

TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Entered at the Postoffice at Dallas, Texas, as Second-Class Mail Matter Under Act of Congress March 3, 1879.—Office of Publication, 1804-1806 Jackson Street.

BLAYLOCK PUB. CO., PUBLISHERS. OFFICIAL ORGAN OF ALL THE TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO CONFERENCES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH. G. C. RANKIN, D. D., EDITOR.

Volume LX

Dallas, Texas, Thursday, February 12 1914

Number 33

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY is now in the midst of a special campaign to raise \$300,000 for the better equipment of that splendid institution for larger work. Her forces are now organized and in the field and results are already becoming manifest. Methodism owes a large debt of gratitude to this institution and that gratitude can, in part, be expressed in the contribution of the reasonable amount for which it is asking. For forty years Southwestern has been the educational bulwark of the Church in the Southwest and its contribution of educated manhood and womanhood to the citizenship of Texas is large and commendable. But more particularly is our ministry indebted to this school for the advanced position taken in the pulpits of the State by our men of character and consecration.

Southwestern, for years and years, has stood in its place, with limited means and often limited facilities, with the best type of men filling its professorship on meager salaries, in order to aid the Church in the great work of development among the young life of our Zion. And in nearly all the walks of life in Texas, at the bar, in business, in statesmanship, in the learned professions, the results of splendid training are everywhere visible. From the beginning, even with limited equipment, no shoddy work has been turned out from that great school. The rich boy, the poor boy, the boy of moderate means have shared alike in its benefits of intellectual and moral training.

And the stamp of Christian influence

The Southwestern University's Campaign for Better Equipment

has left its mark upon those who have gone out from those halls to bless society. Religion has gone along, hand-in-hand, with the work of mental training. The old-fashioned revival has had its place in the school during every year of its work and progress. It has, therefore, given to the country and to the Church Christian manhood and womanhood of the very best type. The fruits of its work are found in the membership of the Church throughout the length and breadth of the land.

It is, therefore, but meet and proper that the ear of the Church and the heart of the Church should be open to Southwestern in this her worthy effort to enlarge her capacity and make stronger her foundations for future growth and development. The school is entitled to this sort of consideration and the call in behalf of its needs ought to be heeded gladly and liberally. Hundreds of homes have been blessed by the efforts of this school and hundreds of young men have been put in the way of wealth and luxury because of the training received under its tuition; and their hearts ought to respond nobly to this effort to make the institution even more efficient and successful. It takes money to make a school grow and with this \$300,000 Southwestern will go forward with strides of usefulness. So far but few contributions have been made

to the institution on a large scale. The time is at hand when something worthy of the history of this great school ought to be realized. Small contributions are appreciated and they help; but this is the day of big things and let big things be done now for Southwestern.

The organized forces are in fine form and they are entering the field for the money. Southwestern has been singularly fortunate in the selection of her workers. She has three of her strongest and best trained sons and they have pledged their time, their energy and their talent to the work securing the amount desired. Rev. Jno. E. Roach, of the North Texas Conference, has already made a record for doing things of a practical character; Rev. C. T. Tally is young, full of vim and thoroughly trained for the pulpit and for the platform, and Rev. Frank Onderdonk is one of the most efficient men ever graduated from this institution. They make up a splendid triumvirate and the word fail is not in their vocabulary. They know Texas and they know Southwestern University and they are in the field for business. Let Texas throw open wide the doors to them and they will bring in the needed results.

For forty years, yes from the beginning, the Advocate has stood by Southwestern University with its influence and co-opera-

tion. It has lost no opportunity to present its cause and advocate its weal. When the great effort was made by Dr. J. E. Harrison to raise \$100,000 the Advocate for months and months threw wide open its pages, editorially and otherwise, without thought of remuneration, to make that campaign a success. And along with that effort we claim some small credit for that commendable result. As a matter of fact the Advocate has always been the friend and co-worker of all our school movements and has done its part faithfully to help make them a success. It has gone and is still going into the homes of the Methodists of Texas pleading with them to deal liberally and worthily with our great work of education.

We cannot close this editorial without saying that the present faculty of Southwestern from Dr. C. M. Bishop, the scholarly President, on through the list, is one of the best and most capable in the State. They are trained men, experts in their several departments and more than qualified to measure arms with the leading educators of the State. And they are all Christian men of the highest type. They know our Methodism and love its doctrines and its usages. Our boys and girls, under their tuition, are safe mentally, morally and religiously. And we confidently predict under their leadership and with the co-operation of our organized forces, Southwestern will continue to be one of our strongest factors in the development and training of the young life of this expanding Southwestern section of the Church.

YOUNG PREACHER, BEWARE.

WE presume that every young preacher has a certain temptation—the temptation to use other men's sermons. To be able to use flowery language and to speak freely to the people is rarely the gift of the beginner, and it is well that it is not.

Many young men resist this temptation; others fall into the snare, but afterwards repent and do their first works over, while some, sad to say, become slaves to other men's sermons.

What a pitiable sight (could we see it) to see a young preacher in his study preparing his sermon for Sunday morning, and he a slave to other men's sermons. What has he before him? Is it his Bible? Perhaps. Is it Young's Analytical Concordance or the Englishman's Greek Concordance? No. What is that book to which he gives such close attention? It is Dr. Blank's Sermons. He reads carefully a sermon and then writes one by it as a pattern. Is he studying? No, he is absorbing or memorizing. The young man was called to preach the gospel which means that what he preaches must be worked out of the Holy Scriptures by prayer and study, aided by encyclopedias, commentaries, a good concord-

ance and other literary works bearing in any way on the theme, but not by the sermons of other men. The sermon, to be true and genuine, must be original, and no young man can be original in his preaching who takes other men's sermons as working tools for making his own.

DEFORMITY AND SIN.

TO parents who may have the sorrow of a child deformed in body or mind, we wish to give comfort out of God's teaching. The great fact of sin in the world, sin that brought spiritual, intellectual and physical harm to all the race, puts all of us into one class, rich and poor, pure and impure—mankind—subject to the bodily, mental and psychical ills that attach to a fallen race.

Depravity prevents all parents from absolute certainty of perfect health of body and mind in their children. This is the great and ever-present cause of the ills of life. There is also another cause for bodily or mental deformity of children—the sin of the parents or ancestors. It is an undenyng fact that the sins of the fathers are visited upon their children. It is a fact that many children must suffer for the impurity of their progenitors, but it is not a fact, and should be well borne

in mind that it is not a fact, that all cases of mental or moral deformity or disease in children are to be charged up to the sin of their parents or progenitors to the third and fourth generations, because sin brought deformity, disease and wickedness into the world when our federal head, Adam, disobeyed God.

The doctors may teach that to a clean and healthy parentage only clean and healthy children can be born, but such teaching leaves out of account the terrible presence of sin in the world and death by it, disease by it and sorrow by it. When we try to account for the ills of life by denying the fall of man we get into trouble.

Christ constructed no small system of thought and work. He delivered great essences of truth and left his Church to work them out in the salvation of humanity. The Church has often developed peculiar creeds, sometimes along wholesome religious lines and sometimes otherwise, and all such have had their place in the development of the kingdom; but no one creed, or no half dozen of them, have contained the whole of his truth. They have had enough to make them plausible, but not to make them eternal. In the meantime the great principles of Christ have struggled through their hu-

man environments and limitations to assert their full power in the world. That they have made slow progress we are not surprised. His truth is for all the generations born and unborn.

Perhaps the old fathers in the ministry were a trifle extreme in their persistent doctrinal preaching and in their enforcement of discipline. But if so, is it not also true that we modern preachers have gone to the other extreme in the style of our altruistic ministry and in our woeful lack of disciplinary enforcement? A midway position at this time might eliminate the evils of both extremes and retain the eminently good lying between the two points.

When our Baptist people gave it out to the world that they have 600,000 members in Texas and 5,000,000 in the South, they are dealing in the romance of figures. In fact they are speaking figuratively. It is a well-known fact that they have the loosest system of statistics of any of our denominations, but even with all their looseness in the matter, they simply juggle with figures when they make any such claim. We wish they had that many members in Texas and in the South, but it is a trifle beyond the absurd for them to make any such claims.

is no wholesome place to which young people can go for recreation and self-improvement. They must go into the streets or into worse places.

We must have an attractive church and an adequate school, with the residence of the preacher attached, to meet the needs of the situation.

With eight or ten thousand dollars we can build on the lot which we have already acquired, all these, with reading rooms, etc., to provide for the pressing needs of these dear people and their children. Of this amount, I can raise on the field, \$5000. I am sure, if the Church at home will supply the rest. It is heart-rending to see good American boys and girls going to ruin, and their lives made unhappy, for lack of little means to lead them into better ways.

I do not live at Nueva Gerona but in another part of the Island, and by consequence, I am not in a position to do much for them. We ought to place in the town a resident pastor and give him the means to handle successfully this situation, which makes such a moving appeal to all hearts who care for the welfare of our fellow countrymen and their children living under such conditions.

Each year many children reach school age, and the population increases constantly by the coming of other Americans from the States. If we do not meet the pressing needs we will close future opportunities against us. On the other hand, if we care for the situation as it is now, we will do much to save these Americans and their children, securely plant our work on the Island, and obtain resources for another work in the future.

I hope you will find in the States the small sum of money which is now urgently needed here, and another man for the West Circuit. Yours in Christ,

MALCOLM M. STEWART,
Preacher in Charge Isle of Pines, East Circuit.

I want this house and a man for the western side of the island.

If we help these people now they will be able in a few years to help others. They are ready to do all they can for themselves. Indeed, they have already done very generous things. They will in a few years be able to do more, and I believe they will do all their promise, if we help them in this their time of need.

I want a man also—a self-reliant,



NEW PARSONAGE, DE LEON CIRCUIT,
Rev. J. D. Smoot, P. C.

courageous, hopeful, consecrated man. No "tenderfoot" (as they say in the West) can be of any use. A man of culture, if he has the right sort of culture, will be better than an uneducated man. But common sense and consecration are indispensable in this work.

Here is a chance to do the work of a founder and accomplish results that will make the Isle of Pines a Methodist island. I covet for our crown this pearl of the Carribean.

Who will furnish this money? Who will offer to do a man's work on behalf of these, our countrymen, in a foreign land?

The colonists will pay an efficient man a living salary.

to help the needy. The parable of the talents teaches that all this is to be done according to our ability.

It would be perfectly puerile for our Master and the Bible writers to enjoin all this without requiring us to use our gray matter in finding the best ways of carrying out the proposition. One argument for belonging to a Church is that by means of organization the work may be better done. In religious matters, as in everything else, division of labor increases efficiency. The ministry formerly covered the ground of school teaching and often of the practice of medicine. By the sub-division of this field a greatly increased efficiency has been reached. Apply this to the philanthropic work. To do the greatest amount of charitable work and to do it in the most effective way requires that men and women give talent, time and thought to it.

Preachers sometimes do not give quite the recognition to the auxiliary efforts made by those who feel called to that field of religious activities as they might. Even the Sunday School is sometimes regarded as a sort of cross-eyed step-child. What do we mean when we say that the gospel is the only way to convert people? Does that mean a book board, a text: "firstly," "secondly," "thirdly," "finally" and "in conclusion?" According to the New Testament, preaching and prophesying are practically synonymous; that is, speaking to men to edification, comfort and exhortation. If that be a good definition, then our Christian mothers preach to us the gospel, and so do our Sunday School teachers and Christian friends.

Mission work is simply reaching, helping, saving, training men and women who are out of the regular current of influence of Christian motive, Christian culture and Christian thought. If we regard pianos, pictures, lyceum lectures, profane history, the physical sciences, magazines, industrial training, business education, as things that we must secure for our children like the Greeks had their youths to get their food, by stealing, then we are correct to regard philanthropic efforts as incidental or useless on the mission field. For instance, we missionaries ask our people to contribute to the cause. "Got no money," comes the reply. "Why not?" "No work." "Why have you no work?" "Can't get the kind I can do." "What kind can you do?" "Manual labor, and there is none," or else "I am not strong enough," or "I am too old." Perhaps they do not understand English. Or, if they do, then yet they may have no education. So they are shut up to one kind of work.

If it is the duty of Church members to sustain the institutions of the Church it is equally their duty to save money in order that they may have for that purpose. But they cannot save it till they make it. And they cannot make more than they immediately need, very well, unless they have some training; both mental and physical. To get this training they need some assistance. If they cannot look to the Church of the living God for this which is so vital to the permanency of their Church organization, where shall they look? And if they look elsewhere, is it likely that they will remember the Church which has spurned their cry for succor?

A missionary should make himself unnecessary as speedily as possible. He should be a bridge over which is transported the riches of thought, enthusiasm, hope, culture; in short, the treasures which were hid in times past, but have been brought to light by Jesus Christ and his gospel, as it has been planted and developed in the great Occidental civilization which he has inherited. Religion, life, education, if realized in their fullness, are practically the same thing. For this reason it requires a much longer time for a missionary to make himself unnecessary than one would think at first blush. As a matter of fact the prin-

ciples which are implanted deepest in us are placed there by the love which our mothers pour into us through their eyes and the very tones of their voice and through their personalities—all this, ere we understand human speech. And then, after that, it requires some ten years to train a boy to get up in the morning, put on his shoes and stockings, wash his face and come to the breakfast table without being told. Then follows the dangerous period of adolescence, when a wise friend is indispensable. Can all this be done by pulpit ministrations? Where home life is faulty, kindergartens, boys' clubs, girls' clubs, reading rooms daily counsel, pastoral visitation and such like things are indispensable. Many subjects cannot possibly be treated from the pulpit. For want of hand-to-hand scientific, Christian work, we are being shocked today at disclosures of the wickedness and vice among our young men and even young women until it seems incredible.

What is the matter with us? Our laymen are worshipping the dollar and the curse of idolatry is being visited upon their children, even to the third and fourth generation. And we preachers are often content to go into the pulpit twice a week and get rid of a sermon. We drop our hooks into the creek and after waiting an hour it seems clear that the fish won't bite. Then we wind up our lines and go home, saying, "We have preached the pure gospel and the people won't hear. We have cleared our skirts." This does not probably apply to all preachers, but I myself have often been guilty of just such conduct.

Mission work is simply helping those who specially need it to realize in their lives the ideal which God had in view when he made them.

If some members of the human race for whom Christ died have an obstruction on account of which we cannot get to them a full gospel, let us, as a skillful surgeon would do, remove that and then go ahead with the main thing. We toil and struggle to prepare our own children for their life struggles. Is that right or wrong? Is it religious or irreligious, or extra religious? Is it not rather a life-long prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread?" Will they learn to earn their daily bread if they are simply converted? Our own children are not left thus to luck or providence. Some people think that the Almighty needs our help to get men converted, but that we are presumptuous if we offer our services in their training and preparation for their life work in the world. We often hear of objections to institutional Church efforts because the gospel is not continually preached in all their activities. Why not object to the public school because the teachers do not preach the gospel? Why not oppose the medical college, or the law school, or the kindergarten, because the teachers do not take texts and expound them?

Dr. Young J. Allen stood for nearly a half century in China insisting that our duty was to pour into the deeper life currents of that nation our love, our thought, our culture, our philosophy. We saw something of the results of that sort of a system when China last summer begged the Christian world to pray to God for their guidance in the gigantic undertaking they had before them of building anew so great a nation.

We have before us a great task in these United States. Our cry should be, God expects every Christian to do his duty.

HOT DROPS.

By J. O. Gore.

Courted friendship never lasts. The common man is dead on the think.

If thou thinkest much thou wilt live alone.

If noise were religion the world were saved.

If thou thinkest thyself wise others know thee as a fool.

The man that acts quickest recants soonest.

The man who challenges falsehood will be censured.

A donkey may not bray more than a minute, a fool will try it for two hours.

The man who sympathizes with himself soon loses the respect of thinking men.

If men did what they knew was right the devil would bank his fires.

Talking is not thinking or the world were wise.

The devil loves courage and despises cowardice, is the reason that he has lost self-respect.

If thou usest thy voice for a maul, do not complain that thy throat is split.

If thou usest thy brains to digest with, thou wilt need thy gall to think with.

The devil would damn the world if he could vex mercy with our sins until she would shut the door.



The First Taste Of Puffed Grains

There is coming a time, if it hasn't come, when the folks at your table get their first taste of Puffed Grains.

Watch them. Note the wonder—the delight—with which they greet these foods.

They will see whole grains puffed by steam explosion to eight times normal size. They will find them crisp, yet fragile, bubble-like and thin. And they'll taste like toasted nuts.

Note the surprise. They have never seen or tasted other cereal foods like these.

Puffed Wheat-10¢
Puffed Rice-15¢

Except in Extreme West

Serve the grains first with cream and sugar. Then let your folks enjoy them in other delightful ways.

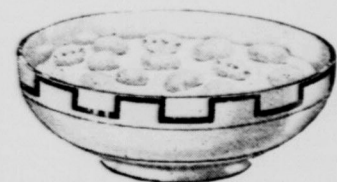
Try mixing Puffed Grains with fruit and note the nut-like blend.

Try serving in bowls of milk. The grains will float. They are crispier than crackers and four times as porous as bread.

Use them like nut meats in candy making or as garnish for ice cream.

In these airy grains there occur in the making a hundred million steam explosions. Every food granule is blasted to pieces, so digestion can instantly act.

These delicious Puffed Grains, made by Prof. Anderson's process, are the best-cooked foods in the world.



The Quaker Oats Company

Sole Makers

(521)

General Conference Work

By DR. JOHN M. MOORE.

In response to the editor's request that I give my views as to what the General Conference should do, I give the following as some of the things that I believe it would be well to do:

- 1. To remove the time limit.
- 2. To leave the Episcopacy as it is, in view of certain experiments now being tried in the Northern Church.
- 3. To elect no Bishops unless some of the present number retire.
- 4. To adopt some unitary financial system so that our secretaries and agents would become co-laborers instead of competitors.
- 5. To request the Bishops to appoint a committee to bring the Episcopal decisions into the body of the Discipline and into the paragraphs which they affect.
- 6. To change the Quarterly Conference questions so that written reports would be required of the Sunday School superintendent, the president of the Epworth League, the president of the Woman's Missionary Society, the treasurer of the Board of Stewards of the charge, the Church leader, the deaconess (if there be one), as well as from the pastor.
- 7. To transfer the Mexican work in Texas from the Department of Foreign Missions to the Department of Home Missions, and from a Texas Mexican Mission with a form of government similar to that of organized missions in foreign lands.
- 8. To organize an Indian Mission, to include the work among Indians in Oklahoma, and under the Department of Home Missions, with a superintendent appointed as other mission-

aries, and such tribal superintendents as may be possible or necessary.

9. To establish a scale of minimum salaries that can be assessed for itinerant preachers as the Methodist Church of Canada has done, so as to insure a living wage for our ministers, whatever their charges. In order to carry out this rule provide for the establishment by the Annual Conferences their own sustentation funds and children's funds to supplement the income when these salaries are not paid in full.

10. To provide for the appointment by District Conferences of day helpers who can be used in conducting public worship in missions and circuits under the direction of the pastors in charge, on those Sundays when public worship is needed but could not be provided by the itinerant preachers. In other words, provide for lay preaching and lay evangelism as is contemplated in the system of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and as it is carried on in England.

11. To make such changes in the Annual Conference as will make it a real bona fide conference of preachers and laymen instead of a conference of ministers with a few legally appointed lay spectators, as is largely the case today. The business of the conference should be so planned that the attendance of the lay delegates on at least two days should be practically a necessity. The present representation of laymen in the Annual Conference is too small and should be increased, if the conference business is to be such as to make their attendance really worth while.

Some Principles of Mission Work

By J. A. PHILLIPS.

Jesus Christ, in his personal work and life, also in his charge to the Twelve on their special mission, and to the Seventy, and in the great commission, has given us his program. It is to look after the material wants, healing and feeding if necessary; to train the mind by teaching, and to announce to them the old, good news that man can know and imitate his Savior, and so secure peace here and hereafter.

The throne of power, in Protestantism, is the pulpit, as it was with Christ and the apostles and as it has been in all ages. A weak pulpit makes it almost impossible to organize a strong Church. It is only from the pulpit that thoughtful men get their bearings in the field of philosophy. If anyone doubts that preachers should mould philosophy let him read again the book of Job and Paul's epistle to the Ephesians and see if he can deny that the Bible has something to say on this subject. Humane and powerful governments get some of their inspirations from the pulpit. The broad outlook as to missions is best treated by preaching. Many men are reached by sermons in a way which would be impossible in private, because they cannot consider the appeals and re-

proofs as intended only for them.

But when we forget that we are dealing with men and women, and not with disembodied spirits, we have forgotten our commission. Some things can be detailed to the State, e. g., public education, insane asylums, institutes for the blind and deaf. Some things may safely be left to enlightened self-interest: labor unions, fraternal orders, good government, etc. But some things are of too delicate a nature for the Church to ignore and neglect; as e. g., the treatment of the sick poor, the care of orphans, the rescue of fallen girls.

But always, whether the Church is regarded as an institution or simply as a vital force, she may only neglect the material wants of human beings at her peril. The Methodist Church regards feeding the hungry and clothing the naked as one of the evidences that her members and candidates have a desire to flee from the wrath to come and to be saved from their sins. Jesus makes feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and the imprisoned and caring for strangers, a test of sincerity and of fitness to enter the everlasting kingdom. James does not believe that a man loves God at all if he falls

Notes From the Field

Hallsville Circuit.

W. E. Hawkins was with us on the 28th and 29th of January and gave us three fine lectures on Sunday School work.

Troup.

Salary is advanced \$400 over that of last year; excavation for basement of new church finished; material arriving at the rate of two cars the day, such as iron, cement, sand, gravel, lumber and brick; received several into the Church since conference and we hope to open complete, by the middle of the year.

Tuxedo.

Tuxedo begins the conference year with hope. There has been some advancement in effort and increase in interest.

Bonham Street, Paris.

It is useless for me to repeat what the other preachers have so frequently said—such as a cordial welcome, a good pounding, parsonage well furnished, good congregations, a worthy predecessor, a most excellent Woman's Home Mission Society, a faithful Senior League, also a good Sunday School and a wide-awake presiding elder—all of which I have found here at Bonham Street Church.

Gainesville.

The joint revival service of the Broadway and Denton Street congregations began last Sunday in the Denton Street Church, and Dr. Arch C. Holder, Ph.D., and Mr. E. G. Phillips leading. Up-to-date a most gracious work has been done in the Church.

Cisco Station.

We have never been more royally received on any charge than here. The good women of the Missionary Society had gathered at the parsonage the afternoon of our arrival and gave us a most cordial and hearty welcome.

Bluff Dale.

On January 18 we began a great meeting at Bluff Dale. We had Judge M. J. Thompson and his singer, Brother Stanley Birdine, to help in the meeting.

School and Church attendance. There have been twenty-three additions to the Church roll since conference. The insurance on the Church and parsonage has been paid and we have raised forty dollars special for missions.

Cushing.

The first Quarterly Conference for Cushing Circuit is a matter of history, having met last Sunday, February 1, at 3 o'clock p. m. at Linn Flat.

Roysie City.

After one year of happy service in Bowie, we next found our field of labor in the little city of Roysie. Our year at Bowie was a happy one, first, because the Lord was good to us, and, second, because we loved our people and confidently believed that they loved us.

Gail.

On our return to this charge for the second year our reception was so cordial we feel quite welcome. Last fall during the protracted sickness in our family, in which we lost our little girl, the people were exceedingly kind to us.

Allen and South McKinney.

Years ago we decided never to "write-up" our work until we had done something. At this time it is our belief that things have been done in God's name and for his glory.

troubles are giving away. Our Church and town are much better off now than before. There had not been a real good meeting in ten or twelve years.

San Augustine Station.

On our arrival at San Augustine we were met at the station by Sister T. B. Saunders and conveyed in her automobile to her hospitable home where we were dined and entertained until the ladies could get the parsonage in order.

Allen and South McKinney.

Years ago we decided never to "write-up" our work until we had done something. At this time it is our belief that things have been done in God's name and for his glory.

out, hence the salary was not set. In April we are to entertain here the District Conference, and it is our plan to do it royally.

Hale Center.

As nothing has been written from this charge since Annual Conference, we shall try to write a few lines concerning the work.

Palacios.

Three months of our second year in Palacios are passed, and as we review the fifteen months spent serving these good people we find we have 280 on the roll, and we have issued more than fifty certificates.

Pilot Grove Circuit.

We reached our new field of labor a few days after conference, but to find almost everything at a standstill on account of the black mud.

will that we daily receive. Then the people out here manifest an interest in and relish for the plain gospel that I have not often noticed in these late days of fads and fashions.

Kingston, Okla.

We are now in the midst of a great revival. Had two fine services yesterday, Sunday, the first day of the meeting.

Katy.

This is not the town you have heard of in days gone by, of sin and heartache, with God's cause neglected, but a new town, a New Katy, in the scriptural sense.

"I sat as one glued to his seat" IN The Story of My Life

By G. C. RANKIN, D. D.



REV. G. C. RANKIN, D. D.

The author tells of his first effort at speech-making. "A phrenological chart of a perfect human head" bore no resemblance to his own.

A FEW EXPRESSIONS.

I have just finished reading "The Story of My Life." I was perfectly delighted with it. It contains many truths that shine in beauty, brilliancy and power.

Price, \$1.00. Postpaid. Address with price, G. C. RANKIN, D. D., 1804-06 Jackson St., Dallas, Texas.

A GRANITE ART RUG By PARCEL POST. If you live within 150 miles of Sherman; express prepaid if the distance is greater. 5x12 FEET \$4.95.

TITHING—ITS HISTORY AND RESULTS.

See Advocate of January 1, this caption, by one O. H. Brewer, Kirkland, Texas, R. F. D. No. 3.

W don't know of what branch of the Lord's Kingdom he pins his faith to, if any, but it is reasonable to suppose not the Methodist. But, like lots of our brethren, he may be a non-progressive of some sort. Now, seems like the brother is very much grieved because the Church is advocating the tithing plan. He jumps up and accuses us of following in the footsteps of those who practiced plurality of wives, and also after bad folks of all sorts. The brother goes back and brings up good old Abraham and Jacob, and says if we wish to pattern after them, we should also take to ourselves more wives than one. Now, I believe that after Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees that this one time referred to was the first that we have any account of his paying tithes, and this was out of the spoils gotten in battle. And then he met an authorized agent, doubtless, from Ur or Haran. At least he knew him and was blessed in this performance of duty. Now, this one mention does not establish the fact that he never again paid tithes. But one thing we do know, that Abraham did not set the prestige of plurality of wives, for he never had more than one at a time, and up to this time no offspring.

The time that our brother speaks of Jacob paying tithes he was a young unmarried man. And if I have it right he never paid anything then for he had nothing to pay, and the nearest anyone could come to a payment of tithes, and we don't know that this was tithing, was after he had wrestled all night with the Angel of the Lord and had gained a blessing. But I suppose Jacob was like any other man who has received a blessing from the Lord; he felt like paying tithes to the Lord. Now, Brother Brewer, let's take our good Brother Moses, who was under the eye of the Lord all his life.

He seems to have known something of tithing already. Where did he get his knowledge. You might say from Egyptian usages. Well, if he did, he was more lenient than they, for they taxed the people one-fifth of all they had, and this was for the King.

I had rather think that with Moses that he had learned this with the other teachings given to him by his old Hebrew mother. Then this was made a part of the law to Israel, and you must remember this law was of God to Moses for the people. (See Lev. 27:20-24).

Now the next question arises: What was done with this tithing that was paid by the people? Now, this tithing consisted of a tenth of all that remained after payment of the first fruits of seeds and fruit and of calves, lambs and kids. This was called the first tithing and belonged to God as the sovereign and proprietor of the soil, and this was none of man's work.

It seems from Deut. 16:16, 17, that this was not compulsory. The one requirement was that each male present himself at least three times a year before the Lord and not to come empty handed. But to bring every man as he is able. This tithing offering was to be brought to the Levites and they were to pay a tenth of this tenth that they received to the priest. Now, out of the tithes paid to the Levites not only the priest but the ministers, pastors and singers were to be paid.

We find that for a long time before Hezekiah that Israel had gone into idolatry and sin, and many, like our Brother Brewer, advised against the payment of tithing, or at least it was left off. And, remember, it was left off under reign of ungodly kings. Now Hezekiah, a God-loving man, re-institutes tithing. And a long time after this, after Israel had gone into captivity, tithing was again discontinued. And when Nehemiah came to rebuild the walls of the city, he found the house of the Lord vacated, and on investigation found that no one was paying tithes, and there were no funds to pay the minister nor singers, and the house was all gone to rack, because the pastors had gone, as there was no pay for them, and these men were found out in the field making bread for themselves and little ones. But now they are re-instated and are given their portion. (Neh. 13:10-12.) I suppose that Brother Brewer will have the house of God vacated.

Now, the Prophet Malachi (Mal. 3:8) asks Brother Brewer this simple question: "Will a man rob God?" And while he is holding his breath trying to make up an answer, he answers for him, saying, "Ye have robbed me!" And while our brother is wondering in what way he has robbed God, he is told that it is in tithes and offerings. Now let's ask our Lord if He opposes the paying of tithes. He says, "I did

not come to destroy the Law or the Prophets." Now, our brother cites us to Matt. 23:13-24, but only quotes verses twenty-three and twenty-four. Why not read also verse thirteen, as you ask us to. "But woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! (a railing accusation) for ye shut up the Kingdom of Heaven against a man. Ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in." That is Brother Brewer. He won't pay tithes himself, and wants to keep them that are paying tithes from paying.

Now, again, he says that Jesus was displeased with the Temple. We have no such Scripture, but that He was not pleased with the conduct being carried on there. He said, "My Father's house is a house of prayer and ye have made it a den of thieves." But never a word about or against tithing.

Now, again, Matt. 23:23: "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithing of mint and anise and cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the Law—judgment, mercy and faith. These ought you to have done and not to leave the other undone." Now, brother, you did not notice these last words of our Lord, did you? These are the Lord's words, not mine. Let's not throw a stumbling stone in the other fellow's way just because we don't want to do a thing ourselves. R. O. BAILEY. Groesbeck, Route 1.

WHICH SHALL BE HEADED?

By J. H. Gambrell, Supt.

Naturally and mischievously, saloon forces are anxious to have the prohibition question subordinated, while they make paramount saloons in this year's campaign. Unfortunately, for the moral well being of the State, we have some pussy-footed prohibitionists afflicted with office itch, who are just as willing to largely, if not entirely, ignore the prohibition question for the sake of a chance to gratify political ambitions, which are larger than their ability.

It has been said and truthfully, that the most unreasonable man is one who is obsessed with the idea of holding an office. Texas has been greatly afflicted with small men in big offices. This is the bottom explanation of the present deplorable conditions of State affairs. The people of Texas are face to face with two appeals—one for the gratification of purely personal and often unjustified ambition, and the other is voiced by the Christianity of the State. Between these two appeals every voter must decide for himself, which it will be the wiser and safer to heed. Below is given what fairly represents the voice of Texas Christianity. The extracts are taken from the reports on the liquor traffic adopted by the last Baptist General Convention, and the Baptist Women Missionary Workers during the month of November, 1913. Saloon politicians and "gumshoe" candidates ask the voters of this State to turn a deaf ear to such appeals, and rally to their support. What the Baptists, numbering several hundred thousands, say has practically been said by other evangelical denominations. With the deliberate statement that a candidate who defies the convictions of Texas Christianity is unworthy of the support of good citizens, the reader is asked to read:

Convention Declaration.

"We regard, with favor, the recently planned movement by which it is sought to unite all reform forces on a single candidate for Governor, and admonish our people to see to it, as far as lies in their power, that no man is selected for official position who will subordinate the morality, humanity and homes of this State for the gratification of his personal ambitions.

"We endorse the purposes of the Anti-Saloon League to circulate petitions and secure the resubmission of constitutional prohibition in the constitution of Texas in 1915. We call upon the Christian and other moral citizens of this State, to heroically stand by the Anti-Saloon League in the great work it is doing. We send Christian greetings to our brethren of all denominations and the moral forces of Texas in general, and pledge them unfaltering co-operation until Texas is redeemed from the liquor traffic."

Women's Appeal.

"In the campaign for the election of State officials next year, either the enemies of saloons or the friends of saloons will be elected as our officials. If the enemies of saloons triumph, the way will be paved and constitutional prohibition will be adopted in 1915. Such a situation calls for the united co-operation and influence of Texas womanhood that the worst enemy of God and humanity may be forever driven from our great State. "The National Anti-Saloon League

has just launched a Nation-wide campaign to have submitted to the various States an amendment to the Federal Constitution, which, when adopted, will prohibit the manufacture, sale, transportation, importation and exportation of alcoholic liquors within the United States. Every Christian woman ought to lend her influence to the last limit for a saloonless State and a saloonless Nation. We give to our brothers represented by the Anti-Saloon League the pledge of our hearty, womanly co-operation to the end that every American life and home shall be protected against the invasion of the drink demon.

"We urge our sisters everywhere that they keep the emphasis on the main thing, that they use their influence in all proper ways to secure the election of public officials who stand for our homes against the open saloon." Dallas, Texas.

STEPHEN'S TEMPTATION.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent were starting to town, in their new "spring wagon," to spend the butter and egg money!

Mr. Dent slapped the gentle mare with the reins as he called to a strenuous lad in the yard, "Keep an eye on the house and things, Steve, for the good woman is thinkin' now how fine it's going to look when she gets the new carpet down in the front room! We'll be back by early candle-light."

Stephen Wells stood looking gratefully after the old couple, for they had made this a home for him—the only one that he had ever known. He knew that their plan was for him to attend the Agricultural College, and then to take full charge of the farm.

Hastily locking the front door, he started for the plow, and as he closed the gate a roll of green bills was caught up by the wind and scattered at his feet.

"The butter and egg money!" he exclaimed. Poor Mrs. Dent, how sorry she'll be when she gets to town! When she took her kerchief out of her bag the bills came with it."

He counted them over: "Five—ten—yes, just \$25.00 in all. It took her a long time to save that much. I'll put them in my pocket till she comes."

He worked hard that morning—the sun was hot, and the horses seemed stubborn. When he went in for lunch again he counted the money; then walked into the front room and looked critically at the rag carpet on the floor. "That is good enough," he thought. "Women folks are too particular. What a pity to spend all this on the old floor when I could put it to better use!"

With every furrow the plow turned that afternoon Stephen argued the question with himself: "No, they'd never suspect him—Mrs. Dent would think a pickpocket got the money—and hadn't he worked overtime many a day!"

As the rich earth turned over and over the plow, higher and higher arose his air castles, till they reached the clouds, which Old Sol was beginning to paint in splendid tints of amethyst and gold, as he sank beneath the horizon. This seemed a large sum to the country boy, whose spending money was usually twenty-five cents.

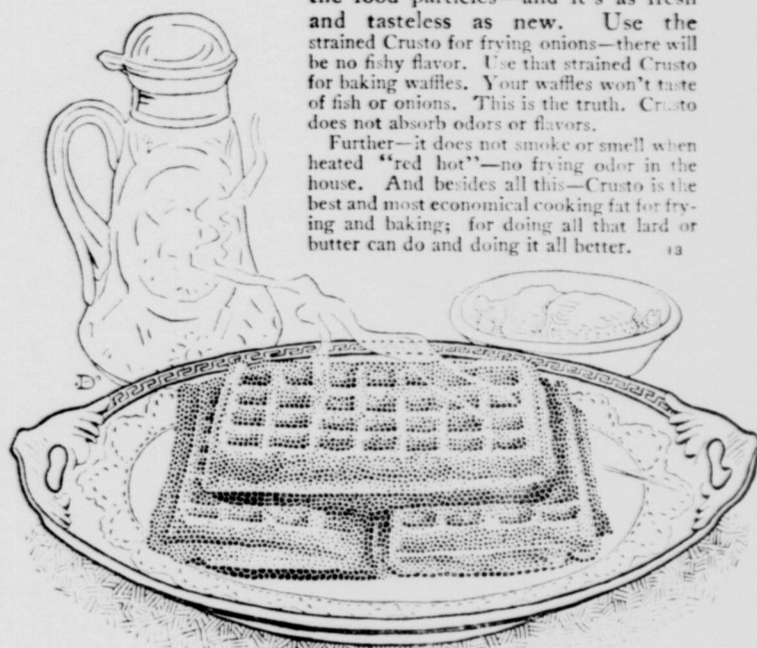
When he reached the farmhouse gate Mr. and Mrs. Dent drove slow-



Odors and flavors roll off Crusto like water off a duck's back. It just simply refuses to absorb the odor or taste of anything that's cooked in it. And it is odorless and tasteless itself. You can do this with Crusto.

Fry fish in it. Strain it to remove the food particles—and it's as fresh and tasteless as new. Use the strained Crusto for frying onions—there will be no fishy flavor. Use that strained Crusto for baking waffles. Your waffles won't taste of fish or onions. This is the truth. Crusto does not absorb odors or flavors.

Further—it does not smoke or smell when heated "red hot"—no frying odor in the house. And besides all this—Crusto is the best and most economical cooking fat for frying and baking; for doing all that lard or butter can do and doing it all better.



CRUSTO WAFFLES AS PREPARED BY ORIENTAL HOTEL DALLAS

AT ALL GROCERS COMES IN TIGHT TINS, 5 SIZES—3 1/2, 4 1/2, 5 1/2, 10 1/2, OR 20 1/2

CRUSTO—Houston, Texas

ly up, and Stephen's conscience smote him when he noticed her sorrowful countenance.

"Well, Steve, she never bought the carpet this time," said the farmer, trying to be cheerful. "We went to every store in town, an' looked at carpets by the dozen; yes, they unrolled 'em for us to step on; an' when the good wife at last chose one—it was a beauty, too—why, she couldn't find her money. We think she dropped it somewhere, or it was stolen; but says I, if it's anywhere round home, Steve will find it, an' he'll surely keep it for you—it may right now be in his long trousers' pocket, an' it's safer than a bank."

Mrs. Dent glanced eagerly at Stephen, and the last air castle toppled over, as his hand went hastily to the bottom of that pocket and thrust out the five greenbacks. The boy's honest, unselfish nature was awakened by their confidence; and as he placed the soiled notes in the toll-worn hands he felt that her joyful gratitude was worth more than innumerable dollars.

"This is for your care," she said,

offering him a note; but Steve, with bowed head, hastily turned aside, and, going into the barn, he knelt in the straw, begging pardon for the sin that had been in his heart—temptation, to which he had, for a time, yielded.

He thanked his Father that the divine spark of conscience was still alive, and prayed that he might always keep it bright and clear, by obeying its dictates, under his guidance.

The next day Farmer Dent hurried back to town and purchased the selected carpet with the butter and egg money; and exactly five years from that day Stephen Wells stood upon the same carpet, receiving the congratulations of his friends; for neatly framed, and placed in a conspicuous place by proud foster-parents, was the diploma recently awarded him by the Agricultural College.

FRANCES FIELD TAYLOR, Los Angeles, Cal.

A preacher's life is either his very best sermon or his very worst.

Advertisement for Western Electric Rural Telephone. Includes a diagram of a telephone line connecting a house to a stock yard, grain elevator, and doctor. Text: "A Telephone Saves Time and Money. It's easy! You and your neighbors can put up a first-class telephone line from home to town. Then you can talk direct to crop buyers every day without driving over those long miles. You can watch the market for top prices—ask the railroad station if your freight has come—order supplies from the store—find out what's doing at the stock yards—set a time with the grist mill for grinding your grain—get the doctor quick when you need him. Besides all this, you and your neighbors can talk business or pleasure without leaving your own doors. To save time and money, write for full details about this handy, reliable... MAIL THIS COUPON AT ONCE. WESTERN ELECTRIC COMPANY. Makers of the 7,500,000 "Bell" Telephones. SOUTHERN HOUSES: Atlanta, Savannah, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Dallas, Richmond, New Orleans, St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Houston. EQUIPMENT FOR EVERY ELECTRICAL NEED."



G. C. RANKIN, D. D. Editor

Office of Publication--1804-1806 Jackson Street

Published Every Thursday at Dallas, Texas

Entered at the Postoffice at Dallas, Texas, as Second-Class Mail Matter.

BLAYLOCK PUB. CO. Publishers

SUBSCRIPTION--IN ADVANCE.

ONE YEAR.....\$2 00
SIX MONTHS.....1 00
THREE MONTHS.....50
TO PREACHERS (Half Price).....1 00

For Advertising rates address the Publishers.

All ministers in active work in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Texas, are agents, and will receive and receipt for subscriptions.

If any subscriber fails to receive the Advocate regularly and promptly, notify us at once by postal card.

Subscribers asking to have the direction of a paper changed should be careful to name not only the postoffice to which they wish it sent, but also the one to which it has been sent.

BACK NUMBERS--Subscriptions may begin at any time, but we cannot undertake to furnish back numbers. We will do so when desired, if possible, but as a rule subscriptions must date from current issue.

DISCONTINUANCE--The paper will be stopped only when we are so notified and all arrearages are paid.

All remittances should be made by draft, postal money order or express money order, or by registered letter. Money forwarded in any other way is at the sender's risk. Make all money orders, drafts, etc., payable to

BLAYLOCK PUB. CO., Dallas, Texas.

Our District Conferences

(This schedule can be amended only by the presiding elders. They will do a great favor in its correction.)

Amarillo, at Higgins.....	Feb. 25
Georgetown, at Hutto.....	March 4
Decatur, at Justin.....	March 26
Greenville, at Celeste.....	March 27
Sweetwater, at Snyder.....	March 27
Cairo, at Victoria.....	March 31
San Marcos, at Luling.....	April 7
Austin, at Austin.....	April 14
Beville, at Bishop.....	April 15
El Paso, at Alpine.....	April 16
Uvalde, at Cotulla.....	April 16
Clarendon, at Cleburne.....	April 22
Sherman, Trinity Church, Denison.....	April 22
Brownwood, at Brownwood.....	April 28
Waco, at Riesel.....	May 14
Cisco, at Ranger.....	May 29
Plainview, at Hale Center.....	June 5

A STATEMENT

On the first page of the Advocate will be found a leading editorial on "The Southwestern University Campaign," and we wish to state that this editorial was written and in print before we had ever seen a copy of the "Southwestern Advocate," a bulletin now being issued in the interest of Southwestern University. As we go to press a copy of that bulletin is before us. We have never failed to put the Advocate editorially behind Southwestern University, and in fact behind all our institutions of learning; and its columns have always been open to these schools for any reading matter concerning them. We have never turned down matter of this character from Southwestern or from any of our Church schools. When it comes to advertising matter, this is another question and the scope of it is determined by the publishing department, which department holds a well defined contract with the five Annual Conferences in Texas specifically governing all matters of this character. But all reading matter of general interest to the public, having reference to our schools and other Church institutions, always has free access to the Advocate's columns; and from time to time we are accustomed to devoting editorial space to their interests. Therefore, the editorial on the front page is the editorial expression of the Advocate concerning Southwestern University and no extraneous influence inspired its publication. Now in conclusion we wish to say that the Advocate will, in a later issue, reply fully to the attack made on us by the "Southwestern Advocate," and all the facts will be given to our readers.

Just a Few Things Here and There

Since Lieutenant-Governor Mayes and Comptroller Lane have both agreed to enter the eliminating conference at Fort Worth the 21st inst., they are not nearly so large and so great as they used to be in the esteem of the Fort Worth Record, the Austin Statesman and the Houston Post. The fact is, they have become very irksome and prosy individuals to those down-cast papers. As long as the two gentlemen were in the race to stay, regardless of the conference, they were men of conviction of purpose and had minds of their own. But now they are lacking independence. We are sorry to see these excellent journals so down in the mouth!

Until quite recently we were hearing much about sex hygiene in our schools and the importance of having the subject taught to our children by the teachers. But more recently it is ceasing to continue as a fad with those having it in charge. In Chicago they started out to introduce it as a branch of instruction, but it has broken down of its own weight. It is well that it has received a backset. Of course, there is much that our children ought to know about the mysteries of their sex life, but it is one of the most indelicate subjects for presentation to the child mind, and none but a consummate and skillful expert ought to undertake, and even then it is a dangerous experiment. Not one teacher in a thousand is competent to teach such matters to children. There is but one person on earth fully competent and that is the wise and discreet mother. But unfortunately not many mothers are prepared to do it. It seems that nature has left the question largely to the instinct of the child, but this instinct needs guidance and direction. Just what ought to be done, if the mother is not capable, we are at a loss to know. But we do know that the average teacher is not qualified to impart such knowledge. In our judgment more mischief would follow a systematic effort to teach this new branch in the public schools than otherwise. But it is a question that the wise and consecrated mother ought to study and learn how to take her children into her confidence and tell them a few things that they ought to know.

Do we need any more Bishops at this time? We hardly think so. Suppose two of the old panel should retire? Even then we have enough left to do the work of the Church unless we elect one for the far Eastern work. We do not underestimate the work of a Bishop in the Church. As a general superintendent he greatly aids in the promotion of our enterprises, but a good deal of his work is executive and there is no reason why a reasonably healthy Bishop cannot preside over five or six conferences a year and

A VISIT TO OUR CHURCH AT LONE OAK

Lone Oak is a delightful town on the Katy road running from Greenville to Mineola, situated fifteen miles from Greenville in Hunt County. Rev. W. H. Wright is the pastor of that charge. By special invitation I went there last Friday with a view of staying over Sunday and preaching for those good people. Friday turned out to be a very cold day, but I took the 2:40 Katy and went to Greenville. There I was joined by Dr. C. M. Harless, the presiding elder, and we went to Lone Oak. Dr. Harless is making a fine presiding elder for that district and his preaching and his executive work are giving great satisfaction. He is a very studious and a very industrious man and he keeps his eye and his hand on all departments of his work. He is popular with the preachers and the people. We reached Lone Oak before dark and were met by Dr. J. J. Coppedge, one of the leading

Methodists of the town, and escorted to the parsonage. Brother Wright and his people had arranged for a banquet that night to be given to the Methodist laity in the Praetorian Hall. And notwithstanding the very freezing temperature about forty men turned out and took part in the occasion. Three times that many would have been present had the weather been more favorable. A good program had been arranged. Some of the laymen made good addresses covering the local history of the Church and the work of developing Methodism in that section. Dr. Harless spoke of the duty of the laymen and he spoke well. This writer spoke on the Place of the Laymen in the Church, and Brother Wright presented some interesting facts about that work. Then followed a sumptuous feast and it was enjoyed by all. The object of the banquet was to bring the men of the Church to-

gether and to stimulate them to larger activity in Church work. The social feature was fine and the occasion was a success. I intended to run back to Greenville and spend Saturday, but the day was too cold and I remained inside the parsonage all the day. It was a good place to stay. Brother and Sister Wright know how to treat a visiting preacher and they left nothing undone to make my visit pleasant. Brother Wright, with the consent of the presiding elder, has raised Lone Oak from a circuit to a station, and while he has one afternoon appointment a couple of miles in the country, yet his time is given largely to the town. He is an inveterate worker. He is constantly planning for the betterment of his charge. He has the confidence of his people and they esteem him as a preacher and a pastor. He knows how to reach people and to make himself agreeable and helpful to them. He has a sunny disposition and is easy to get acquainted with. In fact, we have no better and more devoted member of the conference than Brother Wright. My pleasure in being in his home was enhanced by the fact that he came from the old country and we have many things in common.

I was permitted to share the hospitality of Brother P. P. Rabb, son of that splendid old preacher of other days. He and his family are liberal supporters of the Church and they are genuinely religious people. It was a pleasure also to meet and spend some time with that fine old local preacher, Rev. J. H. Moreland. He has a singular record. He is far past seventy years and has been an itinerant preacher for forty-seven years in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, spending his life on circuit work, and yet he has never been a member of a conference. He has worked as a supply. He enjoys another distinction. He is living in a superannuate home provided for him and his wife by Brother R. P. Etter. Is there another local preacher living in a superannuate home? He is now on a circuit round Lone Oak and doing good work. Rev. Oscar Moreland, of Garland, is his son. We have a large number of most excellent people in Lone Oak, but we have neither the time nor the space to mention them by name. It was a pleasure to preach to them Sunday morning, and we had a large congregation and a good service. The Advocate is popular among them and I was made to feel at home.

G. C. R.

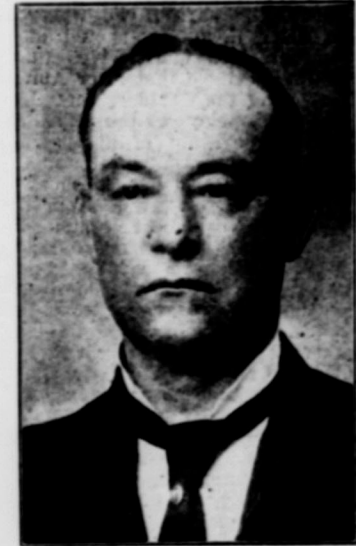
A NEW CHURCH BORN IN DALLAS.

We now have a good Church organization in Munger Place, this city. Bishop Mouzon at the last session of the conference appointed Rev. Lawrence Cohen to this charge. There was nothing there but Munger addition, but this energetic young pastor went to work with a will, located the Methodists in that vicinity, visited them, got their idea about the new organization and he found them ready to go to work and found the new Church. So last Sunday he and Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, the presiding elder, held a meeting of the members in that section and proceeded to organize the Church. Something over 160 were ready to enter the organization. Lots have been secured at an eligible place and plans are already on foot to erect a temporary structure for immediate use. Trustees were appointed and a Board of Stewards and the movement has entered upon its organic life. It gives promise of a healthy and a developing congregation. The other Churches in the city are giving Brother Cohen all encouragement possible.

REV. F. O. MILLER AND HIS WORK.

At the meeting of the Dallas, Terrell and McKinney District Institute in Dallas last week, strong action was taken endorsing the work of Rev. F. O. Miller as agent for the Superannuate Homes of the conference. Brother Overstreet was appointed to aid Brother Miller in the work, and

authorized to travel and receive contributions for the same. The presiding elders, sitting as a Board of Managers, requested all the preachers to open their Churches to Brother Miller and his helper and in this way to assist in providing homes for our worn-out preachers. The whole conference is interested in this important work and Brother Miller will make it a point to try to reach the entire conference territory during the year and no pastor can afford to withhold his active co-operation.



DEATH OF REV. J. M. SHERMAN.

Rev. J. M. Sherman, presiding elder of the Sweetwater District, Northwest Texas Conference, died in the sanitarium at Temple, Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. This will be sad news to his many brethren and friends throughout Texas.

James Morgan Sherman, son of Morgan Dana and Amanda E. Sherman, was born in Lampasas, Texas, Nov. 7, 1858. He was converted while yet a child and joined the Church July, 1875, under the ministry of Rev. Josiah Whipple. He was licensed to preach July 30, under Rev. James Mackey, presiding elder. He was admitted on trial in the old Northwest Texas Conference at Abilene, Nov., 1890, Bishop Key presiding. He was ordained a deacon at the same time and place and by Bishop Key, and an elder by Bishop Hargrove at Waco, November, 1894. He filled the following charges in his conference: 1889-1892 North Georgetown and Florence, and built three churches at a cost of \$4000 and a parsonage at a cost of \$800; 1893-1897 Round Rock and Hutto, and built a church costing \$2,000; 1897-1898 Clarendon Station, and took part in putting up the first building of Clarendon College; 1898-1902 Marble Falls and Burnett, improved the Church and paid off some old debts; 1902-1906 the Clarendon District, aided the preachers in building fifteen churches and three or four parsonages; 1906-1909 the Gatesville District, built four churches and four parsonages; 1910 Merkel; 1911-1912 Hereford; and in 1913-1914 Sweetwater District. On his pastoral charges he had about 1500 conversions.

The above figures tell the statistical results of his useful ministry, but not the whole of his fruitfulness as a man of God. Brother Sherman was possessed of a strong will and a well trained mind, he was above the average in his preaching ability and in practical affairs he was a large success. His was a constructive ministry. In his Conference he was regarded as one of its leading and most influential members, and such was his popular standing that at the last session of that body he was elected one of its delegates to the approaching General Conference. For some months during the latter part of his life, his health became precarious and three weeks ago he went to Temple for a serious surgical operation; but after it was performed he did not have sufficient vitality to recuperate and he gradually failed until God said, "It is enough; come up higher." He was a man of devout faith and

The Passing Day

Russell Bennett, a student at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, while practicing in a ball game on the college grounds last week was struck on the side of the head by a batted ball and died from its effects in less than an hour.

Workmen while excavating for a bridge across the San Gabriel River, near Georgetown, unearthed a big petrified tooth. The tooth, which weighed eight pounds, was turned over to Southern University.

If a person wants to be "invested" at San Antonio for death, said person must die other than in a natural way. Justices of the Peace Ben S. Fisk and B. Neil Campbell have declared a "strike" so far as holding inquests over bodies of persons dying of unnatural causes.

White Eagle, chief of the Ponca Tribe of Indians, died last week at the age of 111 years. He was at the time of his death the oldest member of his tribe.

A number of negroes have left Oklahoma for New York as the advance guard of the proposed colony to Gold Coast, West Africa. Chief Alfred Sam is directing the movement and will stop to lecture at several points en route to New York.

With part of his forearm substituted for new eye, Ross Allen, a young Canadian at a hospital in Baltimore, seems to be in a favorable way to have practically the whole of his face newly shaped.

The tug Senator Bailey towing the steel barge Coal Petition, oil laden, from Tampico, Mexico, reached Freeport, Texas, last week. This is the first foreign cargo to reach this new Texas port.

Representative Underwood, majority leader of the House, has put the Democratic party on record as being opposed to woman suffrage. Mr. Underwood says suffrage is not a question for Federal action, but should be handled by the respective States.

The memory of "Big Tim" Sullivan, member of Congress and for years the political dictator of the Bowery district of New York, was observed last week. For years "Big Tim" annually distributed thousands of shoes to the poor of the East Side.

Rodman Wanamaker has let the contract for a "flying boat" to cross the Atlantic in from twelve to fifteen hours. Mr. Wanamaker says the purpose of the undertaking is to make a "purely scientific test of aerodynamics" and to provide an argument for world peace in so far as the success of the craft would show that dead-ends might be futile in the future.

power will be used. The wings of the craft will have a spread of about eighty feet with a lifting surface of nearly 1200 square feet, it is said.

Gov. Cole L. Blease, of South Carolina, threatens to empty the penitentiary of the Palmetto State by August 1. This threat was made during an inquiry into the conditions at the State Hospital for the Insane.

Representative Adamson, of Georgia, Chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, has issued a statement paving the way for congressional debate on a repealing bill to be introduced in accordance with the determination of President Wilson that the United States should recognize the claim of Great Britain that exemption for American ship violates the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

If the action of the Home Appropriation Committee stands there will be no \$200,000 congressional appropriation; nor in fact any sum for the purchase and distribution of seed to the Texas flood sufferers.

The River and Harbors Committee has recommended an appropriation of \$44,000,000 for the improvements of the waterways of this country. Of this amount Texas is to receive \$3,715,000.

The Education Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held February 26 and 27, at Nashville, Tennessee. The conference will be held in the Sunday School room of McKendree Church.

Congressman Robert G. Bremner, of New Jersey, after a most heroic fight, died Thursday from cancer. Mr. Bremner went to Johns Hopkins Hospital in December and took the radium treatment, and at first it was thought he would recover.

Three men were drowned in the icy waters of Lake Michigan last week. In an attempt to come ashore from one of the water cribs to get a physician their boat was marooned in an ice floe and capsized.

number could not be plainly made out with glasses, but shore watchers could distinguish three men standing. Life-savers and police boats put out immediately, but could not break through the wall of ice and it was suicide to attempt to navigate the ice hummocks that were tossing badly in the choppy sea.

Hans Schmidt, the self-confessed murderer of Anna Aumuller to whom as a Catholic priest he had performed the marriage ceremony making her his wife, is to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing. His second trial for murder resulted in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree.

Miss Bertha Stevens, of Adele, Georgia, until last Saturday was the fiancee of A. D. Jernigan, a young business man of Valalosa. He called on that day to see Miss Stevens and learned that the whole Stevens family, including the young lady, was down with small-pox, and the house quarantined.

Probably a dozen Americans and forty or fifty Mexicans lost their lives in Cumbre tunnel in Mexico last week, when a passenger train ran into the tunnel when a freight train was burning. The tragedy is charged to Maximo Castillo, the Mexican bandit who, to get revenge for the capture and execution of twenty-two of his men by insurgents, captured the freight train, ran it into the south end of the tunnel about 300 feet and there set fire to it.

The Census Bureau, in its report on the supply and distribution of cotton for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, says: "Assuming that the statistics as to the consumption in foreign countries have been returned in net weight bales of 500 pounds and reducing those of the United States to the same unit, the world's factory consumption would be 21,392,000 bales of 500 pounds net.

"Coal Oil Johnny" had nothing on Sarah Rector, an 11-year-old negro girl in Oklahoma. T. L. Porter, Sarah's guardian, last week received \$42,677.43 as royalties from the oil on her allotment from October 1 to December 31, 1913.

The Burnett immigration bill prescribing a literacy test for applicants to admission to the United States, was passed by the House by a vote of 241 to 126. The bill, as passed, provides that every immigrant admitted to the United States must be able to read "the English language, or some other language or dialect, including Hebrew or Yiddish."

approve the literacy test. Opponents of the literacy test fought strenuously to the last, but on a last effort to eliminate the test from the bill they were defeated, 140 to 239. The final vote came at the end of a day of vigorous debate which at times threw the House into confusion and on several occasions threatened to cause serious trouble.

The "Katy" case has been settled and an agreed judgment entered by District Judge George Calhoun in the Fifty-Third District Court at Austin. Under the agreement the railroad company may go ahead and rehabilitate its property and consolidate its Texas lines as contemplated by the Legislature of this State.

Dallas occupies the fourth position in the United States as a distribution point for automobiles. For the year ending December 31, there were sold 11,900 autos, valued at \$12,341,339.

The Mercantile Bank at Memphis, Tennessee, has closed its doors as the result of the speculation of its President, C. Hunter Raine, who was lodged in jail on the charge of embezzlement. Indictments against him allege misappropriation of the banks funds approximating \$788,000.

By agreement with Minnesota officials the legal residence of the late Chas. Gates was established in Texas and his will is to be probated in Jefferson County, this State. A poll tax receipt paid in Texas in 1912, a power of attorney issued to a resident of Port Arthur, Texas, authorizing the payment of his 1913 poll tax, and two deeds executed shortly before Mr. Gates left Wyoming, where his death occurred, were introduced to prove that he considered himself a resident of Texas.

Two million dollars to be used by the Churches for the promotion of International Peace is a gift made Tuesday by Mr. Andrew Carnegie. The income of the fund, about \$100,000 a year, will be expended by a board of trustees representing all the leading religious denominations in the United States.

Governor Colquitt, of Texas, has sanctioned an agreement whereby fifty convicts will be placed on public road works and will be engaged in their labors without guards. The convicts will be placed on "honor." The plan has been successfully tried in Colorado, Illinois and other States where many miles of macadamized roads have been constructed at a minimum cost and the convicts given wholesome labor in the open air.

Let Me Send You A Treatment of My Catarrh Cure Free



C. E. GAUSS

I Will Take Any Case of Catarrh, No Matter How Chronic, or What Stage it Is In, and Prove ENTIRELY AT MY OWN EXPENSE, That it Can Be Cured.

Curing Catarrh has been my business for years, and during this time over one million people have come to me from all over the land for treatment and advice. My method is original. I cure the disease by first curing the cause.

FREE This coupon is good for a package of GAUSS COMBINED CATARRH CURE sent free by mail. Simply fill in name and address on dotted lines below, and mail to C. E. GAUSS, 5797 Main St., Marshall, Mich.

to the personal account of the convict. This last feature will be an encouragement to the men to work and maintain good records as prisoners, and it will also tend to popularize this class of labor and incite the convicts to apply for outside assignments.

The sixth army aviator to meet death since the School of Aviation has started was hurled 600 feet into shallow water while flying over San Diego Bay, California, Monday. Lieutenant Henry B. Post was the sixth victim. He was attached to the First Aero Corps and was considered one of the most skillful United States Army Aviators.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has referred to a subcommittee of five two joint resolutions looking to the submission to the States a Nation-wide prohibition amendment to the Constitution. The resolutions were introduced respectively by Senators Sheppard of Texas and Works of California.

Replying to a letter from Chas. F. Pender of the Trolleyman's Union at New Haven, Connecticut, Dr. Chas. W. Eliot, former president of Harvard University, says: While unions have raised wages and shortened hours "they have had a bad effect on the character and happiness of their members."

Boys' and Girls' Self-Culture Club

Conducted by H. L. PINER, Denison, Texas

SOME AMERICANISMS.

The people of the United States have usually been satisfied to adopt their language from legitimate sources—like the Latin, the Greek, etc., but occasionally they have created words peculiarly suited to the meaning desired, or just merely for the forcefulness that often goes with slang.

The word "boss" has absolutely no history beyond its creation in the United States. It was made out of nothing. Of course the word "boss," as used in architecture and other arts had a legitimate linguistic birth. But not so of "boss" meaning to dominate.

In the United States we say "mail a letter," and the English laugh at us, while they say "post a letter." The truth is that both expressions are legitimate, and both carry a metaphor very similar each to each. "Post a letter" began to be used because the letter box was nailed to a post in England.

"Pickaninny" is one of our make of words. It really came, however, from a West India Spanish word, "pequeno" (pe-queen-yo), and is a corruption of that term.

Hoe-cake is strictly Southern-born. It means a cake of corn meal, water and salt, baked before the fire or in the ashes, and is sometimes called an ash-cake. It was called hoe-cake because it was often baked on a hoe.

"Skeddadle" is a term created during the Civil War. It was perhaps a time for forming a word to indicate something more than mere going, perhaps more than hastening. For while most of our soldiers were brave, there were times when even the bravest had to "skeddadle."

England a "buggy" is a two-wheeled vehicle, while with us it is a four-wheeled vehicle. In the United States the word "drummer" means one who beats a drum, but it also means one who travels representing business interests of some firm.

"Stampede" is a corruption of the Spanish "estampida," a stampede. "Buncombe" or "Bunkum" originated on the floor of Congress. Felix Walker represented certain counties in North Carolina, one of which was Buncombe, and he got up to speak.

NETO.

The word "veto" is the first person, present active indicative, of the Latin verb from which it comes, and as it stands it strictly means, "I forbid." It is used as a noun also.

The veto power has been and is a subject of serious import to those who deal with economic problems and State matters. It is a one-man power against nearly one hundred and seventy men in Texas.

SOME FACTS ABOUT TOBACCO.

Several interesting facts may be briefly stated about this weed. First, it is the most extensively used luxury in all the world. Second, its chief chemical property is a deadly alkaloid. Third, it destroys nerve-substance, inhibits nerve-action, breaks down digestion and assimilation of food, weakens the will-power and creates insanity.

that attests of both physical and mental efficiency have been made by scientific men and the tobacco-user is invariably less efficient at any kind of work, physical or mental, than the non-user. Ninth, so serious are the consequences of cigarettes that business men all over the world positively decline to employ or retain in their employment boys addicted to the habit.

SUN WORSHIPPERS.

Among several oriental nations the older religions were based upon sun-worship or fire-worship. The sun and the moon were considered as living creatures, and often as husband and wife.

Another idea among the fire-worshippers was that fire purifies. The sun was the great purifier, and as these are the only two heavenly bodies which the wholly untutored eye takes special notice of in their movements and influences upon earthly things, naturally the superstitious sprang up about them.

RAFAEL'S HOURS.

What are known as "Raphael's Hours" is a group or collection of twelve paintings to represent the hours of a day and a night. These pictures do not represent the twenty-four hours according to our method of reckoning, but the oriental system of keeping hours. The day was divided into six hours from sunrise to sunset, and the night into six hours from sunset to sunrise, making twelve in all.

The first hour of the day is specially swift in movement, specially joyous in spirit and expression. She holds a torch in her hand, while roses float in the folds of her robes.

The fourth hour of the day takes us beyond midday, and she holds in her hand a sundial reminding of afternoon time. The fifth hour of the day carries a sheaf of grain in her left hand while the right hand points to the rising moon.

The first hour of the night carries poppy-heads in one hand, and in the other an owl, wise old sprite of the darkness. Her face has a regretful, retrospective look, as if she now missed the joys of the departed day.

The fourth hour of the night is sweeping still more rapidly through space. She wears a crown of flowers, and she is pouring out the dew from an urn. The fifth hour of the night holds in her arms an owl, bird of Minerva, goddess of wisdom, suggestive of that knowledge that comes to those who meditate upon wisdom's ways far into the night.

A contemptuous person is a contemptible person, for all contempt is unchristian.

IF THE BABY IS CUTTING TEETH.

Be sure to use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pains, cures wind colic, and is the remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.—Advertisement.

GERMAN MISSION

Western District—Second Round. Bartlett, at Beversville, Feb. 21, 22. Harper, at James River, Mar. 7, 8. Fredericksburg, Mar. 14, 15. Llano, at Pontotoc, April 18, 19. Mason, at Mason, April 25, 26.

DENVER

Durango District—Second Round. Aztec Charge, at Aztec, Saturday Eve., Feb. 14. La Plata Charge, at Thomas Chapel, Monday Eve., Feb. 16.

NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque District—Second Round. Tucumcari, Feb. 14, 15. San Jon Cir., Bard, Feb. 17. Tucumcari Cir., Abbott, Feb. 21, 22. San Marcial, Mar. 1. Watrous, Mar. 4.

WEST TEXAS

Beeville District—Second Round. Feb. 14, 15, Rockport, at Woodsboro. Feb. 15, 16, Calallen, at Odium.

CUERO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Nursery, at Thomaston, Feb. 14, 15. Seadrift, at Seadrift, 3 p. m., Tuesday, Feb. 17. Cuero, Feb. 21, 22. Ganado and Louise, at Louise, 3 p. m., Monday, Feb. 23.

LAMPASAS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

San Saba Cir., at Bend, Feb. 14, 15. Richland Springs, at Locker, Feb. 21, 22. Star, at Knox, Feb. 28, Mar. 1.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Miles, at Miles, Feb. 14, 15, a. m. San Angelo Chadbourne St., Feb. 15, p. m. Midland, Feb. 21, 22.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

February 14, 15, Waelder, February 21, 22, Martindale, at Martindale, February 28, March 1, Belmont, at Oak Forest.

March 28, 29, Dripping Springs, at Fitzhugh, April 3, Lockhart. April 4 and 5, Leesville, at Leesville. April 6, Luling, Conference.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Laurel Heights, Feb. 15. Travis Park, Feb. 15. Prospect Hill, Feb. 22. South Heights, Feb. 22. San Antonio Cir., at Oak Island, March 8.

UVALDE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Feb. 14, 15, Cotulla. Feb. 21, 22, Laredo. March 1, Homdo, April 3. March 7, 8, Del Rio.

CENTRAL TEXAS

Brownwood District—Second Round. Bronte, at Ft. Chadbourne, March 14, 15. Robert Lee, at Hayrick, March 15, 16.

CISCO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Eastland, at P. G., Feb. 14, 15. Ranger, at R., Feb. 15, 16. Thurber and Mingo, at M., 7 p. m., Feb. 20.

CLUBURNE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Brazos Ave., Cleburne, Feb. 8. Barnesville, at Green Brier, Feb. 14, 15. Grandview Sta., Feb. 15, 16.

CORSICANA DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Kerens and Powell, at K., Feb. 14, 15. Kireen and Streetman, at S., Feb. 21, 22. Purdon, at Dresden, Feb. 28, March 1.

DUBLIN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Comanche Mis., at Fellowship, Feb. 14, 15. Gustine, Feb. 16, 7:30 p. m.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

First Church, Feb. 15. McKinley Ave., Feb. 22, 11 a. m., and 25 at 7:30 p. m.

Diamond Hill and Harwells Chapel, at Harwells Chapel, March 14, 15. Arlington, March 22, 11 a. m. and 23, 7:30 p. m.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Gatesville Sta., Feb. 21, 22. Meridian Cir., at Heep, Feb. 28.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Bartlett, Feb. 21, 22. Granger, Feb. 22, 23. Weger and Jonah, at Jonah, Feb. 28, March 1.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Irene Circuit, at Mertens, Feb. 21, 22. Brandon Circuit, at Bynum, March 1.

WACO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Aquilla, at Ross, Feb. 21, 22. Fifth Street, Feb. 22, 7:30 p. m.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Ennis, Sunday and Monday, Feb. 15, 16. Palmer, at Trumbull, Sunday and Monday, Feb. 22, 23.

WEATHERFORD DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Eliasville, at Murr, Feb. 14, 15. Springtown, at Agnes, Feb. 21, 22.

NORTHWEST TEXAS

Abiene District—First Round. August, at Hasty, Feb. 14, 15.

AMARILLO DISTRICT—SECOND ROUND.

Canyon, Feb. 14, 15. Channing, Feb. 21, 22. Dalton, Feb. 28, March 1.

apel, at Har... and 23, 7:30... amore, March... 10 p. m. and 31 at... ril 11, 12... April 18, 19... April 19, 7:30... April 26, 7:30... ts., at Hemp... id 27, 7 p. m... ON, P. E... Round... ch 7, 8... March 8, 9... 16... 20... ril 1... April 9... il 11, 12... 13... p. 20... 5, 26... I.E. P. E... Round... 28, March 1... h 7, 8... 15... 23... 12-24... 18, 19... April 25, 26... Institute will... m. March 3... ne at Hutto... NG, P. E... Round... 11, 22... ch 1... ch 7, 8... Evening... arch 14, 15... March 21, 22... 28, 29... 30... ril 4, 5... 12... April 18, 19... ming... 2, 3... ning... IOP, P. E... Round... 15, 16... and Monday... ch 1, 2... March 7, 8... day and Sun... arch 21, 22... Mar. 22, 23... and Monday... Sunday, April... April 5, 6... April 12, 13... and Sunday... Sunday, April... lay and Mon... RST, P. E... Round... 22... ch 1... ch 21, 22... 19... April 26, 27... 28, 29... ELL, P. E... XAS... Round... ON, P. E... Round... 4, 15... ighton, April... KS, P. E...

Clarendon District—Second Round.
Mobeetie Mis., at Mobeetie, Feb. 14, 15.
Wheeler Cir., at Locust Grove, Feb. 21, 22.
Shamrock Sta., Feb. 22, 23.
McLean Cir., at Groom, Feb. 28, March 1.
Miami and Pampa, at Miami, March 7, 8.
Washburn Mis., at Fairview, March 7, 8, 15.
Claude Sta., March 15, 16.
Clarendon Sta., March 18.
Lakeview Cir., at Brice, March 19.
Newlin Cir., at Salisbury, March 21, 22.
Hedley Cir., at Hedley, March 28, 29.
Wellington Cir., at Fresno, April 4, 5.
Wellington Sta., April 6.
Quail Cir., at Marella, April 7.
Plymouth Cir., at Lee's Chapel, April 8.
Clarendon Mis., at Olive Branch, April 11, 12.
Goodnight, April 18, 19.
District Conference, at McLean, April 21, 23.
Rev. A. L. Bowman will preach the opening sermon Tuesday, April 21, at 8 p. m.
J. W. STORY, P. E.

Haskell District—First Round.
Jayton, at J., Feb. 14, 15.
Fenceck, at F., Feb. 15, 16.
G. S. HARDY, I. E.

Plainview District—Second Round.
Tulia, Feb. 21, 22.
Littlefield, Feb. 28, March 1.
Pierce's Chapel, March 7, 8.
Hale Center, March 8, 9.
Lubbock, March 14, 15.
Plainview Mis., March 21, 22.
Plainview Sta., March 22, 23.
Kress, March 28, 29.
Happy, March 29, 30.
Pleasant Valley, April 4, 5.
Lockney Sta., April 5, 6.
Dimmitt, April 11, 12.
Lorenzo, April 16, 17.
Cone, April 18, 19.
Alton, April 22, 23.
Roaring Springs, April 25, 26.
White Flat, April 26, 27.
Floydada, April 28.
Lake View, May 2, 3.
Sunday School Institutes as follows:
At Lubbock, March 12, 13, for Lubbock, Littlefield, Bartonsite, Lorenzo and Crosbyton charges.
At Tulia, March 31, April 1, for Tulia, Happy, Silverton, Dimmitt and Kress charges.
At Lockney, April 6, 7, for Lockney Station, Lockney Mission, Floydada, Plainview Station, Plainview Mission and Hale Center charges.
At Rearing Springs, April 24, 25, for Mator, Alton and Turkey charges.
District Conference, at Hale Center, June 5, 2:30 p. m., to June 8, at noon.
Note also the Zone in which your Sunday School Institute appears. Each school besides the pastor and Superintendent should send three delegates.
O. P. KIKER, P. E.

Houston District—First Round.
Katy, Feb. 15.
J. KILGORE, P. E.

Jacksonville District—First Round.
Mt. Selman Cir., at Mt. Selman, Feb. 14, 15.
Bullard Cir., at Bullard, Feb. 15, 16.
Troup Sta., Feb. 21, 22.
Overton & Arp, at Overton, Feb. 22, 23.
J. B. TURBENTINE, P. E.

Marlin District—First Round.
Normangee Cir., at Normangee, Feb. 14, 15.
Jewett Cir., at Buffalo, Feb. 15, 16.
Fairfield and Dew, at Dew, Feb. 21, 22.
Teague, Feb. 22, 23.
Whooock Cir., at Whooock, Feb. 28, Mar. 1.
I. F. BRYAN, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round.
Kilgore Cir., at Kilgore, Feb. 14, 15.
Marshall, First Church, Feb. 17.
Marshall Summit St. Feb. 18.
Rosewood Cir., at Fairview, Feb. 21, 22.
Bethany Cir., at Bethel, Feb. 28, March 1.
F. M. BOYLES, P. E.

Navasota District—First Round.
Millican and Stensham, at Stensham, Feb. 15.
Bryan Sta. and Braces Co. Mis., Feb. 18.
Montgomery Cir., at Montgomery, Feb. 24, 25.
Cold Springs Mis., at Cold Springs, Feb. 28, March 1.
Cleveland and Shepherd, at Cleveland, Mar. 1.
E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

Pittsburg District—First Round.
Canon, at Canon, Feb. 14, 15.
Daingerfield Feb. 15, 16.
Winnsboro, at Musgrove, Feb. 21, 22.
Pittsburg Cir., at LaFayette, Feb. 26, March 1.
Pittsburg St., March 1, 2.
O. T. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Timpan District—First Round.
Melrose, at Melrose, Feb. 14.
Kennard, at Kennard, Feb. 16.
Appleby, Prairie Grove, Feb. 21.
J. W. MILLS, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round.
(Revised.)
Mt. Sylvan, Feb. 14, 15, at Mt. Sylvan.
Murchison, Feb. 18, at Murchison.
Mincola Mis., Feb. 20, at Olive B.
Quitman, Feb. 21, at Liberty.
Tyler Cir., Feb. 28, March 1, at Bassom.
Marvin, March 2.
Wills Point Cir., March 5, at Myrtle Sags.
Canton, at Canton, March 6.
Ben Wheeler, at B. W., March 7.
Collax, at Oakland, March 8.
J. T. SMITH, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS

Bonham District—First Round.
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.
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.
Dundas, Eagle Bend, March 8.
T. H. MORRIS, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round.
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.
Perrin and Barton, at P., Feb. 14, 15.
Willow Point, at W. Pt., Feb. 21, 22.
Jacobore Mis., at Vineyard, Feb. 22, 23.
Mexican Mis., at Bridgeport, Feb. 23, night.
Decatur Sta., Feb. 25.
S. C. RIDDLE, P. E.

Galveston District—First Round.
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—Second Round.
Campbell Cir., at Friendship, Feb. 21, 22.
Lone Oak Cir., at Twin Oak, Feb. 22.
Quinlan Cir., at Williams Ch., Feb. 28, Mar. 1.
Commerce Sta., March 8.
Lee Street Sta., March 8.
Greenville and Cach Mis., at Bethel, March 14, 15.
Kavanaugh Sta., March 15.
Lone Oak Sta., March 21, 22.
District Conference, at Celeste, March 27-30.
Celeste Cir., at Whiteoak, April 4, 5.
Celeste Sta., April 5, 6.
Jones-Bethel and Wesley Chapel, at J.-B., April 11, 12.
Floyd and Salem, at Salem, April 18, 19.
Merit Cir., at Alliance, April 19, 20.
Caddo Mills, at Clinton, April 25, 26.
Fairlie Mission, at Olive Branch, May 2, 3.
Wolf City Sta., May 3, 4.
C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

McKinney District—First Round.
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.
Deport Cir., at Halesboro, Feb. 14, 15.
Deport 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.
Denison Mis., at Harless Ch., Feb. 14, 15.
Trinity, Feb. 15, 16.
Sadler and Gordonville, 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.
E. G. MOOD, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round.
Brashear, at Shelby, 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. NICKS, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round.
College Md. Cir., at C. M., Feb. 14, 15.
Elmo Mis., at E., Feb. 15, 16.
Hutchins and Wilmer at W., Feb. 21, 22.
Lanester Sta., Feb. 22, 23.
A. L. ANDREWS, P. E.

Sweetwater District—Second Round.
Lorraine, at Champion, Feb. 14-15.
Westbrook, at Cutbert, Feb. 21-22.
Colorado Sta., Feb. 28, March 1.
Blackwell, at Slater's Chapel, March 7-8.
Fluvanna, at Bethel, March 14-15.
Sweetwater Mis., at Moody, March 21-22.
Snyder Sta., March 26.
District Conference, at Snyder, March 27-29.
Sweetwater Sta., April 5.
Ira, at Sharon, April 11-12.
Roby, at Rosston, April 18-19.
Duna, at Pleasant Hill, April 25-26.
Camp Springs, at Cravshaw, April 27.
J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Stamford District—Second Round.
Romartion, Feb. 14, 15.
Goree, Feb. 21, 22.
Weinert, Feb. 28, Mar. 1.
Munday, Mar. 1, 2.
Haskell Sta., Mar. 7, 8.
Avoca and Bethel, Mar. 14, 15.
St. John's, Stamford, Mar. 21, 22.
Haskell Mis., Mar. 28, 29.
Seymour Sta., April 3.
Seymour Mis., April 4, 5.
Westover, April 11, 12.
Throckmorton Mis., April 12, 13.
Throckmorton Sta., April 13.
Woodson, April 14.
Ward Memorial and L., April 18, 19.
Albany Sta., April 25, 26.
J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round.
(Part 1st.)
Tolbert and Fargo, Feb. 28, March 1, at Fargo.
Chillicothe Sta., March 1, 2.
Ouanah Sta., March 8.
Estelline, March 14, 15, at Bethel.
Kirkland, March 16, 11 a. m., at Goodlett.
Lazare Mis., March 21, 22, at Lazare.
J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

TEXAS

Brenham District—First Round.
Glen Flora, Feb. 14, 15.
Sealy, Feb. 15, 16.
Waller, at Waller, Feb. 21, 22.
Hempstead, O. C., Feb. 23, 7 p. m.
Lexington Mis., at Pleasant Hill, Feb. 28, March 1.
Lexington Sta., March 1, 2.
Richmond Sta., March 7, 8, 11 a. m.
S. W. THOMAS, P. E.

Beaumont District—First Round.
Roberts Ave., Feb. 11.
Wallaceville, Feb. 14, 15.
Sour Lake and China, Feb. 21, 22.
Liberty, Feb. 23, 24.
E. W. SOLOMON, P. E.

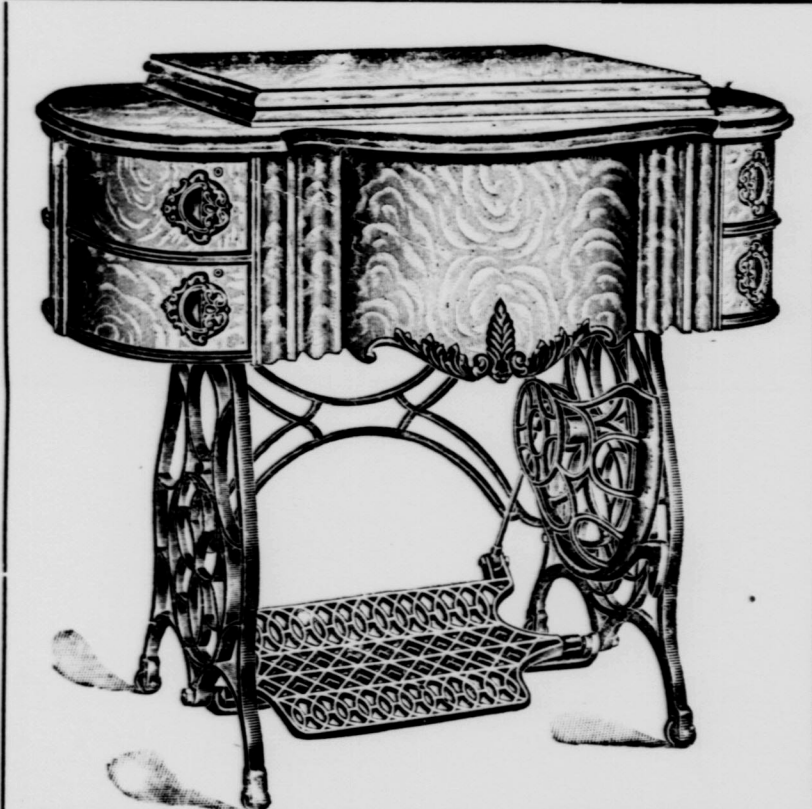
Beaumont District—Second Round.
Kountze, at Kountze, Feb. 28, March 1.
Kountze Mission, at Voith, March 1, 2.
Jasper Mission, at Peachtree, March 7.
Jasper, March 7, 8.
Kirbyville, March 8, 9.
Dayton, March 14, 15.
First Church and City Mission, March 22.
Robert's Ave., March 22, at 7:30.
Port Bolivar and Stowell, at S., Mar. 28, 29.
Batson and Saratoga, at Batson, April 4, 5.
Call, at Ford's School House, April 9.
Newton, at Harrisburg, April 11, 12.
Burkville, at Brownell, April 12.
Silsbee, at Buna, April 13.
Port Arthur, April 14.
Nederland, April 15.
Orange, April 18, 19.
Woodville, April 22.
Warren, April 24.
Wallaceville, April 25, 26.
Liberty, April 28.
Sour Lake and China, April 29.
E. W. SOLOMON, P. E.

Better Than Spanking
Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 187, South Bend, Ind., will send free to any mother her successful home treatment, with full instructions. Send no money, but write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child; the chances are it can't help it. This treatment also cures edema and aged people troubled with urine difficulty by day or night.

"Of all household adjuncts the Sewing Machine is the only one, the necessity for which does not have to be proven."

It sometimes is necessary to prove the merits of a Sewing Machine, but never the necessity. The Advocate Machine has proven its merit in thousands of Texas homes and if there is one dissatisfied woman user she feels so hopelessly in the minority, she has not filed a complaint.

We believe your immediate neighborhood is not so remote but what there are not one or more of the light running, noiseless ADVOCATE MACHINES. Ask the good woman nearest you what she thinks of it. You will buy on her recommendation.



The Advocate Machine

is related to cheapness only in price. It is in every sense a high-grade machine, being equal not only in appearance but in all essentials to the very best \$75.00 machine on the market.

You will not wonder how we can deliver it to you at the price we do when you KNOW as you NOW DO, that we ship direct from the factory to your station, thus eliminating all the profits that usually go to the middleman. It's plain now, isn't it?

The Advocate Machine is a New Model Drop Head Automatic Lift. It's the very newest creation in Sewing Machines. It is sold on a guarantee of the factory backed up by that of ours. The Machine will be shipped promptly from the factory to your station.

Freight Prepaid
\$25.50

This includes one year's subscription to the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Address with Price,
Blaylock Publishing Co.
Dallas, Texas

Southern Methodist University



Mrs. L. A. Kidd-Key

February 8th, 1914.
To the Former Students of
**NORTH TEXAS
FEMALE COLLEGE
AND KIDD-KEY
CONSERVATORY**

My Dear Girls:
As the *Twenty-Second* this year comes on Sunday, it will be necessary for us to change **Our Home Coming** to the **TWENTIETH**, which is **FRIDAY**, and I hope to see as many of my Girls on that date as can make it convenient to come. Sincerely,
L. A. KIDD-KEY.

AN EXPLANATION FROM BRO. SHULER.

From all over Texas are coming inquiries as to the purposes of the campaign now being conducted for the University Methodist Church. In order that the whole matter may be fully understood, I wish to explain briefly but in detail our needs, our activities and our campaign.

First, it is more than a campaign for the lifting of the indebtedness that is on the local Church. While the liquidation of that debt is the immediate end desired, yet success in that endeavor means the launching of a much needed forward movement and the placing of some most desirable institutions upon the half block of land held by the local church, which institutions will have much to do with the making of character and giving of a religious environment to our students in the State University.

All who know the dangers of the public boardinghouse, however well conducted, when it comes to girls between the ages of sixteen and twenty, have some idea of the necessity of building at once a Homing Hall for our Methodist girls. The women of Texas Methodism understand this imperative need and will without delay meet this demand of the hour. The Episcopalians have a young ladies' committee, and the Roman Catholics are now raising \$80,000 for the erection of such a building. Both of these denominations together have not half the girls that we Methodists have in this great State institution. The Episcopalians are at present taking care of a large number of our Methodist girls, and, according to the regulations of the dormitory, these girls must attend Sunday School and one Church service each Sunday in the Episcopal Church. Personally, I much prefer that our Methodist girls accept the safeguards and protection offered them by the Episcopal Church, at the risk of losing them to Methodism, than to be subjected to the temptations that so often go with the public boardinghouse where there are no regulations and but little protection offered.

The second crying need of our situation at present is a Bible School. The Campbellites and Presbyterians are both actively engaged at present in teaching the Bible to University students and many of our Methodist boys and girls are taking advantage of their offers of such training. Their courses are published in this year's catalog, sent out by the University faculty. They get credit in the University courses for the work they do.

However, both these denominations, so earnestly engaged in this good work, have not a combined membership of students equal to the number of Methodist boys and girls we have here. We Methodists, with twice the number of students of any other denomination, are at present represented only by a church building and a local pastor.

If there is a far-seeing Methodist in Texas who does not know that we must face this situation and meet this demand, I have not found him. However, it is certain that we cannot begin new endeavors until we pay for what we have already done. We owe at present \$17,000 on our church building and lands. The whole cost us \$64,000, beside the interest we have paid on the indebtedness. All Texas Methodism combined, outside of Aus-

tin, contributed less than \$6000 of this amount. We want to wipe out this debt on the first day of April. The General Board of Church Extension has given us a conditional \$2500. The local church has a good subscription of \$7000. We are asking the Methodists of Texas to give us \$7500. And yet we do not want it as a gift. We agree that the moment this debt is lifted, the local Church will deed to trustees appointed by the five Annual Conferences, for the erection of the building needed, all of the half block of land that we own, outside of the ground occupied by the local church. This land is worth on the market more than we ask the Methodists of the State to give. Moreover we, the local congregation, will buy the only lot remaining in the half block that we do not own and it can not be obtained for less than \$10,000. When this is done, our church has the best location in Austin for the buildings that she needs and must have.

A few years ago I might have written a defense of this policy of trying to do Christian work by the side of this great school, but not now. To fail to do it would be the foulest crime, and every man of sense in our church knows it. We have over 600 Methodist students and they are the very finest opportunities for future men and women to serve both Church and State, that we could possibly find in Texas.

Both Texas Bishops are behind this movement. Every Annual Conference in the State has passed the strongest resolutions approving this work. Every presiding elder in this State is obligated by the action of his conference to assist in raising this money. The pastor of this Church is now in the field. Thus far he has met with success. The people are interested. All they need is a chance. The fifth Sunday in March is the day set apart for the giving of that opportunity. Wherever the pastor cannot be in his pulpit that day, let him give the people the opportunity the Sunday preceding. A loyal presentation of this matter will mean success and it will also mean that within two years over \$200,000 worth of buildings and equipment will be working for the moral and spiritual life of our hundreds of Methodist boys and girls.

If any one wants to send me a subscription for this great cause, please do so at once. This subscription becomes payable the first day of April, providing I swing this whole matter and the debt is wiped out.

R. P. SHULER.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

About ten to fifteen years ago church leaders became thoroughly convinced that the work which was being done in the average Sunday Schools was deficient both in subject matter and in the manner in which it was taught. Experts realized that the secular schools were far superior in the principles of pedagogy.

What were the forces which drove the secular school world beyond that of the ecclesiastical school world?

Biological and psychological study and the use of pedagogy made of the established principles of these subjects were the principal causes. Ecclesiastical pedagogy was clinging tenaciously to the presumptions of an introspective psychology and an idealistic philosophy while it did not even recognize the existence of a biological science.

The task which the Church is now beginning to set for itself is to turn to the very best account all that has been established in the biological, psychological and pedagogic sciences.

Modern psychology is based on the principles of biology, while pedagogy is based on the principles of both these sciences. Now, the modern Church is beginning to realize that these principles which have been so well wrought out in the pedagogic world are just as useful for the religious world; in fact, the Church knows that to fail to avail itself of these forces is nothing less than suicidal.

Another reason for this quickened interest in religious instruction is to be found in the modern method of Bible study. Within the last fifty years the mediaeval method has been superseded by the historical method, and this has brought about a new interpretation of the Bible. This means that much new subject matter has become available for religious education.

THE KEY MEMORIAL CHAIR CAMPAIGN.

Dear Brother Young: Yours to hand. Glad to hear the good news concerning the "Key Memorial Chair." It is the most fitting thing I have ever known. You may count on me for anything. Yes, I am ready to "hit the ball." Beginning Sunday morning at Moody and continuing through the week, and as much longer as you want. Tell A. D. Porter and C. C. Lightower to "set a move on 'em" in advertising my coming and that I will bring plenty of "salad." Yours for greater success,
ABE MULKEY.

The above letter needs no explanation. Like the old darkey's sermon, it "explains the unexplainable." With such leaders as Bishop James H. McCoy, Rev. Abe Mulkey and "Jim Fandy" Young, together with the host of ex-State League officers and present officials, and the thousands both and out of the Leagues in Texas, this movement is gaining such momentum that it is but a matter of time when success will be at hand.

Commissioner Young has arranged with District Commissioner C. C. Lightower, of the Gatesville District; District Commissioner A. D. Porter, of the Waco District, for a week's campaign beginning Sunday, February 15. Rev. Abe Mulkey, "The Texas Evangelist," and a live-wire, will deliver at the following places, according to schedule time, his famous lecture, "Salad," in the interest of the movement. Admission free, everybody invited, and you will miss "it" if you miss "Abe." We trust that each pastor will give all possible publicity, and rain or shine, Abe Mulkey and Young will be on hand in due time. The schedule follows:

- Gatesville District, C. C. Lightower, District Commissioner.**
 - Sunday, February 15, 11 a. m., Moody.
 - Sunday, February 15, 7:30 p. m., Morgan.
 - Monday, February 16, 7:30 p. m., Crawford.
 - Tuesday, February 17, 7:30 p. m., McGregor.
 - Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 p. m., Hamilton.
- Waco District—A. D. Porter, District Commissioner.**
 - Thursday, February 19, 7:30 p. m., Mt. Calm.
 - Sunday, February 22, 1 p. m., Bruceville or Eddy.
 - Sunday, February 22, 7:30 p. m., West.



REV. ABE MULKEY.

"The Texas Evangelist."

You will miss "IT" if you miss ABE.

Am just in from the West. Visited Abilene, Anson, Haskell and Aspermont. At Abilene held a meeting of the District Commissioners of the

Northwest Texas Conference. Due to sickness in their respective homes, did not have full attendance; however, a good meeting, enthusiasm and cooperation is the watchword among the District Commissioners of this plucky conference. Their work last year contributed largely to the campaign. They are ready to respond to the campaign for endowment this year and expect to be well represented in the campaign.

I secured the nomination of Rev. J. A. Hyder, for the "Ministers Memorial" tablet, the \$500 being subscribed by his two daughters, Mrs. N. G. Rollins, of Aspermont, and Mrs. Dr. Stephens, of Anson. Indeed this is "breaking the alabaster box" on the head of one so worthy. They bring great honor to themselves, as well as great service to the Church. Also I started on the way memorials to the memory of Rev. F. P. Werka, Rev. J. J. Davis, Rev. J. T. L. Annis, of sainted memory. All these men were fore-runners—yes, they "blazed" the way for Methodism in the great West and their memory abides and I trust in a short time to have \$500 in good subscriptions for each name.

By the way the "Key Memorial" is deservedly popular out that way. Everybody loves Bishop Key. He has been great inspiration to countless thousands, and whenever and wherever this plan is presented, all are ready to respond to help endow the "Key Memorial Chair." To use an expression from Hon. F. P. Werka, ex-State League President, "To honor Bishop Key in this way we bring greater honor upon ourselves."

J. D. YOUNG,
Commissioner in Charge.

A DIGEST OF OPINIONS.

"Yes, I have been out to the University. I have walked over its campus—the full length of the 132 acres; I have examined its soil and find it to be deep and rich dark soil; I have noticed the beautiful natural growth of shade trees, especially the grove through which the little stream runs; I have noted the proposed winding driveways, rustic bridges and natural terraces; with pleasure I observed the natural growth of trees constituting the perimeter on all sides and the splendid boulevard reaching the length of the campus from Mocking Bird Lane to the Administration Building.

"And that Administration Building! Dallas has immortalized herself in that building more practically than in any other pile of stone, brick and concrete that she has ever erected. No man can get a just conception of it looking at it from the city; he must be on the ground to realize that it is on a level with the sky scrapers down town. He can look toward the city and realize something of how large Dallas is, then he can look toward the Main Building and begin to realize something of the possibilities of Young America. The style of architecture just suits it; it meets all demands of refined taste now and will five hundred years hence be pronounced beautiful. That main entrance is the handsomest piece of architecture I ever saw. Put nothing on the outside gives a just idea of the interior. Comfort, elegance, service, permanence, convenience and economy everywhere are manifest.

"To my notion Dallas Hall alone is the greatest achievement of Southern Methodists to date in the educational line.

"But nobody can understand it from a description. Every Methodist in Texas ought to go to Dallas if for nothing else to see that building.

"But the crowning attraction of this great building is its Memorial Rotunda. I can now understand the great theme about which the campaign is being urged.

"Long before the foundation was laid the architect evidently had in mind the series of magnificent bronze tablets that are now being mentioned by the several commissioners in con-

nection with the Ministers' Memorial; these tablets are not to be little stingy bits of imitation, but are to be magnificent in size and the names embossed—literally made into the tablet. To my notion there are a thousand preachers' names dear to the Methodists of Texas that must be molded into those tablets. And there will be when the people see the building and the ground and what has been done they will lose no time in promoting the campaign for the earliest possible completion and opening of the University.

"Let all the people come and see."

Rev. W. K. Strother and Rev. C. B. Meador, respectively President and Business Manager of Stamford College, recently visited the buildings and grounds and the following is quoted from a letter from the latter, just received:

"We were overwhelmed with S. M. U. and assure you that you people during the ages to come will have no better friends than Stamford College—in fact, we propose to graduate them into S. M. U. just as though we belonged to you."

THE DEMAND FOR METHODISTS.

In this department of last week's Advocate there appeared two notices—one seeking a Methodist doctor for a great Methodist community, and the other seeking a Methodist for the superintendency of the public schools of a Texas city—it being a consideration that the successful applicant must be an efficient Methodist layman.

It was a venture. We have long known that there was a great demand and a great supply, but had never before realized what splendid facilities Southern Methodist University has for being a medium of exchange. It is now evident that it is a part of our business to find out where Methodist men and women are needed and then to either find or train men and women to fit the places.

My, my, my! If we could put the proper person in every place in Texas where they are needed what a tremendous multiplier of the Church we would be! even unto the "nth" degree!

For instance—the request for school superintendent have come not less than eight or ten applications from some of the best people in Texas. Now let some other town that needs a good Methodist superintendent apply. The supply is greater this week than the demand—as expressed to us. For this week we have the following want:

WANTED.

Lady Stenographer and Singer.

WANTED—An efficient lady stenographer and office assistant who can sing soprano both in solo and chorus work. Voice must be clear and strong enough to lead the singing in a good choir. The office position is a good one with a wholesale concern in eastern part of State and the Methodist choir will pay extra for a good soprano singer and leader. Salary based on ability.

For further information, write
**FRANK REEDY, Bursar, S. M. U.,
Dallas, Texas.**

How about this paragraph in a letter of application for a superintendency of a public school in Texas? Does it not speak for itself?

"We will not go into a whiskey town unless there is a chance of voting it out, which we will fight for regardless of holding the place in the school."

Just as we go to press a message from Commissioner W. B. Wilson reports another \$1000 for Lampasas District.

cularly soporific. If he shut his eyes against it he could keep awake; but if he kept his eyes fixed upon it, he would go to sleep—with his eyes open? we wonder. At any rate, experiments with other colors showed that they had rousing qualities. It is a thousand pities that the man had not divulged which they are. A waiting world of drowsy souls will hail his secret with gratitude.—New York Christian Advocate.

He who merits praise that he never receives is far better off than he who receives praise that he never merits.

Church must be irrevocably committed to the policy of giving the best possible training to the young people and at the same time must seek to train in some way every adult in the forces that make for righteousness.

NATHAN POWELL,
5832 Blackstone Avenue, Chicago.

THE PREACHER NOT TO BLAME.

Sleepiness in the Church is not due to the proslowness of the preacher, as has been popularly supposed, but to the color scheme back of the pulpit, announces an original investigator. He found that a dull brown was pe-