people.

Rev. H. R. Kimbler, of Boerne, was in the city last week and called pleasantly to see the Advocate people. He was formerly a member of the Texas Conference and he still has a strong liking for his old preacher comrades and for the work in which they are engaged.

Rev. J. C. Sligh, formerly of Granbury, has been appointed to Eastland charge. He writes of his charge: "I find a very neat church building which has been recently remodeled. Bro. Tooley did a great work here and made friends in all classes and among people of other denominations." He also adds that he finds the Advocate appreciated.

Rev. J. T. McClure, of Waxahachie, was in to see us recently. He is doing well in that good community. His congregations are large and his Sunday-school is booming. Though the church is a brand-new one, yet they are needing more room for their Sunday-school. That is a prosperous congregation.

Polytechnic College stepped aside from its usual course at its recent commencement and conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. W. D. Bradfield of this city. Bro. Bradfield is one of our most scholarly men and he is the peer of any preacher in Texas. The degree is worthily bestowed, and we congratulate the college and the man whom it has honored. We take great pleasure, brethren, in presenting to you Dr. Bradfield.

Bishop Candler sails for Europe on June 13 to attend the British Wesleyan Conference as the Fraternal Messenger from our Church. He will be gone until September. During his absence Bishop Key will have episcopal supervision of his conferences in Texas, Mexico and Cuba. Bishop Candler's address during his absence will be Bedford Hotel, Southampton Row, London, England. Correspondents will take notice, and forward correspondence accordingly.

The visit of President Snyder of Wofford College, South Carolina, at the Southwestern University commencement, was greatly enjoyed by all our people and preachers who were able to be present. His address before the student body and his lay sermon on Sunday night were of the highest order, and nothing but words of the



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highest appreciation were heard upon all hands by the hundreds who heard him. Dr. Snyder, like Dr. Hyer, is good anywhere you put him, whether in the class room, at the head of a great institution, on the platform or in the pulpit. That character of layman is a great blessing to the Church.

Mrs. H. L. Piner, wife of Prof. H. L. Piner, ex-Superintendent of the State Blind Asylum, at Austin, died at her home in Plano, Texas, last Wednesday morning, and was buried in the cemetery in Sherman on the following day. A large concourse of friends from Van Alstyne, Pottsboro, Honey Grove and Sherman attended the funeral of this noted woman, who, with her husband, won hearts to them wherever they went. A suitable obituary will follow later.

Rev. J. T. H. Miller, of Hallettsville, is having a prosperous year. He recently preached the commencement sermon for the public schools of that city, and his effort won him favor among all classes of the people. He has already had two or three meetings and will hold others on his charge during the summer. Brother Miller is and has been passing through family affliction, but he finds God's grace sufficient to sustain him. We have no truer man and no preacher of deeper spiritual life than Brother Miller.

#### NOTICE, NORTH TEXAS LEAGUES.

Please send at once names of delegates to North Texas League Conference to Miss Ruth Hardin, 1301 West Main Street, Denison, Texas. We also make this request of all pastors who expect to attend. If you expect free entertainment you must have your name in the hands of the committee by June 10. Please observe this request and there will be no disappointment.

E. L. EGGER,  
Pastor Waples Memorial Church,  
Denison, Texas.

#### HELP A PREACHER'S BOY.

In my going about doing good I find a preacher's boy who needs and will appreciate help, "just now." His father died when he was infant, leaving his mother with five small children. His father had a life insurance policy large enough to buy his family a home. She has struggled along until now this boy has graduated with first honor in one of our best training schools. He wants to complete his education. If he goes on now his mother will have to sell her home. This he will not agree to. Now, I regard this as a great chance for a fine investment. An investment in character. Are there not men and women enough in Texas who will join me in saying that home to that mother and equipping this preacher's boy for great usefulness in life? Is so send a card and on it say what you can do. I want to know by July 15. This is not done at the request of mother or son, but just to open a door of usefulness for some good people to enter. How would you feel toward those who would help if it were your boy? I. Z. T. MORRIS,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

#### REV. JNO. E. GREEN IN OKLAHOMA.

At my invitation, Rev. Jno. E. Green came to McAlester and assisted me in a two weeks' meeting. It rained almost continually during the meeting, but the people waded through mud and water to get to Church, and we had in many respects a great meeting. It has never before been my pleasure to hear a series of sermons of greater strength. His three sermons on the "higher life" ought to be published and spread broadcast among our people. They are sound, scriptural and convincing.

A more brotherly man I have seldom met. My Church is on higher ground as a result of this good man's sermons preached while here. Green is a great preacher and a big success.  
N. L. LINEBAUGH.

#### POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

Rev. G. A. Marvin, Sherman, Texas.  
Homes are training schools for Heaven.

#### OUT-OF-DATE ITEMS.

H. G. H.

Some few weeks ago a local item from Houston reported the death of a daughter of Dr. Martin Ruter (Charlotte Winn, I believe) in that city. I have looked for notice of such death in the Advocate.

A flaming advertisement for sale of piece of ground at head of San Antonio River appears in papers of that city. One attractive feature of the ground is that upon it stands (so the ad says) the cabin in which the famous Davy Crockett was a hermit for three or four years before he was slaughtered in the Alamo.

Now, reliable history has it that Crockett (then in Tennessee) heard of the Texas Revolution, shouldered his rifle and started for the scene of hostilities; that a few weeks before the battle of the Alamo he passed through Nacogdoches and took the oath of allegiance to the then provisional government of Texas in the old stone fort of that city, and passed on rapidly to San Antonio, getting there just in time to enter the Alamo with Travis, Bowie and others, and in six days they were all dead. Sell the tract of land at a good price, but don't offer the reputation of old Davy Crockett as a bonus.

Dr. Carhart is a most interesting historical writer, but a slip of his pen or memory makes him say in late issue of Advocate that Dr. Martin Ruter was the first missionary to Texas. Dr. Ruter did not come to Texas until 1838, and died before the year was out. The records of the Mississippi Conference show that Henry Stephenson was sent as a missionary to Texas in 1824, and Texas history has it that he was preaching in Austin colony on the Brazos that year. There were ten or a dozen missionaries proclaiming the gospel in Texas before Dr. Ruter came among them. Dr. Robert Alexander says Henry Stephenson preached in Red River County in 1818. Rev. J. P. Sneed (who formed the first Church in Seguin in 1840) fixes the date of Stephenson's first visit to Texas in 1822. He preached the first Protestant sermon west of the Brazos at San Felipe when Mexico was the ruling authority.

The first camp-meeting held in Texas was in 1833, ten miles east of San Augustine. James Stephenson (not a brother of Henry), Enoch Tally and Sumner Bacon were the preachers. There were eighty persons present, and a Church was organized—the first Protestant Church in Texas. In 1834 Stephenson was directed to devote one-half of his time to Texas and the other half to Louisiana. There was a circuit for you!

In 1824 Mr. Stephenson, J. P. Sneed, Whately, Bacon and English held a camp-meeting at the same place. Twelve tents, two hundred persons and twenty conversions. A whiskey shanty was set up at this camp-meeting, but the audience drove it away.

Same year another camp-meeting was held in Austin County, with Henry Stephenson, John Wesley Kinney and Henry Fullenwider preachers. Eighteen joined the Church. Dr. Wm. P. Smith (Sam Houston's medical director) was Secretary of a quarterly meeting at the same place in 1835, from which Quarterly Conference a memorial went up to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to send missionaries to Texas. That memorial was published in the New York Christian Advocate, and it resulted in Dr. Ruter, Robert Alexander, Dr. Homer S. Thrall, John Wesley Devilbiss and scores of others coming on the scene of Texas Methodism, followed by Abel Stevens, Dr. O. Fisher, Jesse Hord, Thomas O. Summers.

Mordecai Yell, whose district once embraced everything from the Colorado to the Rio Grande, married Dr. Wm. P. Smith's daughter. Mordecai Yell is buried in Caldwell County in a little hamlet named Dale. Smith was in the first battle fought at Gonzales in 1835 for Texas independence and delivered a rousing speech to the soldiers just before the battle opened.

#### THE THIRD DIVISION OF THE CORSICANA SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

On a fair May morning, not many moons past, under the golden glow of sapphire skies, lulled by cooling breezes, a band of Sunday-school veterans of the Corsicana District met in a council of war at Groesbeck, Texas. The Church in which we assembled was built under the leadership of the lion-hearted Moss. Brother Field was commander-in-chief of the forces, and he managed them with the skill of a general. He is an expert in his line. Brother Young, gospel artilleryman, fired the opening gun. My! how he preaches. He has the driving power of Nogi's siege guns. This was Bro. J. M. Glazier's first appearance with us. His speech made a fine impression, and did great good. Texas Methodism can afford to keep her eye on

that young man. Dr. Bishop's remarks were a salmagundi of spicy sayings, originality and sense. He looks the imperturbable warrior that he is. In his heart still burns the gaudium certaminis. Brother Mimms spoke very forcibly on his subject. When Mimms speaks, an audience always expects and receives something worth listening to. Professor Bigony soon convinced us that he was thoroughly conversant with the difficulties of a country Sunday-school. His address was very humorous. But I believe that it may be said that to Sister Field belongs the credit of touching most tenderly the heart-strings of the audience. At the close of one of her speeches, there was many a moistened eye. Brother Land, Brother McCorkle and others made fine talks. Brother Wynne, our host, did nothing but smile and look happy and make us have a good time. His good people certainly made us have the latter. I went away feeling that there is nothing equal to the comradeship of Methodist preachers and Methodist people. I love both.

L. BUFORD SAWYERS,  
Secretary.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I want through the Advocate to thank friends who have so promptly and generously responded to my appeal in the Texas Advocate a few weeks back for scholarships in the Huchow High School, Huchow, China. I shall be very glad to see in person anyone wishing to know more about the scholarships or to answer any letters of inquiry. I also want to say that I am now at home on furlough and any assistance that I may be able to render the brethren in bringing the question of missions before their congregations will be very gladly given. My address at present is 1700 Barnard Street, Waco, Texas.

EDWARD PILLEY.

#### NEW PARSONAGE AT MOODY.

The new Methodist parsonage is a beautiful piece of architecture situated just across the street in front of the Methodist church. It is a house of seven rooms, two halls, two galleries and bath.

The roof has been given two coats of graphite which imparts quite a distinguished appearance, while the body lends beauty to the building in a light olive, bordered with dark olive. The building is screened throughout with a superior quality of screen.

On the inside the woodwork is hardwood in a thorough manner.

The parlor and dining room are connected by sliding doors and these two rooms, with the hall, have their floors stained in cherry, being covered with nice rugs and art squares. The paper in the parlor is a very nice carnation design which thoroughly harmonizes with the rest of the room, while the dining room is papered with one-third chrysanthemum figure joined on by a gilt divided to a third-dark panel. The ceiling is done in light moire paper dropping eighteen inches on the wall.

The hall upstairs and down is papered with a pond lily paper with a lake and forest border and a panel wainscoting, ceiling to match.

The sitting room has an eighteen-inch moire drop ceiling with upper two-thirds a large palm design with gilt back-ground joined on to a dark panel with gilt divider.

There is a grate in this room with mantel set with a handsome 2x3½ Venetian beveled mirror.

The family room, so far as we have seen, has no equal in Moody. It is a large, sunny, east room papered with a jubilant figured wall paper, with a gilt back-ground ceiling to match. There is a grate in this room studded with a mantle of the heavy old English panel type.

The bath room is fitly papered with oil finished paper, cherry stained woodwork, the floor being covered with linoleum. The back porch is quite an accessory to such a house. Large, roomy, cool and screened in and supplied with water connections, this is a favorite resort for the family. Attached to this is the kitchen, which is papered and furnished after modern order.

The bed-rooms up stairs, with the

cool and roomy hall, make a fitting crown for such a building. Papered with a pleasing violet and peacn blossom, these two bed-rooms are a fit place to steal away from the daily toil to refresh the tired body by resting in the arms of Morpheus.

Moody is full of conscious pride in this, the finest parsonage in the grand old State of Texas to the size of the town. In Moody we are not measured by size of out town, but by the size of our hearts.—Moody Courier.

#### SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The Southwestern University has closed one of the most successful year's work in its history. It is certainly gratifying to those who attend the commencement exercises from time to time to see the marked improvements along all lines from year to year. The graduating class numbered forty-five this year, and a more intelligent class could not be found anywhere.

Mood Hall has been completed, and it is certainly a thing of beauty. I do not believe there is a better, more up-to-date, single dormitory building to be found in the State, and, I doubt, if a better one can be found in the South, than this one. Some new lots have been added to the campus, while others will be added in the near future. A library building is badly needed and this building will be erected before many years.

Students in all departments, not counting any name twice, reached the grand total of 1057 for the past year. In the faculty report to the Board of Trustees, our notice was called to the advance on all lines for the past ten years. In regard to the actual work done in the class room now as compared with that done ten years ago, we find the entrance requirement for the A. B. degree has advanced from seven to fourteen units. In other words, in the past ten years more than a full year of preparatory work has been added to the A. B. entrance requirement. Also for the B. S. degree about two full years have been added. In the case of the latter degree there have been added not only these two years of preparatory work, but also a full year of college work beyond the requirement of 1898.

There has been a large increase in the faculty during the past ten years. In 1898 we had six professors, one assistant, three preparatory teachers, and seven in the Fine Arts Department, making a total of seventeen. In 1908 we have eleven professors, three assistants, four student instructors, five preparatory teachers, ten in the Fine Arts Department, a librarian and registrar, making a total of thirty-five.

Tuition and receipts for 1898 amounted to \$15,712.30, while for 1908 the same amounted to \$31,587.05; in 1898 there were 106 honorary students (those who received free tuition); for 1908 there were 207; in 1898 there were 53 young men studying for the ministry; for 1908 this number reaches 95. I am sure it is very gratifying to the Church to know of this increased attendance of young men studying for the ministry. From 1876-1886, of the 73 graduates of the University, there were 11 preachers, or 15 per cent; from 1898-1903 there were 60 graduates, and of this number, 17 were preachers, or 28 per cent; from 1905-1908 there were 93 graduates, 29 were preachers, or 29 per cent. So, in twenty-two years, the percentage of graduates among the ministry has increased from 15 per cent to 29 per cent.

Bishop Ward made a stirring address to the Board of Trustees as to the duty of the University to the young preachers who are being educated here, and, by a unanimous vote, it was decided to enlarge the theological training at the University as soon as it could be arranged for. (Not, however, to create a distinct Theological Department.) If Texas Methodism only knew what we have at Southwestern University, and also our strength, she would surely rise in her strength and do great things for our educational work. W. F. BRYAN,  
Sulphur Springs, Texas.

#### CLARENDON COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Never in the history of Clarendon College has there been such an interesting and varied program as was had at our late commencement.

The patrons and friends of the college came up from all points of the compass to be present at the commencement exercises.

The people of Clarendon gave a cordial welcome to all who came, and hospitality in Clarendon was in great abundance.

The most interested and delighted visitors we had during commencement were the fathers and the mothers of the boys and girls who graduated from our institution.

While their children were on the stage, either speaking or reading, they were all eyes and all ears.

Rarely such a high tide of joy ever comes to a parent as that which comes to him when his boy or girl stands upon the platform of a college and hears the Latin words, Accipe hoc diploma.

Mr. John Forbis, of Wellington, received the first honors and Miss Millie Baker, of Clarendon, the second.

The commencement sermon was preached by Bro. Sensabaugh, of Fort Worth. The sermon of Bro. Sensabaugh was up to the high water mark. He was a guest, while in Clarendon, at the home of the young ladies, and whenever he wishes to return to Clarendon College they will give him a cordial reception.

The sermon to the undergraduates was preached by Bro. Storey, our pastor at Hereford, and it was full of the message of truth and power.

The faculty of Clarendon College have scattered here and there. Some are going to the summer schools of the University of Chicago, and others to the mountains.

President Slover is at Georgetown teaching in the Summer School of Theology.

The prospects for another year are very encouraging, as a large number of the former pupils have spoken for their rooms for the coming year, and quite a number intending to go off to school next year have already written to us asking for information about our college.

We take great pleasure in saying that the students of Clarendon College have been among the leaders in the universities they have been attending.

Mr. J. E. King, one of our alumni, was on the winning side at the commencement debate at Georgetown this year, and Mr. E. W. Wilson, who graduated at Clarendon College this year, won the affiliated medal offered by the University. These things are significant of the training given in Clarendon College. S. E. BURKHEAD.

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

##### McKinney District.

All who expect to attend District Conference at Prosper on June 24, by private conveyance, will please notify me at once.

A. P. HIGHTOWER, P. C.

##### Fort Worth District.

All committees of examinations are requested to meet in classes for examination in Burleson 8:30 p. m., July 1, 1908. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

##### Fort Worth District.

The Committee on Admission, of the Fort Worth District, together with all applicants for admission, are called to meet in the Methodist Church, at Burleson, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, July 1, 1908. It is the wish of the presiding elder that this work be done before the District Conference convenes, Thursday morning, July 2.

H. M. LONG,  
For Committee.

The candid friend is a person who says what he thinks without thinking what he says.

Ministers, or Sunday-school teachers, can earn from \$100 to \$300 a year by devoting only a small portion of their spare time to taking subscriptions to good, clean magazine. Write at once for special terms.—F. C. Hubbell, Gen. Agt., Houston, Texas.



# Epworth League Department

GUS W. THOMASSON, EDITOR  
Van Alstyne, Texas.

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 McNeny, Dallas. Assembly funds should be sent to Theo. Eering, Jr., Houston.

**FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA, AUGUST 6-16, 1908.**

### STATE LEAGUE CABINET.

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### COMING LEAGUE MEETINGS.

Waxahachie District (place to be selected), June —  
McKinney District (place to be selected), June —  
Gatesville District, McGregor, June —  
Tyler District, Tyler, April 18-21.  
Dublin District, Dublin, June 2-3.  
Young People's Missionary Convention, Sherman, June 5-15.  
North Texas Conference, Denison, June 18-21.  
Dallas District, Trinity Church, Dallas, June 26-28.  
Pittsburg District, Pittsburg, May 26-27.  
Gatesville District, McGregor, June 16.  
Galveston District, Galveston, June 24.  
Llano District, Marble Falls, June 24-25.  
State Sunday-school Encampment, Epworth-by-the-Sea, July 29-Aug. 4.  
Texas Laymen's Meeting, Epworth-by-the-Sea, Aug. 5-6.

### NOTES.

We are publishing this week an address delivered by H. A. Hudspeth at the recent session of the Cuero District Epworth League Conference, on the subject of "Christian Citizenship with Special Reference to the Prohibition Movement." By a vote of the conference this address was ordered sent to us for publication, and we are glad to comply with the request.

We are informed on reliable authority that both the Woman's Foreign Missionary and the Woman's Home Mission Societies are moving to erect headquarters at Epworth by the Sea. At the recent session of the Foreign Society of the North Texas Conference its pro rata of the estimated cost of an adequate building, some \$200, was pledged and partially raised.

The Epworth Era of June 4 is an Alabama League number. Numerous illustrations and biographical sketches, together with much historical data, comprise the make-up of the number. The League work is well advanced in Alabama, and it is plain to be seen that substantial progress is to be continued. We congratulate the Alabamians.

League Editor Pritchett has this complimentary notice in a late issue of the Central Methodist: "Texas is more alive on the League question than any State of which we know. She has set a lively pace for the other States. Will they keep up or in sight?"

The Epworth Era tosses this rosebud: "Texas Leaguedom is looking toward Corpus Christi—a delightful place to look to."

"The program committee of the Seashore Epworth League Assembly met at the Seashore Camp Grounds, Biloxi, Miss., the 9th of April, and went as thoroughly as possible into the arrangements for the coming session of the Assembly. The Board of Trustees of the Camp Ground were in session at the same time, and showed great cordiality toward the Assembly, which has now become a fixed part of the year's life and work at that famous old camp ground, hallowed by a thousand gospel triumphs."—Era.

Get your scrapbook ready, for we begin this week the publication of the pictures of the speakers on program, officers and others who will contribute to the Encampment program of 1908.

### THE VANDERBILT QUARTETTE.

We are sure that our Leaguers will be glad to have a look at the faces of the Vanderbilt Quartette, since they will have charge of the music at Epworth-by-the-Sea this summer. This

aggregation of singers is composed of young preachers who are now attending Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn. It may not be amiss to say that Brother Culbreth has just recently been elected fourth vice president of the Tennessee Annual League Conference, and that Brother Mitchell is a former Texas Leaguer. These young men are all deeply consecrated and have splendid voices, so that the music feature of the Encampment will be marked. One of the members is an experienced choir director. We are indebted to one of the members of the quartette for this personal sketch, viz:

The Vanderbilt University Quartette is composed of students of the university, and the present organization has been substantially the same for two years. They have sung at a great many conventions and religious gatherings in the South, and have given concerts in a great many places. Among the former engagements have been the Southern Student Conference at Asheville, N. C.; the Southwestern Students' Conference at Ruston, La.; the late Laymen's Missionary Conference at Chattanooga. They sang last year at the Tennessee Epworth League Conference, and are under engagement to sing at the same this year.

J. Marvin Culbreth is a student in the biblical department of the class of 1908 and a member of the North Carolina Conference. He sang on a similar quartette at Yale University in 1900, and has been with the Vanderbilt boys for two years. He is the reader of the quartette.

J. M. Ormond is a graduate of Trinity College, Durham, N. C., and while there was a member of the college quartette, at the same time singing in the choir of the Main Street Methodist Church. He is now enrolled in the biblical department of the university.

B. E. Mitchell graduated from Morrisville College, Mo., in 1900 and held the chair of mathematics in that school for three years, having in the meantime spent a year at the University of Missouri. During the years he was at Morrisville he was a member of the glee club. He is now fellow and assistant in mathematics in the university. For the last two years he has sung with Morrisville Epworth League Quartette at Pirtle Springs during the State Epworth League Conference.

Mr. Mitchell considers himself a thoroughgoing Texan, having spent the earlier years of his life in this State. His parents have also lately removed to this State. He is a nephew of Col. Van Mitchell of Cisco, Texas.

Henry Stanford, the basso of the quartette, is a Texan by birth and a Southwestern University man by education, being a member of the class of 1905. He enjoys the distinction of being a charter member of the glee club of his alma mater, being a member of this organization in the years 1902-1905 consecutively. He has sung with the Vanderbilt Quartette for three seasons.

### LLANO DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Please announce in the League columns of the Advocate that the Llano District Epworth League Conference meets in Marble Falls, June 26-28. S. P. SURBER, Dist. Pres. Center Point, Texas.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

It is absolutely necessary that all the fourth vice-presidents should make full reports to me and send all remittances to Mr. O. L. Hamilton, Lewisville, Texas, by June 15.

(MISS) HATTIE STREET,  
Fourth Vice-President.  
Sherman, Texas.

### FROM JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENT.

#### Reports Once More.

With the last day of June closes the "report year" of the Junior work in the State. This gives a month for all reports to be gathered and compiled by district and conference officers, in time to be sent to the State superintendent for her report at the annual meeting at Epworth.

Will every local, district and conference superintendent please take notice? Where there is no district superintendent the local superintendent may send her report directly to the State superintendent; also in case there is no conference superintendent, the district officer may do the same.

Get the blank, "Form 19," from Smith & Lamar for these reports. Send a two-cent stamp, if a local worker, and get two.

District superintendents will get better results by sending such a blank to every local superintendent in the district.

But get your reports gathered, compiled and sent to the State superintendent not later than July 31, if you

wish to have your work represented in the annual report.

As the program for the Encampment now stands, the afternoon of Friday, Aug. 14, has been given to Junior League work.

Some of our very best workers will give us talks and papers dealing with the results of their study and experience along different lines. Another part of the program will be a Round Table discussion of Personal Problems. This is to be by and for all present. Of every junior superintendent, therefore, I make this request. If there is some question that seems difficult to you in your work, some problem that has given you trouble in solving, will



BISHOP HENDRIX.

Who will preach the annual League sermon this year, Sunday, August 9, and will fill one or two other assignments on the Encampment program.

you please write me what it is (a postal card will suffice), so that this subject may be certain of discussion?

This is your opportunity to get the experience of some of the most successful of our superintendents on the hard places in our work. So send in the questions on which you want more light.

### Leaflets for Distribution.

In the last number of the Junior Topics Quarterly was an article, "Suggestions for New Superintendents."

This was "grabbed," as Dr. Parker says, from copy sent for a leaflet. These leaflets are now ready and any district or conference superintendent may, by making request to the State superintendent, get as many as she needs for her field.

Nothing elaborate was attempted in this little folder, but only some simple answers to such questions as are most likely to confront the inexperienced Junior worker.

Of course any local superintendent is quite as welcome to a copy, but the better way is for district and conference officers to keep a supply for distribution among new or prospective superintendents.

MRS. W. F. ROBERTSON,  
Junior Superintendent.  
Gonzales, Texas.



REV. ELLIS SMITH,

Of Jacksonville, Texas, who has been elected a member of the Board of Trustees in the place of Rev. G. S. Sexton, representing the Texas Conference.

### A BELATED EASTER ECHO.

The Eastertide of 1908 was impressed more deeply upon the minds of the business men of Orange than perhaps any other similar season has been, all through a unique idea of some of the leaders of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church.

Members of the League had been requested to bring flowers of some kind to the church Sunday night and yesterday morning, the flowers to be disposed of by a specially selected committee in a way that all would be satisfied and delighted with, the members of the League being advised to watch the Leader to learn the disposition of the flowers.

The committee met yesterday morning and arranged flowers into bouquets and then visited every business house in the city, presenting each with a bouquet, with a beautiful emblematic card of the Epworth League and the inscription thereon, "Easter Greeting, Christ is Risen. From the Senior Epworth League."

The idea was unique, and that the business men fully appreciated this delicate compliment from the Epworth League goes without saying.—Orange Leader.

### CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE PROHIBITION MOVEMENT.

(An address delivered at the Cuero District League Conference, at Victoria, May 2, 1908.)

Since the organization of the United States, we have regarded this as a pre-eminently Christian country. And certainly we have been so considered by other countries that have other standards of Christianity. In many countries, especially in those of continental Europe and Latin America, the government seems scarcely to recognize Sunday, it being their usual election day; but such is not the case with us. So highly have we regarded the Sabbath that no contract made on that day is legal. This sacred observance of the Sabbath is frowned on by the people of most countries, being regarded as narrow-minded and restrictive of their personal freedom. Hence there is a disposition on the part of the citizens of some sections of this country, where the so-called liberal-minded people are in the ascendancy, to elude what are sneeringly called the blue laws or the puritanical laws. Too often, I fear, our own people have been unjustly harsh in their condemnation of our foreign-born citizens for their views. We sometimes have not confined our criticisms to their perverted standards; but, forgetting the fact that they have been reared in quite different environments and that they have had inculcated in them entirely different ethical standards, we have unwittingly denounced them simply because they are foreigners.

In this personal condemnation we have erred; we must not forget the debt of gratitude that we owe to the foreigner for the splendid role he has played in developing this country and in turning the desolate wilderness, even of the western part of our own glorious State, into a land of plenty and prosperity. I say we can not ignore these services of our foreign-born citizenship.

Again, not only in the matter of keeping the Sabbath, but also in regard to the prohibition question, is there quite another standard for the citizen reared in another country. And this brings me to my subject: Christian Citizenship, with Special Reference to the Prohibition Movement. I do not mean to say that the native-born Americans are solidly united for prohibition—such is by no means the case—but I do say that prohibition has made the greatest progress and that local option laws have been best carried out in those counties where the native American blood is the purest. This, I think, proves nothing but that the American and the foreigner have been taught different ethical standards. We must not condemn the man who sincerely believes what he has been taught from childhood up. This is a free country, and every man has an inalienable right to his opinion and to his belief; but if we can get people to model their conduct after correct standards, very many perplexing questions will settle themselves.

Mr. Gladstone, that great and good man of last century, and whose name and achievements will be honored and revered as long as the English language and the English people shall live, on being asked what was the greatest thought that ever entered his mind, replied in substance: "The salvation of my soul; the blessed assurance that I have in the gospel of Jesus Christ. There is but one great question—the question of accepting Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. If the nations will settle this one great question, all questions of government will sink into insignificance, and the way will be paved for the ushering in of the millennium."

And this has been the testimony of more than one great statesman. If we violate a physical law, we expect punishment. If we violate the law of gravity, we know the consequence. If we transgress the laws of health, we know the penalty. If we disobey the laws of our country, we do not wonder when we are put behind the bars. Then need we be less surprised at condign punishment when we trample under foot the divine laws revealed to us so plainly in the Bible—so plainly that a "wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein?"

As I said in the beginning, ours is pre-eminently a Christian country. This fact is further attested by the storm of indignation that was raised recently at the abolishment of the motto, "In God We Trust," on the new twenty-dollar gold pieces. I am not

saying whether we should or should not keep a religious motto on a coin that is admittedly used for purposes that a Christian can not countenance; but I do say that this storm of indignation does show from which way the wind blows in our country—it shows that we intend to stand on the Christian foundation laid by our forefathers in the beginning of our national existence.

Every great nation has its part in the furtherance and development of civilization. Judea gave us our religion; Greece, our learning; Rome, our system of laws; and the modern world has benefited largely by the judicious admixture of these fundamental essentials of civilization. But the heritage of any age or of any country pales into insignificance when compared to that of the Jewish nation. We boast of our modern progress in every department of human endeavor, but let us remember that in the last analysis, all of these wonderful achievements have been made possible only by the religion of Jesus of Nazareth.

The United States has astonished the world in her growth and development. For a hundred and twenty-five years we stayed at home and minded our own affairs. It was a period of apprenticeship or college training, so to speak; but now we have gone forth among the nations of the earth as a world power of the first magnitude. Ours, so different from that of Rome, is a mission of peace and good will to all men. It should be our special mission to shed among the oppressed and downtrodden, among the Jews and the Gentiles, among the Mohammedans and the Buddhists, the glorious tidings of freedom in temporal affairs and the light of the gospel in spiritual affairs.

If this is to be our mission, let us not forget the training of our citizenship. And before we can play this role among the nations, as I believe that Jesus would have us do, we must put down some of the evils that are cursing and blighting our own land and people. And first among these evils is the liquor traffic.

In the study of the Bible we see that when God wanted a great work done, he raised up a great man and educated him up to the point of efficiency. I do not recall a single instance where he chose an old man or an uneducated man to do a great work. Moses in reality had eighty years of training preparatory to delivering the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage; Christ himself received thirty years of schooling before entering upon his ministry of three short years. In the face of these facts, can we expect to accomplish the task of cleaning these modern Augean stables without men and women specially trained for the work? And can we expect to have trained men and women if we do not reach them as boys and girls, and direct them in the preparation of their work? This is certainly the only logical way of getting the work done. And among the various organizations of the Church, there is none better suited to do this particular work than the Epworth League. We need men and women who will stand up for the God and for their country in this fight.

And this fight is coming as surely as I am standing before you. The storm of righteous indignation and outraged justice has been gathering force for a hundred years, and we of our generation are going to have the glorious privilege of seeing the infamous traffic annihilated.

This fight is not only coming, but it is going to be a winning fight. From all parts of the country come the glad tidings of the onward march of prohibition. The Federal government took a forward step when it prohibited the sale of liquor in the national capitol building, and later when Congress, through the untiring efforts of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, abolished the army canteen. Day by day the movement is gaining ground; only recently we have read of the splendid victories in Illinois and Indiana, where over one thousand saloons were closed in one day. And now, since the anti-canteen law has become a reality, it devolves on our educated citizenship to vote out liquor altogether and silence forever those who would have us believe that the low dive, which flourishes in the vicinity of our army posts, is a product of the anti-canteen law. Away with the traffic altogether! Then the low dive—and the high dive, too, for that matter—will die its natural death, though a hard death it may be. It is a shame and a blot on our civilization that we countenance the saloon to the extent of licensing it and thereby making it a quasi-legal and legitimate business. No business is a legitimate business or has a right to exist that corrupts our politics, degrades our manhood and traduces and defames our womanhood. We can not compromise an evil. A thing that is wrong is wrong, and can not be temporized with. The liquor traffic is an evil, the most blighting evil that curses this Christian land of ours, and the one source of more woes, more heartaches, more misery, more crime, than any



other that curses the human race. And through the organizations of the Church these terrible facts are being brought home to the people—to the boys and girls of today, who are to be the men and women of tomorrow. The salvation of our country and the preservation of the glorious heritage bequeathed to us by our fathers are dependent on a clean ballot in the hands of an intelligent and wide-awake citizenship, a ballot that stands for the annihilation of a traffic that, in addition to the woes, misery and crimes it causes, costs our people fourteen hundred million dollars a year blood money—more money than today circulates in the whole country.

In conclusion, who is the Christian citizen and what is his duty? The Christian citizen is the man who implicitly practices the divine injunction, "Love the Lord with all thy mind, with all thy heart, with all thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself." When our citizenship shall be measured by this standard, then shall we begin truly to fulfill our mission as a Christian nation. The ethical standard of a nation is the ethical standard of its citizenship, no higher, no lower. When this high standard shall be lived up to, then shall there be no wars or rumors of wars, but all men shall live in peace and harmony, and nine-tenths of the sorrows, the heartaches and the crimes of today shall cease—they shall no longer have a cause.

The Church has a great work before her. She has accomplished great things; but if we do our duty as Christian citizens and persevere, we shall see yet greater things than these. God's promises are immutable, and his curses uttered against those nations that forget him are sure—and how sure has been abundantly attested by history. If we may judge God's favor to our country by the blessings he has bestowed upon us, we may reasonably presume that we now enjoy his favor; but enjoying his favor as we do, and possessing the accumulated light of the ages, we must not forget that our responsibilities are all the greater. "To whom much is given, much is expected." If, now, having much entrusted to our care and keeping, we forget God, we may expect condemnation accordingly. But we have hopes in our Christian citizenship, and we can not afford to neglect so great salvation. Then let us be up and doing, and essay for our first achievement toward a higher and nobler citizenship, the annihilation of the liquor traffic. H. A. HUDSPETH.

**NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS.**

Mr. Ragsdale is in South Texas this week looking after things at Epworth.

Grover Roberson, a former Grace Church Leaguer, but now living in Austin, proved a pleasant caller at League headquarters this week. He is in love with Austin, but still says Grace Church is all right.

Miss Evelyn Wynn is at present helping in the League office and is waiting to send out receipts for the One-Dollar-a-Month-Pledge. Are any receipts coming your way?

Some of the Dallas Leaguers have received the following announcement: "Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bintliff request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Linda Emma, to Mr. Walter Drury Allison, Tuesday evening, June 23, 1908, at 8 o'clock, Tenth Street Methodist Church, Austin, Texas." Miss Bintliff will be remembered as the whistling soloist at Epworth. We wish them all happiness.

**"Merry Widow Auction Sale."**

Forty pretty widows. (?) Auspices Senior League and Friendship Class, Grace M. E. Church, Benefit Charity and Help Department, at the residence of Mrs. M. Gray, 447 Gaston Avenue, Tuesday evening, June 16, 1908. Refreshments free. Can you take a hint?

Last Sunday evening F. L. McNeny and Miss Evelyn Wynn went to Boyce, Texas, to help the Leaguers in a rally service. A splendid program was rendered, showing a League wide-awake in all of its departments. Mr. Dahne, the President, is to be congratulated on his splendid material for League work.

Are any of the Leagues wanting League literature on any department? Send to Mr. Ragsdale for it.

Every President should have a copy of "How to Make the League Go."

Are you ready for Epworth-by-the-Sea?

Crowds are going to the Sunday-school and League Encampment from

every section of Texas. You can't afford to miss this.

Complete program for the Sunday-school Encampment will soon be announced. This will begin July 29 and close August 4. We want every Sunday-school superintendent, every teacher and as many scholars as possible to be there. Tents and accommodations will be available the same as has been in effect for the League Assembly. Institute and teacher training work will be stressed, fine singing and a good restful time. Don't fail to come.

Have you secured accommodation for the League and Sunday-school Encampments? Tents, cots, etc., for rent. Not necessary to take with you much except bedding and such camp equipment as you may require if you camp. File orders for tents now with A. K. Ragsdale, Dallas.

The Sap Railroad, always ready to do what is needed to make our Assembly a success, is installing a switch inside the grounds running the full length of the property. This will be a

J. M. Ormond. H. Stanford.



J. M. Culbreth. B. E. Mitchell. THE VANDERBILT QUARTETTE.

great convenience in loading baggage and put our water cars, as long as we use that method, right inside the grounds. We have installed a gasoline pump that can pump the water into tanks, giving us a direct service to all parts of the grounds and saving the trip across the railway for water. Each year we are trying to install conveniences and make things in camp better, but all this takes money and few are responding to our needs.

Miss Evelyn Wynn is in charge at State Headquarters and is compiling a list of League officers over the State for use in our directory. She is also looking after the correspondence and sending out needed information in regard to encampment and general League work. She will make several trips to district meetings and institutes. We are trying to do our part on State League work, depending on the Leagues through the forwards movement—the payment of one dollar per month for each League—to furnish the funds necessary to push the work.

Bishop Atkins will be at Epworth for the Sunday-school Assembly; also Miss Frazier has written definitely that she will be there. Miss Kennedy, of Alabama, is great and will also be on hand. This is a "new departure" in our work, but it is going to be a great meeting.

We will have two styles of tents this year for rent at Epworth. The usual tent, 10x12 tent, which will rent for \$4, and a much better, 12x12 tent, with six foot wall divided into two rooms. These tents are roomy and comfortable. The price of these will be a little higher than the others, but are much more satisfactory.

We have several letters from Arkansas and Oklahoma parties asking if the attendance at Epworth is restricted to Texas people. No, we welcome all Methodists from every quarter and the latch-string is out for other denominations as well. As in our Churches, we are willing to share with all who are willing to obey our rules and regulations.

We have a fine League, which consists of about forty-five members. We have organized a mission study class, of which our pastor, Rev. Moorehead, is leader. Our League in every department is doing fine work. We have raised money for different purposes, such as completing an addition to our church, etc. Our next object is to take up some bonds at Epworth-

by-the-Sea. My whole life is in the League work and my prayers are for better Epworth Leagues all over Texas. We also have a fine Junior League and it, too, is doing the best work of its history. Our League is growing in grace and membership.

We have changed the time of devotional meeting from 4 p. m. to 7 p. m. I think it was a wise change, especially for the summer months. I think there will be quite a number go from here to Epworth-by-the-Sea. We are talking it up. I for one am interested in the work there and hope to see Epworth come to the front.

PEARL FACE, President, 328 Debard St., Palestine, Texas.

**NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE.**

Program of the sixteenth session of the North Texas Conference Epworth League to be held at Denison, Texas, June 18-21, 1908:

Thursday Evening. 8:30, reception to delegates by Waples-Memorial League.

Friday Morning. 6:00, sunrise prayer-meeting; 8:00, devotional service; 8:15, President's

Smith, Whitesboro; "The Missionary Obligation: Why the League Believes in Foreign Missions?" Miss Tennie McAfee, Sherman; the missionary program illustrated with charts, pictures, etc., Miss Mary Ferguson, McKinney; discussion, all delegates; 10:30, intermission fifteen minutes; 10:45, report of committees; election of officers; next place of meeting; unfinished business.

**Saturday Afternoon.**

2:00, devotional service; 2:15, Junior League Department, Mrs. N. R. Stone, Junior superintendent, presiding.

**Saturday Evening.**

8:15, solo, Miss Sadie Cannon, Terrell; 8:30, sermon, Rev. E. L. Egger, Denison.

**Sunday Morning.**

6:00, sunrise prayer-meeting; 10:00, The Model Sunday-school, Waples-Memorial; 11:00, solo, Miss Martha Walsh, Sherman; Scripture lesson and prayer; solo, Dr. V. J. Clark, Sherman; 11:15, annual League sermon, Rev. I. W. Clark, of Centenary Church, Paris.

**Sunday Afternoon.**

3:00, young people's mass-meeting, Gus W. Thomasson, Van Alstyne, presiding.

**Sunday Evening.**

8:15, solo, Dr. V. J. Clark, Sherman; solo, Miss Martha Walsh, Sherman; 8:30, closing sermon and consecration service, Rev. D. H. Aston, Gainesville.

The entire three days' program will be interspersed with general songs, solos, duets, quartettes, etc.

**NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE, DENISON, TEXAS, JUNE 18 TO 21.**

Mr. O. L. Hamilton, Lewisville, Texas.

Dear Sir—In reply to your letter of the 23rd ult., take pleasure in advising you that agents Dallas to Sherman, inclusive, have been authorized to sell round trip tickets to Denison for the above mentioned occasion at rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip; tickets to be sold on June 17 and 18, and limited to return to leave Denison as late as June 22, 1908. L. J. ANDERSON, G. P. A.

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**DR. WINTON VS. DR. BUCKLEY, CONCERNING TEXAS.**

A study of the Texas vote at Birmingham on the proposed Restatement of Faith may be of interest just at a time when Dr. Winton and Dr. Buckley (speaking after a Texas figure) have locked horns over the attitude of Texas Methodism towards the matter. Dr. Buckley affirms that Texas is against, and Dr. Winton asserts it is for the Restatement.

I have looked over the recorded vote at the General Conference (pages 148 and 149, Journal), and find the following vote:

Aye. No.	
German Mission Conference.....	3 5
North Texas Conference.....	5 8
Texas Conference.....	7 2
West Texas Conference.....	6 0
Total.....	21 17

The German Conference, the North Texas Conference and the Northwest Texas Conference each gave majority against, 8 aye and 15 no. Nearly two to one against. These conferences have a membership of 144,000. The Texas and West Texas Conferences each gave majority for, 13 aye and 2 no. These two conferences have 87,000 members. We have here merely individual sentiment, as the matter was sprung after the General Conference met, so that no delegate was elected with reference to his position on Restatement. The West Texas Conference delegation voted solidly in the affirmative, but I am inclined to think the majority of the preachers in this conference see no need for Restatement of Faith. I am also of the opinion that a majority of the Texas Conference preachers would vote against such a proposition.

The North Texas Conference is notably conservative and from her history it is fair to claim that the vote at Birmingham would be sustained by the Annual Conference.

With what I know of the rank and file of the Northwest Texas and the German Mission Conferences, I feel assured that Texas Methodism will give a majority against the proposition.

I am confident it will be impossible

to get the constitutional majority of each Annual Conference of this State and we must remember that if a single Annual Conference gives a majority against the Restatement, it fails.

J. E. HARRISON.

**REPORT OF FUNDS RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 1908.**

<b>Beaumont.</b>	
C. J. Oxley, Orange.....	\$ 40 00
H. G. Phair, Sour Lake.....	11 00
N. A. Griffin, Jasper.....	12 00
J. W. Bridges, Amelia.....	13 00
W. R. Arnold, Camden.....	15 00
Total.....	\$ 91 50
<b>Brenham District.</b>	
C. C. Childress, Giddings.....	\$ 21 50
W. L. Pate, Wharton.....	5 00
C. E. Garrett, Glenflora.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 46 50
<b>Calvert District.</b>	
A. C. Biggs, Kosse.....	\$ 72 00
J. W. Treadwell, Centerville.....	30 00
Total.....	\$102 00
<b>Houston District.</b>	
G. S. Sexton, St. P., Houston.....	\$180 00
C. A. Hooper, Galveston, W. E.....	10 00
H. B. Smith, Angleton.....	19 75
A. G. Scruggs, Alvin.....	10 00
H. M. Whaling, Jr., Harrisburg.....	16 00
Total.....	\$235 75
<b>Huntsville District.</b>	
J. C. Cameron, Grapeland.....	\$ 6 20
B. C. Ansley, Hempstead.....	6 00
S. W. Stokely, San Jacinto.....	18 25
Total.....	\$ 30 45
<b>Jacksonville District.</b>	
W. W. Horner, Neches.....	\$ 8 00
I. F. Pace, Hallville.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 13 00
<b>Pittsburg District.</b>	
I. F. Betts, Pittsburg.....	\$145 00
G. V. Ridley, Mt. Pleasant.....	124 00
H. T. Cunningham, Jefferson.....	20 00
J. S. Ogle, Quitman.....	5 75
J. M. Adams, Gilmer.....	60 00
Total.....	\$354 75
<b>San Augustine District.</b>	
F. E. Luker, Melrose.....	\$ 24 00
W. A. Pound, Burke.....	7 00
Total.....	\$ 31 00
<b>Tyler District.</b>	
J. L. Ross, Emory.....	\$12 00
S. H. Allison, Meredith.....	10 00
New Harris, Tyler, Marvin.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 72 00
Grand total.....	\$976 95
L. L. JESTER, Treas. Texas Conference.	

A trade journal reports that the dry goods business is flourishing in the dry districts. Logically—like begets like.

**The Farmer's Wife**

Is very careful about her churn. She scalds it thoroughly after using, and gives it a sun bath to sweeten it. She knows that if her churn is sour it will taint the butter that is made in it. The stomach is a churn. In the stomach and digestive and nutritive tracts are performed processes which are almost exactly like the churning of butter. Is it not apparent then that if this stomach-churn is foul it makes foul all which is put into it? The evil of a foul stomach is not alone the bad taste in the mouth and the foul breath caused by it, but the corruption of the pure current of blood and the dissemination of disease throughout the body. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery makes the sour and foul stomach sweet. It does for the stomach what the washing and sun bath do for the churn—absolutely removes every taint or corrupting element. In this way it cures blotches, pimples, eruptions, scrofulous swellings, sores, or open eating ulcers and all humors or diseases arising from bad blood. If you have bitter, nasty, foul taste in your mouth, coated tongue, foul breath, are weak and easily tired, feel depressed and despondent, have frequent headaches, dizzy attacks, gnawing or distress in stomach, constipated or irregular bowels, sour or bitter risings after eating and poor appetite, these symptoms, or any considerable number of them, indicate that you are suffering from biliousness, torpid or lazy liver with the usual accompanying indigestion, or dyspepsia and their attendant derangements. The best agents known to medical science for the cure of the above symptoms and conditions, as attested by the writings of leading teachers and practitioners of all the several schools of medical practice, have been skillfully and harmoniously combined in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. That this is absolutely true will be readily proven to your satisfaction if you will but mail a postal card request to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., for a free copy of his booklet of extracts from the standard medical authorities, giving the names of all the ingredients entering into his world-famed medicines and showing what the most eminent medical men of the age say of them.



## The Woman's Department

Mrs. Florence E. Howell, Editor, 170 Masten 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.

That man may last, but never lives,  
Whom much receives but nothing gives;  
Whom none can love, whom none can  
thank—

Creation's blot, creation's blank.  
—Cardinal Gibbons.

We regret that certain announcements of meetings, intended for publication in the issue of May 28, had to be omitted on account of the half-sized issue of the Advocate of that week, caused by the crippled condition of affairs in the office of the paper, brought about by the flood damages in Dallas. The publication of these notices at a later date would have been too late to serve the purpose intended, hence have not appeared.

Editor Woman's Dept.

### A JOINT MEETING, DUBLIN DISTRICT.

A joint district meeting of the W. H. M. and W. F. M. Societies of the Dublin District will be held at Granbury, Texas, June 23 and 24. Let all delegates and visitors who will attend notify Mrs. H. L. Nutt at once. A large attendance is desired by Granbury. Let us know when to look for you, and come. Address

MRS. H. L. NUTT,

Granbury, Texas.

### NOTICE.

The joint district meeting of the Woman's Home Mission and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of the Dublin District will convene in Granbury, Texas, June 23, at 2 p. m. A full attendance is greatly desired.

MRS. M. C. WITCHER,

Dist. Sec. W. H. M. Society.

MRS. H. J. CLAY,

Dist. Sec. W. F. M. Society.

J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

### THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the West Texas Conference convened May 15-18, at Austin, the Athens of Texas, the home of colleges, institutes and Churches. Proudly does this queen city sit upon her "seventy hills," and with graceful dignity looks out upon her green fields, broad pastures covered with luxuriant vegetation as with an emerald carpet, through which the grand old Colorado river winds its way like a thread of silver through a mantle of green. Austin, our capital city—how it thrills the heart of every true Texan with pride as he gazes with admiration upon her magnificent capitol, whose towering dome rises with stately majesty far above the beating pulse of the city below—rises as though to render homage to the beautiful blue vault of the heaven above. Austin, the hub of our "Lone Star State," around you may gather many thrilling and inspiring associations, but our hearts go out instinctively to those brave heroes whose life blood was spilled upon the altar of their country.

Cordially were we greeted with words of welcome by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Godbey, and with no less warmth did Mrs. T. F. Sessions, of Lampasas, echo the sentiment of the heart of each visitor with appreciative words of response. Our path was not strewn with palms, but their graceful foliage waved us a warm breath of welcome from their stately position around the altar in the church.

We were made proud to have among us as visitors Miss M. L. Gibson, of Kansas City, Mo., President of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, who gave the society much useful and beneficial advice, encouraging us on Sunday at 11, by a very uplifting talk on the cause of missions and its progress. Miss Mary Culler White, now home on a furlough from China, gave several very interesting talks on her work in Soochow. One she gave in Chinese costume was very instructive as well as impressive. We all felt

after these talks that China is much nearer, and a greater feeling of sympathy and love went out from our hearts to those people in unevangelized lands. We were made to feel a deeper gratitude to Him who died that we might live—made to feel more determined to help spread the news of salvation to those in darkness and without the knowledge of a Savior. Miss Daisy Davies, of Georgia, Superintendent of the Young People's Work, came as a sunbeam of inspiration, her bright, sparkling talks permeating each meeting like a ray of sunshine brightening up the way. To see and hear her was but to love her, and each heart responded with enthusiasm when she gave so vividly an account of the great movement of the young people of Southern Methodism. The presence of these visitors with their spiritual enthusiasm was a source of great help and encouragement to all.

The session was opened Saturday morning by the President, Mrs. Brown, after Bible reading and prayer; the work was taken up by districts, each district discussing different fields of labor. Brazil by San Antonio District, Cuba by San Angelo District, Korea by Beeville district; Monday, Mexico by Llano District, China by Austin District, Indian work by San Marcos District, each district ably handling the subject. The San Antonio District needs special mention, from the fact it used young people who were well trained, showing that a great work is being done along the line of training young people who are to be our future missionaries and future workers.

Miss Gibson advised that none but those who had at least a good common school education should apply as missionaries.

A forward step was taken on pledges. Several districts pledged the support of a missionary. Those not feeling able to support one by themselves united with another district, the two together pledging the support of a missionary. More than \$1500 was pledged for scholarship and mission work; \$114 was also pledged by individuals to raise funds to help erect a cottage at Epworth-by-the-Sea, Corpus Christi, to be used by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society as headquarters.

Monday evening a great praise service was held, many testifying their love for God. Miss White gave a very thrilling talk in behalf of the needs of China. At the close she called for volunteers. Six young people rose in response, saying by their actions, "Heme am I, send me." The feeling that comes over one cannot be described when we see fresh young people just entering life, stand up and testify their love for God by giving their all to help save these teeming millions of heathens. "Greater love hath no man than this, to lay down his own life for his brother." The following are the newly elected officers:

President, Mrs. M. Y. Stockes, Lampasas; Vice-President, Mrs. B. D. Organ; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Theophilus Lee, Llano; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Robert Massie, Ozona; Press Superintendent, Mrs. D. W. Carter; Treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Smith, San Antonio; Secretary Young People, Mrs. Appleby, San Antonio.

District Secretaries: Austin District, Mrs. Dechard, Austin; San Antonio, Mrs. Crider, San Antonio; San Angelo, Mrs. W. T. Renfro, San Angelo; San Marcos, Mrs. Morris; Llano, Mrs. J. T. King, Llano; Beeville, Mrs. W. H. Laws; Cuero, Mrs. McCommins.

The place of next yearly meeting will be at Beeville, Texas.

MRS. ROBERT MASSIE,

Ozona, Texas.

### THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The society convened in Weatherford May 13 to 17, 1908, in annual session, at the First Methodist Church.

The people of this beautiful little city opened their homes and hearts, and received all members of the society and visitors with true Texas hospitality. This fourteenth session was nearly double the annual meeting of 1907, which convened at Stamford. We were blessed by having beautiful weather, thus enabling a full attendance through all the services. Great interest and much enthusiasm were manifested throughout the entire session. In many ways it was considered the best annual meeting in the history of this great organization.

Every heart was made glad and each life was blessed by the presence of our dear Miss Bell Bennett, whose sweet presence was a daily benediction and inspiration to all present. Her words thrilled every heart with lofty aspiration to higher and nobler things for the conflict and duties of this our new conference year. With her wise counsel and words of cheer we were enabled to do much for our beloved work.

During the four days' session much was accomplished towards another year's work.

The reports on all lines showed improvement over last year. Much of this improvement is due to the untiring perseverance and statesmanlike ability of our great editress-in-chief, Miss Mary Helm, and dear Mrs. Johnson, whose watchful eyes and ready ears are ever on the alert for information regarding the home mission work throughout the wide domain of its territory. It is through the columns of Our Homes and King's Messenger, the great "power-houses" of instruction, that we learn of work done, get our courage renewed to press on to greater victory. (What of the aid given week after week by the Woman's Department of Texas Christian Advocate for the work generally?—Editor Woman's Department.)

God was with us, and through His Holy Spirit four young girls were led to offer their lives to the Lord's work, and best of all, there were three scholarships, of one year each, and a fourth one, of two years, given to these girls for their preparation in Scarritt Bible and Training School. We praise God for showing His approval of our work in this way. We feel that the impetus gained will last the entire year and our work will be greatly augmented by the funds raised.

The amount of two thousand, six hundred dollars was pledged towards the one dollar per member, above dues, and four scholarships amounting to nine hundred dollars, with the six hundred dollars for the City Missionary in the coal fields at Thurber, making a total of four thousand, one hundred dollars, above dues, for work in our conference this year.

We thank God that the board gave us Miss Jennie Smith, of North Carolina, as a city missionary in the coal fields at Thurber. There is a great work for her to do there in assisting the pastor, Rev. C. W. Macune. The following committee will have this missionary in charge, viz: Mesdames McDowell, of Nashville; Nat G. Rollins, our Corresponding Secretary; J. B. Price, District Secretary; W. G. Terbet, of Thurber Auxiliary of H. M. Society; Rev. M. K. Little, P. C., and Rev. C. W. Macune, pastor at Thurber. At the city's invitation the conference held its Saturday's session at Mineral Wells, our famous watering place, and the body, two hundred and eight strong, went over in a special train, spending the day in a busy session. The luncheon and music tendered at the noon hour were greatly appreciated.

The annual meeting convened in session again at Weatherford, Saturday at 8 p. m. The work of the Brigade and Baby Roll was exemplified in a most instructive way.

The sermon Sunday at 11 a. m. by Rev. Jerome Duncan, of Stamford, was a very fine and encouraging one. The afternoon session was inspiring, and Miss Bennett's address Sunday evening was a most excellent one.

The three scholarships of one hundred and eighty dollars each, which were raised then, proved now inspiring and full of information the address was, and how the audience appreciated same.

The Society adjourned to meet at Corsicana next year. Everyone present went away feeling that it had been good to have been there.

MRS. KATIE SIMS,

Press Supt. Conf. Society.

Gordon, Texas.

As a result of the visit of Mrs. Reeves to Honey Grove, where she spoke on the work of the Wesley House, the following donations were voluntarily sent in for the purpose of furnishing the day nursery bath room: Mr. Athley, Dodd City, \$2; Mrs. J. A. Underwood, Honey Grove, \$10; Mrs. Caton, Detroit, \$2; Mrs. Williamson, Honey Grove, \$2; Mrs. Dr. Barton, Clarksville, \$2; Mrs. J. M. Gilmer, Honey Grove, \$2; Rev. Rosser, Honey Grove, \$3; Mrs. Nettie Clark, Woodland, 50c; Mrs. C. L. Armstrong, Honey Grove, \$1; Mrs. G. A. Dailey, Honey Grove, \$1; Mrs. A. N. Norwood, Honey Grove, \$1; Mrs. Dowlen, Windom, \$1; Mrs. Evans, Windom, 50c; Mrs. G. L. Drewer, Honey Grove, \$1; Mrs. Edwards, Clarksville, \$1; Mrs. Dr. Palmer, Windom, \$1; Mrs. Harkleman, Roston, \$1; Mrs. M. H. Wood, Honey Grove, \$1; Rev. Smith, Woodland, \$1; Mr. Norwood, Honey Grove, \$1; Mrs. W. H. Smith, Honey Grove, \$1; Mrs. Dennis, Detroit, \$1; Mrs. Grant Taylor, Honey Grove, \$1; Mrs. D. H. Carden, Woodland, 50c; Mrs. A. F. Galbraith, Honey Grove, 50c; Mrs. Dr. Baldwin, Honey Grove, \$1; Mrs. Blackburn, Blossom, \$1; Mrs. W. A. Williamson, Honey Grove, 50c. Total, \$42.50.

The City Mission Board wish to take this opportunity of publicly thanking these friends for their timely assistance, and to assure them of their heartfelt appreciation of the gift, a committee, with Mrs. Adrianson at the head, went immediately to purchase the articles needed. In addition to the money already donated, the same friends have very kindly promised some boxes of supplies.

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MRS. HENRY JACKSON.  
MRS. FRED G. TONGUE, Cor. Sec.  
Executive Committee of the City Mission Board.

### FROM CELINA TO DENTON.

We can never have real sympathy for others until we pass through the same ordeal. Owing to my protracted sickness and rundown condition the doctor advised us to make a change. So, having a suburban home in Denton, on a high, dry place, we decided to try the sand awhile; but when I left the parsonage and good people of Celina (for indeed they are a fine people) I felt a good deal like I imagine a preacher feels when he is superannuated (or "laid on the shelf," as he calls it), and my sympathies ran out for them, broken down in the Master's service, yet long to remain.

I love the Church and our itinerant system, and my happiest days were when I had on the full harness ready to help pull the load. We have found good and loyal people on every charge we have served, and we are made to exclaim with one of old, "Surely goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our lives!"

We started well at Celina, and notwithstanding several of our members having moved away, I believe we will yet have a good year.

Our Sunday-school had doubled, and I regretted very much to give up my fine class of young people. We had reorganized and elected officers in the Woman's Home Mission Society, and were planning for an installation service when I was taken sick. I believe these good women will continue the work. There is nothing in the way but black mud. I left my membership with them and will be glad to render them any service in my power. Following are names of the officers for the year: Mrs. S. Owenby, President; Mrs. Gus Holiday, First Vice-President; Mrs. Binkley Stallcup, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Jim Bigs, Third Vice-President; Mrs. W. L. Michael, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. T. Malone, Treasurer; Mrs. Wm. Wood-

ard, Recording Secretary and Press Reporter; Mrs. T. J. McAdams, Agent of Our Homes.

Before I close I wish to say one word for our presiding elder. He is in high favor with both the people and this preacher and family. Now, Bro. Pierce, when you come to Denton bring Sister Pierce and make us a visit. We have a room for the preachers and would be glad to have you come.

Mr. Beckham will finish out his year at Celina, but our address will be Denton, Texas.

MRS. T. J. BECKHAM.

### FROM LUFKIN, TEXAS.

The following is a report of the year's work of Woman's Home Mission Society:

Amount sent to Conference Treasurer, \$91.97; amount expended on parsonage, \$65.25; amount expended on church, \$7; amount expended for local work, \$95; number of garments given to the poor, 39; number of leaflets distributed, 246; number of visits to sick and strangers, 441; number of subscribers to "Our Homes," 38; cash on hand, \$132.82.

MRS. W. N. GRAFINS,

Press Reporter.

### W. H. M. SOCIETY, THORNDALE.

Report of the Woman's Home Mission Society of Thorndale, Texas: At the close of this our first year's work as a Home Mission Society, we are much rejoiced to be able to make a report of such gratifying success. We are quite young in the work, it being a little over a year since the Ladies' Aid Society was converted into the W. H. M. Society. We organized with eleven members and have added five new ones during the year. Death claimed two of our most loyal and faithful members during the year. Three members withdrew leaving us thirteen loyal and enthusiastic members. We feel much encouraged and hope to continue to grow in interest until every woman in the Church shall not only feel it her duty but a privilege to lend her help and influence to this work.

During the year we have raised \$102.35, this amount being raised mostly by "free will offerings," the spirit of giving having become noticeable as we grow in the work. The amounts spent on the church furnishings: Carpet for pulpit, \$21.02; lights, \$40; table, \$1.75; total, \$62.77.

Cash and merchandise sent to Orphans' Home at Waco, \$12; connectional dues, \$15; conference pledge, \$6; Wesley House, \$1.25; offering, week of prayer, Vashti Home, \$1.80.

Out of our membership of thirteen we have eight subscribers to "Our Homes" and six tithers. We have our visiting committee, and many visits have been made to the sick and strangers. Our members have been active in looking after and helping those in need.

Much of our success is attributed to our zealous President Mrs. H. D. Kone, who has been so faithful in service and tireless in energy, and we hope with the continued co-operation of each member we will be able to report greater success for the year's work we are just entering.

MRS. E. L. RAMSEY,

Press Reporter.

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**SAN MARCOS LETTER.**

San Marcos has become one of the leading educational centers of Texas. The Southwest Texas Normal has been rapidly growing from the very beginning of its history. The Summer School opened to-day with the largest attendance it has ever had, and with one of the most efficient staff of teachers to be found anywhere to conduct it. The Baptist Academy is nearing completion and will be opened for pupils in the fall. All these institutions conspire to give San Marcos a scholastic tone, and to make it a most delightful educational center. Our own Coronal Institute, which has been in successful operation for forty years, is better equipped to do good work than ever before. During the past year a new wing was added to the main building at a cost of about \$20,000. Two years ago a new boys' dormitory was built in the middle of a large campus so as to furnish ample ground for baseball, tennis and other sports. At the present time the institution that pays no attention to athletics and gymnastics, and does not provide for the development of the physical man, is regarded as a back number and no parent who has a wise regard for the health of his children will patronize it.

The Coronal has a strong faculty, who are well equipped for their work, and who make honest efforts to do their very best for the boys and the girls committed to their care. Coronal is affiliated with the Southwestern University, at Georgetown, and the State University, at Austin, and the young men and the young women who have gone out of its halls to the great universities have taken high rank in them, and have demonstrated the fact that the Methodist Church has a training school of the first class in the Coronal Institute. The Methodist Church is the leading Church in the Southwestern part of this great commonwealth; and the Coronal Institute has played no insignificant part in bringing our Church to the front. During the recent Baptist rally, which was held in my church in San Marcos, Dr. Carroll, and other leading speakers, emphasized the fact that the weakness of the Baptist Church in the Southwest was the natural result of their failure to establish and build up strong institutions of learning in this section of our State. For many years the Coronal Institute has been a powerful factor in the making of our Methodism in all the regions round about San Marcos. Some of the most prominent men in our great denomination have been connected with it. Dr. Belvin, Dr. E. S. Smith, Prof. R. O. Rounsavall and Prof. John E. Pritchett have all had charge of it, and have zealously employed their great ability in making it one of the best institutions of the class in our land. And now, with an increase during the past year of \$35,000 or \$40,000 in the value of its buildings and other resources, it is worth more to our Church than ever.

The commencement exercises this year were of an unusually high order of excellence. The orations and compositions, and musical programs of every sort, reflected great credit upon the schools of oratory and music. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, a large audience assembled in the chapel to be present at the fortieth annual commencement. One of the chief attractions of the occasion was the address of Prof. Dudley Johnson, which was not only strong in thought, but expressed in beautiful English, and made a fine impression upon the audience. Dr. John R. Allen came in on a belated train, just as the hands on the face of the clock were nearing the noon hour, and so instead of the hour's address we looked for, he only made a brief talk, giving us a sample which whetted our appetite for more. President Sterling Fisher followed in a very happy vein, and made a very appropriate talk before awarding diplomas to seventeen handsome young ladies and good looking young gentlemen, and certificates of proficiency in various departments to about as many more of the beauty and chivalry of the realm. This brought to a close one of the most successful years in

the history of this school, which for forty years has played an important part in the building up of our Church in the West Texas Conference. As the pastor of the Methodist Church in San Marcos, and also as one of the trustees of the Coronal Institute, I have had the most ample opportunities for knowing whereof I affirm, when I give it as my deliberate opinion that our people who patronize this institution of learning may rest assured that their boys and girls will enjoy the best advantages, and that their moral and religious training will be carefully attended to.

San Marcos Methodism is steadily forging to the front. Our Sunday-school has outgrown its quarters. At our last Quarterly Conference a committee was appointed to confer with the trustees, to arrange for the building of four additional Sunday-school rooms, with a capacity of accommodating fifty pupils in each room. Next Sunday we are going to hold a special service for children, and a large class of boys and girls are to be received into the membership of the Church. In my opinion, the Sunday-school far more than the prayer meeting is the spiritual thermometer of the Church, and the denomination which most faithfully indoctrinates its children will be the one that will dominate the religious world in the years which are to come.

H. M. WHALING.

**ERRATA.**

As I know something of the hard work to which typesetters and proofreaders are subjected, I seldom request any corrections to be made in what I send for publication. But it is sometimes necessary, and when so seen, publishers are willing to print the errata.

The insignia of the Lamb's "distinction in heaven" is printed "destruction." "Utter self-abnegation" comes out "self-abrogation." "Gethsemane" appears as "Gethserene." A line is omitted from a quotation from Colossians, and in one from Gallatians. The name of the third person in the Trinity is spelled with a small "s." "Their fondness for times and seasons has led them," is printed "Their fondness for times and seasons have led them." Thanking you for these corrections, I remain, Yours truly,

JOHN FREEMAN NEAL.

**PASTOR AT AQUILLA.**

Will you allow me to say through the columns of the Advocate that my office is Aquilla, Texas, and I am in fact the preacher in charge of the Aquilla Circuit. The reason it is necessary for me to make the statement is this: Bro. R. V. Galloway was pastor here four years. At our last conference he superannuated and still lives here. He receives a great many letters intended for the preacher in charge. This causes confusion and delay. The Secretary of our conference put my office in the journal at Fort Worth. How he got his information I do not know. One thing is certain, he did not get it from me. Some brethren write me there and some letters I never get. My postoffice is Aquilla, Texas, and I am preacher in charge and running the business.

D. C. STARK.

**MARRIED.**

Manscill-Sanderford.—On the evening of May 21, 1908, at the residence of Elisha Sanderford, at 5 o'clock, at Nolanville, Texas, Mr. A. R. Manscill, of Jones County, Texas, and Miss Hattie Sanderford, Rev. F. Pilley officiating.

Thorp-Sanderford.—At the residence of Mr. Elisha Sanderford, Nolanville, Texas, at 6 p. m., May 21, 1908, Mr. G. S. Thorp and Miss Ada Bell Sanderford, Rev. F. Pilley officiating.

Brockette-Howell.—Near Estelline, Texas, April 19, 1908, Mr. J. W. Brockette and Miss Pearl Howell, each of Newlin, Texas, Rev. C. E. Clark officiating.

Bagwell-Eddins.—At the Methodist Church, Estelline, Texas, April 29, 1908, Mr. Vernon Bagwell and Miss Lillian S. Eddins, both of Estelline, Texas, Rev. C. E. Clark officiating.

Crow-Parmley.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Estelline, Texas, May 6, 1908, Mr. John H. Crow, of Newlin, Texas and Miss Sallie Parmley, Rev. C. E. Clark officiating.

Slaughter-Casselberry.—At the par-

sonage in Vera, Texas, May 10, 1908, at 5 o'clock p. m., Mr. W. M. Slaughter and Miss Lou Etta Casselberry, both of Levelview community, Rev. M. D. Hill officiating.

Blankenship-Woodward.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. N. M. Woodward, Throckmorton County, Texas, May 27, 1908, Mr. J. B. Blankenship, of Howard, Kan., and Miss Ora Woodward, of Throckmorton County, Texas, Rev. S. D. Cook officiating.

Clay-Parrs.—May 20, 1908, near Glen Rose, Texas, Mr. Will Clay and Mrs. Mary J. Parrs, Rev. F. M. Winburne officiating.

Hardegree-Brandon.—Near Colfax, Van Zandt County, Texas, May 24, 1908, Mr. W. B. Hardegree and Miss Lillian Brandon, Rev. Frank Everitt officiating.

Payne-Highsmith.—Mr. Willis Payne and Miss Lena Highsmith, at Fort Worth, Texas, May 31, 1908, Rev. Geo. Reece officiating.

Raine-Pope.—Dr. H. C. Raine and Miss Sadie Pope, at the residence of Mrs. M. O. Pope, at Fort Worth, Texas, June 1, 1908, at 8:30 p. m., Rev. Thomas Reece officiating.

Churchill-Clary.—On May 26, 1908, at home of bride's mother in Edna, Melvin C. Churchill and Miss Ealine Clary, Rev. A. Y. Old officiating. (The groom resides in Palacios, Texas.)

Barnes-Wharton.—At the parsonage in Edna, on June 4, 1908, James E. Barnes and Miss Blanche Wharton, both of Edna, by Rev. A. Y. Old, P. C.

**Calvert District—Third Round.**

- Petteway at Beck Prairie, July 4, 5.
- Lott and Durango at Blevins, July 11, 12.
- Rosebud Sta., July 16.
- Kosse and Bremond at Eureka, July 18, 19.
- Centerville at Redland, July 21.
- Calvert Sta., July 25, 26.
- Fairfield, at Zion, July 30.
- Teague Sta., Aug. 1, 2.
- Travis, at Cedar Springs, Aug. 8, 9.
- Hearne and Millican, at Welborn, Aug. 15, 16.
- Iola at Boggy, Aug. 20.
- Marlin Sta., Aug. 22, 23.
- Reagan, at Reagan, Aug. 26.
- Jewett, at Oakwoods, Aug. 29, 30.
- Wheelock, Sept. 5, 6.
- Franklin, Sept. 12, 13.
- Ryan, Sept. 13, 14.

E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

**Beaumont District—Third Round.**

- China and S. L., at Sour Lake, June 13, 14.
- Kouatze, June 20, 21.
- District Conference, Woodville, June 24-28.
- First Church, Beaumont, July 5, a. m.
- Cartwrights, Beaumont, July 5, p. m.
- Silsbee, at Old Silsbee, July 11, 12.
- Cordigan, at Petersburg, July 17.
- Laurelia, at Darby, July 18, 19.
- Nederland, at Deweyville, July 23.
- Saratoga and B., at Batson, July 25, 26.
- Browndell and B., at Brookeland, July 28, 29.
- Jasper and Kirbyville, at K., July 30, 31.
- Orange, Aug. 12.
- Amelia, at Stowell, Aug. 5, 6.
- Wallisville, at Anahuac, Aug. 8, 9.
- Warren, at Big Sandy, Aug. 15, 16.
- Burkeville, at Far's Chapel, Aug. 18, 19.
- Port Arthur, Aug. 22, 23.
- Woodville at Wolfe Creek, Aug. 27.
- Jasper Miss., at Ebenezer, Aug. 29, 30.
- Liberty and Dayton, at D., Sept. 1.
- Call, at Ford's S. H., Sept. 5, 6.
- Livingston, at Providence, Sept. 11.
- Camden, at Kirkpatrick, Sept. 12, 13.

D. H. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

**Terrell District—Third Round.**

- Forney, June 28, 29.
- Garland, July 5, 6.
- Fate, at Milwood, July 11, 12.
- Crandall, at Seago, July 18, 19.
- Rockwall, July 26, 27.
- Pleasant Mound, Aug. 1, 2.
- Rosser, at Warsaw, August 8.
- Kaufman, August 9.
- Elmo, at Eagan, August 11.
- Kemp, at Wilson's Chapel, August 13.
- Royse, August 16, 17.
- Mesquite, at Long Creek, August 19.
- College Mound, at Morrrows, August 22, 23.
- Chisholm, at Poetry, August 29, 30.

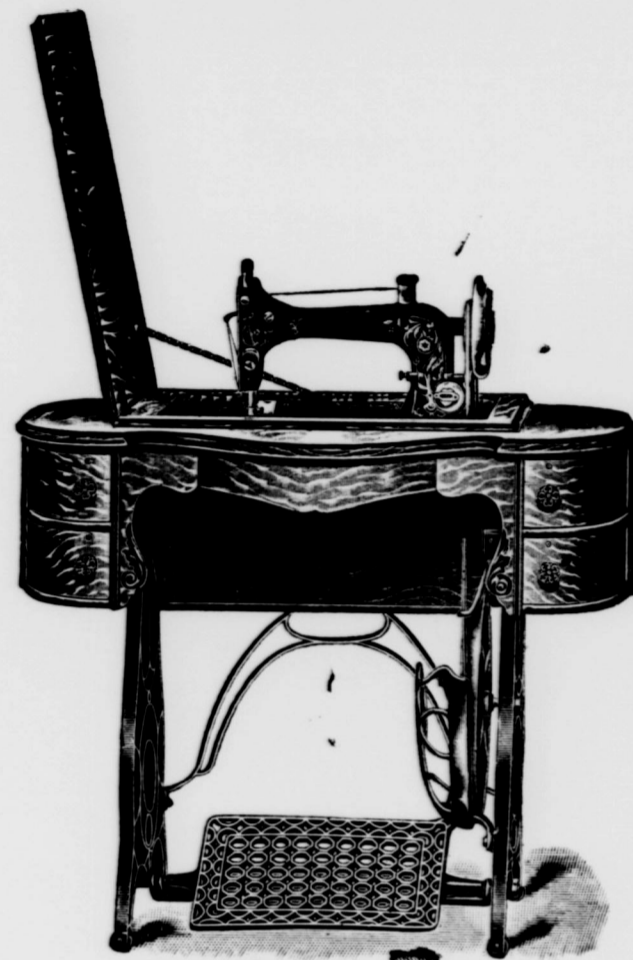
O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

**Dallas District—Third Round.**

- Lancaster, June 13, 14.
- Fray Street, June 14.
- Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at Cedar Hill, June 20, 21.
- Wheatland and Desota, at Wheatland, June 27, 28.
- Grace, June 28.
- Hutchins and Wilmer, at Wilmer, July 4, 5.
- Grand Prairie and West Dallas, at B., July 11, 12.
- First Church, July 18, 19.
- Oak Lawn, July 19.
- Lewisville, July 25, 26.
- Trinity, July 26.
- City Mission, August 1, 2.
- Argyle, at Chinn's Ch., August 8, 9.
- Oak Cliff, August 15, 16.
- Cochran's Ch., August 22, 23.

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**BROYLES.**—To the memory of Sister Sarah Lavenia Broyles, whose death occurred at her home four miles west of Palestine, Texas, April 6, 1908. In 1896 I was sent to Elkhart charge, and it was not long after my arrival before I made the acquaintance of this particular family. Bro. Geo. Broyles and his wife, Mrs. Sarah Lavenia Broyles, the subject of this sketch, and their family of several children. Bro. Geo. Broyles having passed away to his reward before my pastorate of four years had terminated left his wife to care for a large family of children. I suppose I knew the family as well as any one who was not related to them, having been associated with them as their pastor for four continuous years. From the first our acquaintance ripened into close friendship; as an evidence of this fact when misfortune or trouble befell them some member of the family would write and ask me to remember them in their affliction. After the death of her husband, which occurred several years ago, the duty of assuming the reins of government of the family fell upon her. She adjusted herself to her task and with faith in God she succeeded. Her chief concern was for her children, the salvation of their souls and to raise them so when they went out from her they bless the world and make it better. She lived to see all her children in the Church, two of her daughters happily married and some of the boys have honorable, lucrative positions. Her life, like that of all Christians, was a warfare, but through it all she came out victorious. For the last few years her health gave way and she was not able to attend Church services as formerly, but she never forgot her duty. In her home she would pray for the success of the Church as well as for her children. Just a short while before her death she told her sister-in-law that she would soon depart and be at rest and that in life God had been her stay and comfort and now in death he had not failed her. She admonished her children not to grieve for her, for the place to which she was going was a place of rest. A greater legacy could not be left to any family. It's greater than gold. The children cannot forget it. It will be as a frontier between their eyes. So, sorrowing ones, look up to where she has gone and let your faith in God be as strong as was hers and your life as pure, so when your latter end comes your departure will be as triumphant as hers was. Their former pastor, A. METHVIN.

**MILLER.**—Sister Susan Elizabeth Miller (nee McKay) was born March 14, 1849. She was converted and joined the Church at about 14 years of age, and has been a faithful, zealous member ever since. Her husband passed on some years ago and left her a widow. For some years she has made her home with her daughter, Sister Underwood, at Aquilla, Texas. For some time her health has not been good. For a few days before her death she was sick, but not thought to be serious. On the night of June 1 she retired as usual, and some time in the night her daughter gave her a dose of medicine, which it was necessary for her to take. She lay down and went to sleep, and when she awoke mother had crossed on the last river. Thus peacefully passed away a good mother, a good member and friend of the Church, a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. I feel like I could say nothing better for her than that. We shall miss her from the little band at Aquilla. On the second day of June, 1908, surrounded by her loved ones, we laid her to rest in the Lebanon Cemetery to wait the coming of her Lord. Peace to her memory. The Lord bring her sorrowing loved ones to the home where she has gone. Her pastor, D. C. STARK.

**BUCHANAN.**—Mrs. W. J. Buchanan was born November 17, 1843; converted in 1873, joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1877, and died May 25, 1908. Sister Buchanan was sick four years and blind three years. She was the most patient sufferer it has been our lot to meet. She was as near an angel as one could be in the flesh. Prayer in her home was a great blessing to all. She leaves many children grandchildren, friends and her aged husband (Uncle Buck) to mourn. Thank God for the blessed assurance Sister Buchanan is at rest. BENJ. S. CROW.

**BRYANT.**—Sister Belinda C. Bryant (nee Somply) was born March 11, 1838, in Marion County, Tenn. She professed faith in Christ and united with the M. E. Church, South, in 1852. She was married to Robert C. Bryant in 1865 and to this union were born four children, three of whom still survive her. She fell on sleep in Jesus May 6, 1908, at Chisholm, Rockwall County, Texas, and the writer preached her funeral at Royse City, on May 7, before a large and sympathizing audience. Sister Bryant was a consistent and active member of the Church for fifty-six years. It was my fortune to be her pastor the first four years of my ministry in the North Texas Conference. I knew her well and can cheerfully say she was indeed a good woman, an obedient wife and a most devoted mother. She left her imprint upon her neighbors and in letters that will never fade she wrote her character into the lives of her children. Two of her sons are honored ministers of the gospel, and her daughter is the wife of a faithful gospel minister. "Her children rise up and call her blessed." Sister Bryant was not swayed with the demands of the so-called modern society, but she kept her eye on God and his Word. She was one of the closest Bible students I have ever known. She believed with the Psalmist, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet. The entrance of thy word giveth light." She loved her church, was loyal to it and true to her pastor. She was kind, gentle, patient and faithful to her trust. She died as she had lived—in sight of heaven. A good and faithful woman has gone. Her body lies beside her husband at Nocona, but her redeemed spirit has been transplanted in our Father's house not made with hands. God grant that her children may emulate her virtue, catch her inspiration, imbibe her hope, and meet her where life's singing seas are unknown, and where the howling winds of temptation never come. Her former pastor, TOM J. BECKHAM.

**NANNY.**—Chas. W. Nanny was born February 9, 1819, in Saalsbury, N. C.; came to Texas when 19 years of age. The same year he professed religion and joined the Methodist Church, of which he remained a member until death. He married and outlived three companions. The first was Rebecca Rainey, to whom were born six children. The second Mercilla Sanders, to whom were born two children. The third Margarette Green. Six of his children still live to mourn their loss. Bro. Nanny's life was an eventful one. He served three years as a Texas minute man, fighting the Indians; also served in the Mexican War under Thos. I. Smith, and then four years in the Confederate service. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Webb, in Erath County, Texas, May 9, 1908. We laid him away in the Millerville Cemetery to await the resurrection of the just. Bro. Nanny was a good man. He was blind for some time before his death. He always enjoyed having the Scriptures read and prayer with him. He talked exultantly of his home on high. May we all meet him on the other side. A soldier for his country and for the Lord. He now rests on the victorious heights of glory. Servant of God, well done. J. E. STEPHENS.

**GANNAWAY.**—Thos. S. Gannaway was born at Florence, Williamson County, Texas, February 11, 1865, and lived at that place till November, 1907, when he moved to Hamlin, Texas, at which place he died April 11, 1908. Bro. Gannaway professed religion when a boy, and joined the Methodist Church, and has been an acceptable member ever since, and died, calmly resting in Jesus' arms, by faith. He was married to Miss Maggie Cannon, of Florence, Texas, November 29, 1894, and now leaves her with five little children, mourning the departure of a kind husband and generous father. Bro. Gannaway was a timid, unassuming man, but always on the right side of a moral question. Made no loud profession or display, but went quietly on in the path of life. Now he is gone. We hope to meet him in a better world than this. C. D. WEST.

**KARR.**—April 13, 1894, there came to the home of Brother W. J. Karr and Lula Karr, a beautiful little girl to gladden their home; not only the home, but the entire community in which she lived. Being of a sweet spirit she grew into the heart and esteem of all who knew her. She was the sweetest alto singer I ever heard; but, alas! Zanner Karr is gone. She professed faith in Christ in 1907. Soon thereafter she joined the M. E. Church, at Blanton Chapel. Thus a worthy member is gone. Weep not, fond parents, brother and sister, she is not dead, but sleepeth. On the morning of May 8, 1908, God kissed her pure spirit away. Her pastor, J. C. Moore, and niece, and the writer attended the funeral services. ELDER B. F. BLANTON.

**HINES.**—Clyde Raymond Hines, adopted son of J. W. and L. F. Hines, was born April 26, 1907, and departed this life May 27, 1908. When but 10 days old Brother and Sister Hines brought little Clyde into their home to be their own sweet baby. Very soon he became the joy and light of their home. Every heart became very much attached to the new visitor. I can't believe any parents or sisters could have deeper love for their own baby and brother than these had for dear little Clyde. How sad we felt when we saw them weep, and felt some of the sorrow of their broken hearts as they cried for their departing treasure. Little Clyde was sick a great deal of his short life. During his last illness he suffered thirty-one days, but, oh! how patient he was. All that could be done was done to fight off the enemy, but on Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock, May 27, 1908, the end came, and the sad words were heard, "He's gone." But thank God we could realize his little spirit had gone to Jesus, where no suffering will be known. Next morning we held service in the home, a large congregation being present. We carried his little body to the family cemetery in Washington County, Texas, near Burton, and there beneath a mound of sweet roses we left his sweet little body to wait the resurrection. Weeping ones, be faithful and soon Jesus will bid you come home and meet the precious one just gone before. G. C. CRAVY.

**BLASING.**—Susan F. Franklin was born December 15, 1878; died May 19, 1908, at the home of her father, J. A. Franklin. She was married to J. A. Blasing December 19, 1897. To their union were born three children. She gave her heart to God July 20, 1890, and joined the M. E. Church, South, Salem, Texas, and has been a faithful follower since that day. She had been a patient sufferer for almost four years, complaining very little of her affliction, but always in hopes of being well soon. We know God doeth all things well and we have the sweet assurance of meeting again, but yet our hearts are sad, for we miss that bright face, those willing hands. She was an affectionate wife, an obedient child and a loving mother and a true friend. She had been at Glen Rose, Texas, for some time hoping to be benefited. Her remains were laid to rest May 20 at the Little River Cemetery amidst a concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and commend them to look to God who heals all wounds. ONE WHO LOVED HER.

**PIERCE.**—Bro. John Pierce was born in Benton County, Tennessee, April 6, 1884; was married to Miss Odie Patrick December, 1901. To this union were born three children. He moved with his family to Texas in 1904 and settled in Collingsworth County, in the community now known as Marilla, where he died, after a brief illness, March 27, 1908. Bro. Pierce was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at the age of 15, and during the few years he was spared to the Church he served six years as steward. He was a faithful steward, and all former pastors will gladly agree with me in saying that Bro. Pierce loved the Church and the cause of Christ with his whole heart and was indeed in truth the pastor's friend. Our Church, especially the little band at Marilla, has lost a noble and wise leader. The wife, children, brothers and friends are all grief-stricken, but let us look with joyous anticipation to that meeting which will take place after awhile if we are only as faithful as Bro. Pierce has been. S. L. CULWELL.

**CALLOWAY.**—Florence Virginia, only child of Hosea and Lucille Calloway, came to their home August 18, 1906. For twenty-one months God let them keep her to brighten and cheer their home. In infancy she was dedicated to God in baptism by her grandfather, Rev. Jos. P. Calloway. Of a very friendly disposition, bright and attractive, she was loved and petted by a large circle of friends. For five weeks she battled with disease and pain. All that loving hands and medical skill could do was done. We hoped and prayed that she might be given us longer, but God wanted her. On the night of May 27, 1908, at 11 o'clock, without a struggle, she fell asleep. Appropriate services were held by her pastor, Rev. J. D. Hendrickson, and we tenderly laid her away in the Stanford burying ground. The large gathering of friends and the flower-covered mound showed how much she was loved. To the bereaved parents, to whom she was so dear, who are left so lonely; to the grandparents, and all to whom she was so near, may our Heavenly Father give abundant comfort and consolation. May the thought of their baby in heaven ever be an inspiration to a closer walk with God. We will meet her again "some sweet day." ONE WHO LOVED HER.

**KIDD.**—Mattie Hoke was born in Montgomery County, Texas, June 12, 1872; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Bro. G. Powledge in 1884; was happily married to Dr. W. E. Kidd January 19, 1898, and died at the old home, the place of her birth, September 29, 1907. The grown children having all married, she and the doctor were living at the old home with their parents. Being born into the saving influence of a Christian home no wonder she began the Christian life at the tender age of 12. Death came to her almost without a moment's warning, but she was ready. When asked by her mother if she was ready to go the answer came promptly, "I hate to leave you all, but I am ready." There was an atmosphere of quiet, sacred sorrow at the old home next day as the brothers and sisters came from different parts of the country and bowed over the lifeless form of their sister. How changed the scene when one by one they meet her in the Father's house above. So mote it be. T. R. CAIN.

**MILLER.**—Jennie H. Miller (nee Jones) was born in Jackson, Miss., June 21, 1851; married to John Miller in 1879, was converted under the ministry of Rev. John H. Wallace at Cisco, Texas, August, 1882, and joined the M. E. Church, South. She moved from Cisco to Henrietta, Texas, several years ago. She placed her membership in the Evangelical Church and while a member of this communion was faithful to every trust committed to her call. In October, 1906, under the ministry of the writer she reunited with the Methodist Church, South, at this place, of which she remained a consecrated member until her death. She loved the Church and its services and this constrained her to make sacrifices to attend the house of God. The end came suddenly. She and her husband knelt around the family altar for their evening devotions, and she led the prayer, and as she said amen, "ceased to labor and to wait." Through twenty-nine years of married life she had been a loving and devoted wife, and though having no children of her own, she became a mother to many motherless ones. We are bereaved indeed in the death of Sister Miller; her husband has lost a loving wife and helpmeet, the poor and sorrowing a helpful friend, the Church an earnest, consecrated member, but we know that our loss is her eternal gain. H. H. VAUGHAN, P. C. Henrietta, Texas.

**PHILIP.**—J. J. Phillip was born near Liverpool, England, in 1837, and died in San Antonio April 18, 1908, where he had been for treatment. He came to America when a boy 13 years of age. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church when a young man, and lived a devoted Christian till his death. His home was always the preacher's home. He was steward, Sunday-school superintendent, teacher, and always loved to work for the Lord. He reared a large family of children, 7 boys and 3 girls. He always had family prayers twice a day, and taught his children that religion was the chief aim in life. We mourn not as those who have no hope, for we expect to meet him in heaven. ONE WHO LOVED HIM.

**PIOTT.**—Susan Piott was born in Peperson County, Tennessee, May 22, 1822. Her maiden name was Susan Ridwell, daughter of John Ridwell. Her father was a Baptist preacher. She was married to F. S. Piott, May 9, 1841. She lived a Baptist in faith until death. Her husband was a true Methodist all his life. To them were born nine children, six of whom are living: Nat Piott, July Dennison and Anna Bell live in Cook County, Texas, and Homer Piott, Mitty Bacon, and Kate Durham live in Fannin County, Texas. She has forty-nine grand children and twenty-eight great-grandchildren. She was helpless as a child for four months. The remains were taken to Burns' Cemetery in Fannin County, Texas, and laid to rest in the grave beside her companion on May 26, 1908, to await the calling of the faithful. Ofttimes while she was sick she would tell Nat not to give her any more medicine for it only kept her here suffering. She was at her right mind all the time and left the world willingly. I can only say, be true Christian children and be ready to meet mother and father in heaven. Her daughter, JULY DENNISON. Gainesville, Texas.

**JONES.**—Sister S. A. Jones (nee Seaton) was born January 23, 1852; was married to J. H. Jones, January 26, 1881. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, at McGregor, but was transferred from her earthly to her heavenly home about 4 p. m., May 26, 1908. Her sickness was of short duration and her death was almost like a shock to her heart-broken husband. We laid her to rest in the cemetery at Station Creek, on the day following her death. R. F. DUNN.

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**BURT.**—Mrs. Lillie Burt (nee Mincy) was born in Dahlonoga, Lumpkin County, Georgia, and died in Chico, Texas, April 9, 1908. She moved with her parents to Texas when she was quite young, settling near Chico, Wise County, Texas. Here when about 14 she professed faith in God and joined the Methodist Church. In 1890 she married J. J. Burt. To their home God sent Mary Ellen, their daughter. This was a happy family, because God delighted to dwell in it. The health of her husband failing, they sought the health resorts of the Rocky Mountains and other places, but finding no relief they returned to Chico, where her husband and Mary Ellen have since died. She was a devoted wife, a kind sister, and a loving mother. All loved her because of her sweet disposition. She had many friends here, but she longed to be with her loved ones gone before. She often talked of God's love and his dealings with her, expressing herself as being conscious of her approaching death. She bore her afflictions with patience. The end came. God sent his convoy of angels and took her spirit home to dwell with those she loved so dearly. She leaves a mother, a step-father, two brothers and one sister, who have the tender sympathies and earnest prayers of a host of friends. L. D. SHAWVER, P. C.

**WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.**  
**Llano District—Third Round.**  
Cherokee, at Cherokee, June 14, 15.  
San Saba Cir., at Colony, June 20, 21.  
San Saba Jr., at Colony, June 20, 21.  
Marble Falls, June 27, 28.  
Lampasas, July 3-5.  
Kempner, at Clayton, July 4, 5.  
Blanco, at Live Oak Point, July 11, 12.  
Johnson City, July 18, 19.  
Willow City, at Prairie M., July 25, 26.  
Kerrville, August 1, 2.  
Center Point, August 8, 9.  
Boerna, August 10, 11.  
Bandera, at Tarpley, August 15, 16.  
THEOPHILUS LEE, P. E.

**San Marcos District—Third Round.**  
Buda Cir., at Science Hall, July 8, 9.  
Dripping Springs Cir., at Fitzhugh, July 11, 12.  
Kyle and Maxwell, at K, July 18, 19.  
Waelder & Thompsonville, at Thompsonville, July 25, 26.  
Belmont Cir., at Oak Forest, Aug. 1, 2.  
San Marcos, Aug. 9, 10.  
District Conference will meet at Lockhart June 19-22. A fuller announcement will appear later.  
D. K. PORTER, P. E.

**San Angelo District—Second Round.**  
Brady Sta., June 13, 14.  
Junction, June 20, 21.  
Sonora, June 27, 28.  
San Angelo 1st Church, July 4, 5.  
North San Angelo, July 6.  
Paint Rock, July 11, 12.  
Miles, July 14.  
Water Valley, July 16.  
Sherwood, July 22, 23.  
Sterling City, July 26.  
Garden City, July 29, 30.  
Midland, Aug. 1, 2.  
Eden, Aug. 6.  
Ozona, Aug. 15, 16.  
WILL T. RENFRO, P. E.

**Austin District—Third Round.**  
(Corrected List.)  
Manor, June 13, 14.  
West Point, at Ford's Prairie, June 18, 19.  
Smithville, June 26, 27.  
McDade, at Alum Creek, June 22, 23.  
LaGrange June 24, 25.  
Eagle Lake at Chesterville, June 27, 28.  
Weimar, at Glass' Chap., July 1, 2.  
Columbus, July 4, 5.  
Tenth Street, 11 a. m., July 12.  
First Street, 8 p. m., July 12.  
Walnut, at Walnut, July 14, 15.  
University Church, 11 a. m., July 19.  
South Austin, 8 p. m., July 19.  
JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

**Beeville District—Third Round.**  
Goliad, at Charco, June 13, 14.  
Pleasanton, at P. June 20, 21.  
Rockport, at Ingleside, June 27, 28.  
Floresville, July 4, 5.  
Runge, July 11, 12.  
Aransas Pass, at Sinton, July 18, 19.  
Beeville, July 25, 26.  
Mathis, at Ramirena, August 1, 2.  
Corpus Christi, August 15, 16.  
Kingsville, at Falfurrias, Aug. 22, 23.  
Alice, August 29, 30.  
Brownsville Circuit, Sept. 5, 6.  
Observe Children's Day in all Sunday-schools this quarter. Be ready with answers to questions 17, 20 and 22.  
F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

**Cuero District—Third Round.**  
Lavernia, at Partia, June 13, 14.  
Leesville, at Hancock, June 20, 21.  
Cuero, June 27, 28.  
Yoakum, July 2.  
Port Lavaca, at Traylor, July 4, 5.  
Buckeye, at Ashby, July 11, 12.

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Palacios, at Markham, July 13. El Campo, July 14. Smiley, at Cabeza, July 18, 19. Stockdale, at Sunnyside, July 25, 26. Shiner, at Terryville, Aug. 15, 16. Hope, Aug. 22, 23. Nursery, at Fordtran, Aug. 29, 30. R. A. ROWLAND, P. E.

San Antonio District—Third Round. Uvalde, June 12. Hondo, June 13, 14. Travis Park, 11 a. m., June 20, 21. Prospect Hill, 8 p. m., June 20, 21. Pearsall, June 27, 28. Dilley, at Buckhorn, June 29, 30. Cotulla, July 1. South Heights, 11 a. m., July 4, 5. West End, 8 p. m., July 4, 5. Barksdale, at Leakey, July 11, 12. Utopia & Sabinal, at Utopia, July 14. Rocksprings, Cartavally, July 16, 17. Knox City, at Knox City, June 27, 28. Munday Sta., June 28, 29. Wellington Sta., July 4, 5. Quail, at New Hope, July 5, 6. Chillicothe Mis., at Elm Grove, July 8. Crowell Mis., Cottonwood, July 11, 12. Del Rio, July 18, 19. Eagle Pass, July 20. Carrizo Springs & B., July 22. City Mission, 11 a. m., July 25, 26. Government Hill, 8 p. m., July 25, 26. Moore cir., at Frio Town, August 1, 2. A. J. WEEKS, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Vernon District—Third Round. Crowell Sta., June 13, 14. Vernon Mis., at Waggoner Colony, June 20, 21. Seymour Sta., June 24. Vera, at Trinket, June 25. Spring Creek, Round Timbers, July 15. Bomarton, at Ample, July 17. Goree, at Hood, July 18, 19. Paducah, July 25, 26. Wellington Mis., at Fresno, July 29. W. H. HOWARD, P. E.

Colorado District—Third Round. Aspermont Sta., June 13, 14. Aspermont Mis., Victoria, June 13, 14. Roby, Morton's Ch., June 19. Rotan, Dowell, June 20, 21. J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Brownwood District—Third Round. Ballinger Sta., June 13, 14. Winters Cir., at Baldwin, June 15. Blackwell Cir., at Hylton, June 16. Robert Lee, at Hayrick, June 17. Bronte Cir., at Ft. Chadbourn, July 18. Wingate Cir., at Oak Creek, June 19. Brownwood Sta., June 20, 21. Valera Cir., at Gould Busk, June 26. Coleman Sta., June 25, 28. Talpa Cir., at Rough Creek, June 27, 28. Rising Star Sta., July 3, 5. Sipe Springs Cir., at Okra, July 4, 5. May Cir., at Wolfe Valley, July 6. Indian Creek Cir., at Elkins, July 11, 12. Burkett Cir., at Dressy, July 18, 19. Pioneer Cir., at Fairview, July 19, 20. Santa Anna, at Salem, July 25, 26. Bangs Cir., at Cleveland, July 26, 27. Winchell, July 28. Blanket Sta., Aug. 8, 9. Gustin Cir., at Energy, Aug. 14. Comanche Cir., at Sidney, Aug. 15, 16. Comanche Sta., Aug. 14, 16. JAS. S. CHAPMAN, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Third Round. Ennis, June 14, 15. Venus, at Cahill, June 17. Red Oak, at Bluff Springs, June 20, 21. Hillsboro, First Church, June 27, 28. Italy, June 28, 29. Bethel, July 1. Grandview, June 4, 5. Alvarado, July 5, 6. Itasca, July 11, 12. Hillsboro, Line Street, July 10, 12. Waxahachie, July 19, 20. JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

Weatherford District—Third Round. (In Part.) Aledo, at Aledo, June 19, 20. M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Georgetown District—Third Round. Temple, First Church, June 13, 14. Troy, at Oenaville, June 20, 21. Temple, Seventh St., June 27, 28. Belton, July 4, 5. Moody, July 11, 12. Belton Cir., at New Hope, July 13. Hutto, at Robinson, July 16. North Georgetown, at Hare, July 18, 19. Salado, at Prairie Dell, July 21. Rogers' Mission, at Burgess, July 23. Rogers and Heidenheimer, at R., July 25, 26. Granger, at Jonah, August 1, 2. Taylor, August 8, 9. Bartlett, August 15, 16. Holland, at Little River, August 22, 23. Florence, August 29, 30. District League and Sunday-school Conference, at Taylor, June 23, 24. B. R. BOLTON, P. E.

Clarendon District—Third Round. Shamrock Cir., June 12. McLean Cir., June 13, 14. Memphis Sta., June 19. Lakeview Cir., June 20, 21. Claude Cir., June 26. Panhandle Mis., June 27, 28. Lella Mis., July 1. Groom Cir., July 4, 5. Miami Cir., July 9. Dalhart Sta., July 11, 12. Hansford Mis., July 15.

Ochiltree Miss., July 18, 19. Higgins Sta., July 25, 26. Canadian Cir., Aug. 1, 2. Amarillo Sta., Aug. 7. Canyon City Sta., Aug. 8, 9. Channing Sta., Aug. 13. Dumas Cir., Aug. 15, 16. J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Gatesville District—Third Round. Gatesville Sta., June 13, 14. McGregor Sta., June 17. Oglesby, at Stockton, June 20, 21. Valley Mills, at Lane's C., June 20, 21. Clifton Sta., June 27, 28. Nolanville, at N., July 4, 5. Killeen Sta., at 8 p. m. July 5 and at 9 a. m. 6th. Meridian & W., at Grapevine, July 11, 12. Meridian Sta., at 8 p. m. July 12 and at 9 a. m. 13th. Jonesboro, at Evergreen, July 18, 19. Cranfil & Fairy, at Gap, July 22, 23. Crawford, at Compton, July 25, 26. Gatesville Mis., July 29. China Springs, at Coon C., Aug. 1, 2. Copperas Cove, at Reace's C., Aug. 5. Hamilton, Aug. 8, 9. Evant, at Liberty, Aug. 14. Pearl, at Cox's Chapel, Aug. 22, 23. Turnersville, Aug. 29, 30. There will be no conflict in the above round, as I expect to use some of the brethren and will help some in the protracted meetings. J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Plainview District—Third Round. Plainview, June 21, 22. Wright, June 23. Lockney, at Lone Star, June 24. Hereford, June 27, 28. Friona, at Summerfield, June 29. Umbarger, at Vega, June 30. Post City, July 4, 5. Tohoka, July 6. Lubbock, July 7, at night. Hale Center, at Barton's, July 11, 12. Silverton, at Vigo Park, July 15. Emma, at Estacado, July 18, 19. Dickens, at Cottonwood, July 23. Matador, at White Flat, July 25, 26. Turkey, at Northfield, July 28. Floydada, at Harmony, Aug. 1, 2. Brownfield, Aug. 7. Gomez, Aug. 8, 9. Hockley, at Montgomery, Aug. 15, 16. Dimmitt, Aug. 22, 23. G. S. HARDY, P. E.

Corsicana District—Third Round. Mexia Cir., at Cedar Island, June 13, 14. Coolidge Sta., at Coolidge, June 14, 15. Corsicana Cir., at Pleasant G., June 21, 22. First Church, at F. C., June 22, 23. Wortham Sta., at W., June 24, 27. Barry Cir., at Drane, July 4, 5. Munger Cir., at Callina, July 11, 12. Kerens Cir., at Roane, July 18, 19. Thornton Cir., at Steel's C., July 22. Purdon Cir., at Pursley, July 25, 26. Richland Cir., at Grape Ck., July 29. Rice Cir., at Chatfield, Aug. 1, 2. Frost Cir., at McCord's, Aug. 4. Hornhill, at Ft. Parker, Aug. 6. Dawson, at Harmony, Aug. 8, 9. Alma, at Oak Grove, Aug. 12. Irene, at Emmett, Aug. 15, 16. Brandon, at Bynum, Aug. 22, 23. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Weatherford District—Third Round. Strawn, June 27, 28. Santo cir., at Lipan, July 4, 5. Gordon, at Gordon, July 6. Thurber, July 7. Ranger, at Oakley, July 10. Wayland, at Harpersville, July 11, 12. Breckenridge, at Eolin, July 12, 13. Crystal Falls, Cook's Chapel, July 15. Throckmorton, Bush Knob, July 18, 19. Whitt & Bethesda, at B., July 25, 26. Peaster, at Peaster, July 26, 27. Grafado, at Oran, Aug. 1, 2. Eliasville, at Chandler Chap., Aug. 8, 9. Farmer, at Red Top, Aug. 12. Graham station, 8 p. m., Aug. 13. Graham mis., Henry Chap., Aug. 15, 16. M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Colorado District—Third Round. Camp Springs, at Crenshaw, July 4, 5. Westbrook, at Daniel S. H., July 9. Snyder Sta., July 11, 12. Snyder Miss., at Mt. Zion, July 13. Clairemont, at Jayton, July 15. Dunn, at Ira, July 18, 19. Hermleigh, at Wastella, July 26, 27. Roscoe and Loraine, at R., July 28. Gail, at Durham, Aug. 1, 2. LaMesa, at LaMesa, Aug. 8, 9. Seminole, at Hawkins, Aug. 20. Stanton, Aug. 22, 23. Colorado, Aug. 26. Big Springs Miss., Aug. 28. Coahoma, at Bells S. H., Aug. 29, 30. Big Springs Sta., Aug. 30, 31. J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Third Round. Grapevine, Enless, July 4, 5. Arlington, July 5, 6. Smithfield, White's Chap., July 11, 12. Diamond Hill and Handley, July 12, 13. N. Fort Worth, July 15. First Church, Fort Worth, July 16. Britton, at Webb, July 18, 19. Mansfield, July 19, 20. Godley, Lone Willow, July 25, 26. Covington, Rio Vista, July 26, 27. Mo. Ave., Fort Worth, July 28. Mulkey Memorial, July 29. Rosen Heights, July 31. Burleson, at Everman, Aug. 1. Joshua, at Denton, Aug. 2, 3. Main Street, Aug. 3.

Grandview, at Greenbriar, Aug. 4. Weatherford St., Aug. 6. Kennedale, Cold Springs, Aug. 8, 9. Polytechnic, Aug. 9, 10. Azle, Dido, Aug. 15, 16. Central Aug. 23, 24. Riverside, Aug. 23-25. Glenwood, Aug. 30, 31. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

Dublin District—Third Round. Huckabay Cir., July 4 at 11 a. m. Huckabay Sta., July 5 at 11 a. m. Stephenville Cir., July 6 at 11 a. m. Stephenville Sta., July 6 at 8:30 p. m. Granbury Sta., July 10 at 8:30 p. m. Granbury Miss., July 11, 12. Dublin Sta., July 15 at 8:30 p. m. Glen Rose Miss., July 18, 19. Iredell Miss., July 19, 20. Carlton Cir., July 23 at 11 a. m. Hico Sta., July 26. Duffau Miss., July 27 at 11 a. m. Bunyan Cir., July 29 at 11 a. m. Carbon Cir., Aug. 1, 2. Gorman Sta., Aug. 3 at 8:30 p. m. Bluffdale Cir., Aug. 8, 9. Harbin Cir., Aug. 11 at 11 a. m. Eastland Cir., Aug. 13 at 3 p. m. Cisco Sta., Aug. 14 at 8:30 p. m. Cisco Miss., Aug. 15, 16. DeLeon Miss., Aug. 19 at 11 a. m. DeLeon Sta., Aug. 20 at 8:30 p. m. Proctor Cir., Aug. 22, 23. Desdemona Miss., Aug. 29, 30. J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Abilene District—Third Round. Lawn, at Drasco, June 6, 7. Anson, June 10. Stamford, June 13, 14. Stamford Miss., June 13, 14. Merkel, June 20, 21. Moran, at Colony, June 27, 28. Albany and Lueders, July 4, 5. Avoca, at Spring Creek, July 4, 5. Trent and Cross Roads, at T., July 11, 12. Caps, July 15. Nugent, at Delk, July 18, 19. Abilene, July 22. Cross Plains, July 25, 26. Baird, July 27. Rule, at Pinkerton, Aug. 1, 2. Clyde, at Potosi, Aug. 1, 2. Nubia, Aug. 4. Truby, at New Hope, Aug. 8, 9. Putnam, at Pisgah, Aug. 11. Tuxedo, at Anderson Chap., Aug. 15, 16. Denton, at Denton, Aug. 19. Haskell Miss., at Ketrion C., Aug. 22, 23. Haskell, Aug. 23, 24. Weinert, at Pleasant View, Aug. 26. McCauley, at Nienda, Aug. 28. Hamlin, Aug. 29. Tye, Sept. 5, 6.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

Terrell District—Second Round. Terrell, June 14. O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round. Cochran and Maple Ave., June 6, 7. J. L. MORRIS, P. M.

Sherman District—Third Round. Travis St. Sta., June 14. Van Aistyne Sta., June 20, 21. Gunter Miss., at Maple, June 26, 28. Howe Ct., at Howe, June 28, 29. Whitesboro Sta., July 3, 4. Sadler Ct., at Rock Creek, July 10-12. Pottsboro Sta., July 17, 19. Preston Miss., at Preston, July 24-26. Bells Miss., at Tom Bean, Aug. 1, 2. Southmayd Ct., at Ethel, Aug. 7, 9. Pecan & Friendship, at Pecan, Aug. 14, 16. Trinity Miss., Aug. 21, 23. Waples Memorial Sta., Aug. 28, 30. C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

Bonham District—Third Round. Honey Grove Sta., June 13, 14. Dodd and Windom, June 17. South Bonham and R., June 20, 21. Ector Cir., June 27, 28. Bonham Sta., June 28, 29. Ladonia Sta., July 4, 5. Bailey Cir., July 11, 12. Lamasco Mis., July 18, 19. Petty and Whitecock, July 22. Trenton Cir., July 25, 26. Brookston, Aug. 1, 2. Gober Mis., Aug. 8, 9. Petty Mis., Aug. 15, 16. M. L. HAMILTON, P. E.

Decatur District—Third Round. Decatur Cir., June 27, 28. Decatur Sta., June 28, 29. Jacksboro Mis., July 4, 5. Jacksboro Sta., July 5, 6. Boyd and Garvin, July 11, 12. Paradise, July 18, 19. Chico Cir., July 25, 26. Chico Sta., July 26, 27. Bridgeport, Aug. 1, 2. Greenwood, August 15, 16. Alvord, August 16, 17. Gibtown, August 23, 24. Justin, Sept. 5, 6. Ponder and Krum, Sept. 6, 7. Rhome, Sept. 12, 13. L. S. BARTON, P. E.

McKinney District—Third Round. McKinney Sta., June 13, 14. Blue Ridge Cir., at Climax, June 20, 21. Farmersville Sta., June 21, 22. Prosper Cir., at Prosper, June 27, 28. Frisco Cir., at Frisco, July 4, 5. Farmers Branch & Carrollton, at Carrollton, July 11, 12. Josephine Cir., at Milam's Church,

July 18, 19. Allen Cir., at Murphy, July 24. Wylie Cir., at Pleasant V., July 25, 26. Anna Mis., at Chambersville, Aug. 22, 23. Princeton Cir., at Copeville, Aug. 29, 30. Weston Cir., at Roseland, Aug. 1, 2. Celina Sta., Aug. 2, 3. Renner Cir., at Camp ground, Aug. 8, 9. Plano Sta., Aug. 15, 16. J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Paris District—Third Round. Rosalie, at McKenzie, June 13, 14. Blossom & Sylvan, at S., June 20, 21. Detroit Sta., June 21, 22. District E. L. Conference at Clarks-ville 8 p. m. June 25-28. Deport, at Halesboro, July 4, 5. Shady and Marvin, at Pattonville, July 5, 6. Roxton, at Atlas, July 11, 12. Emberson, at Forest Chap., July 18, 19. Annona, at Garland's Chap., July 25, 26. Woodland and Kanawha, at Kanawha, Aug. 1, 2. Paris Cir., at Reno, Aug. 8, 9. Bonham Street, Aug. 9, 10. Clarksville Miss., at Union, Aug. 15, 16. Clarksville Sta., Aug. 16, 17. Bagwell Miss., at Lone Star, Aug. 22, 23. Avery Miss., Aug. 29, 30. Lamar Avenue, Sept. 5, 6. Centenary, Sept. 6, 7. JOHN M. SWEETON, P. E.

Greenville District—Third Round. Greenville Miss., at Concord, June 6, 7. Kingston, at Mt. Carmel, June 13, 14. Lee St., at Lee St., June 20, 21. Fairlie, at O. Branch, June 27, 28. Quinlan, at Oak Grove, July 4, 5. Commerce Miss., at Century, July 11, 12. Floyd, at Floyd, July 18, 19. Lone Oak, at Miller Grove, July 25, 26. Merit, at Harrell, Aug. 1, 2. Celeste, at Lane, Aug. 8, 9. Campbell, at Friendship, Aug. 15, 16. Wolfe City Sta., Aug. 22, 23. Commerce Sta., Aug. 29, 30. Leonard, at Orange Grove, Sept. 5, 6. Kavanaugh Sta., Sept. 12, 13. Wesley Sta., Sept. 19, 20. JOHN H. McLEAN, P. E.

Gainesville District—Third Round. Pilot Point, June 12. Woodbine, at Spring C., June 14, 15. Marysville Cir., at Sivil's B., July 4, 5. Aubrey Cir., at Oak Grove, July 11, 12. Rosston Cir., at Rosston, July 17-19. Myra Cir., at Vanslike, July 25, 26. Wesley & Burns, at Zion, Aug. 1, 2. Collinsville & Tioga, at C., Aug. 2, 3. Era & Bolivar, at Spring C., Aug. 8, 9. Sanger and Valley View, at Valley View, Aug. 9, 10. Broadway, Aug. 15, 16. Denton Street, Aug. 16, 17. Bonita Cir., at Liberty Chapel, Aug. 22, 23. Denton Sta., Aug. 24. Dexter Cir., at Liberty H., Aug. 29, 30. The Gainesville District Conference will convene in Broadway Methodist Church at Gainesville June 24. Opening sermon at 8:15 p. m. by Rev. W. D. Mountcastle. The District League Conference convenes June 23, 8:15, same place. Committees of examination: License to Preach and Admission on Trial—T. R. Pierce, W. B. Bayless and E. G. Roberts. Deacon's and Elder's Orders—H. B. Johnson, J. D. Whitehead and T. H. Morris. D. H. ASTON, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE

Calvert District—Second Round. Wheelock, Harris Chapel, June 13, 14. Bryan Station, June 20, 21. E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

Jacksonville District—Second Round. Brushy Creek, at Vernon, June 13, 14. Henderson Cir., U. Chapel, June 20, 21. ELLIS SMITH, P. E.

Huntsville District—Third Round. Madisonville Miss., High Prairie, June 12, 13. Madisonville Sta., June 14, 15. Willis & Montgomery, Spring Branch, June 20, 21. Waller Miss., at W., July 4, 5. Grapeland & Lovelady, G., July 11, 12. Crockett Sta., July 15. Dodge Miss, Black Jack, July 18, 19. Huntsville Sta., July 19, 20. Hempstead Miss, Kirby, July 25, 26. Willard, at Glendale, Aug. 2, 3. Groveton Sta., Aug. 1, 2. Conroe Sta., Aug. 5. Anderson Cir., Fairview, Aug. 8, 9. Cold Springs Cir., at Point Blank, Aug. 15, 16. Shepherd & Cleveland, C., Aug. 23, 24. Augusta Cir., Aug. 29, 30. Trinity & Onalaska, at T., Aug. 31. Stonehame & Plantersville Miss., at P., Sept. 5, 6. San Jacinto Cir., at Bay, Sept. 9. Navasota Sta., Sept. 13, 14. H. C. WILLIS, P. E.

Alto, at Adams, July 18, 19. Rusk, July 19. Troup and Overton, at B., July 22. Hallville, at Hallville, July 25, 26. Centenary, Aug. 2, at 11 a. m. Athens, Aug. 2, at 8 p. m. Malakoff, at Aley, Aug. 15, 16. (Others later.) ELLIS SMITH, P. E.

San Augustine District—Third Round. Center sta., June 13, 14. Shelbyville, Wadkinshill, Wed, June 17. Tenaha, at Concord, June 20, 21. Cushing, at Douglass, June 27, 28. Nacogdoches sta., June 28, 29. Minden, at Bethel, July 4, 5. Geneva, at Patroon, July 11, 12. San Augustine, July 12, 13. Center cir., at Mt. Zion, July 18, 19. Beckville, at Rehobeth, July 25, 26. Timpon, Wed., July 29. Gary, at Wesley Chapel, Aug. 1, 2. Nacogdoches mis., at Prairiegrove, Aug. 8, 9. Carthage, Aug. 15, 16. Tatum, at Ward's Church, Aug. 22, 23. Melrose, at Union, Aug. 29, 30. More to follow. C. A. TOWER, P. E.

Brenham District—Third Round. Milano, June 13, 14. Thornedale, June 16. Rockdale, June 20, 21. Davilla, June 27, 28. Caldwell Mission, July 4, 5. Caldwell Station, July 5, 6. Chappell Hill, July 11, 12. Bellville, July 12, 13. Maysfield, July 13, 19. Lexington, July 25, 26. Giddings, July 27. Fulshear and Brookshire, Aug. 1, 2. Wharton, Aug. 15, 16. Hope, at Boxville, Aug. 22, 23. Sealy, Aug. 22, 23. Bay City, Aug. 28. Glen Flora and L. C., Aug. 29, 30. Somerville, Septem 5, 6. A. A. WAGNON, P. E.

Tyler District—Third Round. Big Sandy Cir., Gladewater, June 13, 14. Willis Point Cir., Palmer Grove, June 27, 28. Willis Point Sta., June 28, 29. Mt. Sylvan, Mt. Sylvan, July 4, 5. Lindale Station, July 5, 6. Edgewood Cir., Small, July 18, 19. Edgewood Station, July 19, 20. Chandler Cir., Red Hill, July 25, 26. Colfax Cir., Holly Springs, July 31. Meredith Cir., Forest Grove, Aug. 1, 2. Edom Cir., Ashburn Camp Ground, Aug. 8, 9. Canton Cir., Wallace, July 15, 16. Whitehouse Cir., Lane's Chapel, July 22, 23. Tyler, Marvin, July 23, 24. Harleton Cir., Harleton, Aug. 26. Waskom, Aug. 28. Harrison Cir., Aug. 29, 30. Grand Saline Sta., Sept. 2. Tyler Cir., Sept. 5, 6. Tyler, Cedar St., Sept. 6, 7. Mineola Sta., Sept. 12, 13. Marshall, North Marshall, Sept. 19, 20. Marshall, First Church, Sept. 20, 21. THOS. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Third Round. Gilmer Cir., at Hopewell, July 4. Gilmer Sta., July 5, 6. Linden, at Duncanville, July 10. Queen City, at Jones Chap, July 11, 12. Atlanta Sta., July 12, 13. Dalby Springs, at Lawrance Chapel, July 17. New Boston and DeKalb, July 18, 19. Hardy Memorial, July 24. Nash, at Red Springs, July 25, 26. Takakana, Central, July 26, 27. Red Water, at Concord, July 28. Winfield, at Oak Grove, July 31. Mt. Pleasant Sta., Aug. 1, 2. Coffeerville, at Independent Springs, Aug. 4. Pittsburg Cir., at Union Ridge, Aug. 14. Pittsburg Sta., Aug. 16, 17. Kelleyville, at Avinger, Aug. 21, 22. Jefferson Sta., Aug. 23, 24. Daingerfield, Aug. 27. Cason, Aug. 29, 30. Naples and Omaha, Sept. 5, 6. Leesburg, Sept. 10. Quitman, Sept. 12, 13. R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE

El Paso District—Third Round. Sanderson and Valentine, at Valentine, June 13, 14. Alpine, June 16. Marfa, June 17. Alomogordo, June 20, 21. Tularosa, June 22. Carrizo, June 24. Trinity, El Paso, June 30. J. B. COCHRAN, P. E. 1107 Boulevard, El Paso.

Albuquerque District—Third Round. Puerto, at Guay, June 13, 14. Roosevelt, June 17, 18. Grady, June 20, 21. Floyd, June 24, 25. Rock Lake, June 27, 28. Melrose, June 30. Clovis, July 1. Texico, July 2. Portales, July 3. Delphos, July 4. Elida, July 4, 5. Kenna, at Elkins, July 7. Cromer, at Greenville, July 9. Monument, July 11, 12. B. T. JAMES, P. E.



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Winfield did the preaching, and I can say that I have never seen his superior in revival work. He is a power both in pulpit and as a personal worker. I knew "Ted" when he was a little boy, and it was a great pleasure to us to have him with us. We praise God for his wonderful works, take fresh courage, and "On with the battle."—W. J. Mayhew, June 8.

## Pilot Grove.

Had a good day at Cottage Hill Sunday. Large and attentive congregation; 40 or 50 of the members and a few sinners came up at the close of the sermon and covenanted together to live better lives and do more for God and the world. Brother Chas. Barker is making a fine superintendent and his Sunday-school is preparing for Children's Day. Took dinner with V. M. Fulton and secured his name as a new subscriber to the Advocate. By the way, we are having fine luck with the Advocate. Its editor and publishers are loved throughout this country, and our motto is to put the Advocate into every Methodist home on this charge or know why. They take the Dallas News and other papers and not their Church paper.—J. T. Turner.

## Rising Star.

Yesterday was a great day in Rising Star for Methodism. Sunday before last was Children's Day, and I think we had the most beautiful service I have ever witnessed. At the close of this service the door of the Church was opened and twenty-five boys and girls came forward and gave their names. During the following week the homes of these children were visited, and the parents and also the children held consultation together, and after meeting with this class of boys and girls on Friday evening, at which time we read to them the rules of the Church, and explained the vows, they were received into the Church. Sunday morning fathers and mothers, sons and daughters were all happy. We thank God and move on.—R. F. Brown, June 8.

## Merkel.

You were in error in stating that the recent good revival at Merkel was conducted by me. It was under the auspices of the Baptist Church. Our meeting begins July 3. Rev. J. R. Henson and Rev. R. F. Dunn will be with us. Everything moving up at Merkel.—S. J. Vaughan.

## Quitman.

On the night of May 23 our church at Hainesville was destroyed by a cyclone. I made a call through the Advocate for help to rebuild as we could not rebuild without help. The following brethren responded to the call: Bro. J. M. Nickens, Wills Point, \$2.50; Bro. F. C. McMillan, Hillsboro, Texas, \$2; Bro. John Williams, Williamsburg, Texas, \$1; unknown party, 50 cents. We say to the good people who contributed to our call: Many thanks to you and may God bless you in this life and also in the world to come; may you receive life everlasting, and when the battle is over in this life, may you have stars in your crown, and when you reach the home of the pure and the good, may it be that you can look from that world of glory back to this old world and even on Hainesville Church and say, I did not build that church, but I did put a plank in the wall, or a shingle on the roof, in order that the people of God could have a place to worship. God bless you, brethren.—J. S. Ogle.

## Goliad.

I am now closing the fourth years' work at this place. We have just had a most excellent meeting in which Bro. J. W. Cowan, from Cuero, did the preaching. There were eleven accessions to the Church. At Fannin the Sunday-school rendered a most excellent program on Children's Day, and the school will soon do the same here. Our debts caused in rebuilding after

the cyclone have all been paid and we have a most beautiful church and comfortable parsonage. This is a delightful climate, healthful place and as pleasant a charge in most respects as there is in the State. The man who finds himself appointed here next conference may say that "the lines have fallen to him in pleasant places."—J. M. Lynn.

## Grace Church, Palestine.

When Bishop Candler read my name out for Grace Church I knew not just what would be the results, regardless of the fact that I had spent a part of last year here. When I returned here from conference, the people were seemingly glad, but, behind all that, I could see a longing for a preacher. However, I was told to be at the home of J. A. Campbell Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The evening and hour came, and, in my boyish thoughts, I wondered what was going to take place. Arriving at the door I found old men, young men, old women, young women, good-looking men and women and ugl—; no all of them look pretty well, especially the ladies. A lady met me at the door (some of the preachers who have had the same experience may know I was not excited), and asked me to follow her. She led me through the room, then around it about twice, across the hall and introduced me to people whose names I have never heard, or whose faces I have never seen from that day till this, that is, I have no recollection of them. I didn't know whether to stand, sit, or bow. Just then a woman, realizing the embarrassment of the situation, asked me to be seated. Just then began solos, duets, quartettes and readings. I pinched myself twice and decided that I was not myself. As the program was carried on, I sat with each foot and hand at its (where I thought) proper place, anxious to know what would come next. A good-looking, "long complected" man came to me and said: "This reception is given in honor of our new pastor." I waited for some one to say something, forgetting all about my being the pastor. Then he said: "Come with me, this is all in your honor." I followed him and soon found myself in the dining room, where, for the first time that evening, I felt at home. Saying it all in a few words, every fellow made a first-class hand while in the dining room, and all left feeling that it was good to have been there, and that one of the most pleasant evenings of our lives had just been spent. If the last half of this year is as successful as has been the first half with Grace Church, it will round out a "whopper." The Senior Epworth League has doubled in membership and its devotional services are well attended. The Junior Epworth League is doing the best work of its history; the two Leagues have raised and expended on the Church \$134; raised for the poor \$40. The Sunday-school enrollment has grown from 208 to 400. The teachers are more regular in attendance than any Sunday-school with which I have ever been associated. The school is graded so that every scholar is just where he belongs. The pastor is teaching a class with an enrollment of 125 young men and women. The prayer-meeting has grown from 10 to 80 in attendance. I have received 96 members into the Church since conference. Rev. Jesse Willis came to us May 18 and preached twice per day for more than two weeks. He preached some of the best sermons I have ever heard him deliver. Ten years had passed since I heard him. I thought it almost impossible for a man to improve in preaching as much as has Bro. Willis. His sermons are indeed strong and forceful and cause men to think of a higher life. There were 75 conversions; 40 joined Grace Church; several joined other Churches of the city. The choir was a great feature in the meeting; it consisted of 75 voices and five instruments. Better singing was rendered during the meeting than has been in Palestine in some time. Best of all is everybody is feeling good and willing to push forward the work of

the Church. The last Sunday of the meeting a collection was taken to pay a debt of eight years' standing, amounting to \$400. The amount has been raised and the parsonage is out of debt for the first time in the history of the Church. To God be all the praise for any success that might come to us.—Thos. R. Morehead.

## THE FORT WORTH METHODIST PASTORS' ASSOCIATION.

The Fort Worth Methodist Pastors' Association met Monday, June 8. Devotional exercises were led by Presiding Elder O. F. Sensabaugh.

Upon motion of Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker was appointed to prepare a paper for consideration, July 6, upon the relation of the Church to the mission and settlement work of the city.

The question concerning the laymen's movement was discussed.

Recent revival results in Fort Worth Methodism:

First Church, H. D. Knickerbocker, pastor: Five hundred conversions, with 200 accessions to First Church, and one hundred to other Churches; eight young men called to preach; \$17,500 raised for all purposes.

Mulkey Memorial, W. H. Matthews, pastor: One hundred conversions; ninety-three accessions; one young man called to preach; two young women consecrated to mission work; conference collections raised and quite a surplus; Church finances up in full.

Polytechnic College, H. M. Long, pastor: One hundred conversions; ninety additions; seven young women volunteered for mission work; eight young men called to preach; conference collections about raised; church building projected; the largest Home Mission Society in the district.

Missouri Avenue, O. P. Kiker, pastor: Two hundred conversions; about 90 additions to the Church; one young man called to preach; Home Mission Society, No. 2, organized with 30 members.

Central Church, L. A. Webb, pastor: Meeting to be held soon; good services yesterday.

Glenwood, F. E. Singleton, pastor: A splendid meeting with a number of additions; other meetings have been held, but pastors not being present, no data obtainable.

Dr. E. D. Mouzon, of San Antonio, was a welcomed visitor to the meeting and spoke a few words to the body.

## DALLAS METHODIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE.

The Methodist Pastors' Conference of Dallas met at the Publishing House, June 8, with Rev. H. A. Bourland in the chair. The Scripture was read by Bro. Bourland and prayer offered by Rev. H. L. Booth. The following members answered to their names: W. D. Bradfield, D. Schrimpf, H. A. Bourland, G. H. Adams, J. H. Griffin. The following visitors were present: W. A. Edwards, H. L. Booth, G. S. Sandel, J. R. Cole, G. S. Jackson.

The following pastors made reports of their work: Trinity, W. D. Bradfield, pastor: Been in financial and revival campaign for some time; 41 accessions as result of revival, with three more last Sunday; raised \$2,500 in cash, and \$1,500 in subscriptions.

Wesley Chapel, Daniel Schrimpf, pastor: Fine day; good attendance at all services; cottage prayer-meetings doing good work; conversions at almost every service; preached Sunday to flood sufferers at relief tents.

Maple Avenue, G. H. Adams, pastor: Quarterly meeting yesterday; Dr. Morris preached; fine services; raised \$48.50 for Wesley House; 1 accession. Oaklawn, J. H. Griffin, pastor: Children's Day; packed house; 1 accession; raised about \$80 for flood sufferers since last report.

Grace, A. L. Andrews, pastor: Fine congregations; 1 accession; 517 at Sunday-school.

H. A. Bourland reported that he had preached twice to fine congregations.

Rev. H. L. Booth, of North Alabama

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Conference, addressed the meeting for awhile.

Rev. G. S. Jackson reported progress in his work; fine attendance; in need of money.

Prof. J. R. Cole addressed the conference in regard to a school he contemplates founding. A resolution endorsing his plan was unanimously adopted.

Rev. W. A. Edwards worshiped at Oak Cliff. Reports two fine services and everything in fine condition; three accessions.

A. L. ANDREWS, Pres.  
JOS. H. GRIFFIN, Sec.

## A STATEMENT.

I think it right to make the following statement to my brethren of the Texas Conference. At my own request I have been relieved of the duties of pastor of Petteway charge. This action was necessary on my part in order that I might take personal care of my aged mother and two orphan children of my brother, who need a home and protection. It was further necessary on account of my health; for the past three months I have been unable to preach or do any work at all. I am improving some, but still unable to work. So I am, at least for a while, out of the regular work, but my heart and sympathy is with the itinerant hosts, and especially those of the Texas Conference. I love the Church and my brethren, and intend to continue to strive to be useful. My address is Kosse, Texas. T. R. CAIN.

## PRESIDING ELDERS AND PASTORS TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The regular annual meeting of the Texas Conference Epworth League Conference will meet in Tabernacle Church, corner of Polk Avenue and Caroline Street, Houston, at 8 o'clock p. m., Friday, July 3, and I wish that you would see that all of your Leagues are represented, and that you urge as many of your members as possible to be in attendance. It is especially desired that all active Leaguers, preach-

ers and presiding elders be present, as matters of great importance will come before this meeting.

Railroad rates (very cheap) will be given commencing with the morning trains of July 3 and will be good for return up to and including July 6.

Names of delegates and other visitors should be sent to the undersigned, in order that homes may be provided for them. Every League should be represented, and it is necessary for the success of our League work that they are.

An interesting program will be prepared, and we want you to come because the Master's work needs you.

TOM C. SWOPE, Pres.  
Houston, Texas, June 8.

## UNANSWERED LETTERS.

May 21—J. C. Huddleston, sub.; J. H. Hamblen, sub.; W. C. Hinds, change; Leonard Rea, sub.; T. W. Sharp, sub.

May 22—L. T. Chapman, sub.; J. M. Smith, o. k.; J. M. Baker, subs.

May 23—E. A. Patterson, sub.; M. L. Moody, sub.; J. M. Barcus, sub.; J. W. Bridges, sub.; W. R. Campbell, change.

May 25—Geo. Ward, sub.

May 26—W. R. McCarter, sub.; W. E. Washburn, change; H. D. Knickerbocker, sub.

May 28—H. N. Weaks, sub.; C. M. Kennedy, sub.; J. J. Davis, sub.; A. A. Kldd, has attention; C. W. Jacob, sub.; J. W. Black, sub.; Ed Prather, subs.

May 29—M. W. Clark, sub.; N. W. Turner, sub.

May 30—A. F. Hendrix, sub.; J. J. Davis, sub.; R. A. Waltrip, has attention; R. A. Clements, sub.; G. R. Fort, sub.

June 1—H. T. Cunningham, sub.; H. T. Hart, sub.; I. E. Hightower, o. k.; M. C. Blackburn, sub.; J. P. Callaway, sub.; G. H. Bryant, sub.; Frank Hughen, o. k., thanks.

June 2—I. W. Clark, sub.; O. C. Swinney, sub.; J. A. Moody, sub.

June 4—L. C. Lilly, sub.; J. H. Averitt, sub.; L. B. Tooley, o. k.; S. J. Vaughan, thank you; J. M. Baker, subs.; W. F. Davis, sub.; M. D. Hill, sub.; D. W. Gardner, sub.

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