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THE position of the Steward in the Church is one of the most important created by the authorities of our Zion. There is none of graver responsibility and none more vitally connected with the work of the Church. True, it is a position without the slightest financial remuneration. It requires considerable work, often of a thankless kind, and without material reward. Upon him the preacher depends more implicitly than upon any other class of men associated with him in the enterprises of the kingdom. He fixes the preacher's salary, looks after collecting it, and keeps an eye on the needs of the parsonage. A faithful Steward is absolutely indispensable. Without him the preacher would not be able to remain on his charge or to preach the gospel to his people.

Then, the Steward ought to be one of the best and truest men in membership of his society. His character ought to be above reproach and his life beyond reasonable criticism. When the people see him or stand face to face with him they ought to be able to recognize in him a genuine man of God, one who walks uprightly and has constant fellowship with Christ. This gives to him influence with the people and it gives him access to their hearts and to their means. When he comes to them, they respect him, treat him con-

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siderately and respond to his calls upon them for their contributions. They know that he is sincere and honest and they accept his word as they would a gilt-edge bond.

He ought to be a well-informed man on matters of Church doctrines and polity. It is not absolutely necessary for him to be technically an educated man; but he ought not to be an ignorant man concerning the work of the Church and its enterprises. He ought to be familiar with the general teachings of his Bible, he ought to know his Church Discipline and he ought to take and read his Church paper. With this equipment he is prepared to represent his Church in the position he holds. He knows why he is a Christian man, why he is a Methodist, and why he holds his place as a Steward in the Church of God. When he goes before the people he ought to be able to tell them what the Church requires of them and why it requires it. When they seek information of him as to the needs of the Church and of its enterprises, he ought to be able to impart the information and leave them satisfied.

The Steward ought to be a very devoutly loyal man to the doctrines and to

the institutions of the Church. He ought to support them with his means and with his influence. Under all circumstances and everywhere he ought to be a stalwart Methodist, rooted and grounded in the faith, and be able to give an intelligent reason for the faith and the hope within him. Thus he becomes a pillar in the Church and his service is good to the use of edifying. The preacher will always know when and where to put his hand on that sort of an official, and he can always depend upon him.

He ought to be a consistent, prudent and wise man. In his conduct, in his speech and in his manner of life he ought to be devoted to the peace and harmony of the Church, not a gossip, not a meddler, not a busybody, not a promoter of strife. On the contrary, his influence ought to be for quietness, for orderly living, for good will in his community and for brotherly love. He ought to allay all hurtful criticism of the preacher or of the membership, and do his best to keep a discreet spirit among the people.

He ought to be a broad, liberal man. A stingy, niggardly Steward, who is constantly trying to curtail legitimate expense, close in his own contributions, is hurtful

to the efficiency of the preacher and to the progress of the Church. He must be a man of vision and progressive in his views, else the plans of the Church will be crippled and its enterprises hindered. He must be a liberal and a cheerful giver himself in order to induce other people to give liberally and cheerfully.

The preacher and the congregation ought to esteem the work of the Steward very highly. He works as a servant of the Church and because he loves her doctrines and her usages. When he comes round to collect his weekly or monthly or quarterly dues, let the people receive him kindly and make him glad that he has called upon them. He is not in your presence to collect for himself. You are not doing him a favor; he is doing you a favor. It is nothing to him, personally, whether you respond to his call or not; he is not representing himself, but he is representing his Master. He is giving you an opportunity to help keep up the expenses of your Church. Therefore, receive him in the name of the Master and make him glad that he has taken his time away from his business to hunt you up to get your contribution. In this way the people can be vastly helpful to the Steward and to the Church. The preacher will not be hampered and cramped in his duties and the whole machinery of the charge will run smoothly.

THE GRACIOUS OFFICES OF WIFEHOOD.

THE Twentieth Century New Testament translates I Peter 3:4, concerning women as "the inner life with the imperishable beauty of a quiet and gentle spirit; for this is very precious in God's sight."

In this inner life of imperishable beauty lies the secret of wifehood's charms and of wifehood's power. The supreme office of wifehood is manifested in the "quiet and gentle spirit" which is very precious in God's sight. A steward in the Methodist Church said to his pastor: "I claimed to be a skeptic, and I could answer every sermon I ever heard to my entire satisfaction. There was one thing I couldn't answer. That was the gentleness and kindness of my wife. A large family of children came to us, but she was always so quiet and gentle with me and with the children that she broke down all my skepticism and brought me to Christ." A sorrowing husband said of his wife who had that day gone to the heavenly home, "I owe everything good in me to my wife. I was wayward, but she did not scold. She lived such a gentle, sweet Christian life that I was won to the Christian Church and am religious through the gentle offices of my wife."

A lady in less than a half year after her marriage, went to the preacher who officiated at her wedding and, in great distress of mind, said, "I am going to leave my husband." The minister asked, "Do

you ever speak sharply or unkindly to him?" "Yes, I do," she replied, "and he deserves it." The preacher said, "I am sure he deserves it, but you make a fatal mistake when you give him what he deserves. What you must do is to make him a good husband. You do that by kindness. No other way." Two years after that the minister was standing at a street corner. This lady, elegantly dressed and beaming with happiness, stepped up to him and said, "I wish you to visit us in our pretty home. Your rule works and we are very happy."

THE ART OF PUBLIC PRAYER.

A PUBLIC prayer is not only made to God on his throne, but is also made for the helping of those who hear. It must edify the congregation. Public prayer must, therefore, have some distinguishing characteristics in order to edify the hearers.

1. It must be definite.—Aimless generalities do not make an edifying prayer. He who leads should have something definite to pray for. No preacher should go before his people Sunday without knowing and feeling intensely the burden of a definite petition.

2. It must not include too many things. If the preacher remembers everything and everybody every Sunday in his prayer that prayer will cease to edify. It grows stale. To lead the minds of the people to some one object of prayer and to do so with an earnestness that is con-

tagious, edifies. In this there appears the great superiority of extempore prayer over the printed prayer. Rightly used the first is a heart-to-heart appeal to God, while the second often goes no further than a form of worship.

3. Public prayer should be pertinent. The objects of petitions must be those in which the hearers are interested or may be, by prayer, brought into sympathy with. At a great convention a distinguished divine was to make the invocation. An enterprising reporter slipped up to him before the prayer and asked for the salient points of the prayer to be offered. The reporter was, possibly, discourteous, but the point he made was a good one. Did that minister go before that convention to pray with them without studying beforehand the condition and needs of those men and how he could touch them for good?

Sometimes life has one great and consuming aim, and the whole drift of life current is pressed in that direction. It requires its full volume to accomplish the end in view. How unwise, therefore, it is to tap the flowing stream at close intervals in order to turn a sufficiency of the volume to side ends. By and by we dissipate the current and when the supply reaches the main end, there is not enough for the demand. The end is defeated. Life's great objects often fail because we attempt too many little things. We waste our forces on trifles, and do not even make a success of them.

GET INFORMATION FROM ORIGINAL SOURCES.

IT IS very important that public speakers be careful about making statements without ability to prove them. So far as possible it is wise to seek original sources of information. Many personal and historical incidents are related to audiences as actual occurrences when they are very apocryphal, if not positively contrary to the facts.

A good old brother who preached that Job went down into Egypt and found Moses worshiping idols had the authority of some monkish fable in a book he had picked up. He related it as authentic history. It does not sound well in the ears of intelligent hearers for one preacher to tell things as happening to Wesley, and next Sunday another preacher relates them as incidents in the life of Bishop Butler or Thomas Aquinas.

Preachers should know whereof they speak when stating historical events or personal experiences of others. This is more important than is ordinarily judged to be. The narrative carries the lesson, but when the narrator applies it to the wrong person the effect is lost on intelligent hearers.

Satan is very resourceful and does not put his worst foot foremost when he deals with the children of God. He assumes a very pious air and tries to make that which is really wrong look like it is plausible and necessary.

Just One Thing After Another

By Gulliver

Well, the conferences are all over, 1913 has passed into history, the new year is upon us, and all the readers of these incoherent sentences have no doubt in one way or another asked themselves what they are going to do about it. Like many others, I have passed unanimously a series of good resolutions, all of which may be comprehended under one general head—"I am going to be and do my level best." I have adopted these same resolutions many times before, and candor compels me to say that they have not been fully carried out in letter and spirit. But I recall the old legend: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." It would seem that so many repeated failures would discourage me from attempting any further improvement; but I remember that the strength of a man is not alone displayed in standing up, but in getting up after he has fallen down. When I was a boy we had a few cows. Feed was sometimes scarce and the winters severe, and some of those cows would become so run down as to reach that stage which we called "on the lift," by which was meant that the said cows, when they lay down, had to be assisted in order to get up. I myself have been on the lift more than once; but I record the fact with gratitude today that, up to date, there has not failed me sufficient help to rise up and go again. I am so glad that this matter of "help" is one of the fundamental features of the Gospel. The Psalmist, in acknowledging this Divine assistance, gratefully exclaims: "Thou hast laid help upon one that is mighty; one chosen from among the people." To that help I confidently look to assist me in carrying out my present series of New Year resolutions. It is a custom in the business world to invoice stock at this time of the year. I have no "goods and chattels" to speak of, but I have been taking an invoice of my attainments in physical, mental and spiritual matters. In the matter of the first item I find myself O. K. I am in splendid health, though inclined just a little to corpulency. I have lost some hair in the twelve months; and it looks like now that unless this waste is checked, in a few more years at most I will be as bald as an onion. I have never been what one might call beautiful, or even handsome; but when one considers this red Irish face and aristocratic nose of mine, a shining pate is not likely to add to my personal appearance. But in the matter of good, or rather bad, looks, I have sufficient company to pass away the evening very pleasantly. In this group of kindred spirits, or, to be true to the facts, of kindred bodies, I am glad to number such illustrious names as Alderson, Solomon and even the editor and the publisher of the Texas Christian Advocate. With such handsome Jakes as Kilgore, Bradford, Packard, Hay, Culver and Frank Onderdonk, I have nothing physically in common.

As to my mental equipment, I find that a good deal of stock is shelve-worn. I have several items on hand which merchants call "stickers." They only take up room and are of little or no real value. I mean to clean out these shelves this year and stock up with something fresh and up-to-date. I have secured too much second-hand stuff in the past. I am determined on nothing this year but new goods. I have added some very valuable books to my library; I have picked my ears and propped up my eyelids. I look forward to the Summer School of Theology with the hope of replenishing my stock with some real good things. That is a great market; though I have met several salesmen down there who offered me new wares, which upon investigation I found to be old "dreck" revarnished and passed off for new goods. I have mentioned this before; those Calvinists from our Eastern colleges have just discovered the doctrines of Wesleyan theology and are proclaiming it with the gusto and an enthusiasm of original thinkers. If it were not somewhat discouraging, it would be really amusing to see them with clinched fist beating the Book and with bulging eyes and elevated voice declaring that "Salvation is free to all men." Preliminary to such statements, they sometimes cautiously and modestly suggest that their hearers may not fully agree with them; that "Advanced Thought" is not always received at first with good relish; but that pioneers and leaders in every department must assume the risk of being considered heretical! It is really almost funny.

Pursuing the matter of invoice, I find that my spiritual equipment is not as complete as it should be. The supply is not equal to the demand. For the Christian, and especially the preacher, must not only keep his own house in order, but help to clean up and fumigate the abodes of others. And I believe it is safe to say that this service for others is an indispensable factor to the proper service of self. I believe it to be impossible for any man to live the life of a model Christian without helping some other to spiritual improvement. It is not only "more blessed," but more helpful, subjectively and personally, "to give than to receive." Spiritual wealth, as material havings, must be invested if any increase is expected—yea, if even the principal is preserved. Paul states a great fact, true in every direction, when he declares that "no man liveth unto himself." Resolution No. 1 of my present New Year series has to do with the increase of my spiritual assets; and as this increase depends upon my assistance to others, the conclusion forces itself upon me that I must lay myself out in "doing good unto all men—especially unto those who are of the household of faith." And this help, in order to be properly administered, must be intelligently given. It is not enough merely to be "busy." The Christian must be as "wise as a serpent" in the distribution of his spiritual benefactions. I hold that no preacher ought to allow any man in his town to rise earlier, work harder and retire later than he. But this does not mean that he is to go gadding about dispensing small talk, telling yarns and eating big dinners. Not that he should go around with a long face, carrying a Bible under his arm and chilling the atmosphere of every circle he enters; but that with a cheerful spirit and with brotherly kindness he should meet men as a man—a brother man—and enter in sympathetically to all their troubles and perplexities, and rather by the presence of the Christ spirit than by set phrases of exhortation impress the people that he loves them because he first loved God. If he be wise and prudent he will find abundant opportunity to get in a word for his Master in every conversation he has, without cant and without prudery. The real test of any Christian, and especially of any preacher, is what those people think of him who know him best. There are men whose reputation is much more savory among those who know them in an official relation only than among those who come in contact with them day by day. It is an old saying that "a new broom sweeps clean, but that an old one knows where the dirt lies." I have no confidence in a man's religion whose own family and whose neighbors do not believe in him. A man whose home life and community life are at variance with his high profession of Christian faith and charity is a travesty upon the very name of a Disciple of Jesus Christ.

Prior to the meeting of the General Conference at Birmingham eight years ago I drafted a memorial to that body, which was unanimously adopted by the North Texas Conference, looking to the organization of a tract society, or the institution of some means by which tracts, booklets, etc., "setting forth our doctrines and explaining our discipline," might be gratuitously distributed among our people. The memorial was presented to the General Conference and was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests. Before that committee reported back to the conference a similar memorial by a Texas District Conference, which had been introduced and referred to the Committee on Colportage, was acted upon by that committee, which referred the whole matter to the Board of Missions. When the report came before the Conference I called attention to the fact that the memorial from the North Texas Conference had been favorably considered by the committee having it in charge, and that Dr. Palmore, the Chairman of the Committee on Publishing Interests, was then ready to report. Upon this, Dr. Lambuth, now Bishop Lambuth, the Chairman of the Committee on Colportage, assured me that his report covered all my memorial asked for, and the Conference adopted it. When the real facts came to light the Colportage recommendation was very foreign to what the North Texas Conference had in mind. The Colportage report empowered the Board of Missions to translate tracts into foreign languages for distribution, both at home and abroad. For our English-speaking people here,

whose homes were being flooded by literature advocating every form of heresy, there was no help at all provided. I wrote to Dr. Lambuth, complaining of this and restating to him our needs. He wrote me kindly and at length, acknowledging that he had misunderstood the situation and had honestly thought that the tract legislation suggested by the Committee on Colportage was the thing contemplated in my memorial. I published his letter in the Texas Christian Advocate, not only to vindicate my own vigilance in the matter, but to create additional enthusiasm, if possible, upon the question of much-needed tract distribution.

Eight years have passed and the matter remains in statu quo. In the meantime the homes of our people, especially in the poorer sections of our cities, and in the country charges, are deluged with Russellism, Advent-

ism, Immersion Apologetics, and every conceivable form of anti-Methodist teaching! Several brethren suggested to me that I take the matter up again and try to get the coming General Conference to adopt some measure of relief. For obvious reasons I hesitated to do this before the meeting of my conference; but now that the conference has passed I feel free to discuss the question; and I trust that some of our Western delegates will bring the matter before the General Conference in Oklahoma City and secure the much-needed help. One per cent of the gross receipts of our several General Boards would give us everything we need in these premises. Brethren, please look after it. Our young people especially are being led astray all over this country, and we are practically unable to answer back.

yond the persons involved in a political contest and recognize the principles at stake. Such popular maxims as, 'No man should be a judge in his own case.' 'The ballot a responsibility.' 'Patriotism above party.' 'Measure, not men.' 'A public office is a public trust.' fostered self-restraint and helped the voters to take an impersonal, long-range view of political contests.

"Warm-hearted, sociable, clannish and untrained, the naturalized Irish failed to respect the first principles of civics. 'What is the constitution between friends?' expresses their point of view. In their eyes an election is not the decision of a great, impartial jury, but a struggle between the 'ins' and the 'outs.' Those who vote the same way are 'friends.' To scratch or to bolt is to go back on your friends."—Prof. E. A. Ross in The Century.

Rome's Dictation Spurred.

It may be well enough to remark here, just as a kind of encouragement, that France is getting along very nicely without the great Napoleon Bonaparte and that Rome is still on the map and doing business at the old stand without Julius Caesar. In our own country advancement and expansion did not cease or education and civilization experience any halt because of the death of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson or Lincoln. The Monroe Doctrine and the high American ideals of a century ago have not been abandoned, and the great Republic of the New World has become the leading government of the earth, and its future power and glory cannot be foretold. Its onward march has never lagged or its path of glory been dimmed. All this under Protestant rule and freedom for all. We want no change and no interference from Rome or the Pope's agents in America. Neither do we want any city or State controlled by a combination of Catholics, saloon men and gamblers under the name of Democrats or any other name.

Arms Issued to Catholic Colleges by War Department.

I will now let ex-Congressman Watson of Georgia talk a little on this subject. I clip the following from a daily paper of December 31:

"The Secretary of War and his immediate advisers, including the Judge Advocate General of the Army, have been able to avoid, they believe, the embarrassment which they feel Representative 'Tom' Watson, who runs a newspaper magazine at his old home in Georgia, sought to fasten on them. Mr. Watson has been insisting the Government, especially the War Department, is in the hands of the Roman Catholics, and that too much attention is being paid to that Church and the 'demands' made by the representatives of the Church in this country.

"Mr. Watson recently discovered that some universities and schools which are under Roman Catholic control have received arms and ammunition from the War Department, and that to such institutions are detailed army officers to serve as instructors in the military art. Watson goes to the extremity of saying that this material and this aid rendered by the War Department will be used some day against the Government and that it should be stopped. He has indulged in considerable correspondence the great volume of which is furnished by himself. The War Department so far has replied in brief letters which are intended to effectively allay any alarm which Watson may really entertain.

"The Secretary of War points out in a letter to Mr. Watson, founded on a communication furnished him by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, that there is ample statutory authority for whatever arms and ammunition have been issued to colleges and for whatever extent army officers are detailed as military instructors."

There is nothing visionary about Mr. Watson, and his concern does not spring from lack of courage. He is a practical man of National reputation and nerve enough to assert his convictions and point out the deep-convincing plans of the Roman Catholic Church in gradually and persistently grabbing all the political power it can in this country. The political power it has in this country today it has gained solely through the Democratic party. If that connection can be broken, Rum and Romanism, the saloons and gambling, will go down together in a crash.

Let Watson and Bailey Lead.

Ex-Congressman Watson and ex-Senator Bailey, of Texas, could successfully lead a movement for the separating of State and Church and for taking Rum and Romanism out of the Democratic Party in this country. Even in the South wherever and whenever the Prohibition question comes up the two great powers, Rum and Romanism, join hands and defiantly confront the moral Protestant half of the Democratic Party, always resorting to bribery, vilification and slander to

Our Letter From New York

Taggart Wins in Indiana—Prof. Ross Writes for Century Magazine About Irish Domination in City Politics. Rome's Dictation Spurred—Arms Issued to Catholic Colleges—What ex-Congressman Watson Says About It. Let Bailey and Watson Lead—A Democratic-Republican Party Needed—Religious War in the National Printing Office.

My repeated statements in my various letters to the Advocate that the Democratic Party, in most cities in the North and some of the States, has passed into the hands of Irish Catholics, the whiskey men, the gamblers and the riff-raff, was a bold statement to make. I have already furnished some evidence to substantiate my statement, and in this letter I will give still more. The word of one man is hardly sufficient to carry general conviction, and I am too modest to expect my word to be accepted in such a matter without substantial support. I also asserted and proved that the Wilson Administration and the Republican Party of this city and State worked together to overthrow Tammany Hall, Irish Catholic Boss Rule and Whiskey Rule. I will now show what happened in Indiana on Monday, December 29, and to do it I will copy Associated Press dispatches, headings and all:

DEMOCRATS HISS WILSON

Taggart Wins in Indiana Over Administration Opposition.

Indianapolis, Dec. 29.—Thomas Taggart will be in control of the Democratic State organization for two years more. His supporters dominated every district convention which elected new members of the State Committee, today, and Bernard Korbly, his candidate for the State Chairmanship, is conceded unanimous re-election.

The report had been circulated that President Wilson and Secretary Bryan were opposed to Taggart, and that he would have no voice in the distribution of Indiana patronage.

The Wilson Democrats have banded as the "Progressive Democratic Federation" and delegates will meet tomorrow to form a State organization and ultimately select another State Committee.

In one convention today the name of President Wilson was hissed. At another, when it was found that Taggart would be in control, the anti-Taggart delegates refused to enter the hall.

Here is what happened one day later, indicating that what took place in New York in November will take place in Indiana and elsewhere. This country will no longer submit to having one of its great National parties strangled by Irish Catholic rule, whiskey men and gamblers:

UNITE TO FIGHT TAGGART

Administration Democrats Form Federation in Indiana.

Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—Three hundred Progressive Democrats, headed by ex-Representative Boehme, of the First Congressional District, met here today and formed the Progressive Democratic Federation, which is pledged to fight the Taggart machine and rid the party of bossism.

Letters were received from many prominent members of the party pledging their support. Nearly all the letters and speakers drew contrasts between the Wilson Administration and the State Administration. The belief was freely expressed that President Wilson and Secretary Bryan are in sympathy with the anti-Taggart movement.

Who is Tom Taggart? Why, he is the big Irish Catholic Boss of the Democratic Party in Indiana, and he has been for many years, as Sullivan

has been in Chicago, Guffey in Pennsylvania and Murphy in New York. What business does Taggart follow? He is by profession a gin mill keeper, and he runs the biggest gambling joint in Indianapolis. Where did he get the following and the power to beat the moral element in the Democratic Party of Indiana, backed by the Wilson Administration? He got it from the Catholic Church, the saloons, brewers and gamblers. That's where all the Irish Catholic bosses get their power. The Wilson moral Democrats of Indiana will have to do as they did in New York if they wish to defeat the combination—join forces with the Republicans. Such elements cannot be reformed. It is a waste of time to try to do it. Once a Catholic always a Catholic. Once a gambler always a gambler. Once a whiskey seller always a whiskey seller, and when a man is all three rolled into one he is a devil incarnate. A moral prohibition Protestant Democrat who would attempt to swallow a pill like Taggart might remember that the box is full of the same nasty, bitter pills. Let us all get together and clean up the country and drive from power everything that smells of Catholicism and whiskey. Let the Protestant, temperance moral people get together in a party by themselves—Democrats, Republicans and Progressives. A good name for the party would be the Democratic-Republican Party. The word Democratic and Republican means practically the same thing—a republic or a government of the people. It is now time for the "hollerin" and "bellerin" over the tariff and over the antiquated issues to stop. Ancient, half-forgotten questions have a mouldy odor. We now have new conditions and a new generation to deal with them. A party with new life and inspiration, something that is fresh and fragrant and not dead and mouldy, is the need of this age.

I will now quote from the Century Magazine to give further evidence to back up my statements. I will call special attention to what the writer says about "the Irish domination of Northern cities." Such domination is only possible in cities and States where the Democratic Party allows itself to pass into the hands of the Irish Catholics and their allies, the whiskey men and gamblers. Happily a movement is now on foot to free the party of that load and disgrace. But the combination of Rum and Romanism is too strong to be defeated unless a union of opposing elements can be organized against it. That can easily be done by the joining of the moral, temperate, Protestant elements in the two National parties, and I cannot see how it can be accomplished in any other way.

Here are the views of Prof. E. A. Ross in the Century:

IRISH DOMINATION IN CITY POLITICS

Analysis of the Celtic Influence in American Municipal Government.

"The Irish domination of our Northern cities is the broadest mark immigration has left on American politics; the immigration from Ireland, for the most part excessively poor, never got their feet upon the land as did the Germans and the Scandinavians, but remained huddled in cities. United by strong race feelings, they held together as voters, and, although never a clear majority, were able in time to capture control of most of the greater municipalities.

"Now, for all their fine Celtic traits these Irish immigrants had neither the temperament nor the training to make a success of popular government. They were totally without experience of the kind Americans had acquired in the working of democratic institutions. The ordinary American by this time had become tintured with the spirit of legalism.

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gain victory. In the North, where there are so many cities and therefore so many foreigners, the Catholic Church and the saloons are much stronger than in the South, but even there they could not win elections with the moral Protestant forces united against them. In the United States the Democratic Party polls about six and a half million votes. I believe it safe to say that three million of them are the votes of Catholics, liquor people and gamblers and the riffraff in cities that fall in line with them. These facts must be plain to all. What are the American people going to do about it? Are they going to meet the issue? If so, how? Can a better plan than the one I have suggested be proposed? Will Watson, Bailey or some one answer?

**A Democratic-Republican Party.**

Let the tariff, currency and international questions, immigration, naturalization and suffrage be taken out of politics, and let there be a get-together movement to battle solidly against the evils that threaten to undermine this Nation. Mr. Watson is making a noble fight against them in his Georgia newspaper and magazine; Col. Harvey, the editor of Harper's Weekly, the man who first brought out Woodrow Wilson for the Presidency, contributing much to the movement, and "Menace" in Missouri and the Advocate in Texas are in the vanguard to war on Rum and Romanism. The Wilson Administration is certainly enlisted in the cause and the Republican Party can be depended on to join enthusiastically in the work. Before the Civil War the Democratic Party of this State allowed the Catholic Church to draw out its pro rata of the school fund for its schools, and the Republican Party stopped that, and in many other ways it has blocked the arrogant aggression of the Church of Rome, the liquor element, gambling and horse racing. The Republican Party is to the North what the Democratic Party is to the South. Let them get together.

**Religious War in Government Printing Office.**

"Of late the charges have been growing that Democratic spoilsmen are busy and successful at their low trafficking in Washington. These charges are shamefully substantiated in the case of the Government Printing Office. The World has shown that Public Printer Cornelius Ford has made seventy changes among his subordinates, thirty-one of which constitute salary reductions and thirty-nine involve salary increases. 'These changes have been made for the purpose of promoting efficiency,' declares Mr. Ford; 'as a matter of fact, I don't know the politics of the men involved.' But as a further matter of fact, it happens that of the thirty-nine men who were promoted, thirty-nine are Democrats; and that of the thirty-one poor

devils whose salaries were reduced thirty-one are Republicans. What a blessed dispensation of Divine Providence that efficiency should have descended thus effulgently on all these true-blue Democrats! What a solemn manifestation of Nemesis that inefficiency should so inexorably have cast its blight on all these dogs of Republicans! And what a perfectly attuned instrument of infallibility must be Mr. Cornelius Ford to be able, without knowing the politics of the men involved, to promote the thirty-nine efficient sheep without suffering a single Republican to creep in by mistake; to demote the thirty-one inefficient goats without allowing a single Democrat to stumble out by error! But beautiful as these workings of Democratic Providence may seem to those Democrats who have or expect to get their feet in the trough, Mr. Ford and gentlemen like him cannot be too quickly stopped or too sharply censured by their superiors. The activities of these faithful swineherds with their swill are nauseating to all decent citizens and are degrading to the Democratic party."—New York World, Jan. 1, 1914.

The above is an editorial clipped from The World, Democratic. In the same issue The World printed a column article, special dispatch from Washington, giving full particulars, including the names of the thirty-nine Democrats promoted and the thirty-one Republicans reduced. That article I enclose with this to the publisher of the Advocate for his personal inspection and the inspection of all interested. The closing paragraph said:

"There is talk of investigating the promotions and demotions in the Government Printing Office by members of the Senate and House. It is said by indignant partisans that Mr. Ford is filling the Government Printing Office with Catholics. In addition to the political war that is now raging among the employes of the office there is a religious war."

The public is not greatly interested in the fact that thirty-one Republicans were reduced and thirty-nine Democrats increased in salaries; but it is interested in the discriminations that are made against Protestants in favor of Catholics. It is certainly pleasing that a Democratic Senate and House proposes to investigate, and that the Wilson Administration is alive to the true situation.

These things, and the other information I give in this letter, forcefully emphasize the correctness of the position your New York correspondent has taken. We may try as much as we please we cannot get away from the fact that Rum and Romanism are the great perils that threaten this country today. Union against them will throttle their power and bring them to grief. The Democratic Party and the Republican Party must act together to do it.

E. H. QUICK.  
New York, Jan. 6, 1914.

## A Plea For The Laymen's Missionary Movement

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In 1907 and 1908 the Laymen's Missionary Movement burst forth with great flourish. Much was promised and more prophesied in the way of results. But now the expressions: "It is dead," "It is a failure," and "It is a spent force," are current. This paper is not meant to detract from, add to or value what it has accomplished, nor to estimate its relative degree of life or death. It is a plea for its call or recall and its use.

Of pastors, preachers, men and women identified with the interests of the Church, all have felt that the laymen should, and that they must, take a more active part in religious work before the high-water mark of efficiency and triumphant success could be attained.

Years ago the busy, hustling men who do and get things done seemingly began to sit back, dropped out, ceased to attend and lost interest in Church activity. The doing men had left the Church services to the men who had nothing to do and to the women and children. And too often men left the revivals for the preachers and the women to look after. This gave color to the expression that religion was for weak men and the women and children. All felt that the laymen by some means must be drawn into religious activity and Church attendance.

This was all well understood and almost a universal feeling when the Laymen's Missionary Movement attracted attention. And Church people high and low hailed it with delight as the coming of the time when men, strong men, busy men would take hold and push the work of God and the Church. But many have despaired of it, others are indifferent and only a

few hope for further noticeable results. The apparent failure or the limited results of the movement is a very sad matter to contemplate. We must have the assistance of the laymen sometime. We must have their co-operation somehow. They must be enlisted at whatever cost. For God needs them, the Church needs them, the unsaved need them and they need God, the Church and the salvation of the unsaved. But if the Laymen's Movement fails when can we enlist them if this effort fails to secure their co-operation what effort will succeed, and how long will God and the Church and humanity have to wait for them and they, the laymen, have to wait for God, the Church and humanity? If there is a cause that has retarded the enlistment of the laymen for a forward movement what is it? And what is more important, can the cause or causes, obstacle or obstacles be removed sufficiently to avoid further or repeated failures?

Whatever degree of failure, if any, there may be in the present Laymen's Movement may be traced to three sources:

1. Ecclesiastical organization.
  2. The pastors as active agents or tangible points of contact with the organization.
  3. The laymen as a resultant of the organization.
- All these have heretofore, do now and will continue to retard, discourage and arrest movements among the laymen. Therefore I will discuss each separately, but if any reader thinks the laymen are doing all they should, that the church is receiving just as much from them as it deserves and that religious work cannot be further promoted by additional activity and

responsibility among the laymen, then he had as well skip to the next piece and save time and effort by not reading the remainder of this article.

First, then, by ecclesiastical organization I do not mean to criticize our Church government, for I think it is the best the world ever saw. What I have in mind is something less than is included in the term "ecclesiastical organization" and something more than is included in the term "organization." The words organization, precedent and authority combined will convey nearly the proper idea. Through our organization we have fallen into habits or customs or ruts from which or out of which we are unable to break away. These ecclesiastical customs or habits have heretofore either driven the laymen out of active Church work or permitted them to drop out, which has the same result, and we are not now able to change our ecclesiastical customs or habits in order to draw or win them back. Organization, precedent and authority act like a thumbscrew on the pastor and on the laymen, holding them helpless to ways and methods that have heretofore resulted in a condition the very reverse of which we are praying and hoping for. Organization, precedent and authority render the preachers, Bishops, presiding elders and pastors powerless to harness and work new forces. And much more so to break in new forces. But I hope to be more concrete.

The Quarterly Conferences on station charges now consist of a dialogue between the presiding elder and the pastor. I have been an observant in such conferences where not over a dozen words would be spoken besides what was said by the presiding elder and the pastor and the reading of the minutes. Busy business men who are used to doing something and have much to do are not going to quit their business for such performances and they will not devote much time and attention to them. You may say they ought to do so, but they don't, and they won't. Three of the four Quarterly Conferences on station charges are now wholly useless and a bore to business men. In former times these meetings were useful and highly beneficial, but now with ready communication, rapid transit and with almost every pastor the equal of the presiding elder as many as two conferences on the circuits and as many as three on the stations are in the way; they cumber the ground and prevent the taking up of new work under new forms suitable to our more complex life and living.

The District Conference makes no demand on the layman that will justify his leaving home for two or three days. His business needs him and his family wants him and he loves both and he does not and will not leave them willingly to hear his pastor and other pastors boost themselves and say a few complimentary things about him and others which he can probably return, hear a prepared address at some rally, subscribe and go home. But it is said: "These conferences need not be so formal. Let them leave off old mores and worn-out habits and assume new work suitable to the new conditions." Just so, I want to make an appeal for this very thing, but we are so prone to follow the rites and ceremonies, the externals of religion, we forget that we must reach men, and if forms and ceremonies get in the way they must be abandoned, and if customs or institutions get in the way they must be destroyed or reconstructed. I do not care to suggest the abandonment of either the Quarterly or District Conference, but they are failing to reach men and produce much desired results, and I would like to suggest that we overhaul these formal meetings from center to circumference and determine if we cannot eliminate some obsolete features and incorporate others that will meet the demand of the new times.

But says one: "If our men were full of religion they would make the necessary sacrifice and these troubles would disappear." When are you going to get them full? We have been having one or two revivals each year and judging by the attendance at the Quarterly Conferences very few are full enough to shake yet. The truth is that a man full of religion that won't work is as worthless to the kingdom as a horse full of good points that won't work.

Second: Our pastors are just killing themselves. Most of them break down and have to rest or retire by the time they are full grown men, mentally and spiritually. And this overwork is not from preaching. They profess to be called to preach, and I think they are, but they wear themselves out doing everything else but preaching. Men have and men can preach every day in the year and not wear out. But the pastor in this day,

through custom, habit and training, has to be first in the social world, first in the Sunday School, first at prayer meeting, first in visiting, first at the business meeting, school meeting, take the collections, and if there is a building or repairs he has to promote that and stay on the ground every hour. He feels like he cannot afford the risk of loosening his grip on anything for one minute lest it go wrong. I don't doubt but what he gets it done better, quicker and often when it would not be done at all; but it is having a bad effect on the men, and men are what we are after or should be after.

For a preacher to avoid ruts and crystallization is to swim against the current. Few are wholly successful, and many succumb early. By education, training and practice he becomes incapable of expansion. It is easier to do things like they were done when he was a boy or when he was young. He goes to his appointment in a hurry, sings a song, leads in prayer, preaches a sermon, goes home. He is rushed for time the year through. Take out the special days, the bad Sundays and the revival season and the year is about gone. Organization, precedent and authority press him till he is not his own man. He has no time to follow God's directions; he must follow routine. He comes to where he don't think of anything except just getting round. He wears himself out "just getting round." The ordinary pastor in our Church can no more break the routine of life than he can fly. He can't think, say, do nor wear the unusual.

When a preacher is young and in his first years in the ministry he prepares a number of sermons and preaches them, but in later years he gets so busy "trying to get round" that he ceases to produce new sermons and new thought. He preaches the same sermons over and over, adding a little here and subtracting a little there, but the main line of thought is the same. It becomes crystallized and his old thought avenues don't run in harmony with the thought avenues of a new generation, and he is not wanted. Younger men are demanded and he retires in the very prime of life with an injured look and disposition. If the ordinary pastor could forget every sermon he had prepared and the lines of thought he followed to prepare it once every year and be compelled to prepare new sermons he would not wear out, rust out or be forced out of the active pastorate. He is to blame, and yet he is not to blame. Keeping up with the routine demanded all his time and he was unable to devour, assimilate and produce new "stuff." A younger generation won't sing the old songs and tunes, for they are not music to a new generation. Nor will a younger generation listen to sermons prepared for a former generation. They cannot appreciate them. It is a matter of psychology.

But what has this to do with the Laymen's Movement? Well, it indicates that the pastors are somewhat to blame for following a formal routine and never drawing the laymen into religious activity or that he has blindly followed this routine and allowed them to drop out. And it also indicates the difficulty the pastors now have of harnessing new forces as well as the improbability of his ever doing so. Pastors have the same trouble with work that a mother has in the house. He finds it easier to do it himself than it is to get others to do it. Many mothers find it so much easier to do the housework than it is to teach and make the children do it, that she just works herself to death and the children become grown and know absolutely nothing about the work. It is an injustice to the mother and a sin against the children. So with the pastor. He kills himself and stifles and strangles the good intentions and capabilities of his laymen.

Third: The layman as a resultant of the foregoing conditions is just like a child who has never been required to do anything. He knows how to do but little, and he is awkward about that. He hesitates about asserting himself for fear he will injure the cause. He has already learned that he is not expected to do anything except approve what the pastor has studied out. If he suggests things he is frequently frowned upon and if he persists he is frozen out. It is a habit and a custom grown up in our Church. Nothing is expected of the layman, and of course he does nothing. Even what he does is under strict direction. And to be perfectly frank, many of us just don't want to do anything and are glad to sit back and escape. But so much more the reason we should have unlimited responsibility placed upon us and be required to be an active Church member and an active Christian with the understanding that God requires it.  
And so I come to make this appeal

for the call or recall of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Brethren, reconsider the matter and try to draw the men into work for the following reasons among many others:

1. The pastors need the help and relief so they can do the good and acceptable preaching that God requires of them. Let the pastors quit trying to do everything and stick to what God has called them to do. The laymen may not and will not do this other work as well as the pastor. He may not do it at all the first year and probably not the second. But you can teach him to do it in time and it will be better for both.
2. The layman needs the work. He will have a richer Christian experience; he won't backslide so readily.
3. If you let this effort blow over and fail to enlist the laymen you will have to flounder along without him or make another effort. You need him and he needs the activity, and God needs both. Let us not lose any more valuable years. Some of us will be dead and probably lost. Teach us to work while it is today.
4. "My people perish for lack of knowledge." In many places we are driving people out of our Church by not giving them sufficient information about our work. We talk collection more than we talk about the objects. Our people are suffering for knowledge of the littleness of their gifts and the greatness of the work. Few people subscribe to the Advocates and fewer still read them. We will suffer as a Church just in proportion that we fail to diffuse information about the great objects, responsibilities and obligations of the Church as an active militant body.
5. We started out to evangelize forty million abroad and eight million at home in this generation. Six years are gone. We are going to fail in large letters if we don't have better success enlisting the laymen in this work within the next six years. Men in authority, Bishops, presiding elders and pastors, take a square look at the situation. You have got to unload on the laymen. Why not do it now?

**MARRIAGES.**

Watson-Cooper.—In the Methodist Church at Webb, Texas, January 4, 1914, S. J. Watson and Miss Carrie Cooper, Rev. G. W. Kincheloe officiating.

Hudgins-Wilcox.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Simonton, Fort Bend County, Texas, January 1, 1914, Mr. Haskel Hudgins and Miss Lillian Wilcox, Rev. W. W. Horner officiating.

Ward-Wingemuth.—At the home of the bride's mother, Lytton Springs, Texas, December 24, Mr. Joe L. Ward and Miss Hilda Wingemuth, Rev. L. W. Walker officiating.

Morgan-Johnson.—At the residence of the bride, in Atlanta, Texas, Mr. S. A. Leland Morgan, of Vernon, Texas, and Miss Verna Johnson, of Atlanta, Texas, on Monday, December 22, 1913, Rev. E. D. Watson officiating.

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## Notes From the Field

### Claude.

We are well into our third year here and have prospects for a good year. Our first Quarterly Conference is past. Notwithstanding there was nothing made here last year, finances are in very good shape. Stewards made salaries same as last year and paid up to date in full. The whole church seems to be taking on new life and hope and inspiration. We are on the eve of a great awakening. We now have a good season in the ground and prospects for a crop were never better.—C. D. West.

### Smithville.

After two years of successful work with the splendid people of Ward Memorial Church, Austin, we find ourselves delightfully situated in the beautiful little city of Smithville. A royal welcome, pounding, etc., fell to our lot, and still it continues. Thanks to Sister Mark Young for a fine turkey last Saturday. After an expenditure of about \$100 on parsonage and furnishings we are comfortable for the winter. The splendid new brick church, erected during the pastorate of my predecessors, is a model of neatness and convenience. The great Ham and Ramsey meeting has closed. There were over four hundred conversions. We have received 125 members since conference and have forty applications for membership. Ham and Ramsey are a great team in revival work. Any charge needing a great awakening will do well to secure them. We are expecting a great year with as fine a crowd of people as any man ever served.—F. A. White.

### Littlefield.

This is our first year in the work. We were sent to Littlefield Mission. There being only about twenty houses in and around Littlefield and no parsonage we were unable to get a place there for wife, baby and myself, so we have rented and partially furnished a house in Lubbock. We have a total membership of about twenty on the entire charge. Have no denominational Sunday Schools. Two appointments are seven miles, two twelve miles and one thirty-six miles from my residence. The work is somewhat unorganized and great difficulties are in the way, but we hope to have for our motto, "By this Sign We Conquer." Our people have received us splendidly, paying our salary promptly, and also presented us with a nice check Christmas. Through the Ladies' Home Mission Society of Lubbock we were provided very bountifully, for which we shall ever be grateful. Pray for us.—Belton Y. Dickinson, P. C.

### Ringgold Mission.

We are moved and fairly well straightened out and have preached at each point on Ringgold Mission. We drove up to the parsonage Thursday night about dark, after conference adjourned Monday morning at Clarksville. We were received very kindly by Brother Kirkpatrick and his wife and all spent the night together with the three good laymen—namely: Jim Pennington, John Pennington and A. S. Hodges, who brought the writer and carried back their pastor. We were had to make down some Methodist pallets. The two Mrs. Parsonages managed to bed us very comfortably—there being only eighteen of us. We have been received very kindly by the people of Ringgold charge. We had hardly gotten straightened out before the people of Ringgold visited us with a nice pounding, and we have received encouragement in different ways all over the charge. So we are well pleased and hopeful of a good year.—P. S. Warren, P. C.

### Gary Circuit.

Well the storm is over, and I am wide-awake. I had no idea of writing until after my first Quarterly Conference, which convenes next Saturday, January 10, but such an unexpected storm struck the parsonage tonight that I thought I had better tell about it, so the rest of the preachers who have had a similar experience can sympathize with me. Just as wife and I had retired we heard the church bell tap, and I spoke to her about it to find out if she knew of a meeting of any kind tonight, and as she didn't, we thought no more of it for a few minutes. Pretty soon we heard several voices singing out in the road, seemingly headed toward the parsonage. I arose, looked out of the window and saw what seemed the whole population of Gary, headed by, I started to see the stewards, but to tell you the truth I didn't know what was ahead. I gave wife warning by saying, "Kid, they're coming," and you may guess business picked up, for they were by that time in the hall. They didn't give me time to get either coat or socks. I told them to be seated, for I didn't know what else to say, as they were by that time in the house, and had the laugh on me, Brother H. Haverd said I was scared. I have never denied it. The room was full of people and when they left, wife and I went in the dining room to see the amount of damage done, and found the dining table full on top and the floor beneath it nearly covered. To tell the truth we have more tonight than we have had at once in many days. The pounding consisted of everything, almost, good to eat, with some things that wasn't. For instance, there was soap, and a dress for wife, I don't think they intended for us to eat. The crowd consisted of all kinds of folks but mean and ugly ones, from gray-haired folks to small children, together with as fine a bunch of young folks as you can find, which makes me feel doubly my responsibility, I would like to name all

who participated in the surprise, but space forbids. But shall only name the stewards who I fear were the perpetrators of the crime, Brother Lamar Gholston and Brother Edgar Hull, who was accompanied by wife and mother, respectively, with many others. After we came to, as Brother Haverd said, we asked them to sing again which they kindly did, and Dr. Davis led in prayer, then they sang again, and we offered up our heart-felt thanks to our Heavenly Father in the humblest way we knew how, with a special prayer for all present, and may he give us a great victory this year, and help us to be able to prove our worthiness to these good people.—W. W. Thomas, P. C.

### Bangs.

We have been so busy since coming to our work that we have hardly found time to write a word to the Advocate. We are now settled down to business and everything seems to look forward to a good year. Our people have met us with an unusually hearty welcome. The stewards, at their first meeting, raised the salary over last year. The pounding came in the old-fashioned and Methodistic style, but that is not all—we have had more tokens of appreciation than ever before in our lives; scarcely a day has passed that some one has not brought in something good to eat to the parsonage. We are fortunate this year in having in the charge two of the best and superannuated preachers in the conference—G. W. Harris and Abe Long. It is a great blessing to any pastor to have these sweet-spirited old men in his charge. Our Sunday Schools and Woman's Societies are doing good work and the prospects are bright along all lines. We have had eleven additions since conference. Some work is going to be done for the Advocate this year—see sending a new subscription today. Bangs is now lighted and heated with natural gas. We have a very strong gas field about three miles from here. This place will soon be supplying Brownwood, as the company has already obtained a franchise.—W. B. Vaughan, P. C.

### Buckshots.

As soon as we came back from conference we packed our goods and left Wheelock for this place, where we arrived three weeks ahead of our goods. But the good people of this place were ready for us and had everything in nice order for us. Brother T. C. Sharp met us at the train and took us to the parsonage, where we found everything ready. New bed, table linen and dishes, and everything sufficient for us to keep house if our goods never came. When Mrs. Beaty and I went into the kitchen we found a sack of flour, canned goods, meat, sugar and coffee and many nice things to eat, and they have been coming in ever since. I preached my first sermon at Salem last Sunday. There I met Sister Lizzie B. Wilson who gave me ten dollars to purchase a dining room table for the parsonage, and she gave me some nice things to eat to bring home with me. This class has been having preaching once a month, but in their Church Conference they instructed their stewards to fix the assessment on pastor's salary for that point at \$300 and ask for half time. We are very much pleased with our appointment and expect to accomplish many things for our Master this coming year.—W. H. Beaty.

### Lillian.

Encouragement, love and loyalty are three things that are indispensable to a young man in the ministry. We are serving our first year amid a people where these three qualities of Christian fellowship abound. We came to Lillian during the heavy rains of November and to any one who has lived in the blackland belt knows well what we mean when we say "rubber boots are essential to any pedestrian." Surrounded by these circumstances we were unable to meet many of our people so long as the rains continued; but now we have met and know many of them—to know them is to love them and to receive of them their encouragement, love and loyalty. We would not forget to mention the generous hospitality of this good people in their pounding of us in due and ancient plentifulness; and, further, we are assured by every one we meet that their pounding is in no way the limit; and in many instances, only the beginning of their hospitality. Now is this not a manifestation of these great essentials of which we write? We answer indeed and more. We pray that we may be worthy of their love and Christian fellowship. We burden our hearts and laden our prayers for their prosperity and advancement both temporarily and spiritually, but above all for a great ingathering of lost souls in our community this year.—Z. D. Fallon.

### Buffalo Gap.

The first Quarterly Conference for the Buffalo Gap charge for the current year is now in the past, so far as the literal part is concerned, but no doubt, in my mind, there is an immortal part that will last through the cycles of eternity. Brother Ferguson reached us on Sunday night, January 4. We had a splendid little congregation and a most excellent sermon on the Church. At the close of the sermon we had a splendid sacramental service. Monday was a beautiful day. Brother Ferguson preached a most excellent sermon, the theme being "The Resurrection of Christ." The great duty of love and service was greatly emphasized. We had rather a small congregation, but the presence of the Lord was certainly manifest. O how this poor, unworthy

pastor's heart did long for those who were absent to be there and get their portion of good things that were so freely given out. We had the business of the conference in connection with that service. In many respects the conference was short. Hard times financially and people considerably discouraged. If there ever was a time when men and women ought to be true and at their post it is in these struggling times. Many have asked me many times what I was going to do, times were so hard. I have always answered, Stand closer by the Church than ever. When our own families get in distress do we forsake them? Never, no, never! We only rally the closer to them. Why do we do this only? Only one answer. Because we love them! Now if we love the Church as we should, shall we neglect or forsake her in a struggling time? Never, no, never! Anybody can be a Church member and make a big pretension in the times of prosperity, but God will try our faith as sure as we have any. All told, we had a good conference. I am going to do my best for my Lord's kingdom. I want to send in more subscribers for the Advocate this year than any year of my life. This is the best mission work we can do. Pray for me.—T. H. Davis, P. C.

### Kerrville.

At the late session of the West Texas Conference, the Bishop read us out for the fourth time to Kerrville. The people have received us very kindly and have shown their appreciation in a substantial way. We have received a generous pounding at the beginning of each year, which we have greatly appreciated. Kerrville is a pleasant charge to serve and no finer class of Methodists can be found anywhere. We have a strong Official Board who conduct the business of the Church in a systematic and businesslike way. Our Church has progressed each year and indications are that this will be the best year of the four. Our first Quarterly Conference has just been held. Salaries were paid in full to date, and assessments for home and foreign missions, Orphanage and Rescue Home collected and in the bank. We think we have one of the best presiding elders in the Church. He is a real help in our work, and all our people love him. Our Sunday School is in a flourishing condition and is doing a great work. The Wesley Philathea Class sent about \$200 worth of supplies to the flood sufferers and a class of little girls sent a nice box to the Orphanage. Our Woman's Missionary Society is doing good work. The ladies have recently had the Church pews repainted and have put beautiful new carpeting in each of the aisles. They have also placed electric lights in the parsonage, which has added much to its comfort. We are planning other and more extensive improvements for the near future. We are expecting and planning for a glorious revival in the spring.—S. J. Drake.

### China Springs.

We begin our work on the China Springs Circuit with great hopes that this may be the greatest year this place has ever had, and we have already seen signs of a disposition on the part of the people to go forward. While the territory, constituting this charge, is large and much of the road is hard to travel over, yet the loyalty with which the people surround the Church is sufficient to cause us not to see the long and rough roads. These people, as a rule, are a very appreciative people, and are glad to hear the gospel preached, and with their co-operation and the help of God, we expect to advance the cause of Christ to a greater degree. On account of not getting our household goods shipped as soon as we should, we have been very royally entertained in the homes of some of our members. Brother and Sister G. P. Harris gave us a very hearty welcome in their hospitable home, and we will long remember the many kindnesses shown us while we were waiting for some of the goods to arrive. When we were temporarily prepared to begin keeping house we were overwhelmingly pounded—Sisters Hallmark and York bringing us one of the nicest poundings we have ever received—this being the second one. It was a very select collection of everything good to eat from the dainty breakfast foods to appease the most delicate appetite to the good substantial meals for the working man, and by our labors we expect to try and prove our appreciation and love for these people, who have received us so warmly. We are planning to hold our meeting at this place in the near future. We are expecting a great time and a spiritual uplift.—W. L. Connell.

### Walls.

Perhaps our friends will be glad to hear that we have been very cordially welcomed back to this charge for the third year. Immediately after the delightful session of the Texas Conference at Nacogdoches I returned home and began the work of the new conference year, but the disastrous floods that swept over all this part of Texas have seriously hindered all Church work in these parts. A number of our people have said, "I am glad to have you back for another year," and they have shown their appreciation of us in a substantial way. On Christmas Day they sent us a nice box of good things to eat, consisting of canned goods, sugar, rice, mince meat, jelly and a big fat turkey gobbler and a few other things not necessary to mention. We desire in this public way to thank all our good friends here for their many kindnesses shown us and assure them that we appreciate them more than words can possibly express. While they minister to our temporal and physical wants it is my sincere purpose to minister to their souls by giving them the true bread of life and endeavor to get them to reconsecrate themselves afresh to God. Many of our peo-

ple, especially of Fulshear, have sustained very heavy losses from the terrible floods that swept over the Brazos bottoms in December. It will be hard to estimate their losses accurately, but they have lost from \$1000 to \$7000 and \$8000 to the family. It has been reported that Fort Bend County has lost at least \$125,000 as a result of the floods. One Methodist family thought they had lost \$30,000, but we hope that was an overestimate and that their losses were not so heavy. On account of these disasters it will be very difficult to keep the finances of the Church up to their usual standard. We have lost by removal eight of our finest and best members at Fulshear—the family of Mrs. R. L. Harris and the Nesbit family—recently, and they will be sadly missed at that little Church. The preachers who have been pastor at Fulshear know what we mean when we say that those good people will be sadly missed there. But these two Churches are brave and plucky and we believe that, notwithstanding their heavy losses, they will stand by their pastors and will carry on the work of the Church and help us to succeed in this arduous field of labor. Brethren, pray for us.—W. W. Hornor, Jan. 7, 1914.

### Giddings.

By appointment we were returned to Giddings for another year. This was very agreeable with us, as we spent a very pleasant, but hard year's work at this place last year. The people were very nice to us and seemed to appreciate us, and we were glad for the re-appointment. The conditions of the Church were very bad when we took hold of it one year ago; not ideal yet but far better than they were at that time. Giddings only had two Sundays a month up to the first of this year, but we now have three Sundays. Our stewards are putting their shoulders to the wheel and the old wagon has started to roll and we hope to see it out of the mire soon. We have just expended between forty and fifty dollars on the inside of the church at Giddings. We are hoping for one of the best years in the history of the church for many years past. We only lack one of being on the 100 per cent list of the Advocate, and that is a hopeless case as for a subscription.—T. S. Ogle, P. C., Jan. 12.

### Corrigan.

At the recent session of the Texas Annual Conference, held at Nacogdoches, Texas, we were read out for Big Sandy, but after returning home we were informed that we were changed, and were instructed to go to Corrigan instead of Big Sandy; so soon business began to pick up and the sound of the hammer was heard at the parsonage. We reached our new place on Dec. 4. We were met at the station by two of our good stewards, after which we were escorted to the home of one of these brethren, where we were gladly received and royally entertained until the parsonage was ready for us. We got in a little earlier than the brethren were expecting us, but it was all right. Well, I must tell off on these brethren just here. When we arrived at the station and had gotten off the train we looked for some one to meet us, and sure enough they were, but somehow the brethren overlooked us and failed to recognize us. Well, I guess I know the reason—guess it was because we were so little in stature. The brethren told me that they were expecting to see a great, big man. I told them that I was a big man—just as big as I could be not to be any bigger, and if it were possible for me to be bigger guess I would be bigger. We are very much delighted with our new work; think we have a real nice place—have a good parsonage and a nice church here, but it is needing some repairs. We hope to have it done soon. We have a good field to work in and it is promising. We have some excellent people; they are standing by the work and by this preacher, and we hope for great success and are praying for a great year. Hope there may be a mighty ingathering of souls into the kingdom of Jesus. Well, talk about poundings! We have felt the effects of them. The poundings consisted of such things as sugar and flour and coffee and rice and fruits and jellies. So you see we are being looked after well. We hope to secure a goodly number of subscribers to the Texas Christian Advocate this year. Blessings on all the brethren and the Advocate family. Yours in holy love.—B. C. Callaway.

### Bosqueville Circuit.

This is, as it should be, the banner circuit of the Central Texas Conference. It is made up of five country Churches, just outside the city limits of Waco, all on pike roads. Having been raised on a farm, the writer is delighted, after twenty-five years of town and city pastorate, to get back to the people of his first love—the horny-handed sons of toil, among the best, if not the best, people in the world! We have been pounded and pounded and are still pounded, and it looks like these splendid people will never let up pounding. We can stand this continued pounding, though it makes us feel so humble and so determined to do our best. I don't think I ever had a more efficient Board of Stewards. They have the earmarks of real progressive, business men. There is not a "whiner" on the Board. To a man, they were willing to raise the pastor's salary from \$1000 to \$1250, and they will pay every dollar in a cheerful, businesslike way. I think every steward takes the Christian Advocate and reads it. Our first Quarterly Conference was well attended at Greenwood Church, and a good report and a good time spiritually. Brother Andrews could not be present on account of a severe cold, but sent Brother Chappell, a born presiding elder, great preacher and one of the most lovable Christian characters I have ever met. The

Lord's work will never suffer where Chappell has charge of it. No wonder "Old Fifth Street Church" has gone to the zenith of its height and power for good in Waco! We will welcome Brother Chappell to Bosqueville charge every time we can get him in the future, and we pull off our hats and bonnets to thank Brother Andrews, our beloved presiding elder, for sending him to us to hold our first Quarterly Conference, inasmuch as he could not be present. I hear good reports from Brother King's services at Greenwood and Spogeville on Sunday. I am in a position to say we have a great and growing Sunday School at Bosqueville. Brother William Keys seems to be a born Sunday School Superintendent. The other schools in the charge, I am sure, are doing a fine work.—N. E. Gardner.

### Cedar Hill.

Out of thirteen stewards twelve attended the first Quarterly Conference in the Cedar Hill charge last Saturday. They placed the pastor's salary at \$1000. Brother Sensabaugh, our presiding elder, came, preached Friday night, Saturday at 11 a. m., Saturday night and Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday afternoon Brother Angel drove us to Bethel, several miles out, where the elder preached at 3 o'clock. All in all, this was about the best Quarterly Conference I ever attended. The weather was ideal, the congregations large, the official board optimistic and tables abounded with good things to eat. Our presiding elder was at his best—that is, we thought he was, if he wasn't he's a good one, sure enough. His sermon Friday night was a fine discourse, but every one got better. Sunday at 11 he preached on Methodism. It was indeed a masterful effort. Afternoon at Bethel he delivered a great sermon to a large, intelligent and responsive congregation. I said Brother Angel took us there. What two preachers in the Dallas District or in the North Texas Conference, as to that, were ever driven in a splendid auto by an angel over a pike road here? Can anybody beat that? If so, write me at once. Yours to be ahead.—J. T. Bludworth.

### Frankston.

When my name was read out at conference and I was assigned to the above place I packed up and hastened to my new field of labor. I arrived here on the first Sunday in December and began at Frankston. I preached to a large audience both morning and evening and am glad to say we have some of the best people in the Texas Conference to serve. We have begun our new work with much enthusiasm. The harvest is plentiful and we are planning for a great year for the Lord. We are planning our new parsonage and expect to have it built by April. We have had our first quarterly meeting on the 8th and a large body of our good people was out to hear our new presiding elder, but on account of some important business he was called away, and Brother Collins, the pastor at Athens, was in the chair. He preached a good, sound sermon on prayer, and we were made to feel better by it. The first Sunday in January we had Brother A. A. Kidd, the Commissioner of A. C. I., to preach for us. He preached two fine sermons and received a nice contribution for the school and he gave us a good lecture Saturday night preceding Sunday, and also spoke at Poynor, too, which is on this work, and received a nice sum. We have a people that love the school and are friends to the boys and girls that want an education, and we give Brother Kidd a standing invitation, for he goes away leaving our Church stronger and better for the year's work. Brethren, give Brother Kidd a chance and he will build our new dormitory. Let us preachers treat him right and we will be blessed by his coming. We expect a great year here at Frankston.—Preston Florence.

### Chappell Hill.

We were assigned to the session of the Texas Conference to the Chappell Hill charge for this year, and we gathered our belongings, and started on the 5th of December. When we reached Brenham we found that we were stranded by high water, but fortunately we had been invited, before starting, to visit in the homes of our esteemed friends. Rev. S. W. Thomas, presiding elder, and Rev. C. F. Smith, pastor of our Church, there. We stayed several days with these good people and will always remember with gratitude the hospitality, and Christian fellowship given us during this time. It was 11:30 p. m., December 9, when we reached our town, but a hack was waiting for us and we were soon in the home of one of our members where we were kept until the next afternoon while the ladies were getting the parsonage ready for us, even providing a nice supper for us that evening. New matings and shades have been put in by the women. Substantial and dainty articles of food came into the parsonage before we did and they continue to come, including the

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generous pounding which came the 22nd. Our woodpile has been replenished from time to time. The members of other Churches have given their help also, and even our Christmas turkey was given by a member of another Church. On the evening of the 31st, sixty persons gathered at the parsonage about eight o'clock, bringing refreshments which were served between ten and eleven o'clock. The time was spent socially with music and recitations until 11:15 and then we went to our beautiful church, where devotional services were held while we watched the closing of the old and awaited the coming of the new year. We closed by repeating the Lord's prayer in concert, and then, while listening to the ringing of the bells we wished each other a happy New Year. The spirit of kindness with which we have been received has proven the excellency of these people, and we trust we may so live and work with them that they may continue in their good work until they shall have ended their labors here and the King shall say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."—F. O. Favre, Mattie Favre.

**Commerce.**  
Sunday was a great day with us at Commerce. Twenty-one additions to the Church, making forty since conference. Great crowds morning and evening. Outlook fine for the new year.—R. F. Bryant.

**Italy.**  
Our reception at Italy has been most cordial. The pounding, a generous one, came in season and tokens of appreciation began when we first came and have not ceased to this good hour. Our people are equal to the best I have ever served. They are intelligent and devoted. The Official Board is harmonious and has its face to the future. I think the congregation is hopeful of a good year. The town is growing and the Methodist Church is growing and I trust the pastor is growing in knowledge and grace. The outlook is full of promise.—S. A. Ashburn.

**Wills Point Circuit.**  
By the authorities of the Church we were sent to Wills Point Circuit, after four hard years' work at Murchison. We landed at Wills Point and were met by Brother Ingram, the Wills Point preacher, and a goodly number of our faithful stewards, with conveyance to carry us out to the parsonage, four miles north of town. We found a nice little five-room parsonage, well furnished. The people received us kindly and took care of us until our goods came; then we moved into the parsonage. We have not had a general pounding yet, but many nice and good things have been continually finding their way to the parsonage. When we came we found there was no barn. We went to work and elected a committee at each place and the good people have built a nice little barn, worth \$75. We lack about \$15 having it paid out. We have made one round, with the exception of one place we missed on account of bad weather. This is a fine country, good prairie land and the people are well-to-do farmers. Wills Point Circuit ought to be one of the best circuits in Tyler District, and if properly managed I believe it will be in the near future. May the good Lord help us to bring it to pass. We hope to have a clear record next fall at conference.—G. M. Fletcher.

**Maypearl.**  
Bro. W. E. Hawkins, of Ft. Worth, has been with us about eight days, doing some excellent work, laying a foundation for a genuine work of grace in our town. His heart-to-heart talks on Bible Christianity has moved some of my people to a deeper consecration to God. New family alters have been erected, and many renewed their covenant with God and with one another, to be loyal to God and his Church. This consecrated layman does not hold up a cheap religion, but insists that only those who do the will of God will ever enter the kingdom of glory. He makes no compromise with sin, and "hews to the line," even if it cuts to the quick, but he speaks the truth in love. His public talks on the streets or in the business houses were practical, and caught the attention of men who came to where he held these services. As a Sunday School specialist, Brother Hawkins has but few equals, and his talks on this important work were largely the result of his own success as a superintendent of Sunday Schools, and not a theory which has never been successfully worked out. It is to be hoped that more of our good laymen will lay themselves out for noble service, and help stem the tide of worldliness which is sweeping down upon the Church of today.—R. F. Dunn.

**Decatur Circuit.**  
We are at home on Decatur Circuit. Have met all appointments to date. Have been received well by the people owing to the fact that out predecessor was popular and well loved by the people, makes it easier in starting. First Quarterly Conference is over, and the Advocate was represented. Brother Riddle is indeed a "beloved" on this district. He is wise and considerate of all the Church's interests.—G. B. Carter.

**AUSTIN METHODISM.**  
Methodist Pastors' Association met in regular session Monday morning, January 12, and reported as follows:  
L. C. Lilly reported splendid congregations, improving steadily. Received 20 members since conference. Prayer-meeting growing in interest and attendance. Sunday School doing excellent work and 300 enrollment. Sunday school raised about \$250 for charity since first of December.  
Bradfield reported great congregation for

First Church. Seating capacity crowded. Received 140 members since conference; prospects good for that many more before year closes. Prayer-meeting good. Sunday School doing good work. He is now actively engaged in the campaign for the \$100,000 church building, about \$40,000 already being provided for this purpose.

R. O. Waldrip reported prospects for South and Hyde Park congregation more than doubled. Received 65 members since conference. Congregation at Hyde Park has purchased a lot on Speedway and car line for new church site, which is by far the best location in that part of the city. New church building at South Austin already underway.

R. P. Shuler reported progress along all lines for new church. Congregations even larger than last year. Prayer-meeting good. Sunday School doing splendid work; 132 men in class yesterday. Received 131 members since conference. He will leave tomorrow morning for a campaign of the State in the interest of the \$18,000 debt on the University Methodist Church building, which the Annual Conferences of the State ordered to be raised by March 31 of this year in the several presiding elders' districts. Brother Shuler will give his entire time helping in this work.

Dr. V. A. Godbey, presiding elder; W. D. Bradford, preacher in charge First Church; R. A. Waldrip, preacher in charge South and Hyde Park Churches; L. C. Lilly, preacher in charge Ward Memorial, concurred in the following resolution:

We, the pastors of the Methodist Churches in the City of Austin, assembled in the regular preachers' meeting, unite together in an appeal to the pastors of the Methodist Churches of the State to open their pulpits to Rev. R. P. Shuler and give him all possible help in the \$18,000 to liquidate the University Methodist Church building debt, and we urge them to arrange to present this matter to their congregations themselves in case Brother Shuler cannot get to them personally.

Dr. V. A. Godbey, presiding elder, reported progress for the district. Regardless of the \$2,000,000 property loss in the district by reason of the flood, the preachers in charge are getting their collections in hand and the prospects are bright for a good report at conference this fall. Received over 750 additions to date for the year. That Brother Godbey is in good favor with people throughout the district is evidenced by the District Stewards raising his salary from \$2200 to \$3000 for the present year, also voting \$200 extra for traveling expenses. The latter \$200 Brother Godbey refused to accept, believing the district had all it was able to carry at present. The pastors throughout the district are in good favor with these people. The district is on the upgrade.  
L. C. LILLY, Secretary.

**SAN ANTONIO METHODISM.**

The San Antonio Preachers' Conference met Monday at the usual hour with Dr. J. E. Harrison in the chair. There were twenty-five preachers present. The pastors reported for two weeks. The reports are as follows:  
C. H. Booth: Eighteen accessions.  
Read: One accession and large Sunday School.  
Hawk: Eight new members.  
Johnston: Six accessions.  
Phillips: Good congregations and large Sunday School.  
Batchelor: Two new members.  
Jackson: Largest congregations since conference.  
Barton: Five accessions and meeting in progress.  
Hensch: Five new members.  
L. E. Booth: Large congregations and fine services.  
Hartsfield: Three new members.  
GASTON HARTSFIELD.  
January 12, 1914.

**DECATUR METHODISM.**

The presiding elder, Rev. S. C. Riddle, and the pastor, Rev. A. R. Nash, are entering their third year here. The outlook indicates the best year of the three. There has been a steady increase in all departments of the Church, the past two years, under their leadership. All agree that the Church at this place was never in a better condition. The stewards have arranged their work harmoniously and satisfactorily; the Sunday School under the leadership of Emory Goss, a young man, is moving out with increased interest; the League, under Outer Goss, is doing a fine work; the women's work under Sister Nash, who is a born leader, is just a "neck ahead" of the men, and Brother Nash preached to one of the largest congregations yesterday he has had since he came here, and preached one of the best sermons. He always sounds a hopeful note and looks for better things in the future, and they come. Some of the older ones say no, but Brother Nash could have builded the beautiful new church which will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000, now nearing completion. It has all modern equipments and is large enough to meet the demands for years to come, even when Decatur reaches the size of a city. The subject of giving to the Lord is discussed in the Sunday School and in the other societies until quite a number have entered into an agreement with the Lord

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY MEET**

The Board of Trustees of Southwestern University met January 6, 1914, at Georgetown, Texas, and amid great enthusiasm formally launched the campaign for additional buildings and endowment for this honored institution. This meeting was to give formal authority to campaign already recommended by the Trustees and endorsed by the Texas Methodist Educational Commission and ordered by the Annual Conferences of the State. This campaign is in keeping with the aim of the Trustees and Commission to maintain Southwestern University as an "A" class college. For in their first meeting in Austin in 1911 the Commission declared its purpose to maintain Southwestern University in this standing, and at Fort Worth, Texas, September, 1913, the Commission endorsed the campaign and recommended to the Annual Conferences, just closed, that a campaign for \$300,000 be launched for additional buildings and endowment. All the conferences endorsed the movement and some gave it the right of way. Bishop Mouzon appointed as Commissioners, Rev. C. T. Tally, of Texas Conference, and Rev. John E. Roach, of the North Texas Conference. The Trustees secured Rev. Frank S. Onderdonk, from the Mission Board as the third Commissioner and they also secured Mr. A. D. Simpson, cashier of the Guaranty State Bank of Mission, Texas, to be campaign secretary.

At the recent meeting the Trustees ratified these appointments and endorsed the campaign for \$100,000 for three

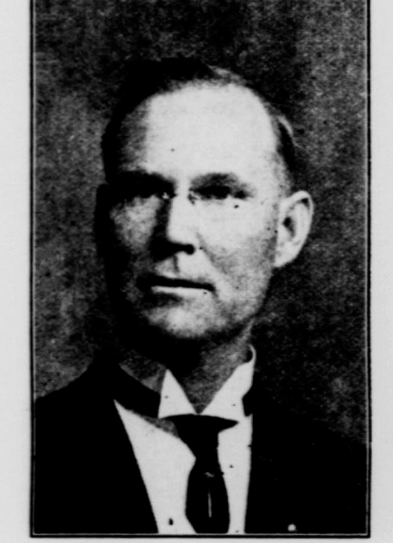
buildings—Fine Arts Building, Science Building and Y. M. C. A. Building, and not less than \$200,000 endowment. The meeting was enthusiastic and a fine spirit prevailed.

Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, of San Antonio was present and preached. By invitation he addressed the Board on the "Educational Situation in Texas." The address was masterful and worthy of the occasion and our Bishop. It made a profound impression.

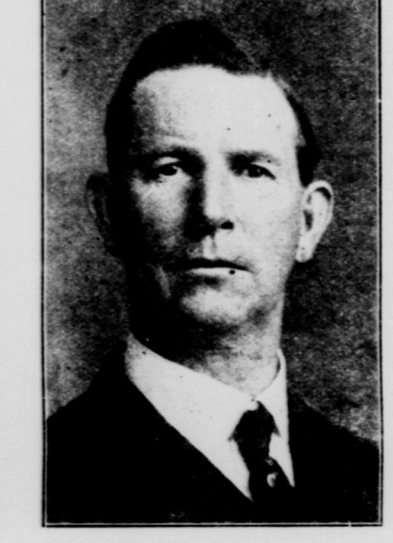
That saintly woman, Mrs. M. A. Pritchett, of San Marcos, Texas, made the first contribution to the campaign by giving her personal check for \$1000, and amid the applause several spontaneous contributions were announced, among which were several other thousand dollar gifts.

The Trustees enthusiastically invited the Education Commission to hold its next meeting at Georgetown. We present to the readers of the Advocate this week the likeness of the men who are to be actively engaged in this great campaign. Protectors Roach, Onderdonk and Tally are men of tried and proved ability to accomplish things in their various fields of labor. Mr. A. D. Simpson, the Secretary, is a tried and successful business man, himself the son of a Methodist preacher—Rev. R. H. Simpson.

Southwestern University has been a big factor in Texas, and with these added equipments and needed endowment she will be second to none among the colleges of the South.  
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Campaign Secretary Southwestern University.

to give a tenth to His cause the coming year. Brother Lem Hoyl, one of the four Hoyls who live here, is so circumstanced that he is giving almost his entire time to looking after the new church building.

Brother and Sister Riddle are just recovering from their surprise at a parcel post pounding the first of the year. This was from the district. You know it is not often that a presiding elder and his wife have anything like this. It came about by the suggestion of Brother and Sister Carter of the Decatur Circuit, whose parsonage is here. The fact that it was joined in so readily shows the high esteem in which these two servants are held by the district.

Brother Carter is commencing his first year with very fine, bright prospects. He serves a splendid circuit and follows our John L. Sullivan, who closed his fourth year at Conference. He and his wife and daughter leaves a good name with the people here and on the circuit. Brother Carter and his

wife are filling their places and have equipped themselves for full work in visiting their flock. They are both young and hopeful.

Brother Johnson, a superannuate, who lives here in a Superannuate Home, and has for years, has the confidence of the people and is a great help to the pastors, both here and on the circuit. We all call him Bishop. He is Chaplain of the Masonic Lodge and recently the Masons dressed him from head to foot, and he really looks like a Bishop, and sometimes preaches like one.

I am glad to say to our friends that my wife, after fourteen weeks of confinement to the bed, is now able to be placed in an invalid chair and can roll herself through the house and on the porch for several hours during the day. We had with us for the first time in nine years all our children, son-in-law and daughter-in-law and grandchildren, at Christmas.  
GEORGE F. BOYD.

**THE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMISSION OF TEXAS METHODISM.**

This is one of the most important enterprises ever launched by Texas Methodism or in Southern Methodism. The proposition went through the conferences without a hitch, and doubtless the Commission will very shortly be called together for organization.

One can foresee a difficulty at the start. There is no financial provision made, and it is not contemplated that an assessment will ever be put on the Churches. Accordingly members of the Commission will be under the necessity of paying their own expenses. Where distances are as great as in Texas this is no small item. Yet the success of the plan is dependent on the attendance of the members. It is reasonable to anticipate that in some instances the expense will be prohibitive.

I bear no relation to this Commission other than that of being one of the representatives from the Central Texas Conference, and accordingly I have no special authority to take the initiative; yet I will assume to suggest that some far-seeing person of means, or some pastor or laymen in touch with such an individual, secure for us a small endowment or contribution to start with. The Southern Sociological Congress has been made possible by the liberality of a woman who can see big things.

Let me add that personally I am opposed to asking the Churches for any offerings for this cause; it is not that that I have in mind. The point is that possibly within a few weeks the members of this Commission will be called to meet in Houston, or Austin, or Georgetown, or Fort Worth, or Dallas—in some conveniently located center, and there will be embarrassments at the very start. It is not likely that there will ever be great expense connected with this enterprise, but a small sum covering traveling expenses and stationery will be necessary. Here is a fine opportunity for somebody to do good.

JOHN C. GRANBERY,  
Georgetown, Texas.

**THREE-MINUTE REVIVAL SERMON.**

By Rev. C. G. Shutt.

The conferences have about all been held and the net gain in membership for our Church shows several thousand in advance of the net gain for 1912. The gain is due very largely to revivals, as the largest gains come from those places where revivals have been most prevalent. Texas conferences need a more thorough shaking up in this particular, as some conferences further East stand ahead of us in net gains. The greatest awakening seems to be among the Holston and the Carolina Conferences. Now, let the whole line from the Atlantic to the Pacific move forward the coming year. We should count our net gains next fall at least 100,000.

To revive means to bring again to life, to reanimate, to raise from languor, depression or discouragement, to bring into action after suspension, as renewed interest in religion after indifference and decline; special religious interest.—Webster.

All agree that we need a general God-serving, right-living, soul-saving revival. It would make better fathers and mothers, better husbands and wives, better sons and daughters. It would settle many feuds and disputes and throw many divorce cases out of court and put the saloon out of business. Many great revivalists are mentioned in the Bible, some of whom are Moses and Elijah, John the Baptist, Peter and Paul; but Christ is the greatest of all. In more modern times the world had such revivalists as Luther, Wesley, Whitefield, Knox and others. We have perhaps more revivalists than the world has ever had at one time—men whose work is abundantly blessed of God in soul saving. If the Holy Spirit sets His seal upon their labors we should be very sparing in our criticisms. It is estimated that at least four-fifths of those who are members of the different Churches were brought in during revival occasions. It is evident that revivals must be kept going or the Church will be depleted.

The first thing in order to promote a revival is for the preacher and people to get on their hearts the real worth of a soul. It is estimated that an ounce of radium is worth near two millions of dollars. But a billion tons of radium is nothing to the worth of the soul. "What is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"  
Georgetown, Texas.

We should learn first principles first. No man is commanded or empowered to love his neighbor as himself until after he loves God with all his heart.



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THE NEARNESS OF GOD.

There is a lily. God is thoughtful of that. Yet what is a lily? Pluck it; fling its leaves into the air; stand and watch them as the white fragments of its parted beauty drift down the wind. What has the world lost? The air is not less sweet, the earth is not less fair.

There is a bird; a little bunch of tuneful down. Even in mid-flight, in mid-song, it rolls upon its back and falls fluttering to the ground. A drop of blood is on its breast; two ruffled plumes in its broken wing; it gasps—a convulsion quivers through its little frame; it closes its eyes, and dies. You walk on. You forget it. You awake the next morning. The garden is full of song. Your ears miss no note. Yet God saw and noted that little bird go down.

Do you think that He who clothes the lily and sees when it is torn; He who keeps watch over the birds and sees when each one falls, has no thought, no care, no sympathy for your soul and mine when an evil power comes up to blacken it and kill it, yet take all the fragrance and song out of it? No! No! Such a thing can not be. There may be dark days ahead of you! The future will be as the past, and more than once will you stand in great peril and near death; but there never will come an hour, from this moment to your dying day, when God will not stand in love by your side; when all that a Father can do will not be done to keep you from danger and your soul from death.—Church Advocate.

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REPORT OF TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY, FORT WORTH.

The annual meeting of the members of the Texas Children's Home Society was held in the Y. M. C. A. Building, Fort Worth, Texas, January 8, 1914. The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:

- F. G. McPeak, President. Wm. Bryce, First Vice-President. H. B. Francis, Second Vice-President. J. V. Dealey, Houston, Third Vice-President. W. L. Smallwood, Treasurer. Miss Florence Dibrell, Secretary. Mrs. I. Z. T. Morris, Superintendent of Detention Home. Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, State Superintendent.

The following Board of Directors were chosen: F. G. McPeak, Wm. Bryce, W. L. Smallwood, J. B. Baker, H. B. Francis, S. L. Cochran, D. A. Cowan, F. M. Bransford, R. N. Fulton, O. V. Stinnett, Dr. C. F. Andrews, Dr. Wm. Caldwell, John R. Nelson, Rev. A. J. Harris, Rev. F. P. Culver, Rev. H. B. Urquhart, all of Fort Worth; J. J. Metcalf and Chas. L. Dealey, Dallas; J. R. Milam, Waco; W. T. Twyman and Paul Whaley, Marshall; Dr. T. B. Bryan, Blossom; W. L. Sanford, Sherman; J. V. Dealey, Houston; W. B. Hicks and Yale Hicks, San Antonio, and T. W. Dyer, El Paso.

The State Superintendent read the following report:

In 1896, Rev. Hoover, who was then Superintendent of the National Children's Home Society, came to Texas. He preached one Sunday morning in February in the St. Paul's M. E. Church in Fort Worth and that night in the First Baptist Church. He called upon the citizens of Fort Worth to meet him the following Monday at 3 p. m. in the Y. M. C. A. Building. A few citizens met and organized what was called the advisory board of the Texas Children's Home Society. Captain Edrington, who was President of the Traders' National Bank, was elected President; Sidney Samuel, Secretary; George Mulkey, Judge A. J. Booty and a few others constituted the State Board; Mrs. B. M. Burchell, who was then manager of what was known as the Fort Worth Benevolent Home, which was organized by her for the purpose of a detention home to care for dependent children of the city, was elected Superintendent.

In a few months, the board seeing the necessity of a charter and securing a Superintendent who could travel through the State, made arrangements to perfect the society along these lines. The charter was obtained in 1904. Mrs. Burchell was then postmistress, and seeing that she could not devote her entire time to the work of the society, resigned as Superintendent and nominated Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, who was then City Missionary of Fort Worth, as Superintendent.

The society was organized without any means or any children, but as soon as publicity was given through the press and otherwise throughout the State homes began to open and children referred to us, and in a short time the crowded condition of the Fort Worth Benevolent Home was relieved by our method of placing children in well selected Christian Homes. This was the beginning of the greatest child-saving system in America. We fully appreciate the efforts made by any persons, Churches, the State, or any order to care for dependent and orphan children in institutions; but still, we think where it is possible that our method is the best; best for the child, best for the home, for the Church, for the State and for the Nation. As we go over our records, we find that over six hundred children have found good homes and that as these homes are visited, we find the children, as a rule, happy in the fact that they have the associations of a father and a mother, who, with but few exceptions, treat them not as servants or boarders, but as children: loved, educated and trained as true Christian citizens. We congratulate ourselves and thank those assisting that such has been made possible. In large cities, in small towns and in rural districts, happiness prevails where one of these children has been placed.

During the past year, over 125 children, ranging in age from one day to eighteen years old, have been placed. Out of this number only eleven have been returned for replacement, and a number of these was due to change of circumstances in the home. All in scholastic age are in good schools, attending Church and Sunday School. We endeavor to suit the child to the home, and when we do that it proves a blessing to the home and to the child.

Our financial system is entirely voluntary, from individuals, Churches, schools, or whoever desires to contribute. We are very thankful for this assistance from the good people of all parts of Texas, for they have

made it possible for us to help those who need our assistance.

The State is being divided into districts and we desire to secure intelligent Christian men and women to take charge of these districts, to hunt needy children, seek homes, visit children already placed, and solicit funds, thus devoting their entire time to the work. Very valuable work, such as we desire, is now being done by Rev. W. A. Nicholas, a Baptist minister, in the Western part of the State. This is the hardest section of the State to work, being scattered and comparatively new, but he is diligent and is proving himself invaluable to our society. Rev. J. D. Odum, of Dallas, expects to take up that section to devote his entire time to the work, but has not organized his plans thoroughly. We expect good results from that section in a short time.

We earnestly thank the members of the board, the citizens of Texas and the railroads who have made these things possible. We appreciate this co-operation and feel sure each will be rewarded. And above all we thank God that we have a place in this great work, and that He is assisting us to bring about these results.

I. Z. T. MORRIS, State Superintendent.

REIGN OF THE SPIRIT.

By Rev. W. P. Wilson,—No. 9.

Methodist Church! Name given in derision, which fact suggests the inquiry, why was this movement derided? It sprang up within the pale of the Church of England. At that time the Church of which Mr. Wesley was a member was about as un-Christlike as it is possible to conceive. The clergy, with few exceptions, was given to drunkenness, gambling and other sinful pleasures. It naturally followed that the laity were not better than the preachers. That the Holy Spirit put his hand on the Wesleys for a reform movement is fully established. The persecution of the early Methodists was similar to the persecution of the early Christians, though nothing like as great nor so severe, still it is a fact that the foundation of our Methodism was cemented in martyrs' blood. Having such a glorious heritage it is not amiss to look well to how we promote the God-given movement. Is it possible our Church is drifting towards formalism? Formalism is deadly to spirituality? Let us see whether or not the signs point that way: First symptom I notice is the growing demand for more ritual in the public services. The old Jewish Church, of which our Blessed Lord was a member, was ritualistic, and it persecuted Him to the cross. The English Church was ritualistic and persecuted Wesley from its pale. Whence the growing demand for more ritual in our worship? Is it not a fact that this demand comes from the more wealthy and fashionable congregations in the larger cities? The second symptom: I notice the growing demand for Church legislation on trivial matters to the neglect of really important matters. The memorializing of the General Conference to amend the Discipline so as to read: "The Committee on Admission shall require all applicants for admission on trial to agree to abstain from the use of tobacco." This reminds one of a thing our Lord found in the Church of which He was a member: "Ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith." Some friends of our heroic Bishop Hoss were not a little disturbed recently when a press dispatch seemed to show that the good Bishop had gotten his foot into a tobacco mess; but the next day's dispatch cleared the situation and put the Bishop clearly in the right in what he really did say. It is unfortunate that there are some good people, at least as good as they know how to be, who pronounce the same maledictions on users of tobacco as they do users of intoxicating liquors. Now if these moralists had sought to have the Committee on Admission require the candidate to promise to not allow envy to rankle in his heart against a brother who might seem to climb higher and faster than himself, and that he would not cherish a desire for the best paying appointments, but rather pray the Spirit to send him where he could be most useful and that if anybody had to be somewhat neglected in his charge it should be the rich and not the poor, that petition would be more in line with things worth while.

In the next place, is there not a tendency to stress the use of material things to the neglect of spiritual things in extending and maintaining Church affairs?

Money is absolutely necessary to commercial life. It is necessary to domestic life, and it may be claimed that the same is true of Church mat-

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ters. Now there can be no question but what if money is used as a means to rightful ends, it is a great blessing, and yet today the greed for money is the curse of the Nation. Those who are set to watch on the walls of our Zion should look well to the insidious effect of money in accomplishing results that are not sanctioned by the Holy Spirit. Let us bear in mind this Scripture, "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." As an illustration of what seems to be the condition of things let us suppose that Bishop Hossa is holding the Sardis Annual Conference. The presiding elders have been called, characters passed, and now the pastor of First Church of Ephesus is called. The elder is promptly to his feet and says: "There is nothing against Bro. Silas." The elder reports farther that Bro. Silas has done good work at First Church and is now winding up his quadrennium. The elder ventures to say further that the good people of First Church desire you, Bishop, to send them a \$2500 preacher next year. The Bishop notes the request and then calls on Bro. Silas to report his work, which he proceeds to do by addressing the Bishop in a tone that seems to come from some remote, abdominal cavity in words something like this: "I have had a very pleasant year, the charge has paid all claims in full, have a clear gain of thirty members, an average of two and a half a month. We added a sleeping porch to the parsonage, which I found to be a most delightful thing during the hot months." The Bishop, turning his face more directly in the direction of the preacher, says: "Well, brother, what about the spiritual condition of your Church?"

Bro. Silas: "Well, Bishop, I think the spiritual condition, while not as good as it might be, is, in the main, good." The Bishop says: "Brother, by what standard do you estimate the spiritual condition of your Church?" Pastor: "I judge by the promptness with which they pay the claims assessed against them, and their attendance at Church," etc. Bishop: "Are your people as a whole at peace among themselves; in other words, are any of them not on speaking terms?" Pastor: "I regret to say, Bishop, that two of my leading members have not spoken to each other since I have had charge of the Church." Bishop: "Did you use all means in your power to reconcile them?" Pastor: "I did, but to no use." Bishop: "Why not bring the law to bear on them?" Pastor: "Well, to state the truth, these men are the best paying members in the Church." Bishop: "Were there any other troubles of the same kind?" Pastor: "Yes, sir, the devil got into my choir." Bishop: "Do you mean to say that the devil actually got into your choir?" Pastor: "Yes, sir; it was this way: Sister John Doe wanted her daughter, Mary, to sing solos. The girl is nice and I think a Christian, but she has a weak, squeaking voice, and the other members of the choir, after trying her voice at the rehearsals, decided that it would never do to put Mary forward in that role. This offended the whole Doe family. Mary was taken out of the choir and I understand there is much hard feeling on that account."

The real soul has no friends but character, no personal love but worth.

UNREALIZED IDEALS.

Who has not fallen discouraged before the ideals which he has set up for himself to attain unto? He is a weak and ambitionless man that has not had an experience of this kind. The young person who does not place before himself certain lofty ideals, with the iron purpose of making all possible efforts to attain their highness, is not likely to achieve any marked success in life. He is sure to be satisfied with himself and whatever he does, whereas he ought to often feel so dissatisfied with both himself and with the result of his efforts that he will cry out in despair. One of the greatest of personal disciplines is that of one's doing his utmost to reach the top of a high ideal, and yet fail to realize its accomplishment. The failure may make one feel inderscribably weak, so that momentarily he resolves that he will not make another such attempt. But this inaction will soon pass away and the fires of a noble ambition burn again, leading one onward in the pursuit which he had purposed. They who succeed largely in any chosen calling are the ones who will not let any temporary defeat of high purpose keep them back from still greater efforts to realize their golden ideal. Those very efforts bring a degree and quality of strength which could not be had in any other way. The apostle Paul was an intellectual and spiritual giant, but he did not become such by the sheer grace of God independently of his own mightiest efforts to reach a capital ideal. He was never quite satisfied with the attainments which he had already made, whether intellectual or purely spiritual. Did he realize the attainment of any of his best ideals? I am sure that he did not. There were majestic heights which he failed to reach, but he pushed on undaunted by failure and unslacked in his purpose to glorify God in the highest.—C. H. Wetherbe.

VICTOR HUGO'S TESTIMONY.

There is comfort in the persistency with which the sense of immortality has manifested itself in the hearts of men. Victor Hugo, in his old age, said one day: "When I go down to the grave I, like so many others, will say, 'I have finished my day's work,' but I cannot say that I have finished my life. My day's work will begin the next morning; my tomb is not a blind alley, it is a thoroughfare; it closes with the twilight to open with the dawn."—Exchange.

All sin is willing sin and not even God could blame a man for what could not be helped.

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The General Conference is coming on and the editor will make the pages of the Advocate glitter with the doings of that great law-making body, and the people of your pastoral charge ought to follow these pages and learn how and why Methodist law is revised or made new.

Rev. C. B. Smith, who has been in St. Paul's Sanitarium for some days for an operation, has returned home. His case was such that after the surgeons made an exploration of the stomach they concluded that it was not safe to proceed further and the wound was closed with no other result.

CALL FOR A PROHIBITION MASS MEETING.

Judge A. W. Walker, who is State Chairman of the prohibition forces who are making every effort to get our people united on a single candidate for Governor to come before the July primaries, had a meeting of his State Committee last Saturday, January 10, and among other actions taken, they were unanimous in their desire to have a great mass meeting of prohibitionists in Fort Worth, January 24, and they have asked the religious press, along with the secular press, to give publicity to this call.

We notice that "Southern Publishing Company" has bought out the Waco Morning News and that they propose to make it a prohibition daily for the State. Such a paper, if conducted vigorously in the interests of prohibition as well as a general newspaper, ought to fill a felt want; but it will have to be a virile prohibition paper and not a namby-pamby enterprise.

Dallas "society" is making strides. We have a "smart set," and they are striving to keep pace with New York's "Four Hundred." Among them, it is said that our young married woman, of this favored set, now smoke cigarettes and whistle like men.

A leading Waco agent for the brewers has issued a secret and confidential circular to his patrons throughout Texas to see to it that all anti-poll taxes so as to be able to vote during this year.

Our Texas Baptist editors have read our recent editorial on "Christian Union," as viewed by the Baptist Convention, and they are not altogether pleased with it.

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editorial and filed it for future notice. But our Western Evangel, published at Abilene, devoted more than its front page to the editorial and evinced real distress; but it did itself the credit and its readers the favor to reproduce the editorial in full on its second page.

The Court of Criminal Appeals has finally sustained the local option pool room law passed by the regular session of the Legislature. We have looked for this decision for months and now we are rejoiced that it has been delivered and that the law will stand.

Not far from where we live, there is a family of hard-working people--the father, the sister and the brother--the mother having died some years ago. The other night the son was brought home in a dray by a chum and dumped into the door dead drunk.

The first one is a young man just beginning life, but the other one is far advanced in age and not far from the end of his journey. But we might multiply examples of this sort all along the line and then scarcely touch the subject.

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States and it ought to be so stringent as to impart sanctity to the marriage vows. And the pulpit and the press need to speak out with larger emphasis upon this divorce evil.

Next Sunday will be the day that our own Mrs. W. H. Johnson has designated for Public Purity Sunday, and is requesting with all the force of her importunate nature, that all our preachers preach a sermon on the subject and then give their people an opportunity to make a voluntary or freewill offering for the Rescue Home.

Brother Pastor, do all your stewards take the Advocate? Look over your list and see if you have any delinquent. If so, sit up with him and argue with him until he gives you his name.

Rev. W. F. Packard, formerly of First Church, Houston, but now of Marlin, sometime ago preached a sermon on the Bible, in which he gave ten reasons for believing in the divinity of the Holy Scriptures.

ELIOT ON MIRACLES.

Dr. Eliot, the Unitarian, recently gave his views on men of science and their contempt for miracles, and did not hesitate to indorse their position. As Unitarian, the old teacher could have no other view of miracles.

"Men of science," says Dr. Eliot in announcing a new view of religion, "have no faith in magic or miracle."

vital processes of plants and animals, in human loves and aspirations, and in the evolution of human society."

Yet these are all miracles in the sense that no scientist can explain them or measure or identify the force behind them. Scientists make much of knowing the processes of nature, but in truth they know only the laws or its manifestation; they know absolutely nothing of its primal cause, and to call it mystery is only to give another name to miracle.

"What will Dr. Eliot do with the miracle of intelligence? What matters whether it were implanted as a latent force in primordial ooze and developed by the ordained process of evolution or was imparted at a given time by divine touch? It is still from without; it is still miraculous.

"And what of the miracle of the life and teachings of Jesus? History does not record a man like Him; human reason could never have projected a myth of perfection, because it had never observed perfection. It is no less a miracle for imperfect men to imagine perfection than for perfection to exist.

"In the philosophy of the Christian religion there is but one Christ, as in the philosophy of material things there is but one universe, Christ, therefore, is no more impossible. The resurrection is mysterious only because it does not recur; if it were repeated it would not be wonderful, but in the plan of salvation it does not require repetition.

"We are sorry for men who have no faith, but their lack of faith does not prove ours a delusion. We are sorry for men who are blind or deaf, but their infirmity does not impair our sight or hearing.

"Dr. Eliot has not defined a new religion; he has simply given a new definition to materialism. And like all other materialists he has stumbled over a few folk lore trifles and has lost sight of the real miracles."

Brother Pastor, if you have a member who is so wise and well informed that he tells you were he to take the Advocate he would not need to read it, then impress upon him the fact that maybe his wife and his children are not so learned as he, and that for their sakes he had better put the paper in the home where they can get the benefit of it.

THE VANDERBILT CONTENTION.

Last week the appeal case in the Vanderbilt controversy was argued in the Supreme Court of Tennessee, and now that body of last resort has the contention under consideration. It will be three or four weeks, perhaps, before we will know the decision of this body.

THE CHURCH ADVANCING.

Dr. Ivey, of the Nashville Christian Advocate, has tabulated the statistics of the Church for 1913, and the results show substantial progress. The net increase is 46,231, making the total membership of the Church, including ministers and laymen, to be 2,004,980.

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# Impure Blood

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work, our progress during the year 1914 ought to be far in advance of the past year. Southern Methodism is entrenching itself in the mind and heart of its connectional territory.

How can your officials know how to impress upon their members when they call on them for money, the needs of the Church, unless such officials fill their own hearts and minds with Church information? If they take and read the Advocate they will know how to be more efficient officials.

Sorrow will follow the announcement of the death of Bro. J. D. Whitcomb, of Groesbeck, which occurred January 7. He was one of our most consecrated and liberal laymen, honored and loved by the Church throughout that entire region. For years he served on the Mission Board of the Conference, and he supported a missionary in China out of his own means. Out of respect to his memory as a citizen, the District Court of his town stood adjourned and the business houses all closed at the time of his funeral and burial.

## PERSONALS

We recently had a brotherly visit from Rev. O. E. Moreland, the newly appointed preacher at Garland. He starts off well with his year's work.

Rev. Simeon Shaw, pastor at Sweetwater, attended the meeting of the Board of Southwestern University last week and on his way back home spent several hours in the city.

Mrs. W. A. Patterson, of Big Spring, says she has been a reader of the Advocate thirty years and can not get along without it. She is well versed in the work of the Church and is devoted to her Church paper.

Tom Swope, of Houston, and whom all the preachers in his end of the State know favorably, was a pleasant visitor to this office recently. He says his new preacher is a stem-winder.

Rev. H. M. Timmons, of Gilmer, is starting off well for the new year. He has a fine people to serve and he and they are in happy accord, and a great year is expected. They now have a splendid Church plant and Methodism is to the front in that wide-awake East Texas town.

Judge Loomis, of Marion County, was recently confronted by a liquor man for a license for precinct four in said county, but when he looked into the fact he promptly turned down the application. Good for Judge Loomis. He knows the law and has the courage to stand by it.

Our venerable brother, Champ Traylor, of Hutchinson County, writes us a good letter. He loves the Advocate. He expects soon to wend his way to Arizona to spend the winter. He is a pioneer in that Western country, and he knows what real service is.

On January 1, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Casey, of Poyner, Texas, Rev. S. W. Stokely and Miss Mollie Casey were united

## SOMETHING ABOUT THE ADVOCATE

By a unanimous vote the pastors of the Dallas District decided to make a vigorous campaign for the two hundred new subscribers to the Advocate. You can count on us—we begin at once.

O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

### THE 100 PER CENT ROLL.

Mineola Circuit—Rev. L. G. Rogers. Ranger—Rev. J. M. Armstrong. Mansfield—H. L. Munger.

Rev. F. A. Crutchfield doubled the Advocate list at Bellevue last year. He will do the same, and maybe more, at Henrietta this year.

We are expecting to do our work for the Advocate this year. J. M. ALEXANDER, P. E. Cuero District.

Am anxious to make this the Advocate banner year for Ravenna charge. J. A. WHEELER.

Rev. M. A. Stout was a full-fledged member of the Twenty Club last year, as well as on the 100 per cent roll. He is on the same charge this year, but writes: "Mark me up for twenty more."

Rev. J. D. May, of Leesville, seemed to us from his report last fall to have every Methodist and some others on the list, but he is working on twenty new ones this year, and he will get them.

I am working to put the Advocate in the homes of my people. I am sure it will be helpful to all concerned. W. A. MANLEY, El Campo, Texas.

In marriage, Rev. Preston Florence officiating. Bro. Stokely was the pastor of the Frankston charge last year, and they both have a multitude of friends there. They go to Lyons, where Bro. Stokely is sent as pastor this year.

Rev. Sam R. Hay, of St. Paul's Church, Houston, is beginning his fourth year under most favorable circumstances. He and his people hope to make this, his last year, even the best of his quadrennium. Brother Hay stands at the head of the list of our popular and efficient preachers in Texas.

On January the 8th a beautiful little girl baby made her appearance in the parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Coburn, South Bonham. She was given a royal welcome, and that she is taking full advantage of it no one doubts who is intimately acquainted with her considerate sex.

Thursday afternoon, January 1, Rev. E. F. Lancaster and Miss Emma Pearce were united in marriage. Rev. Chas. A. Spragins officiating. The groom is the popular pastor of the Weston Circuit, North Texas Conference. The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pearce, of McKinney, Texas.

Rev. C. T. Tally, Commissioner for Southwestern University, was to see us last week. He has moved to Georgetown and he and his co-laborers are getting their plans in shape for a strenuous campaign. They are expecting to do things for Southwestern.

We have been asked to what Church O. H. Brewer, of Kirkland, belongs—the author of two previous communications on Tithing. He is a local preacher in good standing in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. We do not agree with his positions on the tithing question, but as a Methodist we have not denied him a

Bacon-Slaughter. — At Fencastle, Texas, January 11, 1914, Mr. Woodie Bacon and Miss Josie Slaughter, Rev. Preston Florence officiating.

Gouger-Taylor.—In the cream parlor, Frankston, Texas, December 20, 1913, Mr. Willie Gouger and Miss Clemie Taylor, Rev. Preston Florence officiating.

Rev. E. L. Wright, of Forest Avenue Church, Dallas, turned in to us six new subscribers, and he is continuing the work. Bro. Wright proves that subscribers to the Advocate can be secured in suburban charges.

Rev. J. P. Patterson has placed all his officials at Stratford on the Advocate list. This has been his custom for several years. The affairs of the Church prosper in his hands.

Here's for the 20 Club. L. N. LIPSCOMB, Bomarton, Texas.

I expect to have all stewards to take the Advocate and I'm going to do my very best to get new subscriptions this year.

J. L. WEATHERBY, Waller, Texas.

This subscriber is another one of my stewards. I am going to do my level best to get all of them to take the Advocate. L. CHRISTIAN, Call, Texas.

I very much enjoy the weekly visits of the Advocate, and desire you to know that I am doing my best at each conference to increase its circulation. At recent conference had talk from two brethren, each over eighty years of age, who had taken well nigh every issue of the Advocate, and it would have done you good to listen to their eulogistic remarks anent the paper. I hope my preachers will do you very good work this year. THOMAS GREGORY, P. E. San Marcos District.

hearing in the Advocate—especially since he writes in a brotherly and parliamentary manner. We are not responsible for the views of brother Methodists.

Rev. L. B. Elrod is beginning his new year at Jacksonville with good outlook for a successful pastorate. He is one of our most capable preachers, a devoted pastor, and a man upon whom you can place dependence seven days in every week. The Jacksonville people are fortunate in having such a strong man to take charge of their station.

Rev. G. H. Givan, presiding elder of the Albuquerque District, N. M., is meeting encouragement in that far western field. He has a faithful band of preachers and a loyal number of good members; but the charges are widely scattered. He has much traveling to do to meet his engagements. But he has good hope in the outcome of that section of our Zion.

As we go to press we have received a telegram announcing the serious illness of the good wife of Rev. J. M. Armstrong of the Central Conference. She was stricken with paralysis, and her condition is very serious. The brethren will remember Bro. Armstrong and his family at a throne of grace.

"I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine." In a hotel or a prison a man may be known by the number of his room or his cell, but at home we are called by our names. And God's house is neither a hotel nor a prison: It is a home. We murmur over the sleeping babe the name known only to love's whisper, and the feeling in our hearts interprets that in the heart of our Father when He looks down and remembers His own. It is the old pet name that, after all, stirs our hearts more than that name and fame that are uttered in the ear of a listening world. This is the highest rapture of life, to know our lives in the hands of love by the owner of the name which binds together the Eternal God and the human soul.—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

## TRUSTEESHIP OF PROPERTY AS TAUGHT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

By Rev. O. E. Goddard.

So many things, some wise, some unwise and some otherwise, have been said and written about what the Bible teaches concerning the right use of property that it might seem a work of supererogation to add yet another word. The defense, however, for perpetrating more of this on the public is that there is yet no general agreement, and certainly no uniformity of practice, among us concerning this matter. The ideas held by the average Church member and the practices ordinarily in vogue in our Churches reflect no credit upon the saints. The Church of today is suffering immeasurably, almost irreparably, from its pernicious financial systems, if systems some of them may be called. This is truly the commercial age of the world. Business men are the ruling spirits of the times. The cool, deliberate judgment of a business man outweighs that of any other man. Woe to the man or the institution whose business methods come under the ban of the business men of this age. They will not accept loyalty to a creed, loud claims of orthodoxy, nor even claims to ecstatic religious experiences as a substitute for square dealings. They believe that money is the touchstone by which character is revealed. The man who is wrong in the use of his money is wholly wrong from the business man's standpoint. Who will say that he is not correct in these views?

Hence, it behooves the Church, as never before, to have its business methods above reproach. How do the business methods ordinarily in vogue in our Churches impress the successful business man of today? He would doubtless bring three indictments against them: They are not Scriptural; they are not equitable, and they do not get the adequate amount of revenue. To sustain any one of these indictments would suggest the necessity of making some radical changes in our Church finances. If all of them could be sustained it would be a demonstration that we need a revolution in our methods. There is not a shadow of doubt about sustaining all of them. Let no one suppose for a moment that the "throw in" method, the "hit or miss" method (mostly miss), the "chance" method, the "oyster stew" method, and methodless methods, are of divine origin. They are not taught in the Book, nor would any one claim for them divine sanction. To suggest that God is their author would be an impeachment of heavenly wisdom; to accuse God of being their father would be to question His sanity. They are of the earth and earthly. Men in their abortive efforts to improve or modify the divine plan always hinder the cause they would help. God is the greatest business man in the universe. His scheme of human redemption contemplates the using of hundreds of thousands of workers, erecting hundreds of thousands of buildings, making an outlay of billions of dollars necessary. That God has provided some adequate plan to finance this vast enterprise is no violent assumption. But neither God nor any good business man would own many of the present-day systems as His. There is no warrant in His Book for them. Hence they are not God's.

It does not require an expert in ethics to see that these methods are not equitable. An equitable one would distribute the expenses according to the ability of the recipients. It is an open secret that assessments even in our best Churches are not made according to ability, but according to willingness.

The working woman paying as much as the banker or capitalist is not an unknown spectacle among us. The working woman does not pay too much, but the banker and capitalist in such cases are parasites. Their property values are sustained and maintained by the presence of organized Christianity. Let organized Christianity withdraw from any city in the United States and property values would drop fifty per cent in thirty days. The rich man feels that it is quite a burden to put a few hundred dollars per year into the Church, whereas it would cost him many thousands were the Church to withdraw from his city. Any system that tolerates situations like that is not equitable, whatever else it may be.

That the amount of revenue secured by the present methods is inadequate needs no argument. The crying need to meet present-day responsibilities is more revenue. If the Church had had sufficient revenue to have placed five thousand new missionaries in China five years ago, God only knows what would have happened ere this. Thousands of young men and women wanted to go. They were kept at home for want of funds. The funds, ample funds, were in the hands of our Church members, but it was not available for the furtherance of the King-

dom. The appalling situation in the home land cries out to heaven. None but a man with a heart of stone can view the home missions situation without his inmost soul being stirred. The board looks on the fields white unto the harvest, shake their heads and whisper, "inadequate revenue." So the present system, whatever else might be said about it, is not getting the adequate revenue.

Another reason for further and persistent teaching on the right use of money is the fact that it is still the damning sin of the age. It is still the root of all the evils. Not that the genesis of every sin can be found in the love of money, but that it has led men to every form of sin in the black catalogue of sins. It has led to murder arson, larceny, adultery and all that class of grosser sins. It is also the source of a multitude of sins not so disreputable, in fact some have gained respectability. The inordinate love of money has, like a vampire, sucked out the spiritual vitality of many a life otherwise faultless. Selfishness, that prolific mother of sins, is in its genesis a love for money, or its equivalent. Hence the watchman who loves God and wants to serve humanity must stand upon the walls and cry aloud and spare not if he would be free from the blood of men.

What does the Book teach? As is well known in the Old Testament, ten per cent of the income was levied upon as sacred for divine purpose. This rule, with whatever merits or demerits it may or may not have, was of divine origin. It was equitable. It did get the revenue. But the question is: Did Jesus Christ teach tithing? Did he require his followers to practice it? Did he promulgate it as the New Testament method for Church finances? This writer answers emphatically, that he did not. Many older, wiser and better men claim that he did. They cite Matthew 23:23 to sustain their contention. "We pay tithes of mint, anise and cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, faith. These ought ye to have done and not left the other undone." He is rebuking them for being punctilious about tithing, but unscrupulous about other matters more important. To paraphrase this would be to say: "You may be as careful as you please about tithing and such matters, but you must not think your being punctilious here absolves you from more important matters. Never once did he suggest this as the final financial policy for the New Testament Church. Jesus was not much given to laying down arbitrary rules. He was sparing in the use of precepts and prohibitions. These are suited to the child mind and to the race in childhood. Jesus unfolded fundamental principles out of which rules, precepts and prohibitions may be evolved.

What did Jesus teach as to our relationship to property? Both Communism and Socialism have claimed Him as their champion. This only illustrates how a great truth can be perverted. Two parables, the parable of the talents and the parable of the pounds, unfold the mind of Christ as to our relationship to property. In each case the Lord in the parable delivered to the servants His goods. The servants owned nothing. The property entrusted to them was to be held and used in trust for the owner. According to the New Testament we own nothing. We are only trustees of property which belongs to God. Moreover, the lord in the parable called unto him his own servants. They, too, belonged to him. Hence their time was his. "Ye are not your own. Ye are bought with a price." Now Jesus teaches that we, our property and our time, belong to God. We hold it all in trust for Him. This truth was in embryo in the Old Testament and some of the seers at their best got glimpses of it. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. The world and they that dwell therein." "The sea is His and He made it and His hands formed the dry land." The fact that God assumed the right to levy on one-tenth of the income and one-seventh of the time has in it the germinal truth that He is Lord of it all. His right to a part of it grows out of this fact. The ten per cent plan was the primary lesson for stewardship or trusteeship laid bare in the teaching of Jesus.

Jesus was not a stickler for organization. He knew what some moderns do not seem to know, that a great, vital, vitalizing and energizing truth cannot long remain un-

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### FIRST CHURCH LEAGUE, HOUSTON.

#### New Officers Installed.

Herewith is a list of our newly installed officers for 1914, our new pastor, Rev. C. S. Wright, installing them at a recent service, viz.:  
President, G. H. Stubblefield; First Vice-President, Miss Mary McDearis; Second Vice-President, Mrs. C. W. Furman; Third Vice-President, Miss Natalie Wetzel; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Elizabeth Dukes; Recording Secretary, Durrah Cunningham; Corresponding Secretary, Fred H. Wiggzell; Treasurer, Alvin Beyer; Epworth Era Agent, O'Brien Stevens; Pianist, Miss Winona Furman; Junior League Superintendent, Miss Iffie Rankin.

We are not only going to strive to do as much as we did last year, but, of course, expect to attempt to do greater things.

T. H. WIGZELL,  
Corresponding Secretary.

### Financial Report.

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| From November 15, 1912, to November 24, 1913—                            |                 |
| Received from all sources                                                | \$306.01        |
| Disbursements                                                            |                 |
| Central Office support                                                   | \$ 14.05        |
| Cuban Missions                                                           | 12.50           |
| Young Women's Co-operative Home (Home Missions)                          | 70.00           |
| Our Conference Collections                                               | 50.00           |
| Breakfast for over 100 Easter morning delegates to Epworth-by-the-Sea    | 9.45            |
| 46 subscriptions to the Epworth Era                                      | 26.55           |
| Expense of concerts at Young Women's Co-operative Home (four)            | 23.00           |
| One dozen new books donated Settlement Home                              | 4.05            |
| Patriotic service on 16-story office building July 6 (advertising, etc.) | 9.40            |
| Spring membership campaign ("War of Roses")                              | 16.10           |
| Reception in October to students and faculty of Rice Institute           | 15.64           |
| Several socials, business meeting suppers, stationery, etc.              | 45.46           |
| Cash on hand                                                             | 3.81            |
| <b>Total</b>                                                             | <b>\$306.01</b> |

ALVIN BEYER,  
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### McKINNEY JUNIORS ENTERTAIN PASTOR.

The following very interesting account of a reception tendered the new pastor of Wilcox Street Methodist Church, McKinney, and his good wife, Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Curry, by the Junior Epworth League members, is furnished us by the enterprising little Secretary, Miss Lallie Dorsey. The very young members of this congregation as represented in the Junior League organization, certainly deserve no small degree of praise for so worthy an accomplishment. We feel sure that we will hear much of this band of Juniors during the coming year. Here is the report of the Reception to Pastor and Wife.

At the last Annual Conference Rev. R. B. Curry was sent to be pastor of the Wilcox

Street Methodist Church, in McKinney, Texas. On Thursday evening, January 1, 1914, the Junior League of the South Wilcox Street Methodist Church, informally entertained complimentary to Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Curry, from 8 to 9 o'clock, immediately after prayer service. The many friends of the Juniors received their invitations for this occasion, and some seventy-five or eighty were present and enjoyed a most pleasant evening. The church had been beautifully decorated with ferns, League colors and flowers. Immediately after prayer service the Junior League Superintendent, Miss Lallie Dorsey, invited the Junior choir to their places, where they sang as the opening song, "The Church in the Wilderness." Then a welcome address was given by Jimmie Tinsley, and his remarks were applauded. He said:

"Ladies, Gentlemen, Friends. Our Junior League of Wilcox Street Methodist Church has a membership of fifty girls and boys. It is my privilege, and one I take great pleasure in, of being the one chosen to give you a

hearty welcome here this evening. We hope you will enjoy every moment of the time spent with us. We are only Juniors, and cannot do everything, but we can do some things. We haven't a Senior League here now, but just you watch and wait and in a few years you will see a Senior League right. Then we can, and will, entertain you in a grown-up way. Anyway, we are very glad you are here this evening."

Then Mrs. C. A. Spragins and Mrs. E. P. Gifford sang a duet, after which Rev. C. A. Long talked of 1914 and its possibilities. Rev. R. B. Curry favored the audience with a solo, then Rev. C. A. Spragins talked of retrospective 1913. The Junior choir sang their League brigade song. Rev. Lancaster talked on the new year and its gifts, and Miss Cecil Meador gave a reading. Each of these numbers were splendidly rendered and most heartily enjoyed by all. The Junior girls and boys served refreshments of cake and hot chocolate, and pinned on each guest a narcissus, which represented their colors of white and gold. The Juniors are a splendid crowd of young girls and boys and we look forward to the time when they will be young ladies and young men, with beautifully molified Christian characters, to take and fill the places which the older ones now occupy.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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### WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.

By A. E. Rector, Field Secretary.

**Some Holiday Meditations and Suggestions.**  
The holidays do not lend themselves favorably to serious institute work, so what with Christmas and New Year, the Field Secretary has a brief pause at home. It is to be hoped that the Sunday Schools all observed Christmas in some appropriate way, and that the New Year also was not unimproved. Special days break the dead level of Sunday School routine. St. Paul's reproof of the Galatians for observing "days and months and times and years" certainly does not apply here. Monotony kills more Sunday Schools than does any other one thing. Some brokenmen have asserted that, when a road is broken by the average undulation of hill and valley, a horse will pull a buggy further and easier in a day than where the road is all dead level. O for more hills and dales in the management of the average Sunday School of the West Texas Conference! Solitary confinement for capital crimes in Italy soon kills or drives crazy the majority of prisoners so punished. Monotony in Sunday School management never runs folks crazy; it is too soporific for that. But it does run most everybody away except those who are bound by ties of duty or authority. What relief and blessing are offered by such special days as Christmas, New Year, Easter, Children's Day, Rally Day, Mothers' Day, Decision Day. Even secular days, such as Washington's Birthday, Texas Independence Day, San Jacinto Day and the Fourth of July, might be observed in a way that would in nowise interfere with the regular program, but would furnish a variety pleasant and profitable to old and young. The trouble is, we think it requires more time and labor to "celebrate a day" than we can afford. That is a mistake. A very few special features well prepared ar; all that we need in most instances. The poet wrote,

A Christmas gambol oft would cheer  
The poor man's heart through half the year,

but even that poor man would have preferred to have his Christmas scattered a little through the year. It is well to have one or two big programs during the year, but these should not set the pace for other observances that ought to be marked by simplicity.

### Sufficient Preparation.

The importance of timely special preparation in Sunday School work cannot be over-estimated. Pastors, superintendents and teachers should look a long way down the line. "Forewarned, forearmed." How can we go ahead unless we look ahead? Important as are special features, let us remember that all methods are only means to the one supreme end of winning souls to Christ and equipping them for his gracious service. But to win either children or adults we must first interest them. Hence the special days and all other means which consecrated ingenuity can discover.

### Will Pastors Read This?

I wish I could state that all the pastors had sent me their complete list of Sunday School officers and teachers, which I so much need and must have, but I cannot. I will not reflect upon my beloved conference by giving the number and names of the delinquents. It will not be in bad taste, however, to state that the Cuero District leads in the number of responses. The district giving the fewest is the—guess which? Some of the brethren may wonder what the Secretary wants to do with such a list. He would not be taking all this trouble unless he thought it worth while. Please let the responsibility rest on him—where it belongs.

### Schedule of Institutes.

The institutes for the Cuero District in addition to those published in my last communication will be as follows:  
Runge, January 14, Wednesday night, Thursday afternoon and Thursday night.  
Yoakum and Hallettsville charges at Yo-

kum, Friday night, January 16, with three sessions each for Saturday and Sunday.  
Cuero and Ursury charges at Cuero, Monday night, January 19, with three sessions on Tuesday.

Victoria, Port Lavaca and Goliad charges, at Victoria, Wednesday night, January 21, with sessions Thursday afternoon and night.  
Stockdale and Pandora, at Stockdale, Friday night, January 25, with three sessions Saturday and three on Sunday.  
Lavernia, Monday night, January 26, and Tuesday, 3 p. m.

This schedule was arranged after consultation with the presiding elder, Rev. J. M. Alexander, and it has his indorsement. Visiting delegates are to be entertained by the local Church during the brief time of the institute. Those desiring such entertainment will please notify the pastor of the Church where the institute is to be held in ample time for homes to be provided. Upon the officers and teachers in general, and upon pastors and superintendents in particular, will rest the success or failure of these occasions. All who attend will be recognized upon an equal footing. These meetings are not exclusively for members of the Sunday School. We need a general attendance that will pack the house at every session. Let us pray earnestly and work untiringly for victory in all these institutes.

### BIRTHDAY OFFERINGS IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

By Rev. W. J. Moore.

Our General Sunday School Board, on April 30, 1907, determined to establish a regular system of Birthday Offerings for our Sunday Schools. These funds were to be appropriated from year to year to such causes as the Sunday School Board should deem most needy and worthy.

The funds were applied for the first three years to church building in Oklahoma. Dr. McMurry says, "The good accomplished by the funds thus contributed by the Sunday Schools to church building in that new and rapidly developing territory would be hard to estimate."

In 1910 the funds were set apart thereafter as a Sunday School Loan Fund, to be used in the interest of churches that would provide a modern equipment for Sunday School work.

So we see the origin and the purpose of this fund. It is administered by the Board of Church Extension. But how is the local school to work it? Here is the plan adopted by the schools in Oklahoma, which make it both interesting and helpful:

1. Let the superintendent keep the matter in his mind, and urge its observance by old and young.
2. At the close of the Sunday School session, and just before the minutes are read, let the superintendent inquire, "How many have had a birthday the past week?" Then let those who have, come forward and drop as many cents as they are years old in the jar. If the pupils are in the Junior or Primary grades, let them remain at the altar.
3. While the offerings are being made, let a lively song be sung, the congregation standing. Then let the pastor or superintendent offer a brief, earnest prayer for blessings upon those whose birthdays are being celebrated.

All this can be done in less than five minutes; and it will prove a blessing in several ways: First, it will encourage a thank-offering on the return of each birthday; second, it will help to educate the people, old and young, in one of the great enterprises of the Church, that of Church Extension; third, the offerings, though small, will, in the aggregate, make quite a sum of money, and will help the cause very materially.

Do you have any idea what it would amount to if all who are in the Sunday School were to contribute to this fund just ten cents each? More than \$125,000. Could not most of the conferences raise \$1000 each if only a little effort were put forth in the right way? We think so. And we ought to rise up and build this monument to the Sunday School that will

endure through the generations yet to come.

You can get a birthday jar, free of charge, by writing to Dr. W. F. McMurry, Louisville, Kentucky.



### CAN RELIGION USE THE PRINCIPLES OF MODERN EDUCATION?

This unnatural division between religion and education, between Church and school, is awakening a discontent that promises better things. Protestants and Catholics alike are beginning to realize that what still remains of religious education is being outstripped by secular schools. Demand is now made not only for more religious education, but also for better, and the general assumption is that one needed step is to adopt into religious training the principles of teaching that are recognized in State schools. Some persons believe that the reform in religious education is already going too fast in that direction. They fear that the secularizing of religion will follow the adoption of methods that characterize the secular schools. Now, religious education must certainly be religious in point of process. No real advance can be made by grafting into religion anything that is not in itself religious. What kind of union, then, is that that is proposed? Has the educational reforms any contribution to make to religion? The answer to this question can be found only by analysis of the great principles underlying modern education. Let us make such analysis.

Universal education, to begin with, is essentially a Christian idea. For its foundation is the worth of man, a conception which Jesus has emphasized as no other teacher has done. Original and essential Christianity has been the great emancipator, the great protest against the exploitation of human life. Rich and poor, learned and unlearned, master and servant, king and peasant, become, under Christian influences, simply so many children of God and brothers one of another. Here is a basis broad enough for a democracy and for universal education.

Modern education recognizes the inner life as the essential life of man. It proclaims that things are not life, and that nothing can enlarge us that does not become a part of our inner being. The school is not to hang something upon the child, but to develop something within him. Here, surely, is support for spiritual religion. "Out of the heart," said the man of ancient time, "are the issues of life." The Great Teacher reaffirmed this thought again and again. Not what comes to a man from the outside, but what comes up out of the inner being, is the decisive fact of life. At this point, then, Christ and modern pedagogy are one.

Modern education not only puts emphasis upon the inner life, but also conceives that life broadly. Life is more than knowledge; it is also appreciation of what is lovely and of good report; it is sympathy with other life; it is righteousness of purpose. To teach is more than to train the intellect and fill it with information. It is to make men. The transformation in our schools from the idea of mere instruction to that of symmetrical development is not yet fully accomplished, but in principle the victory has been won. This victory is a move in the direction of religion. For though religion concerns the intellect, it is most of all a matter of the heart and will. Jesus declared that he is come that we may have life, and that we may have it abundantly. There is a sense in which every true teacher could say this of himself, for he is to help his pupils not only to know, but also to live. Whatever culture of the feelings and the will the school is able to impart is so much preparation of the soil for religious impressions.

Though modern education emphasizes the inner life, it demands that this life come to outward expression. "No impression without expression" is its motto. Does not this remind us of the very words of Jesus who said that one who hears his sayings and does them not is like a man who built his house on shifting sands, while one who both hears and does is like a man who built upon a rock? Entrance into the kingdom is accorded, not to those who say, "Lord, Lord," but to those who do God's will. In religion and in education alike the inner and the outer are properly indissoluble; they are the concave and the convex sides of the same curve. Hence, education, working in its own way enforces religion. This lesson is especially significant in this day of practical affairs; for the only kind of faith that is convincing to a modern man is the faith that shows itself in good works, the faith that spiritualizes conduct, business and all our human relations.

We may say therefore that the modern educational movement as a whole has consisted in the working out of certain pedagogical aspects of Christian belief. The educational movement of modern times has never really been independent of religion. It has builded better than it knew, for its inspiration has come from the highest source. It follows that the entire body of modern educational principle is adapted to the specific work of training in religion. The spirit of modern education was received from religion, and now, enriched by new knowledge and wrought into a system, it returns to its source to become the basis of a reform in the educational methods of the Church itself.—George Albert Coe.

Science without religion ultimately leaves the souls of the philosophers as lifeless and dry as the skeletons they dissect.

Human approbation is generally least sought by those who most deserve it, and most sought by those who least deserve it.

### Rosy as a Girl

Summit, N. C.—In a letter received from this place, Mr. J. W. Church, the notary public, says: "My wife had been ailing for nearly 12 years, from female ailments, and at times, was unable to leave the house. She suffered agony with her side and back. We tried physicians for years, without relief. After these treatments all failed, she took Cardui, and gained in weight at once. Now she is red and rosy as a school girl." Cardui, as a tonic for women, has brought remarkable results. It relieves pain and misery and is the ideal tonic for young and old. Try it. At druggists.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, a great loss has been sustained by the Philathea Class of the South Heights Methodist Sunday School in the death of our beloved teacher, Mrs. Anna Boston; and

Whereas, she was an ardent, enthusiastic worker in Sunday School and esteemed the cause of Christ above everything else, showing her love for the Master by being a regular attendant upon all the services of the Church and doing all that her strength would permit for the salvation of the unsaved; therefore be it

Resolved, first, That we, the Philathea Class of the Methodist Church in South Heights, feel most keenly our loss in the taking away of our beloved teacher, whose messages of instruction to the class were always of the highest order.

Resolved, second, That in the death of Sister Boston we have lost a true friend who in the last moments of her life did what she could to assist her class in advancing the Kingdom of Christ.

Resolved, third, That we bow in humble submission to the Divine will, "believing that all things will work out for the best to those who trust the Lord."

Resolved, fourth, That we extend to her son and his family our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Sunday School and a copy be presented to the son and Texas Christian Advocate.

ELIZABETH WHITE, President.  
ELIZABETH SHIPPLE,  
Secretary of S. H. Philathea Class.

### TO PASTORS AND SUPERINTENDENTS.

Having been appointed Field Secretary of the Texas Conference, I submit the itinerary below after the approval of the presiding elder: Willis Point, Jan. 14, 15.  
Grand Saline, Jan. 16.  
Pittsburg, Jan. 18, 19, 20.  
Big Sandy, Jan. 21, 22.  
Gilmer, Jan. 22, 23.  
Rosewood, Jan. 22, 23.  
Hartleton, Jan. 26, 27.  
Hallville, Jan. 28, 29.  
Kilgore, Jan. 29, 30.  
Jefferson, Feb. 1, 2.  
Hughes Springs, Feb. 3, 4.  
Marshall, Summit St., Feb. 5, 6.  
Marshall, First Church, Feb. 7, 8.  
Henderson, Feb. 11, 12.  
Texarkana, Feb. 13, 14, 15.

As there is no assessment for this work the Sunday School Board ask that the hat be passed at the night services that expenses may be paid. If the way is opened by the pastors and the people urged to attend then good can be done. It is my earnest desire to haul up the Sunday Schools on safe and sane lines, pressing only the fundamental things most needed in the training of the future Church member, and the saving of the soul and fixing the life secure and steadfast in loyalty to God and the Church. Quality of work more than quantity. Open up the way and pray for me and let us have the greatest Sunday School year in our history.

W. E. HAWKINS.  
1420 Hemphill St., Fort Worth, Texas.

He who enjoys solitude is either a fool or a philosopher.

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# Woman's Department

All communications in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society should be sent to Mrs. Milton Ragdale, care Texas Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas.

### HICO AUXILIARY OFFICERS.

Officers of Hico Auxiliary are as follows: President, Mrs. Will Hudson; First Vice-President, Mrs. R. W. Nation; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Geo. O. Patton; Third Vice-President, Mrs. W. M. Erwin; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Jno. Eakin; Treasurer Home Department, Mrs. J. J. Gurley; Treasurer Foreign Department, Miss Henrietta Chamberlin; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Jones; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Geo. O. Patton; Press Reporter, Mrs. Joe Newsom; Agent for Voice, Mrs. Jno. Eakin.

### ROBERTS AVENUE AUXILIARY, BEAUMONT.

Woman's Missionary Society have just closed a very successful year's work. At their regular business meeting in December the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. W. O. Pipkin; First Vice-President, Mrs. L. R. Pomeroy; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. K. Longnecker; Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. L. Hinson; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. R. L. Brown; Recording Secretary, Miss Eula Robertson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Dave Bolton; Connectional Treasurer, Mrs. B. D. Carney; Local Treasurer, Mrs. H. H. Hopkins; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. C. Parish; Press Superintendent, Mrs. C. E. McAllister; Agent for Missionary Voice, Mrs. J. Gilmore; Superintendent of Home Guard, Mrs. H. T. McGrew. PRESS REPORTER.

### TRINITY AUXILIARY, DENISON, TEX.

At our regular business meeting, held at the church, January 5, the following officers were installed for the following year: Mrs. C. H. Thrall, President; Mrs. E. A. Maness, First Vice-President; Mrs. J. H. McGrew, Second Vice-President; Mrs. B. Cassidy, Third Vice-President; Mrs. V. J. Douglas, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. Collins Bishop, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Jno. Sharp, Recording Secretary; Mrs. S. F. McSpadden, Treasurer; Mrs. W. B. Freeman, Agent Missionary Voice.

This Auxiliary has recently taken one of the children of the Orphans' Home to support, and sent their first box and some money in December, and when "Our Boy's" letter was read to us at our following meeting expressing his gratitude for the things sent, every one present was made to feel that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Our Auxiliary is small, yet the members are all workers and with our corps of efficient officers we are expecting this to be the best year of all. MRS. W. B. FREEMAN, Publicity Superintendent.

### MORGAN, TEXAS.

The Missionary Society closed its year's work by entertaining the members with their husbands and a few friends in the home of the retiring President by presenting the past year's work of our local society, together with some special music and excellent papers on the Home and Foreign Field Work.

A march was then played and a marshal of ceremonies presented each new officer for installation to our pastor, Rev. J. W. W. Shuler, who in a very impressive and effective way lectured each one on her duties, responsibilities and opportunities, creating in the heart of each one by his earnest, excellent talk a greater desire for good work in the year 1914. The officers installed were as follows: Mrs. J. D. Cate, President; Miss Ella Cate, First Vice-President; Miss Mattie Boliver, Second Vice-President; Mrs. T. L. De Spain, Third Vice-President; Mrs. Hugh Morrow, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. Marvin Cate, Recording and Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. D. B. Hunter, Treasurer; Mrs. M. B. Winston, Agent for Our Voice and Press Reporter.

The Treasurer's report from a membership of twenty-five showed dues sent Conference Treasurer, \$37.20. Specials sent Conference Treasurer, \$8. Amount used locally, \$84.50. Pledge sent Conference Treasurer, \$60. Special donations, \$44.85. Total for year, \$234.55. Refreshments were served to thirty-five guests. MRS. M. B. WINSTON, Press Reporter.

### LINE STREET AUXILIARY.

The Line Street (Hillsboro) Missionary Society met at the parsonage December 29 and the following ladies were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, S. M. Wooten; First Vice-President, Mrs. John Morrison; Second Vice-President, Mrs. D. A. Cantrell; Third Vice-President, Mrs. W. P. Dooley; Corresponding Secretary and Press Reporter, Mrs. J. W. Patison; Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Mobley; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. M. J. Hodges; Recording Secretary, Miss Myrtle Barnes; Agent Voice, Mrs. Melvin Wooten; Treasurer Local Work, Mrs. J. W. McAdams.

These good ladies have zealously entered into the work of the new year with a determination to make it the best in the history of the Line Street Church. In the building and furnishing of a beautiful parsonage they have done wondrous things and in the connectional work have done well, considering their membership.

Our aim this year is an increased membership, all reports in promptly and in every way possible to inform ourselves on the

greatest subject in the world-missions.

Our pastor has promised a special sermon on Missions on the fifth Sunday in January, and will install the officers at night.

MRS. J. W. PATISON, Press Reporter.

### FARMERSVILLE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Following are the newly elected officers of the Farmersville Missionary Society: President, Mrs. W. B. Honaker; Vice-President, Mrs. R. K. Evans; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Fred Pendleton; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Milburn Honaker; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. James Church; Treasurer of Home Department, Mrs. L. L. Miller; Treasurer of Foreign Department, Mrs. J. B. Honaker; Secretary, Mrs. James Pendleton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wes Neathery; Captain of Home Guards, Mrs. G. H. Beam; Agent for Missionary Voice, Mrs. T. H. Harless; Publicity Superintendent, Mrs. W. K. Bradford. MRS. WES NEATHERY, Corresponding Secretary.

Farmersville, Tex., Jan. 6.

### WEATHERFORD AUXILIARY.

Auxiliary, First Church, Weatherford, elected the following officers for the ensuing year, 1914: President, Mrs. J. W. Brazelton; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. C. Massey; Second Vice-President, Mrs. B. W. Akard; Third Vice-President, Mrs. H. C. Shropshire; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Walter Richards; Treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Hutchens; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ben Hartley; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Smith; Press Reporter, Mrs. E. Hightower; Agent for Voice and King's Messenger, Mrs. Krussell; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. M. D. Akard.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

### CITY MISSION BOARD OF DALLAS.

The first meeting for the new year was attended by sixty-five members. The officers for the year were elected and reports were heard from workers, including three deaconesses and one trained nurse. The reports of the workers showed that the several Christmas entertainments held during the holidays in the neighborhoods of the settlement homes were well attended and many presents distributed to the children, many baskets were sent to the poor and needy. The Sunday Schools, at both the Wesley House and Wesley Chapel, are flourishing.

The Treasurer reported \$3,992.02 collected and disbursed to the poor of the city during the year. This money was donated by the charitable citizens of Dallas. The Wesley Chapel on McKinney Avenue and Wesley House on Cockrell Street in the cotton mills district were both reported out of debt.

### BAY CITY W. M. S.

A report from Bay City was sent in late in November, but I suppose it went astray during the strike and flood panic (It did), so I send in another. We observed Week of Prayer with full programs and fine leaders; had good crowds and the offering for the week was \$33.82, the best in the history of Bay City Church.

We gave a "Linen Shower" for the Orphanage and it was quite nice. As a result we sent the Home a big box of snowy linen, each piece laden with love for the little motherless ones being cared for by Brother Burroughs. As a Christmas gift to them we sent a box of jams, jellies and preserves, each jar coming from some mother's pantry shelf, for Christmas dinner to the little ones. One of our merchants sent, through us, a bucket (30 pounds) of Christmas candy. Our juveniles also had a mite box opening at the home of their leader, Mrs. Bert Carr, and found \$11.30 in the boxes, which is for some special missionary work. During the year they have collected about \$25, in their own little ways, for the cause.

Our Society is doing nicely, and, as are officers are full of missionary spirit, we look for large things for 1914.

MRS. CORA B. MOORE, Press Superintendent.

### THE WILMER AUXILIARY.

The Wilmer Auxiliary was reorganized the first of October, 1913, with fourteen members. At our last meeting in December we elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Mrs. C. A. Fouts, President; Mrs. J. D. Jones, First Vice-President; Miss Mable Turner, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Clara Traywick, Third Vice-President; Mrs. V. L. Howard, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. Edna Weaver, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Allie Patterson, Recording Secretary; Mrs. M. D. Davidson, Treasurer; Mrs. M. T. Watters, Agent for Missionary Voice and Press Reporter.

We have four meetings each month. The first Thursday meeting is held in the church and devoted to the business of the Society. The other meetings are at the homes of the members and devoted to social and working meetings. With the help of the Master we hope to do greater things in the future.

MRS. M. T. WATTERS, Press Reporter.

### LAVERNIA AUXILIARY.

The ladies of the Lavernia Missionary Society began the year 1913 with new courage and a strong determination to do greater

things for the cause of our Master than we have ever done before, and we can safely say it has been a most prosperous year both spiritually and financially. Our membership has increased from fourteen to twenty members. Our meetings are interesting and instructive and we learn more about the work each meeting. On November 29, last, we held our bazaar and served supper in connection with a discourse of visitors far and near. Our net receipts were \$126.40, for which we return thanks to the "Giver of all good gifts." We have paid our \$5 pledge and now we have begun talking a new parsonage and we expect to do more than talk, for as our song says, "We are building day by day" new hopes, new things and a new parsonage for Lavernia, for in our little band of workers we have some heroines of the cross and we feel all these things, with God's help, we can accomplish great things. We have taken up a Bible study, which I am sure will prove a blessing to each one.

We are going to specialize in our different officers this year and see if we can't accomplish more for our Father's cause.

Our new officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

Mrs. R. G. Martin, President; Mrs. J. P. Chambers, First Vice-President; Miss Alice Sanders, Second Vice-President; Mrs. F. M. Lay, Third Vice-President; Mrs. Tommy Abbott, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. A. M. Dorsett, Secretary; Mrs. W. E. Tewes, Treasurer; Mrs. A. N. Sanders, Agent of Voice.

Let us all throw ourselves, soul and body, into this beautiful work of a missionary with our motto: "All for Christ," then we will get the real joy of our Christianity.

Yours for better work,  
MRS. A. M. DORSETT, Sec.

### TO THE PUBLICITY SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

Greetings:

In sending greetings to the Publicity Superintendents of the New Mexico Conference, I wish I might feel that I am sending greetings to every auxiliary in the conference, but when forty-five report blanks are sent out and only three returned, I feel that I am reaching only a very small per cent of the auxiliaries through the superintendents.

It is the business of the Conference Superintendents to furnish you with the Missionary Bulletin—the quick messenger from headquarters. It must be quick and direct to accomplish its purpose. It is also her business to furnish the Texas Christian Advocate with happenings of interest throughout the conference—and she has no means of knowing what the auxiliaries are doing except through the Auxiliary Superintendents. May I not appeal to the Presidents of these auxiliaries to rally to my support? Elect in every auxiliary bright, quick, capable superintendents. A few minutes in your monthly meetings for your superintendent to present the fresh information from the Bulletin with charts and posters is excellent to make the meetings full of interest. I suggest that you superintendents tell the facts of the Bulletin, not read. It requires more than the reading of an article to give entertainment. We must throw ourselves into the life of our article to make reading interesting or even worth while. God is calling for the best in us. Let us make the year 1914 the greatest year in our work.

May the Lord be with us, bless and prosper his work in this conference this year. With love and prayers,

MRS. W. A. McCREARY, Publicity Superintendent.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. John T. Whitaker, the beloved Treasurer of the Missionary Society of St. John's Church, died after a short illness Thanksgiving morning. She was a valued member of the Church, Sunday School, and Missionary Society, and in the society especially the loss will be keenly felt; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Church and all its departments have lost a valued friend and worker, and that we extend to her loved ones our deepest sympathy in the loss of the beloved wife and mother; and further be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and that one be placed on the minutes of the Missionary Society.

MRS. RAYMOND CAMPBELL,  
MRS. J. G. SHAFER,  
MRS. G. R. JONES,  
Committee.

### REPORTS IN THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The charges that have held services in the interest of the Mission Home and Training School, San Antonio, Texas, as far as we have heard from them: Center Point, Lampasas, Uvalde, Beeville, Skidmore, Corpus Christi, Seguin, Luling, Karnes City, Gregory, San Marcos, Flatonia. The pastors will please report to the commissioners as fast as the campaign closes. Give me on postal card what you did and the amount secured.  
J. D. SCOTT.

## The Passing Day

The number of students matriculated in the universities in Germany, which has doubled since 1896, has risen further during the last summer. As compared with the previous year, the increase is 7851, and compared with the summer semester of 1903 is about 24,000. The increase during the last ten years is as great as the entire attendance at the German universities thirty years ago. The annual increase for the last year is somewhat smaller than the previous year, so that it may be assumed that the high point of the increase has been passed, which in view of the overfilling of many learned professions may be regarded as desirable. If to the number of matriculated students, the number of those admitted to the lectures is added (3,079 men and 1,027 women) there are at present attending the German universities 64,462 persons (56,910 men and 2,959 women in the previous year). As to the attendance of the different departments, theology showed a marked increase with 3,882 students as compared with 3,338 in the previous year, but the principal increase is seen in the department of medicine, to which university students have given the preference for some years. The medical departments have 14,750 students as compared with 13,409 in the previous year and 8,282 five years ago. The next largest increase is in economics and agriculture. Dentistry decreased as a result of higher entrance requirements and longer time of study from 789 to 655, and law from 11,087 to 10,396, and finally students of philosophy from 16,644 to 15,471.

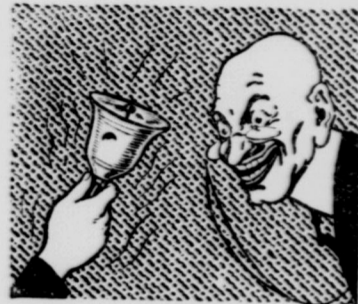
Why is the use of glasses so frequent at the present time, as compared with only a few years ago? Perhaps the chief cause is the ignorant or careless adjustment of the light to the reading or working position. This is particularly true in the large modern office, where the chief thought in the arrangement of the desks for clerks and stenographers is economy in floor space. Proper illumination of this work is of secondary importance. Not every desk can be placed by a window, and usually windows will be found only on one side of a room, or at the end, so that ample provision has to be made for artificial lighting. Strong and even illumination is necessary. Desk lamps should be thoroughly screened so that they cannot shine into anybody's eyes. They should be so placed that there is no shadow of the hand or pen on the paper when writing. A frosted globe gives a softer light than the ordinary unfrosted globe, and a 16-candlepower lamp usually gives sufficient illumination for the ordinary desk work. Too strong a light is just as trying to the eyes as too weak an illumination. A north light is the best, being soft and steady. All desks near windows should be so placed so that the light comes from the left side. The old rule given for reading and writing, that the light should come obliquely over the left shoulder, well illustrates ordinary requirements. In the modern home the incandescent electric lamps hold first place as illuminant. They should always, however, be furnished with ground bulbs, or, better, so shaded as greatly to reduce their otherwise very high intrinsic brilliancy. Where the mantle gas burners are used they should always be shaded, both to reduce the brilliancy and to modify the hue of the light, unless some of the recent mantles, giving an amber tone to the light, are available.

Chas. W. Morse, the former "Ice King," who was pardoned from the Atlanta Federal prison by President Taft, after serving two

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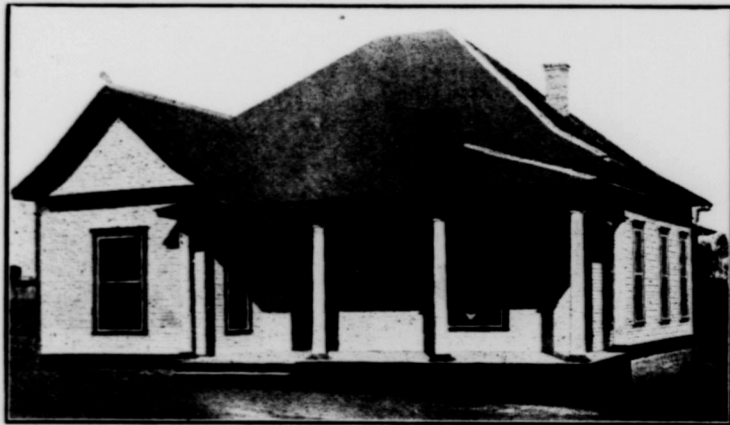
years of a fifteen years' sentence, is seeking a Congressional investigation. Mr. Morse claims the charge upon which he was convicted was a flimsy one and intimates he was made a catspaw by other National bankers. He was indicted for making false entries in the books of the National bank of North America, of which he was president. He asks at the hands of Congress a full investigation of all the circumstances leading to his conviction. He will also sue prominent bankers and others connected with his trial for damages.

The Student Volunteers' Convention of Missions, which has been in session at Kansas City, Missouri, ended January 4. The closing session was in contrast to the first, when 4000 delegates gave lusty yells when they were in their places. Tonight the students passed out of convention hall to their trains in silence. John R. Mott, chairman of the executive committee of the movement, who presided, does not believe in applause, and following his orders, no applause was given after the convention got down to work. Tonight telegrams of greeting from all parts of the world were read. From China came a cablegram from C. T. Wang, former Vice-President of the Chinese Senate, and three other Chinese student leaders, saying: "China is choosing her destiny; why not make it Christ?" The volunteers in Japan cabled from Kyoto, telling that country's needs. This message came from volunteers in Turkey: "Stricken Turkey realizes greatest needs are moral. Undreamed-of possibilities challenge the Christian world to reveal uplifting power of Christ." From Kiev, Russia, came this appeal: "Pray for tragic Russia." The volunteers in India cabled:

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### Speechless For Thanks

Mena, Ark—"I find Cardui to be all you represent," writes Mrs. H. B. York, of this city. "I suffered from womanly ailments, for nearly two years, before I tried Cardui. I have been so relieved since taking it. I cannot say enough in its praise. It has done me a world of good, and I recommend Cardui to all women." Cardui is over 50 years old, and the demand is greater today than ever. Cardui is the standard, tonic medicine, for women of every age. Would you like to be well and strong? Then take Cardui. Its record shows that it will help you. Begin today. Why wait?



### PARSONAGE AT THROCKMORTON, TEXAS.

The above is a cut of the parsonage at Throckmorton, built under the ministry of Rev. W. C. Childress. It has five large rooms, besides wide hall, front and back porches, bath room and pantry. There is a good cistern within the screened-in back porch, giving ample and convenient water supply. It occupies a convenient location and well represents the interest of the good Methodists of this town in the Church and the ministry. The value is \$2000.00.  
REV. F. L. MEADOW, Pastor.

PASSING DAY

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"India, with 30,000 college students, at this juncture imperatively needs your help."

The Royal Mail Steamer Cobequid, en route from the West Indies to St. John, New Brunswick, went ashore on the ledges of Grand Manan, just before dawn, Tuesday.

Several hundred are dead in Japan as result of volcanic eruptions during the past few days. Sakurajima Volcano, which has been dormant for 130 years, belched forth lava and hot rocks interspersed with fire and ashes, and the surrounding territory was deluged.

In the Fifty-Eighth District Court at Beaumont Tuesday, in the case of the State of Texas against the Motion Picture Patents Company, a plea of guilty was entered by the General Film Company...

Emperor Wilhelm, upon the advice of his physician to do manual work, has joined his day laborers in sawing and splitting wood on the Imperial Estate.

Cash gifts of \$81,016 to Princeton University were announced at the winter meeting of the board of trustees.

The 17-month-old child of R. P. Brewer, cashier of the First National Bank of McAlester, Okla., was brought home January 8, from Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore...

A 25c contribution to the conscience fund of the Treasury Department arrived this week from a man in Oregon, who said that about forty years ago he made use of a 3c stamp that had been used once before.

A white dove which was captured with a broken wing and tenderly nursed to health by a little girl at Pass Christian, Miss., was given its freedom by President Wilson last week.

It is stated in Washington dispatches that President Wilson will tender ex-President Taft the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States on the retirement on account of age of Chief Justice White.

Peabody, Houghteling & Co., Chicago bankers, in a statement given out in reference to the big stall plant at Texas City, say: "We are financing the enterprise and believe everything is moving along all right."

Viscount Cross, who was one of the most prominent conservative statesmen in England about thirty years, died in London, January 8, aged 91 years.

That all debts and obligations of the Texas Industrial Congress will be discharged and funds provided for the payment in full of the \$10,000 offered in the prize crop contest of 1913 has been assured by action of the Executive Committee of that organization.

ary 10 to 25, the exact day to be chosen later. Not only will the outstanding obligations of the Congress be met, but funds will be provided for maintaining the organization for the present and discharging all current expenses...

Juvenile offenses decreased 30 per cent in La Crosse, Wis., the year after recreation grounds were established, according to John Brindley, for sixteen years County Judge, testifying before a legislative committee investigating Wisconsin vice conditions.

Edward P. Woodruff, of Santa Anna, Texas, at present a junior law student in the University of Texas, was recently awarded the 1914 Cecil Rhodes scholarship for Texas.

General Simon Bolivar Buckner, former Governor of Kentucky and candidate for Vice-President on the Gold Democratic ticket in 1896, died Thursday last week, at his home in Kentucky. He was born in the county in which he died in 1882 and was therefore ninety-two years of age at death.

Just \$797,948,900 was expended last year in construction by the seven naval Powers of the world, the United States standing second in the list with appropriations of \$140,800,000. Great Britain spent \$235,713,489, while Germany was not far behind the United States...

Nearly 300,000 bushels of Argentine corn were being unloaded in the New York port today and millions more from the South American Republic are under contract. The importations are the direct result of the removal of the duty on the staple under the recent tariff act.

D. E. Decker, general attorney for the Quanah, Acme and Pacific Railroad, has returned from St. Louis, where he was in conference with President Lazarus and other railway officials, and says the "Quanah Route" will be extended from Roaring Springs, in Motley County, to Plainview. It is the intention to let the contract for building 100 miles. We feel satisfied the road will go on till it gets to Roswell.

Argentine corn in New York is selling 4c to 5c under the price at which Chicago shipments can be sold in that market, according to James A. Patten, for many years recognized as the biggest corn dealer in the American market.

Showing that during the year 1913, 10,785 Texas children have been examined microscopically for hookworm disease, 46.3 per cent, or 5,001 children found actually infected, Dr. Morris Boerner, Assistant State Health Officer and director for Texas of the Hookworm Commission, has submitted his annual report to Dr. Ralph Steiner, State Health Officer.

For the first time in the history of American jurisprudence a high court has ruled that the setting of a stable, retail one-priced-to-all on a standardized product is not only justified "at common law" as sound public policy, but may be an effectual safeguard to consumers against imposition under present prevalent practices, whereby, in the words of the Court:

"The retailer recoups his losses on the cut-price by the sale of other articles, at, or above, their reasonable price. It is a fallacy to assume that the price-cutter pockets the loss. The public makes it up on other purchases." In view of the anti-trust legislation which the President has urged as the next important work of Congress, this decision is regarded by prominent lawyers as one of the most significant and far-reaching court rulings of recent years.

Army officers who have been getting their views and propaganda for bigger military appropriations into print anonymously through the press agent of the United States Infantry Association will be summarily dealt with by Secretary of War Garrison. This decision has resulted from some recent press agent work which tended to embarrass the administration in its peaceful policy toward Mexico.

An important effect of the new Illinois public utilities law, as pointed out by railroad officials, is to abolish all charity transportation and clergy fares throughout Illinois. It has been the practice of railroads for many years to give free transportation to parties of poor children who are taken to the country by charitable organizations in the summertime for outings.

Physicians in Baltimore, Md., are interested in the case of 10-year-old Nettie Schatz, who apparently is recovering from an attack of heart trouble caused by a puncture. When the X-ray revealed the hole in the girl's heart her case was considered hopeless. However, under medical treatment she began to show improvement, and now is permitted to assist her mother in housework.

Hundreds of people in Chicago became suspicious of the new issue of buffalo nickels with depressed letters around the edge and telephoned to banks and the Subtreasury there to ask if they were counterfeit. They were informed that the nickels with the depressed letters were genuine. The first issue had raised letters about the edge, thereby lessening the time the coins could be used, as the letters soon would wear off.

The Curtiss aeroplanes equipped with automatic stabilizers are entered in the \$100,000 prize contest to be conducted in France, beginning in February, by the Aero Club of France for L'Union Pour la Securite en Aero-plane. One of the machines is now in Paris.

Mexican Federal soldiers, estimated at 3000 officers and men, fled across the Rio Grande to Texas when the Constitutionalists entered Opanaga. There were also about 1500 civilians, many being women and children. The civilians were not taken prisoners and will be allowed to go where they will. The soldiers and civilian refugees will be cared for at Fort Biss, near El Paso. The United States Government will have to supply sheets, food and fuel for them and forage for their horses and mules. Later, when order has been restored, the Mexican Government will be called upon to indemnify Uncle Sam.

Ford's Automobile Factory in Detroit, was the scene of a nation's gathering Monday. About ten thousand men who had gathered from all parts of that section, seeking employment tired of waiting outside, tried to force admission into the factory. Policemen stationed at the plant were assaulted by the impatient army of job seekers.

One of two women passengers carried recently in Los Angeles, California, by Glenn Martin, the aviator, stepped from his machine when it was 850 feet in air. She reached the ground safely and demonstrated to Martin's satisfaction the practicability of a new aerial life preserver. Spectators saw the girl, Miss Piny Broadwick, fall seventy-five feet like a shot. Then a parachute attachment on her shoulders unfolded and she descended gradually and with no apparent effort at balance.

President Wilson has returned to Washington after a visit of several weeks to Pass Christian, Mississippi. While in vacation quarters the President prepared a rough draft of his message on trust reform, but he will not hand it over to the printer until he goes over the matter thoroughly with Attorney General McReynolds.

Cullen Thomas has addressed a letter to Lieutenant Governor Mayes and Controller Lane, asking them to enter with him an eliminating primary for the purpose of thinning down prohibition candidates for Govern-

or to only one; or for all prohibition candidates now in the field to withdraw in favor of some other leading man to be hereafter designated by the leaders of the cause; but Mr. Mayes respectfully declines. Mr. Lane has not yet been heard from.

General Francisco Villa, the Mexican Revolutionary General, last Saturday night stormed the Federal works in the town of Ojinaga, near the Texas border, and drove the Federals across the Rio Grande where hundreds of them surrendered to the United States troops for protection. The victory was complete and this brings nearly the whole of Northern Mexico under the dominion of the Revolutionists.

A horrible accident occurred in Fort Worth last Saturday night when a freight train backed rapidly into an auto, crushing it and killing instantly Frank Blain and Allen Blain of Fort Worth, and Eugene Corley and Edward McLemore of Dallas, all of whom were prominent business men in their respective communities. Charles S. Barry and his negro driver, miraculously escaped only with bruises.

Word has been received by Prof. E. D. Shurter, head of the School of Public Speaking at the University of Texas, that Andrew Carnegie has authorized his cashier to appropriate \$500 for the Texas Intercollegiate Peace Association to be awarded \$100 each year in State prizes for five years. Prof. Shurter, who is chairman of the State organization, has received a check for the amount.

Because four girls, who had run away from home, refused to discuss their cases freely before Circuit Judge Hennings of St. Louis, Missouri, two women hereafter will act as Judges in the Juvenile Court when girls or women are on trial.

W. A. Fraser, Mayor of Highland Park, Dallas, Texas, who recently became Sovereign Commander of the Woodmen of the World, with headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska, has started the new year right. He has issued an order absolutely forbidding work in the headquarters on Sunday. Hereafter clerks and other employees of this order in Omaha office will be free to spend the Sabbath day as their inclinations may direct.

United States Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma, will be the chief speaker at a banquet in Oklahoma City January 22. At this time it is said his friends will launch a Presidential boom for the Oklahoma Senator.

The public believes that every disease has its remedy, and in the search for that remedy hundreds of cuts have sprung up. One man pins his faith to minute doses of powerful drugs; another walks barefoot over wet grass; another eats raw fruit and grain; one is confident that mud baths induce health, and still another urges us to chew each mouthful of food at least thirty times before swallowing. No doubt every one of these "cures" is of some benefit to some form of disease. The mistake of followers of the treatments is in thinking their particular remedy is a cure-all for every malady. There are no universal remedies. Every type of disease must receive special attention and be treated in the way long experience and study has taught is best adapted to the case.

With the Home and Foreign Departments well organized, the Auxiliary closed the year with all collections up in full. We have a membership of twenty in the Home Department and of thirteen in the Foreign Department. All are faithful, conscientious workers and have gone to work enthusiastically to make 1914 the best year in the history of the organization. MRS. H. T. WILSON, Publicity Superintendent.

To crown a clown will not make him a king.

He who is doing nothing is serving the devil.

Nothing is so revolutionary as a real thought.

The desire for money never made an orator or musician though it may have marred the making of many.

Envy is the father of slander and a dirty tongue is the tool of a disappointed heart.

Woman's Department (See also Page 11)

LUFKIN AUXILIARY.

Lufkin Auxiliary started 1914 most auspiciously. Very nearly all the old officers retained their positions and the new ones having proven themselves capable workers as members will, we are assured, fill their offices conscientiously.

Mrs. E. H. Sims is President, having held this office for ten years; Miss Edna Evans, First Vice-President; Mrs. H. Maas, Second Vice-President; Mrs. C. D. Stegall, Third Vice-President; Mrs. Jack Cheshire, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. F. L. Martin is Recording Secretary; Mrs. Cannon, Home Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W. E. Boykin, Foreign Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Laws, Treasurer, Home Department; Mrs. Adams, Treasurer, Foreign Department; Mrs. J. E. Wilson, Superintendent of Publicity; Mrs. W. Odum, Superintendent of Supplies; Mrs. Menefee, Agent for the Voice.

We are laying stress on "The Lord's Portion." The subject is presented once each quarter and while the returns seem small, perhaps, like the sweet flowers whose seed are sown in the winter's chill, the roots will strike deep to furnish food for the glorious blossoms of a summer's harvest.

The Study Class is taking up "Mexico Today," having first completed "The Church of the Open Country."

Will some one please tell us how to secure pledge money? Our President has talked pledge, pledge, pledge, and every year we fall down on the pledge. Any suggestion or information along this line will be most gratefully received by Lufkin Auxiliary.

MRS. J. E. WILSON, Publicity Superintendent.

ST. JOHN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

St. John's Missionary Society, Dallas, Texas, had their election of officers Monday, January 5. Officers elected were: Mrs. J. W. Trevett, President; Mrs. Harris, First Vice-President; Mrs. Barry Keeling, Second Vice-President; Mrs. J. G. Shaffer, Third Vice-President; Mrs. J. V. Jones, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. D. Ormesher, Secretary; Mrs. Williams, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. O. Wilson, Treasurer; Mrs. David Evans, Publicity Superintendent; Mrs. C. E. Wells, Agent for Voice. MRS. DAVID EVANS, Dallas, Texas.

CHINA W. H. M. SOCIETY OFFICERS.

I am sending you a list of the officers of the China W. H. M. Society for 1914: President, Mrs. Ethel Norton; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Felix Blanch; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Ada Laidacker; Connectional Secretary, Mrs. M. E. Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. Vera Abernathy; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Lura Watts; Local President, Mrs. Bell Tucker; Press Superintendent, Mrs. Lora Cole; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. Pearl Turner. Our society is now six years old and although small we are doing well. MRS. LORA COLE, China, Texas.

LIVINGSTON AUXILIARY.

The Livingston Auxiliary held their installation service January 5. This beautiful and impressive service was conducted by our pastor, Rev. J. F. Kidd.

The following officers were installed: President, Mrs. J. F. Kidd; First Vice-President, Miss E. L. Hill; Second Vice-President, Mrs. M. S. Cayton; Third Vice-President, Mrs. B. C. Marsh; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Sam Hill; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. E. Hollingsworth; Corresponding Secretary Home and Foreign, Mrs. Tom Drew; Treasurer Home Department, Mrs. P. H. Blalock; Treasurer Foreign Department, Miss Ida Hill; Publicity Superintendent, Mrs. W. T. Wilson.

All are faithful, conscientious workers and have gone to work enthusiastically to make 1914 the best year in the history of the organization. MRS. H. T. WILSON, Publicity Superintendent.

HASKELL AUXILIARY.

The Haskell Auxiliary begins the new year alive with enthusiasm and renewed determination to do more and better work for the Master during the year 1914 than has been accomplished during its past history.

Last year's reports were very encouraging, both spiritually and financially. God so abundantly blessed us that during the year every obligation was met and all extra calls received attention.

The officers for 1914 are: President, Mrs. R. C. Montgomery; First Vice-President, Mrs. Rike; Second Vice-President, Mrs. T. J. Simses; Third Vice-President, Mrs. H. E. Belle; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. F. M. Norton; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bruce Bryant; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. P. Garvin; Connectional Treasurer, Mrs. G. J. Graham; Local Treasurer, Mrs. C. D. Long; Missionary Voice Agent, Mrs. J. W. Fields; Publicity Superintendent, Mrs. H. H. Langford.

On Wednesday evening, January 7, our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Garvin, gave a reception at the church. Music, some old songs, reminiscences from the early history of the Church, solos and readings furnished entertainment to a large crowd. The

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pastors of all the Churches, with their families, and other representatives from every Church in town, were present. Dainty refreshments were served by the missionary ladies. The spirit of good fellowship existing among the Christian workers of the town made the evening delightful.

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**RIVIERA MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

The Woman's Missionary Society of Riviera, Texas, elected the following officers for 1914: Mrs. C. W. McCoppin, President; Mrs. J. B. Womack, Fourth Vice-President; Mrs. Sue R. Bryan, Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. H. Roberts, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. E. W. Miller, Treasurer; Mrs. J. S. Poter, Agent Voice, and Mrs. J. B. Womack Publicity Superintendent.

On January, 1913, we had \$27 in the bank. We raised during the year \$125.80, paid out \$142.05, balance on hand \$10.75. The Society has pledged to give \$160 on our church indebtedness by August 1, 1914.

**MRS. J. B. WOMACK,**  
Publicity Superintendent.

**HONEY GROVE AUXILIARY.**

We begin our new year's work under splendid conditions. At our first regular business meeting the officers read fine annual reports. The Society has done excellent work throughout the year. Some changes have been made in our officers. Mrs. W. A. Williamson is our efficient President; First Vice-President, Mrs. Pebble Wood; Second Vice-President, Mrs. D. H. Caban; Third Vice-President, Mrs. J. Hess Reed; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. A. N. Norwood; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Gilmer; Corresponding Secretary Home Mission Department, Miss Effie Williamson; Corresponding Secretary Foreign Department, Mrs. W. W. Mason; Treasurer Home Department, Mrs. L. B. Black; Treasurer Foreign Department, Miss Willie Howell; Publicity Superintendent, Miss Effie Williamson; Agent Voice, Mrs. M. A. Taylor.

**PUBLICITY SUPERINTENDENT.**

**SAN SABA AUXILIARY.**

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church held its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon, January 6, 1914, and elected officers for the year as follows: President, Mrs. P. H. Walker; First Vice-President, Mrs. E. A. Murray; Second Vice-President, Mrs. M. E. Osborn; Third Vice-President, Mrs. A. R. Hill; Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Martin; Corresponding Secretary Home Department, Mrs. T. B. Hart; Corresponding Secretary Foreign Department, Mrs. J. F. Campbell; Treasurer Home Department, Mrs. John Seiders; Treasurer Foreign Department, Mrs. W. S. Sanderson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. C. Hendry; Organist, Mrs. T. F. Dimmit; Agent Missionary Voice, Mrs. W. J. Moore; Press Reporter, Mrs. W. F. Burger; Superintendent Juvenile Missionary Society, Mrs. John Seiders; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. E. A. Murray.

The Society at the beginning of a new year's work has for its aim: "Every woman in the Church a missionary woman."

Will you not join us?  
Indeed, this great organization of our Church is a part of that vow you took when you promised to "attend upon its ordinances and support its institutions."

So many of us, as Methodist women, have for an excuse for not joining, "The Society only wants my dollars." Certainly we want your dollars, but even more than we need your dollars we need you. Become one of our working forces and find out where these dollars go, and then tell us, is this a mission worthy of a Christian woman's time and thought? Ten cents a month is only a small part of that duty we owe to Him who has placed us women in such fortunate circumstances.

**MRS. W. F. BURGER,**  
Reporter.

**TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES.**

The ninth day of the first month of the nineteenth hundred and fourteenth year since the birth of Christ was set aside as a special prayer-day in behalf of woman's work—woman's share in evangelizing the world! That day's plea surely reached the throne if we did our part. Did you? If not, then set a day of your own, for perhaps the great orchestra of women lacked just your sweet, fingering soul-note to perfect it and catch the ear of the Infinite.

Misses Bennett and Gibson have returned from South America. The great need of more room and the possibility of raising the funds to purchase more property is being prayerfully weighed and considered. These are wonderful women. Who will take their places when the time comes to lay the burden down? May they be spared to us and to the work many, many years, but are you preparing yourself for your part of the load when these and others lay it down?

Do you not wish you could hear Dr. Cohn on the work in Brazil now?

Misses Molling, Alfter and Cunningham are still in San Luis Potosí and school opened in Guadalajara December 8, as though there was no war or rumor of war in Mexico. This is the stuff our women missionaries are made of.

In Belgium, on November 6, a last beautiful farewell service was held in honor of the party bound for the Congo. It will be several months before they reach their destination in the African near-jungle. We at home, comfortable and safe, ought to pray and pray.

Our musical director at Ruth Hargrove Institute, Mrs. Just, died suddenly recently. Federation of Missionary Societies, Councils and Boards, both men's and women's, means a more concentrated work and united effort with no waste or lost force or cartage. The

subject for the study of both Home and Foreign work is, "The Social Aspect of Christian Missions."

The fourth Wednesday in February is set apart by the Council of Home Missions as a day when constituent board is asked to spend a season in united prayer that "our country may become God's country." Programs for this may be had from Mrs. Lipscomb. Remember February 25.

Some things to do right away are:  
Have a public installation of officers some Sunday evening. Your pastor will be glad to help.

Have a Bulletin Day in your Auxiliary. Own a Year Book.

Plan for your Pledge Day in January. Use and magnify the literature. It is sent out at great expense and is for a purpose.

Get a Prayer Calendar for 1914—every Auxiliary should have one.

Have an all-day meeting. Send in reports.

And make this last quarter our best.

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**MISSIONARY FOREIGN NEWS.**

**Chinese Converts Building Churches.**

As Chairman of our Mission Building Committee I went to one of the outstations in the Huchow District in October to arrange, with the other members of the committee for the building of a church. This church is made possible by an appropriation of the Board of Missions, supplemented by contributions from the membership of the Church. We let the contract, and work is to begin next week. More churches and larger churches is the one constant demand of this day for missionary work in China. We hardly finish a building before it is too small. For years we have only had converts from the poorer classes, who were unable to do much toward helping in the work of building their own churches. Now, I am glad to say, we are reaching more and more the merchant classes, who are able to contribute toward this cause. The members of this particular Church have contributed about \$1000, U. S. currency, toward this enterprise.—J. B. Fearn, Shanghai, China.

**Japan Not Yet Evangelized.**

"Approximately 80 per cent of the total population of Japan, or above forty millions, reside in rural districts, of which number—so far as our data indicates—96 per cent constitute an entirely unworked field. Of the remaining 20 per cent of the total population residing in cities and towns, about one-fifth is still unprovided for, thus giving as the result that above 80 per cent of the population of Japan are not being directly reached by the evangelistic forces. A gigantic and yet most inspiring task, therefore, still lies before us in the Christianization of Japan, which calls, first of all, for renewed humiliation, deeper consecration, and a larger spiritual life."—Committee on the Distribution of Forces, Japan (Mrs. W. A. Wilson).

**Days of Preparation in Africa.**

Every day of the past three days we have met in one of the cabins and spent half an hour in prayer, after which Dr. Morrison gives us a half hour on the Baluba language, and the alternate day on missionaries and their relation to Government officials, to the natives, and to other missions in the Congo. In this way we are availing ourselves of his large and helpful experience. It is a gracious providence which has permitted his being with us.—W. R. Lambuth, en route to Africa.

**An Overflowing Hospital.**

With the exception of a short while during China New Year and the revolution this summer, the hospital has been full all the time and has been forced to turn away many patients. More room has been made for patients and quite a number of new beds bought. In fact, all the available space in the building has a bed in it. We have had a record year on patients, an increase of 227 over last year, which was a very large increase over all former years. The opium patients increased by 211 and the surgical by 112. At the present time the third class opium ward has two patients in every bed, so heavy is the demand to break this habit.—John A. Snell, Sochow Hospital, China.

**"Making Character."**

The work at the college is going on with the same satisfactory result. The boys have recently set to work to increase our library, and have added more than 200 books. A good deal of excellent literature, much of it translated by Brother Price, is published each month in the little magazine. A cultured patron of the school recently came from Alegre to visit us, and before leaving said, "Now I understand your catalog and what you are trying to do. You make character here."—Anderson Weaver, Uruguayana, Brazil.

**Answering God's Call in China.**

There is a most encouraging turning of our students towards the ministry and teaching. Presiding Elder Lea, who is also pastor of the local Church, has recently conducted revival services for two weeks with the students. As a result a class of fifteen young men are meeting daily for special study and prayer, looking to Church membership. Two of our graduates who are now teaching in non-mission schools on good salaries have recently written the presiding elder their decision to enter the ministry.—W. B. Nance, Sochow University, China.

**Textiles in Korea.**

In the Industrial Department everything is moving on finely, and I think I am right in saying that we have a brighter prospect for the future of this work than of anything on the field. We are concentrating on the Textile Department, as it is the one that is at-

tracting the students and that seems to be the most useful to the people. We have no trouble in selling our products. We are trying to put out goods for the Koreans, and not for an artificial trade to which the students will have no access after leaving school. Next to this we try to meet special demands on the field, like the demand of the missionaries for foreign style goods, and third, we are trying to develop things that might sell in foreign markets, such as silks, etc. We have all the students we can handle on our present equipment, but with the power loom from America, and the "Jaquard" loom from Japan, and the first quarter of equipment money for the new year, we can provide considerable equipment for the opening in April. A loom can be made for six or seven dollars, but with the best we can do we shall be short, for the prospects are that we shall have fifty or seventy-five new students next year, and that means we shall need that many looms. We must meet the demand on us, and make this department the best of the kind in Korea.—C. H. Deal, Songdo, Korea.

**The Harvest in Brazil.**

The building at the quartel is becoming a greater necessity every day. Since conference we have put in electric lights, opened a parochial school with twenty-five children at the first roll call, received three members and some twenty-odd candidates; preach to seventy-five or eighty attentive listeners that fill the little hall, the back room, the three windows and the door, and last Sunday administered the sacrament to the largest number in years. Our Sunday School has some forty members; the infant class recites in the garden, our hall being 3x4 meters. As to our Church in Bello Horizonte, we have received seventeen members; have a good list of candidates under instruction; Sunday School has reached 120; number of communicants four times what it was fifteen months ago; all collections up to date; a fine spirit of fraternity and activity; 10,000 tracts and 500 invitation cards ready to distribute at the door and elsewhere.—J. M. Lander, Bello Horizonte, Brazil.

**BOARD OF MISSIONS.**

**THE BARCUS FAMILY NOT THE LARGEST.**

I noticed in the Advocate of January 8 the reunion of the Barcus family and the largeness of the family. Now I think I can beat that with my father's family. Father, W. M. Crowson, was married to Mary E. Bailey, December 20, 1855. To them were born eleven children—eight girls and three boys—all living. The oldest, Mrs. Mary Bledsoe, is fifty-six and the youngest, Richard Crowson, is thirty years old. Mother died October 8, 1891. Father is living. He is eighty years old. They have eleven children, fifty-eight grandchildren living, ten dead; thirty-four great-grandchildren living, six dead; twenty-one ins-in-law living, two dead—104 living without the ins-in-law, 125 with the ins-in-law. Nine of the grandchildren died in infancy, one grown. All the dead of the great-grandchildren died in infancy. Thirty-one of the grandchildren living are boys. All of father's children are Christians. Father is a Methodist and so was mother. Six of us children are Methodists; four Baptists, one Presbyterian. Now there are thirty-four grown and almost grown boys, with my three brothers, and I don't know of but one that ever had to pay a fine, and that was my baby boy. It was for having a fight. Not one ever did a thing to cause an arrest—no drunkards, or anything mean or little. As for the girls, not a stain of any kind on their character. Most all, both boys and girls, have been converted and joined the Church with their parents. Now, I think that's hard to beat. What do you say?  
**MRS. R. H. BABER (nee Crowson).**  
Soper, Ok.

**NATIONAL NULLIFICATION OF STATE LAWS.**

By Rembert G. Smith.  
The advocates of prohibition rejoiced in the passage by Congress of the Webb-Kenyon Bill as affording decided assistance to States which have enacted anti-liquor laws in enforcing them. While this rejoicing was well founded, other changes more important than this are needed in order that the rights of States with prohibition laws may be protected both by Federal laws and practices. As conditions now are, the National Government grants licenses to manufacture whiskey and other spirituous liquors to persons in dry States. In other words, it sanctions the violation of State laws by the individuals to whom these internal revenue licenses are issued. There is no sort of defense for this policy of the Federal Government. It is nullification of State's rights by the Central Government. The Constitution of the United States contains no guarantee to individuals that they can manufacture alcoholic beverages. That being the case, the States can pass prohibition laws. They have done so and these laws have been held constitutional by the Federal Courts. In

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**LOST.**

**IN THE CHURCH** at the Annual Conference at Temple, a package of books with my name written on the outside. Titles: "The Pastor His Own Evangelist," "The Origin and Permanent Value of the Old Testament," "The Social Teachings of Jesus," "Christianity and the Social Crisis," "Jesus Christ and Civilization of Today," and one other the title of which I do not remember. If any brother has gotten these books through mistake, please notify me and return books to Publishing House at Dallas, and oblige. **JOHN G. POLLARD, Alvarado, Texas.**

the light of these facts and principles, there seems to be no ground for doubting that whenever a license to make whiskey is granted by the Federal Government to a person in a dry State that there is a trespass on the rights of that dry State. The present practice of the Federal Government at least would seem to suggest to alert attorney-generals of dry States that they might test the matter by legal processes aimed at preventing internal revenue officers of the Federal Government from issuing licenses to manufacture whiskey in the territory of dry States. If necessary, the appeal might be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States. It is hardly to be expected that that great tribunal would decide that the Federal Government has the legal right to give an individual or a corporation a license to engage in an act within the territory of a State which has in the exercise of its unquestionable legislative prerogatives outlawed that act. If attorney-generals should be slow about doing this it behooves the advocates of prohibition to carry this appeal to the courts. By so doing they may hope to conserve and even to increase the good already done. **Oxford, Ga.**

Impatience is the animal resentment to suffering, real or imaginary. The truly refined soul is delivered from impatience.

If justice leaves the wheel-house to mercy alone the ship will soon run aground, for mercy without some justice is injustice.

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**MISCELLANEOUS.**

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**CUERO DISTRICT—SPECIAL NOTICE.**

After consulting with the pastor of Seadrift charge, I decided that it would be better for all concerned to move the District Conference to Victoria. The conference will convene at 8:30 a. m., March 31. The opening sermon will be preached at 7:30 p. m., March 30, by W. A. Manley, pastor of El Campo charge, followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper. Tuesday and Wednesday will be given to the cause of missions and Sunday Schools. The Woman's Missionary Society of Cuero District will meet with us. Let us do our best to have the missionary assessments, and the assessment for the Orphan Home, Rescue Home and Sunday School Secretary in the hands of the Conference Treasurer, C. C. Walsh, by that time. Let the Stewards look well after the preachers' salaries. Also, finally, let us bring up a greatly increased subscription list for our Church papers. **JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.**

**TO THE BRETHREN OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.**

I am writing to say that if any brother is looking out for a safe man to assist in revival meetings, Rev. C. E. Mack, District Evangelist for the Jacksonville District, is ready to serve you. I have known Brother Mack several years and am sure that in him you will find a very present help in time of need. His address is Lufkin, Texas. **A. A. KIDD,** Jacksonville, Texas.

**MEMBERS OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE, ATTENTION.**

Though I had more copies of our Journal printed this year than usual the demand for extra copies has been so great that the supply is about exhausted and if any of you can spare me a few copies out of the number sent you it will be a very great favor if you will notify me and I will send the necessary postage to have them sent to me. Please do not ask for any more copies than you are compelled to have as the supply is so limited. **R. G. MOOD, Secretary.** Sherman, Texas.

**POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.**

Rev. W. H. H. BIGGS, Kyle, Texas.  
Rev. H. W. Gillette, Polytechnic, Texas.  
Rev. I. B. Manly, 1520 Live Oak St., Beaumont, Texas.  
Rev. J. B. Gregory, Texarkana, Texas.

Obituaries

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 170 or 180 words.

Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent.

CRAWFORD—Anna Dorothea Benz was born April 4, 1884, in Nashville, Tennessee, and died December 15, 1913, in Cisco, Texas.

HENRY—Woodrow James Henry was born April 7, 1913, and died November 14, 1913, after an illness of only a few days.

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WARD—Mrs. L. J. Ward was born at Cottage Home, Tennessee, 1845, and died at the home of her son, Bud Ward, in Oklahoma, November 1, 1913.

at rest. You can go to her, but you cannot bring her to you. The Christ that cared for her will, too, care for you.

MILLICAN—Carl Geary, son of N. B. and Eula S. Millican, was born June 1, 1904, at Farmersville, Texas, and died near Fairlie, Texas, December 19, 1913.

DUNCAN—Mrs. Betty and I have just returned from Lindale, Texas, where we had gone to attend the funeral of J. M. Duncan, Mrs. Betty's father.

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POWERS—M. A. Powers fell on sleep, 7 p. m., December 17, 1913, after a struggle of five years with Bright's disease.

WOOD—Jessie, wife of Jonathan Wood, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, March 3, 1840. At her earliest recollection she was religious and joined some Church in Scotland while yet a child.

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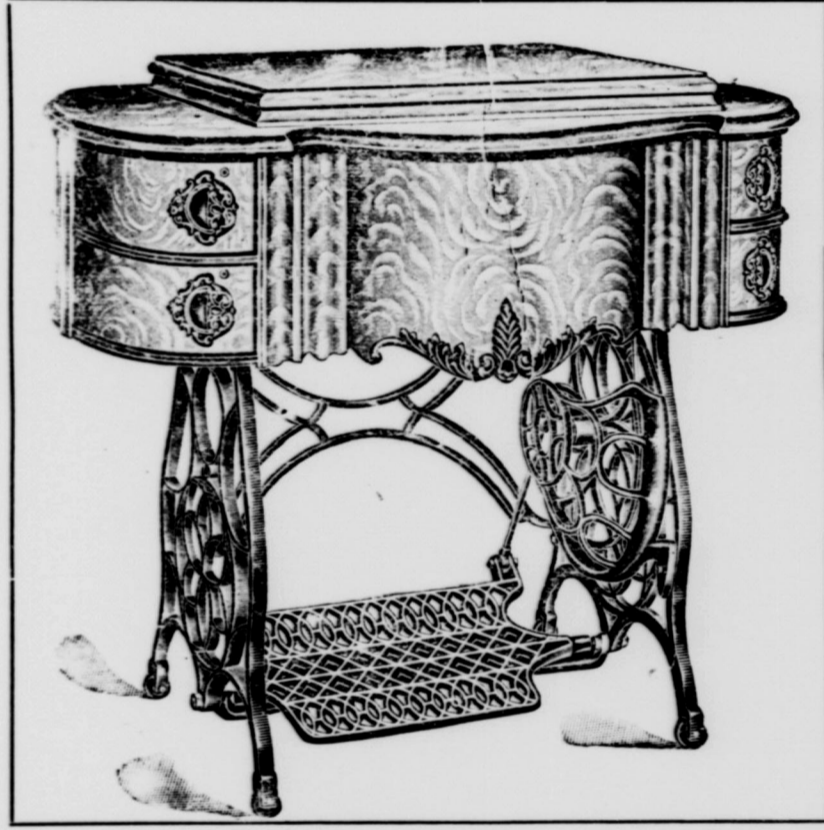
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Bonham District—First Round. Trenton Cir., at Trenton, Jan. 17, 18. Leonard, at Leonard, Jan. 18, 19. Dodd Cir., at Dodd, Jan. 24, 25. Bonham Sta., Jan. 27. Ector Cir., at Ector, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Petty and Whiterock, at Whiterock, Feb. 7, 8. Honey Grove Sta., Feb. 8, 9. Windom Cir., at Windom, Feb. 14, 15. Telephone Cir., at Monkstown, Feb. 21, 22. Ravenna Cir., at Ravenna, Feb. 28, March 1. Ladonia Sta., March 7, 8. Bailey Cir., at Bailey, March 14, 15. O. S. THOMAS, P. E. Bowie District—First Round. Wichita Falls Sta., Jan. 17, 18. Wichita Mis., Jan. 18, 19. Blue Grove, Haskell, Jan. 24, 25. Henrietta Sta., Jan. 25, 26. Bellevue Sta., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Bowie Sta., Feb. 1, 2. Ringgold, at Ringgold, Feb. 7, 8. Nocona Sta., Feb. 8, 9. Archer City, Feb. 14, 15. Megargal, at A., Feb. 15, 16. Post Oak, at Post Oak, Feb. 21, 22. Vashti, at Vashti, Feb. 22, 23. Crofton, at Park Springs, Feb. 28, March 1. Sunset, Dry Valley, March 1, 2. Dundece, Eagle Bend, March 7, 8. T. H. MORRIS, P. E. Dallas District—First Round. West Dallas, Jan. 19. Oak Cliff, Jan. 20. Forest Avenue, Jan. 21. St. John's, Jan. 28. Duncanville and Wheatland, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Grace, Feb. 4. Cochran and Maple Avenue, Feb. 7, 8. Cole Avenue, Feb. 9. First Church, Feb. 11. Grand Prairie, Feb. 14, 15. Tyler Street, Feb. 15, 16. Trinity, Feb. 18. Oak Lawn, Feb. 25. Munger Place, Feb. 26. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E. Decatur District—First Round. Boyd Mis., at B., Jan. 17, 18. Rhoda and Newark, at R., Jan. 18, 19. Bryson and Jermyn, at B., Jan. 24, 25. Jacksboro Sta., Jan. 25, 26. Argyle Cir., at A., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Roanoke and Elizabethtown, at R., Feb. 1, 2. Bridgeport Mis., at Sand Flat, Feb. 7, 8. Chico Sta., at C., Feb. 8, 9. Alvord Sta., Feb. 10. Perrin and Barton, at P., Feb. 14, 15. Willow Point, at W. Pt., Feb. 21, 22. Jacksboro Mis., at Vineyard, Feb. 22, 23. Mexican Mis., at Bridgeport, Feb. 23, night. Decatur Sta., Feb. 25. S. C. RIDDLER, P. E. Gainesville District—First Round. Pilot Point Cir., Friendship, Jan. 17, 18. Pilot Point Sta., Jan. 18, 19. Aubrey and Oak Grove at Aubrey, Jan. 24, 25. Denton Sta., Jan. 25, 26. Myra and Hood, at Myra, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Valley View Sta., Feb. 7, 8. Sanger Sta., Feb. 8, 9. Era and Spring Creek, at Era, Feb. 14, 15. Broadway Sta., Feb. 15, 16. Dexter Mis., at Mt. Zion, Feb. 21, 22. Rosston Mis., at Rosston, Feb. 28, March 1. J. F. PIERCE, P. E. Greenville District—First Round. Fairlie Mis., at Center Chapel, Jan. 17, 18. Commerce Sta., Jan. 18, 19. Merit Cir., at Merit, Jan. 24, 25. Celeste Cir., at Celeste, Jan. 25, 26. Floyd and Salem, at Floyd, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Wolfe City Sta., Feb. 1, 2. C. M. HARLESS, P. E. McKinney District—First Round. Prosper, at P., Jan. 17, 18. Frisco, Jan. 18, 19. Anna and Melissa, at A., Jan. 21, 2 p. m. (Q. C.) Allen and South McKinney, at A., Jan. 22, 7 p. m. (Q. C.) Roseland and Cottage Hill, C. H., Jan. 24, 25. Celina, Jan. 25, 26. Lewisville, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Carrollton and P. B., at C., Feb. 1, 2. Richardson, at R., Feb. 7, 8. Plano, Feb. 8, 7 p. m. Renner, at R., Feb. 14, 15. McKinney, Feb. 15, 7 p. m. Princeton and Wilson Ch., at P., Feb. 21, 22. Farmersville, Feb. 22, 23. Blue Ridge, at Fayburg, Feb. 28, March 1. Weston, at W., March 7, 8. CHAS. A. SPRAGINS, P. E. Paris District—First Round. Woodland, at W., Jan. 17, 18. Detroit, Jan. 18, 19. Pattonville, at P., Jan. 24, 25. Paris Cir., at Hopewell, Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Bogata at Rosalie, Feb. 1, 2. Clarksville Mis., at McCoy, Feb. 7, 8. Depart Cir., at Halesboro, Feb. 14, 15. Depart Station, Feb. 15, 16. McKenzie Cir., at McKenzie, Feb. 21, 22. Avery Cir., at A., Feb. 28, March 1. Lamar Ave. March 8. Centenary, March 8. W. F. BRYAN, P. E. Sherman District—First Round. Pottsboro and Preston, at Pottsboro, Jan. 17, 18. Hagerman Mis., at H., Jan. 24, 25. Travis Street Station, Feb. 1, 2. Bell Cir., at Bella, Feb. 7, 8. Denison Mis., at Harless Ch., Feb. 14, 15. Trinity, Feb. 15, 16. Sadler and Gordonsville, at G., Feb. 21, 22. Waples Memorial, March 1, 2. Whitesboro, Robertson Memorial, March 7, 8. Van Alstyne, March 14, 15. Key Memorial, March 21, 22. R. G. MOOD, P. E. Sulphur Springs District—First Round. Lake Creek, at Enloe, Jan. 17, 18. Reily Springs, at Reily Springs, Jan. 24, 25. Sulphur Springs Sta., Jan. 25, 26. Wynnboro Sta., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Furlay, at Fickton, Feb. 7, 8. Como and Forest Academy at Como, Feb. 8, 9. Brashear, at Sharley, Feb. 14, 15. Sulphur Bluff, at S. B., Feb. 21, 22. Yowell, at Underwood, Feb. 28, March 1. Sulphur Springs Mis., at Harper's Ch., Mar. 7, 8. Klondike, at K., March 14, 15. R. C. HICKS, P. E. Terrell District—First Round. Chisholm Cir., at C., Jan. 17, 18. Scurry Cir., at S., Jan. 24, 25. Kaufman Sta., Jan. 25, 26. Mesquite and Pleasant Md., at M., Jan. 31, Feb. 1. Forney Sta., Feb. 1, 2. Mesquite Cir., at Montgomery Ch., Feb. 7, 8. Crandall and Songoville, at C., Feb. 8, 9. College Md. Cir., at C. M., Feb. 14, 15. Elmo Mis., at E., Feb. 15, 16. Hutchins and Wilmer at W., Feb. 21, 22. Lancaster Sta., Feb. 22, 23. A. L. ANDREWS, P. E.

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**OUR ORPHANAGE—TELL IT NOT IN GATH.**

Not a little has appeared in the Advocate of late concerning our Orphanage, and I am glad that the attention of Texas Methodism is being called to this interest. Believing that directors appointed by the Church to look after one of its most important enterprises should have an intelligent knowledge of that enterprise I never miss a chance to visit the Orphanage. I went out there last week and spent a night and ate supper and breakfast. I saw much that was gratifying, and some things that distressed me. My visit had not been announced. In fact, I walked into the dining room after the children had sat down to supper. Everything looked neat and clean, the children included. Quite a lot of outdoor athletic apparatus had been installed since my last visit, and the children went out after supper and enjoyed themselves thoroughly until dark. There was only one case of serious illness, and that was a delicate child who had recently entered the Home, and Dr. Woods thought she would recover. Nowhere have I seen a healthier, happier looking band of children. Some additional lots on the east side of the Orphanage have recently been bought and a piece on the west side will probably be sold before this gets into print for nearly four times what it cost less than six years ago. This will set the Orphanage buildings farther off from private residences, and add to the symmetry of the buildings and grounds. The firm of Burroughs & McCain is organized to do a general mercantile as well as orphanage business. They are on the books of the leading wholesalers of Waco, and the middlemen's profits go to the children in the Home. This seems to be a good, dependable firm in every sense. So far, so good. Now for the other side. There are now a hundred and fifty-four children in the Orphanage. Bro. Burroughs has refused forty this winter, and there are twenty on the waiting list. That means that twenty children are known to need what the Orphanage has to give, but they cannot be accommodated for lack of room, and must wait until some of those now in the Home grow up, die off or are placed in homes. The theory of placing children in good homes looks all right, but any one who has tried it, as this writer did while probation officer of Bell County, knows that it is not as simple as it seems. Good people who think they want a child to bring up frequently experience a change of mind after they have tried the experience for a short time, and the child is unceremoniously returned to the source from whence it came. My own somewhat mature opinion is that no child should be placed at first except on probation of, say, three months; and that no child should be permanently placed in any home until its interests are safeguarded by legal adoption. I know one young girl, of lovely disposition, who has had nine homes since leaving the Orphanage. The wonder is that she is not lost beyond redemption. But it is a condition, not a theory, that confronts us. Helpless children are knocking at the door of the Texas Methodist Orphanage and there is no room, even as there was none for the infant Messiah in the Bethlehem Hotel. But the fact I would not disclose to the citizens of Gath is that another denominational orphanage in Texas has within its walls a hundred and forty-three children of Methodist parentage. This is not hearsay, for I recently talked with a veracious person who had inspected the register. That means that Texas Methodism is allowing other people to take care of the children of its own sainted dead. Of course much could be said by way of explanation or palliation; but let us keep to the cold facts. Let us not dispute over the matter; but provide a remedy. Bro. Burroughs is planning a school building which shall be separate from the dormitories. He hopes also through his real estate transactions, which have the advance approval of the Board of Directors, to provide separate quarters for the teachers before the opening of the fall term. This will not only be bet-

ter for all concerned, but will nearly double the capacity of the Home. That will perhaps serve to relieve the congestion in the Home for a time, and give the workers breathing space. But at least that much, and more, should be done at once. Methodism should either do its full share toward taking care of the orphan children of Texas, or else go out of the business. And we will not quit. It is only necessary for the Methodists of Texas to know that there are needy orphan children, and the money that is necessary will flow in. Send your check to R. A. Burroughs, Herring Avenue, Waco, Texas, and tell him that it is for the improvement fund. Bro. Porter is doing a work that is worthy of all praise, but he can sound his own trumpet.

**E. HIGHTOWER.**

**ABOUT THE ORPHANAGE.**

I am sure that the Methodists of Texas will not tire of my oft-coming, for the only thing Texas Methodism needs to know is what we are needing at the Orphanage, and the best way to let them know is through the Texas Advocate. Therefore, I come now to say a few things with the hope that I may stir up a little enthusiasm on the most needed matter in all of our great Church in great Texas.

First of all, I want to speak of Brother Jerome Haralson's work. It has kindly agreed to give his time and energy to the interest of the Orphanage this year. He has been here and we have gone over the whole matter; and we are perfectly agreed as to all the people who are acquainted with our needs that we must enlarge our capacity, or suffer great loss. Think of it! We have placed this past year sixty-five children in homes here and there, and yet we have now in the Orphanage all the children we can provide for. Shall we continue to go along that way? Will the Church content itself to say, "No," to the orphan children, for want of room? We are forced to do so now. Some will say, "Why keep the children in the Home? Why not place them out in good Christian homes?" In answer, we will say we have found in a little more than a year home for sixty-five, which is a good showing so far as that is concerned, but I am here to tell you that the matter of finding good homes is not the thing some people think it to be. I can easily get places for the boys and girls, but there is a great difference between a place and a good home. If the Church could realize the demand as I think they do, I am sure the money we need would be forthcoming to enlarge and equip our Home as it should be.

In the next place, I want to say a word regarding the work of Brothers Haralson and Biggs who have agreed to give their time and energy to the work of raising money for the Orphanage as well as other work needed to be done. Will the people respond to these brethren? Let's make this year, 1914, the greatest year the Orphanage has ever had! Say Amen and Amen.

Again, let me say that money is coming in very slowly, comparatively few of the pastors have sent in their assessments. Please, brethren, do not keep this back from the children. If all the pastors in Texas would do as Brother Gray did at Herring Avenue, this city, last Sunday, we will get enough money to keep us out of debt, and supply our every need. He just asked the small congregation to contribute to the Orphanage, putting it on its merits, and raised in a few moments 200 per cent more than the Church was assessed. Let all the pastors do likewise. I am glad to say that several of the brethren who have sent in their assessments have sent in more than the charge was assessed.

Once more, I want to thank the Sunday Schools, W. H. M. S., Epworth Leagues and individuals for the satisfactory way in which you are clothing these children. You will perhaps never know how much you are contributing towards making men and women of character out of these boys and girls. God bless each one of you.

Let me ask once more to please when you send any money to the Home, always state what conference you belong to. This will help me very much, will save me the trouble and time to look over a long list of appointments to find your charge, and the conference to which you belong. You know I always send receipts for everything sent to the Home, so please give the name of the conference to which you belong, and oblige. Your servant, R. A. BURROUGHS, Waco, Texas.

You may do more than believe God and tithe your income after you have believed God and tithed your income, but you can not do more than believe God and tithe your income till after you have done this.

**TRUSTESHIP OF PROPERTY AS TAUGHT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.**

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embodied. Such truths evolve an organism through which they make themselves felt among men. Jesus knew that this conception of trusteeship once lodged in the minds of men would evolve a system of Church finances that would amply take care of the expenses. Hence he laid down no rules as to any certain per cent. Why, then, you ask, has not this truth evolved itself such an organism that would get the desired revenue? Because it has not yet been grasped by any considerable number of His followers. A matter of supreme importance is how to get the Church to grasp this truth. There are thousands of tithers, but comparatively few who are conscious of their trusteeship.

It has been the writer's delightfully refreshing experience to know a few devout, elect and select souls who have grasped their conception as to their relationship to their property. Without a single exception they all reached this conception through the Old Testament route. They all began systematic tithing. After a conscious partnership with God for a few years, some for many, it began to dawn upon them that not a tenth but all belonged to God. Then they picked up their tents and moved from the Old over into the New Testament standard. After this they paid never less than a tenth but sometimes a fourth, sometimes a third, in some cases half of their income. A few having made enough of this world's goods, pay all their income, above actual expenses. The writer has yet to see the man who could grasp and practice stewardship as taught by Christ who did not first get the elementary lesson in the Old Testament. One might expatiate on the beauties of analytical geometry, but to the one who had not mastered algebra and geometry, analytics would not seem to be the poetry of mathematics, as it really is. There may be some who reach it at a bound, but the average man will not likely reach it except by the Old Testament route.

Now the practical application is this: Let every child be taught to tithe. Let all the older ones who really desire to become finally adjusted to the teachings of the New Testament begin to tithe. Let this be kept up conscientiously for several years. A consciousness that one is in partnership with God will have a restraining influence to keep him from doing wrong and will inspire him to his highest and holiest endeavors. It is a fact that God has strangely prospered all who conscientiously tithe. It has never wronged a man's wife and children, nor has it ever deprived them of anything that they are entitled to. On the contrary, it has been a blessing to thousands of them and they are at this moment enjoying material blessings that never would have been theirs had the head of the family never tithed. Thousands of men, from the humblest laborer to the capitalists, have tried this and as far as this writer knows, all are pleased with it. The objectors are those who are not willing to give God's work that large place in their program. After a few years of financial and spiritual prosperity, it finally dawns upon the men that it all belongs to God and he is God's steward. Then he can quit keeping books, have the liberty of the gospel, will pay much more than ten per cent and will get such a vision of Christ as the one who stops with tithing never can get.

This article is not written in answer to what any one may have written. It is the author's deep conviction that herein lies the solution of one of our most difficult problems. It is finding the Lord's way and walking therein.

**MARRIED.**

**Bayliss-Manly**—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Manly, Jacksonville, Texas, November 25, 1913, Mr. John H. Bayliss and Miss Ella Manly, Rev. I. B. Manly officiating. Miss Ella was formerly of Brinkley, Arkansas, and Mr. Bayliss came with his parents from England.

**Bailey-Beaty**—At the Methodist parsonage, in Electra, Texas, on the evening of December 23, 1913, Mr. C. B. Bailey and Miss F. M. Beaty, Rev. W. R. McCarter officiating.

**Remenschneider-Price**—At the home of the bride's parents, near Blanco, Texas, December 24, 1913, Mr. August Remenschneider and Miss Cremonia Price, Rev. H. Bascom Owens officiating.

**Dobbs-Ward**—At the residence of the bride's parents near Aspermont, Texas, December 22, 1913, Mr. J. E. Dobbs and Miss Nancy Ward, Rev. M. M. Beavers officiating.

**SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**

**THE PROGRESS OF SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY.**

**The Campaigns.**

There is one point that cannot be too strongly emphasized at this time in the matter of our educational system in Texas. It is this:

The contract made by the Methodists of Texas with the city of Dallas—with the General Board of Education—with not less than one thousand prospective students—with the public at large, and with each other—was that we should build nothing less than a University at Dallas, Texas.

The success of the campaign for the first million dollars for buildings and endowment is well known. The required five hundred thousand dollars of the State of Texas was subscribed in proper form by a small margin by July 1, 1913. Contracts have been let for approximately eight hundred thousand dollars' worth of buildings, about four hundred thousand dollars' worth of which have been constructed. These buildings are now manifestly far insufficient for the patronage that is certain. More important, however, is the fact that by the standards of our own Church we are not recognized as a university until we have one million dollars of active endowment. Until that time we are simply a Class A College and our contracts are unfulfilled.

To cease the campaign with neither buildings nor endowment sufficient to meet the demands of patronage and the solemn obligation of the annual conferences of Texas, is inconceivable of our Methodist Church. To halt or to cease the campaign would be a repudiation of all that is honorable and would have cost in cash more than enough to have built a college, and ruined the credit of our institution forever.

For these reasons, the Board of Trustees, the Commission of Education and the Annual Conferences of Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, ordered an unceasing and aggressive campaign to continue until every demand has been met, and S. M. U. was a university in reality.

The campaign therefore is outlined and is succeeding even beyond our expectation, as follows:

**The Endowment of the Theological Department.**

The endowment of this department is arousing the enthusiasm of our preachers and laymen everywhere and is proving to the world at large that methodism means methodism business, instead of arousing criticism for denominationalism the public is showing more appreciation of it. The amount needed for this department is not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

This is one of the cherished projects of the University, and the response from the people reminds us of old campaigning days. The plan is to search out the names and records of those heroic Methodist preachers to whom we are indebted for all we have, and instead of allowing them to live only in the locality in which they resided, to place them in the minds and hearts of the Methodist young people of this and succeeding young people forever. The method is to place in the beautiful Memorial Rotunda of the University a great bronze tablet, each containing, engraven deep therein, the names of one hundred of these hero-preachers. These memorials cost five hundred dollars each. In other words, in order to place the name of any beloved pastor on the tablet an aggregate of five hundred dollars must be subscribed. This money to be invested in unquestionable securities and the interest thereon to be used in the support of that department to which we must look largely during the future for Methodist preachers equipped for service.

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- Commissioner McClure is securing subscriptions and making collections for subscriptions now in hand to be used in the building of the Women's Building, which is so necessary to be completed if possible before the University opens this coming fall. He is very enthusiastic on this subject.
- These and a number of other subsidiary campaigns are now making rapid progress. The Commissioners have their hands full with three States to cover, but are cheerful and optimistic and results are encouraging. Brothers Barton, Young, McClure, Wilson and Thomas are in the field, and if Methodism proposes to establish a university by Southern Methodists in Dallas, as they have contracted to do, it will be only a few months until the required subscriptions of the endowment fund has been secured.
- REV. J. S. LANE
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  - REV. ABE MULKEY
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**Bishop Key Memorial.**

Commissioner J. D. Young is having all sorts of success in outlining a campaign among the young people and Leaguers, giving them an opportunity to express their affection and gratitude to Bishop Jos. S. Key, the "Father of the Epworth League in Texas." The leaders of the League seem to be unanimously in favor of this movement and are rallying to the support of it in a most enthusiastic way.

The young people have really been looking for some way to express themselves in this campaign and this most consistent plan furnishes a beautiful tribute to the beloved Bishop. An endowment that will support one of the most important chairs in the Theological Department and an opportunity for Brother Young to co-operate with the State League Executive Committee in a way that will be productive of wonderful results, is beginning even now. There is no policy so wise as the enlisting of the coming generation in such institutions as will dominate sentiment in the future. Let Southern Methodist University be an expression of the young people of this generation and they can be depended upon to safeguard its future.

In addition to this, many gifts, in addition to that of Mrs. W. D. Haynie for twenty-five thousand dollars, is being directed to the General Endowment Fund for the Theological Department.

**Methodist Hospital and Medical College.**

We have just purchased a block of land directly across from the city hospital on which we intend to erect a first class, up-to-date hospital in connection with our Medical College. It is certainly high time for the Methodists of Texas who have undertaken so much for the spiritual and menial welfare of our people to remember that He who spoke as never man spoke would not allow mental and spiritual matters to interfere with the reaching out of a helping hand to physical afflicted humanity. The interests of the Medical Department absolutely demand a hospital, and to be sure there is no reason why we should not have one.

Commissioners Wilson and Thomas now have the securing of funds for the hospital well in hand and feel assured of the success of the undertaking.

Nor is there any lack of demand or such an institution. There may be less suffering in the world today than in the year A. D. 30, but there are those who can show any one desirous of knowing the truth sufficient suffering among not only the aged and infirm but among helpless children, to move a heart of stone. If our Church is in this world for business, and we attend to that business, how can we justify ourselves if we fail to build a hospital and to see to it that the practicing physicians in this country show year after year a larger per cent of men who have the right brand of hearts, as well as heads and hands? There is something peculiarly abhorrent in the idea of a practicing physician being a man of foul heart and life.

There are thousands of people who are not Methodists who are glad to give to a hospital. Shall we not complete such a work?

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