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RANKIN MEMORIAL HALL A Suitable Monument To Be Built In Memory of DR. G. C. RANKIN

TALL CEDAR HAS FALLEN ON THE SLOPES OF Lebanon! A mighty prince in Israel has passed! In the death of Dr. George C. Rankin, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, Texas has lost one of her most honored citizens, the cause of prohibition one of its most fearless champions, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, one of her most efficient leaders. No man in Texas was more distinguished or had rendered more conspicuous service to the cause of Christianity and civic righteousness.

This great man has been an inspiration to every young person who knows anything of his life. At an early age he was left an orphan with a widowed mother to support. He was without funds and yet had a yearning ambition for a college education; he endured all manner of privations while working his way through college. His career as a successful pastor, fearless preacher, noted editor, and illustrious citizen should be kept before the young men of this State in an enduring way.

In order to do this, it is proposed to build a suitable monument to commemorate his life and deeds. Since Dallas has been his home and the chief field of his labors for the last eighteen years, and since he was one of the leading ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and since Southern Methodist University is to become the center of Methodist influence this side of the Mississippi River, where many young men and young women will be gathered annually, it has been decided that a great memorial building to be named "RANKIN HALL" should be erected on the campus of Southern Methodist University at the earliest possible date, and a life-sized bronze statue of George C. Rankin put in a conspicuous place on the campus. Room rent in this building will be given at the lowest cost to young men who are struggling to secure a college education and make the most of life. Such accommodations at such an institution with the presence of the bronze statue as a constant reminder of what determined effort can do, would be of incalculable value to the Commonwealth of Texas in the manifold of future generations.

The building should cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00, and the money should be raised in CASH. The immediate family of Dr. Rankin and the University authorities have consented that the work should be undertaken, and we, therefore, send out this urgent appeal that every friend or admirer of Dr. Rankin send in one (\$1.00) dollar in cash, and if possible this same amount for each member of his family or any amount he desires to go into this memorial building. Let no one who has been benefited by or who appreciates the life and influence of this great man fail to send in a suitable amount, at least one dollar or more. Doubtless some will desire to send a large sum. It should not be confined to Methodists for his life reached beyond his own Church and was a blessing to the cause of righteousness at large.

Hon. L. L. Jester, President of the Merchants National Bank of Dallas, has agreed to serve as Treasurer.
Rev. J. D. Young, pastor at Ennis, Texas, the originator of this memorial plan, has been asked to serve as Secretary and General Manager of the campaign. Let money be sent to him, also any correspondence.

A correct list of all contributions will be carefully kept and a copy deposited in the cornerstone of the building, and another kept in a suitable book in the archives of the University. This list will be published from time to time in the press and in the Texas Christian Advocate while the campaign is in progress.

Do not wait until tomorrow! Send your check or postoffice money order today to Rev. J. D. Young, Ennis, Texas. The campaign must be brief.
(Signed)

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My Dear Brother Blaylock: The death of Dr. Rankin I know comes to you as one of the great personal losses of your life. You and he were as David and Jonathan. And, at your age, men do not make new friends in the strength and beauty of the bonds that united your heart to that of George C. Rankin. And so your loss is irreparable, in the sense that you will not find another who will take his place in your life.

But, really, you have not lost your friend. He lives and is yours in the memory of his noble deeds and holy friendship and in the hope you cherish of looking upon his face again in the home of the soul.
We really take no man's measure while he lives. We thought Dr. Rankin brave and true and great while his voice shouted us to battle; but we lacked perspective. Now that he is gone we will begin to take his true stature and to appraise him in terms of his heroic personality and of his contribution to the moral and religious life of our generation.

A tall cedar has fallen on the slopes of Lebanon. My own heart is heavy not only with a sense of the loss our great Church has suffered, but as well with the sense of its own personal loss.

I have been asking myself over and over again. Who can take his place in Texas Methodism? I do not know. We can only trust Him who buries His workmen to raise up men to carry on His work.

Heaven comes close to us, Brother Blaylock, when those we love best cross the bar. After a while it comes about that the most of "our folks" are "on the other side." Then it is that

"Homesick we are for thee,
Calm land beyond the sea."

Well, let us live well! That is the lesson of all heroic lives. After a bit death will brush the dust of shop and field from our garments and they will glow and shine with splendor that will never fade.

My sympathy, my beloved brother, is yours. Sincerely yours,
J. H. McCOY.

FROM BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We are surprised and grieved at the sad news of the going away of our friend and fellow-member of the Board of Missions, Dr. Rankin. Be assured of our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this sore bereavement.

W. W. PINSON,
ED F. COOK.

At the morning session of the Anti-Saloon League, at Waco, Tuesday, resolutions were adopted eulogistic of the life and work of the late Dr. Geo. C. Rankin, of Dallas.

Resolutions passed by the Senate and House of Representatives, Texas State Legislature:
Resolved, That it is with deep sorrow we hear the sad news of Dr. Rankin's death, and we extend to his family and loved ones our condolence and hereby express our sincere sympathy with them in their hour of bereavement.

A GREAT EDITOR.

Rev. Geo. W. Owens, of Oak Cliff, who had known Dr. Rankin for nearly a quarter of a century, and who has stood shoulder to shoulder with him in his great fight for civic righteousness, said: "The Church has lost one of its greatest men—a man who gave his life to the Church, and the best part of it to Texas Methodism. He was a great editor, and it will be a hard task to fill his place."

DR. RANKIN'S FAVORITE HYMN.

When Dr. Rankin last preached in First Church, this city he said to Mrs. Jester: "When are you going to sing my favorite song for me?" It was when Dr. Rankin lay amidst a bed of flowers in old First Church.

CHRIST IS ALL THE WORLD TO ME.

Oh, when shall I see Jesus,
And reign with Him above,
And drink the flowing fountain
Of everlasting love?
But now I am a Soldier,
My Captain's gone before,
He has given me my orders
And bids me not give o'er.
Where'er you meet with trouble
And trials on your way,
Oh, cast your care on Jesus,
And don't forget to pray.
Then gird on the heavenly armor
Of Faith, and Hope, and Love;
And when the combat's ended
We'll reign with Him above.

CHORUS:

Christ is all the world to me,
And His glory I shall see;
And before I'd leave my Savior
I'd lay me down and die.

A HIGH TRIBUTE.

Senator Morris Sheppard, when he heard of Dr. Rankin's death, said: "I was profoundly shocked and grieved to hear of Dr. Rankin's death. I regarded him as one of the foremost, one of the purest and one of the most forceful men of his time."

MAN OF STRENGTH.

Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, this city, one of the most loved, and perhaps the strongest minister in his denomination in Texas, when hearing of the passing of Dr. Rankin, said: "I am shocked by the news of Dr. Rankin's death. I did not know that he was ill. As a Christian leader, as a worker in the cause of righteousness, both in Church and State, as a great-hearted friend and neighbor, in all of his relations, he was a man of outstanding strength and influence. His going will make a distinct gap in this community and throughout all Texas."

A NOBLE SON.

Dr. W. M. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, while on a sickbed, said: "Dr. Rankin was a noble son of the volunteer State. He has rendered a valuable service to mankind. He was strong and clear in his convictions and bold in defending them. He was a noble type of true manhood, and will be greatly missed."

POWER IN THE RANKS.

While in Houston, Dr. Rankin formed a very high regard for and attachment to Father Hennessey. Their acquaintance ripened into a close friendship. During his residence in Dallas, Dr. Rankin came to know and esteem Bishop Joseph P. Lynch, of the diocese of Dallas. On hearing of his death, Bishop Lynch said: "I am much shocked to hear of the death of Dr. Rankin. While in some of his methods I did not agree with him, yet I know from my own observation and the testimony of Father Hennessey, an old missionary of the State, that he was a power in the ranks of those fighting for moral reform. I trust that his soul will find favor with God."

Dr. Rankin is dead. No Texas, we trust, is so ignorant as not to fully understand the simple statement. He was one of God's great men, one of the few who can make a way where no path is open. He went straight to his goal and broke down the opposition like an elephant crushing its way through the jungle.—Clumby Rustler.

THE HOMEGOING OF DR. GEORGE C. RANKIN.

By J. B. Cranfill.

In the death of Dr. George C. Rankin Texas has lost one of its foremost citizens; Texas Methodism has been bereft of a great editor and leader, and the prohibition forces of the State have suffered what seems an irreparable disaster. Not only was Dr. Rankin great as a publicist, as an editor, and as a leader of the temperance and prohibition forces of the State, but he was great also as a preacher, as a citizen, and as a man. I seriously question whether or not the Methodist denomination has in all its fold an editor of any of its great publications who is in anywise superior to the man who has passed on to be with God.

Dr. Rankin was a man of high and serious purpose. He had none of the trills or turbulences of political or ecclesiastic diplomacy. He never dealt in casuistry nor was he guilty of indirectness. There was not a man in Texas at all familiar with our great public men who did not know that Dr. Rankin was a Methodist, that he was a prohibitionist, that he was a believer in stalwart, downright, outright honesty in all of life's relations, and that he stood four-square to every breeze in the courageous advocacy of all his heart convictions.

My belief is that if he had not been an editor of the Advocate he would have been elevated to the Methodist bishopric. When his name was mentioned, some years ago, in that honorable connection the chief obstacle in the way of his election was not that he was in anywise incapable of performing the duties of that high place, but that he was already occupying a sphere in Texas and Southern Methodism from which he really could not be spared.

It was as a prohibition leader that Dr. Rankin made his greatest impress upon his State and the entire country. The clarion note in practically every issue of the Texas Christian Advocate and which he had proclaimed from perhaps a thousand platforms and pulpits in Texas was, "On With the Battle!" He never sounded a low note, he never lowered the flag, he never gave an inch to the enemy, he never became discouraged, he never lagged in the fight, he never wined from the shaft of the foe. While he was a man of high polemical ability, he in fact preferred the tranquil paths of peace. He bore the criticisms and maledictions of the liquor forces of Texas and of the United States as a soldier faces the shrapnel and bayonets on the battlefield. He believed profoundly in the triumph of righteousness, and one of the saddest things about his death is that his own eyes will now in this world never witness the ultimate success of the principles for which he fought. We may hope that from some vantage-ground on high, some eyrie of the skies, the great-hearted soldier of the cross may yet look down upon the battlefields, where yet we strive and serve and some day behold the unfurling of the stainless flag of temperance and prohibition which will never forever be furled again.

Texas will miss Dr. George C. Rankin, and we shall not soon see his like again. There were those, particularly among the liquor and anti-prohibition forces of the State, who did not love him; but it was because they did not know him. He never made his light upon men, but always upon principles. He never struck "below the belt." He cheerfully and courageously gave flow for blow in his discussions of the great issues that pulsed in his life. He bore criticism and opposition with a cheerful heart and a noble grace.

Together with the thousands who knew him, who loved him, who believed in him, who trusted him, who cherished his great abilities and who stood with him side by side in the conflict he waged for righteousness and purity, I mourn his death.

May God's rich grace, bright as the light and soft as the dew, which grace came to the home of Mary and Martha when Lazarus lay dead, be vouchsafed now to the stricken wife who journeyed with him through the long years, to the children and other loved ones, and to all the friends who are now in sadness

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The Measure Of The Man Is His Message To Men

TOMORROW'S LAND.

Beyond the sunset is Tomorrow's Land,
 Whose shores lie gleaming with their golden sand
 A dream—and an awakening—and we
 Have sailed unthinkingly o'er an unknown Sea!
 What hopes, what fears, what joys our hearts demand,
 Are waiting—waiting in Tomorrow's Land?
 —Roscoe Gilmore Stott.

Remarks at the Funeral Of Dr. G. C. Rankin

By REV. W. D. BRADFIELD, D. D., San Antonio, Texas.

What to say on this occasion does not embarrass me; what to leave unsaid is the embarrassing thing. For no life among us was fuller, richer, and none more an open book.

If we look at the life of Dr. Rankin as a citizen, or as a minister of the Gospel, or as an editor, or as a statesman, or as a Christian, or as a husband and father, it must be confessed that it was a life of large mould; it was an exceptional life—a great life. And the passing years will not moderate this statement, but will increasingly confirm it.

Certain elements in the making of this life stand out clear, and these can be no proper appreciation of the character of our friend if these are left out of the account. First of all, no man of his generation was better born. His heritage was a great parentage. He was the son of Col. Creed W. and Martha Jane Clark Rankin, and was born in Dandridge, Tenn., November 19, 1849. His father was a sturdy Presbyterian, his mother an ardent Methodist. Both had culture. His mother was an exceptionally devout woman. Her heart had sorrowed over the death of her first two children, and her third child, this devoted son, she gave to the world when her life had been disciplined and chastened by her sorrow. From her the son acquired a deeply religious faith and a decided bent to religion. She was even more than mother; she became his most devoted companion. Never too tired or too busy was she, as he himself tells us, to give her time for his instruction and counsel. It was she who became the first and the only repository of the deepest religious secrets of his soul. It was she who became the first interpreter of the strange stirring in his soul for the Christian ministry. It was she who told him to retain an open mind toward his conviction to preach, and who first taught him to say, as it were, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." It was she who encouraged him to hope and to believe that God would open the way for his preparation if he were indeed called to the ministry. A woman genial in her disposition, industrious in her habits, devoted as a mother and devout as a Christian—without her, George Clark Rankin never could have been.

A second element in the making of this great life undoubtedly was his early privations and adversities. The one thing that we most dread for our children, the one thing from which to save our children we are working our very fingers off—privation and adversity—to no single thing does the character of Dr. Rankin owe more. Could he have been given an automobile and all the money he could waste, George C. Rankin, Christian minister, statesman, editor, could not possibly have been. He learned life's lessons in a very different school. At an early age he lost his own father by death even more sudden than his own. And when the estate was wound up his mother and her children were without a home. The payment of security debts left nothing for the widow and her children. Then began a struggle upon the part of this twelve-year old son for the maintenance of himself, his mother and the younger children as heroic as language has ever recorded. His efforts to live in the home of his grand father, his apprenticeship in a stone-cutter's shop, he has told in his own inimitable way. His discharge from his apprenticeship because his manly nature resented repeated and raving insults, he has told us. His departure to an uncle's in another State (Georgia), seeking opportunity to labor for the support of his mother; his work for tuition at school; his cooking for himself while at school;

his enforced frugality and economy are known to the readers of the story of his life written by his own pen. No man ever conquered more completely adverse conditions, and no man ever owed more to such conditions. The dependableness, the sturdiness of his character, the persistence of his will in pursuit of laudable objects and ambitions, his indifference to difficulties that would thwart the ordinary man, all these qualities were seasoned and hardened in those early days of adversity. And the man as he was and as we know him could not have been without the uninviting soil in which his early life took root.

An indispensable element in the making of this great life was the vital religious experience into which he entered at the age of eighteen. What a providence it was that led him out of his associations in the stone cutter's employ to the friendly roof of his uncle in Georgia! His uncle was a devoutly religious man and scarcely had his nephew put foot in his yard when his uncle set off with him to a Methodist meeting conducted by Rev. Mr. Heath at Center Valley. The first service, even though he had gone to the altar to be prayed for at the earnest solicitation of his uncle, seems to have made but little impression upon him. However, the religious conviction deepened as the meeting grew in power from day to day. At altar service, upon altar service, the convicted young man was up for prayer. At last, when he understood the essence of religion to be an intelligent, whole-hearted surrender to God and a voluntary entrance upon the service of God, the decision was made. And a decision never to be revoked from that hour to the hour of his death! And inseparable from that experience of conversion, as in the case of Paul, was his call to preach. He did not understand it as such at first, but he came to know it as such through the wise and tender words of his mother. His certainty of this conversion and call he never doubted. His religious life was grounded in a vital religious experience. He rejoiced in a conscious acceptance with God. His ministry of nearly forty-five years could never have been sustained without this religious experience. His success as a soul-winner, his fidelity as a pastor on circuits and in stations in Virginia, Tennessee, Missouri and Texas were bottomed on a vital religious experience of transforming grace and a clear, conscious call to the Christian ministry.

Another element in the making of this great life was his mental furnishings and preparation. Even before he entered school he was a reader of good books. His brain was allowed to remain idle no more than his hands. He read such books as his father's library afforded. The biographies and histories of the family library he read. Fleetwood's "Life of Christ" he tells us, he read. And before he had entered school he had heard some of the greatest preachers Methodism had ever produced. Rev. W. P. Harrison, D.D., Book Editor in later years, was presiding elder on the district in which he lived. Bishop George F. Pierce he heard. Then came his three years' study at "Student's Home," in East Tennessee, under Prof. Burkett. Then a year of special training for college in Latin, Greek and Mathematics under a university man. Then two years at Hiwassee College. These schools, it is true, did not have the scientific laboratories and libraries of modern colleges nor did they have the "vocational" courses of some of our modern universities. But they turned out better scholars than many of our modern schools. The fundamentals of Latin and Greek and Mathematics and Philosophy they emphasized more than many of our modern colleges, and in that respect were vastly

better. Modern educators, in far too large numbers, are sacrificing the cultural for the utilitarian; the spiritual for the material. They aim at producing specialists rather than scholars, and their gift to the world often is graduates with a knowledge of many things, but with powers poorly trained to think.

Dr. Rankin's college preparation for life ended with brief studies in the University of Tennessee. The esteem in which he was held by that institution as a mentally trained and furnished man is evidenced by the degree of Doctor of Divinity which it conferred upon him at the age of twenty-eight years.

I forbear to speak on this occasion of one other element, equally important with those mentioned, in the making of this great life. Some things are profaned by speaking of them. Some things are too sacred for speech. Happy the man the materials of whose life may be written in such a story as Dr. Rankin has written. Many times happy is he who can dedicate his story thus: "To my beloved wife who, for more than thirty-five years, has walked by my side and faithfully done her part to make my work for the Church successful and efficient; who has undergone the inconveniences and responsibilities of the itinerancy without a murmur."

There are two periods in every life: that of preparation and that of achievement. And the measure of preparation is almost invariably the measure of achievement. A great life is never an accident. A great life is never the result of a concurrence of circumstances. Circumstances never make the man. Achievement is never by haphazard. The prepared man only achieves. And the generation in which he lived gave to our Southwest few better prepared men than Dr. George C. Rankin. In every phase of his being he was a prepared man. Physically, intellectually, socially, morally and spiritually, he was a prepared man. And it is a tribute to his genius, to his large brain, to his keen sense of things, that he refused to undertake the work of life without preparation. He could ask location at the hands of his conference, he could go against the judgment of that wizard, the presiding elder, in order that he might better fit himself for life's work. One year's work in the North Georgia Conference convinced him that Prof. Burkett's fitting school had not prepared him for the responsibilities of the Methodist itinerancy, and he promptly located at the end of the year that he might go to Hiwassee College.

What shall I say of the achievements of Dr. Rankin? Simply that they are as great as was his preparation. By reason of my love for him I believe I do not exaggerate when I say that history will write him down as one of the strongest men the South has produced. He has been among the first citizens in every community in which he has lived. Had he chosen the law there would have been few greater lawyers than he. Had he chosen the commercial realm for his activities there would have been few richer than he. Had he chosen statecraft as his vocation there would have been few statesmen more powerful than he. He has impressed vividly every community in which he ever lived. Dr. George C. Rankin was easily the most widely known Texan among us. In the twenty-three years in which he has resided among us he has done more to indelibly impress himself upon Texas history than any Methodist of his generation. The 150 saloonless counties of this State are an eloquent tribute to the intelligence, zeal and courage of George C. Rankin. More than any other one man he has helped effect so great a result. His friends adored him, his enemies feared him. And through it all no man has ever been able to find a blot on the man's personal life. No record could be found of any act in his life of which he needed to be ashamed. Surely this is a tribute that should bring solace to his family until their dying day.

As a pastor the very name of the charges which he served tell the story of his successful ministry. Tilton and Resaca Circuit, Georgia; Marion Circuit, Virginia; Wytheville Circuit; Athens Station, Tennessee; Abingdon Station, Virginia; Church Street, Knoxville; Asheville Station, North Carolina; Market Street Station, Chattanooga; Asheville (second pastorate), North Carolina; Central Church, Kansas City; Shearn Church, Houston, and First Church, Dallas. In his pastorates he moved among his people not only as a trained preacher, but as a humanly Christian man. His own early privations gave a note of sympathy to his ministry.

His own struggle to attain unto a satisfactory knowledge of Christ made him tender with like difficulties in other men. His own conversion enabled him to speak in terms of Christian experience to other men, and speaking in such terms every man, as at Pentecost, heard him speak in his own tongue. Personal experience is a language that every man understands.

As an editor, the commanding place of the Texas Christian Advocate is witness to his rare editorial genius. Under his editorship (together with the efficiency of the publisher) the Texas Christian Advocate has easily reached first place in the sisterhood of Southern Methodist Advocates. Dr. Rankin had a definite conception of the work to be done by the weekly Church periodical and he deliberately sacrificed everything to the accomplishment of that work. A paper for the great common people was his aim. A paper to touch and freshen the intellectual, social, moral and religious life of his constituency was his aim. He had a genius for knowing where the people lived and what would interest and help them. He touched living subjects more than any other man who ever occupied that editorial chair. For himself he indulged not in the ornate, though there are passages in the story of his life which show that he could write lines as beautiful, as chaste, as classic as Hawthorne. For himself he indulged not in the speculative. His rule seems to have been that of Joseph Cook, "Work well for that which works well." And the Texas Christian Advocate during the seventeen years of his editorship could be depended on as the champion of the proven doctrines of the tried politics of Methodism.

Dr. Rankin's greatest achievement was his home. And again I am forbidden to speak here. Better than saying that he was a great pastor, or a great editor, is the warrant to say that he was great and good as husband and father. He was able to say in dedicating his book, in addition to what has been quoted above, what it is worth a world to say: "To my children, who have always been loving and obedient to me, whose conduct since they arrived at years of responsibility has never caused me any pain or sorrow, and whose characters are good and upright, this book is affectionately dedicated."

"Servant of God, well done.
 Rest from thy loved employ;
 The battle's fought, the victory won,
 Enter thy Master's joy."

DR. G. C. RANKIN.

(By Rev. W. H. Hughes.)

The death of Dr. Rankin, a preacher, Christian, prohibitionist and editor, has been largely noticed by the papers of the State, and high tributes deservedly paid to his memory. While I would heartily endorse all these, but as Dr. Rankin spent his first Sunday in Texas with me at Pilot Point and filled my pulpit to the gratification of all present, and, as we have been intimately associated ever since, I feel it a duty and pleasure to add my mite to the honor of his memory. Not that I can say anything higher to his praise than others have said, but because I believe that a short, common sense analysis of his life and character might encourage some aspiring young man to overcome disadvantages and, like Dr. Rankin, forge his way to the front.

Dr. Rankin was born in humble circumstances and had a widowed mother and younger brothers and sisters to provide for, which he did by hard labor. As a preacher, Dr. Rankin showed himself to be a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. He was sound in doctrine. He had old-time religion and was a devout man of God. Like his Master, he hated sin, but loved the sinner. Dr. Rankin was a brave and fearless man. He had deep convictions and the courage to defend them. He was a genuine leader. He never set up a weather vane to find which way the popular current was drifting, but sought to know the right and did it. But the most prominent feature in the life of Dr. Rankin and the thing which contributed most to his remarkable success was indefatigable industry. He was always at work in his office as editor of the Advocate or else he was preaching or lecturing all over this mammoth State.

While young he had no money, but he had that which is worth far more. He had good principles and a will to work. He obeyed the blessed Christ who said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all else shall be added." Adher-

ing unhesitatingly to that promise to the end, he found it abundantly true.

The chief element in his life work was an unswerving determination to do and defend the right, which he did, not by fits and starts, but coolly, ably and without fear or favor.

In finances he thought every business ought to give value received, hence his honest soul revolted at the liquor traffic, which only returns its patrons financial and moral ruin and death to both soul and body, a traffic which carries with it hunger and rags to helpless women and innocent children, and which is at the bottom of nine-tenths of the crimes which curse this great nation. Dr. Rankin did more to prohibit this, the greatest of all curses in Texas, than any other one man, and while the "tippler" hated him, we loved him the more for the enemies he had the goodness and courage to make.

Dr. Rankin was a success both in the pulpit and the editor's chair, not as the world says by any special natural endowments, but by fidelity to God and unreserved devotion to duty.

But now he has been called from labor to refreshment. He has heard the approving words of the Master: "Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things." "Servant of God, well done; Rest from thy loved employ." "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, that they may rest from their labor and their works do follow them."

With these sweet facts before us "Why do we mourn departed friends? It is but the voice that Jesus sends to call them to His arms."

GEORGE C. RANKIN.

H. C. H.

I was shocked and pained to hear of the sudden death of Dr. Rankin. Then I remembered that at the late session of West Texas Conference he seemed feeble. I have long regarded him as the best editor the Texas Christian Advocate ever had. Other brilliant men have had charge of its columns, but Dr. Rankin had the editorial instinct in an eminent degree. I have been reading the Advocate fifty-seven years, and Dr. Rankin had the advantage of a greater number of years in editorial work and greater modern resources for conducting a newspaper—not to mention efficient publishers and printers. The Board of Publication will find it difficult to fill the place of this notable editor. The late Col. C. C. Gillespie, a brilliant paragraphist, was the editor in 1854, followed by L. E. Carnes, critic, poet, versatile writer; then I. G. John, lively, spirited, restless in energy, the columns of the paper teeming with Church news; then George Waverly Briggs, orator, more popular in the pulpit and on the platform than in the editorial chair, followed by Dr. James Campbell and Dr. Pierce, then George C. Rankin, until the paper today is equal to the best Church publication in America. In olden days Dr. Homer S. Thrall contributed largely to its columns. In 1848 Chauncey Richardson, classical scholar and first president of Ruterville College, edited the Texas Wesleyan Banner, which afterwards was merged into the Texas Christian Advocate. Now that the New Mexico and Oklahoma Conferences have adopted the paper as their organ, its sphere of influence and popularity is greatly enlarged. While the Board of Publication may not find Rankin's equal, there are many finely educated young men coming on who could be trained in editorial work, and there will be no trouble about finding contributors, some of them with articles two-thirds of which should be "cut out." It grieves me that this bold, strong and unflinching laborer in the cause of righteousness has departed from our ranks, yet—"On with the Battle."

A TRIBUTE.

When that the great have fallen
 Kings, queens, princes and nobles have
 bowed in grief at their bier, but not
 them only, following them came
 throngs from the great masses of
 people of every class and walk in
 life.

Methtinks today in Dallas there is
 such a funeral. A hero of the Cross
 a champion of humanity has fallen,
 and the grief and loss and shock of
 reaches from Bishops, educators,
 Church officials down, down to every
 pastoral charge. From the city to the
 most remote country hamlet. From
 every Church dedicated by him and
 to every humble home where the Advocate
 is read and loved.

From that great procession which
 today, present either in person or
 in mind, pay a tribute to him, I want

to place one flower upon his coffin. Dr. Rankin was my ideal of a man, as a statesman and as a man called of God to preach the gospel as was Paul. Gal. 1:11-12: "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by revelation of Jesus Christ." He believed the doctrines of the Church, because he believed them to be the teachings of the Bible. There was no place in his mind for higher criticism of God's truth. He loved all men, but he loved the truth of God more. This made him what the world called a hard fighter, but he was my ideal of a fighter. He knew no man after the flesh when it came to contending for truth and right. This made him brave, courageous, without policy, without affectation. He fought in the open. We knew just where to find him. He gave no quarter and asked none. With these principles and convictions he could not retaliate upon a foe. He was broad enough to look over the ignorance of an antagonist, and to forgive him, but too honest and sincere to give up his convictions for the right.

Today our Church buries a great man. His place will be hard to fill. He may have had his weaknesses but I have never discovered them. We unto the man who crossed swords with G. C. Rankin when advocating wrong in any way. I say these words of him because I loved him. Peace to his ashes. Blessings upon his family and the Church.
I. M. WOODWARD.

Hon. L. Blaylock, Dallas, Texas.
My Dear Friend and Brother: I know your heart is bleeding today over the death of one whom you tenderly loved, as I know you loved Dr. Rankin.

Candidly, to my mind this is by far the hardest blow to us and to our Church in Texas that we have ever felt. Shall we ever see or know another man like unto him? I so dearly and tenderly loved him.

I had seen him tested to the core more than once, and he was always as firm as a rock, as kind and gentle as a woman and lovely as a sweet little babe in its mother's arms.

I profoundly sympathize with you, my dear brother, in the loss you have sustained in a personal way, to say nothing of the Church, State and Nation.

May God direct in the selection of his successor. Sorrowfully yours,
JAMES M. ROBERTSON.

I write to express my profound sympathy and sorrow to the Advocate force, to Sister Rankin and children, to Texas citizenship, and our beloved Methodism, in the recent loss of our lamented Dr. George C. Rankin, D. D. A great man is fallen in Israel. He was Abraham marching from Ur of the Chaldeans to the land of Promise; Moses leading the host of God in the Wilderness; Joshua dislodging the Canaanites from their stronghold; Elijah slaying the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel; John the Baptist thundering forth the truths for civil righteousness in the Court of Herod; Paul at the bar of Felix, Festus, Agrippa and finally at Caesar's Court; the dauntless and fiery Peter, who on the day of Pentecost, hushed our Lord's enemies into silence and paved the way for the coming of the Paraclete or like Peter, going to prison and death with his Lord. In judgment, not infallible—but tremendously sincere and desperately earnest. His Scotch Irish blood had iron in it, which, along with his convictions of right and wrong, caused his Damascus blade to be unsheathed and glistened on many a moral battle field. The mangled remains of the enemies of civic righteousness show full well the force and power of the blows of this great Christian. But he fought manly and in the open. The wonder is that he lived so long. But God had a work for him to do in person, and I trust his influence will perpetuate the task. Today we sit in the house of mourning and ask ourselves the question, Who will take his place?
TOM J. BECKHAM,
Galveston, Texas.

TO THE OFFICE FORCE OF THE TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

My Dear Friends: A great man in Israel has fallen. The Doctor has gone from us. Who can fill his place? May he be somewhere or somehow you will be able to find some one with whom to fill in, but it will be hard to find one that can measure up to him as editor of the great Texas Christian Advocate. I mourn with you his departure, and feel with you our great loss. The only hope we have is that our God still rules and in some peculiar way His own He always enables us to find a man to take the place of the one who goes out. But I must con-

cess that up to now I have been unable to find him.

The Doctor was a great man in more ways than one—great in his clear insight into things, great in his devotion to what he believed to be right, great in his love for his friends, and extra great, for this age, in his fidelity to his Church and to his God. I loved him as I love my own brother. I nearly always agreed with him in his positions, and looked upon him as one of our greatest men. I was indeed grieved in spirit when they failed to make him Bishop four years ago, and have not ceased to believe that they should have done it. God bless you all in this hour of your exceedingly great sorrow and direct the authorities to secure for you and our Church the best man that they can find to take his place.

I do not know Sister Rankin personally. Will you kindly extend to her my sincere condolence and tell her that I am praying upon her and the other loved ones the comforts and help of our blessed Father. God bless you all. Your friend and brother,
G. S. WYATT.

DR. RANKIN'S GOING HOME.

By W. A. Jarrel, D. D., General Manager of the World's Purity Federation.

I am sure that the editor will permit a Baptist to say a few heartfelt words on the departure of Dr. Rankin. I count it a privilege to have been somewhat intimately acquainted with Dr. Rankin for several years. For courtesy, Christian fellowship, Christian love, well tempered and well directed zeal for the cause of humanity and the glory of God Dr. Rankin stood in the very front ranks. He counted it his delight to sacrifice himself in every good cause. I always found him ready to give any help within his power to our great World's Purity Federation work in awakening public sentiment for purity against all forms and phases of impurity, in seeking to put on guard all parents against the destroyer of their children, our homes, our State and nation and in rescuing the fallen. To no small extent for the success of our great purity work I am indebted to the Christian fellowship of Dr. Rankin. I highly valued his personal Christian friendship and love; and in my unworthy way, I tried to return this sweet relationship as best I could. While all Protestant Christians within the bounds of Dr. Rankin's acquaintance congratulate the family of Dr. Rankin on the Master's promotion of him, that exceeds any that could come from men, in him, as one of them, they see the oneness of our Protestant Christianity as greater and more glorious than that of any organization that ever dazzled and bewildered mortal eyes. In the mingling of our tears in Dr. Rankin's death we see that oneness glorified. Dr. Rankin is not dead; "he that believeth on me," says our common Lord and Savior, "shall never die." Our blessed Savior took from death its sting," led it captive; as His captive servant, leaves it here to break the bondage of our earthly life, to bid us lay down life's burdens and come home into the glad and eternal reunion with all the great and good who have crossed over to await us to join them.

The Lord baptize us into His spirit that we may follow in the footsteps of Dr. Rankin in fighting all that crushes human hope, in comforting and in lifting up the downcast in spirit, in bringing this world more and more into the realizations of the songs of the angels over Bethlehem's manger, "peace on earth and good will unto men."

I shall miss Dr. Rankin until I go home to be forever with him. Soon we shall all meet him where death never severs and where there are no saloons or other evils and where there are no burdens to bear.

To Dr. Rankin's family I beg to commend 1 Thess. IV: 13-23.
Station A, Dallas, Feb. 4.

Very sorry to learn from the St. Louis papers of the death of Dr. Rankin. He did good work for the Church and conducted the best Conference Organ in the Church. May he be succeeded by a man who will continue his good work.
C. H. BRIGGS,
Sedalia, Mo. Feb. 5.

A TRIBUTE TO TEXAS' GREATEST MAN.

By L. B. Sawyers.

The death of Dr. Rankin was a great shock to Texas. In my opinion he was the greatest man that ever trod the soil of this State. The achievements of Houston, Austin and other patriots were not as valuable to Texas as were Dr. Rankin's. He smote evil with a mailed fist. He was a modern Elijah who scourged panoplied wrong. There was no sham or pretense about him. Nor was there a trace of effeminacy in his make-up. He was no drawing-room preacher.

He was a Democrat in theory and in practice. He was just as approachable and friendly to the humblest preacher and layman as to the high and mighty. He courted no man's favor. There is sadness in thousands of homes today. We shall not see his like again, for God, when he made him, seemed to have thrown the mould away. His fondest dream, as Sam Jones' was for Georgia, was to make Texas dry. Georgia went dry only a few years after the eminent evangelist's death. Mr. Jones seemed more potent in death than in life. Is not this a happy omen for Texas? Standing with bowed heads around his new-made grave, let us consecrate ourselves anew to his unfinished task and wage the war until the snowy banner of prohibition floats over the Lone Star State. In the words of the thrilling war cry, with which he went to animate his loyal legions, "On With the Battle!"

DR. GEORGE C. RANKIN.

February 2, at Dallas, Texas, died Dr. George C. Rankin, at the age of 65. Born in East Tennessee and struggling against adverse conditions, he secured a college education, and forty-five years ago became an itinerant Methodist preacher. He held important charges in North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Missouri and Texas, and about sixteen years ago was elected editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, which position he held continuously until his death. He was a forceful writer, intensely loyal to Methodism, yet catholic in his sympathies. He waged unrelenting war against the liquor traffic, and much of prohibition progress in Texas was due to his fearless advocacy on the platform and in the press. Although a fighter by nature, he was gentle-hearted and forgiving. His rugged nature had mellowed much in recent years. Freer from drudgery than editors generally, he demonstrated what an untrammelled editor can do; for he had made his paper the strongest of all the Conference Organs. His place will be hard to fill. Texas Methodism has lost her boldest knight, Methodist journalism one of its ablest and most trenchant pens. Long will his potent influence be felt among the 400,000 whom his paper leavened.—Western Methodist.

EULOGY BY R. P. SHULER.

(From the Austin American, Feb. 7.)

We gather this Sabbath morning, as gather Texas Methodism, to pay honor to the rugged soldier of the cross, whose fight is won, whose faith is kept, whose course is finished and whose crown has been bestowed. Not every generation has been privileged to behold so stalwart, so bold, so undaunted a man. True, he was human and that is one reason why he was great. He has been called an extreme man, and he was. Elijah was an extreme man. So were Luther, Wesley, John Knox and every other great soldier in a mighty cause. Some have said that he was stern and at times harsh. True, he was as stern as sin is horrible and as harsh as evil is pernicious. But he was only stern and harsh when sin and evil stood within his path.

Dr. George C. Rankin was born among the hills. He came from the people; he lived among the people; he fought for the people; he died with the hearts of the people broken at their loss. It is not necessary that we seek to magnify this man. He magnified himself. No eulogy can make his name more durable than his manly life hath made it. No eulogy can bring a sweeter perfume than will be wafted to the future from the glorious deeds of his past.

He was a man with a mission. He was not called of God to please the multitudes, but to fight their battles. His work was not to flatter and fawn, but to strike the shackles from society and purge his times of mighty wrongs. God needed George C. Rankin in Texas, and that same God has already told the hero how well he did the work he sent him here to do. The earth will ever have a task for the man of rough build, iron nerve and keen edge, so long as men sink down to death amid the sins of earth. And the glorious fact that in every age the glorious God raises up a glorious man, with such a mission, is indeed glorious.

And his end is not yet. Some men die quickly after death. Other men refuse to die for centuries after the grave has received their bodies. The work of this old soldier will go on. Champions of civic righteousness and moral reform will grow out of his ashes. Friends and foes of other days will unite in calling him great and joining their sons to such as he. Those of his brethren who thought him extreme will forget their objections and unite in his praise. One of the pathetic facts of history is that the real men of the world have been recognized only after they were dead.

We may not all have agreed that he was great while he lived, but his death has caused us to stop, look about, sum up the columns of his life, and the result is greatness.

He was not elected a Bishop of Methodism. He had been a little too bold; a little too fierce in his attack upon sin; a little too uncompromising in his battle for the right; a little too keen-edged in cutting out the moral cancer. Even the men of the Church have never placed crowns upon the heads of such men—until after they are gone. The rough-hewn gladiators of our Methodism have been privileged to die in the ranks. Praise and honor have awaited their demise. But today George C. Rankin, the man and preacher, is greater than honor or office could have made him. Perhaps it is fitting that the crown came at the end of the journey.

As for me, I would rather live the life of such as he and die as this bold champion of sobriety and moral purity has died, than to have had Aspacia crown my brow with the olive branches of Athens or the mighty Caesar knight me as the boldest of Rome. Well done, thou bold and royal knight of the dripping cross! Thy fight will make me whet my sword again and seek to be a braver, better man. Thy departure is not in vain. For before thy body hast returned to dust a thousand Texas hearts will beat with purpose new and faith afresh and will cry, as the men of the days to come take thy place, thy wondrous battle cry, "On with the Battle!"

DR. RANKIN DEAD.

As we go to press the distressing news comes of the death of Dr. George C. Rankin, editor for many years of the Christian Advocate, the Official Organ of Texas and Oklahoma Methodists. He had been ill for two weeks, but his condition was not regarded as being very serious. Tuesday or there he passed into rest eternal. He was a valiant soldier of the cross, ever fighting the forces of sin. He was held in the highest esteem, not only by his own denomination, but by his fellow-Christians of other denominations. Our deepest sympathy is with his loved ones in their sore bereavement.—Baptist Standard.

LICENSED HIM TO PREACH.

H. G. H.

In the sketch of Dr. Rankin's life in the Advocate of February 4, I read: "He was licensed to preach at the old Murry Campground, Georgia, August, 1870, Rev. Habersham Adams, presiding elder." I knew Habersham I. Adams well. When I was a young man Adams lived higher up in Georgia, and was a merchant. In Milledgeville, where I lived, was Dr. White, a noted local physician whose daughter Rosa, was regarded as the most beautiful girl in the city. All the young men were smitten by her charms. I do not recollect whether the Whites were Methodists. Something brought Adams to that city. It was love at first sight. They were married and a year or two afterwards she died. The bereaved husband was inconsolable. Soon he abandoned merchandising and entered the Methodist ministry. Before he joined the conference he came on a visit to the old home of his dead wife. I heard him preach in the old church north of the capitol. Evidently a great change had occurred in his life and character. I heard of him often in the conference and after he was made a presiding elder. He was a handsome man over whom waves of sorrow had passed. And now, to my surprise, I learn was the man who licensed Geo. C. Rankin to preach!

Our two greatest Prohibitionists in Texas have died in a year—B. H. Carroll and Geo. C. Rankin. I will not close this brief sketch without inviting the attention of Prohibitionists in Texas to the spirit and animus of the anti-the other day in the lower House of the Legislature, when a short resolution was offered by some one in respect to the departure of this great leader. The Press will please not forget that animus of twenty-six men—yes, the spirit and animus of the old Inquisition of Spain! The saloon men put their feet in it.

DR. GEORGE C. RANKIN.

Outside of our own immediate family circle and our own beloved Christian Church circle, we haven't had a death that we feel and regret more than the death of Dr. George C. Rankin, editor of the Methodist Christian Advocate. Dr. Rankin, editor, preacher, prohibition leader, was a striking personality. He was of Holland's true type of man, "tall, sun-crowned man," vigorous, rugged, intense, fearless, conscientious, manly; of the old pioneer reformer type, the one dominant thought and word that mastered him

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Do This

To Learn How Folks Enjoy Puffed Rice and Wheat



Serve a heaping dish for breakfast—either Puffed Wheat or Rice. Note how folks pass back for more until the last grain is gone. Then ask them what they want tomorrow.



Leave a package where hungry boys can get it in the afternoon. Or girls can get it when making fudge. Note how the package melts away before they get enough.



Or at suppertime surround a bowl of milk with Puffed Wheat, bread and crackers. And note how everyone selects the Puffed Wheat for his milk.

Serve What They Prefer

That is our only plea. If they like something else better than Puffed Wheat or Rice, let them have it. But don't deny them if their preference is for these bubbles of toasted grain.



Remember that these are Prof. Anderson's scientific foods. Every granule has been steam exploded so it easily digests.

These are the best-cooked cereals known. In no other way are these grains made so fit for food. If, in addition, your folks find them enticing, don't you think that they should get them?

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Normal, located here, and we are trying to be helpful to them. This is a splendid State institution under the superintendency of that splendid man and Christian educator, R. B. Cousins. He has a splendid faculty of Christian men and women. As a Church we want to meet our responsibility to all institutions of learning and help in the moulding of Christian characters. Our Church has never and will never fight State institutions. We believe there is abundant room for both Church and State schools. We are fortunate to have the District Lay Leader, Rev. J. A. Wallace, to be here. Also Brother Robeson, who was pastor here in the early days. Brother J. Robeson's wife is sorely afflicted. Pray for these heroes of the cross. Since conference we have received seventeen into our Church. We are delighted with our new elder, Dr. E. E. Robinson. He is a Christian scholar and an eloquent preacher. He brought a great message to our people and Canyon is glad to have his ministry. We hear good reports from all over the district and we expect this to be a splendid year for the Amarillo District. Dr. Robinson, Brother Osborne and I are the only itinerant preachers in the district who were sent here when the district was first organized. We are now in our fifth year. We left a good people at Dalhart and can never forget their labor of love as we walked together for three short years in the Master's name. Those were delightful years and we are glad they have fallen into such good hands as Rev. W. M. Pope. Our hearts are sad over the death of Dr. Rankin, but we must never cease in our battle against evil which he so nobly led. "God buries His workmen, but carries on his work." We are marching on to victory through many seeming defeats. "Lead on, O King Eternal!" and give us grace and courage to follow Thee.

BECKHAM-CHISM DEBATE.

On January 19, at Prospect, was begun a debate which lasted six days between T. J. Beckham, Methodist, and J. W. Chism, Campbellite. The questions discussed were the ones ordinarily debated between representatives of these two Churches, that is, Infant Baptism, The Setting Up of the Kingdom or Church, Justification by Faith Only, Baptism a Condition of Salvation, The Direct Operation of the Holy Ghost, and the Mode of Baptism. Prospect is a small country town in the southern part of Clay County, within the bounds of Post Oak charge. Here the Campbellites are stronger numerically than any other denomination, and, as their custom is under similar circumstances, every time a Methodist said a word about his doctrine even in his own church they had to challenge for debate. They tried this on our "beloved," Rev. T. H. Morris, on his last round last year, and he, seeing that it was necessary, accepted the challenge. Our people down there can now hold their heads up and feel proud of the fact that they are Methodists. Brother Beckham proved himself, as he has done many times, absolutely equal to the task of defending the doctrines of the Church. All the outsiders in the community said he honestly won the blue ribbon which he received. Both men were gentlemanly in their attitude towards each other, and I am sure that the best of feelings prevails in the community. This was the first debate I had ever heard of, and it was a great pleasure to me. I feel stronger in the knowledge of the truth, and much stronger in the good old Methodist faith. The discussion closed Sunday with a large congregation present. The Mode of Baptism was the subject for that day. Chism made the most of his argument on the meaning of the Greek word "baptizo," and yet read some twelve or fifteen lexicons, every one of which gave other meanings than that of "immerse" or "dip." Beckham had a "walkover." Any brother needing someone to defend the doctrine of the Church can not do better than to get this old-fashioned Methodist preacher to do the work.

J. W. BECK, Moderator.

TRENTON IN A BLAZE.

Trenton is burning with a holy fire. The greatest revival in its history is now on. Forty or more conversions at the altar the last three nights; not room at the altar for all to kneel. A score or more of happy converts working in the congregation, like the angels urging Lot and bringing them even after the prayer service at the altar begins. Have been in many great meetings, but have seen nothing hardly equal to it. The public schools are full of religious excitement. The converts are at it all day long, pleading with friends and pledging them to go to the altar that night. The sights and sounds are becoming more sweet and soul-stirring every night. One of the deepest thrills of holy emotion felt for a good while came last night when a sweet-faced girl of twelve concluded her testimony to saving grace, just received, with the heart-broken cry: "Oh, help me pray for my papa!" That father is one of our chief business men (as I learned later) for whom I had been earnestly praying. Tomorrow completes a full month of labor for Trenton. This is a pastor's revival with a pastor's unspeakable reward. Oh, brethren, you can do the work if you can pay the price of the bended knee and the broken heart, and the needed time which our winter months alone offer us. Many of our towns like Trenton hold desperate conditions of worldliness, spiritual death within and long standing unbelief without, that even God cannot overcome in a few days. Hence the short summer meeting—evangelist or no evangelist—is foredoomed to failure. Have visited nearly every home in Trenton, some of them several times, and prayed in most of them.

When read out to Trenton I was troubled sorely, felt that a great mistake had been made, felt it more keenly after coming and going over the work; but with full assurance that our Father was able to overrule all to his glory and now the victory of faith is already come. My people received us gladly; "pounded" us notably, loved us openly and now crowned with their love and God's blessing as I am, I'm the richest and happiest man in Texas and would not change places with any of the "beloveds"—not even Dr. Sensabaugh. PASTOR.

OKLAHOMA METHODIST ASSEMBLY.

One of the leading features of the Oklahoma Methodist Assembly at Sulphur will be the Summer School of Theology. The plan is to have post graduate work as well as the work for undergraduates. At this writing, however, we wish to speak of the latter. There will be no fees of any kind. It will cost you nothing extra. The plan is in response to and in compliance with the request of the Board of Education, under the direction of a Dean of the Summer School to be elected, the committees of the East and West Oklahoma Conferences will conduct classes in the entire course of study. The chairman of each committee should plan with his committee and all the members of the classes to make the work a glowing success. There are only six books in each year's work, and as there are three members on each committee and one committee for each conference, working together it will be only one book to the instructor. Say, Chairmen of Committees, why not line this work up? The members of the classes will be delighted with the idea for the writer is already at work on it. Here is what one member of the class says: "Your plan suits me exactly. You can count on me."

The assembly ground at Sulphur is an ideal place for this work. Plenty of shade trees, large auditorium and an abundance of good sulphur water. How thrilling it will be to spend the morning hours in work of this kind, the afternoons out fishing, boating or walking through the parks drinking from Nature's great storehouse, and the evenings listening to some noted lecturer or some inspiring sermon! It will be ten days of untold value to everyone who attends. You will return to your work wonderfully inspired. Say, undergraduates, may we depend on you being there? Answer now! C. C. BARNHARDT, Oklahoma City, Okla.

MID-YEAR MISSIONARY RALLY, WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

As advertised frequently in these columns of late, the mid-year rally began Tuesday night, February 2, and closed at noon Thursday, February 4. Considering all the circumstances, the meeting was a big success. The attendance was satisfactory, reaching 125, and the program, the brotherly spirit and the enthusiasm were all that could be wished for. On account of some unforeseen circumstances, some changes and shifts had to be made in the program, but substitutes never responded with a more willing mind nor did better work. Dr. Geo. C. Rankin was to have preached the opening sermon on Tuesday night but when it was found he could not come, we wired Dr. Boaz and he magnanimously agreed to take the place. Wednesday the writer opened the program with an hour's institute on "Our Conference Missions." Dr. M. L. Butler, Rev. C. F. Mitchell, Rev. W. M. Wilson, Rev. J. S. Lamar and Rev. W. J. Stewart made short but pointed and effective addresses on "The Policy of the Conference Board of Missions for the Present Year," "Chronic Missions and How to Cure Them," "How to Best Man Our Conference Missions," "A Conference Showing for the Past Year by Districts," and "How We Did It." At the close of the period, it was announced that Dr. Geo. C. Rankin had died at his home in Dallas the day before. This sad announcement produced a shock from which the meeting never recovered. Throughout that and the following day the shadow was never lifted. The next item on the program was an address on "The Sunday School and Missions" by Rev. Emmett Hightower, of Fort Worth. At 11 o'clock Bishop Murrain spoke on "Our Present Missionary Situation." At 2 p. m. Dr. Boaz spoke on "Christian Education As It Relates to Missions." At 3 o'clock Mr. T. F. Gafford spoke on "The Layman and Missions." At 4 o'clock Dr. Butler spoke on "Ministerial Support." At night Bishop Murrain preached on the subject of "Christ and His Gospel in the Work of Missions." Thursday morning Rev. J. A. Old spoke on "Church Extension and Missions" and was followed by Rev. J. S. Lamar, who spoke on "Our Benevolences." At the close of this address the meeting resolved itself into a memorial service in honor of Dr. Rankin. A solemn hush pervaded the audience and with subdued emotion that well nigh broke beyond control, the brethren spoke of their personal acquaintance with Dr. Rankin or about what he had been to them as editor of the Advocate. I think I never attended a memorial service where the feeling of sadness and loss was more apparent. Following this Rev. R. O. Callahan preached on the subject of "The Power of a Surrendered Life." Rev. W. J. Moore gave an illustrated lecture on Thursday night, as he did also on Wednesday night, on "Our African Missions," which was very instructive and entertaining. Resolutions were introduced and adopted and the writer was elected to report the meeting to the Advocate and send copies of the resolutions to all interested parties. Taken altogether, the meeting was a great success. Had it not been for the death of Dr. Rankin, the consequent hurrying away from us of Dr. Boaz and the further fact that Dr. John M. Moore, who was to spend one whole day with us, appearing on the program two or three times, was detained by Dr. Rankin's death, the program would have been one of the best ever had in the State and the interest would have been unusual. Space will not allow me to mention the merit of each address and speaker, but I will say that Dr. Boaz is one of the most popular speakers ever heard among the Methodist of Oklahoma, and Bishop Murrain is an artist in the choice of words and a clear and consecutive thinker and one of the most brotherly men we have met. We all love him and will always welcome him to Oklahoma. Resolutions. We, the Methodist attending the Mid-Year Missionary Rally at Mangum, having spent a most pleasant and profitable time and desiring to express our appreciation of the same, therefore be it resolved: 1. That we express our sincere thanks to Dr. R. E. L. Morgan and his congregation for their many courtesies and unstinted hospitality and we assure them that we shall ever cherish the memory of a most pleasant and profitable time spent in their midst. 2. That we were delighted with the addresses and sermon of our Bishop Murrain and shall always welcome him to us. His kind and loving personality have endeared him to us all. 3. We also wish to express our thanks to our visiting brethren, Dr. Boaz and Rev. Emmett Hightower, for their uplifting messages. 4. And to the committee having in charge the program for their arrangement of such an interesting program and for their efforts to procure a good attendance. 5. And last, but not least, we convey to the bereaved family of our dear Dr. Rankin our sincere sympathy in this their sorest bereavement. Signed: C. M. Battrell, T. E. Neal and C. T. Davis. This ended our rally and we all turned our faces homeward, determined to make this one of our best years. May it be true and may we never falter in face of hard work for hard work makes men of us all. J. W. SIMS, Conference Missionary Secretary.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY'S Building and Endowment Campaign

SENATOR WEBB, OF TENNESSEE, BELIEVES IN SOUTHWESTERN.

On December 1, 1914, ex-United States Senator W. R. Webb of Tennessee visited Southwestern University and delivered a lecture to the student-body which is regarded by many of those who heard it as one of the very best that has been given from Southwestern's platform.

Senator Webb, while prominent in many ways, is perhaps most widely known as Prof. Webb, the founder of the celebrated "Webb School" of Bell Buckle, Tennessee. His knowledge of all educational matters is very broad and his opinion of the advantages of Southwestern as a college is valuable and should be interesting to the friends of the school. In a letter to President C. M. Bishop, referring to his visit, he says the following:

"During my recent visit to Southwestern University, located at Georgetown, Texas, I was greatly impressed by the attitude of the student-body, the faculty and the people of the community. The success of any educational institution depends largely on the spirit and traditions that prevail among the students. In my association with the students I was impressed that Southwestern had a splendid student-body with correct ideals and traditions; that the faculty were men and women, not only of scholarly tastes and acquirements, but were men of SANE RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL STANDARDS that made personal contact with the students a vital force for good in that institution.

"The environment of a small community gives the faculty of a school an opportunity to be felt in influence in the ideals and standards that make the environment of the student-body. I felt that you were ideally situated in a fine community, accessible, in the midst of a splendid agricultural section, with a citizenship in sympathy with your efforts to develop youth into an all-round, true manhood.

"In all that constitutes an ideal school, I feel that you are fortunate in location, your faculty and student-body. I do not know an institution that I could commend more warmly.

"Sincerely your friend,

"W. R. WEBB."

"Bell Buckle, Tenn.

MORE LETTERS ENDORSING OUR PLAN.

We printed last week a number of letters from prominent pastors scattered over various sections of the State in which they heartily endorsed our plan of getting each pastor to secure a number of subscriptions, the total amount being a comparatively small sum, from his charge and offering to raise their amounts. Some of these men have gone to work quickly, for we are already hearing from them. UNITED ACTION ON THE PART OF THE PASTORS WILL TELL. If the preachers in the five Texas Conferences, who have been influenced in their life and work, either by being a student at Southwestern or by personal contact with one or more of the 11,000 OLD STUDENTS, would set about this work earnestly and persistently a few days' quiet canvass would raise the entire amount without fuss and worry.

One secretary cannot do it alone; one preacher cannot do it by himself, but just think what the combined efforts of one thousand enthusiastic preachers, determined to use their opportunities to the limit would do!

A few minutes careful study of the details of the plan; a quick reference to the Church roll to find the names of those who could give the small sum asked for and a short prayer asking God's blessing on your worthy undertaking will enable you to convince your very first Methodist of his duty and the Methodist, when he knows his duty, usually does it.

It is not as if we were asking a few men to give up their pastoral duties and devote a large part of their time to this work, but the small amount asked of EVERY PREACHER makes it possible to succeed, in a short time, with the whole plan; this, without interfering with any other Church enterprise that the pastor might have in hand. Below are letters from some of the men "WHO WILL GET THEIRS."

SUBSCRIBED TWICE, WILL COME AGAIN.

"I have just mailed Mr. Wright my check for the last payment on subscription made to the Ward Memorial Fund. Have made a \$100.00 subscription on the new campaign and expect to pay the first installment when due. I have your letter with reference to my being one to get nine other subscriptions with myself of \$50.00 each, making a total of \$500.00. I may be able to do that, too—hope I can. I talked to Rev. L. B. Sawyers of Nolanville about it and I think he will do that much, give \$50.00 in five years. I will speak to others and will try to get the full number.

"I trust you will continue the campaign for Southwestern with good results. Go ahead with it! With warm personal regards, I am,

"Yours cordially,

"S. J. RUCKER."

"Gatesville, Texas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MAN WILL HELP.

"I have your letters concerning the Building and Endowment campaign of Southwestern University and it interests me greatly. I should be glad to promise to get what you ask for. I will look for prospects and if I can do anything whatever to help out I shall gladly do so.

"Faithfully,

"E. HIGHTOWER."

"Weatherford, Texas.

ANOTHER OLD STUDENT ANSWERS.

"I have already given \$500.00 on the Cody Memorial. I like your plan and I will try it with my people as conditions improve. So you may count on me some during the year and I may call on you to help me get it.

"Yours cordially,

"C. T. TALLY."

"Bryan, Texas.

MONEY INVESTED IN A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE WILL YIELD FAR MORE LASTING DIVIDENDS THAN ANY OTHER INVESTMENT THAT CAN BE MADE.

can I express my gratitude that the Church Extension Board ever formulated the plan of "Annuity Loan Fund," and to you for arranging everything for me. My promptness in payments and the little remembrance cards are very much appreciated also.

You will be glad, I know, to hear that the physician who attends her here gives me hope of her recovery. I do not think of leaving her before the last of April or first of May, when, if she has regained her health sufficiently for me to leave her, I will return home for a while.

I want to ask a favor of you: If you can arrange to pay me a quarterly payment this time in February it will very much oblige me. I am afraid I will not have money enough to run me until May without a quarterly payment. My expenses, beside the doctor, are very much greater than at home. The doctor insists on her having everything nourishing she can possibly eat, and we find some things high-priced, eggs especially, and that is the principal requirement, raw eggs. But I am making this letter too long. Yet I must tell you, people have been kind to us and the Lord has been and is still with us—a very present help in time of trouble.

Dr. McMurry, if you can arrange a quarterly payment in February please let me know as soon as you can, so that I may know what I can do, and please reserve the tenth and place it where you see it is most needed.

My dear _____, contracted a severe cold last April, which grew worse as the weather grew hot. When in August my physician told me she had tuberculosis and must be removed to a healthier locality or she would not live through the coming spring. I was greatly distressed, had little more than money enough to bring us here and supply our needs until November. Being confident that you would send my money then, we got ready and came here September 18. It would have been impossible for me to do this had my dependence for means to come been on that little farm. That which I thought would some day be a help and blessing to the Church has been of untold value to me. Words cannot express my gratitude for this means to try to save the life of my loved niece. Neither

may our God continue to guide and bless you in this great work, is the prayer of your sincere friend.

MRS. M. A. M. _____

For information concerning Church Extension Loan Fund, Memorial and otherwise, address W. F. McMurry, Corresponding Secretary, 1025 Brock Street, Louisville, Ky.

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TO THE MEMORY OF REV. GEO. C. RANKIN, D. D.

By Rev. Jno. L. Sullivan.

Step lightly, O man of earth, bare your head!
Behold the form that lies in state!
For one of God's real noblemen is dead!

Would that we might some worthy tribute pay
To him whom we knew but to love!
We are the poorer since he went away—

Our heart is sick; our soul is wrapp'd in crepe:
Personally, we are bereft;
Since this, our much-loved brother fell asleep—

Our grief no weeping e'er can wash away
Nor sleep exclude the ling'ring gloom
That veils the brightness of the high noonday.

Ab, Church! Oh home, he hath not gone away!
Still in the Church and in the home—
Indeed, he's in our Father's House to stay!

Nay, Doctor Rankin is not from its gone,
Tho his face, here, we no more see;
The Church of God here and there is but one;

O, magic touch and power of divine Grace
That sanctified that noble sire,
Brave as the lion in jungle's embrace,

"ON WITH THE BATTLE" let the slogan ring,
His heroically immortal War-Cry!
"On With The Battle" let the angels sing!

Byers, Texas.

DR. GEORGE C. RANKIN.

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was "righteousness." Like Savonarola
"he came with the spirit and power
of the old Hebrew prophets; he had
all the marks of the prophet upon
him; he was the John the Baptist
risen from the dead."

There are some names that stand out
in the history of their times and
that make history. Such men as John
Wickliffe of England, John Huss of
Bohemia, John Wessel of Germany,
Savonarola of Italy and Martin Luther,
These morning stars and star of the
Reformation. Mr. Rankin was this
type of man, and would in Texas there
were more of such a name! He has
done much for the moral and spiritual
uplift of Texas, and especially in the
line of temperance and prohibition
will be missed. But such men as
Dr. Rankin have brought the temperance
question where it is no longer the
thought and contention of one or
a few men, but of the multitudes in
this State. Dying at the age of 66,
and in harness, we regret that he
could not have lived a little longer to
see, while in the flesh, his cherished
desire realized—the whiskey traffic
swept from the soil of Texas. We
learned not only to respect and ad-
mire Dr. Rankin as a man, but in our
closer association with him as editor,
fellow committeeman and friend, to
love him.

There is no question as to our
brother's hereafter, and none need
mourn as those who have no hope. He
rests from his labors.
"And I heard a voice from heaven
saying unto me, write, Blessed are the
dead which die in the Lord from hence-
forth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they
may rest from their labors; and their
works do follow them." Revelation
14:13.—Cephas Shelburne, in Chris-
tian Courier.

RESOLUTIONS—DR. G. C. RANKIN.

At a meeting of the Board of Stewards of
the First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas,
the following resolutions were unanimously
adopted by the board concerning the death of
Rev. George C. Rankin, formerly one of the
pastors of that Church, but for quite a num-
ber of years and up to the time of his death

the most efficient editor of the Texas Chris-
tian Advocate:

Resolved, By the Board of Stewards of
the First Methodist Church of Houston, Tex-
as, that, having just heard of the death of our
former beloved pastor, Dr. G. C. Rankin, of
Dallas, we express our sincere sorrow and our
general sense of loss.

Resolved, Furthermore, that we assure his
family of our deep sympathy with them in
their bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions
be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate, the
daily papers of Houston and our own Baraca
Bulletin, and that a copy be spread on the
minutes of the stewards' meeting.

P. W. HORN.

Whereas, Death, on February 2, took from
our midst Rev. George C. Rankin, D. D.,
editor of our Texas Christian Advocate,
Methodist preacher, temperance leader and
reformer, Christian gentleman and friend of
us all; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Board of Stewards of the
Oak Lawn Methodist Church, of Dallas, that
we, representing our whole Church, do extend
to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy
and prayers. We, too, are keenly sensitive of
a great loss, both officially and personally,
in his going away. But the Gospel which he
lived and preached is the source of sustaining
grace and hope. Through our mingled tears
we see in the cloud the hand of God that
would bring refreshing showers to our spirits.

CLAUDE M. SIMPSON.

Whereas, The victorious life of Rev. George
C. Rankin, D. D., has been transferred from
a world of battle to a heaven of reward, and
Whereas, His labors being ended, his faith
kept, his fight won, we can but bow to the
will of the Supreme Head of the Church,
praying that others may be raised up in his
stead; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Methodist Pastors'
Association of Austin, Texas, that we extend
to his bereaved wife and other relatives our
sympathy, praying God's blessing upon them;
and that we pledge the Lord of the Harvest
to seek to be better and braver men, because
of the influence of this gracious life that has
departed.

Resolved, Further, that a copy of this res-
olution be sent to the Texas Christian Advoca-
te and another to the wife of our deceased
brother.

R. P. SHULER, Pres.
H. B. ATKINS, Sec.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF
REV. GEO. C. RANKIN, PASSED BY
THE WEST OKLAHOMA CONFER-
ENCE MID-YEAR MEETING.

Whereas, In the providence of God, Dr.
Geo. C. Rankin, D. D., editor of the Texas
Christian Advocate, recently adopted as the
Official Organ of the West Oklahoma Confer-
ence, has been called to his heavenly reward;
and,

Whereas, By many years of faithful and ef-
ficient service among us we have learned to
regard him as a great editor, a forceful
preacher of the Gospel, a strong defender of
the faith, a fearless advocate of civic righte-
ousness, a faithful friend and a cultured
Christian gentleman of the highest type; and,

Advertisement for Western Electric Rural Telephone. Includes illustration of a telephone booth, a commission merchant, and a store. Text: 'All Within Reach. Get a telephone, and your farm will be in instant touch with the town. A hurry call for the doctor, a quick-needed order to the store, daily quotations from the commission man—all carried direct by the long arm of the telephone, as though there were no miles between.'

about the same troubles and experiences in
maintaining the school that their white
brethren have in maintaining theirs. A visit
to the school, however, will convince any-
one that excellent work is being done for
these people. The president of the school, who
is also pastor of the Church, is a graduate
of Baker University, and the principal is
a graduate of Payne College under Dr.
Lewis.

ACROSTIC IN MEMORY
OF
Dead, yet shall he live,
Re-surrected at Judgment Day,
Graves shall open up and give
Christ His own forever and aye.

AN OKLAHOMA LETTER.
Boley, Okla., the Largest Exclusive Negro
Town in America—A Visit An Ex-
perience—Some Observations.
(By Rev. W. J. Moore.)

There are many who do not know of this
interesting, well-regulated municipality,
owned, controlled and occupied exclusively
by a colored population. The town of Boley,
Okla., was founded about ten years ago. So
you may see that it is beyond the experi-
mental stage of self-government. The town
now has a population of about 3000, and not
a white resident within four miles. It is in
Okfuska County, on the Fort Smith and
Western.

The writer has been giving some illustra-
ted lectures under the auspices of our Gen-
eral Board of Missions on "The Founding
of Our Congo Mission in Africa." A min-
ister of the Colored Methodist Episcopal
Church at Boley saw accounts of same in
the daily press. He wrote to know if the
lecture could be secured for his people and
community. The letter was referred to Dr.
Rawlings, who replied: "By all means go
to Boley, Go." So a few days ago we had
the interesting experience and pleasure of
going.

We were much surprised to find such an
orderly, well-regulated community, such a
splendid public school system, coming up
through all the grades required, including
the twelfth. They have an excellent two-
story brick building, costing some \$12,000,
presided over by a young man who is a
graduate of Columbia University. The teach-
ers nearly all are graduates of colleges and
training schools. The school is well-equi-
ped, and the work we saw would do credit
to any community. In separate buildings
they have the domestic science department
and also the music.

These people are forging to the front in
the way of education. We saw one little
seven-year-old child, the son of the pastor,
Rev. I. F. Byron, who knows the Greek
alphabet. Of course, they are not teaching
Greek in the public schools, but he had been
taught the alphabet incidentally by one of
the teachers who was boarding in the home.
We note another item of interesting along
the educational line. The C. M. E. Church
is fostering in this place a Christian insti-
tution known as the "Oklahoma Normal
and Industrial Institute." It has been estab-
lished about seven years. They are having

By a tap of the bell the students were
brought into the auditorium, where we tried
to speak some words of cheer and encour-
agement; and we must record here that we
do not remember ever to have spoken to a
more appreciative audience of young people.
Before the address a young fellow, about
eighteen years old, went to the piano, the
entire school arising, sang a song in such a
soul-stirring way as only the negroes can do.
At the other school the visitor made about
a dozen brief talks.

The afternoon was spent in visiting the
business houses, banks, offices, etc. We
found mercantile establishments that would
do credit to any town of its size. The stores
are well kept and clean. There are five
resident physicians, four lawyers, two den-
tists; in fact, every branch of business is
carried on there that one could usually find
in such a town, except bootlegging. We did
not hear it intimated that they were troubled
with this nuisance. One thing indicates the
moral tone of the community. Two men
had come into the town and opened a pool
hall. The citizens were greatly agitated
over the matter, and were determined to get
rid of the nuisance.

Like most of our towns, it is over-
Churched. There are three Methodist
Churches, the C. M. E., the A. M. E., and
the M. E., with a Baptist Church or two
and quite a number of Catholics. They are
a Church-going people, loyal to their pas-
tors and their denominations. The Colored
Methodist Episcopal Church people are now
building a new stone church to cost some
\$8000. The plans and specifications were
drawn by one of their own citizens, a pro-
fessional architect.

The visitor was invited to a Church wed-
ding, which was a swell affair, with the ring
ceremony and all. He was the only white
person in the large congregation. This
ceremony came just before the lecture at
another place.

A word about the lecture, but more about
the audience. At night we gave the lecture
on our "Congo Mission" to a crowded
house. The lecture was illustrated by ninety
views, taken by Bishop Lambuth on his two
journeys to the Batetel country. The
closest attention was given from the begin-
ning to the end. After the address at least
a hundred persons came forward and ex-
pressed intelligent appreciation. Some said:
"We did not know that any of our race
anywhere were in such a sad condition,"
"You have shown us tonight the great need
of our people in Africa and how we may
help them." "If I were strong enough,"
said a woman who is a graduate of the
Tuskegee Institute, "I would consecrate my
life to that work and try to help redeem my
race," etc.

We record it here and now that we have
not been given a more enthusiastic and
sympathetic hearing than was given by this
great audience of colored people. It is a
subject that appeals to them they said.
And those enterprising folk charged an
admission fee; and after paying the travel-
ing expenses of the speaker they had a
nice little sum left over. Never have we
been treated more cordially and scarcely ever
have we enjoyed a visit and an experience
more thoroughly than this visit to Boley.
We may write another item about that

"church wedding," and how Boley was
founded, and how a white lecturer was en-
tertained in a town of colored people ex-
clusively.
Weatherford, Okla.

THE KING'S BUSINESS.

Not all of it is done in livery; some
is done in overalls, some in jumpers,
and some in gingham aprons. The
king's business includes humble er-
rands and lowly messages. It is as
important in its details as in its com-
prehensive plans. It is co-extensive
with the king's realm. The man you
meet on the highway, the woman you
catch sight of through pantry win-
dow, the child panting with haste of
the king's dispatch is engaged in the
king's business.

So with the business of our King.
All our lives and all the time we are
or ought to be on the King's business.
The way we earn a living, or spend
our dollars, or read our books is im-
portant to our King. Our lives should
include no realm in which He fails
to rule. Done for our King, nothing
is so humble as to be unworthy of us;
nothing so high as to puff us up. It
is the King's business.—George Clarke
Peck.

Life is not measured by years, but
by acts, and he lives longest who
does most good.

SENSE ABOUT FOOD
Facts Worth Knowing.

It is a serious question sometimes
to know just what to eat when a per-
son's stomach is out of order and
most foods cause trouble.

Grape-Nuts food can be taken at
any time with the certainty that it
will digest. Actual experience of peo-
ple is valuable to anyone interested.

A Terre Haute woman writes: "I
had suffered with indigestion for about
four years, ever since an attack of
typhoid fever, and at times could eat
nothing but the very lightest food,
and then suffer so with my stomach
I would wish I never had to eat any-
thing."

"I was urged to try Grape-Nuts and
since using it I do not have to starve
myself any more, but I can eat it at
any time and feel nourished and sat-
isfied, dyspepsia is a thing of the past,
and I am now strong and well."

"My husband also had an experience
with Grape-Nuts. He was very weak
and sickly one spring, and could not
attend to his work. He was put under
the doctor's care but medicine did
not seem to do him any good until he
began to leave off ordinary food and
use Grape-Nuts. It was surprising to
see the change in him. He grew bet-
ter right off, and naturally he has
none but words of praise for Grape-
Nuts."

"This mother is right. Grape-Nuts
food is a certain and remarkable re-
builder of body, nerves and brain.
"There's a Reason."
Ever read the above letter? A new
one appears from time to time. They
are genuine, true, and full of human
interest.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL OF EVANGELICAL DENOMINATIONS.

The Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations is one of the newer organizations in religious work. but, from its beginning, it has been an association of unique power and influence.

The Council is made up of representatives appointed by Sunday School Boards and Sunday School Publication Societies of the several denominations constituting the Council.

The strength of the organization is marked by its purpose and its personnel, rather than by its numbers.

The Fifth Annual Session was held this year in Cleveland, O. Several addresses of striking character and insight were delivered, indicating that the Council is doing a work of investigation that is likely to mean much more intelligent work in connection with the Sunday Schools.

The note of emphasis in this meeting was the importance of the local Church. This thought was brought out clearly in several of the addresses, indicating that it is a live question, and that those having to do with the larger work of the different denominations are coming to a keen appreciation of the value of the local Church.

Another matter that received particular attention was the question of the relation of public schools to religious education. The whole matter was faced with a frankness that was remarkable.

There was no finding on this subject, but a very strong committee was appointed to thoroughly investigate the relation of the public school to religious education, and to report to the Council at a later meeting.

The officers elected by the Council for the year 1915-1916 are as follows: President, Dr. Edgar Blake, Chicago, Ill.; Vice-President, Dr. John T. Faris, Philadelphia, Pa.; Secretary, Dr. George T. Webb, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Chairman of the Sections are as follows: Editorial, E. B. Chappell, Nashville, Tenn.; Publication, C. Hauser, Cleveland, O.; Educational and Extension, Miss Margaret Slattery, Boston, Mass.

The question of the place of next meeting of the Council was referred to the Executive Committee with power.

EXTENSION OF TRADE WITH SOUTH AMERICA.

It is evident that the present necessity for a diversion of the European trade of North and South America to the markets of this hemisphere is promoting a more complete understanding in the United States of conditions in the other American Republics.

ton "a plan for closer commercial relations which contemplates that American manufacturers shall take the place left vacant by European industry."

Extending trade in South America has involved providing banking facilities and opening branch houses of certain manufacturers in various South American centers.

Of the feeling in South America, Dr. Olaya Herrera, formerly Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia, has spoken in these words: "There exists today in South America a distinct tendency to promote closer relations between the American Republics and to unite them with new ties for the furtherance of political amity and material progress."

"The United States has a splendid and transcendently important part to play in all South America, if it takes, as a guide for its international dealings, respect for the rights of each of the other American nations, without odious exceptions.

JOINT MEETING OF THE PASTORS' CONFERENCE

AND MISSIONARY INSTITUTE, HUNTSVILLE AND NAVASOTA DISTRICTS.

The session of this Institute was held in the good city of Huntsville, Texas, February 3-5, 1915. In addition to the presiding elders, James Kilgore and E. L. Shettles, the following pastors were present: C. S. Wright, J. W. Mills, E. W. Potter, H. M. Whaling, A. A. Wagon, H. K. Morehead, L. J. Poyer, F. G. Clark, C. S. Harkey, O. E. Goddard, W. M. Sherrill, D. B. Boddie, H. V. Watts, C. E. Clark, C. T. Tally, Jesse C. Thompson, T. W. St. John, I. F. Key, R. W. Adams, J. E. Morgan, J. L. Massey, A. J. Frick, J. L. Webb, S. D. Hoger, J. Dohes, and H. B. Smith.

The program had been well prepared by the two elders, and every man who was present, and on the program, filled his part well. The program was divided in four sections, and pertained to pastoral problems, Christian Education, Missions and Evangelism.

Brother Harbin spoke to us enthusiastically on the work of the Sunday School, showing that the days spent in Nashville for study were well spent.

Dr. James Kilgore spoke in the interest of Christian Education, and more particularly in regard to S. M. U. taking the place of Bishop Mouzon, who was unavoidably absent, on the account of the death of the lamented Dr. Rankin.

Under the "Missionary" topic, Brother W. M. Sherrill read a very thoughtful paper on "City Missions." E. L. Shuttles gave us a speech on "Missions in the Rural District," and the Hon. W. L. Dean, of Huntsville, conference lay leader, stirred our hearts with a well-prepared address on the function of the laymen in the Church.

On the theme of "Evangelism," notable speeches were made by C. T. Tally, J. E. Morgan and E. W. Potter. During this discussion the tide ran high at times, and the Spirit of God was present to inspire his servants to mightier efforts in winning souls for the kingdom.

In connection with this theme, O. E. Goddard preached a thought-provoking sermon, stressing the "Win One" campaign; and at the close of the address, we were called to the altar of the Church for consecration. It was good to be there, especially as one soul came back to the Father's home.

so much meat is packed in so small a compass of time as we enjoyed; the sermons being delivered by C. S. Wright, J. W. Mills, James Kilgore and O. E. Goddard.

Our own "Rob" Adams excelled himself as the host of the conference, and had in his work the heartiest co-operation of all the good people of Huntsville. The only thing lacking was autoing, and Jupiter Pluvius, when holding court, had declared against that.

Written by command of the above mentioned body by H. B. SMITH.

Trinity, Texas. "TEST—DON'T GUESS."

"Test—Don't Guess," is the first principle in growing crops, according to a bulletin of the Texas Industrial Congress. To encourage the testing of seed this bulletin, which is the size and shape of the common "Rag Doll" seed tester, will be sent to every boy and girl in Texas growing corn in the prize contests of the Congress.

The folder is nine inches wide, and about five feet in length. It has twenty-four pictures and diagrams, showing how pieces of cloth such as can be gotten from old sheets and pillow slips, may be used as testers. The first of the diagrams shows how to lay out, arrange and mark the ears to be tested.

Care must be taken to mark each ear so there will be no possibility of mistaking them when the test is over. This is done by marking the ear with the number of the section of the roll in which its kernels are placed.

When once the rolls have been tied they should be placed loosely in a bucket or pail with the tips of the seed pointing downward. Then fill the pail with rather warm water, placing it on several layers of newspapers or wrapping paper and fold snugly over the pail to retain the heat.

In about two days it is best to remove the newspapers and cloth. Thereafter the pail should be filled with warm water again and permitted to stand for five or ten minutes, when it should be drained off and the coverings replaced.

When the stem sprouts are about two inches long, which should be in seven or eight days, unroll the cloth carefully so as not to displace the kernels. Examine those in each square, and save for planting only those ears whose numbers correspond with those of the squares in which the kernels show strong, vigorous root and stem sprouts.

For 1912 the average yield per acre of corn in Texas, according to government estimate, was 21 bushels. Agricultural specialists have declared that the crop for that year should have been above 30 bushels, on the average, had the farmers of Texas that year planted only corn which satisfactorily stood such a test as that which any one can make through the use of the "Rag Doll" tester.

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Woman's Department

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

IRENE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Irene Missionary Society installed the following officers for the present year: President, Mrs. D. H. Watson; First Vice-President, Mrs. Alice Brown; Second Vice-President, Mrs. E. A. Reed; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. E. Sparkman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Hilton Dale; Treasurer, Mrs. J. O. Shafer; Study and Publicity, Mrs. D. E. McCleskey; Social Service, Mrs. H. H. Stephenson; Distributing Secretary, Mrs. J. J. Davis.

The society greatly enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Downs and our District Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Mays. MRS. D. E. McCLESKEY, S. and P. Superintendent.

SAN MARCOS AUXILIARY.

The San Marcos Auxiliary has just closed one of the very best year's work in its history. We have reached the standard of excellence, entitling us to a place on the Honor Roll.

We have found that the very best way to have every member working is through the circle plan, where each Circle has its own officers, mission and Bible study classes and its own local work to do. We have done some good work in all departments. Paid all our obligations in full, raised for all purposes \$1422, clothed two children in the Orphanage at Waco.

San Marcos and San Angelo Auxiliaries supported Mrs. Hood, our missionary to Mexico.

We have the nucleus of a circulating library, which we hope to see, by the co-operation of the rest of the district, grow into a District Circulating Library.

We had a small night school for Mexicans begun last year, which we are expecting to hear more from in the near future. Our Young People's Society is in good condition and is doing good work. The children's work is taking on new life with the new year. Their enrollment has more than doubled. They have a most excellent leader. We have elected the following officers for this year:

President—Mrs. Yeb Harle.
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Second Vice-President—Mrs. W. E. Ferguson.
Superintendent Publicity and Study—Mrs. H. Witt Taylor.

Superintendent Social Service—Mrs. M. L. Arnold.
Superintendent Supplies—Mrs. W. C. Johnson.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. P. Rylander.
Recording Secretary—Miss Anna Fisher.

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OGLESBY AUXILIARY.

The W. H. M. S. of the Oglesby Auxiliary has closed out a year of splendid work. All dues paid and one hundred and twenty-five dollars expended locally. This is a very fine society—eighteen members. Each Monday afternoon is provided for as follows: 1st, business; 2nd, mission study; 3rd, Bible lesson; 4th, program from Voice; 5th, social. Our District Secretary, Mrs. Jesse Brown, stressed the social feature and our committee will arrange social afternoons as it is deemed advisable.

The following officers have been elected and installed for 1915: President, Mrs. M. C. Pitt; First Vice-President, Mrs. Susie Ward; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. F. Clark; Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Carlton; Treasurer, Mrs. Ruby McKelvy; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Myrtle Graham; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. Nora Fox; Superintendent of Publicity, Mrs. Ruby McKelvy; Agent for Voice, Mrs. B. W. McKelvy.

The ladies were very pleasantly entertained at the parsonage Monday afternoon. One member was called upon for a story and responded to. Another for a recitation that provoked cheers. Interests and questions were distributed also, paper and pencil for drawing, provoked cheer. Interesting questions were then served. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Carlton. Each one expressed herself as having spent a very enjoyable hour.

We have a vision for larger and better things this year. MRS. RUBY MCKELVY, Publicity Superintendent.

BEEVILLE DISTRICT.

I have noticed so many interesting letters from other sections of the State, but as there has been nothing from our South Land recently, I shall give you a few items that may prove of interest to others. We had the regular election of officers in December and a public installation in January, conducted very impressively by our pastor, Rev. J. S. Bowles. Our officers are as follows: Mrs. Charles Watson, President; Mrs. J. S. Bowles, First Vice-President; Mrs. C. A. Manahan, Second Vice-President; Mrs. L. R. Obmstead, Recording Secretary; Mrs. L. K. Bull, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. C. W. Colgan, Treasurer; Mrs. R. L. Stell, Assistant Treasurer; Mrs. C. H. Dehordaleban, Social Service; Mrs. J. C. George, Superintendent of Supplies; Mrs. G. S. Stell, Superintendent of Publicity. We have recently received generous aid from the Mission Board, which is much appreciated. As our society assumed a part of the parsonage debt we have had to work very hard. We gave a Christmas sale and realized about a hundred dollars, though our plan of work for this year is to ask for monthly donations from all the members, using a part of the calendar plan, and so far we find it very satisfactory.

We have thirteen subscribers to the Missionary Voice and expect to study that monthly, as a regular lesson, with one Monday for Bible study, and one for the Mission Study book in connection with the social meeting to be held at the homes of the members alternately, the other meetings to be held at the Church. Our membership (Church) is very small as is that of all the Protestant Churches in this place, for as the population is mostly Mexican, of course it is Catholic, though the Mexican Presbyterians have a substantial new church and the largest congregation among the Protestants.

I enclose a clipping from our local paper, which you will please add to this letter.

Oldest Member of Church Honored. Monday afternoon the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Brownsville held their meeting with Mrs. Thorn, to celebrate Mrs. Thorn's birthday, as has been the custom of the society for several years past. Besides the members of the society a number of Mrs. Thorn's neighbors also called to congratulate her and extend their kind wishes, bringing with them some slight token of their

on Missions. After the benediction all enjoyed a delightful reception.

Wednesday, 9 a. m., in spite of the inclement weather, a goodly number gathered in the church, with W. F. Bryan, presiding elder of Paris District, in the chair. After singing hymn No. 171, "What a Friend We have in Jesus," devotional services were conducted by Rev. A. E. Smith. He took as a lesson a passage from 1 John. He gave us some very helpful thoughts. Question of "Church Organization and Efficiency, or the Modern Church Organized and at Work" was very ably discussed by concrete example, Dr. C. M. Harless calling together the first Quarterly Conference of Commerce Station. Especially we found the committees had been appointed and well organized efforts being put forth.

The question of "New Legislation" was taken up and Layman R. C. Dial spoke on "The Missionary Committee." In his enthusiastic way he impressed the laymen and pastors that there was much to do, and by doing the work of the Church we receive a blessing that will inspire to further service. Discussion followed.

Rev. J. B. Gober was called. He spoke in behalf of Wesley College, the youngest of all our Church schools now in operation. It has fifteen young preachers and more than twenty-one counties represented in its student body and is now only in its fourth annual session. Owing to the fact that \$900 free tuition is given to young men who are preparing for the ministry and to ministers' children, Wesley College should receive a more loyal support from the pastors of North Texas Conference.

On account of so many on the program being absent, on motion of C. A. Spragins it was decided that when the conference adjourned that we would meet at 1:30 p. m. and finish the business of the session at the evening hour. After announcements the conference adjourned for the 11 o'clock service, to hear Rev. W. D. Thompson on "Personal Evangelism."

Wednesday afternoon the conference convened promptly at 1:30, with Rev. R. C. Hicks presiding. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. H. H. Bain. Bishop Mouzon arriving, was asked to take the chair.

Question, "The Evangelistic Committee," was called, and Rev. J. Leonard Rea very ably discussed same, placing stress on giving the committee authority and privilege of conducting services, such as prayer meeting, lay preaching, etc. General discussion followed, led by Rev. L. E. Conkin, who made some nice suggestions on the subject. Rev. W. F. Bryan, presiding elder of Paris District, gave an interesting discussion on this committee, stating that the most important field for this committee is in the selecting or co-operating with the pastor in selecting the helpers in revivals.

Rev. R. F. Bryant added that this committee should go further and assist in selection of songs, conducting cottage prayer meetings and personal work. Rev. C. A. Spragins stated that the work of this committee was a more definite work than that of doing evangelistic work.

Bishop Mouzon, in a very impressive way, discussed the importance of this question, showing the need of more earnest efforts along the line of personal evangelism. Question, "The Sunday School Missionary Committee," was ably discussed by Rev. S. M. Black. He presented the idea that the pastor and Sunday School superintendent should at all times be ex officio members of this committee. Brother Black, from the charts he had arranged on "Collections from the Sunday School for Missions," gave the Conference some valuable information, showing how little is being done, hoping to inspire the members of the institute to more loyal service.

Question of "The Missionary Committee" was referred back to and Rev. W. T. White-side read a very interesting, instructive and impressive paper giving the duties and opportunities of this committee. Question of the "Social Service Committee" was referred back to and Rev. T. W. Lovell gave a very interesting presentation of Social Service in the Church, reviewing the social work as was cared for by John Wesley.

A motion was offered that the action of the morning session in reference to closing the institute Wednesday be rescinded and the program be carried out as printed. The motion prevailed. The question of Social Service was discussed at length by C. A. Spragins, M. L. Hamilton and Bishop Mouzon. The Bishop stressed the fact that the first object of the Church was to give the Gospel to the saving of the souls of men. But in addition to fit a society or world so it will be fit for children to be born into.

On motion the conference adjourned. Thursday morning institute convened at 9 o'clock with Rev. C. M. Harless in the chair. After hymn No. 171, devotional services were conducted by J. V. Davis.

Question of "Ministerial Efficiency" was called. Rev. W. F. Bryan very earnestly discussed the great question, stressing the fact that organization is the great need of today, organizing to the extent that we will provide for the social life of our people, insisting that the pastors devote all their time and energies to the work of the Church and saving men.

Question of "The Demand for a College Trained Ministry" was called. It was well discussed by Dr. D. H. Aston, President of Wesley College. Dr. Aston stressed the necessity of keeping the ministry educated that it might be able to meet the problems of the age.

Resolutions were offered by Rev. R. C. Hicks as follows: Whereas, We have been for two days and



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On motion the institute adjourned for separate district meetings. Rev. C. M. Harless, presiding elder of Greenville District, called his pastors together and brought before them a letter from Miss Ferguson, of McKinney, requesting him to arrange for a campaign in May, to be led by Dr. Bowman, a returned missionary, in the interest of the Epworth Leagues of the district the expense to be borne by the Leagues. After some discussion it was found that the time spoken of would be a busy time when many of the pastors would be in revivals. On motion by Rev. R. F. Bryant the conference voted that the presiding elder direct Miss Ferguson to take the matter up with the individual Leagues and pastors.

Next, the presiding elder, Dr. Harless, discussed the subject of revivals and urged the pastors to hold early meetings. He also urged early collections, especially Foreign Missions, Orphanage and Bishop's Fund. The District Conference was discussed and the date fixed, May 28-30. It will be entertained at Wesley College. Dr. Aston insisted that all the preachers stay at the college. On motion the conference then adjourned. JNO. VIRGIL DAVIS, Secretary.

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Our Church News

Bishop A. W. Wilson left Baltimore February 8 for Tennessee. He will then come to Texas in connection with matters concerning the Church. Texas always receives Bishop Wilson with an open heart.

The Southern Baptists propose to raise \$1,250,000 for the Judson Memorial Fund for foreign missions. Of this amount they have already raised \$800,000.

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It is to our eternal shame, in this land of religious enlightenment, that the per capita gifts to the cause of Christ fall far below those in heathen lands. The native Christians of China, for instance, gave last year \$320,500. According to average and membership, China is a long way ahead of this Christian land of ours.

There are six Japanese pastors in San Francisco, all receiving small salaries. Yet, during last year, these six contributed, from their own purses, \$1074 toward the evangelization of the Japanese in California.

The Rev. Clement Capozzi—formerly attached to the great Italian Catholic parish of Our Lady of the Good Counsel, Philadelphia, and a priest of high reputation in the American Italian community, has renounced the Church of Rome and entered the Protestant Episcopal Church. Dr. Capozzi was educated at the College of the Propaganda in Rome.

It is said, on good authority, that Secretary of State Bryan supports eight boys and girls in different mission fields year by year.

In all the world expositions to the present time, as far as we have known, none have made such preparation for religious service as the one to be held at San Francisco during 1915. Two magnificent buildings, Festival Hall and Grove Center Auditorium, costing possibly a million dollars each, are to be used for religious services.

Dr. Claudius B. Spencer, editor of the Central Christian Advocate (Kansas City), is very much opposed to the unification of American Methodism according to the plan submitted by the Joint Commission of the Churches, North and South, and approved by the Church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal Protestant Church, and has lately been giving his readers a series of lengthy editorials on the subject. The outlook for the union of the several Methodist denominations in the United States is far from bright.

Dr. Halsey Werlein, well known to Texas Methodism, is making a great war on gambling of every form in the city of New Orleans. His sermons are stirring that old city.

In the Pittsburg Christian Advocate, Bishop Hoss pays a great tribute to the late Bishop Smith, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Among many pungent things he said: "There was nothing loose nor slack-twisted in his opinions and convictions. His death would have been a great loss to the Church at any time; but in these times es-

pecially, when every man with a new notion in his head seems to imagine himself a commissioned reformer, it is almost a calamity. Still, the Lord lives and reigns, and out of his resources of wisdom and power he will raise up other guides and leaders for his widespread flock."

The other Sunday, and at our Mission in San Francisco, three adult Koreans were baptized. The saving of the foreigners, especially those from Japan, Korea and China, is one of the problems on the Pacific Coast.

It is stated that the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church (North) faces a deficit of \$292,000. The Northern Baptist Mission Board is hard pressed. The European War is held largely responsible for this condition of things.

It is said that in the United States there are 46,167 more Protestant Churches than there are Protestant ministers. We are absolutely sure this number does not take in any of our Churches. Herein is one of the chief glories of our great itinerant system. There is a Church for every pastor and a pastor for every Church. We have no vacant pulpits. When that day comes our chief agency for the evangelization of the world will have passed.

In a recent issue of the St. Louis Advocate, Dr. S. A. Steele wrote strongly in opposition to the union of the two great Methodisms. He believes that our over two million Methodists are able to keep house for themselves.

Bishop Candler, recently returned from his episcopal tour of Cuba, reports that our work there and on the Isle of Pines is prosperous.

Dr. John R. Mott estimates that more than 200,000 members of the Young Men's Christian Association are serving in the European armies.

We are fast coming to the moment when our time-honored position on the question of dancing will be strained to the last limit. It is asserted on good authority that the American people are the greatest dancers in the world.

The press is teeming with accounts of Billy Sunday and his great campaign in the staid old city of Philadelphia. While we rejoice, still we are not forgetful that George Whitefield once upon a time preached to thousands in that same old Quaker city. And he set on its way a revival wave that has run for two hundred years, and gives promise for years to come.

The Fourth General Convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., to be held at Dallas, Texas, the latter part of this month, promises to be one of great success. Their theme will be, "Facing the Situation."

A missionary conference has just been held in North Africa, where prayer was offered in English, Arabic, Kabyle and Spanish. This was a modern speaking "in tongues."

It is stated that the missionary contributions of the United States to foreign work in the past ten years has increased from about seven million to more than seventeen.

There are two hundred Christian schools in Egypt, with seventeen thousand students. And now a great Christian university is to be established in the very heart of Cairo.

The united branches of Methodism in this country, according to the men who make up statistics, have a combined membership of 6,095,095, or one member in every thirteen of the population. If the adherents are included we have at least 20,000,000, or one Methodist for every four of the population. Manifestly Methodism in this country should be a felt power for all that is good and uplifting to the people.

WIDTH AND DEPTH.

To become more widely religious is perhaps as important as to become more deeply religious. In other words, narrowness is as great a danger as superficiality. We may unduly restrict our piety so that it covers only a portion of our life. We may rule out from its scope large portions of our activities. There are some who do this, who do not permit it to interfere at all with their business, conducting this in strict accordance with the recognized laws of trade and the customs of commerce. Others consider that their social life must stand wholly apart, a world by itself, to be governed by certain recognized rules not specially derived from the New Testament. Still others regard their recreations as having no imaginable connection with the laws of God. This, of course, is all wrong. "Life and religion are one thing," it has been said, "or neither is anything." Every aspect, every sphere of life, can be, must be, managed either religiously or irreligious. Nothing is morally indifferent. "All may of thee partake." If this be fully recognized, so that our religion is coterminous with our life in all its breadth, and

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MY DEAR BROTHER:

As one who, under God, owes all that he is to the Church and her schools, and as one of the General Superintendents of the Church, I come to you with this appeal.

We have come upon days which test us as Christians and as Methodists. As is well known the roots of the Great War in Europe go back into the universities. False philosophies taught there are bearing this dreadful harvest. If we in America are to save our civilization, we must look carefully to the character of our colleges and universities. Our own Church no longer has any Central University. Vanderbilt is lost to us. The university in Atlanta, for the Eastern section of the Church, is being built upon a liberal foundation; but is only at the beginning of what it is to be. We have made a magnificent beginning here, in our Southern Methodist University, which is to serve all the Western part of the Church. The future of the whole Church will be influenced by what we do in Atlanta and in Dallas. No institution in Texas, and none West of the Mississippi River, has such an opportunity as Southern Methodist University. And none has such claim on our people.

The announcement has been made that Southern Methodist University will open her doors to students in September, 1915. You are authorized to say to all our people that this will be done. I am appealing to you to co-operate in such a way as to make possible an opening worthy of our great Church. Nelson's famous signal ran: "England expects every man to do his duty." Let this be our watchword: "A great opening for S. M. U. and Methodism expects every man to do his duty." Many things are important—but none so important as this. Some things can go undone—but this must be done. Some things can wait awhile—but this thing must be done now. Local enterprises such as building parsonages and caring for the interests of local institutions, are of local importance. But the successful opening of Southern Methodist University is of connectional importance,—and of local importance also. For a great success here will make easier every other interest of the Church.

The key to every situation is the preacher in charge. The success or failure of every undertaking rests with the pastor. Presiding Elders have a vast responsibility. District Commissioners have an inviting opportunity. But after all, the preacher in charge determines whether or not any undertaking shall succeed. I am coming, therefore, to every preacher with this call to duty. When we released our paid Commissioners, this did not mean that we had completed our task, or that we were where we could remain inactive. It meant that during this year we were going to lean more heavily upon the men who, after all, make possible any real success.

A great work has been done. The assets of the University now total more than two million dollars, according to a statement which lies here on my desk, bearing date January 18th. All honor to the men who have accomplished so much!

But we have not yet fully succeeded. The University has not opened as yet. We could not open this twenty-second day of January if we would. Much remains to be done before we open in September. You are entitled to know just what we must have. It is not necessary to set down the items here. It is sufficient to say that if we are to open in such a manner as will fulfill our promises and measure up to public expectation, we must have not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00). In any event, we are going to open. But is it possible to get \$250,000.00 in these hard times? Yes, and a great deal more! At a time when Italy was "only a name in geography" and when the obstacles seemed insurmountable, Mazzini, the prophet of Italian unity and liberty, declared: "The one thing wanting to twenty millions of Italians desirous of emancipating themselves, is not power, but faith." We Methodists have money enough. The one thing we need just now is faith. Faith in the work which we have so well begun, faith in ourselves, faith in God,—faith which leads to the consecration of ourselves and our substance to God—this is what we need just now.

The "Million Dollar Campaign" is not a dream. It is a vision—a vision of what can be done when, expecting great things from God, we attempt great things for God. Let us see where some of this money is to come from:

Collected since conference.....	\$16,000.00
Notes now due or past due.....	150,000.00
Notes due by fall conference.....	200,000.00
Total.....	\$366,000.00

The first thing to do, then, is to collect the notes now due. The next thing to do is to make sure that the notes coming due next fall are collected. The university has had remarkable success in collecting notes as they have fallen due. Possibly no other institution ever had so great success. But because of the closeness of the money market, some of our friends have been waiting, not knowing that it had been definitely determined to throw open the doors of the university for students this fall. As soon as we have collected as much as \$360,000.00, the General Board of Education is ready to turn over to us \$90,000.00 more, thus completing the \$200,000.00 originally promised. Furthermore, if the Church will now rise in her might and do the heroic, the city of Dallas, which has already done so nobly, will add \$100,000.00 to her already munificent gift. Not quite one Methodist in twenty has made any contribution to Southern Methodist University. Let us lay this responsibility upon the nineteen who have not yet done their part. And besides all this, there are thousands of friends who will help in order to guarantee a great opening in September.

Appeal to the average man. Almost any man can pay as much as \$10.00. It is cash money that we want now. Ask for cash in amounts of \$10.00, or multiples of ten, twenty, thirty, fifty, or one hundred dollars. If every Methodist preacher will do his duty, this great thing will be done.

Keep this one thing before the people. Complicate it with nothing else. Let S. M. U. make its mighty appeal to our Methodist people. For what is Southern Methodist University? Our own university, bound forever to the Church; the one connectional institution West of the Mississippi River; the great enterprise upon whose success more is depending just now than on anything else whatsoever. Teach our people to have an appreciation of proportion—to recognize the relative value of things, and to see that our great, vital interest just now is the completion of our great university.

Delay is expensive. The preacher who does nothing actually costs much to the university. We have delayed too long already. We shall delay no longer. And besides all this, our great educational system for Texas and the Southwest can never be finally adjusted until Southern Methodist University takes her central place in the system. Other institutions are waiting to go forward with their work of expansion. They cannot do so until we have taken our place as one of the two universities of the Church. As the friend of all our institutions of learning, I am urging you to co-operate in this great work, this chief task. Delay is expensive, not to S. M. U. alone, but to all our other schools.

In his Jackson's Day speech, President Woodrow Wilson made use of these wise words: "This country is not going to use any party that cannot do continuous and consistent team work. The only party that is serviceable to a nation is the party that can hold absolutely together and march with the discipline and the zest of a conquering host." No other Church has such organization as the Methodist Church. What has already been accomplished is the result of our continuous and consistent team work. And now that we are called upon to put our faith and consecration to the test, let us hold absolutely together, and we shall march with the discipline and the zest of a conquering host.

Very truly,

Your Brother,

EDWIN D. MOUZON.

Dallas, Texas, January 22, 1915.

then is made to penetrate also ever deeper, so that it takes hold more profoundly, more intensely, of our inmost being, then indeed we may be said to have an "utmost" salvation, the only kind which can be perfectly pleasing in the sight of the Lord.—Exchange.

CAN YOU DO ANYTHING BEST?

A business man in a great city said recently that he failed because his business was on too small a scale. It involved a few hundred thousand dollars. If he had attempted a half-million dollar proposition, he might have engaged the attention of the financiers of the city. His faith was not sufficiently great to prompt a great endeavor. The ability to secure the help of God is largely dependent upon our need of that help and our need is dependent frequently upon the greatness of our task. Get something great to do—something so great and so difficult that you can not do it alone—and you will be driven to the almighty-

ness of God. Did you ever attempt to do anything you could not do alone? Is your ideal perfection, or merely to do things as well as the average person? It is told that the old hammermaker became widely known because his motto was, "I shall make hammers so perfect that no man can for a moment question that I am not the best hammermaker in the country."—The Christian Herald.

THE BIBLE—SOME FIGURES.

The Bible is, indeed, a most interesting compilation, any way we may look at it. Here are some Bible statistics that are said to be the result of three years' labor by the indefatigable Doctor Horne and given by him in his introduction to the study of the Scriptures. The basis of these interesting statistics is an old English Bible of the King James Version. Old Testament—Number of books, 39; chapters, 939; verses, 23,214; words, 593,493; letters, 2,728,100.

New Testament—Number of books, 27; chapters, 260; verses, 7959; words, 181,253; letters, 838,380. The Bible—Total number of books, 66; chapters, 1189; verses, 31,173; words, 773,746; letters, 3,566,480. Apocrypha—Number of books, 14; chapters, 184; verses, 6931; words, 125,185.—Phila-North American.

The Christian minister who has reached the point at which flattering words are necessary to his happiness is in a bad condition and would be greatly profited by a rigid course of self-examination. Flattery is the emptiest thing in the world. It is never more than half honest. Only fools are taken in by it. Even the sincere praise of true friends may become a snare. A little of it judiciously administered at the right time does good, but large doses of it as a steady diet never fail to do harm. We are sorry for the man who cannot get along without it.—Christian Advocate, Nashville.