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CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE

FIRST DAY.

The Central Texas Conference convened in its seventh annual session at Waxahachie, Wednesday morning, November 15, Bishop J. H. McCoy in the chair. Promptly at 9 o'clock the Bishop announced Hymn 560, "And Are We Yet Alive?" The singing was hearty; the Apostles' Creed was recited and the Bishop led in a fervent prayer. Psalm 121 was read by the Bishop. He dwelt upon "The Threshold Grace" of which the Psalmist speaks. "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in." God's grace is sufficient both for public and private life. "Your life must be rooted in the secret place." Grace is needed both for the "going out" and the "coming in" of life. "The supreme test of a man is what his mind dwells upon in the period of relaxation." We need "threshold grace" when we enter into our homes. Do our wives and children believe in us? Do your children like to hear us preach? God save us from giving our ministry wholly on the outside and leaving our wives and children to perish on the inside of the threshold." After an earnest exhortation on the minister's private life, Hymn 222 was sung.

The Secretary of the last Conference, A. D. Porter, called the roll and the following answered the call of their names:

CONFERENCE ROLL.

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| Adams, J. F. | Fort, J. W. |
| Alsup, B. F. | Francis, Henry |
| Andrews, W. B. | Gardner, N. E. |
| Armstrong, T. S. | Gaskins, W. D. |
| Armstrong, R. C. | Glass, H. M. |
| Ashburn, S. A. | Griffith, Walter |
| Bailey, R. O. | Hawkins, W. E. |
| Bailey, Wm. G. | Hightower, C. O. |
| Baldridge, J. H. | Harris, G. W. |
| Barcus, Jno. M. | Hawk, E. B. |
| Barcus, T. S. | Head, J. W. |
| Barton, K. P. | Hearon, W. J. |
| Bell, Claude F. | Heizer, R. H. |
| Bishop, C. M. | Hendrickson, J. D. |
| Bishop, Horace | Henry, H. B. |
| Bloodworth, J. T. | Hester, J. N. |
| Boaz, H. A. | Hightower, C. C. |
| Bond, J. Marvin | Hightower, E. |
| Boone, E. F. | Hightower, I. E. |
| Booth, C. H. | Hiburn, W. C. |
| Boulware, W. T. | Holt, J. W. |
| Bowman, H. C. | Hotchkiss, M. S. |
| Bowman, J. Hall | Howard, W. H. |
| Bowman, T. E. | Howell, Z. L. |
| Braswell, J. H. | Huddleston, H. D. |
| Bridges, E. W. | Hudgens, E. F. |
| Brockett, C. T. | Hughen, Frank |
| Brooks, H. F. | Irwin, C. W. |
| Brown, R. F. | Isbell, J. F. |
| Browning, C. L. | Jones, W. T. |
| Broxton, Preston | Keener, W. H. |
| Bryan, Gid J. | Kimbro, B. E. |
| Burton, Travis H. | Kincheloe, G. W. |
| Campbell, G. F. | Kingslow, W. T. |
| Campbell, James | Kirkpatrick, Seba |
| Canatax, J. J. | Knowles, S. B. |
| Capps, R. T. | Kornegay, Geo. F. |
| Caraway, A. E. | Lackey, A. C. |
| Chappell, A. C. | Layne, Pascal W. |
| Chappell, C. G. | Landrum, H. B. |
| Chunn, M. M. | Langston, Roy A. |
| Clark, H. B. | Lathan, M. L. |
| Clark, J. F. | Lee, Josephus |
| Clark, L. A. | Lindsey, C. E. |
| Clark, M. W. | Little, M. K. |
| Collie, D. L. | Lloyd, E. L. |
| Council, Murand | Long, Abe |
| Cox, E. V. | Luker, J. F. |
| Crawford, J. E. | Macune, C. W. |
| Crawford, W. H. | Matthews, W. H. |
| Crabtree, Elmer | Mayhew, W. J. |
| Creed, J. I. | McAtee, J. U. |
| Crow, B. S. | McCain, J. N. |
| Culver, F. P. | McCullough, W. S. P. |
| Curry, J. B. | McGuire, D. A. |
| Curry, W. N. | Meadow, F. L. |
| Daniel, C. W. | Mimms, J. C. |
| Diltz, C. B. | Monk, Alonzo, Jr. |
| Dodson, J. B. | Moore, Franklin |
| Doss, W. H. | Moore, Warner |
| Ellis, T. D. | Morris, M. M. |
| Ellis, D. C. | Morris, J. R. |
| Evans, B. A. | Morton, C. N. |
| Evans, C. A. | Morton, O. A. |
| Felder, L. L. | Morton, O. A. |
| Felder, L. L. | Story, T. G. |
| Moss, W. W. | |

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| Munger, H. L. | Sory, R. O. |
| Mussett, J. P. | Stanford, E. R. |
| Nation, R. W. | Stanford, Henry |
| Neil, W. A. | Stark, D. C. |
| Nelms, W. L. | Stewart, J. H. |
| Nelson, J. R. | Swinney, O. C. |
| Neal, Jno. M. | Thompson, Sam G. |
| Nevill, S. P. | Toohey, R. J. |
| Noble, W. W. | Turner, M. A. |
| Odom, J. D. | Turner, O. B. |
| Owens, Geo. W. | Tyson, J. F. |
| Patterson, E. R. | Vanzandt, K. S. |
| Patterson, J. Fred | Vaughan, M. J. |
| Peoples, N. J. | Vaughan, S. J. |
| Polard, J. G. | Vaughan, W. H. |
| Porter, A. D. | Vaughn, W. B. |
| Poteet, Horace | Vincent, H. L. |
| Ramsey, J. D. | Vincent, J. N. |
| Ray, F. A. | Vinsant, Wallace |
| Richardson, Sterling | Waddell, F. O. |
| Riley, P. E. | Walker, B. R. |
| Riley, P. M. | Walker, R. A. |
| Rowland, C. | Watford, A. E. |
| Rucker, S. J. | Webb, L. A. |
| Rutner, J. A. | Wellborn, R. W. |
| Sharp, T. W. | White, L. G. |
| Shrader, H. P. | Whitehurst, I. A. |
| Shuler, J. W. W. | Whitley, W. J. |
| Shutt, C. G. | Wilkins, C. L. |
| Siceloff, J. A. | Williams, C. V. |
| Simpson, C. E. | Williams, F. P. |
| Simpson, W. K. | Wilson, Guy H. |
| Singleton, F. E. | Wilson, W. B. |
| Singley, W. T. | Winburne, F. M. |
| Smith, A. C. | Winfield, G. F. |
| Smith, E. A. | Wisdom, E. M. |
| Smith, M. M. | Wright, C. R. |
| Smoot, J. D. | Wynne, J. M. |
| Sorrels, T. L. | Young, J. D. |
| Story, M. L. | Young, R. B. |

SUPPLIES.

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| Anderson, W. E. | Gladue, T. N. |
| Bennett, T. | Speer, J. L. |
| Boyd, W. L. | Stamps, Gordon |
| Franklin, Arthur | |

The following lay delegates answered the call of their names:

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| BROWNWOOD DISTRICT. | |
| Chas. Bynum | Rev. J. L. Speer |
| CISCO DISTRICT. | |
| Jno. H. Garner | J. E. Butler |
| CLEBURNE DISTRICT. | |
| J. B. Wilson | J. M. Clower |
| CORSCANCA DISTRICT. | |
| K. L. McKeown | S. W. South |
| J. L. Holbert | Melvin Sharp |
| DUBLIN DISTRICT. | |
| R. P. Campbell | |
| GATESVILLE DISTRICT. | |
| J. A. Weaver | Rev. J. W. Bowden |
| J. M. Robertson | |
| GEORGETOWN DISTRICT. | |
| F. F. Down | J. D. Seiders |
| HILLSBORO DISTRICT. | |
| D. W. Hollingsworth | E. McLesky |
| J. M. Rogers | |
| WACO DISTRICT. | |
| Geo. W. Barcus | G. E. Kincannon |
| WAXAHACHIE. | |
| J. P. Claunch | |
| WEATHERFORD DISTRICT. | |
| Fritz P. Lanham | Rev. J. O. Guthrie |

A. D. Porter was re-elected Secretary. The following Assistant Secretaries were nominated: S. B. Knowles, M. A. Turner, Henry Stanford, C. C. Hightower, L. G. White, W. J. Mayhew, J. A. Ruffner, E. L. Lloyd and S. P. Nevill. Hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed.

The presiding elders nominated the following standing committees:

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| CONFERENCE RELATIONS. | |
| J. D. Hendrickson | H. B. Clark |
| J. M. Wynne | Warner Moore |
| S. P. Nevill | W. T. Kenslow |
| B. E. Kimbrow | M. W. Clark |
| B. F. Alsup | Preston Broxton |
| J. W. Holt | D. L. Collier |
| E. R. Patterson | |
| STATE OF THE CHURCH. | |
| T. S. Barcus | D. W. Hollingsworth |
| L. L. Felder | E. W. Kimble |
| I. A. Dosier | P. C. Ragsdale |
| J. F. Luker | Geo. H. Mulkey |
| M. J. Vaughan | Melvin Sharp |
| I. E. Hightower | R. P. Campbell |
| A. C. Lackey | J. D. Seiders |
| Henry Stanford | J. E. Newton |
| J. W. W. Shuler | J. W. Bowden |
| F. E. Kincannon | O. B. Turner |
| W. H. Harris | C. S. Fields |
| J. D. Guthrie | |
| SABBATH OBSERVANCE. | |
| J. W. Head | Earl Kirby |
| T. D. Ellis | J. P. Wilson |
| W. T. Singley | J. Vinsant |
| I. E. Butler | F. E. Denton |
| F. L. Meadow | B. F. Forrester |

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| J. M. Clower | Z. L. Howell |
| R. B. Young | W. A. Clark |
| W. A. Neill | C. W. Wilson |
| R. E. Huling | J. A. T. Weaver |
| K. L. McKeown | C. T. Brackette |
| R. C. Armstrong | |

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| BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. | |
| Jno. L. Morris | A. E. Turney |
| L. A. Clark | C. C. Cody |
| Chas. Bynum | W. J. Morphis |
| P. M. Riley | P. E. Riley |
| W. J. Hearon | S. B. Sawyers |
| G. H. Wilson | E. A. Smith |
| W. J. Clay | R. O. Sory |
| R. A. Langston | Seba Kirkpatrick |
| James Deets | E. S. Graham |
| R. H. Heizer | J. A. Siceloff |

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| TEMPERANCE. | |
| J. L. Ha bert | C. B. Diltz |
| A. C. Smith | W. D. Gaskins |
| J. O. Gore | W. H. Howard |
| H. B. Furr | C. W. Macune |
| W. T. Jones | C. C. Mills |
| H. F. Moore | T. B. Stanford |
| S. C. Baird | Lester McIntosh |
| L. A. Powledge | Elenor Crabtree |
| H. B. Landrum | E. A. Morton |
| C. W. Daniel | Atticus Webb |
| J. R. B. Hall | W. J. Whitley |

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| DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS. | |
| T. E. Story | J. F. Isbell |
| J. F. Clark | Sterling Richardson |
| H. W. Gillette | L. B. Sawyers |
| C. E. Wilkins | R. A. Walker |
| M. D. Council | H. Poteet |
| J. M. Bond | R. F. Brown |
| J. B. Ingle | G. G. Mitchell |
| M. L. Story | W. B. Vaughn |
| Henry Francis | |

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| LAY ACTIVITIES. | |
| W. E. Williams | J. S. Fox |
| W. H. Garrett | D. M. Alexander |
| Jno. H. Garner | J. A. Christie |
| E. A. Rice | Geo. W. Barcus |
| J. E. Blair | W. A. Crow |
| W. J. Clay | Fritz G. Lanham |
| W. S. Anster | |

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| ORPHANAGE. | |
| B. R. Wagner | W. G. Bailey |
| P. H. Gates | F. O. Waddell |
| K. S. Vanzandt | O. C. Swinney |
| J. B. Dodson | D. E. McLiskey |
| J. H. Braswell | E. W. Bridges |
| J. D. Odum | A. E. Caraway |
| M. L. Latham | J. P. Claunch |
| S. W. South | J. N. McCain |
| N. E. Gardner | W. G. Gray |
| C. V. Oswalt | W. G. Gwaltney |
| C. E. Simpson | |

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| SOCIAL SERVICE. | |
| C. R. Wright | W. H. Doss |
| M. K. Little | J. H. Stewart |
| C. V. Williams | D. A. McGuire |
| J. M. Williamson | Wm. Landin |
| Franklin Moore | W. B. Wilson |
| J. D. Young | Josephus Lee |
| A. E. Wattford | F. A. Ray |
| H. D. Huddleston | J. T. Boodworth |
| J. A. Siceloff | |

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| PUBLIC WORSHIP. | |
| Horace Bishop | W. A. Crow |
| W. B. Andrews | |

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| DISTRICT STATISTICAL EDITORS. | |
| Brownwood District | -E. R. Stanford. |
| Cisco District | -E. M. Wisdom. |
| Cleburne District | -Gid J. Bryan. |
| Corscanca District | -E. B. Hawk. |
| Dublin District | -J. D. Smoot, S. B. Knowles. |

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| Fort Worth District | -R. A. Langston. |
| Gatesville District | -E. L. Lloyd. |
| Georgetown District | -E. R. Patterson. |
| Hillsboro District | -T. L. Sorrells. |
| Waco District | -W. J. Mayhew. |
| Waxahachie District | -C. W. Irvin. |
| Weatherford District | -J. N. McCain. |

Various communications were referred to appropriate committees.

W. C. Everett, Dr. F. S. Parker, Rev. C. S. Wright, Prof. Albert S. Pegues, Rev. J. H. Groseclose, Dr. J. R. Stewart and H. D. Mouzon were introduced to the Conference. Question 6, Who are received by transfer from other conferences? J. W. Bergin, R. A. Crosby.

T. S. Armstrong introduced resolutions concerning the death of Mrs. F. A. Mood. The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

The Secretary made announcement concerning the Jubilee Journal of the Conference.

Question 22 was called, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" The presiding elders made their reports and their characters were passed.

Sam G. Thompson, presiding elder Brownwood District: 1502 conversions, 900 to 1000 additions, net gain 600 to 700, slight deficit on salaries, 14 charges paid salaries in full, 5 new

Leagues, 1 new parsonage, 3 new churches, new church at Brownwood definitely planned.

E. P. Williams, presiding elder Cisco District: Licensed 10 men, 1 new parsonage, 5 new Leagues, 9 charges paid salaries in full, 800 conversions, 600 additions, net gain 450, slight deficit on collections.

W. W. Moss, presiding elder Cleburne District: 900 accessions, new church at Glen Rose, in four years 8 churches and 4 parsonages built at cost of \$60,500, 12 charges paid salaries, 6 charges paid conference collections.

W. H. Matthews, presiding elder Corscanca District: Splendid revivals, 1000 to 1200 conversions, 900 additions, 4 licensed to preach, built 1 church, parsonage debts paid, all salaries paid, all assessments paid, Jubilee program carried out in the district.

S. J. Vaughan, presiding elder Dublin District: 700 to 800 conversions, same number additions, aggressive forward movement in the district, Stephenville beginning a \$15,000 church, Carlton building, Duffau building, DeLeon building, 5 new churches under process of erection, some deficits on salaries and collections.

J. R. Nelson, presiding elder Fort Worth District: Pastors of the district stood: 1700 conversions, 1937 additions, 939 on profession, net gain 1061, Sunday School enrollment 9039, deficit of \$100 on conference collections, church debts paid, 3 new parsonages, team work on district, various months devoted to various interests of the Church, great fight for reform, spoke especially of Clovis Chappell and H. M. Dobbs, who are transferred from the district.

S. J. Rucker, presiding elder Gatesville District: Great year, 1300 conversions, 1050 additions, net gain 200 to 250, old debts paid, at Killeen \$5000 debt paid, built several parsonages, organized Leagues and Sunday Schools, \$60,000 to \$70,000 raised on the district, salaries and collections about 95 per cent paid.

T. S. Armstrong, presiding elder Georgetown District: Built 2 new churches, improved several, paid debts, 1000 conversions, about 800 accessions, in every way best year of the quadrennium, in the aggregate everything will be paid in full, some charges paying in excess, others falling a little short, most gratifying year in my ministry, preachers and officials loyal.

J. M. Barcus, presiding elder Hillsboro District: 800 accessions, net gain 400, paid some troublesome debts, built parsonage at Irene, built 1 new church, two churches entered, 15 per cent increase in salaries, 55 per cent increase in conference collections over last year.

J. A. Whitehurst, presiding elder Waco District: District in fine condition, old debts paid, pastors wrought well, Austin Avenue has kept up its record, Morrow Street paid for valuable property, Herring Avenue paid debts, Mart paid debt, several churches repaired, 1200 ac-

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cessions, good revivals, all pastors, save one, paid in full, Sunday Schools best in history, so of Leagues and Woman's Societies, Y. M. B. L. of Waco conducted \$20,000 campaign for Orphanage, \$14,000 of old debts paid, \$5000 paid to our colleges, net gain 600.

The Conference voted a resolution of thanks to the Y. M. B. L. of Waco.

Horace Bishop, presiding elder of Waxahachie District: 900 conversions, net gain 500, 5 new Leagues, collections and salaries in advance of last year, but not in full, all old debts paid at Ferris, Italy built new parsonage, Ennis revamped her church, organized a Jubilee Club to bring up deficits, Sunday Schools and Leagues grown, growth throughout the district, preachers optimistic.

L. A. Webb, presiding elder of Weatherford District: 1000 additions, net gain 500, church debts paid, built 3 new churches, built 2 parsonages, work throughout the district in fine condition, 11 charges paid in full, 16 charges paid salaries in full, licensed 4 to preach.

Bishop McCoy complimented the Conference upon the reports of the presiding elders and the Conference stood and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Horace Bishop announced that J. P. Mussett would preach his semi-centennial sermon at the evening hour. Brother Mussett is the only surviving charter member of the Conference.

Question 22 was resumed. The names of the pastors of the Corsicana District were called and the characters of the following were passed: J. U. McAfee, W. J. Hearon, B. E. Kimbrough, J. W. Fort, Franklin Moore, H. B. Landrum, I. E. Hightower, M. L. Lathan, J. E. Matlock, E. B. Hawk, B. A. Evans, F. E. Singleton, R. B. Young, R. W. Nation, O. B. Turner, J. F. Isbell.

A committee of trial was appointed in the case of Frank Hughes.

The names of the supernuantes were called under Question 22; their characters were passed and they were referred for the same relation: E. F. Boon, James Campbell, J. J. Canafax, J. C. Carter, E. B. Chenoweth, W. H. Crawford, D. C. Ellis, C. E. Gallagher, W. A. Gilleland, H. M. Glass, W. F. Graves, J. Haralson, G. W. Harris, I. F. Harris, H. B. Henry, W. V. Jones, W. J. Lemons, Abe Long, J. M. McCarter, F. L. McGehee, R. B. McSwain, M. H. Major, E. J. Maxwell, V. J. Millis, J. P. Mussett, W. W. Noble, J. J. Rape, C. Rowland, H. P. Shrader, C. G. Shutt, W. K. Simpson, B. A. Snoddy, D. C. Stark, C. E. Stratham, E. M. Sweet, J. E. Walker, R. W. Wellborn, F. M. Winburne.

An offering was taken for H. M. Glass.

S. L. Culwell, H. M. Long and F. M. Neal, of the Northwest Texas Conference, were introduced by the Bishop.

Dr. John R. Stewart, of Nashville, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning the Superannuate Endowment Fund.

Resuming Question 22 the names of the supernumeraries were called, their characters passed and they were referred for the same relation: R. O. Bailey, J. W. Dickinson, T. W. Ellis, A. P. Lipscomb, John F. Neal, G. W. Owens, R. J. Tooley.

G. W. Owens answered the call of his name with words which deeply touched the Conference: "I am alive today in answer to prayer."

The name of B. A. Evans was referred, upon motion of W. H. Matthews, for the supernumerary relation.

The time having arrived for adjournment, J. W. Bergin was announced to preach at 3 p. m. and J. P. Mussett his semi-centennial sermon at 7 p. m. After other announcements the Conference was adjourned with the benediction by W. D. Bradford.

SECOND DAY.

The conference convened Thursday morning, November 16, at 9 o'clock, Bishop McCoy in the chair. Hymn 493 was sung. The Bishop read Ephesians 2, and R. W. Adams, presiding elder of Houston District, led in prayer.

The Secretary read the minutes of yesterday, and after minor corrections they were approved.

The roll of absentees was called and the following answered present:

Pastors: C. L. Cartwright, J. W. Childers, Hoyt M. Dobbs, J. O. Gore, S. P. Gilmore, H. D. Knickerbocker, A. P. Lipscomb, J. M. Carter, R. B. McSwain, W. J. Morphis, C. V. Oswald,

L. B. Sawyers, S. B. Sawyers, A. E. Turney, G. G. Mitchel.

Lay Delegates, Dublin District: R. E. Huling; Fort Worth District: Geo. H. Mulkey, W. E. Williams, James Ditto, Earle Kearley; Georgetown District: C. C. Cody, J. S. Fox, Waxahachie District: T. H. Newton; Weatherford District: J. M. Kleen.

The following alternates were seated: T. B. Stanford (Waco), in place of F. E. Denton.

Rev. P. C. Archer, Rev. A. L. Moore, Rev. R. W. Adams, Rev. C. M. Kennedy, Dr. A. C. Millar, editor Arkansas Methodist, Dr. R. S. Hyer, Rev. S. R. Hay, Rev. W. J. Johnson, Rev. C. M. Simpson, Rev. J. A. Old, Rev. W. C. Howell, Rev. E. L. Egger, Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh and Rev. E. R. Barcus were introduced to the conference.

Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?"

H. A. Nichols, T. G. Stamps, A. R. Lunday, D. A. Chisholm, J. T. Watkins, C. Q. Smith, E. A. Reed, W. H. Cole, E. N. Scarlett, J. L. Chunn, V. D. Dow and F. L. Chunn, having passed approved examinations and being recommended by the committee were admitted on trial.

W. E. Anderson, having stood an approved examination but not meeting the educational requirements prescribed by the General Conference, was admitted by a vote of 164 to 3.

Bishop McCoy read a telegram of greetings from Rev. W. T. Andrews, of Birmingham, and the conference instructed the Secretary to make appropriate response.

The class of the first year was called under Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" The characters of the following were passed, and having stood approved examinations were advanced to the class of the second year: M. L. Boon, W. L. Connell, C. O. Davis, J. L. Oliver and W. J. Whitley.

The class of the second year was called under Question 10, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?"

The characters of the following were passed and having stood approved examinations, were elected deacons: A. D. Cosgrove, L. L. Evens, P. H. Gates, W. B. Gilleland, C. W. Griffin and J. M. Hays.

The character of L. P. Leach was passed, but having not gone before the committee was continued in the class of the second year.

R. B. Hooper stood an approved examination but was already a deacon. His character was passed.

The class of the third year was called under Question 9, "Who are deacons of one year?" The characters of the following were passed and having stood approved examinations they were advanced to the class of the fourth year: C. T. Brockett, W. T. Boulevard, T. H. Burton, Elmer Crabtree, T. D. Ellis, W. G. Gwaltney, C. O. Hightower, P. W. Layne, J. Fred Patterson, Horace Poteet, J. D. Ramsey, T. L. Sorrels, T. G. Story, Guy H. Wilson.

The characters of the following were passed but having not been before the committee they were continued in the class of the third year: S. P. Gilmore and J. C. Mayhew. The latter was referred for the superannuate relation.

The class of the fourth year was called under Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" The characters of the following were passed and, having stood approved examinations, they were elected elders: W. G. Bailey, R. T. Capps, M. D. Council, J. N. Hester, O. A. Morton, T. G. Thomas, M. J. Vaughan, A. E. Watford.

The character of J. W. Hunter was passed but having not been before the committee he was continued in the class of the fourth year.

Question 5, "Who are readmitted?" John W. Hawkins (Dublin District).

Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?"

Jalmar Bowden (Cisco District), John H. Rigby (Cleburne District), A. W. Franklin (Dublin District), A. C. Fisher (Fort Worth District), R. L. Meyers (Fort Worth District), Cluster Q. Smith (Fort Worth District), Sidney E. Kornegay (Dallas District), James O. Guthrie (Weatherford District).

Question 16, "What local preachers are elected elders?"

Clay P. Morgan (Brownwood District), Alfred P. Nabors (Dublin District), John W. Glenn (Dublin District).

Question 8, "Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers?" No one.

Question 6, "Who are received by transfer from other conferences?" A. L. Andrews, an elder from the North Texas Conference, who was introduced to the conference. Geo. S. Slover, President Clarendon

College; R. A. Burroughs, Manager Orphanage; J. W. Hunt, President Stamford College, were introduced to the conference.

Under Question 22, "Are all the preachers blameless, etc.?" The names of the following pastors were called one by one and their characters were passed: E. R. Stanford, J. D. Hendrickson, L. L. Felder, A. C. Smith, K. P. Barton, M. K. Little, C. H. Little, J. A. Ruffner, H. C. Bowman, J. F. Clark, T. E. Bowman, L. A. Clark, H. W. Gillette, W. T. Singley, J. M. Wynne, J. O. Gore, C. E. Wilkins, K. S. Van Zandt, J. M. Armstrong, C. V. Williams, J. A. Dosier, E. M. Wisdom, J. G. Pollard, J. B. Dodson, J. H. Braswell, J. M. Bond, J. N. Vincent, A. D. Porter, C. A. Bickley, S. P. Nevill, M. L. Story, F. L. Meadow, Gid J. Bryan, P. M. Riley, Henry Francis, W. N. Curry, J. F. Luker, W. T. Jones, J. D. Odom, J. W. Fort, J. W. Childers, W. A. Neill, J. D. Smoot, L. G. White, N. E. Gardner, W. H. Doss, H. B. Clark, G. F. Campbell, S. C. Baird, W. C. Hilburn, S. B. Knowles, J. B. Berry, T. S. Barcus, C. R. Wright, C. E. Simpson, H. M. Dobbs, J. W. Patison, R. A. Langston, C. W. Daniel, J. B. Curry, C. C. Hightower, M. S. Hotchkiss, C. G. Chappell, J. H. Baldrige, T. W. Ellis, C. A. Evans, J. W. Dickinson, Sterling Richardson, G. F. Kornegay, C. V. Oswald, B. F. Alsop, J. R. B. Hall, H. A. Boaz, J. D. Young, D. L. Collie, J. T. Bloodworth, C. S. Field, Atticus Webb, W. T. Gray, R. C. Armstrong, H. L. Vincent, F. O. Waddill, A. C. Lackey, C. L. Cartwright, Alonzo Monk, Jr., C. B. Diltz, R. H. Heizer, E. V. Cox, J. M. Neal, E. L. Lloyd, J. Hall Bowman, L. B. Sawyers, J. W. Holt, M. M. Smith, H. D. Huddleston, G. F. Winfield, W. H. Howard, W. S. P. McCullough, W. D. Gaskins, C. H. Booth, M. A. Turner, A. E. Turney, J. A. Siceloff, W. H. Keener, Henry Stanford, E. R. Patterson, J. J. Creed, H. D. Knickerbocker, R. A. Walker, O. C. Swinney, C. M. Bishop, J. C. Granbery, E. Hightower, W. M. Bowden, T. W. Sharp, Warner Moore, J. W. Head, J. F. Adams, J. H. Stewart, C. W. McCune, J. W. W. Shuler, P. E. Riley, W. J. Morphis, B. S. Crow, Walter Griffith, J. S. Hockabee, J. N. Peeples, J. H. Walker, R. L. Reese, W. Vincent, S. A. Ashburn, S. B. Sawyers, W. J. Mayhew, C. E. Lindsey, W. T. Kinslow, F. P. Culver, D. A. McGuire, A. E. Carraway, John R. Morris, R. F. Brown, H. L. Munger, M. M. Morphis, J. V. Baird, J. E. Crawford, G. W. Kincheloe, R. O. Sory, J. C. Mimms, E. F. Hudgens, Z. L. Howell, E. A. Smith, C. N. Morton, M. W. Clark, C. W. Irwin, C. L. Browning, J. F. Tyson, W. H. Harris, W. B. Andrews, B. R. Wagner, W. B. Wilson, W. H. Vaughan, Josephus Lee, F. A. Ray, A. C. Chappell, H. F. Brooks, Seba Kirkpatrick, W. B. Vaughn, W. A. Clarke, Preston Broxton, W. L. Nelms, R. J. Tooley, J. N. McCain, J. F. Patterson.

Question 18, "Who are located this year?" C. H. Little was granted a location at his own request.

Horace Bishop submitted paper on the Centennial of Texas Methodism. J. M. Barcus and John R. Nelson were appointed a committee on the same.

H. D. Knickerbocker made a strong and an eloquent plea for an assessment on the conference in behalf of the Rescue Home located in San Antonio. The Board of Adjustment recommended an assessment of \$1500 for the Home. A motion to table the recommendation of the Board of Adjustment, until its final report, was lost. The report of the Board was adopted and the assessment of \$1500 was made.

R. C. Armstrong read a paper asking a continuation of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. The paper was adopted.

Rev. C. S. Wright, Vice-President of Southern Methodist University, addressed the conference on the needs of the University. He called especial attention to the conditional gift of \$88,000 from the General Board of Education (New York) and urged cooperation upon the part of the conference to the end that the conditional gift may be secured. Dr. R. S. Hyer, President of the University, addressed the conference briefly but effectively. He said the Freshman Class was larger than the membership of the Central Texas Conference.

Dr. F. S. Parker, General Secretary of the Epworth League, was introduced and addressed the conference. The Epworth League, he said, has thirty-two Epworth League Conferences.

W. L. Nelms reported in the case of Frank Hugen a verdict of not guilty and the Bishop announced that Bro. Hugen's character passes.

Horace Bishop introduced a resolution inviting President Wilson to the Educational Meeting at Southern

Methodist University next spring. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

W. W. Moss was presented a traveling bag and a new hat, by Bishop McCoy, in behalf of the preachers of the Cleburne District. Bro. Moss has finished his four years on that district.

J. R. B. Hall addressed the conference in behalf of the Texas Methodist Assembly at Port O'Connor.

Rev. Comer M. Woodward, of the Northwest Texas Conference, Dr. W. W. Pinson, of Nashville, Rev. S. B. Beall, of the West Texas Conference, were introduced to the conference.

J. D. Young made announcement concerning an educational meeting at 4 p. m., to be attended by representatives of the various Methodist educational institutions in Texas.

The time for adjournment having arrived, various announcements were made. John M. Barcus and Horace Bishop were announced to speak at the evening Jubilee service. Cullum H. Booth was announced to preach at 3 p. m.

The doxology was sung and Dr. A. C. Millar pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Hymn No. 1, "O for a Thousand Tongues," was announced by the Bishop promptly at 9 o'clock Friday morning, November 17. After singing 2 Pet. 1:1-11 was read by the Bishop and W. D. Bradford led in prayer. The Conference sang "O How I Love Jesus."

The Secretary read the minutes of yesterday's session and, after some corrections, they were approved.

H. F. Brooks offered a resolution concerning the Jubilee Journal. The resolution was adopted.

Horace Bishop asked leave of absence for M. W. Clark, who suffered a broken leg after arriving at the Conference. Granted.

M. A. Turner offered his resignation as a member of the Auditing Committee. Accepted.

E. F. Boone moved to reconsider the action of yesterday whereby an assessment was laid on the Conference for the San Antonio Rescue Home. S. J. Vaughan, Horace Bishop, I. E. Hightower, L. A. Webb, J. R. B. Hall, F. P. Culver, E. Hightower, W. H. Howard, G. F. Campbell, J. M. Edmondson, J. S. Fox, L. A. Powledge, Ethalmore Cox, and C. C. Hightower, spoke. J. W. Fort moved the previous question. The previous question was ordered. The vote on reconsideration stood: 101 for; 102 against. The motion was lost.

Dr. E. B. Chappell, Rev. I. F. Betts, Dr. James Thomas, of Little Rock Conference; Prof. J. W. Gilbert, Dr. W. J. Herwig, and Rev. A. C. Holder, were introduced to the Conference.

Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" Silas W. Adams (Waxahachie District), having stood an approved examination and being recommended by the committee, was admitted.

Question 10, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" G. G. Mitchell.

Question 9, "Who are the deacons of one year?" C. F. Bell.

Question 14, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" L. E. Hill, not having stood an approved examination, remains in the class of the fourth year.

M. M. Chunn, having stood an approved examination, was elected to elders' orders.

Question 12, "What local preachers are elected deacons?" Wm. H. Cole.

Question 7, "Who are received from other Churches as local preachers?" Henry Ibser, from the Baptist Church.

Dr. E. B. Chappell was introduced and addressed the Conference on the Sunday School work of the Church. Circulation of the graded Sunday School literature last year increased 21 per cent. He stressed strongly the various grades of Sunday School literature and the various departments of the Sunday School; 121,790 net increase in Sunday School enrollment last year; 80,000 received into the Church from the Sunday Schools last year.

Dr. C. M. Bishop, President of Southwestern University, was introduced and addressed the Conference on Christian Education and Southwestern in particular. The new Science Building, he said, is now practically completed. The productive endowment of the University has been raised from \$8000 to \$115,000 within the past five years. Thirteen of the twenty-five faculty members are children of the parsonage.

Bishop McCoy read a telegram from Brother M. K. Little concerning

Semi-Centennial Sermon

(A sermon preached by Rev. J. P. Mussett, of Fort Worth, the only surviving member present at the organization of the old Northwest Texas Conference of which the Central Texas Conference was a part, and was delivered in Waxahachie, Wednesday, November 15, 1916.)

Introduction.

Text: Matt. 13:8. But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. And (31, 32 verses) another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field; which indeed is the least of all seeds; but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

The Church, in all ages of the world, is founded in the covenant which was made with Adam in the garden and was first rendered visible in the family of Abraham, and perpetuated in all after ages down to the present time. Like the good seed sown in good ground, and the mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the smallest of all seeds, but when it is grown is the greatest among the trees, so that the birds of the air lodge in the branches thereof.

In the year 1739 Methodism was born. God, whose eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him, raised up John Wesley, and with him eight or ten persons who became deeply convinced of sin and earnestly groaning for redemption, gathered for prayer and advice, etc. And in this established prayer meeting the Methodist Church had its birth.

But we must now pass over the various stages of our Church history to the organization of the Northwest Texas Conference, which met in Waxahachie September 26 to October 2, 1866.

Bishop Enoch M. Marvin presided, with Fountain P. Ray Secretary. Our territory, then embraced all the territory, beginning on the Trinity River on the south line of Leon County, and continuing on the south lines of Robertson, Milam, Bell and Williamson Counties to the Colorado River; thence up the Colorado River to Big Spring; thence due north to the State line; thence with the State line to Red River; thence on the west fork of the Trinity River and down the Trinity River to the place of beginning. We organized with 38 traveling preachers in four presiding elders' districts, 85 local preachers, 3870 white members, 526 colored members, total 4396 members; 10 Sunday Schools, 53 teachers and 462 scholars.

The South was impoverished by the devastation and downfall of the Southern Confederacy. The outlook was anything but flattering. Our territory was nearly all frontier and subjected to the periodical raids of the Comanche Indians. To meet this state of things demanded men of God with undaunted courage to face the dangers both of the savages and the wild beasts. These conditions were such that tried men's souls.

The personnel of this body of ministers was above the ordinary—men who were true and tried soldiers of the cross. Their preaching was characteristic of the fundamental teaching and doctrines of Methodism. They had a rich, deep and conscious experience of salvation as taught by our great founder. And trusting in the promise of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end;" fired with the unction of the Holy Ghost, they marched to the conflict, and blessed be God they were victorious.

Our conference session was characterized by the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. The Divine unction rested on our Bishop. He seemed to be surcharged with the Holy Ghost. His preaching was marvelous. Sinners powerfully convicted and miraculously converted at the church altar and on the streets and in homes and business houses in the night time—so much so that "heaven came down our souls to greet and glory crowned the mercy seat." We caught the inspiration. We rejoiced together. We turned our backs to the allurements of the world and putting on afresh the

whole armor of God we were prepared for the conflict against sin.

We had but few church houses in which to worship. No parsonages. The preachers with families must live in their own hired house. Those with no family lived among the people whom they served. We preached in the homes, in school houses and under brush arbors, anywhere an opportunity afforded, not only on the Sabbath, but in the midweek. The people on the frontier were hungry for the Gospel. Long stretches of travel between settlements were made on horseback without murmuring and but little remuneration.

My First Circuit.

Our preaching was of the highest type, both doctrinal and evangelistic. Every preacher was an evangelist. We were not ashamed to declare that the unregenerated are totally depraved, but since so many of our preachers have become inoculated with Pelagianism it is different.

Under the old-time preaching conviction for sin was often pungent—repentance was more than a mere sentiment—it meant self-abandonment and self-abasement. At the public altar and in secret the cry was extorted, "Men and brethren, what must I do to be saved?" "Lord, save or I perish!" Justification by faith only in the crucified, dead and buried but risen and ascended Son of God. The regeneration by the Holy Ghost, and the witness of the Spirit, as a conscious experience of the new birth, to be crowned by the entire sanctification of the believer, was the subject matter of every sermon.

Under such leadership and preaching our Zion grew and enlarged from the mustard seed, planted in our organization here in Waxahachie in 1866 in this great field, watered by the Divine refreshings, we have become indeed a great tree. On horseback, with saddlebags, a few changes of clothes, Bible, Hymnbook and Discipline, over mountain and valley, through heat and cold and storm, as far as settlements reached, the circuit rider carried the messages of salvation. To his saddle hung his lariat to stake his horse when night overtook him, and often he slept in the open while his covering was the stary firmament above. By his side lay his gun and sixshooter, for these were the sensible and necessary weapons for defense against the Indians and wild beasts. They pre-empted the vast territory now occupied by three conferences, to wit, Texas, Northwest Texas and Central Texas.

The 4396 members increased annually with such rapid strides that instead of 10 Sunday Schools and 53 teachers, 462 scholars, according to an historical note found in the minutes of the twenty-fifth session, had grown to 372 Sunday Schools, 2781 officers and teachers and 22,992 scholars. At our organization we reported collected and appropriated for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of the deceased preachers \$47.50; for missions and tract societies, \$625. At the twenty-fifth session, 1890, we reported: Foreign missions collected, \$6669.42; domestic missions, \$6537.63. At the close of our session in 1909, when we divided, we had added our great Epworth League work. We collected and applied to our conference claimants \$14,011.36. We contributed for missions: Foreign, \$13,-969.88; domestic, \$18,841.53, and for Church Extension, \$11,224.05. Our educational institutions have grown in like proportion. Truly our Savior's language in Mark's Gospel applies here (Mark 4:30-32). Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed which when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth; but when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches. In 1909 we had 16 presiding elders' districts, 165,956 members, 734 Sunday Schools, 77,035 scholars. Then our division came. We gave to the Texas Conference on our southern border Freestone, Leon, Robertson and Milam Counties with the membership and properties therein. We gave to the North Texas Conference on our eastern border. We gave to the West Texas Conference part of Williamson and all of Burnett, Lampasas and Mills Counties. Then, as the boughs of the mustard seed planted here at our organization had grown to such wonderful proportions,

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the serious illness of Sister Little at a local hospital in Dallas. The Bishop led the Conference in an earnest prayer.

Mrs. J. W. Downs, President of the Central Texas Conference Woman's Missionary Society, was introduced to the Conference and spoke of the work of the women in the Church; \$20,000 for missions and \$40,000 for parsonages have been raised by the women in the Central Texas Conference. Bishop McCoy followed Mrs. Downs in strong words in behalf of the women's work.

John R. Nelson presented a resolution concerning Methodist unification. The paper was unanimously adopted.

Prof. John W. Gilbert, of Paine College, was introduced and addressed the Conference. He said he regarded slavery as the greatest blessing that ever came to his people. His people, he said, went into slavery worshipping stocks and stones; they came out worshipping the true God. He said no negro betrayed his trust during the war. The time was extended until the collection for Paine College should be finished. J. R. Millam, of Waco, started the collection with \$100. Several gave \$25. F. P. Culver gave \$50 for Austin Avenue, Waco. Many gave \$10 each. Horace Bishop gave \$25 and the subscriptions rolled in until the amount was \$474. A. F. Johnson, a colored man, sang, "It Pays to Serve Jesus," while the brethren brought forward their contributions. "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," was then sung. Many amens were shouted during the singing.

F. P. Culver moved that when the Conference adjourn it adjourn to meet at 7 p. m. Bishop McCoy appointed F. P. Culver to preside over the evening session.

Bishop McCoy called T. S. Armstrong, retiring presiding elder from the Georgetown District, to the chancel and presented him, on behalf of the preachers of the Georgetown District, a fine overcoat. Brother Armstrong responded feelingly.

The time for adjournment having arrived, the usual announcements were made. E. B. Chappell was announced to speak at 3 p. m. The doxology was sung and Hoyt M. Hobbs pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The conference convened at 7:30 p. m., F. P. Culver in the chair by appointment of the Bishop. After the devotional services, M. S. Hotchkiss read report No. 1 of the Board of Missions.

Pending the adoption of the report Dr. W. W. Pinson, Missionary Secretary, addressed the conference on Methodism and Missions. It was a strong address and was listened to with great interest.

Mrs. Henry Stanford sang, "Pass It On."

The motion to adopt the report prevailed.

The conference adjourned with the benediction by R. B. Young.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Hymn 388, "A Charge to Keep," was announced by Bishop McCoy promptly at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, November 18. The Scripture lesson was Titus 2. Dr. A. C. Millar, editor Arkansas Methodist, led in prayer.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Friday afternoon and evening sessions and they were approved.

Sister Mary Francis Barcus, "the mother of the Gracchi," was introduced by Bishop McCoy.

The report of the Conference Treasurer was read by J. M. Robertson, showing that more than \$91,000 have been raised during the year.

J. R. B. Hall read a paper concerning the trustees of the Texas Methodist Assembly. The paper was adopted.

C. H. Booth moved that the order of the day at 11 o'clock be the election of the place for the holding of the next session of the conference. The motion prevailed.

Jno. H. Garner read the report of the Committee on Lay Activities. W. Erskine Williams was recommended as Conference Lay Leader. The report was adopted.

Seba Kirkpatrick read the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals. Pending the adoption of the report L. Blaylock, Senior Publisher of the Advocate; W. D. Bradfield, Editor of the Advocate; Dr. A. C. Millar, Editor of the Arkansas Methodist; J. A. Whitehurst, A. L. Andrews, W. C. Everett and C. H. Booth spoke to the report. The report was adopted.

H. B. Clark read the report of the

Committee on Conference Relations, answering Questions 19 and 20, and it was adopted. (See condensed minutes.)

Jno. M. Neal read the report of the Committee on the American Bible Society. Pending the adoption of the report J. J. Morgan and S. Brooks McLain, colporteur, addressed the conference. The report was adopted.

J. A. Whitehurst moved that the conference have an afternoon session, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. The motion prevailed.

The action whereby the order of the day at 11 o'clock was made the election of a place for holding the next session of the conference was reconsidered.

Question 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" The following, having stood approved examinations and being recommended by the committee, were admitted into full connection: A. D. Cosgrove, L. L. Evans, P. H. Gates, W. B. Gilleland, C. W. Griffin, J. M. Hays, R. B. Hooper, G. G. Mitchell.

The class was called to the chancel and the Disciplinary questions were propounded. The Bishop commented pungently, as at other conferences, during the asking of these questions. Upon satisfactory answers the class was admitted by vote of the conference into full connection.

The conference sang, "Blest Be the Tie," and many members clasped hands with the class.

H. A. Boaz, President Texas Woman's College, addressed the conference concerning the College. The student enrollment is now 346; 160 of these are in the College department.

W. L. Nelms read report No. 1 of the Board of Education. The assessments for the coming year were proposed as follows:

For S. M. U.	\$6000
For School of Theology	3600
For Southwestern	7500
For Summer School	300
For Texas Woman's College	5500
For Wesley Bible Chair, State University	500
For Weatherford College	1000
For Meridian College	1000

M. A. Turner moved amendment to the report, striking out the item for the School of Theology of S. M. U. M. A. Turner spoke to the amendment.

J. W. Fort moved as an amendment to the amendment that the proposed \$3600 for the School of Theology be scaled from the \$6000 appropriation to Academic Department of Southern Methodist University and given to the School of Theology M. A. Turner accepted the amendment.

G. F. Campbell, W. H. Howard spoke.

W. H. Howard was speaking when the hour for adjournment arrived.

W. B. Andrews made the announcements for Sunday.

J. D. Young announced that Sister M. K. Little's condition is very serious.

After various other announcements the conference sang the doxology and H. A. Boaz pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The conference convened at 2:30 p. m., J. H. Stewart in the chair by appointment of the Bishop. After singing J. G. Miller, of the Northwest Texas Conference, led in prayer.

The Secretary read the minutes of the morning session and they were approved.

W. H. Howard was recognized and resumed his speech on the amendment to the amendment to the report of the Board of Education.

T. S. Barcus moved that the further consideration of the report be deferred until a report should be heard from the Board of Adjustment. The motion prevailed.

T. E. Bowman read the report of the Sunday School Board. An increase of nearly 5000 in the Sunday School enrollment of the conference was reported. An offering on the second Sunday in March in all the Churches was recommended to be applied in the establishment of a chair of pedagogy in our School of Theology. R. F. Brown read the treasurer's report of the Board. The first was adopted and the second received.

W. E. Hawkins read the report of his work as Sunday School Field Secretary. His report showed a noble work done.

A. C. Bickley moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the report of the American Bible Society was adopted. The motion prevailed.

W. B. Andrews read the report of the Board of Trustees for Superannu-

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ate Homes. D. L. Collie was nominated as Conference Agent. Pending the adoption of the report D. L. Collie addressed the conference. The report was adopted.

A. D. Porter made statements concerning extra copies of the Jubilee Journal.

Question 18, "Who are located this year?" was asked by Bishop McCoy, who had resumed his place in the chair. Lloyd E. Deacon, at own request.

Franklin Moore read the report of the Adjustment Committee. The report recommended the apportionments for the various schools as given above.

Following the report of the Board of Adjustment Bishop McCoy ruled that the report of the Board of Education was before the conference.

The debate which followed was one of the most masterly which we have ever heard on the floor of any Annual Conference. W. L. Nelms, H. A. Boaz, C. M. Bishop, E. R. Stanford, E. Hightower and G. J. Bryan were among those who spoke in behalf of the apportionments recommended by the Board of Education and the Conference Board of Adjustment. T. S. Barcus and J. W. Fort spoke against the increase in the assessments proposed by the Board of Education and the Board of Adjustment. The sentiment of the conference was overwhelmingly against the proposed increase and the amendment of T. S. Barcus prevailed whereby the assessments remained as last year, save that an additional \$1000 assessment for Southern Methodist University, an additional \$500 assessment for Weatherford College and a new assessment of \$500 for the Wesley Bible Chair were made. The assessment for Southern Methodist University was divided as follows: \$3500 for the Academic Department and \$3500 for the Theological Department.

The conference adjourned with the benediction by W. L. Nelms.

FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY.

The Conference Sunday was one long to be remembered in Waxahachie. At 9 o'clock the church auditorium was packed to its fullest capacity for the Conference Love Feast, which was led by John P. Mussett. Brother Mussett preached the Jubilee Sermon on Wednesday evening of the Conference session. Fifty years ago he was present at the organization of the Northwest Texas Conference. His sermon was a model of simplicity and deep evangelistic earnestness. His story of the past fifty years greatly moved all hearts. Sunday morning he rendered another great service to the Jubilee Session of his Conference by his conduct of the Love Feast. The occasion was one which those present will not soon forget.

At 11 o'clock Bishop J. H. McCoy preached his inspiring sermon on "He Hath Set Eternity in Their Heart." One who heard the Bishop said his sermon was equal to that of Bishop Marvin preached at the organization of the Conference fifty years ago. We have spoken in another issue of Bishop McCoy's great sermon.

At the conclusion of the sermon followed the ordination of deacons. The names of these will be found in the condensed minutes.

Horace Bishop presided at 3 p. m. when the Memorial Service was held.

Question 21, "What preachers have died during the year?" was called. The Committee on Memorials answered sadly: S. W. Turner, J. A. Walkup, Samuel Morriss, J. J. Calloway and J. W. Montgomery.

The wives of the preachers who have died during the year were tenderly remembered: Mrs. C. R. Wright, Mrs. S. W. Turner, Mrs. Walter Griffith, Mrs. R. B. McSwain and Mrs. F. A. Mood.

T. S. Armstrong read the memoir of S. W. Turner, J. R. Nelson read the memoir of J. A. Walkup, Horace Bishop read the memoir of Samuel Morriss, M. S. Hotchkiss read the memoir of J. J. Calloway, and S. J. Rucker read the memoir of J. W. Montgomery.

J. R. Nelson read the memoir of Mrs. C. R. Wright, T. S. Armstrong read the memoir of Mrs. S. W. Turner, J. M. Barcus read the memoir of Mrs. Walter Griffith, Henry Stanford read the memoir of Mrs. R. B. McSwain and C. H. Booth read the memoir of Mrs. F. A. Mood.

Many members of the Conference paid loving tributes to the sainted dead.

Dr. C. M. Bishop preached a noble sermon at the evening hour. The ser-

mon was followed by the ordination of elders, whose names appear in the condensed minutes.

SIXTH DAY.

The Conference was called to order by Bishop McCoy at 9 o'clock Monday morning, November 20. Hymn 556 "Blest Be the Tie," was announced. After the singing, Bishop McCoy read the 122d Psalm. E. F. Boone led in prayer.

The Secretary, A. D. Porter, read the minutes of the Saturday and Sunday afternoon's sessions, and, after minor corrections, they were approved.

Question 13, "What local preachers are ordained deacons?" Jalmar Bowden, Jno. Hampton Rigby, Arthur Wyatt Franklin, Albert Christopher Fisher, Robert L. Mayne, Chester Quinton Smith, Sidney E. Kornegay, James Q. Guthrie, Wm. H. Cole.

Question 11, "What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?" Allen Darrow Cosgrove, Phillip Harvey Gates, W. P. Gilmore, Charles Warner Griffin, Jonathan Montrose Hays, George Grover Mitchell.

Question 17, "What local preachers are ordained elders?" Alfred Gilmore Nabors, John William Glenn.

Question 15, "What traveling preachers are ordained elders?" Wm. Gibson Bailey, Robert Thomas Capps, Murand Council, Oscar Andrew Morton, Milam Jason Vaughn, Angus Ezekiel Watford, Marcus M. Chunn.

John M. Barcus read a paper concerning the observance of the Centennial of Texas Methodism. Horace Bishop and D. M. Alexander were nominated for membership on the General Committee created by the Annual Conferences. The paper was adopted.

J. W. Fort moved to rescind the action whereby \$1500 was assessed for the San Antonio Rescue Home. E. Hightower made the point of order that the action concerning the Home was final. The point of order was not sustained and the question was opened for debate. J. D. Young, J. R. B. Hall, W. H. Howard, H. A. Boaz spoke. The motion was lost.

Bishop McCoy at this juncture presented the constitutional amendment, proposing to make the Conference Lay Leader and the District Lay Leaders ex-officio members of the Annual Conference.

The discussion was participated in by John R. Nelson, John M. Barcus, J. A. Powledge, H. A. Boaz, E. Hightower, W. L. Nelms. The Secretary called the roll and the result was, ayes 8, nays 176. And the amendment was lost.

Bishop McCoy and his Cabinet retired. W. L. Nelms took the chair by appointment of the Bishop.

J. M. Robertson read the report of the Joint Board of Finance, disbursing nearly \$15,000 to superannuates. The report was adopted.

F. O. Waddill read the report of the Committee on Orphanage, showing the health and religious conditions of the Home to be first-class. Pending the adoption of the report E. Hightower addressed the Conference. The report was adopted.

The Bishop returned to the Conference room and resumed his place in the chair.

E. P. Williams read a paper memorializing the General Conference to provide equal representation of laymen in the Annual Conference. A motion to table prevailed by 90 to 70.

F. P. Culver brought a message from Mrs. I. Z. T. Morris to the Conference concerning her work in providing homeless children homes.

S. J. Rucker made a statement concerning the theft of Orphanage money from A. D. Cosgrove. The Conference brought an offering to the table of \$42.66.

J. G. Miller, of the Northwest Texas Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

J. R. B. Hall read the report of the Committee on Temperance. The report recited the remarkable progress of prohibition.

C. R. Wright moved to amend the report by striking out the part of the report which refers to ministers taking a more active part in the politics of the State.

J. R. B. Hall and J. W. Fort spoke to the amendment. The amendment prevailed and the report as amended was adopted.

John R. Nelson spoke to a question of personal privilege.

R. C. Armstrong read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. The report was adopted.

Franklin Moore read the report of the Social Service Committee. The report was in accord with the social creed adopted by the Federal Council of Churches. The report was adopted.

Horace Bishop made statements concerning the financial needs of D. C. Ellis, a superannuate of the Conference. A collection was taken, amounting to \$225.

J. M. Neal read the report of the Committee on Bible Cause, assessing the Conference \$1200. The report was adopted.

K. P. Barton read the report of the Church Extension Board. The report was amended by assessing the Board \$150 for printing the minutes. The amendment was adopted. The report as amended was adopted.

H. A. Boaz read the Conference resolutions of thanks. The resolutions were adopted by rising vote.

M. A. Turner captured the Conference by his remarks concerning statements made by him in Saturday's debate.

D. L. Collie read a paper recommending the building of a home for the Conference Agent for superannuate homes. The Home is to be called the Charles E. Brown Home, and is to be deeded to the Conference Trustees. The paper was adopted.

H. A. Boaz, President Texas Woman's College, addressed the Conference concerning the college.

G. F. Winfield, President of Meridian College, addressed the Conference concerning the Meridian College. He offered a resolution requesting the Legislature to grant the Junior Colleges of the Church the privilege of issuing A grade teachers' certificates. The resolution was adopted.

J. P. Mussett moved that the vote whereby the report of the Board of Education was adopted be reconsidered as to the item of the Texas Woman's College. W. L. Nelms spoke to the motion. W. H. Howard, G. F. Winfield, J. F. Clark, R. C. Armstrong spoke to the motion. The vote was reconsidered. An assessment of an additional \$1000 for the Texas Woman's College was made.

Question 52, "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" was called by the Bishop. C. H. Booth nominated Georgetown, and Georgetown was unanimously selected.

W. L. Nelms read report No. 2 of Board of Education commending the work of the Educational Commission. G. J. Bryan read the Treasurer's report showing disbursements for education during the past year of \$17,889.50. The report of the Board was adopted.

C. C. Hightower read a paper concerning the title of the Texas Woman's College. The paper was adopted. C. C. Hightower read the report of the Epworth League Board. The report was adopted.

T. S. Barcus read the report of the Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church. The report was adopted.

Horace Bishop offered a resolution requesting John M. Barcus to publish in pamphlet form his Jubilee Address. The resolution was adopted.

A collection was taken for the Conference postmaster, B. S. Crow.

J. F. Isbell read the report of the Committee on District Conference Records. The report was adopted.

M. S. Hotchkiss read report No. 2 of the Board of Missions, showing total collected for missions during the past year to have been \$44,414.93, an increase of \$6180.32 over the previous year. The report was adopted.

The Conference stood adjourned for a meeting of the Conference Brotherhood, at which several new members were elected to membership in that body.

The Bishop called the Conference to order. The statistical Questions 23-51 were called by the Bishop. (See Condensed Minutes).

J. A. Whitehurst moved that after the reading of the minutes and the devotions and the reading of the appointments the Conference adjourn without a day. The motion prevailed.

The Secretary read the minutes of the morning session, and, after minor corrections, they were approved.

The Conference stood and sang, "God Be With You."

After earnest words by the Bishop, Question 53 was called, "Where are the preachers stationed this year?" (See Apointments).

The doxology was sung and the Conference stood adjourned with the benediction by Bishop McCoy.

MINUTES.

Of the Fiftieth (Seventh Central Texas) Session of the Central Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Waxahachie, Beginning November 15, 1916; Ending November 20, 1916, Bishop J. H. McCoy, President; A. D. Porter, Secretary. Postoffice of Secretary, Cleburne, Texas.

- D. A. Chisholm, James Throop Watkins, Cluster Quinton Smith, Edgar Allen Reed, William T. Cole, Edgar M. Scarlett, Joseph L. Chunn, Victor Dimmitt Dow, Fred Lee Chunn, William Edward Anderson and Silas Walter Adams.
2. Who remain on trial? M. L. Boone, W. L. Connell, J. L. Oliver, C. O. Davis and W. J. Whiteley being in orders.
3. Who are discontinued? No one.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? A. D. Cosgrove, L. L. Evans, P. H. Gates, W. B. Gilleland, C. W. Griffin, J. M. Hays, R. E. Hooper, G. G. Mitchell.
5. Who are readmitted? John W. Hawkins.
6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? A. L. Andrews, an elder from the North Texas Conference.
7. Who are received from other Churches as local preachers? Henry Iser.
8. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? No one.
9. Who are the deacons of one year? C. T. Brockett, W. T. Boulware, T. H. Burton, Elmer Crabtree, T. D. Ellis, W. G. Gwaltney, C. O. Hightower, P. W. Layne, J. Fred Patterson, Horace Potec and C. F. Bell.
10. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Allen Darrow Cosgrove, Phillip Harvey Gates, William Boynton Gilleland, Charles Warner Griffin, Jonathan Montrose Hays, George Gilmore Mitchell.
11. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? A. D. Cosgrove, P. H. Gates, W. B. Gilleland, C. W. Griffin, J. M. Hays, G. G. Mitchell.
12. What local preachers are elected deacons? Jalmar Bowden, John Hampton Rigby, Arthur Wyatt Franklin, Albert Christopher Fisher, Robert Lincoln Meyers, Cluster Quinton Smith, Sidney Everett Kornegay, James Osborn Guthrie and William Hugh Cole.
13. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Jalmar Bowden, J. H. Rigby, Arthur Franklin, Albert C. Fisher, Robert L. Myers, Cluster R. Smith, Sidney E. Kornegay, James O. Guthrie, W. H. Cole.
14. What traveling preachers are elected elders? William Gibson Bailey, Robert Thomas Capps, Murand Council, Oscar Andrew Morton, Milam Jason Vaughn, Angus Ezekiel Watford, Marcus Malone Chunn.
15. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? W. G. Bailey, R. T. Capps, M. Council, O. E. Morton, M. J. Vaughn, A. E. Watford, M. M. Chunn.
16. What local preachers are elected elders? Clay P. Morgan, Alfred Filmore Nabors, Jno. William Glenn.
17. What local preachers are ordained elders? Clay P. Morgan, Alfred F. Nabors, Jno. W. Glenn.
18. Who are located this year? C. H. Little, at his own request.
19. Who are superannuated? R. O. Bailey, J. W. Dickinson, T. W. Ellis, A. P. Lipscomb, Jno. F. Neal, G. W. Owens, R. J. Tooley, B. A. Evans.
20. Who are superannuated? E. F. Boone, James Campbell, J. J. Canafax, J. C. Carter, E. B. Chenoweth, W. H. Howard, D. C. Ellis, C. E. Gallagher, W. A. Gilleland, H. M. Glass, W. T. Graves, Jerome Haralson, G. W. Harris, I. F. Harris, H. B. Henry, M. V. Jones, W. J. Lemons, Abe Long, J. M. McCarter, F. L. McGehee, R. B. McSwain, W. H. Major, E. J. Maxwell, J. J. Millis, J. P. Mussett, W. W. Noble, J. J. Rapp, C. Rowland, H. P. Shrader, C. G. Shutt, W. K. Simpson, B. A. Snoddy, D. C. Stark, C. E. Stratham, E. M. Sweet, J. E. Walker, R. W. Welborn and F. M. Winburne.
21. What preachers have died during the past year? J. J. Calloway, J. W. Montgomery, Samuel Morriss, S. W. Turner and J. A. Walkup.
22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Not answered.
23. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the conference? 81,432.
24. How many have been licensed to preach during the year, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? Not answered.
25. How many candidates for the ministry are there, and have their names and addresses been furnished to the Department of Ministerial Supply and Training? Not answered.
26. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1063.
27. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 3640.
28. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 110.
29. What is the number of Epworth League members? 3986.
30. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 524.
31. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 5663.
32. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the conference year? 68,810.
33. What amount was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$15,000.
34. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$12,554.
35. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$17,011; Home and Conference, \$22,064.
36. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$12,574.
37. What has been contributed for Education? \$18,410.
38. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$970.
39. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding Elders, \$35,685; Preachers in Charge, \$214,208.
40. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$3112.
41. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of Societies, 610; Number of Houses of Worship, 566.
42. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$2,031,225; Indebtedness, \$134,563.
43. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral Charges, 220; Number of Parsonages, 214.
44. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$453,950; Indebtedness, \$24,463.
45. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of Districts, 12; Number of District Parsonages, 12.
46. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$47,500; Indebtedness, \$4650.
47. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of Churches Damaged, 13; Amount of Damage, \$2435.
48. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance Carried, \$1,191,180; Losses Sustained, \$904; Premiums Paid, \$6882; Collections on Losses, \$1531.
49. What are the educational statistics? Not answered.
50. How many copies of the General Organ and of the Conference Organ are taken? General Organ, 324; Conference Organ, 4777.
51. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader,

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and what is the report on Lay Activities? Judge W. Erskine Williams; Fort Worth, Texas. 52. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Georgetown. 53. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

APPOINTMENTS.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT. Sam G. Thompson, Presiding Elder. Ballinger—J. B. Curry. Bangs—J. D. Hendrickson. Blanket—L. L. Felder. Bronte—A. C. Smith. Brownwood—K. P. Barton. Coleman—M. K. Little. Indian Creek—Henry Francis. Norton—J. D. Ramsey. Novice—T. D. Ellis. Robert Lee—S. W. Adams. Rockwood—J. N. Hester. Santa Anna—J. A. Ruffner. Talpa—H. C. Bowman. Valera—R. F. Alsop. Winchell—Frank Hughes. Wingate—P. H. Gates. Winters—J. J. Creed. Zephyr—L. A. Clark.

CISCO DISTRICT.

E. P. Williams, Presiding Elder. Breckenridge—M. L. Boon. Carbon—J. Thosop Watkins. Cisco—E. L. Lloyd. Cisco Mission—W. L. Boyd, supply. Cross Cut—R. L. Reese. Desdemona—J. O. Gore. Eastland—C. E. Wilkins. Eolian—P. W. Layne. Gordon—K. S. VanZandt; R. O. Bailey, supernumerary. Gorran—J. M. Armstrong. May—C. V. Williams. Ranger—J. A. Dosier. Rising Star—E. M. Wisdom. Romney—W. E. Anderson. Scranton—M. D. Council. Sipe Springs—R. T. Capps. Staff—C. O. Hightower. Strawn—J. G. Pollard. Thurber—J. B. Dodson. Wayland—To be supplied. District Evangelist—S. P. Gilmore, Sipe Springs Q. C.

CLEBURNE DISTRICT.

W. L. Nelms, Presiding Elder. Alvarado—J. H. Braswell. Barnesville—Ben Crow. Burselon—J. N. Vincent. Cleburne, Anglin Street—C. A. Bickley. Brazos Avenue—S. P. Nevill. Main Street—A. D. Porter. Glen Rose—F. L. Meadow. Glen Rose Mission—L. B. Sawyers. Godley and Creason—T. W. Sharp. Granbury—P. M. Riley. Granbury Circuit—E. A. Reed. Grandview—Gid J. Bryan. Joshua—A. E. Watford. Lillian—M. L. Lathan. Morgan—W. N. Curry. Parker—T. G. Stamps. Venus—J. W. Head. Walnut Springs—Sterling Richardson. Superintendent Orphan Home Society—J. D. Odum, Grandview Q. C. Commissioner of Southern Methodist University—W. B. Wilson, Main St. Q. C. Conference Secretary of Education—W. L. Nelms.

CORSICANA DISTRICT.

W. H. Matthews, Presiding Elder. Barry and Embouse—J. U. McAfee. Blooming Grove—C. N. Morton. Chatfield—B. E. Kimbrow. Corsicana, 11th Avenue—W. J. Heaton. First Church—J. W. Fort. Corsicana Circuit—R. B. Hooper. Dawson—J. E. Hightower. Emmett—W. T. Boulware. Frost—R. A. Crosby. Groesbeck—E. A. Smith. Harmony—N. E. Gardner. Horn Hill—A. R. Lumdy. Kerens—J. F. Isbell; R. A. Evans, supernumerary. Kirvin—Pat Leach. Mexia—F. E. Singleton. Purdon—S. C. Baird. Rice—R. W. Nation. Thornton—O. B. Turner. Wortham—H. B. Landrum. Conference Evangelist—W. E. Hawkins, Jr., First Church, Corsicana Q. C.

DUBLIN DISTRICT.

S. J. Vaughan, Presiding Elder. Bluffdale—T. G. Story. Bunyan—W. A. Neill. Carlton—J. D. Simont. Comanche—L. G. White. Comanche Circuit—R. B. Young. Comanche Mission—To be supplied. DeLeon—W. H. Doss. DeLeon Circuit—H. B. Clark. Dublin—George F. Campbell. Duffau—John W. Hawkins. Gustine—G. H. Wilson. Harbin and Green's Creek—C. V. Oswald. Hico—W. C. Hilburn. Huckabay—D. A. Chisholm. Iredell—H. A. Nichols. Proctor—W. E. Hudnall, supply. Stephenville—S. B. Knowles. Stephenville Circuit—A. W. Franklin, supply. Tolar and Lipan—M. J. Vaughan.

FORT WORTH DISTRICT.

Jno. R. Nelson, Presiding Elder. Arlington—J. B. Berry; G. W. Owens, supernumerary. Brooklyn Heights and Harwell's Chapel—C. O. Davis. Fort Worth, Boulevard—T. S. Barcus. Central—C. R. Wright. Diamond Hill—C. E. Simpson. First Church—A. L. Andrews. Glenwood—J. W. Patison. Hemphill Heights—R. A. Langston. Highland Park—W. G. Bailey. McKinley Avenue—E. R. Stanford. Missouri Avenue—C. C. Hightower. Mulkey Memorial—M. S. Hotchkiss. Polytechnic—E. B. Hawk; T. W. Ellis and J. W. Dickinson, supernumeraries. Riverside—J. H. Baldrige. Sagamore and Sycamore—C. A. Evans. Weatherford Street—C. O. Smith. Grapevine and Minter's Chapel—O. C. Swinney. Handley—W. T. Jones. Kennedale—C. W. Daniel. Smithfield and Euless—W. T. Singley. Thomas Chapel and Saginaw—W. M. Anderson, supply. Temperance Worker—J. R. B. Hall, Polytechnic Q. C. President Texas Woman's College—H. A. Boaz, Polytechnic Q. C. Vice-President Texas Woman's College—J. D. Young, First Church Q. C. Field Secretary Sunday School Association—C. S. Field, First Church Q. C. Dean Theological Department Southern Meth-

odist University—H. M. Dobbs, First Church Q. C. Commissioner Methodist Orphanage—W. T. Gray, Polytechnic Q. C. Conference Evangelist—J. T. Bloodworth, Polytechnic Q. C. Agent Supernummate Homes—D. L. Collie, Polytechnic Q. C. State Secretary Sunday League of America—R. C. Armstrong, Central Q. C. Assistant Secretary Anti-Saloon League—Atticus Webb, First Church Q. C. Conference Evangelist—W. M. Bowden, McKinley Avenue Q. C.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT.

S. J. Rucker, Presiding Elder. Clifton—H. L. Vincent. Copperas Cove—W. G. Gwaltney. Coryell—W. G. Gwaltney. Crawford—A. C. Lackey. Evans—Horace Pottey. Fairy—W. J. Whitely. Gatesville—Alonso Monk, Jr. Gatesville Circuit—A. D. Cosgrove. Hamilton Circuit—C. B. Diltz. Hamilton—J. Hall Bowman. Jonesboro—J. W. Holt. Killeen—A. E. Carraway. Killeen Mission—P. M. Gladney, supply. McGregor—J. M. Neal. Meridian—J. M. Wynn. Meridian Mission—C. J. Brockett. Moody—W. S. P. McCullough. Nolanville—W. L. Connell. Oglesby—F. O. Waddill. Turnersville—R. H. Heizer. Valley Mills—J. F. Luker. President Meridian College—G. F. Winfield, Meridian Q. C. Student Meridian College—W. B. Gilleland, Meridian Q. C.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

W. B. Andrews, Presiding Elder. Bartlett—C. W. Irvin. Belton—W. H. Howard. Florence—W. D. Gaskins. Georgetown—C. H. Booth; J. F. Neal, supernumerary. Granger—M. A. Turner. Holland and Belle Plains—J. F. Clark. Hutco and Jonah—A. E. Turney. Midway—W. H. Keener. Oenaville—J. T. Ferguson, supply. Rogers—T. E. Bowman. Salado and Jarrell—J. F. Tyson. Taylor—Henry Stanford. Temple, First Church—J. W. Bergin. Seventh Street—R. A. Walker. Thrall and Round Rock—J. D. Kussell, supply. Troy and Pendleton—G. F. Kornegay. President Southwestern University—C. M. Bishop, Georgetown Q. C. Divisional Sunday School Field Secretary—Emmett Hightower, Georgetown Q. C.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

J. M. Barcus, Presiding Elder. Abbott—M. L. Story. Big Hill and Ben Hill—T. H. Burton. Brandon and Mertens—R. O. Sory. Cooledge—H. D. Huddleston. Covington and Ocoala—J. F. Adams. Hillsboro, First Church—J. H. Stewart. Line Street—C. W. Macune. Hubbard—J. W. Shuler. Irene—T. L. Sorrels. Itasca—P. E. Riley. Itasca Circuit—Walter Griffith. Kirk and Prairie Hill—W. J. Morphis. Malone and Bynum—J. M. Bond. Munger—J. M. Hays. Penelope—E. W. Bridges. Peoria—N. J. Peoples. Whitney—J. H. Walker. Whitney Mission—Edward Cantrell, supply.

WACO DISTRICT.

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RESOLUTIONS—UNIFICATION OF METHODISM.

Whereas, The General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, at Oklahoma City, 1914, and the General Conference of the M. E. Church at Saratoga Springs, 1916, declared by an overwhelming majority their belief that Unification of American Methodism was both "feasible and desirable," and, Whereas, A Joint Commission appointed by the aforesaid General Conferences will soon meet to consider this important question, and, Whereas, The work of the Kingdom committed to the people called Methodists is being hindered by the division of our forces and a united Methodism in America would assuredly be a power in advancing the kingdom of Christ on earth, and, Whereas, There is an almost universal desire for the reorganization and unification of the Methodist Churches in America on some feasible plan, therefore be it Resolved, By the Central Texas Conference, assembled in Waxahachie November, 1916, 1. That we heartily approve the movement to reorganize and unite American Methodism. 2. That we have confidence in the ability and statesmanship of our Commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and express the hope and belief that they, in connection with the other members of the Joint Commission, will be able to work out a plan of Unification that will be alike honorable and satisfactory to all parties concerned.

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Rev. J. E. Short, the pastor, has shown me \$11.30 handed him by this man for the Lord's cause, which makes \$61.30 in the past twelve months. He does not own a horse, cow, pig or any earthly goods except his clothes. He has no family and makes his money by day labor. He says since he commenced giving the tenth he is happier than he was before. G. F. BOYD. Decatur, Texas.

What Hath God Wrought?

JUBILEE ADDRESS BY REV. JOHN M. BARCUS, D. D.

Our mutual friends, Dr. Bishop and Brother Mussett, have given us such admirable and inspiring pictures of the times and conditions attending the organization of our Conference in 1866, and such vivid pen pictures of the principal actors in those pioneer times that those of us who never knew these old heroes in the flesh can almost see them as they went forth, a militant band, each on a good horse with saddlebags containing his wardrobe in one end and his library in the other, crossing rivers without bridges, traversing prairies without roads, sleeping in the cabins and dugouts of the early settlers, or on the open prairie with saddle blankets and grass for a bed, preaching in the humble homes or under trees on the banks of the

\$450,000 and about 1000 students, besides our pro rata share in Southwestern University and Southern Methodist University and Texas Woman's College. At the end of their first year they reported a net gain in membership of only sixty-one. Last year we reported more than 9000 received on profession of faith.

In 1866 there were in this territory about 60,000 population, and one in fifteen was a Methodist. In the same territory we now have about one million population and one in seven and a half is a Southern Methodist.

These figures give some idea of our present status as far as it can be put into figures. While figures do not lie, they do not always tell all the truth. The best part of history is the unwritten part. No figures can adequately express the far-reaching results of the preaching of these Methodist itinerants of the last fifty years. Their lines have gone out to the ends of the earth. Their influence is felt in the social, economic, political and religious life of our great State.

As we thus walk about our Zion, tell the towers thereof and consider her palaces that we may tell it to the generations following, it shall not be in any boasting of vainglorious spirit. We will not say with the old Pagan King, "Is not this great Babylon which I have built," but rather with old Judah and Israel, "What hath God wrought?" The facts that I have recited are unmistakable proof that God has been with us and that he has set the seal of Divine approval upon our work. We believe that from the beginning our Methodism has been especially a child of Providence.

It was an act of special Providence that John Wesley, as a little boy, was rescued from the burning Epworth rectory. It was providential that he was sent as a young man to Oxford University to receive that splendid intellectual equipment which made him easily one of the foremost scholars of his time and qualified him for the masterful leadership of the greatest evangelical revival since the days of Pentecost, and which gave him that intellectual acumen that enabled him to formulate a creed which has never needed any revision and to organize an ecclesiasticism which has been the object of envy or admiration of the whole ecclesiastical world. It was providential that after he had been ordained an elder in the Established Church he should be sent as a missionary to the Indians in Georgia, where he made the momentous discovery that he knew nothing of the vital experiences of a converted soul and was led to exclaim: "I came to America to convert the Indians, but O, who shall convert me?" It was providential that he found his way to that little Moravian prayer meeting in Aldersgate Street Church that Thursday night where he found the gracious experience which enabled him to say: "I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt that I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and the assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine." It was providential that he was thrust out from the little stuffy Churches of England to stand on his father's tombstone and announce that battle cry of Methodism, "The world is my parish."

It was providential that this first Conference of 1866 was composed of men of such heroic faith. They were no reeds shaken by the wind. Their temper was indicated in the resolution they adopted just before adjournment:

"Resolved, That we as ambassadors for God, will go to our appointed fields of labor determined, by divine help, to do the whole work of itinerant Methodist preachers, trusting to the good Lord and the justice of the Church for our support."

Men with such a spirit were bound to conquer and to be themselves absolutely unconquerable.

But how shall we appropriately celebrate this our Golden Jubilee? Shall we content ourselves with simply a recital of the splendid victories of these fifty years? Shall we exhaust ourselves in paying just tribute in words to the pioneer fathers and mothers whose heroic self-sacrifices made such victories possible? Shall we, in a spirit of self-congratulation, ride in our autos over piked roads to our beautiful, costly and well-appointed churches and sit on easy pews and thank God that it is as well with us as it is? To do simply these things would be a burning shame. It would be to prove ourselves unworthy sons

and daughters of such noble sires. We must not only show that we are proud of our ancestors, but we must do something to make our ancestors proud of us. We must face heroically the statement of the Master: "Where much is given, much will be required." We must see to it that the glorious heritage into which we have entered is so utilized and improved that the next generation that gathers to celebrate the second Golden Jubilee will have as much reason to be proud of us as we have to be proud of our fathers and mothers. To do this we must not only recount their deeds, but we must imitate their spirit. The same fundamental principles that made Methodism such a power in the days of Mr. Wesley and that made it a winning force in Texas for the past fifty years are the things that we must depend on to make it win in this the twentieth century. Let us then for a moment stop to inquire for the old paths and ask where is the good way:

1. The preachers of fifty years ago believed in Christian Education. They believed that the Church must have her own schools if she is to be supplied with a trained leadership in the ministry and among our laymen. So we find that at this first Conference they had Waco Female College and Fort Sullivan Male and Female Institute. It was found upon investigation that the Church had no adequate title to either property, and so they took steps to have the titles made good. A little later, in 1869, Marvin College was founded in Waxahachie. Then followed Oenaville High School, Granbury High School, Corsicana District School, Roxanna College at Graham, Fairfield High School, Stephenville High School, Belle Plains College, Parker Institute, Granbury College, San Saba Academy, Weatherford College, Centenary College at Lampasas, etc.

The story of these schools, their rise and struggles and final failure is one of the most pathetic stories of our Conference history. Much has been said and written about the many Church schools that we have lost and the vast amount of money we have squandered. The fact is that the Church has lost comparatively little money in these school ventures. Most of them failed because of the very meager amount of money that was put into them. And the fact is that these efforts were not altogether failures. The very effort to build and equip them indicated an abiding faith in the principle of Christian Education. And who can measure the permanent good accomplished by these pioneer schools? Though many of them were short lived and all of them died without having reached maturity, yet who will say that the consecrated efforts of such men as McKenzie, J. S. Lane, W. G. Connor, J. M. Pugh, Sam P. Wright, John R. Allen, J. M. Lewis, J. Fred Cox, R. O. Rounsavall and D. S. Switzer and others were a failure? Many a young man and woman received in these institutions culture and training of a high order and inspiration to seek the highest ideal of life. And the very efforts that were made in their founding and maintenance helped to create a sentiment in favor of Christian Education which made possible the splendid system of schools which we have in Texas today. While they failed to develop into such proportions as would fulfill the dreams of their founders, yet the good they accomplished and the influences they set in motion have been worth to the Church and to the cause of Christian Education all the money they cost.

It is up to us of this day to profit by their experiences. The necessity of Church schools is now not a question for debate. We must see to it that the schools we now have are adequately equipped and endowed. This is a necessity if our Church is to hold its place as a leader of the religious forces of this State.

2. These old-time preachers emphasized the doctrine that all men are sinners and need a Savior. They did not tolerate a diluted rose water theology that looked on sin as a sort of misfortune—a mere excessiveness on the tree of life. They did not countenance a sort of hold up your hand and be counted conversion, or conduct a campaign of salvation by correspondence which is accomplished by merely singing a card. They preached the rugged theology of

"Repent the voice celestial cries,
No longer dare delay,
The wretch that scorns the mandate dies
And meets a fiery day."

But if they preached that all men are great sinners, they also proclaimed

ed a great Savior. Their invitation to sinners was as broad as their condemnation of sin. They believed that they were authorized to make a bona fide tender of salvation to every lost man. They could say with Mr. Wesley: "You may take back my part in the blood of Jesus Christ if it did not flow for all the race." They sang as they preached:

"Come all the world, come sinner thou,
All things in Christ are ready now.
Ye need not one be left behind,
For God hath bidden all mankind."

No wonder the hungry-hearted sin-sick souls gave heed to their message and at their invitations came flocking home to God.

And, my brethren, a sin-sick world is still anxious for the same message. Shame on us if we should attempt to substitute for such preaching little sermonettes on sensational topics of the day or try to attract and hold the people by giving picture shows, sacred concerts and lectures instead of holding up Him who said: "I, when I am lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

3. Another distinguishing characteristic of the preaching of these men of fifty years ago was that there was in it always a triumph and note of assurance. They not only preached that all men are sinners and all sinners may be saved, but that all who are saved may have the assurance of salvation. They not only opened the altar place and called mourners and taught them to pray:

"Show pity Lord, O Lord forgive,
Let a repenting rebel live,"

but they insisted on them staying at the altar until they prayed through and were able to say and to sing:

"What we have felt and seen,
With confidence we tell
And publish to the sons of men
The signs infallible."

Theirs was no doubting, hesitating or uncertain message. They did not grope their way through a hazy, indefinite theology or experience, singing with Cardinal Newman:

"Lead, kindly light,
Amid the encircling gloom,"

but rather they struck the militant and triumphant note:

"Lead on O King eternal,
We follow not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning.
Where'er thy face appears
Thy cross is lifted o'er us.
We journey in its light,
The crown awaits the conquest,
Lead on O God of might."

In the presence of such preaching the advocates of the horrible decrees were compelled either to hide their creed or to revise it, or their Churches would have had to go out of business. One of the most significant and far-reaching services the early Methodist preachers have rendered the world has been to practically drive from the pulpits of the land all doctrine antagonistic to these fundamental principles of which I have spoken. It forced the teachers of Calvinism to revise their creed or to so alter the staple of their preaching that they would be considered, not in the attitude of antagonists to Methodist theology, but would be recognized as coworkers in an honest effort to save every lost man. This is the status today. The preaching that reaches, convicts and saves men today, in whatever pulpit it is heard, is the preaching that emphasizes those great cardinal doctrines which were so strongly advocated by Mr. Wesley and so vigorously insisted upon by the early Methodist preachers of this pioneer country. And these are the doctrines which a world of sinners about us today need as much as it has ever needed them, and they are the doctrines to which a hungry-hearted world will listen. One of the most glorious things that could result from this Jubilee observance would be for our preachers to get a new grip on these fundamentally distinguishing characteristics of Methodism and go out to preach them with the fervency and zeal of our pioneer fathers.

Another thing we need to get out of this Jubilee year is a renewed emphasis upon the idea that Methodism is essentially missionary in its spirit and operations, and especially to emphasize the fact that our progress in the past and our present possessions entail upon us of this generation to adjust ourselves to the task of world evangelization on a scale never dreamed of by those pioneers and not yet attempted by us.

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creeks, under brush arbors or on the prairie with only the grass for a carpet and God's stars for a chandelier:

"A glorious band, this chosen few,
On whom the Spirit came,
They climbed the steep ascent to heaven
Through peril, toil and pain.
O God to us may grace be given
To follow in their train."

My task tonight is not to follow this band, although to do so would be a fascinating and inspiring journey. I am asked to give some of the results of the labors of these men and their successors, as evidenced by our present condition, that we of this generation may have some idea of the magnificent heritage into which we have entered to note some of the things that justify us in observing this as our Jubilee Year, and also to call brief attention to some of the things which we must do in order to properly observe this Golden Jubilee.

This band of forty-one itinerants, thirty-three of whom received appointments at the hand of Bishop Marvin in 1866, has increased to 489. The thirty-nine hundred members reported to that Conference has increased to 120,000, and this, too, in spite of the fact that ten counties of our original territory were given to adjoining conferences. Their ten Sunday Schools, with 500 members, have grown to 800 schools with a membership of 100,000. Where they had not a single parsonage, we have now 343, valued at \$661,000. The very few, insignificant churches in which they preached have increased to 850, valued at \$3,000,000. The largest salary paid any pastor in 1866 was \$500, paid to the preacher in charge of Corsicana Station, the average for the Conference being only \$250. Last year the preachers of these two conferences were paid \$374,000, an average of \$900. At that Conference they reported \$71 collected for missions and \$47.50 for conference claimants. Last year we reported for all Connectional claims \$122,127, and for all purposes collected \$1,100,000. The total value of all our church property is now \$4,000,000.

When the conference was organized they had not a single organization among the women. Now we have 300 Woman's Missionary Societies with a membership of more than 9000.

At our organization we had not a single school to which the Church had any title. Now, within the same territory, we have five splendid training schools with property valued at

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reported at the conference of 1866 for missions with the comparatively large sum reported by our conference last year we may be tempted to congratulate ourselves on how much more missionary we are than they. But the truth is that every one of that little band of preachers was as much a missionary as any man in this conference today with the difference that they did missionary work without any missionary appropriation. Another fact is that in those days money was a scarce article, so that preachers and people were forced to live on the coarsest kind of fare—but it is not so today. The figures indicating our material wealth are absolutely staggering. A statement quoted in our Texas Advocate a few weeks ago from the Comptroller of Currency before the American Bankers' Association says in effect that if there should be withdrawn from American banks today an amount equal to the combined resources of the banks of England, France, Spain, The Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and Japan—there would still be more money on deposit to the credit of our people than there was three years ago. Of this vast increase Texas is surely getting her share. The testimony of all our bankers is that we have more money on deposit than ever before at this or any other season of the year. And nobody doubts that the people called Methodists have their share of this money. The question this Jubilee year should raise is: What are our laymen going to do about this? The greatest peril of our Church today is its prosperity. The liberality of most of our people is not keeping pace with their increase in wealth, or with the increasing calls of the Church for money. In addition to emphasizing the old doctrines to which I have already made reference our preachers must put increased emphasis on the gospel of money. We must remind our people and ourselves that Jesus sits over against the treasury today as he did in Jerusalem to see how the people cast money into the treasury. And the standard by which he determines as to whether these contributions are liberal or not is not the intrinsic value of the offering itself, but the size of the offering compared with what the contributor has left for his own use and benefit. And his reasons for sitting over against the treasury and marking how the money is cast in are not far to seek. In the first place there is no surer test of the real attitude of the heart toward Jesus than the amount and spirit of the offerings made in his name. She gave much because she loved much is the Master's own explanation of an offering that had been called a waste by a money-loving critic. The two greatest forces operating in the human heart today are: "Love of Money" and "Love to Christ." The two are not only antagonistic but they are mutually destructive. They both cannot exist in the same heart. I believe that the most dangerous, the most subtle and the most universal temptation confronting our people today is the temptation to love money more than they love Jesus Christ. And the only thing that is going to save us from covetousness which is idolatry is for our people to give on a larger scale than they have yet reached to the cause for which Jesus gave his life.

Another reason why Jesus sits over against the treasury is because it is now largely a question of money as to whether or not his gospel shall speedily be preached to the whole world. Never in the history of the world has the man from Macedonia sounded a more urgent call for help. The cry of widowhood, the wail of orphanage, the call of ignorance for educational institutions, the loud appeal of starving heathenism for the bread and water of life are cries that the Church cannot answer with an empty treasury. Shall our people allow their ears to be so filled with the clanking of gold and silver as it rolls across the counter into the banks or as it is invested in lands and stocks and bonds that they cannot hear these clamant calls of the kingdom of God? Shall they be content to sit down at the banquet table loaded with gospel privileges made possible for them by the heroic self-sacrifices of their fathers and give nothing more than the crumbs that fall from the table to answer these heart-rending cries of a needy world? From such a state let us pray: "Good Lord deliver us." May the stirring stories of this Jubilee year so fill us with admiration for our fathers and so impress us with the magnitude of our privileges and mercies that we and all our people shall honestly inquire, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

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SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.

Rev. J. P. Mussett.

(Continued from page 3.)

in 1909 we set up the great shoot recognized under the new boundary of the now Northwest Texas Conference.

When Israel came to their Jubilee, the Psalmist broke forth in his sweet song thus: "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongues with singing; then said they among the heathen, the Lord hath done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bearing his sheaves with him."

We have indeed cause to rejoice in our success. To God be all the praise. Our numbers augmented, multiplied our opportunity and responsibility. The danger just here may prove to us a snare, as it was to Israel when they took their number. While we rejoice at this, our coming together, in view of the great possibilities before us—the field white unto the harvest, the multitudes of immortal beings in sin and degredation, in the broad way that leads down to hell. Not only the heathen in the foreign fields, but the heathen in our home land, at our doors, all call upon us to reconsecrate ourselves with all that we have and are anew to God and his service. There is a principle in philosophy which says there is no real life except at the expense of life. Christ died that we might have life. In 1 John 3:16 we read: "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." The Psalmist says: "There be many that say, Who will show us any good?" We are God's ambassadors.

When the sainted Bishop, in his address at the Missionary Anniversary, as if under prophetic inspiration, pictured before us the wonderful possibilities for the development of this country when the floodtide of immigration from every quarter of the globe would pour in upon us millions of people who would bring with them all their heathen customs and idolatry and corruption which we as ambassadors of Jesus Christ were commissioned to lead into the light of life, he declared that the conflict would be such that to overthrow we must dare to do and to die, if need be, for our Lord in the conversion of these multitudes, or we would be overcome by their corruption and idolatry. We have but to look about us to see the fulfillment of his prophecy. While we slept the enemy sowed their evil seeds in our field. Now we are required to

contend with all these heathen teachings. Besides we are confronted with the vagaries of the so-called Christian Science—materialism. The money-loving craze which is seen in the mad rush of business of the present day. Socialism, which teaches the divinity of man instead of the divinity of Jesus Christ.

To refute and drive out these heathen and idolatrous teachings according to our sainted Bishop, was, and is, our mission. God said to the prophet Jeremiah: "See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, and to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant." There must be no uncertain sound. We cannot afford to compromise in our teachings. Instead of a mere topical method of preaching we need to return to the dogmatical preaching of the cardinal doctrines of our Lord Jesus Christ, and as taught in all John Wesley's preaching. Instead of seeking merely to entertain with solos and quartettes whose words are slurred and blurred until one cannot understand anything but sound, we ought to sing with the Spirit and the understanding. When we come together we must have upon our hearts the realization that some soul's eternal destiny depends upon this hour.

HELPING HANDS.

Visiting a great factory one day, I went through the room where young girls were fastening hooks and eyes upon cards. Their fingers fairly flew! Among them I noticed an old woman, busy at the same work. Her heavy fingers were crooked and worn. Months before she came begging for work. She needed it, for she had a sick husband to support. Seeing the girls at work, she said that she could do what they were doing. The superintendent knew that she would be slow and awkward, and he tried to discourage her, but he finally gave her a place at the long bench with the girls. It was such pattering work for her thick-tipped fingers, and she earned so little, yet she had to try! After awhile her pile of finished work began to grow strangely fast. There was a beautiful secret in it. Some of the girls, pitying her, were slipping some of their cards into her pile. Soon she was receiving almost as much as the others, and she was able to keep her little home in comfort.—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

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FINANCES OF THE CHURCH.

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A short address, "To the Pastors of the West Texas Conference," by M. A. Childers, Conference Lay Leader, Advocate of November 9, in which he claims that the West Texas Conference adopted the plan outlined by the Board of Lay Activities as the "official Method of attending to the finances of the Church," prompts me to refresh the minds of our preachers with the following facts:

The West Texas Conference is not a legislative body.

The Board of Lay Activities is not a legislative body.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is its only legislative body.

Rules governing the collection and disbursement of the finances of the Church have been enacted and laid down in the Discipline, our book of laws and rules.

See Discipline (1914) page 80, paragraph 202.

See Discipline, page 77, 1st section of paragraph 193.

See Discipline, page 148, paragraph 378. Also page 149, paragraph 380. Same page, paragraph 381.

These are the official methods adopted by our own and only legislative body for the primary work of raising finances of the Church.

We have various sub-bodies organized in the Church that may adopt and work certain methods of raising finances for their own use, but those methods are not the "official" methods adopted by the General Conference for the government of the preachers of our various pastoral charges.

It is best for all preachers and all conference Boards and all Church organizations to follow to the letter the rules and laws for their government laid down in the Book of Discipline.

TO CLEAN LACE YOKE.

Many people are puzzled by the problem of how the lace yoke of a gown may be cleaned without detaching it from the bodice. If it is washed in the ordinary way by dipping it into a basin of soap suds, the result is that of wetting the material of the gown, the color of the latter staining the lace.

By far the best result, however, may be gained by first rolling a corner of a bath towel into a thick pad and placing this under the lace.

A brush or cloth should then be dipped in a good lather and dabbed over the yoke, the lace meanwhile being well squeezed between the fingers. If this is repeated with fresh soap once or twice and a dry piece of towel substituted when the original corner is saturated, the cloth or silk of which the bodice is made will be kept perfectly dry.—Ledger.



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THE CONFERENCES AND THE ADVOCATE.

Seven of the eight patronizing conferences have already held their annual sessions for 1916; the eighth, the East Oklahoma, is now in session at Muskogee, Bishop E. D. Mouzon presiding. Nothing could surpass the cordiality with which the publishers and editor have everywhere been received. The resolutions of appreciation and sympathy, passed at each Conference held thus far, greatly hearten those who are charged with the responsibility of making the Advocate.

The Publishers' Jubilee Campaign has been unanimously indorsed by each Conference and already some twenty thousand new subscribers, to be secured in the week beginning November 30, have been pledged. Each Conference has agreed to practically double its subscription list. The East Oklahoma Conference, now in session, will doubtless pledge its quota of new subscribers. And all this constitutes the largest single campaign ever undertaken for the Advocate in its history of more than sixty years.

The editor will not now recite the reasons for this campaign. These reasons have been set forth in the address of the Joint Board of Publication. He writes now simply to urge the pastors to make the campaign the first concerted effort of the new conference year. November 30 is the fiftieth anniversary of the Senior Publisher's connection with the Advocate and beginning with that day each pastor, if at all practicable, should begin his personal campaign and close it with the Sunday services on December 3. And if this shall be done, we believe that the mailing list for the next issue, December 7, will reach forty thousand, the desired goal.

Brethren of the ministry, let us say that the hope of our campaign is in you. The Advocate is no stronger, and can be no stronger, than your sympathy and support. Mere conference resolutions or personal wishes cannot land us at the desired goal. We cannot dream ourselves into this goal, but must earnestly strive for it.

AN AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING.

We attended the opening service of our new First Church, Dallas, last Sunday morning. The congregations of the old First Church and Trinity Church met in the Trinity building, corner McKinney and Pearl, for the first consolidated service.

The Sunday School service at 9 o'clock packed every part of the auditorium and Sunday School room. The attendance was 921. The service was a veritable jubilee. "Consolidation Day," celebrating the union of the two Churches, was observed throughout the day.

At 11 o'clock the pastor, Dr. S. H. C. Burgin, introduced the presiding elder, Dr. Sam R. Hay, to one of the largest audiences we ever saw in the Trinity building. Auditorium, aisles, Sunday School room and galleries were filled with as happy, as jubilant a congregation as we ever saw. Fully 90 per cent of the old First Church membership were present. Trinity's membership was present in even larger proportion. It was the reassembling of old friends who had worshiped together before the division of First Church years ago. A perfect radiance and glow were upon hundreds and hundreds of faces. Dr. Hay preached a timely and great sermon from the words, "Forgetting the things which are behind," etc.

The new First Church of Dallas now has a body of sixty-two stewards and a membership of 1748. The congregation will worship in the Trinity building until the new church is erected at the corner of Harwood and Ross.

We congratulate Drs. Burgin and Hay upon their fine team work as

pastor and presiding elder. We congratulate the membership upon their happy and auspicious union. Henceforth our great First Church will deliver itself with mighty power upon the great and growing city of Dallas.

EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

The seventy-first session of the East Oklahoma Conference was called to order Wednesday morning, November 22, at 9 o'clock, in Muskogee, by Bishop E. D. Mouzon.

The East Oklahoma Conference is composed of nine presiding elders' districts and has 169 pastoral charges. The Conference has a membership of 29,341, according to the Journal of 1915. It has a Sunday School enrollment of 26,501. The value of the houses of worship and parsonages is \$927,608.

The first session of the Conference was held at Riley's Chapel, October 23, 1844, and was presided over by Bishop Morris, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1845 it was presided over by Bishop Joshua Soule, the Senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who had cast his lot with the Southern Church in the division of 1844. Paine, Capers, Andrew, Kavanaugh, Pierce, Early, Marvin, Doggett and McTyeire are among the great spirits of the Church who presided from time to time over this historic Conference.

The Conference embraces much of the most rapidly developing territory in Oklahoma. The great Tulsa oil fields are within the bounds of the Conference. McAlester, Muskogee and Tulsa are among the growing cities supplied by the preachers of the Conference. A. C. Pickens, T. F. Roberts, R. T. Blackburn, N. L. Linebaugh, J. M. Peterson, C. L. Brooks, T. P. Turner, J. H. Ball and James W. Rogers are the progressive presiding elders forming the Bishop's Cabinet. The membership of the Conference contains many of the choicest and most heroic spirits in the Church.

The Advocate wishes for Bishop Mouzon and the Conference a happy session.

BISHOP MOUZON ON UNIFICATION

We are pleased to give to our readers in this issue a contribution from the pen of Bishop Mouzon on the unification of our Methodisms.

Bishop Mouzon says what we have had in mind for weeks to say to our readers, namely, that there can be no discriminating discussion of the subject unless we shall seek to rebreathe the spirit of our bodies at Oklahoma City and Saratoga. The distinct feeling of both bodies was that the reorganization of American Methodism, on certain basal principles, is "desirable." Whatever else may be said or may not be said, the Oklahoma City and the Saratoga Conferences breathed a sincere desire for unification. This is the most important thing and is a thing which we must not cease to cherish.

The two plans proposed present some ideas which are potentially contrary, but, if the heart's desire for unification be fostered, the head is more likely to discover a way which will be honorable alike to each and which will promote the interests of the kingdom.

If there is no diminution of the "desirable," we shall more likely fall upon the "feasible." Any way, read thoughtfully what our good Bishop writes.

MR BRYAN'S GREATEST CAMPAIGN.

William Jennings Bryan has entered upon his greatest campaign, the making of the Nation dry. He has told the Democratic party that it must dissolve its partnership with the saloon. The entire Nation will never forget the heroic figure of Mr. Bryan at Baltimore when he announced that the Democratic party and Wall Street must dissolve partnership. The recent election of President Wilson is due to the momentous decision of his party to break relations with Wall Street. Without Wall Street, and despite Wall Street, Mr. Wilson has twice been elected to the Presidency.

Mr. Bryan now enters upon the fiercest fight of his whole career. Four new States were added to the dry columns in the November election. More than half of the States of the Union are now free from the domination of the saloon. Will Democracy be the first of the old parties to say that the whisky traffic must go? Will it follow the leadership of the peerless Bryan? We believe it will.

AN IMPORTANT COMMISSION.

The North Texas Conference, at its recent session, appointed a Commission on the North Texas Female College. This Commission will meet at Travis Street Methodist Church, Sherman, Tuesday morning, November 28. The Commission is to consider a proposition from the heirs of Mrs. Key for the purchase of that part of the college property owned by her.

Of the proposition, of course, we cannot speak. We do unhesitatingly

say, however, that it is vital to our Methodism that the North Texas Female College should be put upon the most stable basis and that its facilities should be kept up to the highest standard. The college has contributed in a wonderful measure to the womanhood of the South and to the growth of our Church. It has stood for the highest ideals of Christian womanhood and should be perpetuated as a monument to the memory of the most remarkable woman which the South has seen in a generation.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE NOTES AND PERSONALS

R. A. Langston, Hemphill Heights, Fort Worth: 70 conversions, 104 additions, 45 on profession of faith, net gain 79, \$1100 church debt paid, church removed from Mission Board, salary and claims in full.

J. A. Adams, Covington: 40 conversions, 43 additions, net gain 43, salary raised from \$800 to \$1000 and paid in full, church moved from old to new town and \$600 spent on improvements.

J. Hall Bowman, Moody: A very fine year, 43 added, 15 on profession of faith, a debt of \$800 on our church was paid, collections and salary in full.

C. L. Cartwright, Gatesville: 63 additions, all collections in full, \$5300 paid for all purposes, all departments are well organized.

A Noble Layman, First Church, Fort Worth: W. T. Waggoner, a noble layman, has presented the Church with a handsome \$12,000 pipe organ.

John M. Neal, McGregor: 200 conversions, 84 net gain, salary and conference claims in full, \$6000 spent for all purposes.

Ernest L. Lloyd, Meridian: 76 additions, all collections in full, \$2000 in cash raised for new parsonage.

C. E. Lindsey, Mart: 123 additions to the Church, 69 on profession of faith, net gain 102, raised for all purposes \$5460.

Thos. S. Barcus, Boulevard, Fort Worth: 109 members received, \$1150 church debt paid, arrangements for the church dedication have been made. Salary and collections all paid in full.

A. D. Porter, Main Street, Cleburne: 188 members received, 113 on profession of faith, 102 net gain, present membership 1946, for all purposes \$10,000 was paid.

W. H. Howard, Belton Station: Fine year, everything paid in full, old debts paid, parsonage and grounds improved, 50 additions, fine Sunday School and League.

R. F. Brown, Herring Avenue, Waco: 60 additions on profession of faith, 77 by certificate, a total of 173, \$1000 paid on church debt, salary and collections paid in full, \$3000 paid for all purposes.

C. A. Evans, Sagamore and Sycamore: These Churches were organized three years ago with 42 members and no church property. We have today 130 members, and property valued at \$4750. Everything is paid in full this year.

C. V. Williams, May, Cisco District: 132 conversions, 56 net gain, new piano paid for and some on parsonage debt, salary paid in full.

F. L. Meadow, Glen Rose: Completed, furnished and paid for a \$12,000 stone church with 11 Sunday School rooms. All departments of Church well organized.

Henry F. Brooks, Mineral Wells: 233 conversions, 264 additions to the Church, net gain 211, average attendance of more than 100 at prayer meeting, salary and conference collections paid in full, total membership 1036, an average of \$1.18 per member for missions; total budget \$3333.

L. L. Felder, Blanket: Salary increased and paid in full. Two Epworth Leagues organized with 60 members, Sunday School well organized, 35 per cent increase in collections over last year.

Seba Kirkpatrick, Newcastle: 68 accessions, built an elegant five-room parsonage, a good year.

H. L. Munger, Morrow Street, Waco: 184 additions, 100 net gain, \$7500 was raised on a debt for a new lot. The Sunday School is larger than it has been for fifteen years.

John N. McCain, Coutts Memorial, Weatherford: 110 conversions, 100 additions, an addition of 6 Sunday School rooms has been built, \$3000 raised for all purposes.

T. D. Ellis, Novice charge: 58 additions to the Church, conference claims and salary paid in full; total budget \$1302.

E. R. Stanford, Ballinger Station: Church debt paid, salary advanced \$300 and paid in full, 71 additions, total for all purposes \$4600.

M. L. Lathan, Emmett, Corsicana District: Four Sunday Schools of 516 members, four Missionary Societies, good revivals, collections and salary in full.

R. B. Hooker, Horn Hill Mission: We have had 41 additions to the Church, baptized 7 infants, everything in full; a new church was built at Datura at \$2714.

J. Fred Patterson, Weatherford Circuit: 50 conversions, 48 additions; a good year.

B. E. Kimbrow, Chatfield charge: Everything in full, 75 additions, 63 on profession of faith.

R. O. Sory, Bethel Station: 34 conversions, 24 additions, finances in full, \$9.50 per capita.

J. F. Isbell, Wortham: 150 conversions and a net gain of 110 members, a church debt of \$500 paid, everything in full.

John W. Hall, Oglesby: 85 conversions, 64 additions to the Church, all claims in full.

J. H. Walker, Whitney Station: Parsonage improved and church debt paid, Sunday School and prayer meetings are good, collections are in full.

W. H. Keener, Midway, Georgetown District: Have recovered from brakes and bruises of motor wreck early in the year, which rendered me helpless for a long time; made 1400 visits, a net gain of 66, everything in full, all Advocate subs paid up; total raised \$4200.

E. F. Hudgens, Ferris Station: Good revivals, 49 additions, Epworth League organized, all indebtedness paid, salary overpaid, conference assessment in full, church painted and other improvements.

Frank Huguen, Harmony charge: 32 members received, salary in full, all collections paid.

B. F. Alsop, Kennedale Circuit: Have closed my fourth year here. Raised \$9000 in that time, paid \$8.50 per member this year, Advocate, conference claims and salary paid in full.

E. W. Bridges, Penelope, Hillsboro District: 50 received into the Church, \$1500 church debt paid, new furniture in the parsonage, a good League organized, salary paid in full.

J. J. Creed, Taylor: Sunday School well organized, a splendid Epworth League, attendance on prayer meeting 40 to 80, a substantial increase in membership and all finances in full.

Sam G. Thompson, Brownwood District: The Brownwood District reports 1502 conversions, about 900 additions and a satisfactory net gain in membership. There is a small deficit on salaries, 5 new Epworth Leagues have been organized, one

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new parsonage and three new churches. These churches have been finished and opened. Plans are well on the way for a new \$40,000 church. This has been a remarkable year in the district for paying old and embarrassing debts. On the whole, we have had a very fine year.

J. B. Curry, McKinley Avenue, Fort Worth: 125 conversions, 104 additions to the Church, salary and claims all in full. We have secured the uniting of McKinley M. E. Church, South, and Pearl Avenue M. E. Church into the McKinley M. E. Church, South.

C. W. Irvin, Midlothian Station: All finances in full, a good net gain.

Wm. G. Bailey, Highland Park, Fort Worth: A good year, 85 additions, lot debt of \$1300 paid, new parsonage built and all collections and salary in full.

Henry Francis, Granbury Circuit: Closed our second year, 80 professions and advancements in finances.

J. D. Hendrickson, Bangs: 40 conversions, 36 additions, all collections in full, \$800 paid on church debt.

M. S. Hotchkiss, Mulkey Memorial: 152 received into the Church, a splendid new parsonage, valued at \$7000, built during the year, all financial obligations met, a missionary special of \$105 paid.

Josephus Lee, Commissioner of the Orphanage: Has made a splendid record, having collected approximately \$20,000 cash and good notes, which assures the completion of the new building at the Orphanage.

H. D. Huddleston, Valley Mills: 15 conversions, two Leagues organized, built one church, paid for all purposes \$10,768.

C. A. Bickley, Anglin Street, Cleburne: Closes third year, 105 received on profession of faith, 76 adults baptized, 157 received in all, collections all in full.

W. H. Cole, China Springs: 113 conversions and reclamations, 25 additions to the Church, Sunday School attendance doubled, salary paid in full, a splendid League and prayer meeting organized.

Marcus M. Chunn, Aledo Circuit: 71 additions, two new Leagues, 500 per cent increase in Sunday School, one new church, all collections in full.

C. W. Daniel, Smithfield: More than 100 conversions, 75 net gain in membership, Sunday School has large increase.

B. R. Wagner, Waxahachie Circuit: This is a new work of one year. It has been a fine year, raised more than \$2000 for all purposes.

Cullom H. Booth, Georgetown: 147 additions, Sunday School enrollment 1168, mission special \$239, all debts paid in full, paid \$12,800 in cash on southwestern Science Building, paid for all purposes \$20,866.

G. H. Wilson, Gustine charge: 41 accessions, salary in full, 90 per cent of conference claims, but one Advocate subscription unpaid.

J. W. Head, Cooleedge Station: 122 conversions, 60 accessions, everything paid in full, salary increased from \$700 to \$1000 during past two years.

D. A. McGuire, Clay Street, Waco: Everything in full, 100 received into the Church; best of three years.

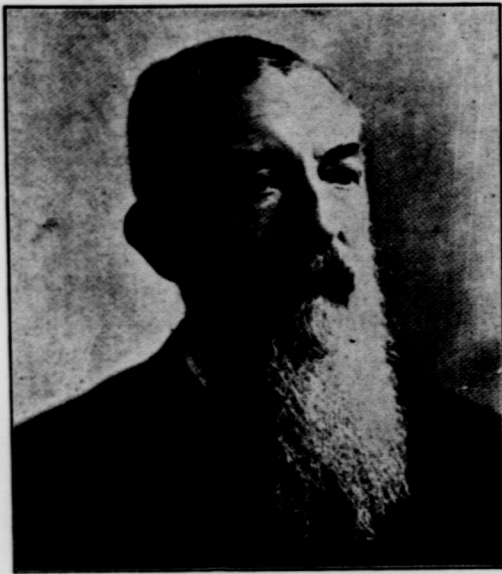
J. W. W. Shuler, Hubbard: 63 additions, all assessments paid in full, Sunday School more than doubled, 60 men in Bible Class, all debts are paid, everything in fine shape.

J. O. Gore, Desdemona: 27 accessions, slight increase in salary, 35 per cent on benevolences.

Wm. J. Morphis, Kirk charge: Spiritual condition good, membership increased 33 1-3 per cent, salary and assessments increased 50 per cent and paid and a special made on missions, subscribers to the Advocate increased 100 per cent.

O. A. Martin, Graford: Five revivals, 62 conversions, 40 additions, built a new parsonage, secured a superannuate home.

John G. Pollard, Strawn: 55 additions, new parsonage built at



BISHOP ALPHEUS W. WILSON DEAD.

The American Church will be shocked to hear of the death of Bishop A. W. Wilson, which occurred at his home in Baltimore, Tuesday, November 21. Alpheus W. Wilson, son of Rev. Norval and Cornelia L. Wilson, was born in Baltimore, February 5, 1834. He was educated at Columbian University (now George Washington University); was married to Miss Susan B. Lipscomb, of Baltimore, March 4, 1857; was received on trial in the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in 1853; later joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when the Baltimore Conference was organized; in 1878 was elected Secretary of the Board of Missions; in 1882 was elected Bishop. He took many Episcopal tours around the world; was a delegate to Ecumenical Conferences of 1881, 1891, 1901 and 1911.

For nearly forty years Bishop Wilson has been a commanding figure in American Methodism. As Missionary Secretary his messages thrilled the Church; as a Bishop he was the recognized statesman of the Church; as a preacher he was, perhaps, without an equal on the continent; as a Christian, he was simplicity itself; and, as a man, he was approachable and brotherly. Bishop Wilson has been a sufferer from asthma for many years. His physical weakness led to his superannuation at the General Conference of 1914. Even then he was recognized as the greatest intellect in the Church. His address at superannuation could not have been produced by any of his colleagues or by any other man in that conference. The conference sat as if bewitched by his wonderful thought and his fluent words. He did not ask for superannuation nor did he resist it. A calm dignity and sweet joy wreathed his noble face.

Since his superannuation Bishop Wilson has kept busy, delivering addresses and visiting conferences as his strength allowed.

Tuesday morning, last, the great man fell on sleep. The fragrance of his life fills the Church. Our College of Bishops is sorely bereaved in the loss of a wise counsellor; the Church is stricken in the loss of a master mind and a great heart. When again shall we see the like of our great leader?

cost of \$2250, the old parsonage remodeled and equipped for a modern primary department, salary and conference claims paid in full, raised for all purposes \$4014.

A. E. Watford, Joshua charge: 73 additions, 33 on profession of faith, \$900 paid on improvements, \$2478 raised for all purposes, Sunday School in good shape.

W. T. Jones, Walnut Springs: 35 additions to the Church, 16 on profession of faith, everything in fine shape.

J. L. Oliver, Eliasville: Finances all paid in full, a net gain in membership, one church finished and furnished.

P. H. Gates, Wingate: 103 conversions, 78 received into the Church, 43 on profession of faith, 23 adults baptized, a new parsonage built at a cost of \$900, sent to Orphanage \$57; total for the year \$2738.

Mac M. Smith, Turnersville: Sunday School of an average attendance of 80, Orphanage offering \$50, 60 conversions, 55 additions to the Church, \$100 paid on parsonage debt.

J. H. Braswell, Alvarado: Our first year has been a good one.

J. U. McAfee, Barry and Emhouse: Collections all in full for the first time

in the history of the charge, church finished at Barry, new church begun at Emhouse, 50 additions to the Church, 40 on profession.

C. W. Macune, Line Street, Hillsboro: 25 per cent increase in membership, Sunday School fine, Wesley Bible Class, one Teachers' Training Class, one man licensed to preach, salary in full.

E. V. Cox, Killeen Station: 65 accessions to the Church, each Sunday marked from 1 to 13 new members in Sunday School, parsonage renovated and repaired, church debt of \$7500 covered by gift edge notes, \$4500 paid in cash, collected \$9000.

R. H. Heizer, Jonesboro charge: Good meetings, 50 conversions, 25 additions, salaries paid in full.

Chas. B. Diltz, Hamilton Circuit: 60 conversions, 36 net gain in membership, \$2000 in cash raised on new church to be started December 1, parsonage debt paid, total for the year \$4002 raised for all purposes.

L. Pat Leach, Kirvin and Streetman Circuit: Have had a great year, salary and benevolences paid in full, 29 received into the Church.

J. D. Smoot, Carlton charge: 112 conversions, 109 new members received, net gain of 87, conference

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claims and salary paid in full, a new church is being built at Carlton at a cost of \$3500, paid for all purposes \$4424.

J. E. Matlock, Frost: Net gain of 80 in membership, salary raised from \$1000 to \$1200 and paid, all claims paid in full, a good year.

C. W. Griffin, Hasse Mission: Held five revivals, 64 conversions, 60 additions to the Church, salary paid in full, a new church building on foot.

H. A. Nichols, Robert Lee charge: Have had 40 conversions, 31 additions to the Church, 7 babies baptized, salary paid in full, a good year.

E. R. Patterson, Salado and Holland: We have had a good year; finances are a little behind, a good increase in Church membership.

M. A. Turner, Granger: About 100 conversions, which gave us a good net gain, all departments doing good work all claims paid in full, pastor's salary has been increased for next year. For all purposes \$4575.

S. P. Nevill, Brazos Avenue, Cleburne: All debts have been paid, some improvements have been made on the church, 80 members have been added to the Church, 40 on profession of faith, Sunday School attendance has been increased 200 per cent, all financial obligations have been met.

J. W. Fort, First Church, Corsicana: Raised in cash and notes \$5500 and paid off old debt on church, pastor's salary increased \$250 over last year and paid in full, conference claims paid in full, Church membership 942 members, total raised \$17,000.

R. A. Walker, Seventh Street, Temple: A good year, all claims paid, the pastor's salary increased from \$1200 to \$1500 and paid. We have two Teachers' Training Class of over 50 members, a good Epworth League and Woman's Missionary Society is doing a good work, 33 increase in membership. Plans are laid for a new building.

Edgar N. Scarlett, Olney Mission: 12 additions, our church built and dedicated, a new parsonage built, total amount collected for the year \$1421.60, a good year.

Lee A. Clark, Zephyr: 52 conversions, 32 additions, old debts paid, a good year.

W. J. Whitley, Fairy charge: 67 conversions, 60 received into the Church, net gain of 32, held five revivals, a good year.

Edger M. Wisdom, Rising Star Station: Good year, one good League of 52 members organized this year, 35 members received on profession of faith, 16 otherwise, cleaning of rolls gave a net loss of 137; total membership now 214.

J. T. Bloodworth, Polytechnic: Have held 15 revivals, assisted in organizing many Epworth Leagues and Woman's Missionary Societies, had approximately 2000 conversions, the best year I have had.

W. T. Singley, Carbon charge: 150 conversions; the best year of the four spent here, finances in good shape.

W. T. Kinslow, Mt. Calm Station: Have had a good year, 90 additions to the Church, largest Sunday School in our history, salary in full.

L. L. Evans, Waco Mission: It has been a good year, a new Church organized in the city of Waco, all finances in full.

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PUBLISHERS' JUBILEE CAMPAIGN FOR TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 30, 1916.

Conference	Goal	Secured
New Mexico	400
West Texas	4000
West Oklahoma	1323
North Texas	4000
Northwest Texas	4000
Texas	4451
Central Texas	4400
East Oklahoma

The Unification of American Methodism

BISHOP EDWIN D. MOUZON

Certain qualifications are necessary before one can discuss wisely and to good purpose the question of unification which is now pending before American Methodism. In order to call particular attention to each of these, they are here carefully enumerated:

1. Genuine love for one's own section of country. Patriotism is always rooted in the soil, and the truest patriot is he who loves his own section best.

2. Loyal devotion to one's own Church, with knowledge of her ideals and history. For loyalty to one's Church is the very patriotism of the Kingdom of God.

3. Some general and particular knowledge of the whole of the United States—not from reading merely or hearsay, but from travel and personal observation, and breadth of sympathy enough to love the whole Nation and every section of the country. In a word, there must be patriotism as broad as America. Provisionalism renders one utterly unfit.

4. Some adequate knowledge of the ideals and history of other Methodisms, and respect for the opinions and convictions of their leaders.

5. Accurate information from travel or study of the moral and religious condition of the non-Christian peoples of the world, and supreme devotion to the interests of the Kingdom of God. The unification of Methodism must be studied in the light of the world's sore need—or let me rather say, under the shadow of a world lost without Christ.

It is, I hope, entirely unnecessary for the writer to say that he is not presumptuous enough to imagine that he comes anywhere near meeting these qualifications. But, with the above named principles in view, he has sought and still seeks to approach this subject.

Let it be said candidly at once that there is a difference between the North and the South. This can neither be ignored nor denied. There is a difference between Scotland and England; and Great Britain is none the worse, but rather the better for it. There are ideals and principles which the people of the South hold forever dear. We acknowledge it. We are proud of the fact. We glory in our traditions. If there are other ideals which the men of the North hold equally dear, we respect them in their sectional loyalty. But did it ever occur to the reader of this article that the North is rapidly growing smaller and smaller? If not, then look at the map of the United States. And may I be pardoned for saying that the South also is growing smaller and smaller? Look at the map. When a certain young preacher crossed the Mississippi River in 1839, the Mississippi was in the far West. Now it is in the East. The fact is, the West is rolling back upon the East. Commercially, politically, socially, religiously, the influences of the West are being more and more felt in the Northeast and in the Southeast. A son of South Carolina, loyal to the traditions of his fathers from Colonial days, and having some knowledge of the whole country from East to West and from North to South, begins to feel that the old sectionalism of fifty years ago has forever vanished (thank God), and that there is now a considerable difference in viewpoint, in atmosphere, in method of approach to all public questions, between the West and the East. Attend one of our General Conferences and see. Visit Washington and see how men of independent and progressive spirit from the West speak and vote in Congress. Note, in this connection, the significance of the re-election of President Woodrow Wilson. We have come upon new days with new issues. Let us beware lest the words of Jesus find a new application: "For ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and garnish the tombs of the righteous, and say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we should not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye witness to yourselves, that ye are sons of them that slew the prophets."

I believe that we shall date history from our General Conference in Oklahoma City in 1914. We took a long step forward there. And we shall not go back. The General Conference of 1844 was one of the greatest General Conferences in the history of Methodism. Great and good men, with tear-filled eyes and breaking hearts, provided a plan of separation which saved Methodism in the North no less

than in the South. God was with the men of 1844. But what a contrast the General Conference of 1848! During the four years intervening the reactionaries had been busily at work. Certain editors (notably Dr. Charles Elliott, of the Western Christian Advocate, the same who wrote the "Great Secession" in which he sought in vain to answer his own argument made in 1844), stirred up bitterness in the Church, and did damage which has not been healed until this day. Let nobody be uneasy for fear that the Southern Church is, during the present quadrennium, going to do anything remotely resembling what was done by the Northern Church in the quadrennium from 1844 to 1848. God was with us in 1914. We stand, and shall stand, squarely by that forward movement. These warm-hearted resolutions touching unification, being passed at practically all our Annual Conferences this fall, show plainly that our Church is standing squarely by the plan proposed at Oklahoma City. The recent paper adopted by the College of Bishops of our Church announces to the world that all our Bishops believe in the desirability and feasibility of the unification of American Methodism along the general lines drawn by the Joint of Commission and approved by the General Conference. This, it should not be overlooked, is the most important thing about the recent Episcopal Address. Yes, we are marching forward; we shall not turn backward.

Permit the writer to say that there is nothing so very encouraging about the paper adopted by our Northern brethren at Saratoga. After all, the daily press had led us to hope a careful reading of the resolutions there adopted brought a distinct surprise and disappointment. The plan there proposed was explicitly and emphatically reactionary—reactionary from the tentative scheme agreed upon by the Commission after much prayer and labor, to the doctrines promulgated in 1844, and which made the bisection of American Methodism necessary. The paper itself, I say, came as a distinct disappointment. The encouraging thing—the immensely encouraging thing—was the spirit in which the General Conference approached the question. The earnest Christian spirit, the spirit of prayer, the deep religious fervor, the warm glow of brotherly love—these were not simulated. These were genuine. And this it is that fills one with hope. For love has a thousand eyes. Hatred is blind; and narrow selfishness can see only the things that are near. But love can find out hitherto undiscovered ways. Love laughs at locksmiths. In any event, let us see to it that Southern Methodists are not wanting in love. Whosoever may love or not love, brethren, let us abound in love! If we love God's Kingdom, if we love this lost world, if we love our Methodism, surely love can find a way. Instead of talking continually about the difficulties in the way, would we not do better to think much of the vast good to humanity and to Methodism to be accomplished by unification. As Christian, in Bunyan's immortal allegory, drew near the Palace Beautiful, "he espied two lions in the way." Then he was afraid and thought to go back. But the porter at the lodge encouraged him: "Fear not the lions, for they are chained, and are placed there for trial of faith where it is, and for discovery of those who have none. Keep in the midst of the path, and no hurt shall come unto thee." Who can tell but that God has already chained the lions, and that so we shall come to our "Palace Beautiful?"

I do not believe that unification is a thing to be feared and a thing to be fought against. I believe that it is a thing to be sought after and a thing to be prayed for daily. I believe that if after all these years of misunderstandings and conflicts and wastage of men and money, if after all these years of praying and planning which have at length brought the two Methodisms face to face—I believe that if we should fail now, it would be a calamity to the Nation and the world as well as to Methodism North and South. God forbid that after having come to the borders of the Promised Land we should be turned back at this time!

May I urge that the whole Church be much in prayer for the Joint Commission? If this thing ought to be done, God is able to show us the way. Especially during the sessions of the Commission the last of December let our people pray daily to God that upon

us all there may rest the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. "If ye have faith as a grain of mustardseed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." So shall every valley be exalted, and every mountain and hill be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places a plain. And so shall a way be prepared for the Lord, and a highway in the desert for our God; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

University Park, Dallas, Texas.

The Church Paper

The three conferences in Missouri propose to bring the circulation of the St. Louis Christian Advocate to at least one subscriber for every ten members of the Church in Missouri. This will mean an increase of approximately one hundred per cent.

The North Alabama Conference at its recent session voted unanimously to levy an assessment to pay the salary of the editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate and to meet other necessary expenses of the paper not cared for by its income. The amount of the assessment is two per cent of the total assessed for ministerial support, or more than four thousand dollars. However, if the Alabama Conference votes an assessment of one per cent, the North Alabama assessment will be reduced to one per cent.

The editor of the California Christian Advocate (Methodist Episcopal Church), writing concerning the Church paper, says:

"It is no secret that we would like to have better Advocates. We would like to have them printed on better paper. We would like to have a larger number of beautiful illustrations. It is no secret held by the editors that they would like also to be better editors. Of course, we must include all. We need better publishers, we need better Bishops, we need better District Superintendents, we need better preachers, and we need better laymen; for all of which we will constantly and devoutly pray and sincerely work together that such may be the result. When we get beyond this ambition to climb to higher attainments and reach our ideal, it will be time for us to lay down our work and to depart to another world of greater opportunities.

"The circulation of the Advocates ought to be very largely increased. The membership of the Church ought to be largely increased. The attendance upon our Sunday Schools and prayer meetings ought to be largely increased. But we should all thank God and take courage that our Church in all its departments is as successful as it is. The success of our paper is essential to the success of our Church in its area. It will not circulate itself. It will not command buyers any more than the Sunday School will grow in attendance or the membership will increase in numbers and in character without the most painstaking care and diligence of the pastors. We must not forget that the work of the Church in all its departments upon one side is educational—religious education—and, like all forms of education, it must be promoted. The institutions devoted to religion and education will not grow like those institutions which appeal to men's appetites and passions. The growth of them is produced by culture and care. Those who take the paper without solicitation have reached a period in life where they do not specially need the direction and care of pastors and teachers, just as the young men or young women who have acquired an ambition for education will sacrifice and work to that end without exhortation. Nothing will add more to the success of the pastor than the circulation of our Advocates in the homes of our membership. There is no one thing which a pastor can do with so little effort which will produce such large results in the development of his Church community."

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

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

WHARTON.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Wharton has just closed its Week of Prayer and Self-denial. I think it was the best Week of Prayer it has ever been my privilege to conduct.

Our pastor, Brother Lloyd, preached us a fine sermon on Sunday morning on "The Needs of Latin America." We held services at the church every afternoon, for one hour, with a new leader each day. The programs as sent out by the Council were faithfully carried out and each leader secured the service of two or three members of the Auxiliary to assist her so that almost every member of the Society had a part in our prayer service.

Several of our gifted young ladies gladly assisted with special music and the programs were enhanced by appropriate solos from our sweet singers. One of the most interesting features of the entire program with interesting and informing readings and songs. Under the week was Saturday's program, conducted by the Young People's Auxiliary. The girls leadership of their efficient and earnest First Vice-President, Mrs. Tom Brooks, these intelligent young girls have taken up the work of the Young People's Auxiliary this year. We expect to see theirs one of the best Auxiliaries in the Brenham District. The collection for the girls school at Rio for the entire week amounted to \$12.50. The ladies say it was the best week of prayer they had ever had in Wharton, and we all have learned much about Holding Institute and Rio School for Girls. I think the secret of it was every member had part on the program, was a worshiper, a worker and a giver. Wharton Auxiliary expects to meet all financial obligation for 1916 and be counted on the honor roll in future.

MRS. W. W. HORNER.

ROSWELL AUXILIARY.

The Roswell Auxiliary conducted a very helpful and inspiring series of meetings during the "Week of Prayer," using the following program, as outlined by the Board:

- Reasons for Prominence of Latin America—Mrs. Tomlinson Fort.
Devotional Exercises, conducted by Mrs. Clark Dillely.
Religious Needs of Latin America—Mrs. S. E. Allison.
Religions of Latin American Countries—Mrs. Henry Johnson.
The Women of Latin America—Mrs. Geo. W. Robinson.
Educational Needs of Latin America—Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Jr.

The Schools Our Opportunity—Miss Cole.
The City of Rio—Mrs. J. H. Mullis.
Holding Institute—Mrs. J. F. Hinkle.
Our First Vice-President, Mrs. W. C. Urton, together with the members of the Young People's Society, assisted in these meetings, rendering service in the way of splendid music, excellent papers on work in Latin America. Special mention should be made of a very interesting and encouraging letter written to Mrs. Urton by one of the missionaries in our school at Rio, and former pupil of our efficient First Vice-President. This letter was read by Miss Gladys Moeller and gave to the occasion the needful personal touch, which is sometimes painfully lacking in our program on far-away lands.

Mrs. J. E. Clayton closed the series of services on Saturday taking for her subject: Survey of World-Wide Missions. Our pastor, Rev. J. T. McClure conducted the devotionals, and all felt benefited by his timely and heart-searching remarks. Mrs. Clayton was assisted by Messdames D. H. Wilmot and Robert Makin, also by Mrs. J. F. Hinkle, Second Vice-President, and the Juniors. To see the little girls and boys gather around the altar, led by Mrs. Hinkle, presenting their little mite boxes, filled with pennies, nickels and dimes, and with bowed heads repeat their beautiful little prayer over their savings, brought to our minds and hearts the thought that "a little child shall lead them." I would like to add here in parenthesis that the Juniors "laid a nest egg" for a new church furnishing fund a couple of years ago, under the leadership of Mrs. D. H. Wilmot, at which time they conducted a bazaar in connection with the one the ladies were giving, displaying gifts made with small fingers, such as wash cloths, crochet articles, dressed dolls, etc.—of course in some instances helped by their mothers, but each article represented some work accomplished by childish hands. The result was \$5 as a beginning for this fund, to which the ladies have added some \$600.

Too much emphasis cannot hardly be placed upon the local work carried on by our Young People's Society. They collect magazines, distribute them among the inmates of the jail, the sick at the hospital, and endeavor to procure rooms for sick people coming to the city for health purposes, as well as visiting and carrying flowers to the sick in the community. They are formulating plans for their next year's work which they wish to undertake away from home in addition to the local work. It goes without saying that we feel our young people have caught the true missionary spirit. Just recently, under the leadership of Mrs. Urton, these young people carried out a very interesting missionary pageant, representing Korea, China, Japan, Labrador, Africa and Mexico, all of which countries they have studied during the past year.

Our boys and girls belong to other organizations, such as Epworth League, Sunday School, Campfire groups and Boy Scouts, etc. We are therefore justly proud of the splendid work which they find time to do, and believe in after years the work of the Master will be carried on in a much more efficient way than when we were their age. During the past year we believe we have progressed in more ways than one. We realize, however, that progress is not measured by the ground passed over, but rather by what has been gained in the passing. Under the guidance and influence of our President, Mrs. Dave Howell, through her devotion and self-abandonment to the work, we have experienced a deeper spiritual life and our hearts filled with a greater zeal for the cause than in the past. While writing on the subject of our officers, the writer is very pleased to state that the Roswell Auxiliary feels much elated over the fact that the conference numbers among its officers our own Mrs. Tomlinson Fort—a more efficient, enthusiastic, consecrated worker they could hardly have secured. In conclusion, would state that our Society is doing a very worthy work locally in con-

tributing monthly to the upkeep of a poor, afflicted widow and child. In addition to this have painted our parsonage, a nice two-story structure, finished paying the debt on same and assist the Federated Missionary Society in their work among the Mexican women here. We have supported a young Chinese girl in the Davidson Memorial school in China for four years. As the young lady just graduated in the spring of this year the ladies have decided to support a Bible woman in Korea, and the money has already been sent in for this much-needed work. Roswell has the distinction of being the first Auxiliary in the State of New Mexico to support a Bible woman.

Our Society as a whole endeavors to emphasize the fact that all missionary work cannot be accomplished with money alone, as the Master has said, "Ye have greater gifts than gold," and therefore contribute what we can to the missionary work of the Church, but at the same time strive to not lose sight of the better part chosen by Mary of old. MRS. ROBERT MAKIN.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPT.

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(All matter for this department must be in the hands of the editor on Thursday—one week before the date on which it is to appear.)

Topic for November 26: "The Grace of Gratitude." Ps. 107:1-43.

News comes to us of the appointment of Mr. Ralph E. Nollner to the central office of the Epworth League, Nashville. Mr. Nollner has been the assistant pastor of First Church, Fort Worth, for the past few months. We regret to lose him from the State but rejoice that he is to go into the central office.

Mr. L. W. Bethel, District Superintendent of the Wichita Falls District League, writes that the Epworth League of Henrietta are building a memorial window in the new church building which that congregation has under construction. The window is to be a "Ruby Kendrick Memorial."

The Ervay Street Intermediate Epworth League, Dallas, held a Halloween party. Those in attendance were in costumes befitting the ghostly season and much merriment was attendant on the pranks of the evening.

A MISSIONARY'S CALL.

By Rev. T. E. Reeve.

I have been asked to tell why I am going to be a missionary. My reason is the same which I would want it to be were I answering the question, "Why am I going to be a doctor, a lawyer, a teacher, or a business man?" What I am, I want to be for the unanswerable reason that that is what I am sure God wants me to be. Such should be the case with every young person professing allegiance to Jesus Christ as he determines the question of his life work. No one can be a Christian in the truest sense until he has given heart and life to God. I know one cannot give his life to God without recognizing God's right to plan that life's activities.

Among my earliest childhood recollections is that of saying that I was going to be a Methodist preacher; but about the time I became a lad of thirteen, I decided I would rather be something else. My father had been a physician, and through his life I saw the opportunity of ministering to the physical sufferings of humanity, and the special opportunity of giving a good physician's services to those who were financially unable to pay for the same. I thought that to consecrate my life to such service would be to live nobly and worthily. However, various and convincing reasons presented themselves to me, showing that I could not with full satisfaction follow this desire. Then, I began to think of other things, determining that I would make money and consecrate it to the service of humanity, supporting missionaries and other Christian workers in various needy fields. But every vocation I considered became objectionable to me for some reason or other. Thus I struggled along for two years or more, all the while growing colder and colder towards God. Finally becoming alarmed over my spiritual condition, I sought God's forgiveness for my neglect and consecrated myself anew to him. It was not long before I began to ask Him what he wanted me to do with my life. Now, I was "on the right track," and God came to my assistance. He told me plainly in my heart that He wanted me to be a preacher, and when I yielded he gave me a deep sense of satisfaction which I had not known before.

Soon after this, as I would sit in Church listening to the sermons of our pastor, I would find myself saying in my heart "wouldn't it be fine to preach that gospel, and to give that message of love to somebody who had never heard it before." Again and again would this thought fill my heart until I realized that it was God calling to me, and I began to pray about it. So far as I remember, I had heard only occasional reference made to missions in sermons, and had read very little missionary literature. My ideas of missions and missionaries might even have been called grotesque, and I could not understand my feelings, except that they were from God. However, there were difficulties in the way which to me seemed great. My father died when I was eleven years old. I was now just sixteen, and felt that my mother needed my assistance in providing for our home and the several younger children. To be a missionary I must have an education, and I did not see how I could ask mamma to work still harder and to make even greater sacrifice than she was already doing that I might be educated, only to leave her immediately afterwards with all the responsibility of the others on her hands while I went to a distant land. It seemed to me like this would not be fair or right. Then, too, mamma and I were more to each other than the average mother and son. We were big companions. She was especially dear to me, and I did not see how I could bear to leave her and her home. Again, though I was quite young, I had very cherished ideals and plans for my own home, which I some day hoped to realize, but believed that if I became a missionary, I must give them up entirely. These three things made it very hard for me to think of giving my life to the foreign service, but God kept calling, and I kept praying until finally I just threw myself completely on His love and goodness and told Him that if He wanted me to be a missionary, by His grace and help I would do it.

That was eleven and a half years ago, and God has shown me in very many ways since then that He is leading. I have received a good college education. My mother has been amply provided for and has a fine degree of health. My brothers and sisters have been educated and are making their own way in the world. Besides I have had over five years' experience in the pastorate, and the mission work of California, which in itself has been fine, but its greatest value to me personally has been the fitting for a wider usefulness abroad. After one has determined to follow God's plan for his life, there will likely come times of severe testing. There were three in my life, which I want to mention. Shortly after my decision for the ministry, a business opportunity was offered me, which was considered very excellent for a youth of sixteen, and which offered a nice field for advancement. Again, as I finished college another very fine business opening presented itself offering a salary of two thousand a year to begin with, and the promise of rapid raise to four thousand at the end of five years. Neither of these was so hard to turn down as the last opportunity—one for Christian service given me in my Western work. Only those who are familiar with the San Francisco Wesley House and its work among the average San Francisco people can appreciate the wonderful possibilities for effective Christian service in the very needy field which it presents. Others beside myself consider it as one of Southern Methodism's most promising openings in the West. It is a work which I loved immensely, and only God knows how it hurt me to break away from it. But I knew that it was only a means to an end, and that to follow God's plan I must leave it. In doing so, however, I had the sympathy of very few of those who knew that work. They said I was making a mistake, and repeatedly urged me to remain in San Francisco. I did not stay, for I felt that to do so would be to fail to follow God's leadership. I cannot close without calling on the young people who may read this to give God the full right-of-way in their lives. Get God's outlook on your life, and you will see it as no mortal eye alone could possibly see it. Let Him plan your life, then live His plan, and you may be sure of a life of the widest usefulness, noblest service, and deepest satisfaction possible to you. God is waiting now, young friends, to show you the wonderful reach and power of your human life if you will only give Him the chance. Not only is He waiting, but is calling today through a thousand voices. Won't you give Him his way?

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PERSONALS

Rev. J. T. Bludworth, of Nevada, was an appreciated visitor last week.

Rev. C. A. Spragins, the popular Kavanaugh, Greenville, pastor, was in town last week, and was a welcome visitor to the Advocate office.

Rev. J. H. Groseclose is keeping up his record of prompt service in issuing the West Texas Conference Minutes. A copy of that Journal for 1916 lies on our table.

Mr. J. B. Duke, of New York, has sent another check for \$25,000 to Dr. W. F. McMurry, of the Church Extension office, to be used for Church Extension and Home Missions in North Carolina.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Hightower announce the marriage of their daughter, Bessie, to Mr. John Marvin Scott, Tuesday, November 14, 1916, Staples, Texas. At home after December 1, Staples, Texas.

Mr. R. E. Satterfield, of Nash, called Tuesday. Brother Satterfield was in Dallas on business, but took time to come by and see us. He has a son, Rev. C. L. Satterfield, who is a member of the North Texas Conference.

Rev. C. W. Hunt, President of Stamford College, and Rev. A. L. Moore, presiding elder of Plainview District, spent a few days in and around Dallas last week. They were arranging the matter for the Northwest Texas Conference Minutes.

Miss C. L. Hill, of Livingston, Treasurer of the Texas Conference Missionary Society, is greatly bereft in the death of her father. Her many friends in that conference and elsewhere will sympathize with her in her sorrow and remember her in their prayers.

Rev. J. F. Pierce called last week. When asked if he was on the way to Waxahachie he said: "No. One conference is enough!" He had just gotten away from Greenville. He said he was glad to go back to Travis Street, Sherman, "the best appointment in North Texas."

Realizing that the Advocate can no longer be sent to any one except supernumerated preachers for \$1.00 per annum, Dr. Horace Bishop drew the "first blood" at the session of the Central Texas Conference and paid the full price for his Advocate for 1917. Dr. Bishop is always ready to aid his Church paper.

We were pleased with a visit from Rev. C. M. Woodward. Brother Woodward said he just could not resist running down from Chicago to be with the brethren during conference. His health is good and he is enjoying his studies at the University. We have reason to believe that he is coming right up with the lessons. Mrs. Woodward is also taking some special courses.

Rev. J. W. Watson, of Blackwell, Northwest Texas Conference, reported at Stamford 117 net gain, good Sunday Schools, two churches built and a third repaired and seated with good pews, salary overpaid, collections up for the first time in the charge. Raised for all purposes \$5730, or \$23 per capita. We are sorry his report failed to be with the regular report in our issue of November 16, 1916. This is an excellent report and we are glad to give it now even at this late date.

Rev. C. F. Carmack, of Colorado, accompanied by his wife and children, motored over in their car Sunday morning. Brother Carmack filled the pulpit at the M. E. Church at 11 o'clock, and in the afternoon he preached at Rogers. He leaves Tuesday for Annual Conference, which will convene in Stamford, and we trust that from there he shall go into larger fields of usefulness and that many homes will be blessed by his life among them. During his four years of labor here he has made many friends, who are grieved at his departure, and hope that the pathway of life for him shall lead through pleasant pastures and green fields and his days be full of sunshine and happiness. We trust that God speed go with him in his new work.—The Colorado Record.

POINTS FROM THE COAST AND ELSE.

H. G. H. The entire coast has nearly recovered from the disastrous effects of the August West India storm.

Corpus Christi Times speaks in high terms of the good work of Rev. D. Macune among the Mexicans of that city and heartily commends him to his new field of labor at Seguin.

The people of Bishop are much pleased with their new preacher, Geo. F. Harris, and have not forgotten the faithful labors of their late one, S. C. Dunn.

Thanks to the memory and records of Sydney Potter, of San Angelo, in calling my attention to the fact of W. J. Joyce having been transferred to the old Rio Grande Conference in 1863. I was a bold soldier in Missouri and Arkansas at that time and the minutes of that war conference have not to this date reached me.

I greatly enjoyed being straightened out by H. B. Henry in late issue of Advocate. I was having some golden memories of John Wesley DeVilbiss and John Wesley Kenney and when I skipped over to Dr. McKenzie's name I continued the "John Wesley" right along. H. B. Henry always made me think of Bishop Francis Asbury—but not Asbury in bronze statue form on horseback.

I am somewhat confused in my mind as to what did happen at the meeting of the committee of inquiry into the case of a certain doctor of divinity—but Harrison, being something of a doctor himself, is able to medically brace up any of his own statements. Truth to tell, I have read books all my life that have never been printed. Selah!

J. W. Hill should possess his soul in patience. He got so far ahead of the whole crowd with that brass band that they will never catch up with him—never! Why, the older I get the more determined am I to lay hands on every good thing.

The people of Corpus Christi are delighted at thought of our next conference being held there. The first one in Corpus was held there just after the first battle of Manassas. The people were hot with war fever. The conference stood up and publicly declared the Confederacy was right and that it would stand by it to the last ditch!

Some men are prophets in spite of themselves. The late General Booth expressed the opinion that the chief dangers which confront the century were religion without the Holy Ghost; Christianity without Christ; forgiveness without repentance; salvation without regeneration; politics without God, and heaven without hell.—Michigan Advocate.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

GOREE, OKLAHOMA.

This is a very nice little village and the good Christian work is getting along fine under the leadership of Mrs. E. J. Edwards, our good superintendent. She is sure a Methodist. She is loyal to the Church and pastor. We have a good Sunday School and prayer meeting.—Mrs. Mary Williams.

ANTLERS, OKLAHOMA.

We have just closed a fine meeting held by the Hamilton Brothers. If you want a really helpful Church meeting, one that will distinguish, elevate and build up your Church and also glean in all your financial arrears, you cannot get better men. They are in a class by themselves. Their singing and preaching have a powerful appeal, and their management of the work leaves nothing for the pastor to worry over. They are the best men I have ever had. Our meeting achieved the very results aimed at, and I am happy as I start to conference.—Harvey E. Darrow.

ELDORADO, OKLAHOMA.

I came to Eldorado the first Sunday after conference. This is a fine charge. These good people gave us a pounding the first day that we came, and that is not all—the good things to eat are still finding their way to the parsonage. We are going to do our best for these people this year. Dr. York, the evangelist, and family live here and we find them good friends and a help to the pastor and his family. Brethren, if you need some one to hold you a revival, you cannot do better than call Dr. York. He is fine help and is a friend to the pastor. Love to all the brethren.—Geo. W. Lewis, P. C.

HARPER.

We have just closed a very successful revival at Harper. Rev. R. A. Waltrip, Conference Evangelist of the West Texas Conference, and his singer, Prof. A. A. Simpson, came to us November 1, and stayed till the evening of the 12th. In point of evangelistic fervor and passion for souls Brother Waltrip cannot be excelled. He believes in the old fashioned way of conducting revivals. No card-signing or hold-up-and-proposition has been used. He is indeed the pastor's friend and always leaves the charge in a better spiritual, as well as financial, state than what he found it. As choir leader and soloist Brother Simpson is above the average. His solos captured and held the crowds to the end of the meeting. A gentler and sweeter-spirited man than Bro. Simpson could hardly be found. Our Church was revived. There were twelve conversions and reclamations; six were received into the Methodist Church, two to the Baptists and one to the Presbyterians.—R. Gammethaler, P. C., Nov. 14.

SAPULPA STATION.

We are closing one of the most prosperous years in the history of this Church. The membership with its usual determination to reduce the indebtedness of this Church has wrought well. We have met our payments during the year and at this time we are raising some \$1200 to make certain payments which will leave us in the best condition since our church was built. Some of our valuable members have moved from us but we have gained others. Our collections will all be paid in full and we expect all of our financial obligations to have been met so we can have our last Sunday free from any financial pressure. The departments of our Church are better organized and doing better work than in the past. We have one of the very best W. M. Societies in the conference, Mrs. Ida Boulton, President. Our Sunday School and prayer-meeting are growing in interest. Our Official Board is made up of good men—H. H. Boulton, Chairman. The members have been kind to the pastor and his family. We look forward with great expectations for this Church.—J. M. Cantrell.

STRATFORD AND BYARS, OKLA.

We have closed our first year with these Churches. We have had a hard year, but in many respects a good year. At Byars I found a demand that some needed improvements be made. Finding this we accepted an opportunity and went to work to that end. The first thing we did was to put almost a new foundation under the building. The building was newly papered, but the storm of June 14 tore it to pieces. We placed nice pews and choir chairs in the main part of the building. Then we put in a carbon light plant and a piano. All this cost quite a little bit of money. But our people put it up and there is a very small debt remaining. At Stratford before the storm we had placed a new piano, and had plans for new pews, but the storm came on the 14th of June and demolished our building. Were you ever in a tornado? Well, you know something of what one has to endure without seeing. When we looked out in the early morning our heart sank within us. For four months we were out of business. Now we have a nice, good, comfortable church in which to worship. Our pews, choir chairs and pulpit are ordered and will be delivered sometime in December. Then when these are placed it will be a thing of beauty and a joy forever, I hope. This has cost quite a lot of money. We got a good settlement from the insurance company, the Board of Church Extension of the West Oklahoma Conference came to our rescue and the good people of Stratford will finish. With this material accomplishment we now turn our attention to the spiritual. We are praying now for a great outpouring of the Spirit.—J. G. Blackwood.

THE REVIVAL AT MERIDIAN COLLEGE.

The ten days' revival at Meridian College closed November 13, with glorious victory. Rev. C. M. Dunaway did the preaching and was wonderfully used of God in reaching the hearts of our young men and young women. Never have we heard him present the gospel more clearly and powerfully. The Holy Spirit was manifestly present to own and to bless. From the first service conviction, deep and pungent, fell on the unsaved, and thorough, scriptural repentance followed. In every service of the meeting penitent sinners were regenerated and backsliders reclaimed. By actual count at the last service of the meeting one hundred and ten testified clearly and definitely that they had been regenerated during the revival. A large number of our students were already Christians, so that now more than ninety per cent of our entire student body are active Christians. Meridian College is entering upon a new era of progress and development. She has the promise of a wonderful future before her. As

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marvelous as the past has been, we have every reason to believe that under the leadership of the Holy Ghost, her greatest usefulness and most glorious victories are yet ahead. We have the largest student body that we have had for years, and an ever-increasing number of young preachers and Christian workers of strong, noble characters, and a splendid faculty of men and women who know God and value souls. In spite of the problems which every boarding school is feeling at this time, Meridian College is forging steadily ahead. God has done exceeding abundantly above all we were able to ask or think. We humbly request your most earnest prayers that this institution may never compromise with the world, the flesh or the devil, but may always stand in the strength of Jehovah for the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.—Rev. J. A. Smith, College Pastor.

W. HENDERSON BROWN'S REPORT.

This is the 13th day of November and is my fifty-seventh birthday. I was born in a log cabin in Bollinger County, Missouri, on November 13, 1859. My precious mother died when I was about four years old. I was converted, I guess, when I was between ten and eleven years old. I began to preach by preaching to my little brothers and sisters when I was a small boy and I am sure God blessed us at that time. We came to Texas when I was thirteen years old. I suppose I can say about as much as any man of my age—I have never been under the influence of red liquor, never swore an oath, never danced a set, never knew one card from another, never played a game of dominoes, checkers, flinch, chess nor any questionable game whatever; I have never chewed tobacco, smoked a pipe, cigar nor cigarette. I have never attended a theater, nor a picture show, never attended a regular game of baseball, football nor basket ball. Possibly I am no better than many men who have engaged in these things, but I am truly glad that I never have. My father established a family altar when I was a small boy and there taught us all to lead in public prayer—so I

have been praying in public most all my life. I was licensed to preach in October, 1888, and was admitted on trial in the North Texas Conference on the day I was twenty-nine years old, I think, which was twenty-eight years ago today. For twelve years I was in the itinerant work. I then went into the evangelistic work and am now closing out my sixteenth year as an evangelist. I have never had as much as a month at any one time that I have not been engaged in revival services, yet I have never asked any man to let me hold a meeting for him. The brethren have always kept me busy and I am glad they have. I am satisfied that I have had calls enough each year to have kept me busy for five years, and some years enough to have lasted me ten, if I could have arranged dates to suit. I promised the Lord when I started out to evangelize that if He would furnish the work I would keep at it, and so far He has furnished me all I could do and I am still going. God has most gloriously blessed my labors more than I could imagine for a man of my ability. I have never had much educational advantages. What education I have I got in the common schools of the country and by the fireside, and most all of that after I was twenty-six years old and had been married three years. I have plowed and hoed many a night by moonshine so I could attend school the next day. I think I will be perfectly safe in saying that more than fifty thousand people have been blessed of God because I have lived in the world, and I don't believe I would exaggerate this if I should say seventy-five thousand. However, I have not always kept a strict account of those who have professed in our meetings. Part of the time I have and part I have not. I was thinking the other night of the men whom I have helped to get started into the ministry and I could think of forty whom I believe are now preaching because I have lived. O how God has blessed my labors and how he has blessed me in my labors! Whatever God has done for me and whatever he may do for me in the future he shall have all the

Army Testament Day Sunday, December 10, 1916

- ADOPTED BY CONFERENCES Texas and Oklahoma Annual Conferences (excepting the East Oklahoma, which convenes today), have strongly endorsed the effort of the American Bible Society to supply American soldiers with Scriptures and have set aside the second Sunday in December for presenting this cause and receiving contributions for it. A later day may be observed; but, please remember that the need is urgent and time precious.
HALF THE AMERICAN ARMY WITHOUT BIBLES The conservative estimate of Army Chaplains, Y. M. C. A. workers, and Bible Society colporters is that 50 per cent of the U. S. soldiers are without any portion of Scripture. One chaplain goes so far as to say: "From an experience of nearly twelve years I can say that probably not one soldier in forty has a Testament."
ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A GREAT WORK Although two Bible men equipped with a Ford roadster have canvassed the border from Columbus, New Mexico, down the Rio Grande to Brownsville and on to Corpus Christi and San Antonio, distributing 15,000 of the Society's khaki-bound Testaments, there is yet need for at least 40,000 more. Only a beginning has been made.
MUST SOLDIERS' BIBLE CAR STOP WORK Largely on the Society's faith that American Christians would stand by them in meeting this emergency, the work has been carried on thus far at an approximate expense of \$6,000. But the funds to continue are exhausted. The Bible car is called in and work stopped. It will take at least \$10,000 to complete this task.
OUR PROPOSITION For every 25c contributed, the American Bible Society will supply a soldier with a khaki Testament who is now without Scripture, and who promises to read it. The Testament is made especially for the soldier, bound in khaki with overlapping edges; it just fits the shirt pocket, is of good print and paper. The cost of manufacture is 30c, so that the Society donates 5c on every book, besides bearing the expense of distribution.
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glory now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!—W. H. Brown, North Texas Evangelist, Dallas, Texas.

DALLAS—S. M. U.

Rev. Covis G. Chappell began his pastorate of the new Highland Park Church of Dallas, preaching in the chapel of Southern Methodist University to a large congregation composed of students and many residents of Highland Park and adjoining territory.

This first sermon of the new pastor was well chosen for the large University congregation. The life of Lot was taken as an example for the sermon and it was shown that a man should not allow ambitions and desires for worldly things make him forget that his life should be spent for good. Lot was a man who professed religion and who would defend religious things but he had not been gripped by religion and he had not allowed religion to take full possession of his life. Lot had the choice between the hill country where life with God was fostered or in the city where life with God was hard. He chose the city for the worldly advantages which he thought would accrue to him. So choices come in the lives of all and these choices are determinate when the big choice in life comes. As a man has been headed all his life, so he will be found in the time of great stress and strain.

The real vocation of a man's life should be to be a blessing. By moving to the city of Sodom Lot failed to be a blessing, for he lost his religion and he lost his family and he lost his home. It was Abram, back in the hill country, to whom came the opportunity to save Sodom, and not to Lot who lived in the city itself. Lot had been headed the wrong way all his life. The way a man is headed tells what he will be. To the man who headed wrong everything evil is possible, but the man headed right infinite good is possible. Every one can be a blessing in life and make his life count for much even if he cannot sing and if he cannot pray and even if he cannot preach. The life which I intended to be a blessing is the really successful life.

The Passo Fundo Campaign Launched.

In answer to the call issued by Texas University, which has pledged itself to stand behind the erection of a \$4000 church in the Passo Fundo Mission in Brazil, a Passo Fundo Committee has been instituted at Southern Methodist University to take local charge of the matter and wage a campaign for \$500 to aid in the work which Texas University Methodists have started.

The plan of the campaign at Southern Methodist University is to lay the matter before the student body and faculty fully in an extensive advertising campaign and then on December 19 to begin the active solicitation of money to be sent to the Southern Mission Board as a Christmas gift for the Brazil work.

The committee appointed is composed of the following members: From the theological faculty, H. M. Whaling, Paul B. Kern and Frank Seay; from the academic faculty, Olin D. Wannamaker; chairman for the men, J. Belton Isbell; chairman for the women, Miss Julia Mouton; secretary and treasurer, Miss Willie Vei Ham; Hubert L. Stone, J. Earle Moreland, A. C. Caraway, Walter Yarborough and A. G. Henry; Misses Julia Fisher, Ina Leveridge, Charlie Mae Cunningham.

REPORT OF GEO. E. JESTER, TREASURER.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Bishop Fund, Conference Claimants, Foreign Missions, etc. Total: \$91,450.30

SHERMAN DISTRICT.

The District Stewards, preachers and Charge Lay Leaders of Sherman District will please meet at Travis Street Church, Sherman, Tuesday, November 28, 10:30 a. m. Please be present, the preacher and also those two laymen from each charge.

D. K. PORTER, P. E. Sherman, Texas, Nov. 19.

ERROR CORRECTED.

In the list of appointments for Vernon District the name of J. G. Putman, supernumerary, should appear in connection with Vernon Station. M. PHELAN.

NOT A SUPPLY.

I notice in the appointments of the Texas Conference that I appear as a supply. I have been a regular itinerant for twenty-two years and a graduate in the conference for eighteen. W. B. MOON.

ONE CIPHER TOO MUCH.

In your notes on Texas Conference last week you state that the special from First Church, Galveston, aggregated \$15,000. It should have read \$1500. Wish it might have been \$15,000, but it was only \$1500. O. E. GODDARD.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

Rev. J. B. Turrentine, Texarkana, Texas.

MARRIED.

COLVIN-MILNER.—At the home of the bride's sister, in Bardwell, Texas, November 14, 1916, Mr. J. S. Colvin and Miss Arra Milner, Rev. G. W. Kincheloe officiating.

TAYLOR-TAYLOR.—At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. J. C. Calhoun, Mr. L. G. Taylor, of Hempstead, Texas, and Miss Annie Taylor, of Winona, Texas, November 16, 1916, at 3 o'clock p. m. The parties were accompanied by three automobiles of witnessing friends.

The man who is doing little or nothing to help support missions is hindering God's work in his own heart.—Exchange.

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

Rev. S. A. Steel.

The "joyriders" in the Saratoga Millennial limouze along the "union highway" got a big bump when the Bishops gave forth their recent utterance. Nothing has occurred in connection with the whole business that has given me more pleasure. It cannot fail to have a salutary and quieting effect on our people. The impression was growing that the movement, if it had not already done so, was in danger of falling into the hands of those who were for union at any price, and intelligent Methodists here in South Carolina were saying frankly that if union came on the Saratoga plan they would have to find some other fold. We have great work on hand, and the uncertainty of our future did not promote success. Who cares to give money to our institutions if they are likely to pass out from our control by merging us into another denomination? But the utterance of the Bishops is unmistakable. If I read it aright, it spells in capital letters, NO SURRENDER. Bless your heart, Bradford, there is not only "life in the old land yet," but fight as well. The spirit of the fathers lives in their successors, and the splendid record of the past will not be dimmed by any ignoble concessions by the honored guardians of our fame.

No part of the message is so inspiring as the emphatic vindication of the memory of the noble men who in time of trial were true to our principles. It is the assertion of the vital continuity of our history, and a well-merited rebuke to the invertebrate sentiment that would sacrifice the heroic past on the altar of a false expediency. It recalled to my mind the inspirational effect of the General Conference in New Orleans in 1866. I was a green, stripling at the gawky age of not quite seventeen, but every inch of the sprout saturated with the sap of loyalty to the South and to Methodism. Would the old ship of our Zion, battered by the storm of four years of war, and assailed at a hundred points by the Northern Methodist Church in her efforts to disintegrate us, survive, and sail on, or would she go down? The mind of that General Conference was soon known. Its every utterance was heroic. It revived hope and imparted strength and courage to every heart as the paper brought us the tidings of how the grand old leaders, like Pierce and McFerrin and McTyre and Doggett others, instead of thinking of going down, were putting the old ship in shape for a voyage to glory, out in the woods where I was splitting rails, I stood on the stump and waved the paper and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

Four years later, at the General Conference in Memphis, I was in the gallery of the church and witnessed the thrilling scene of the visit of the Northern Methodists to the conference. Bishop James and Dr. Harris, holding some sort of mission to confer with bodies seeking to unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church, notified the conference of their presence. If my memory serves me aright, Bishop Pierce and Dr. A. L. P. Green were appointed to escort these distinguished visitors to the conference. Pierce came down the aisle with James, and he looked like a human god, with that matchless brow and piercing eye and stately mein, and the easy carriage of a prince of men. Behind them came Harris and Green. Harris was a large man, but Green more than matched him in stature. These youngsters who prate so glibly about "union" and "burying the past," etc., never saw A. L. P. Green. Jupiter would have taken off his hat to him and invited him to a seat on Olympus! Our side lost nothing in the personnel of our representative beside the massive Harris. The conference received the eminent men with becoming courtesy. The speech of Bishop James was full of brotherly sentiment, and it was like a love feast, many eyes were bedewed with tears, especially were the older members tenderly affected by his noble sentiments of Christian fraternity. The speech of Dr. Harris was very different and produced a decided reaction. He was haughty and almost offensive in his cold and condescending manner. I mentally shook my fist at him.

While they were speaking my attention was attracted to a man sitting at a desk near the front, writing. He had the face of an Ind'an chief, only refined, and with a dreamy, far-away expression. He was leonine in his aspect. Every one would no-

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Heard him in any assembly. When the speaking ended, the conference faced a delicate and dangerous situation. The presence and announced intention of these Northern men created a crisis. The feeling was intense. What will the conference do? How will it meet the issue raised by the presence of Northern men on such a mission? Then it was that the man at the table, with the leonine face and auburn hair, rose and offered the resolutions he had been writing. In substance they extended a welcome to the visitors, but as their commission was two bodies desiring to unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and our Church was not desiring such union, therefore they had no official mission to our General Conference. It was a master-stroke. It relieved the tension at once. Everybody breather easier. I did not cry while James was speaking, but when John Christian Keener had finished reading his resolutions I found my cheeks wet with tears and my heart too full of joy for anything short of a shout!

I do not understand that our Bishops, in their recent utterance, desire to throw any hindrance in the way of the unification of Methodism in the United States. We are all in favor of such a reorganization as will adjust us to each other, eliminate rivalry, and harmonize effort. But our Bishops see clearly that a union based on any compromise with honor will be disastrous. We are rooted in our past, and the blessing of God on our work is the ample vindication of the course we have followed. The light on our brow now is the light of sunrise, not sunset. I am proud of our Bishops. We may safely follow where they lead. Columbia, S. C.

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Abilene District—First Round.

First Church, Abilene, Nov. 26, 27. St. Pauls, Abilene, Nov. 27, 28. Baird, Dec. 3, 4. Clyde, at Bethlehem, Dec. 16, 17. Tuscola, at Tuscola, Jan. 6, 7. Ovalo, at Ovalo, Jan. 7, 8. Putnam and Moran, at Putnam, Jan. 13, 14. Caps, at Caps, Jan. 20, 21. Hawley, at Hawley, Jan. 27, 28. Tye, at Tye, Feb. 3, 4. Eula, at Eula, Feb. 10, 11. Cross Plains, at Cross Plains, Feb. 17, 18. St. Luke's, Abilene, Feb. 24, 25. Lawn, at Buffalo Gap, March 3, 4. Anson, at Anson, March 10, 11. O. F. SENSEBAUGH, P. E.

Pittsburg District—First Round.

Queen City, at Queen City, Dec. 2, 3. Atlanta Sta., Dec. 3, 4. Douglassville, at Douglassville, Dec. 9, 10. Linden, at Linden, Dec. 10, 11. Cason, at Cason, Dec. 16, 17. Daingerfield, at Daingerfield, Dec. 17, 18. Daiby Springs, at Lawrence Chapel, Dec. 30, 31. New Boston and DeKalb, at New Boston, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Winfield, at Winfield, Jan. 6, 7. Mt. Pleasant Sta., Jan. 7, 8. Redwater, at Redwater, Jan. 13, 14. Boston Cir., at Godley's Prairie, Jan. 20, 21. Texarkana, Hardy Memorial, Jan. 21, 22. Nash, at Nash, Jan. 27, 28. Texarkana, First Church, Jan. 28, 29. Winstboro Cir., at Webster, Feb. 3, 4. Hughes Springs, at Hughes Springs, Feb. 10, 11. Pittsburg Cir., at LaFayette, Feb. 17, 18. Pittsburg Sta., Feb. 18, 19. Ripley Cir., at Ripley, Feb. 24, 25. Naples and Omaha, at Omaha, Feb. 25, 26. The District Stewards will meet in the Methodist Church, at Pittsburg, Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 2 p. m. W. H. VANCE, P. E.

The measure of our love to God is our hatred of evil. This is clearly intimated in the Ninety-seventh Psalm, where the Psalmist says, "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil." Measured by this standard, how much do you love God? Do you hate evil with a perfect hatred that seeks to drive it from your own heart and to help others to wage successful warfare against it? Test your love to God by measuring your hatred of evil.—Christian Observer.

DISCOURAGING PROFESSIONAL EVANGELISM.

Rev. R. P. Shuler.

If I did not believe in Billy Sunday, Bob Jones, M. F. Ham and others I could name, for other reasons, I certainly would believe in them as a result of the opposition, the hostile comment and the open fight made upon them by the devil's forces wherever they have been and wherever they propose to go.

To say that some of the professional evangelists of the present day have not, by their methods, cheapened pure and undefiled religion, would be to misstate the facts. But the same may be said of certain pastors in our Church. We have some evangelists that are preaching for money. We also have some pastors who are preaching for money. We have some evangelists who pad their reports. We also have some pastors who pad their reports.

We who face the worldliness that has deadened our Church in this day know the need of men of God in the field of evangelism. Try as we may we cannot cope with the sin and selfishness, the pride and arrogance, the open worldliness and hidden iniquities that befall our Churches. If we cry out against these things it means an open war upon us and our pastorates; certainly this should not in the least deter us. But in our cities especially there is a crying need for a specialist, a man of God with a message of fire, who dares to come to our Churches, preach the stinging truth to their ears and hearts, cry as did Elijah in the face of Ahab and refuse to yield to popular clamor or hostile demonstration.

It is true that these men, called of God into the field of evangelism, may not cast out devils our way. They may not be as dignified and scholarly as we would desire. They may not insist on ritual and form as much as would seem proper. They may "pull off stunts" in their efforts to attract the crowds of the streets which we may not approve. But no man need tell me that God disapproves of a man or of men, who revolutionize the spiritual standards of communities, leave a new and higher and purer moral atmosphere, convince hundreds of the folly of sin and the barrenness of the world's offers, and who cause scores to "clean up" in their daily lives. These results can not come of thistles and thorns. I may not like their plans and manipulations. But I do very much admire their results.

Recently, one of our Bishops exhorted the pastors in an Annual Conference not to permit evangelists to say things in their pulpits that they would not themselves say, if the San Antonio Express quoted him correctly. If the Bishop meant to warn against vulgarity, obscene language, blasphemy and such offensive expressions, he is entirely correct. But if the Bishop meant to warn against plain speech, railing accusations against sin, bold attacks on hypocrisy within the Church, a fiery onslaught upon worldliness, he is wrong. There are hundreds of pastors today who do not hold revivals and who do not get men converted, because they refuse to publish the unvarnished and naked truth about sin. To say that an evangelist should say only what they say would be to take his sword from his hand and completely disarm him.

But what do evangelists say? I have heard many things that they are reported to have said. I have also gone with several of them through ex-

tended campaigns and have not heard them say any of those things. Then I have remembered that the reports of their awful language has always come from evil men who were attempting to defeat their efforts. For instance, we have Rev. M. F. Ham in Austin at the present time. Statements supposed to have been made by him, of the most obscene and vulgar character, were circulated widespread, prior to his coming to Austin. Good men and women almost rung my 'phone off the wall in their grief and fright. The ministers began to investigate and found that these stories had without exception come to our city under the auspices of the brewers and liquor dealers of Texas. Men who had attended the services of these evangelists in other cities had heard no such statements.

However, there were scores and hundreds of Church members in Austin whose lives had been such that they dreaded the coming of Ham to the city, who seized upon these stories as drowning men seize a floating timber and began to urge them to the right and the left. It is safe to say that one-third of the Church members of Austin were strongly entrenched behind these false rumors upon the arrival of Mr. Ham and the beginning of the evangelistic campaign.

To add to this, a man of high position in our Church and wide influence stopped over in our city and upon hearing of the coming of the evangelist is reported to have said that he would rather have the plague come to a town where he was pastor. This statement was given wide circulation. Every saloonkeeper in town passed it on with emphasis. A like statement got into the newspapers. The Church people who desired to defend themselves from this evangelistic effort added strongly to their fortification. That statement did the forces of righteousness in Austin more harm than any six saloonkeepers could possibly do us with all their statements and reports.

The point is this: We cannot afford to strengthen the position of worldliness in the Church and sin without by our attacks upon evangelists, though we may not agree in all things with them or their methods. We know that these men would be literally torn to pieces by the devil's forces, if their lives were not in keeping with their messages. The leading evangelists of this land are shadowed by detectives everywhere they go. A certified check for \$1000 has been offered by Mr. Ham to any man who will bring a man, woman or child to Austin, who will state that they have heard him make the obscene and vulgar statements that he has been reported here as having made. Certainly, there are thousands who would claim that \$1000 were these reports true. Then let us as Christian brethren not throw stumbling blocks in the way of the men who are called into this field of Christian service and who have already all the forces of sin and hell on their trail.

For almost three weeks, day and night, I have been hearing Rev. M. F. Ham preach to the Churches of Austin. He has said some things that I did not agree with. I can not follow him in all his interpretation of Scriptures. But I will say that he has preached the kind of gospel that, if our Church members would hear and heed, would result in a revolution within our Churches that would bring us to the place where the world that mocks us would be forced to respect us, however much they might despise and hate us. I have never heard a series of sermons with more of the meat of gospel truth within them. Not a vulgar or obscene word has fallen from his lips. Not a vicious or discourteous statement has he made. Surely, we who love Christ and hope to see this land saved from sin and evil institutions should hesitate and be very careful before we open up our guns in an attack upon this man, or any other evangelist upon whom God has laid his hand in blessings and honored with results.

There are wrongs everywhere in the evangelistic field and in the pastorate, but this is certainly no time to attack either evangelism or the pastorate. The crying sins of our people demand some preaching that our more scholarly men are not doing and perhaps can not do. I see no hope for the situation outside of plain preaching. We must cry out against sin or go down beneath it. The evangelists may have several rough corners that need knocking off, but it is certain that they are crying aloud and sparing not. And right there will be found much of the reason for the attack that is being made upon them, if I am not very much mistaken.

A WORD FOR THE ORPHANAGE.

On the table before me as I write are two pictures—a child in an orphanage and one in a private home. Very doleful-looking is the first, very happy the second, as she swings to and fro, making a very pretty picture. The Orphanage was described as the grandest house in town, with velvet lawns and clean gravel walks. Within were corridors which shone like glass, very immaculate. The children never stepped on the polished floors, and there was no sound of laughter or romping feet heard. How sad when applied to an orphanage! Yet in private homes this order of rule sometimes prevail. There are orphanages and orphanages, but none I have ever entered fills this description. In the one I am most familiar with the children made a heap of noise and we, the helpers, were glad some time to flee to the cedarbrakes for a little quietude. Another thing in this picture, when the inmates took their daily walk, they went two and two, all dressed alike, silent and unsmiling. In my book of remembrance I see quite a different order of things. When it was announced that we were to go to the Bosque there would arise a great whooping and shouting, and there would be a running and racing to get ready, and off they would start pell-mell up the street, dressed in all the colors of the rainbow, the first garments they got their hands on. And if we were not watchful in peach and pecan time they would take a slip or two off of the pillows to bring back their possessions in. But maybe we did not have sense enough to run an orphanage properly.

In the other picture, where the little girl is singing and swinging so blithely, tells the story of the private home very prettily. I have been in homes where there were orphan children, and there is no truer saying than the one "All that glitters is not gold." Like orphanages, there are homes and homes. I have been asked time and again, "Why I do not take a girl to live with me?" And my answer is, the responsibility and the loneliness of the child. Youth and old age are not the best of companions. Too much of one would be a disadvantage to the other; their view of life is so different.

In my home here some of the boys and girls we had with us in the Orphanage have visited us, and one and all have told me they could never forget the Home and the good time they had there. Some are married, some are teachers, some are clerks and barbers and farmers, some in telephone and telegraph offices, all hustling and trying to make a living just like other folk reared in private homes. We are proud of our boys and girls.

Take it for granted that the private home is the best; what is to be done with the left-overs, the ugly and the dull child? No one wants to adopt them. It is the blue-eyed, curly-headed one who gets the ribbon, and, of course, it must be of good blood, which is not always the case, you see. The institution comes in quite handy, then, for these, too, have their place in the sun.

My reasons in behalf of the Orphanage have not been gained from hearsay, but from experience and observation. The keeping of a family together where all can share alike the blessings, whether many or few, around them, is no small item. I do not know of a place where greater stress is laid on blood relationship than in an orphanage, and the words my brother, my sister, are the ones oftenest spoken by the inmates.

Much can be said in favor of the institution, and I do sincerely hope for our's better support, greater opportunities and brighter prospects.

MRS. VAUGHAN.

San Antonio, Texas.

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"And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the Lord, offer it at your own will."

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A RESOLUTION—MRS. SUSAN RICHARDSON MOOD.

Upon receipt of the news of the death of Mrs. Susan Richardson Mood at 11 o'clock Monday morning, November 13, at the home in Georgetown of her daughter, Mrs. Margaret McKennon, President C. M. Bishop, of Southwestern University, called a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. At this meeting was passed the following resolutions, and the Secretary was requested to have a copy for publication mailed to the Texas Christian Advocate:

Whereas, In the wise providence of God, we are called to mourn the death of Mrs. Susan Richardson Mood, widow of Rev. Francis Asbury Mood, D. D., Founder and first President of Southwestern University, and

Whereas, by her loving patience, her unselfish service and her wise counsels in the early years of Southwestern University, she was a tower of strength and help to her honored husband in the trying hours of his arduous labors, and

Whereas, Through all the years that have followed her life in our midst has abided as a blessing and inspiration to her family, to the Church and to the University, therefore

Resolved, That Southwestern University has lost its most interested and devoted friend, whose fervent prayers have daily carried its every claim to the throne of grace from its beginning to the hour of her death.

Resolved, That we deeply mourn her death, and to her bereaved children, grandchildren and great grandchildren we tender our sincerest Christian sympathy and condolence, and pray the blessings of God upon them in this their hour of sorrow.

C. M. BISHOP. E. G. GILLET. A. A. BOOTY. A. S. PEGUES. C. C. CODY.

RESOLUTIONS—REV. S. W. THOMAS.

Resolutions passed by the fourth Quarterly Conference of the Brenham Station, Brenham District, 1916, held in Brenham Church November 5, 1916:

Resolved, 1. That this Quarterly Conference, the last to assemble not only in this Church, but in the entire Brenham District during the quadrennium of our presiding elder, the Rev. S. W. Thomas, records its high appreciation of the character of Brother Thomas in the important respects of friend, preacher and presiding elder.

2. That this conference hereby expresses its sense of distinct loss at the prospect of an early separation from one so dearly loved, and whose residence in our midst and influence in our councils extend over a period of six years, Brother Thomas having faithfully served here for two years as pastor before being appointed as presiding elder.

3. That we wish him much happiness and opportunities for usefulness in the new field to which the ensuing Annual Conference will appoint him, praying the Great Head of the Church for him a special anointing for future service.

4. That a copy of this Quarterly Conference resolution be sent to the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

Signed by W. M. MORRIS. W. C. AHRENBECK. W. D. NOTLEY. JOHN J. GIDDINGS. T. F. COX. And Others.

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RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING DR. HOYT M. DOBBS.

Whereas, the high authorities of our Church and the Trustees of the Southern Methodist University have called to its Deanship of Theology, our pastor, the Reverend Hoyt M. Dobbs; and

Whereas, Doctor Dobbs, after mature and prayerful consideration of this distinctive call of the Church to this imperatively great need, has given acceptance, notwithstanding personal sacrifice; therefore be it

Resolved, That the First Methodist Church, South, of Fort Worth and its Board of Stewards, with utmost reluctance, regretfully, and only through the call of duty, do now acquiesce in his going.

Be it Resolved, That we who have been so closely associated with him, have every confidence in the wisdom of this selection, knowing full well his marked and superior ability, as a finished scholar and director, a profound and logical thinker, as well as being blessed with a rich religious experience; and be it

Resolved, That the Southern Methodist University is indeed fortunate, and is to be congratulated in obtaining the invaluable services of this strong man of God, that through his wise counsel many young men, in whose destiny rests the Church of tomorrow, may be trained and correctly equipped in the work of our Savior; and be it

Resolved, That as a Church and a Board of Stewards, with hearts and minds full of grateful appreciation and love, express to him our sincere and lasting obligation for the splendid, unselfish and Christlike service and Christlike labor amongst us, and his unstinted and unflinching devotion to duty, everywhere leaving his Godly imprint and influence on our great city.

His ministrations have been sweet and free from friction and under his superior guidance our Church has grown and made the best of progress. With him and his dear family, into this new and larger field of useful endeavor, go our thoughts, best wishes and earnest prayers for his continued success, and the loving care of our Heavenly Father; and be it

Resolved, That we now respectfully request of our authorities, that if the time ever comes when he should be again chosen to pastoral work, this charge may rightfully be honored by being made among his first new assignments; be it

Resolved, That these resolutions be made a part of our permanent records, and a copy of them be furnished to Doctor Dobbs, our presiding elder, our Bishop and the President of the Southern Methodist University.

P. H. EDWARDS, Chairman. J. C. HORN, Secretary. Fort Worth, Texas, November 9, 1916.

OBITUARIES

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SMITH—Sarah Isabella Smith was born in San Augustine, Texas, March 21, 1846. She came of a fine family of people—the Polks, who were the pioneers of San Augustine County. She grew up to womanhood under influences that develop the best in human character. In early life she joined the M. E. Church, South, and remained steadfast to the end. She was married to George M. Smith February 7, 1866. They made their home in Shelbyville, Texas, until about fourteen years ago, when her husband died. Since that time she made her home with her children in San Augustine. She was a true and faithful wife, a loving and devoted mother and one of the truest Christian women in the world. It was the writer's privilege to be her pastor for eight years, four of these at a time when our Church was passing through a time of great confusion. She never flinched nor retreated, but like a brave soldier, she stood at her post of duty. She loved the Church and her pastor as only few people do. On July 25, while visiting her son, at the old home in Shelbyville, the summons came and she went home to join loved ones gone before. Her children will rise up and call her blessed. JOHN HELPINSTILL. Melrose, Texas.

REEVES—Brother G. W. Reeves died at his home in Decatur, Texas, Tuesday evening, October 24, 1916, after a severe illness of ten days. He was born in Montgomery County, Alabama, October 9, 1853. Married to Miss Josephine S. Griffith November 22, 1874, at Athens, Texas. Converted and received into the Methodist Church by Rev. Stockton, near Alvarado, Texas, August 10, 1877. He left behind two sons, with several grandchildren and a heartbroken wife, who mourns his going; an aged mother and other relatives are left in sorrow. Brother Reeves was a devoted, consecrated, sweet-spirited Christian and a consistent and valued member of his Church. The funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Church at Decatur by his pastor, Rev. R. B. Moreland, assisted by Rev. J. E. Short, in the presence of true friends and loved ones. In the cemetery near Decatur his body was laid to rest. He was always found in his place at Church when health would permit; always, too, in the spirit of prayer and worship, ever ready to testify for his Lord and Master. No man in the community was more highly esteemed for his Christian character than was our Brother Reeves. He was our neighbor. We were with him much in his last illness. We saw him come serenely to the close of life. He died as he had lived, in the triumph of a Christian's faith. His patience during his ten days of suffering could not have been excelled. He was upright in his daily life and leaves a clean record behind him and has gone to his reward on high. He was ever ready to battle for his Master at every opportunity. Among his last words were, "I see the angels. Jesus is coming!" The Church and community were made to mourn the loss of this good man. We miss him in our midst, but we know where to find him. May the Heavenly Master comfort those who are left behind and guide them safely into the heavenly port, to the beautiful home of the soul. A FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR.

WOODWARD—It becomes my sad duty to chronicle the sudden and unexpected decease of our venerable friend and brother, Rev. W. E. Woodward, a local elder of the M. E. Church, South, late of Oklahoma, at his home near Whitehall, Montana, September 4, 1916. He was a brother of Rev. W. S. Woodward so long and favorably known as a preacher, writer and author. He was born in Polk County, Missouri, March 22, 1842. Married to Sarah Kilginsworth in 1866 and raised six children, three boys and three girls—five of whom, together with his wife, survive him. He came of good Methodist stock, his father and mother having been converted at the old Woodward camp ground in Tennessee. Like Abraham, he commanded his children and household after him and they are all Christians and members of the M. E. Church, South. At the commencement of the Civil War he enlisted in the Confederate Army under General Sterling Price, fought in the battles at Wilson's Creek, Missouri; Pea Ridge, Arkansas, and Franklin, Tennessee, and though carrying scars of six wounds, four of them received in one battle (Franklin) and captured and taken to the military prison at Camp Chase, Ohio, he was exchanged and continued in the service until the end of the war. He was licensed to preach in 1867, joined the St. Louis Conference in 1868, ordained deacon by Bishop Doggett at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1871; traveled several years when his health failed, and he located and removed to Texas. Recovering his health, he entered the Northwest Texas Conference, was ordained elder by Bishop Keener in 1878, traveled six years in Texas and located. In 1902 he moved to Oklahoma, where he traveled for two years as a supply. He came from Snyder, Oklahoma, to Whitehall, Montana, in 1915. He was an ardent believer in the Scriptures as the Word of God, had a clear-cut Christian experience, was loyal to the Church and loved to preach its doctrines. He had a fine physique, was tall and venerable looking in appearance, positive and earnest, though kind and affectionate, in disposition and quite earnest and impressive as a preacher. He preached with acceptability at Whitehall, and had a regular appointment for preaching at a neighboring schoolhouse when taken sick. He contemplated with much satisfaction the prospective growth of a Sunday School and Church in the new settlement where he and his children had located. Religion was such a reality with him that he planned for the spiritual development and growth of those about him as well as for the material and physical life. He was affectionate and devoted as a husband and father, respected and honored as a citizen and neighbor, loved by his brethren in the ministry and the kind of a man that will be missed and mourned by all who knew him. Rev. R. H. Shaffer, a local elder living near Whitehall, preached and conducted the funeral services. He fought a good fight and kept the faith and was ready for the crown that awaited him and that awaits all who love the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. E. J. STANLEY. Whitehall, Montana.

TOO HIGH AN ASSESSMENT.

A man once said to Sam Jones: "Jones, the Church is getting my assessment too high. Jones asked, "How much did you pay?" "Five dollars a year," was the reply. "Well," said Jones, "how long have you been converted?" "About four years," was the answer. "Well, what did you do before you were converted?" "I was a drunkard." "How much did you spend for drink?" "About \$250 a year." "How much were you worth?" "I rented land and plowed a steer." "What have you got now?" "I have a good plantation and pair of horses." "Well," said Sam Jones, "you paid the devil \$250 a year for the privilege of plowing a steer on rented land, and now you don't want to give the Lord who saved you \$5 on your plantation! You are a rascal from the crown of your head to the sole of your feet!"—Exchange.

CONVALESCENCE.

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Marlin District—First Round.

- Kosse, at Kosse, Nov. 19, Dec. 12. Calvert, Nov. 26, Dec. 13. Hearne, Nov. 26, p. m., Dec. 14. Reagan, at R., Dec. 2, 3. Marlin, Dec. 3, 4. Travis, at Travis, Dec. 9, 10. Rosebud, Dec. 10, 11. Durango, at Durango, Dec. 16, 17. Lott and Chilton, at L., Dec. 17, 18. Leon Miss., at King Hollow, Dec. 23. Centerville, Dec. 24. Cameron, Dec. 31. Maysfield, at M., Jan. 6, 7. Gause, at Gause, Jan. 7, 8. Davilla, at Friendship, Jan. 13, 14. Buckholts, at Buckholts, Jan. 14, 15. Norman, at Norman, Jan. 20, 21. Flynn, at Flynn, Jan. 21, 22. Franklin Cir., at Petteway, Jan. 27, 28. Jewett, at Jewett, Jan. 28, 29.

Sister: Read My Free Offer!



I am a woman. I know a woman's trials. I know her need of sympathy and help. If you, my sister, are unhappy because of ill-health, if you feel unfit for household duties, social pleasures, of daily employment, write and tell me just how you suffer, and ask for my free ten days' trial of a home treatment suited to your needs. Men cannot understand women's sufferings. What we women know from experience, we know better than any man. I want to tell you how to cure yourself at home at a cost of about 12 cents a week. If you suffer from women's peculiar ailments causing pain in the head, back, or bowels, feeling of weight and dragging down sensation, falling or displacement of pelvic organs, causing kidney and bladder weakness or constipation and piles, painful or irregular periods, catarrhal conditions and discharges, extreme nervousness, depressed spirits, melancholy, desire to cry, fear of something evil about to happen, creeping feeling along the spine, palpitation, hot flashes, weariness, yellow complexion with dark circles under the eyes, pain in the left breast or a general feeling that life is not worth living.

I INVITE YOU TO SEND TODAY FOR MY FREE TEN DAYS' TREATMENT and learn how these ailments can be easily and surely conquered at home without the dangers and expense of an operation. When you are cured, and able to enjoy life again, you can pass the good word along to some other sufferer. My home treatment is for young or old. To Mothers of Daughters, I will explain how to overcome green sickness (chlorosis), irregularities, headaches, and lassitude in young women and restore them to plumpness and health. Tell me if you are worried about your daughter. Remember it costs you nothing to give my home treatment a ten days' trial, and does not interfere with daily work. If health is worth asking for, then accept my generous offer and write for the free treatment, including my illustrated booklet, "Women's Own Medical Adviser." I will send all in plain wrappers postpaid. To save time, you can cut out this offer, mark your feelings, and return to me. Send today, as you may not see this offer again. Address, MRS. M. SUMMERS, - - - - - Box 187 SOUTH BEND, IND.

- Bishopville, at B., Feb. 3. Wheelock, at W., Feb. 4. Franklin, Feb. 4, 5. Fairfield, at F., Feb. 10, 11. Teague, Feb. 11, 12. GEO. W. DAVIS, P. E. Big Spring District—First Round. Seminole, at Seminole, Dec. 2, 3. Andrews, at Andrews, Dec. 9, 10. Lamesa Sta., at Lamesa, Dec. 16, 17. Lamesa Mission, Liberty, Dec. 23, 24. Gail, at Gail, Dec. 30, 31. Plains, at Plains, Jan. 6, 7. Tahoka, at Tahoka, Jan. 13, 14. Brownfield, at Brownfield, Jan. 20, 21. Wilson Miss., at Grassland, Jan. 27, 28. O'Donnell, at O'Donnell, Feb. 3, 4. Slaton, at Slaton, Feb. 10, 11. Big Spring Miss., at Elbo, Feb. 17, 18. Coahoma, at R. Bar, Feb. 24, 25. Big Spring Sta., at Big Spring, March 3, 4. Stanton, at Stanton, March 11, 10. W. E. LYON, P. E. Brenham District—First Round. Lyons, Nov. 26, preaching; Quarterly Conference, Jan. 8, 3 p. m. Chapel Hill, preaching, Dec. 3. Thorndale, Dec. 9, 10. Rockdale, Dec. 10, 7 p. m. Tanglewood, at Pleasant Hill, Dec. 16, 17. Lexington, Dec. 17, 7:15 p. m. Giddings, at Giddings, Dec. 23, 24. Brenham, Dec. 24, 7:15 p. m. Waller, at Kirby's Chapel, Dec. 30, 31. Hempstead, at Hempstead, Dec. 31, 7:15. Caldwell, Jan. 7. Somerville, Jan. 7, 7:15 p. m. Brockshire and Pattison, Jan. 13, 14. Sealy, at Sealy, Jan. 20, 21. Wallis and Fulshear, Jan. 21, 22. Matagorda Circuit, at M., Jan. 27, 28. Bay City, Jan. 28. Chapel Hill, Quarterly Conference, Jan. 31. Wharton, Feb. 4. Glen Flora, Feb. 4, 5. Rosenberg, Feb. 11. Richmond, Feb. 11, 7:30 p. m. Bellville, Feb. 18, 19. Brenham, Quarterly Conference, Feb. 21. The District Stewards will meet in Brenham December 7, at 2 p. m., 1916. JESSE LEE, P. E. Ardmore District—First Round. Hickory, at Hickory, Nov. 25, 26. Sulphur, First Church, Nov. 26, 27. Sulphur, Vinita Ave., Nov. 27. Stratford and Byars, at Stratford, Dec. 2, 3. White Bead, at Richardson, Dec. 3, 4. Pauls Valley, Dec. 9, 10. Elmore, at Fair Oaks, Dec. 10, 11. Thackerville, at Thackerville, Dec. 16, 17. Overbrook, at Marsdon, Dec. 17, 18. Davis, Dec. 24, 25. Wynnewood, Dec. 24, 25. Berwyn, at Berwyn, Dec. 30, 31. Ardmore Mission, at Plainview, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Leon and Burneyville, at Burneyville, Jan. 6, 7. Marietta, Jan. 7, 8. Joier, at Gillem's Chapel, Jan. 13, 14. Ringling, at Ringling, Jan. 14, 15. Woodford, at Woodford, Jan. 20, 21. Lone Grove and Wilson, at Wilson, Jan. 21, 22. Ardmore, Broadway, Jan. 27, 28. Carder Avenue, Jan. 28, 29. JNO. D. SALTER, P. E. Sweetwater District—First Round. Ira, at Ira, Dec. 2, 3. Dunn, at Dunn, Dec. 9, 10. Colorado Station, Dec. 16, 17. Blackwell, at Blackwell, Dec. 23, 24. Camp Springs at Camp Springs, Dec. 30, 31. Hermling, at Hermling, Dec. 31, Jan. 1. Blair Mission, at White Church, Jan. 6. Merkel, Jan. 7, 8. Fluvanna, at Fluvanna, Jan. 13, 14. Westbrook, at Westbrook, Jan. 20, 21. Lorraine, at Lorraine, Jan. 21, 22. Sweetwater Mission, at Sweetwater, Jan. 27. Roscoe, Jan. 28. Snyder, Feb. 3, 4. Post Mission, at Close City, Feb. 10, 11. Post Station, Feb. 11. Sylvestor, at Sylvestor, Feb. 16. Trent, at Trent, Feb. 17, 18. Sweetwater Station, Feb. 24, 25. District Stewards will meet at the district parsonage Dec. 7, at the noon hour. J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E. Jacksonville District—First Round. Athens Sta., Nov. 26, a. m. Malakoff Cir., at Malakoff, Nov. 26, p. m. Athens Cir., at Meredith, Dec. 2, 3. Eustace Cir., at Eustace, Dec. 3, 4. Palestine Cir., at Pleasant Grove, Dec. 9, 10. Palestine, Grace, Dec. 10, p. m. Neches and Brushy Creek, at Neches, Dec. 17, a. m. Palestine, Centenary, Dec. 17, p. m. Alto Cir., at Shiloh, Dec. 23, 24. Alto Sta., Dec. 23, 24. Elkhart Cir., at Elkhart, Dec. 31. Kely's Cir., at Kely's, Jan. 7, a. m. Rusk Sta., Jan. 7, p. m. Rusk Cir., at Bethel, Jan. 13, 14. Gallatin Cir., at Gallatin, Jan. 14, p. m. Cushing Cir., at Sacul, Jan. 21, a. m. Frankston and Larue, at Frankston, Jan. 21, p. m. Overton and Arp, at Overton, Jan. 28, a. m. Troup Sta., Jan. 28, p. m. Jacksonville Sta., Feb. 4, a. m. Bullard and Mt. Selman, at Bullard, Feb. 4, p. m. Jacksonville Cir., at Ironton, Feb. 6. Montalba Cir., at Montalba, Feb. 10, 11. District Stewards will meet in Jacksonville, Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 1 p. m. Every Steward is requested to be present. Let pastors and laymen start out to make this the best year in the history of the District. Stewards on circuits are urged to collect one-fourth each quarter. Some Churches fell behind this last year simply because the Stewards did nothing until the last of the year. The Stewards are urged to pay monthly. Let us have every official member present at every conference. I. F. BETTS, P. E. Vernon District—First Round. Odell, at Odell, Dec. 2, 3. Lazare, at Vivian, Dec. 9, 10. Turkey, at Turkey, Dec. 16, 17. Tolbert and Fargo, at Tolbert, Dec. 23, 24. Vernon Circuit, Dec. 23, 24. Vernon Station, Jan. 1. Newlin, at Newlin, Jan. 6. Estelline, Jan. 7. Kirkland, at Kirkland, Jan. 13, 14. Quanah Mission, at Big Valley, Jan. 20, 21. Chillicothe, Jan. 21, 22. Dumont, at Delwin, Jan. 27, 28. Pampa, Jan. 28, 29. Childress Mission, Feb. 3. Childress Station, Feb. 4, 5. Tell, at Highpoint, Feb. 5. Quanah Station, Feb. 11, 12. M. PHELAN, P. E. Decatur District—First Round. Bowie Station, Nov. 25, 26. Krum and Slidell, at Krum, Dec. 2, 3. Justin and Ponder, at Ponder, Dec. 3, 4. Jacksboro Mission, Wesley's Chapel, Dec. 9, 10. Jacksboro Station, Dec. 10, 11. Sunset Circuit, at Fruitland, Dec. 16, 17. Decatur Station, Dec. 23, 24. Greenwood Mission, at Rush Branch, Dec. 30, 31. Alvord Station, Dec. 31. Reanoke and Argyle, at Argyle, Jan. 6, 7. Ferrin and Barton, at Perrin, Jan. 13, 14. Crafton Mission, at Park Springs, Jan. 20, 21. Chico Mission, at Chico, Jan. 21, 22. Willow Point Mission, at Willow Point, Jan. 27, 28. Bryson and Jermyn, at Jermyn, Feb. 3, 4. Paradise Mission, at Garvin, Feb. 10, 11. Bridgeport Station, Feb. 11, 12. Decatur Mission, at Mt. Zion, Feb. 17, 18. Decatur Circuit, at Oak Grove, Feb. 18, 19. Boyd Circuit, at Rhome, Feb. 24, 25. The District Stewards, pastors and Church Lay Leaders of Decatur District will please meet in Decatur November 28, at 2 p. m., at the Methodist Church. W. A. STUCKEY, P. E. Navasota District—First Round. Anderson, at Anderson, Nov. 25, 26. Shiro, at Shiro, Nov. 26, 27. Huntsville Station, Dec. 1 and 3. Walker County Mission, at Crabb's Prairie, Dec. 2, 3. Dodge and Oakhurst, at Dodge, Dec. 9, 10. Conroe Station, Dec. 10, 11. Millican, at Stonham, Dec. 16, 17. Millican, at Stonham, Dec. 16, 17. Navasota Station, Dec. 17, 18. Madisonville Station, Dec. 22, 24. Midway, at Midway, Dec. 23, 24. Madison County Mission, at Union, Dec. 30, 31. Latexo, at Percilla, Jan. 6, 7. Grapeland and Lovelady, at Grapeland, Jan. 7, 8. Beloit, at Center Hill, Jan. 13, 14. Crockett Station, Jan. 14. Onalaska, at Onalaska, Jan. 20, 21. Trinity Station, Jan. 20. Montgomery, at Montgomery, Jan. 27, 28. Willis, at Willis, Jan. 28, 29. Groveton Station, Feb. 3, 4. Celd Springs, at Evergreen, Feb. 19, 11. Brazos County Mission, at Union Hill, Feb. 17, 18. Brya Sta., Feb. 18. Cleveland and Fostoria, at Cleveland, Feb. 24, 25. District Stewards will please meet me at Conroe December 12. J. E. MORGAN, P. E. GALL STONES AVOID OPERATIONS (No Oil) No more Gallstones. Stomach, Back, Side or Shoulders; Liver Trouble, Stomach Misery, Dyspepsia, Colic, Gas, Bloating, Headache, Constipation, Piles, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Biliousness. These are common Gallstone symptoms—can be cured. Send for home treatment MEDICAL BOOK on LIVER, STOMACH, GALL TROUBLE & APPENDICITIS. FREE. GALLSTONE REMEDY CO., DEPT. E-90, 219 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago.

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NOTES AND PERSONALS. CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 9.)

ces are paid in full. I have conducted 12 revivals for other pastors. Will give all my time to evangelistic work this coming year.

H. B. Landrum, Corsicana Circuit: 45 additions, all collections in full for the first time in nine years; total \$1550.

E. A. Smith, Italy: 30 conversions, 10 net gain, 365 enrolled in Sunday School, a splendid parsonage built and paid for, raised for all purposes \$4739.

J. M. Hays, Munger, Texas: We have had 70 conversions, 28 additions, paid for all purposes \$1293.

J. H. Stewart, First Church, Hillsboro: Collections in full, 117 members received, net gain 60, Church in fine spirit, a hopeful outlook.

C. A. Davis, Iredell charge: 29 conversions, salary and collections 95 per cent paid, good prayer meeting.

S. B. Knowles, Stephenville: Raised for all purposes \$4000 and have torn down old building and have the foundation for a new \$15,000 church building which is expected to be ready by July.

W. E. Hawkins, Sunday School Field Secretary, makes a good report as follows: 62 institutes held, delivered 328 lectures to 20,540 people, organized 128 family altars, and secured 1470 pledges to daily Bible readings; total hat offering \$499.20; total expense \$164.10.

S. B. Sawyers, Hewitt charge: We have closed out our twenty-fifth year of itinerant life. The past year has been the best and happiest of our life.

W. H. Harris, Red Oak charge: 60 conversions, 60 additions, raised for all purposes \$2199.

J. F. Clark, Winchell: A good year, all conference claims paid in full, a small deficit in salary.

P. W. Layne, Eolian: 37 conversions, 90 per cent of pastor's salary, 75 per cent of conference claims, a good year.

A. C. Lackey, Crawford: Have built two new churches, one new parsonage, paid all assessments and preacher's salary in full.

J. R. B. Hall, Temperance Evangelist: It has been a good year. The brethren have received me kindly and the work has been delightful.

O. C. Swinney, Troy and Pendleton: Best report of my pastorate to any Annual Conference. A net increase in membership, salary paid in full, paid for all purposes over \$200 per month. Our benevolent assessments not quite paid.

H. C. Bowman, Talpa charge: 100 conversions, 43 additions to the

Church, Sunday School trebled in membership, salary and benevolences in full, church building constructed, and by aid of the Church Extension Board paid for.

M. M. Morphis, West charge: 59 additions, salary paid in full, a slight shortage on collections for conference claims, raised for all purposes \$2400.

N. J. Peoples, Peoria charge: Salary paid in full, 71 per cent paid on conference assessments, net gain 23, Sunday School in fine shape.

M. D. Council, Scranton charge: We have had 48 conversions, 36 additions to the Church, 3 Missionary Societies organized, claims paid in full.

W. L. Boyd, Wayland charge: We have had a good year. We are a little behind with collections.

Desdemona Mission: J. O. Gore, pastor: 27 accessions, preacher's salary increased, benevolences about 35 per cent paid.

J. B. Dodson, Thurber and Mingo: We have made some net gain this year in membership—a gain of 21. We have organized two Epworth Leagues, 76 enrollment, one W. M. Society, 12 members giving \$8 in the two societies. My wife is superintendent of the Mission Sunday School and teaches a class therein and also teaches a class in our American Sunday School, and furthermore, she teaches a Primary school for our American children under public school age, thus avoiding the necessity of those children going to the Catholic school. Miss Denton is teaching in the same way and for the same purpose for the foreign children. Misses Lee and Denton also teach a night school for young men and they both teach in both Sunday Schools above mentioned. The suspension of work in the mines and brick plant not only hindered the collections, but practically shut off collections from August 1, though everything had been provided for by subscription. However, having organized our Sunday School in the early part of the year we are able to pay a little more on the conference collections than last year. We have secured two new subscribers to the Advocate.

J. A. Ruffner, Santa Anna: 105 additions, Sunday School enrollment more than 500, good revival.

W. J. Mayhew, Lorena: Collections running over, 41 conversions, 31 additions on profession of faith, more than \$200 paid to the Orphanage, considerable material improvement of church and parsonage.

F. O. Waddill, Copperas Cove: 55 additions to the Church, \$2000 debt paid, raised for all purposes \$3300 despite devastating hailstorm.

W. L. Nelms, after two remarkable years at First Church, Weatherford, takes his place among the presiding elders of his conference, having been appointed to the Cleburne District. His speech during the de-

bate on the Educational assessments equalled anything we ever heard him say during his long connection with his conference.

W. B. Andrews, Waxahachie: 90 additions, 38 on profession of faith, finances in full, Sunday School supporting a missionary in China.

T. L. Sorrels, Irene: 14 conversions, 41 accessions, 14 infants baptized, collected from all Advocate subscribers, \$186 for Orphanage, collections in full.

R. B. Young, Purdon: Salaries and collections in full, considerable increase over last year.

Cullum H. Booth preached a splendid sermon during the Conference.

The Jubilee Address of Horace Bishop was superb. He promises the Advocate his manuscript for a later issue.

Hoyt M. Dobbs leaves the pastorate for the Deanship of the School of Theology in Dallas. His conference greatly appreciates him and rejoices in his elevation.

A. L. Andrews, after two great years at Wichita Falls, transfers to the Central and is stationed at First Church, Fort Worth. The membership at Wichita Falls was more than doubled in the two years—a record which is not surpassed in Southern Methodism, if equalled. The friends of Dr. Andrews expect him to do the work of his life in Fort Worth.

W. B. Andrews goes to the presiding eldership of the Georgetown District after two successful years as pastor at Waxahachie. He was an ideal Conference host. He and his city did themselves proud in their great entertainment of the Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman were ideal as host and hostess to J. H. Stewart and the editor of the Advocate. Long will their hospitable home be remembered.

The serious illness of Sister M. K. Little greatly distressed the Conference. She was stricken after reaching the Conference and was removed to a local sanitarium in Dallas, where her condition is somewhat improved.

M. K. Little has had two remarkable years at Coleman. He has had hundreds of conversions and has built the prettiest church in the conference.

W. W. Moss and T. S. Armstrong retire to pastorates after a quadrennium of fine work as presiding elders, the first from the Cleburne District and the second from the Georgetown District.

Dr. A. C. Millar, editor Arkansas Methodist, made a great speech in behalf of the Texas Christian Advocate. His visit to the Conference was enjoyed immensely. Dr. Millar taught in Dallas years ago and barely missed being a Texan. Texas is loser and Arkansas is winner. He is a commanding figure in Arkansas and everywhere, whether as college president or editor, he has served the Church faithfully and well. Come again, Dr. Millar, your visit refreshed us.

Bishop J. H. McCoy won all hearts by his great presidency of the Conference. Whether in the pulpit or in the chair, he is a veritable master. All Texas loves him.

Rev. W. H. Doss and his Church at DeLeon have resolved to begin at once the erection of a \$15,000 brick building. Our pastors have toiled hard on meager salaries, but our

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financial condition has improved and we are hopeful of better things. I believe the laymen of this Conference ought to relieve pastors of much of the work of collecting conference claims.

C. G. Chappell's sermon on Tuesday evening was greatly enjoyed. After two great years at Polytechnic he is transferred to the North Texas Conference and is stationed at Highland Park, Dallas. His new field is a great one and that he will succeed his friends do not doubt.

S. J. Vaughan, Dublin District: We have had 976 additions to the Church. Salaries and benevolent claims are behind on most of the charges, a few in full. The amount of time our pastors spend in trying to secure the benevolent collections is out of all proportion to what ought to be the duties of a pastor. A forward movement in the matter of church building may be witnessed when we note that Rev. S. B. Knowles and the good people of Stephenville have begun the erection of a splendid brick church. Rev. J. D. Smoot and the Carlton members will soon complete a good church to cost about \$3500. The church at Duffau, to cost about \$2500, is nearing completion. Rev. J. D. Ramsey is pastor.

TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

At the session of the Annual Conference, just closed, we adopted a great missionary policy for our Sunday Schools. It is as follows:

First. The offering of Missionary Day is to be directed as a Special. "Not of law but of grace"—this is our watchword. We are to move on a higher plane than heretofore. The Sunday School Special is now our conference policy. The offering in March is to go to Home Mission work among the Mexicans in Texas and that of the other eleven missionary Sundays to China.

Second. Our conference goal is one thousand dollars per month on Missionary Day from our five hundred Sunday Schools—an average of two dollars per month for each school. Any Sunday School can give one dollar per month and many can give more than two dollars per month so that this goal can be easily reached.

Third. Our aim is Missionary Day in every Sunday School in the Central Texas Conference. If your school has been negligent at this point, won't you, dear reader, do your best to swing it into line at once? Follow the suggestion of the Discipline and observe the last Sunday in the month as Missionary Day, unless there is special reason for choosing some other day. Begin next Sunday. It is Missionary Day.

Our conference slogan is: "Missionary Day in every Sunday School with a minimum offering of one dollar per month and an average of two dollars per month as a Special." Talk it, pray it, sound it out, pass it on until it reaches every nook and corner of our great conference.

One further word: Send your offering on Monday following Missionary Day to George T. Jester, Conference Treasurer, Corsicana, Texas, to save interest. If it is only one dollar, send it. Two and one-half per cent of the income of the General Board of Missions is eaten up by interest due largely to late collections and retarded reports. Last year it was \$25,000. This is terrible. Send your money promptly, therefore, to help cut down this cost.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, we are, Yours sincerely,

J. E. CRAWFORD,
Conference Missionary Secretary.
T. E. BOWMAN,
Secretary of Sunday School Board.
JNO. H. GARNER,
Secretary Board of Lay Activities.

"I congratulate the Central Texas Conference on this great policy and I sincerely trust that there will be united effort on the part of both preachers and laymen that all of its features may be realized."—Bishop James H. McCoy.

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