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THE BAPTISTS.

By Rev. J. H. Brunner, D. D.

The Baptists are a great people—great in numbers, zeal and influence for good government. I learned to love them when a boy. Our nearest neighbor was a Baptist, and when our country home went up in a blaze one cold November night, that Baptist took us in our night clothes to his home, where I was put into a trundle bed till clothing could be improvised to fit me for an appearance in society. "Loved him?" Yes. And when he grew old and sick and died among strangers I saw him buried and I put up stones to mark his grave in the city of the dead.

On my father's removal to another neighborhood a Baptist preacher lived on a farm adjoining ours. As Methodists and Baptists we got along smoothly. He preached in our church and I in his.

At college a Baptist preacher was my room-mate, and Baptist boys and I read the Greek New Testament together. A Baptist boy married my eldest sister. Many of my best friends are Baptists.

During the Confederate War many were the persecutions that we Southern Methodists had to endure. But never from the followers of Roger Williams. When I was a prisoner the second time, I was strangely allowed my liberty, but not until two years later did I learn that I owed my release to the kind offices of a Baptist preacher to me almost unknown.

Dr. Leftwich gathered material for two volumes of his "History of Martyrdom in Missouri," and in all the evil days in that State in the Civil War he found not a single Baptist among the persecuting throngs! A wonderful fact! This I can readily believe, as I found Tennessee Baptists the opposers of violence in my native State. Such a people deserve to be loved, and I am one of the lovers.

The foregoing facts are stated to show the reader that I am not moved by enmity or prejudice in what I am about to say about this great and good people.

I pick up the Knoxville Sentinel of December 20, 1907, and see this account:

"Rev. W. C. Mopping was baptizing a girl, Alice Phipps. Both of them fell, and were swept by the current out into the river. They sunk in the water three times before several men on the river bank were able to rescue them. The accident occurred at Spear's Ferry, about four miles from

here. Several others were baptized during the afternoon."

After reading this account there comes to memory a case that happened in connection with my pastorate in 1851. Among the 147 converts in a revival was a girl belonging to a Baptist family. To our surprise the mother of the girl applied to my wife to get the girl to join the Methodist Church along with other girls who were of Methodist families. This my wife refused to do, as it seemed like proselyting. The result was fatal, for the girl afterward joined the Baptists, and was immersed one chilly day in a cold brook, taking a cold that terminated her young life, which had been so full of promise to her friends. Suppose she had been baptized in infancy, or by affusion in the revival with the other girls? The Bible talks of a "reasonable service." Is it reasonable to take girls just blooming into womanhood and immerse them in cold rivers in December, as in the Rogersville case, or in the fatal case above? I think there is a more excellent way. Jesus never requires such service.

But a Baptist brother objects and says he does not so read the directions. The brother should reflect that the great majority of readers in all the ages in all lands differ from him, and with reason on their side. Honest men are often mistaken in their interpretations.

As an instance, take the following: William Jones (not a fictitious name, but my former pastor) was sent to the Rogersville Circuit. In making his first round he needed directions. Coming to a house by the roadside, he inquired the way to the meeting house. The lady said: "Keep this road till you come to the creek, then go up the creek a half mile and you will be at the church."

Plain directions to a reasonable man. But Jones was known to have set notions at times. So he went on to the creek, and instead of looking for the much traveled road by which the multitudes went up to the house of God, he went by his interpretation of the good lady's words, "Go up the creek." Into the creek he plunged his nag, and over fallen timber, through swimming holes and anon rocks and boulders, and up the slippery bank to the church! But he got there all the same. The congregation, however, thought there was "a more excellent way," had he but exercised a little reason.

Hiwassee College, Tenn.

More Honorable Support of the Ministry.

By Rev. W. A. Betts.

The financial system operated by our pastoral charges, with a few distinguished exceptions, is detrimental to the best interests of preacher and people. Many of the charges in the early part of the year carefully estimate the needs of their pastor and assessment on the Churches is made accordingly, all of which is very good. But instead of providing for the payment of his salary in regular installments like other reliable business organizations, the officials sometimes impale their preacher on one of the horns of a miserable dilemma: Either he must go in debt, go about "foraging," or resort to secular pursuit for a livelihood. To an honest, genteel and conscientious minister either is extremely humiliating, and effectually incapacitates him for his holy calling. Most pastors and stewards know that the general rule is, to pay the preacher, during the greater part of the year, in very irregular and inadequate installments. We do unmercifully "muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn," and without doubt the time has come for this dishonoring and destructive custom to forever cease among us. We cannot, as a Church, long maintain our self-respect nor the esteem

of the world, nor yet "the good will of Him that dwelt in the bush," if we continue to deal unrighteously with the "laborer, worthy of his hire." If he be found not "worthy," then let our laymen, in the honesty of their convictions, lodge with the presiding elder a just complaint against him (when they have themselves discharged their duty), and the sequel will doubtless show the unworthy shepherd located.

Some charges pay in full each week and others each month. Some are magnanimous enough to pay the installments "in advance." Does any member or steward doubt that the pastors, thus unincumbered as to finances, will do much better service and more of it, for the people they dwell among? The writer believes that under the most depressing financial conditions which have obtained, at no time has there been with any charge inability to pay in full, with cash and "in kind" together, by the month or by the quarter, the salary of the pastor.

Concerning this darkest phase in the economy of our beloved Methodism, and the way out, let the Boards of Stewards faithfully and fearlessly

follow the Discipline, which substantially says:

1. The stewards shall report to the Church Conference the whole amount to be raised for the support of the ministry, and that part of it which each congregation is expected to pay.

2. The Church Conference may adopt its own method of raising the money. Unless otherwise ordered by the Church Conference, the stewards shall adopt the plan of "assessment."

3. Each member of the Church is expected to pay according to his or her several ability for the support of the ministry, and the stewards of each pastoral charge shall determine whether payments are to be made weekly, monthly or quarterly, during the year.

4. The stewards shall ascertain how much each member is able and willing to pay in the installments fixed by the stewards as aforesaid.

McTyeire's Manual of the Discipline pertinently says: "A careless or inefficient steward may, without positive opposition, starve out the ministry, in the midst of plenty; for no other member feels at liberty to act in his place, without appointment. He stands between the pastor and his support. He is the commissary of the Church militant, and by his non-action contributes more to defeat than all the strategy of the enemy. On the contrary, where energetic and liberal stewards are employed, the Church partakes of their spirit, the congregation devises liberal things, poverty vies with wealth, and comparatively small and feeble organizations amply sustain the institutions of the Church."

It is certain that a burden of the greatest responsibility rests upon the steward. But if a private member shall refuse to comply with the provisions of the law mentioned above, he or she is manifestly guilty of violating their vow to "be subject to the Discipline of the Church and support its institutions." All such ought to be officially dealt with as provided in the law of our Church for "improper conduct."

May the great Head of the Church endue his servants, lay and clerical, with grace to do their duty. So shall a great reproach attaching to our Zion be put away. And let all the people say, Amen!

Postscript.—The following from the pen of Bishop Haygood has come to hand and is pertinent:

"There is great moving to and fro these conference times. It is always a time of trial to preachers and their wives, particularly when it takes every dollar to straighten up little accounts before they start to the new place. We knew a preacher not long since to enter his new 'hired house' with just twenty-five cents. He was a gentleman and did not like to go whining to his new stewards. He even preferred to ask a little 'credit' from the new broker and the new grocer. And those stewards let him go on two or three months without paying him a dime. The preacher was humiliated. What did God think of those stewards, 'muzzling the poor ox that treadeth out the corn?' * * * Not far from these oxen-starving people was another Church—not richer, but truly religious. There was a close carriage in waiting at the depot when the preacher and his family got in; a young brother took charge of checks and baggage. The parsonage was in shipshape and comfortable. In the wood-house was a good supply of fuel. A new rope was on the windlass. The best of 'provisions' for a month—for good cheer, and never counted on salary account; enough good warm dinner to do till next day. How the battle-scarred soldier did sing that night when they set up the new family altar! She, the heroic wife and mother, tried to sing, but half through the first stanza broke into a little, happy sob; pressed her baby to her breast, and cried out, 'O, God, bless these dear, kind people.' The next Sunday was communion day. There was a good time all round. They enjoyed one another, rejoiced in each other, and thanked God for one another as preacher and people."

Pittsburg, Texas.

JOURNALS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Prepared By Rev. E. L. Shettles.

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Constitution.

Article 1. This association shall be denominated the Texas Conference Missionary Society, Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Article 2. The object of this society shall be identical with those of the Parent Society as expressed in the first article of its Constitution, to-wit: To assist the several Annual Conferences in their efforts to evangelize the destitute parts of the United States and foreign lands.

Article 3. Any person may become a member of this society by the payment of one dollar per—funds—per annum. The payment of twenty dollars at one time to constitute a life member.

Article 4. The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and five managers to be chosen by ballot at the annual meetings of the society, and their duties shall be as follows, viz: The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the society and preserve order. The Secretary shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the society. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds subject to the direction of the society and shall make a faithful report of its financial concerns at each annual meeting. These four officers with the five managers shall constitute a board upon whom shall devolve all the business of the society, and who shall pre-

sent a faithful report of its general interests at each annual meeting.

Article 5. The funds of this society shall be paid over annually to the Treasurer of the Parent Society, or otherwise be disposed of as to comply with the requisition thereof.

Article 6. The annual meeting of the society shall be held at any time during the session of the Annual Conference, at the discretion of the board; at this the officers shall be elected, reports presented, and all other business discharged that the interests of the society may demand. The board shall meet on the second day of the session of the conference, the hour and place to be appointed by the President.

Article 7. This Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting of the society by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows, to-wit: Robert Alexander, President; John Haynie, Vice-President; Thos. O. Summers, Secretary; Chauncy Richardson, Treasurer.

Managers: L. Fowler, F. Wilson, J. Hord, J. P. Sneed and S. A. Williams. Names of the members of the Mission Society of the Texas Conference as Conference Missionary Society, 1840: Littleton Fowler, R. Alexander, A. W. Williams, F. Wilson, C. Richardson, Thos. O. Summers, Jesse Hord, J. P. Sneed, John Haynie, A. P. Manly, Bishop Waugh, Daniel Carl, H. D. Palmer, Robert Crawford, Robt. H. Hill, Nathan Shook, Rich. W. Owen, D. N. V. Sullivan, Dr. Pirtle, Jas. W. Scott, Jas. H. Collard, Dr. Alexander, Andrew Rabb, T. W. Kenney, O. A. M. Edwards, J. C. Woolam, J. M. Jackson, C. H. Harwood, W. H. Blair, John A. King, Mary M. King, James P. Norton, Thomas K. Nelson,

Thomas Coke Thomson, Francis Asbury Thomson, Susan O. Thomson, Mary A. Brady, Margaret Snell, Elizabeth Killough, Parmelia A. Thomson, John F. F. Thomson, Alex. J. R. Thomson, J. M. Burton, Eliza M. Burton, Maria C. Taneille, Surena Robinson, Amanda T. Kerr, Mary A. T. Kerr, Asa Hill, Elizabeth Hill, Jeffy B. Hill, Jas. M. Hill L. E. Hill, John C. Hill, Sarah A. A. Hill, Lydia Evans, Susanna Hill, Jane Crawford, P. Killough, William B. Skates Wm. P. Kerr, Thos. M. Panick, Geo. A. Kerr, Robt. S. Alway, Serena P. Kerr, A. Thomson, Eliza Thomson, Jasper N. W. Thomson, Wm. D. Thomson, Eliza A. Owens, Robert Price, Lucy Kerr, James Randall, Mary Randall, M. M. Fowler, Eliz. Wilson, Percy A. Kerr, Jane H. Kerr, Alfred B. F. Kerr, Green W. Hill, Wm. C. T. Hill Susanna A. Hill, Asa C. Hill, Mary Ann R. Hill, Martha A. E. Hill.

The society held its first celebration in the Feale School House at Rutersville during the session of the conference on Monday evening, December 28, 1840. The exercises were opened by the President of the society, Rev. R. Alexander, by reading the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, by singing the 479th hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign Where the Sun," etc., and by an invocation at the throne of grace. The society was then addressed in a most forcible manner by the Rev. Francis Wilson, who for about twenty minutes spoke of the missionary character of the Apostolic Church and also of the first Methodist societies, and especially of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He alluded, in conclusion, to the great success with which the missionary enterprise had been crowned. Rev. McKenny succeeded and in about forty-five minutes expatiated most pathetically on the advantages, moral, religious and political which result from missionary labor. He happily contrasted the condition of Texas before the visits of the Methodist missionaries with its present condition. He felicitated himself and his fellow-citizens on the change which had been effected within the past five years, and the cheerful prospect which the work now exhibits. He urged the imperative duty binding upon the Church to support those ministers of Christ who are engaged in the missionary field. His allusion to the dear lamented Ruter and his bereaved family was touching indeed. Bishop Heber's missionary hymn was then sung in great spirit; Bishop Waugh followed in a very impressive address of about an hour's length. He expressed great satisfaction at being privileged to stand up before the society at its first meeting. He considered the society as wearing a friendly aspect to a country to which the Republic bears a hostile attitude, and spoke in a prophetic strain of the speedy evangelization of Mexico and South America. He then glanced at the history of the parent society and the wonderful success which has attended its efforts in the evangelization of the world. He spoke with peculiar emphasis of the work of God in Texas as far exceeding anything that could have been expected when the lamented Ruter, to whom he made an affecting allusion, entered into this field of missionary enterprise. The Bishop concluded his excellent address in a manner which told well upon the hearts of the crowded assembly. It was eloquent, it was powerful, it was effective.

Bro. Summers then proposed to be one of four to make Bishop Waugh a life member of the Texas Conference Missionary Society, and was instantly joined by Rev. Messrs. Richardson, Sneed and Owen, each contributing five dollars.

Rev. Messrs. Haynie, Manly, Alexander and Kenny did the same in honor of Bishop Roberts.

Rev. Messrs. Sullivan and Collard, with Mr. W. H. Blair and Mrs. Alexander (Rev.) did the same in honor of Bishop Soule.

Rev. Messrs. Hord, Shook and Carl, with Bro. John A. King, did the same in honor of Bishop Andrew.

Rev. Messrs. Fowler, Hill, Craw-

ford and Williams did the same in honor of Bishop Morris.

Rev. Mrs. Richardson, with Bro. H. Griffith, J. C. Calhoun and Dr. Pirtle did the same in honor of Bishop Hedding.

Mrs. E. Hill, Elizabeth Williamson, A. Thomson, Susanna C. Thomson, Lydia Evans and Jane Crawford (ten extra) did the same in honor of Rev. Thomas O. Summers.

Thomas C. Thomson, J. A. M. Jackson, G. C. Tanelle, Thos. M. Panick, James H. Dinnis, Robert W. Scott, Robert Alway, B. M. Dougherty, Ed. L. Moore, A. Rabb (ten) subscribed each two dollars to constitute Rev. C. Richardson a life member of T. C. M. S.

Sam. L. Fowler, T. N. M. Thomson, J. A. T. Smith, Robt. Alway, Thos. Nelson, Wm. R. Kerr, P. Dennis, A. Rodurnich, W. A. Nail and P. S. Hill (ten) subscribed each two dollars to constitute Rev. Jesse Hord life member T. C. M. S.

Bro. John Rabb arose and said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee," and contributed one-fourth of a league of land situated on the Brazos. He wished

the members of the conference and as many of the local preachers as would join the itinerancy to be constituted life members of the society by that munificent donation.

Bro. Wm. Robinson gave a labor of land situated on the San Jacinto in Montgomery County; Edward L. Moore and Eliza L., his wife, gave 160 acres of his headright to make themselves life members.

Rev. Jas. H. Collard gave 500 acres on the east prong of the San Jacinto. Burton M. Dougherty gave a labor of land on the Pestinas, being part of his headright, John F. Jones and Eliza, his wife, offered a horse; Horatio Griffith a lot in the town of Sabine; Jane Crawford gave 300 acres of land.

Verily the spirit of contribution came down upon the people. They felt themselves debtors to the gospel and acted accordingly. The scene was sublime. It made the hosts above rejoice. The pleasing exercises were closed by the benediction solemnly pronounced by the Bishop, and the society adjourned.

THOS. O. SUMMERS, Sec.

Devotional-Spiritual

THOUGHTS FOR THE QUIET HOUR.

(Compiled by Mrs. Mary R. Lesesne.)

January 16—Ye are the temple of the Living God. II Cor. 6-16.

Living stones the Master chooseth, For the courses of his wall.

—Jean Ingelow.

Slowly through all the universe that temple of God is being built. Wherever, in any world, a soul, by free-willed obedience, catches the fire of God's likeness, it is set into the growing wall—a living stone. When in your hard fight, in your tiresome drudgery, or in your terrible temptation, you catch the purpose of your being and give yourself to God, and so give him the chance to give himself to you, your life—a living stone—is taken up and set into that growing wall.

Wherever souls are being tried and ripened, in whatever common place and homely ways, there God is hewing out the pillars for his temple. Oh, if the stone can only have some vision of the temple of which it is to be a part forever, what patience must fill it as it feels the blows of the hammer and knows that success for it is simply to let itself be wrought into what shape the Master wills.—Phillips Brooks.

A temple there has been upon earth, a spiritual temple made up of living stones; a temple, as I may say, composed of living souls; a temple with God for its light and Christ for the high priest; with wings of angels for its arches, with saints and teachers for its pillars, and with worshippers for its pavement.

Wherever there is faith and love, this temple is.—J. H. Newman.

To whatever worlds he carries our souls when they shall pass out of these imprisoning bodies, in those world these souls of ours shall find themselves part of the same great temple, for it belongs not to this earth alone.

There can be no end of the universe where God is, to which that growing temple does not reach—the temple of a creation to be wrought at last into a perfect utterance of God by a perfect obedience to God.—Brooks.

January 17—O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me.—Ps. 43:3.

January 18—Thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God in all that thou puttest thine hands unto.—Deut. 12:18.

January 19—Not with eye service, as men-pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God. Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to

the Lord, and not unto men.—Col. 3:22, 23.

January 20—In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.—Ps. 94:19.

January 21—And he that keepeth his commands dwelleth in him and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.—I John 3:24.

January 22—Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word.—Ps. 119:65.

TRUE CONSECRATION.

God loves to be compelled, God will be compelled by the importunate prayer and faith of his children. I imagine God is often grieved and disappointed and angry with us, as the prophet was with the king who shot but three arrows when he should have shot half a dozen or more, because we ask so little and are so easily turned away without the blessing we profess to want, and so quickly satisfied with a little comfort, when it is the Comforter himself we need.

The Syro-Phoenician woman, who came to Jesus to have the devil cast out of her daughter, is a sample believer, and puts most Christians to shame by the boldness and persistence of her faith. She would not be turned away without the blessing she sought. At first Jesus answered her not a word, and so he often treats us today. We pray and get no answer. God is silent. Then he rebuffed her by saying that he had not come to such as she, but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. That was enough to make blaspheming skeptics of most twentieth-century folks. But not so with her. Her desperate faith grows awfully sublime. At last Jesus seemed to add insult to injury by declaring:

"It is not meet to give the children's bread to dogs."

Then the woman's faith conquered and compelled him, for she said:

"Truth, Lord, but the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from the children's table."

She was willing to take the dog's place and receive the dogs' portion. Glory to God! Oh, how her faith triumphed, and Jesus, amazed, said:

"O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

Jesus meant to bless her all the time, if her faith would hold out. And so he means to bless you.

Now, there two classes of people who profess to consecrate themselves to God, but upon inquiry it will usually appear that they are consecrated more to some line of work than

to God himself. They are God's housekeepers rather than the bride of his Son—very busy people with little or no time nor inclination for real heart-fellowship with Jesus. The first class might be termed pleasure seekers. They see that sanctified people are happy, and, thinking it is due to what they have given and done, they begin to give and do, never dreaming of the infinite treasure these sanctified ones have received. The secret of him who said: "God, my exceeding joy," and the "Lord is the portion of my soul," is hidden from them. So they never find God. They are seeking happiness, not holiness. They will hardly admit their need of holiness—they were always good—and God is found only by those who, feeling the deep depravity and need of their hearts, want to be holy. "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." This class are usually good livers, hearty eaters, very sociable, always dressed in the fashion, religious epicures.

The other class may be rightly called misery hunters. They are always seeking something hard to do. They believe in being on the rack perpetually. Like Baal's priests, they cut themselves—not their bodies, but their minds and souls; they give their goods to feed the poor, they give their bodies to be burned, and yet it profits them nothing. (I Cor. 13:3.) They wear themselves out in a hard bond service. It is not joy they want, but misery. They judge of their acceptance with God, not by the joy-producing presence of the indwelling Comforter, that makes the yoke easy and the burden light, but rather by the amount of misery they are ready to endure or have endured; and they are not happy, and they fear they are not saved, unless there is some sacrifice for them to make that will produce in them the most exquisite torment. They have died a thousand deaths, and yet are not dead. Their religion does not consist in "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost," but rather of grit and resolution and misery.

But these people do not really make greater sacrifices than sanctified people, only they make more ado over them. Not being dead, it hurts them to submit to God, and yet they feel compelled to do so. Nor are their sorrows greater than those of the sanctified people, only they are of a different kind and spring from a different root. They have misery and sorrow because of the sacrifices they have to make, while the sanctified man counts these things all joy for Jesus' sake, and yet he has continual sorrow, for the sorrows and woes of a world are upon his heart, and but for the comfort and sympathy Jesus gives him, his heart would sometimes break.

Still these people are good, and do good. God bless them! But what they need is a faith that sanctifies (Acts 26:18); that, through the operation of the Spirit will kill them and put them out of their misery and bring joy and peace into their tired hearts, so that in newness of life they can drink of the river of God's pleasures and never thirst any more, and make all manner of sacrifice for Jesus' sake with gladness.

It is sanctification, then, that we need, and what God wants us to have, and that the Holy Spirit is urging upon us, every one. It is a way of childlike faith that receives all God has to give, and of perfect love that joyfully gives all back to God; a way that keeps the soul from Laodicean sloth and ease on one hand, from hard, cold, Pharisaical bondage on the other; a way of inward peace and pleasantness and abounding spiritual life, in which the soul, always wary of its enemies, is not unduly elated by success, nor cast down by disappointment, does not measure itself by others nor compare itself with others, but, looking unto Jesus, attends strictly to its business, walking by faith and trust-

in him in due time in order to fulfill the exceeding great and precious promises of his love.—From "Helps to Holiness."

CHRIST AND THE PRESENT HOUR.

We see no signs of the diminishing of Christ's power. We have not begun or we have but just begun the noble task of bringing his principles to apply in our everyday life. Christianity exhausted? It has scarcely been tried as yet. And the fact is that the most potent force in our life today is the regal personality of Christ. His spell is upon us as it has been upon no preceding generation. We see him in the company of the ancient worthies, and the surpassing majesty of his presence is at once manifest. We see him walking down the aisles of time, touching with freeing power the souls of men everywhere, and we do not wonder at the increase of his kingdom. Today we see him among the princes of trade; we see him walking with a divine grace amidst the sufferings of India, the barbarities of Africa, flooding the isles of the sea with his light, and we know that he is, indeed, a King among kings, and that of his kingdom there shall be no end. His power waning? It has never been more real. He is with us as the sky above, as the atmosphere about us. We can not escape him. He has come to be the unavoidable Christ. We take up our chief poets and there we meet him. Visit the great galleries; there it is his face that looks down upon us with infinite grace and good-will. Avoid literature and the art galleries, yet the customs of the people, of the boys and girls, remind us of him. Our very calendars will not let us forget him. Our babes come with gleeful prattle into our homes and we can not avoid thinking of Bethlehem. We dig our graves for our loved ones, and he is there as our comforting presence, and we hear his words, "Let not your hearts be troubled." We gather about our Christmas trees and keep our greatest day, when home seems more blessed than at any other time, and we can not but realize that the face of the Lord Christ is shining up among the candles. Yes, he is with us still, the greatest source of the highest that we have. He still shames us out of our sinfulness. He still leads us into peace. He still hurries forward to spiritual consummations.—Western Christian Advocate.

THE DIVINE MESSAGE.

Have you ever toyed with the key of a telegraph instrument while the circuit was closed? If so, you have noted this fact: Every condition of expert operating may be fulfilled, but so long as the electric circuit is closed, all your efforts are simply sounding brass and clattering plinnum. Not a single spark of electric life do you transmit; not a single message of good or ill, of bane or blessing, is conveyed to the waiting listener at the other end of the line. Why? Because the battery is not working. And all your working is effort without result, activity without power. But now you open the little brass lever which connects your key to the battery hidden beneath the table. Immediately ever letter you form thrills with life, every word you write flashes a living message into the mind and heart of the far-away receiver. Through your work, dead and mechanical in itself, the electric battery is now pouring forth its vital stream, flooding with life and power every deft motion of your flying fingers.

The lesson is plain. It is in spiritual telegraphy as in material. If the battery is not working, the message is mere clatter. We may do, but if God is not doing through us, then all our work is naught. Prayer connects you with the divine battery of life and power. Prayer puts you "in the Spirit," and "it is the Spirit that quickeneth." From the

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Readers of this Paper.

Women are as subject to kidney trouble as men, which fact is often overlooked. Many woman's complaints often prove to be nothing else but kidney trouble, or the result of kidney or bladder disease.

If the kidneys are not in a healthy condition, they will cause the other organs to become diseased.

You may suffer a great deal with pain in the back, bearing-down feelings, headache and loss of ambition.

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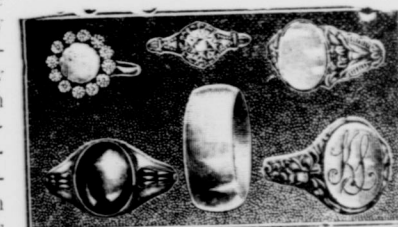
chamber of prayer you come forth to men with the unction, the subtle power, the thrill of God's own life upon you, and as you touch them in speech, deed or prayer, "virtue goes forth from you," for then it is not you but God that worketh in you. As you keep asking, God keeps doing. When you grow prayerless, your deeds grow powerless.—Exchange.

CHRIST SEEKING THE LOST.

He seeks each of us by the inner voice and emotions in our hearts and minds; sometimes we hear, by the suddenly upstarting convictions of duty and truth, which sometimes, without manifest occasion, flash across our hearts. These voices are Christ's voice, for, in a deeper sense than most men believe, "He is the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

He is seeking us by our unrest, by our yearnings after we know not what, by our dim dissatisfaction, which insists upon making itself felt in the midst of joys and delights, and which the world fails to satisfy as much as it fails to interpret. There is a cry in every heart little as the bearer of the heart translates it into its true meaning—a cry after God. And by all our unrests, your disappointments, your hopes unfulfilled, your hopes fulfilled and blasted in fulfillment, your desires that perish unfruitful—by all the mystic movements of the spirit that yearns for something beyond the material and the visible, Jesus Christ is seeking his sheep.

He seeks us by the discipline of life, for I believe that Christ is the active providence of God, and that the hands that were pierced on the cross do move the wheels of the history of the world and mold the destinies of individual spirits.—Alexander MacLaren.



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SECULAR NEWS.

Texas has 100 cotton seed oil mills, which produce \$32,349,540 worth of products, according to a recently published statement, while the total value of the products of all mills was given as \$97,736,749.

The value of the flour and grist mill products of the United States in 1905, as reported by the Bureau of the Census, was \$713,933,294; that of "slaughtering and meat packing" products, \$913,911,624.

An Eastern periodical made the observation recently that "three car loads of honey were shipped from Uvalde, Texas, to England. Uvalde is one of the largest single honey-producing counties in the United States, and owing to the abundance of a very fragrant wild plant called guajilla, makes a honey of such clearness and quality that it is featured on the New York bills of fare."

Imports of oranges into the United States have declined as measured by value, from \$2,324,967 worth in the fiscal year 1897 to \$554,495 worth in 1907. The exports have increased from \$339,296 worth in 1898, the first year in which they were recorded, to \$1,225,104 in 1907.

The first of the series of tunnels under the waters that divide Manhattan from Brooklyn on the one side and from New Jersey on the other, was opened for traffic January 9, when the initial passenger train left the Bowling Green station of the Interborough Subway, ran down the inclined tracks to the Battery far below the surface of the East River, and went the length of one of the long steel double tubes which parallel each other under the river to Brooklyn.

The opening of this tunnel, which is in effect the extending of the present subway system to Brooklyn, is regarded as a step toward the solution of the transportation problem of New York—one that brings New York and Brooklyn closer together and gives an outlet to Manhattan's millions by bringing the comparatively thinly populated territory of Long Island within easy reach of the center of business.

No official ceremonies marked the opening of the tunnel. The trip from Old City Hall, New York, to Borough Hall, Brooklyn, will be covered in about eight minutes when the schedules are in working order.

Believing that the present unsatisfactory condition of the cotton goods market demanded a remedy, a call has been issued for a joint session of the Southern Soft Yarn Spinners' Association, the Hard Yarn Spinners' Association and the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association. The meeting will be held in Charlotte, N. C., January 18. At the joint session the condition of the cotton goods market will be considered and some action taken to protect the manufacturers of cotton goods.

The first class at the military academy at West Point is to graduate February 14, that date having been selected by the superintendent of the academy in accordance with instructions received from Washington. The army is short of officers, and the early graduation will help materially in filling some vacant assignments.

Postmaster General Meyer has issued an order which has a direct bearing upon the prohibition movement. The order is as follows:

"It is hereby ordered that it shall be a condition of any contract hereafter entered into for carrying the mails upon star, screen wagon, messenger or special service route, that the contract carrier shall not transport any liquor from one point to another upon such route while in the performance of the mail service."

The American fleet of sixteen battleships entered the port of Rio de Janeiro at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of January 12, after a passage from Port of Spain, Trinidad, more than 3000 miles, unmarred by serious accidents, replete with interesting incidents and ending with a royal welcome from the thousands that had gathered to greet the visitors.

The fleet weighed anchor at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of December 29, at Port of Spain, and exactly at 4 o'clock January 12 the vessels were dropping their anchors in the beautiful harbor at Rio de Janeiro.

All of the battleships are there, but the supply ships Culgoa and Glacier are still at sea, not having been able to keep along with the others. The fleet has now covered about 4600 miles, about a third of the distance of the voyage to San Francisco.

Following is the legislation that the farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America desires enacted by the National Congress:

A law by which all money shall

be issued by and under the direct control of the Government.

The passage of a law by Congress prohibiting the buying and selling of cotton futures, and all other farm products, or gambling in agricultural products in any manner.

The immediate abolition by Congress of the Federal bureau for distribution of seeds and the speedy enactment of laws substantially excluding the present alien influx by means of an increased head tax, a money requirement, the illiteracy test and other measures.

That Congress extend the parcels post, increasing the number of pounds to be carried in the mails from four to eleven, and a reduction in postage from 16 cents to 12 cents a pound; also the establishment of a parcels post system on the mail delivery routes, carrying a special rate to be charged on packages originating on rural routes, the rate to be 5 cents for the first pound and 2 cents for each additional pound up to eleven pounds.

The establishment of a postal savings bank system as a means of keeping money at home, aiding circulation and guaranteeing for the farmers a safe depository.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.—RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Trustees of Southwestern University:

Be it Resolved by the Board of Trustees of Southwestern University:

1. That our most sincere thanks are hereby tendered Bishop W. A. Candler for the untiring, unselfish and very successful efforts he has recently made in behalf of Southwestern University.

2. Resolved, That the Secretary of this board be instructed to send a copy of the above resolution to Bishop Candler.

(Signed) W. L. NELMS,
R. G. MOOD.

Resolved, 1. That the Board of Trustees of Southwestern University expresses sincere appreciation of the very excellent work done by Rev. W. D. Bradfield in conducting the Education columns of the Texas Christian Advocate during the recent educational campaign, and also the splendid editorial work done in this interest by Dr. Rankin.

2. That Bro. Bradfield be requested to continue his work, looking to the further prosecution of the raising of the proposed \$500,000.

3. That we extend to the publishers of the Texas Advocate our hearty thanks for the generosity they have shown in allowing to this movement so much space in the Advocate.

O. T. HOTCHKISS, Secretary.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

One of Dr. McLean's amusing stories runs something like this: "A man who had lived a wild and stormy life was soundly converted. Soon after joining the Church his pastor called on him to lead in prayer. He offered his petition as follows: 'Oh, Lord, thou knowest we have been through scenes and unscenings!'"

Some recent experiences have made me think of this man's scenes and unscenings." On Sunday, December 15, after listening to a good sermon and returning to the Annex with the girls, I was met by Mrs. Allee with the startling news that there was a case of small-pox in the building. It was just three days until the girls were going home for the holidays. So, after thinking things over and consulting Dr. Hyer, I determined to send the girls home immediately. We let them eat their Sunday dinner in peace, and then I explained to them the situation and told them that I would secure the money and send them home out of harm's way at once.

The papers reported that the girls were all so terrified that they scattered like a drove of scared birds. In fact, they took things very coolly, and I sent them home as a precautionary measure. I had to go on Sunday to the bank and get the cash for them. The bank authorities were very kind indeed.

The young lady who developed the dread disease was the daughter of our chaperone. So she had her own mother with her to take care of her. As soon as it could be properly done we moved the patient into a cottage in the yard and had the Annex thoroughly disinfected. We then sent to our patrons the health officer's certificate to these facts.

One of the boys also developed a case, and one of the girls who had already gone home before Miss Wade's case developed, was pronounced as having small-pox by her home physician. All these cases promptly recovered and are now well and there has been no spread of the disease.

Some were afraid that the "scare" would affect our attendance after the holidays, but a glance at our morning chapel would convince anyone that the pupils are back in even a larger

proportion than usual. So this is an experience that now lies in the past. The teachers are all back in their places, and are hard at work, and everything is moving smoothly.

The last necessary work in financing the Mood Hall—the boys' dormitory—has been done and this magnificent building will be promptly finished. The trustees were down during the holidays to make the proper arrangements.

The Advocate has already noticed the fact that the writer has postponed his trip to the Orient until summer. However, when I had expected to be gone in February, arrangements were made for the final turning over of the Annex to Prof. Tinsley. This will be carried out February 1 just as planned.

Since returning this time to the Annex—three and one-half years—more than \$28,000 have been added to this property and the debt is less than \$18,000. The property is in reasonably good shape to be handled by my successor and the writer hopes for him words of success. "As for me and my wife"—who have borne this burden in all nearly fourteen years—we feel that we deserve a rest.

JOHN R. ALLEN.

A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARIES.

Dear Brother:

We are mailing presiding elders and pastors a letter urging prompt and full collections. The recent financial flurry caught some of the later conferences, and we fear a possible shortage in collections during the next three months. We must co-operate to prevent it. Will you not do all you can to have collections in the hands of your Treasurer by March 25? We leave details to you. We will appreciate an earnest effort to save us from the calamity of a shortage.

We wish also to urge that you make your arrangements to be with us in our Annual Secretaries' Conference, which is appointed to meet in this city on January 22-24. This is our only meeting for developing a policy and unifying our forces for the year. It has proved a great blessing to our work. It is, therefore, important that every Conference Board be represented. We hope you will not allow anything to cause you to miss it.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, we are,
W. R. LAMBETH,
W. W. PINSON,
JNO. R. NELSON.

Nashville, Tenn.

With this strong appeal, together with the action of our conference, in asking that the collections for missions be taken during the first quarter, should act as an inspiration to us, brethren, in taking our collections at time designated.

The further fact that more than 50 per cent of our cotton was not marketed at the time our conference met—thereby causing us such a great loss in our collections—should especially enthrall us. Let's plan for it, preach to that end, and above all take the collection.

L. S. BARTON,
Mission Secretary N. T. C.

METHODIST STATE SUNDAY-SCHOOL RALLY.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 1-3, 1908.

The Executive Committee of the Texas Methodist Sunday-school Conference met at the study of the First Methodist Church, Ft. Worth, and, spending the day, arranged the details of the program of this great meeting. It is believed by the committee that they will have the strongest program ever presented in Texas, and the names below are sufficient guarantee.

The Place.

First, more people will come to Ft. Worth than can be gotten to any other one place in Texas, for, like ancient Rome, all roads lead hither.

The new Methodist Church will be completed by that time and will be one of the finest in the State. (Bro. Knickerbocker says it has no equal, but he has worked so hard on it and so valiantly that he may not be a competent juror in a contest.) But it is good enough and worth a trip here to see.

Three Bishops.

Three Bishops of our Church will be here and take part in the program.

Bishop Joseph S. Key, of Sherman, will speak on "Our Boys—How to Save Them."

Bishop James Atkins will speak on "Childhood to Manhood in Christ."

Bishop Ward will speak on "Child Life and Christian Faith."

We will have Dr. Hamill and wife fresh from Japan and the Orient. Dr. Hamill will tell us of Sunday-schools in the Orient; Mrs. Hamill will tell us of personal observations of child life in the Orient.

Dr. Ed. F. Cook, of Nashville, Tenn., will present the missionary feature of the Sunday-school in real live electric wire style.

Miss Nannie Lee Frayser, of Louis-

ville, Ky., one of the foremost primary workers in America; a writer in our magazine, for the current year and a star at Winona Lake, Montague and wherever she appears on the platform, will speak on various themes relating to child life and training. If anybody comes to Ft. Worth and hears Miss Frayser and is not fully satisfied that they are amply repaid for time and expenses of trip, just let them calculate the cost of trip to a cent and come to me and I will—tell them I am sorry for them.

We will have Dr. R. S. Hyer, of Georgetown, for a popular address; Dr. and Mrs. Godbey, of Austin, and other splendid talent from here and there in Texas. Low railroad rates will be secured. Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh is Chairman of Committee on Entertainment and local arrangement and that assures that everything will be looked after carefully.

Prof. E. O. Excell.

I must not neglect to say that we have secured Prof. Excell, of Chicago, to lead the singing—and such music as we will have! He is without doubt the most popular leader of congregational music in America. He can get more people to open their mouths and open them wider and sing more and sing up to their best, than any man I ever saw.

We will not only have a most attractive program, but we will have a happy program. It will be pleasant, but more, all who attend will go back better qualified for the work.

We hope every Methodist Sunday-school in Texas will be represented. Begin to think of it and plan for it at once. A fine investment for any Sunday-school would be to pay railroad fare of the superintendent and some worthy teacher or teachers who otherwise could not come.

C. S. FIELD, Secretary.
Ft. Worth, Texas.

MARRIED.

Maudlin-Willhoit.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Finis, Texas, December 30, 1907, Mr. John H. Maudlin and Miss Dona Willhoit, Rev. F. M. Atchison officiating.

Minshew-Wardlow.—In front of the parsonage gate, December 19, 1907, Mr. Charlie Minshew and Miss Arrie Wardlow, Rev. Fred A. Bond officiating.

Hale-Wright.—At the parsonage gate, December 25, 1907, in presence of a large crowd, Mr. F. R. Hale and Miss Maggie Wright, Rev. Fred A. Bond officiating.

White-Plaxco.—At Jimmed Methodist Church on December 24, 1907, Mr. Lawrence White and Miss Myrtus Plaxco, Rev. C. E. Lynn officiating.

Fisher-Phillips.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Gulon, Texas, December 25, 1907, Mr. Arthur Fisher and Miss Ethel Phillips, Rev. C. E. Lynn officiating.

Spears-Johnson.—At the Methodist parsonage in Bellevue, Texas, on October 23, 1907, Mr. Carl Spears and Miss Georgia Johnson, Rev. R. E. Porter officiating.

McClintock-House.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. House, November 17, 1907, Mr. Otis McClintock and Miss Belle House, Rev. R. E. Porter officiating.

Berry-King.—At the residence of G. H. Hodges, December 8, 1907, Mr. Jake Berry and Miss Winnie King, Rev. R. E. Porter officiating.

McCraw-Cole.—At the Methodist parsonage in Bellevue, December 25, 1907, Mr. Robert McCraw and Miss Mary Cole, Rev. R. E. Porter officiating.

Williams-Russell.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Russell, January 1, 1908, Mr. Walter Williams and Miss Maud Russell, Rev. R. E. Porter officiating.

Brashear-Thomas.—At the home of the bride's mother, in Mineral Wells, Texas, Sunday evening, December 22, 1907, Mr. Henry Brashear and Miss Maude Thomas, Rev. Edward W. Morton officiating.

Blankenship-Goebel.—At 10 a. m., December 25, 1907, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Grady Blankenship and Miss Ella Goebel, Rev. Edward W. Morton officiating.

Collier-Lindsey.—In the Methodist Church at Hewitt, Texas, January 1, 1908, Mr. J. Bert Collier and Miss Lula M. Lindsey, Rev. J. D. Hendrickson officiating.

Knight-Stanford.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Stanford, January 8, 1908, Mr. John H. Knight and Miss Minnie Stanford, Rev. J. D. Hendrickson officiating.

Hardin-Lea.—On the afternoon of December 22, 1907, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. G. P. Hardin and Miss Pearl Lea, all of Stephens County, Texas, Rev. J. M. McCarter officiating.

Smith-Rollins.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Mart Rollins, on December 30, 1907, by Rev. J. W. Beckham, Dr. D. T. Smith and Miss Beulah Rollins; all of Merit, Texas.

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Chastain-Guyon.—At the parsonage, Marfa, Texas, January 8, 1908, Mr. George W. Chastain and Miss Nora Guyon, both of this place, Rev. B. W. Allen officiating.

Krebs-Foster.—Prof. Joe Krebs and Miss Laura Etta Foster, on January 9, 1908, at 8:15 p. m., six miles from Austin, Texas, Rev. V. A. Godbey officiating.

Blount-Silvey.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Silvey, in Tyler, Texas, December 26, 1907, Mr. W. E. Blount and Miss Flossie Silvey, Rev. A. E. Blount, father of the groom, officiating.

McFarland-Loftin.—At the home of the bride's mother, at Hermleigh, Texas, January 5, 1908, at 4 p. m., Mr. A. Reah McFarland and Miss Eula Loftin, Rev. S. T. Cherry officiating.

Jones-Looney.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in Pottsboro, Texas, December 29, 1907, by Rev. J. E. Vinson, Prof. H. O. Jones, of Waxahachie, and Miss Edna Looney.

CONTROLLING NATURE.

Everybody knows that of late years natural forces have been wonderfully subjected to man's need. We are dazzled by the spectacular achievements in steam and electricity, but are likely to forget the less noisy but no less marvelous conquest of animal and plant life.

Horses are swifter, cattle heavier, cows give more milk and sheep have finer fleeces than in days gone by. In plants the transformation is even more marked. People now living can remember when the number of edible fruits and vegetables was far less than at present, and even those that could be grown were vastly inferior to what we now have. For example, our parents knew nothing of the tomato except as a curious ornament in the garden. Sweet corn was hardly better than the commonest field sorts. All oranges had seeds. Celery was little known and poor in quality. In the flower bed the magnificent pansy has replaced the insignificant Heart's Ease, from which it was developed, and the sweet pea in all its dainty splendor traces its origin to the common garden vegetable.

This progress has been made in spite of the great tendency manifested in all plants and animals to go back to the original type. It is indeed a battle to keep strains pure and up to the standard they have already attained, let alone any improvement. The practical results are accomplished by man operating largely for love of the work, like Luther Burbank in California, and Eckford in England, as well as by the great seed merchants D. M. Ferry & Co., of Detroit, Mich., who are not only eternally vigilant to hold what ground has been gained, but have a corps of trained specialists backed by ample means to conduct new experiments. The results of their experiences can be found in their 1908 Seed Annual, which they will send free to all applicants.

One of Dr. Johnson's ingredients of happiness was, "a little less time than you want." That means always to have so many things you want to see, to have and to do, that no day is quite long enough for all you would think you would like to get done before you go to bed.—Helen Hunt Jackson.

Notes From the Field

Whitehouse.

This is our second year on the Whitehouse charge. I have just finished my first round. Everything seems hopeful. Since my return we have received many tokens of kindness from every point on the charge. On Christmas eve the people of Omen sent us a two-horse load of nice things too numerous to mention. We have no people more loyal and appreciative than the good people of Omen; besides they are an educated, intelligent, up-to-date people. Having had Lane's Chapel added to this charge, we now have one of the best circuits in this conference. When I have served out this year and next year and the next, I shall feel sad to have to leave such a good circuit and such a good people. A good people and a good circuit and a good presiding elder make this preacher feel good. I am very grateful to the Bishop for our return.—E. C. Escoe, Jan. 7.

Hempstead.

After a very busy but pleasant year spent with this people we were able to go to conference at Houston with an excellent report, having built a nice new church at a cost of nearly \$5000, with something like \$200 spent on parsonage and all their collections up in full. Then Bishop Candler said: "Go back and try it again." So here we are, and have met with a welcome that ought to satisfy any preacher. Lots of folks said, "Glad you are going to stay." Then came the pounding up to date, and still it showers by littles; also at the Christmas tree old Santa Claus did not forget us, for he brought this preacher ten presents, all the way from a bottle of shoe polish up to an order on our home tailor for a new suit of clothes. The time for our first Quarterly Conference is passed, but it was put off on account of the presiding elder's sickness. We had a good time at watch-night service in our new church—a spiritual feast. Some say they have not been so happy ever before. We began a week of prayer then, and it is still going on, alternating between the different churches in town. Interest is growing and the prospects for a revival are fine. May the good Lord send it. Our

people seem in better spirit than usual, notwithstanding the short crop of last season and present panic. We have been made a station this year, with one afternoon appointment; but the people at that place, at least some of them, want to assume their share of the expense and have one Sunday. There are signs of spiritual growth among us. The salary will be the same as last year, notwithstanding the fact that some of the work was cut off. May the Lord give us a good year.—B. C. Ansley, Jan. 7.

Nocona.

We have begun our second year on the Nocona Circuit with bright prospects. Our Board of Stewards have given us a substantial raise in salary. We are starting in for early collections. The new \$3000 church at Ringgold is almost completed. Our new elder, Rev. John E. Roach, is imparting a new inspiration to the preachers and laymen of his district. Our people are delighted with his preaching and administration.—Chas. P. Martin, Jan. 9.

Barlett.

The panic is being cracked, the records are being smashed and Bartlett is standing at the head of the Georgetown District in quarterage matters on the first round of quarterly meetings for 1908. You ought to have been here last night. The stewards surprised themselves and everybody else by reporting \$288.25 at the first quarterly meeting. The W. H. M. Society also made a fine showing, having sent goods and money to our Orphanage to the amount of \$63.20. If we could just keep our best people away from heaven and the West awhile longer, we might do still better, but these two lovely sections of the universe have such an attraction for my people that it is not possible to hold them in these fine parts. Well, blessings go with those who go, and blessings stay with those who stay.—E. F. Boone, Jan. 10.

Keister.

After being licensed to preach in our last District Conference at Anderson I was appointed to take charge of San Jacinto Circuit, and upon coming to my work I am delighted with the people that I am to serve this conference year. I was met at the depot by Bro. J. E. Neason, the preacher's friend, who gave me a hearty welcome, and all the good people of this charge have given me the same welcome, for which I am thankful. Everything indicates that we are going to have a good year, and see many precious souls brought into our Master's kingdom. I am here to labor and to pray.—Samuel W. Stokely, Jan. 7.

Pecan and Friendship.

On hearing our appointment we found that we were already moved and straightened up, much to our satisfaction and joy, for what preacher could help being pleased on being appointed to serve such a charge as this the second year, or even the third or fourth? Domiciled in one of the prettiest and best arranged parsonages in the conference; conveniently situated to the Pecan Church, where we have services three Sundays each month, with Friendship only three miles away; two good church houses in which to preach; two attentive and appreciative congregations and surrounded by people who manifest their Christian love and esteem in many kind and thoughtful ways, we are made to realize that the Good Shepherd hath led us in paths of pleasantness and hath caused His face to shine upon us, to whom we give the honor and praise and glory. We are very hopeful of this being a better year than last, though the year just ended was a most delightful and in many respects a most successful one. We had some conversions and the Church strengthened in many ways. The interest in missions has been quickened by the purchase of a house and lot in Korea for a native helper. The property was purchased with money raised by private subscription from members and friends of the Pecan Home Mission Society. The ease with which this money was secured is simply remarkable. Besides this more than \$700 was expended for various purposes, the pastor's and presiding elder's salaries overpaid and all claims met in full. But such is characteristic of Pecan and Friendship. Upon the present year's work we are starting with much to encourage us in expecting a prosperous and successful year. Many nice things have found their way to the parsonage. The pastor and wife have received a hearty welcome; our support has been amply provided for; new members are coming in who will take the places of some who have moved away, and the general work of the Church is progressing. Last, but not least, our hearts were made to feel unspeakable joy on Christmas eve

night when in behalf of the Epworth League Bro. P. R. Sherman, our able President, presented the pastor and wife with a handsome gold watch and brooch, respectively. The case is beautifully engraved, bearing the pastor's initials on the front lid, while within on the back lid is this inscription: "From the Pecan Grove League to our pastor, December 25, 1907." The movement is a fifteen-jewel Waltham. With the watch is a fob and beautiful safety fastener. Such beautiful gifts and how greatly appreciated and valued you will never know. Beautiful indeed and precious because of the hearts of love that prompted the giving of them. May the rich blessings of our Lord be the daily heritage of these good people who have become so greatly endeared to us through much Christian association.—F. B. Wheeler, Jan. 7.

Batson.

At the last turn of the great conference wheel of the Texas Conference one of the "fellows" dropped out at Batson and Saratoga hub deep in mud, but in spite of the mud and water there was a knock at the front door of the parsonage last night, and on opening it I was forced to surrender all of the house and a large part of the yard to make room for men, women and children who marched in and took undisputed possession of the situation and deposited boxes and bags containing many things to satisfy the appetite of the most fastidious; not only that, but the spirit of good cheer that accompanied the boxes and bags fully compensated this preacher and family for the long journey, and by the grace of God I intend to do my very best to make this the best year of my ministerial life. I feel like exclaiming in the language of David, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and let all within me bless his holy name!"—A. E. Blount, Jan. 4.

Willow City.

After closing up for conference we were transferred to the New Mexico Conference in search of health for a sick wife, and were sent to Watrous Station in the New Mexico Conference, and were received as warmly as any preacher was ever received. But to the regret of all the altitude was too great, and for that reason we asked to be transferred back to the West Texas Conference. But let me say no kinder or truer people are to be found than those loyal, consecrated people of Watrous, N. M. After six weeks in New Mexico we started back to Texas, having been sent to Willow City Circuit. We were no strangers to these good people, as last summer we assisted Bro. N. D. Word in a meeting here, one of the greatest I ever saw. To say we were delighted when we were notified that we were sent to Willow is putting it mildly. The year has started and the Lord is with us. Our houses are filled. We have had conversions, reclamations and additions. Our first Quarterly Conference just closed this morning. Brother Lee, our presiding elder, was with us. There is no greater presiding elder in Methodism than Brother Lee. His counsel with his young preachers is more like that of a father than a presiding elder. With a host of others I can say he has touched my life, and a blessing it has been to me and mine. The stewards placed the salary at \$800 for preacher in charge, an increase of about \$200 or \$250. They have pounded us and in every way shown their kindness to us. This is one of the very best (if not the best) circuits in the West Texas Conference. At Willow City the work has never been so encouraging. At Harper we are building a new church, and a good one it will be when completed. I have served circuits and stations, but Willow City Circuit is the best of all. We are delighted; our people are satisfied, and best of all, my wife's health is better now than it has been for four years. With a well wife and in many respects the best charge in the West Texas Conference, we can not be other than happy.—R. A. Waltrip, Jan. 6.

Tucumcari, N. M.

We are just recovering from a severe pounding given us by our good people on New Year's eve, and while convalescing will try to tell the readers of the Advocate something of Tucumcari. This Church was organized about four years ago by Rev. B. T. James, our present presiding elder. In a large measure, he made his own living and did much of the work on the church with his own hands. Such heroism and self-sacrifice needs no eulogy; it speaks for itself. The Church has struggled for existence, as there were not many Southern Methodists here, and the town did not take on any special boom till quite recently when the Southwestern Railroad established shops and roundhouse here and the people began to "homestead" all the claims near by. We now have about one hundred members, and I have not before served a Church so well organized in all departments as this. Our congregations have steadily increased; our Sunday-

school is three times as large as we found it; we have the best Epworth League I ever attended; the young people carry it on themselves; it is no burden, but an inspiration to the pastor. Bro. W. A. Askew, the superintendent of the Sunday-school, is a young man of strong Christian character, honored and loved by all who know him. Bro. H. H. McElroy, the President of our League, is a devout Christian and an active leader in all good works. The secular papers of the town are practically edited by our League boys, and they stand for the right in all things. Our Junior League, a most promising class of little children, is superintended by Sister Nannie Parchman, who by the way is a daughter of Rev. J. F. Sherwood, of the North Texas Conference. She is an active Christian worker, well educated and fitted for Church work. Her brother, L. E. Sherwood, and family reside here, and I am wishing that that faithful itinerant preacher could send us his entire family; we need all like them we can get. In one month after our arrival the members had built us a neat parsonage, and though we found the Church burdened with debts, we are gradually paying them off and our people are hopeful. Our Home Mission Society, though not so large as some we have had at other places, is nevertheless very active, and our women abound in good works. They have helped liberally on the parsonage and are now preparing to paint and paper the church. This town, we believe, will be a city in a short while. The financial depression has caused some suspension of business, but the conditions are favorable to growth, and it can not long stand still. If Brother Carlton does not object to my telling it on him, he wrote me that he was pleasantly disappointed with the excellent Church and people of Portales. Coming to a new country he did not know what to expect. If we keep up the present rate of progress some other transfer may be just as pleasantly disappointed if assigned to Tucumcari. This vast expanse of territory will soon be settled up with an up-to-date, progressive people. Those of us who have somewhat boasted and esteemed it a privilege to be frontiersmen will soon have to hunt another country or fall in line with progressive conditions. But the sleepless nights on the plains, the doleful music of the wolves, the abounding hospitality of the cowboys—these memories will remain with us a sacred joy as we recall them. May God bless the dear old Advocate. It has been a friend to all the preachers. May we show our appreciation by trying to place it in the homes of all our people. S. E. Wilson, Jan. 8.

Austin Avenue, Waco.

Rev. C. R. Wright, the popular and much-loved pastor of this Church, is well into the work of the fourth year of his pastorate here. During the past three years a large debt was paid off and the church dedicated, a pipe organ purchased and will be installed shortly, and a nice and convenient parsonage near the church purchased, and now occupied by the pastor and his family. Under his ministry the membership has steadily grown numerically and spiritually. At the first meeting of the Board of Stewards after the Annual Conference the pastor's salary was raised to \$2500. On the night of the 2d inst. the congregation visited him with an old-time pounding and spent a most pleasant evening in the parsonage. Brother Wright has done and is doing a great work at this place, and is not only loved and appreciated by his own congregation, but is held in high esteem by the entire citizenship of Waco. I will also add that this congregation also appreciates its presiding elder, and as a mark of same during the holidays presented him with an elegant overcoat.—L. January 8.

Franklin.

We are glad to be back here to begin a new year with the people of Franklin Station. Last year was one of the most pleasant of my life; and this was because the Church made some progress. The people are glad we came back, and that means a great possibility for good. If a preacher thinks that the Bishop made a mistake in sending him to a charge, he will find that his people will be the first parties to agree with him. I wanted to come back here, and came. Not that I thought that I was the only man that would "fill the bill," but I just wanted to come because I felt then and feel now that it was best. We feel that we have made a good start. There is nothing to hinder us from having a good year; everything is in our favor. There are some mean people here that ought to do better; and there are many that are not quite so mean that ought to improve. So you see we have something to do. I feel, and the people feel, that we can do better this year than last. I came to this charge a stranger, and have learned everybody's name, and something of the needs, and the people know more of me than they did then; so we are in a position to do much.

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Bronte.

After seven years of service in the Texas Conference I am back again in my home conference, the Northwest Texas. In November, 1900, I was admitted on trial in the Northwest Texas Conference at Georgetown, and at the time I had no other thought but that I would take work within its bounds; but there came a call from the old Texas Conference for volunteers to take the field in the storm-stricken district of Houston and Galveston. I consented to go, and a month later was read to Rosenberg Mission. I served successively Rosenberg, Bay City, West End (Galveston), Tenaha and Caro. To me they were pleasant years of service and in each of the charges named ties of Christian friendship were formed that the lapse of years and intervening distances can never break. A great many years ago I tried to commit my way unto the Lord, and believe that as he has promised he has been directing my path. If I were called upon to answer for the Lord as to why he led me into the Texas Conference I would say that it was because he had prepared for me there one of the best helpmeets that ever blessed a Methodist preach-

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TWO REMARKABLE CURES OF ECZEMA

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Our Letter From New York

More Reasons Why There Should be an Alliance Between Southern Democrats and the Republican Party.—No Democratic Party Left at the North Outside of the Large Cities.—The Catholic Church and the Saloons Its Main Reliance.—But One-Fourth of New York City Native Born.—Census Statistics for 1900.—London and New York.

In a previous letter I alluded to the unnatural alliance between the Democrats of the North and the South, and asserted that at last the time had come when a co-operative understanding between Southern Democrats and the Republican party would be far more reciprocally beneficial and natural. I gave as a reason for such a charge the fact that in the North the Democratic party has melted away to nothing in all sections of the country where the American-born element is far in excess of the foreign-born, and that only in the large cities where foreigners make up from two-thirds to three-fourths of the population is the Democratic party able to show a formidable organization, while in the South, where the Democratic party has its main strength, the conditions are just the opposite; there the percentage of American-born residents is far in excess of the foreign-born, and the Democratic party gets its strength from the very element that is against it in the North.

In this letter I want to go a step further and show that there are at least two other good and substantial reasons why the alliance between Southern and Northern Democracy should cease and that the Southern half of the Democratic party and the Republican party should henceforth work together for their common good and the best interests of the National Government.

As I said before, all the old issues, prejudices and imaginary party differences are laid aside, while there is no conflict visible between Southern Democrats and Republicans in their war on the trusts and on all illegal combinations of capital in the shape of monopolies, and no friction whatever between them on expansion or in regard to liberal appropriations for the navy and seacoast defenses, or for inland waterways and irrigation problems. Hence the interests of the North and the South—of Southern Democrats and Northern Republicans—are mutual and they should work together and not antagonize or hinder each other.

The other reasons I wish to give why Southern Democrats and the Republican party should work together are as important as are the reasons I gave in my previous letter. One is the whiskey question and the other is the separation of Church from State; or, in plain words, opposition to the Roman Catholic Church butting into politics the way it has always done, and is still doing in all large cities, or wherever it has the power.

In Northern cities where the Democratic party has generally held the power it has always pandered to and favored both the saloon element and the Catholic Church as a means of self-perpetuation. Now in very many, if not in every large city in the North where Democracy has control, every department of the city is largely packed and crammed with Roman Catholics, and certainly no one will contend that this has come by accident. A very large percentage of school teachers and superintendents are Catholics, and the police, fire and other departments are also loaded with them. Now, this is certainly a Protestant country and government, pledged to the separation of Church and State, but in favor of equality for all the Churches and a square deal for everybody. But have

we got a separation of Church and State in our cities, or a square deal for the other Churches, and if we have not, why haven't we? Whose fault is it? Possibly Roman Catholics would not be blamed for asking for more than they are entitled to, but certainly Protestants cannot be blamed for protesting against unfair discriminations, and some one should be held responsible for it and the favoritism stopped; and certainly it is not likely to be discontinued so long as no serious objection is made to it, and it seems to me that it is the business of all the Protestant Churches and their newspapers to see to it that one Church is not favored at a detriment to others, and that the spirit and intention of our government is not overridden. One Church is entitled to every privilege and advantage that another has, but no more. It is not so many years since the Catholic Church was drawing out a pro rata of the school fund in many Northern States, and Northern Democrats were responsible for that also, and in late years Canada has had trouble on the same line, and today France is in a whirlpool of dissension up to her neck in her effort to separate Church from State. It is certainly not illiberal or unjust to the Catholic Church to mention facts that should not exist and that are unfair, partial and un-American. Such protests must be expected until the cause is removed. It strikes me that it is also un-American for the Catholics and the Jews to bar out all who are not Catholics or Jews from burial in their cemeteries. If a convict of Catholic faith about to be executed for murder is good enough to be admitted to a Catholic cemetery it occurs to me that no other American citizen should be discriminated against for the sole reason that he has different ideas about religion. If intermarriages and a mixing of the different races has beneficial influences and if an intermingling of all the people socially and politically and in business is right and proper, why the discrimination in death? Should not all the Churches adjust their affairs in accordance with the National Constitution and in perfect harmony with the theory of the government and on the idea that one person is as good as another?

Now, in regard to my above assertion that there are two more good reasons why the Democrats of the South and the Republican party should work together, I will mention that in the South prohibition sentiment and Protestantism are strong and go hand in hand together, and that the same conditions exist in the North where the Republican party is also strong and the Democrat party is so weak that it is actually struggling for an existence, and that the last two slender threads that hold it together in the larger cities is the saloon element and the Catholic Church. Certainly a party that will pander to the saloons or to any particular Church has a very shaky platform to stand upon, and does not deserve to exist, and perhaps will not much longer be allowed to do so.

The facts I give in this letter in regard to the census figures of 1900, showing that the population of New York City is but one-fourth American-born, throw much light on the above argument and bear it out to a marked degree, and much the same conditions will be found in all other cities, perhaps even in Texas and throughout the South. I firmly believe that nine-tenths of the American-born people of this government, and a considerable number of the foreign-born who have lived in this country sufficiently long to enable them to understand the theory of our government and to fully comprehend the blessings of our free institutions and the equal chances for all, are at last fully aroused to the evil influences of the liquor traffic, and that they are also just as pronounced against the perfidy of any Church making a business of politics. This statement that wherever the Catholic Church is strong and has a heavy vote to deliver, a surprising and undue number

of Catholics are found to be in official positions in every department of the city, is a matter so undisputably plain that no one is likely to dispute it, and if he does it will only be done where it applies to a few isolated cases. Neither the writer nor the Advocate is disposed to cast any reflections on the Catholic Church, or in any way try to hinder its growth or usefulness, but in self-defense we cannot refrain from a mild criticism against certain wrongs that are un-American, unfair and out of date, and a clear disregard of the theory of government that there must be a clear and well defined separation between State and Church, and that fitness for office and not religion must be the only test for official positions. We are now living in a new age when all kinds of scrutiny have many ramifications, and things that were overlooked in the partisan past will not now be tolerated without a murmur or a protest.

The United States census of 1900 shows that but one-fourth of the population of New York City is of native American stock, and three-fourths are of foreign birth or foreign parentage, and during that year there were in this city 1,000,000 men of foreign parentage and voting age. Most of them were voters, and, therefore, have a voice in making the laws of the city, State and Nation. At this time the percentage of foreigners over the Americans is more than three-fourths, and no doubt illiteracy among them runs up far above the 100,000 mark, and quite a number of them who "vote early and often" cannot speak English. Of these 250,000 are of the German race; nearly a quarter million more are Irish; more than 60,000 Italians; 46,000 of English and Welsh parentage; 21,000 of Scottish or English-Canadian parentage; 10,000 French and French-Canadians; 14,000 Poles; 29,000 Austrians; 60,000 Russians; 20,000 Scandinavians; 11,000 Hungarians and about 20,000 negroes. It may be set down as a fact that in New York City's 4,500,000 population today, hardly 1,500,000 are Americans, and that this city really has a more difficult race problem to contend with than has any State of the South.

As I stated in a previous letter, the time seems ripe for taking the race question out of politics; also the immigration and naturalization laws, and the suffrage and tariff questions. If this should be done there would be no occasion for a scramble between parties in pandering to any particular element or nationality to secure votes, but all could work together for the Nation's best interests. Certainly there is no greater menace to this government than corruption at the ballot box. Where is there a man so stupid that he does not know that there are serious election frauds at every election in all large cities, and in many others having populations that run well up in the thousands? It is not the interest of respectable, decent people to have this condition of things continued, and when it is stopped the end of party bosses and all tricky, trading politicians will take place, and repeating and ballot-box stuffing will cease.

Corrupt politicians must have corruptible people to make use of, otherwise their occupations would be gone. Does any sensible, decent person believe that the morals of a city are advanced or the interests of law-abiding citizens secured by extending the franchise to tramps, bummers, loafers and ex-convicts, who constitute the force on whom political scallawags depend for carrying elections by fraud? If the two great leading parties would unite on a plan for doing away with this disgraceful evil, the work would be done at once and effectually.

Public sentiment in favor of inland waterways is certainly growing, and no doubt a few years more will see a fourteen-foot channel from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, and still another deep enough to accommodate the largest battleships and ocean steamers, extending from Massachusetts to Virginia, inland but a few miles from the Atlantic, but out of reach of a foreign fleet on the high seas, and that we will have others in

different sections is more than likely. The Waterways Congress, which recently held its session in Washington, passed a resolution asking Congress to pass a law appropriating fifty million dollars annually for ten years. President Roosevelt favors liberal appropriations for such purposes, and public men generally seem to be in accord with him, and it certainly looks as if the improvement of inland waterways on a large scale is near at hand.

Recently the experts of the Water Board of the city of London have estimated that by 1916 the population of that metropolis will reach 8,000,000, and by 1960, 16,000,000. The latter figure is only 1,000,000 less than the population of the United States in 1840. At present the population of London is only two million greater than that of New York, and as this city is growing as fast as the English metropolis, it is safe to say that New York will only be two millions less than London in 1916 and 1960. Both London and New York have already obliterated county lines, and as the rapid transit facilities in each city are now being so extensively supplied and extended, the expansion will continue to spread out far more rapidly than ever before, and it is a difficult matter to foretell what will be the limit of corporation lines in miles in the future. New York can extend her limits far up the Hudson north, and northeast to Connecticut, and down long Island east to Montauk Point, 105 miles distant, but she can not take into her corporation any territory in New Jersey, west across the Hudson. In less than another year three tunnels will be finished under the Hudson to New Jersey, and it is believed that this will influence large numbers of people to seek homes in that State, which, of course, would affect the real growth of New York to some extent.

The problem of traffic and rapid transit for all extra large cities is a question that is rapidly forcing itself to the front and puzzling the minds of the deepest thinkers, and the people living in cities of from 100,000 to 1,000,000 find themselves tussling with the same questions. The policy of connecting different towns by trolley and giving the people facilities for passenger and freight service with a common center, is now much in evidence throughout the United States, and marvels will be accomplished in this line within the next ten or twenty years. The time is not far off when trolley lines will become formidable competitors of steam railroads for short distance traffic, and they will be very instrumental in building up big cities, and in giving the farmers rapid transit in marketing their products. Verily, how hard it is for us all to keep up with the band wagon, and to keep from being run over by a trolley car or an automobile in this lightning changing era.

E. H. QUICK.

REMEMBER THE DEAD.

To sleep! to die! to be forgotten!

The dead, alas! are too soon forgotten; their day of departure too often is "as a tale that is told."

We drop, as it were, upon the bosom of the dark river of death as drops an acorn upon the bosom of some placid lake, creating for a while, only a little while, a ripple, a little wavelet, and all is over and ended, so far as this life and world are concerned.

The heartache and the heartwound given by our demise, even to those who love us best, is soon healed by the hand of time, and other friends and other thoughts crowd in to take our place and we are, alas! too soon forgotten.

The home and the place that know us now, know us no more forever. But the hope! the hope of a glorious and blessed immortality! Oh, how sweet to think, dear reader, of a glorious immortality, of a place where men and things shall wear an immortal and never-changing hue, but "shine as the stars, forever and forever." Where there shall be no more sorrow, no more sickness, no more pain and no more death. Where we neither grow

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old nor are forgotten. Eternal youth, eternal love, eternal glory, and heaven our eternal home! Oh, that will be glorious!

Hope bids the sinking spirit rise, To grasp the prize beyond the skies; Sees through the vista of coming years, A ray of light in brightness gleaming, Giving us glimpses of what we've long been sweetly dreaming.

T. H. YARBROUGH.

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The police have had a hard time enforcing some of our laws in the city court for quite a while. But we have had a change in the occupancy of the city court bench, and now all law-breakers are made to toe the mark. Judge W. L. Mathis has charge of things down there now, and when the police take offenders before him they have to give a mighty good reason if they are permitted to go free of punishment. He is not an unmerciful official, but he follows the law in dealing with offenders. This is as it should be. A Judge of a court is not there to suspend law, or to assess such feeble fines as to encourage law breakers. It is his business to carry out the purpose of the law and protect society.

Galveston is in the toils of a saloon fight. A great many people want the city districted and the saloons kept within certain business districts, instead of having them scattered all over the city, as they are at present. It seems that the City Commissioners have power to restrict these institutions to certain limits. The fight is on, and it is a hot one. They held a meeting last Friday night to present the matter, pro and con, to the Commissioners. There were some hot speeches, but the hottest number on the program was responded to by Father Kirwin, priest of St. Mary's Cathedral, the largest church in the city. He took off his gloves and put the lash on without mercy. He said the men present who pretended to represent organized labor did not represent that body; that some of them present could be bought by the other side; that the Baskin-McGregor law, passed by the Legislature for the regulation of the saloon, had been demonstrated to be a farce and a fraud. Said that while he was a preacher he was also a moralist and that he reserved the right at all times to stand for decency. Thus the sentiment of right-thinking men is coming to regard the saloon as anything but decent; and when a Catholic priest, representing the largest Roman Catholic congregation in the State will come out with such an indictment of the saloon, as did Father Kirwin, it means something ominous. On with the battle!

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Rev. Ed Barcus has entered heartily upon his work at Commerce, and his reception is all that he could ask. He has already had conversions at his services, and the Church is wide awake. He has a brand-new building, a splendid parsonage and a fine people. All indications point to a great work this year.

Rev. Charles Hughes has met with a great reception at Jasper and Kirbyville. From the moment he got to his charge good things began to materialize at the parsonage, and the good work along that line continues. He has already made a good start in his conference collections, and he hopes to have it all in hand before summer comes on.

Rev. J. T. Turner was returned to Pilot Grove, and he was greatly pleased because of that fact. It saved him the inconvenience and expense of a move, and it has kept him in a good appointment. His people seem just as glad to have him return as he is to be there, so it is mutual. This charge has grown from a salary of \$350 to \$800 in the support of the pastor within the past two years. This is a good record.

Rev. J. F. Holmes was returned to Mount Vernon for the second year. He did so well the first that it was deemed best to continue him, and he is delighted with his appointment. He has a good League and a fine Home Mission Society. At one place on his charge they have a new church house nearly completed, and they are contemplating a similar enterprise at another point. They are making progress on that work.

Rev. J. T. Hicks was sent back to Childress, and when he returned the people met him with many substantial tokens of appreciation. They also gave him an increase of salary to the amount of \$200. He has a new church edifice, and his League is paying \$300 toward educating a young lady at the Scarritt Bible and Training School for missionary work. That sort of a Church always prospers.

Rev. E. F. Boone was returned to Bartlett, and his return was hailed with pleasure by his people. Last year they took good care of him, and they have started out to do the same thing this year. He slipped out of the presiding eldership one year ago into the pastorate and took up the work as though he had never been a "beloved." He has a big heart and a clear head, and his people look upon him as the man for the charge. They have given him and his family every evidence of their esteem and high regard. All he needs now to make his work a great success is a great revival. May it come!

Rev. J. W. Goodwin changed from Teague to Lott this year, and just about the time he was ready to move he had a case of measles in his home. However, the little girl was soon well enough to take the journey, and just as soon as he got located in his parsonage, the rest of the family took down with the same affliction. But this did not hinder the people from pounding him and otherwise giving him a good welcome. He has already looked over his charge, and feels that the "Lott" has fallen to him in a pleasant place.

Rev. Z. L. Howell, of Kirk, took advantage of a few days after conference to revisit the place of his birth at Fayetteville, Ark., and had a great time with relatives whom he had not seen since his childhood. But he has returned to his charge, and is hard at work for another year. He has an inviting field, and has good hope for a year of profitable service.

Rev. J. C. Carpenter is at Ochiltree, and most of our readers will have to turn to their map to locate this field when they read these lines. He has all that county and all of Lipscomb

County, except Higgins. We passed through a portion of his domain when we were out in that country recently. It is far out on the firing line, and it is a brand-new charge. Already his people have built him a nice little parsonage, and he is starting off well. He has plenty of room to expand out on those plains, and he has the people who will appreciate his services.

Reinhardt is a good, large work, including several appointments; and Rev. M. C. Dickson has charge of the circuit this year. He is already located in his large two-story parsonage, and he has visited most of the congregations. He feels that the lines have fallen to him in pleasant places, and he is looking forward to a year of good results. He knows how to bring them to pass.

Rev. I. A. Thomas traveled two hundred miles to reach his appointment at Mabank, and he made the trip by private conveyance. He sent his goods by freight and beat them to their destination several days. When they arrived he was already there to receive them. In the meantime his good people looked after his welfare, and then followed up the house-warming with a large-sized pounding. He is expecting a good year spiritually. He has some good people down there, for we have been among them.

Rev. B. M. Kimbrough is a fortunate man. He was sent to a new work, and it was a mission. Already his people have built a new parsonage, moved his family into it and pounded them. One of the appointments gave him a new watch as a Christmas present, and he is happy in his first pastoral charge. All he wanted was a place to work. The conference sent him to it, and he is happy and hopeful. That sort of a man deserves success.

Rev. A. Y. Old is delighted at Edna. His work has started off well. The church light plant has been refitted, the parsonage has been improved and furnished, a good League has been organized, fifty per cent of his collections have been taken, and he is picking up his trunk members. The work never had a better prospect, and the preacher and his people are full of encouragement.

Rev. S. M. Black has returned the third time to Montague. He has a good League and a fine mission study class. His salary has been raised over last year nearly one hundred dollars. His new presiding elder, Rev. J. E. Roach, has already visited him, preached five times and looked in on all his appointments save one. He reports that the people are delighted with Brother Roach.

Rev. C. B. Cross, of Colorado Springs, writes that our pastor at Denver, Colo., has a sick wife, and that the climate is too high for her. He is willing to change with any Texas preacher who may need a climate like that for his family. If any brother down this way who reads these lines and would like to make the exchange, let him write to Brother Ramsey, at Denver, Colo.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Rev. James W. Moore, of Shearn Church, Houston, last week. He is Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Anti-Saloon League in Texas, and that body held its annual meeting on Wednesday of last week. Dr. Moore was present and presided. He reports matters at Shearn as in good condition. They have not yet taken up the question of projecting their new building yet, and will not until the financial flurry passes by. They have a good part of the means already secured, in the way of good notes and subscriptions, and just as soon as the times become a little more propitious the enterprise will take shape. Plans for a very handsome and costly structure are adopted, and when it is put into stone, brick and mortar it will be one of the most majestic

and imposing church edifices in Southern Methodism. Those Shearn people are among the best in our connection, and Dr. Moore is their wise and able leader. In due time matters will move down that way.

Rev. C. W. Jacobs was told, just as the conference closed, that Junter was not the most desirable appointment, but it was his, and he hastened to find it and get to work on it. And, as usual, he met with a warm reception and found good people to greet him. They had no parsonage, but proceeded to rent him a comfortable cottage, and they paid up the rent in advance for nearly a whole year. Then the poundings began and kept up indefinitely. Now he verily believes that he has some of the best people in the world, and they seem to think that they have one of the best preachers, too. And so it is. In our itinerancy all things usually work for good to our preachers and our people. Brother Jacobs has already been round his work, and is planning for a successful year.

Rev. John L. Sullivan moved from Frisco to Wylie, and, while he left one good place, he found another awaiting him. He has already made the round of his work, gotten the lay of the land, and he is very much encouraged. He has a very good parsonage home, and he has some as good people as can be found in the conference. Brother Sullivan is a man of strong ability in the pulpit and in the field, and things will come to pass under his ministry. We have had the pleasure of mixing with his members, and we know that they will give him their co-operation.

Rev. P. W. Byrd has already had a good revival at Blue Grove. A score or more were converted, and many Church members were renewed. He had Rev. W. H. Brown with him to help in the services. Brother Brown is a local preacher, an evangelist who goes to places where he is needed, and he always does good work. For a number of years he was a successful pastor, and he knows how to leave a congregation in sympathy with the Church after his revivals have closed. Brother Byrd has made a fine start, and the year promises a good harvest.

The Maysfield charge is happy under the pastorate of Rev. W. A. Belcher, and the people have shown their great appreciation of him in a number of substantial ways. He starts out with the motto, a good revival for every appointment in his charge, and we are sure he will have it. And he will not forget the Advocate, either.

Leesville has gladly received Rev. J. D. Burke for the third time as their pastor. All he had to do after conference was to hasten back to his charge and take up the work just where he left off at the close of the year. This he has done, and things are moving very encouragingly. His salary has been advanced over last year, the work is well organized, and the prospect is bright for a most excellent year.

Rev. R. B. Moreland is much pleased with his new charge at Celeste. His greeting has been of the most cordial sort, and the pounding has been ample and valuable. He has already had two conversions and seventeen accessions to the Church. His salary has been placed at \$800, and he has a comfortable parsonage. No wonder that he is well pleased, for he has among his people some of the most delightful folk we ever met. We have been with them, and know whereof we speak.

Rev. T. J. Beckham left one of the most desirable appointments in the conference—Clarksville—and moved to Celina. The people met him and his family in wagons, and moved his furniture into the parsonage, took him and his family to their homes until the parsonage could be renovated and made more comfortable, and then

followed them into the parsonage with a great pounding. And he says the stewards placed his salary next to the highest amount he has ever received during his twenty-four years in the pastorate. Yet Celina is a new town and not a large community. But they are true Methodists and a noble people. We have been among them, and know how they demean themselves. No wonder Brother Beckham is delighted with them. And we are not surprised to know that they are delighted with him.

The esteemed Dallas Daily News did not do itself any credit, neither did it enhance its popularity in the estimate of thousands of its readers and subscribers by publishing one whole page of reading matter in commendation of one of the leading breweries of this country, in a recent issue. We say reading matter for there was nothing to indicate that the stuff published was not reading matter. The uninitiated could not get any other idea than that it was the view of the paper concerning this brewery. Even as an advertisement, the matter was offensive to all local option people in Texas and in Oklahoma, and that quotation from Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal attacking the clergy and the Church in terms opprobrious and coarse, was especially out of place in the columns of a paper patronized and supported by the clergy and the Church people of the State. We would not have thought of such a good paper as the Daily News. But the News is owned by a stock company, and the members of that company want money, even if it does have to come from such a source as the breweries and at the expense of the feelings and welfare of thousands of people. It is a pity that a paper of such wide-spread influence would dump such purulent matter as that page contained into the decent homes of our people.

Says the esteemed Austin Statesman:

The Statesman does not think the Texas Christian Advocate a "hypocritical" paper even though the types did make it so designate that paper yesterday morning; far from it. The intelligent compositor and careful proof reader, one or both, succeeded in substituting the offensive word "hypocritical" for the complimentary word "hypercritical" in the reference made by this paper to that paper yesterday. For the Advocate the Statesman entertains the kindest feelings and the profoundest esteem. Candor and truth here impel the frank statement that we know of no paper that is further from the charge of "hypocrisy" than the much revered Texas Christian Advocate. That paper is jealous of the rights of society, and is both active and outspoken in applauding what it conceives to be right and in condemning what it conceives to be wrong, and, because of its sensitive and watchful censorship relative to such matters we spoke of it as "hypercritical," but never for a moment have we deemed it "hypocritical." Not on your life.

The Statesman is all right. We knew when we saw the first reference to us that it was the mistake of the printer. The Advocate and the Statesman are on the best of terms, and if it had not made the correction we would never have misunderstood it. The types are peculiar institutions—once in awhile.

Rev. Joseph Norwood, who was at one time in Texas, connected with the Border Mexican Mission work, and who married his wife in Austin, died recently in Florida. We give the following reference to his life-work and his death from the last issue of the Nashville Advocate:

Rev. Joseph Norwood, pastor of the Cuban work at West Tampa, Fla., died suddenly of apoplexy on January 3. Mr. Norwood was one of the most experienced of the Spanish-speaking missionaries of our Church. Entering the Mexican Border Mission work in 1877, he was after five years of labor there, transferred to the Central Mexico Mission, reaching Mexico City in January, 1883. Five years later, considerably broken in health from malaria attacks and indigestion, he located and for a year or two engaged in business in San Luis Potosi. In 1890, after the death of Dr. W. M. Patterson in Venezuela, Mr. Norwood was appointed agent of the American Bi-

ble Society for that country and Colombia to succeed him. After more than ten years of laborious and fruitful service, exposed to many dangers through disease, travel, wars, revolutions, etc., he left the work of the Bible Society a few years ago by reason of the retrenchment which the society was forced to make on account of a reduced income. Returning to the United States, he soon found a congenial work among the Cubans in Florida, where he has since labored with efficiency and zeal. He leaves a wife and one son.

Shreveport had an election on local option last Tuesday. It covered the entire county, or parish, and it was one of the most stubbornly contested elections ever held in that section of Louisiana. The pros won by a small majority, but large enough to be a splendid victory. Shreveport is the largest town in the State except New Orleans, and this victory has projected the agitation of a State campaign. Prohibition is in the air, and the South is taking the lead. On with the battle!

The Advocate is in receipt of the New Year's number of the Cotton and Cotton Oil News. The headquarters of this journal are in Dallas, Texas. Its territory, however, covers nearly all the Southern States. This issue is a work of art, and the publishers deserve special commendation for the excellent success they have achieved. The journal is a credit to the printing fraternity. It is published by the Glenor and Miller Publishing Company of Dallas. It is replete with information touching the subjects of cotton oil mills, cotton mills, cotton gins, cotton compresses, cotton and cotton seed, oil products, cotton dealers, cotton planters and builders of machinery, etc. Mr. N. T. Blackwell is the editor and general manager of this publication and deserves decided credit for the success he has achieved in his profession.

PERSONALS.

Bro. S. F. Moore, of San Angelo, was in the city recently and called on the Advocate force.

Bro. R. D. Moore, of Bagwell, stopped in long enough to shake hands with us the other day.

Rev. J. B. Davis dropped in pleasantly to see us this week. His work at Lancaster is prospering.

Rev. W. Y. Switzer, of Milford, was in the city this week and gave the Advocate the benefit of a brotherly call. His work is promising.

Rev. O. S. Thomas was in to see us the past week as he went through the city to meet his appointment at Garland. He is a busy presiding elder.

Rev. B. S. Crow, of Bristol, made the Advocate a pleasant visit recently. He is much pleased with his work and speaks in large terms of the kindness of his people.

Rev. H. A. Boaz, of Polytechnic College, and Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, of the Ft. Worth District, were in the city last week attending the meeting of the Board of Managers of the Anti-Saloon League.

Mrs. William White, widow of the late Captain William White, of this city, died last week at Greenville. She was one of the most devoted members that ever worked in First Methodist Church, a noble woman and a devoted Christian, and she was held in great esteem by all who knew her.

TO UNCLE DICK'S FRIENDS.

Let me say to my friends who have so kindly written me letters of inquiry and sympathy that I am still confined to my room, subject to great suffering. I thank them so kindly for their expressions of love and crave an interest in their prayers.

As to Sister J. W. Thompson's home: It is paid for and the note and mortgage cancelled. True, all the money was not paid in, but I advanced the money for those who have not paid their subscription, knowing that they would send it to me very early.

R. W. THOMPSON.
Dallas, Texas.

WOULD LIKE TO HELP.

Rev. John P. Lowry, Little Rock, Ark., would like to help the pastors in revival work.

J. P. L.

SAN ANTONIO PREACHERS' MEETING.

The meeting was called to order Monday morning, January 13, at 10 o'clock by President E. D. Mouzon. The following were present: Rev. A. J. Weeks, Rev. J. G. Mueller, A. C. Bell, J. N. Snow, S. B. Beall, N. B. Harmon, J. W. Albritten, Jacob Merkel, also Rev. J. A. Smith, superannuate preacher, and Bro. V. M. West, of the laity.

City Mission, corner of Nathan and Rische Streets, S. B. Bell, pastor, reported: Fine week. The high wind did great damage to our tent. Fine prayer-meeting, twenty-nine present. Have organized a class for systematic Bible study. We are now taking up the distinctive doctrines of Methodism. Preached on baptism yesterday morning and communion at night; received four members by certificate. We have now a membership of eighty,



M. E. Church, South, Hempstead, Texas.

Rev. B. C. Ansley, Pastor.

with 100 Sunday-school scholars enrolled. We had seventy-seven present at Sunday-school.

South Heights was reported by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Albritten. Good week. Prayer-meeting well attended; eight testimonials were given in the prayer-meeting. Our services yesterday were well attended; morning congregation best since I have been at South Heights. At the close of the morning service received eleven members; twenty present at League prayer-meeting.

West End was reported by Rev. J. N. Snow. Nothing of an unusual order to report. Dr. J. E. Harrison filled the pulpit yesterday morning. He gave us a good sermon; impressive service. College girls worshiped with us; four members by certificate.

German Methodist, Rev. J. G. Mueller. Nice spiritual time last week. We have a class in religious instruction preparing for membership. Epworth League doing fine. Tried to preach in English at night; much encouraged.

Government Hill, formerly known as Sherman Street, Rev. A. C. Bell. Two splendid services; two received by certificate.

Prospect Hill, Rev. Nolan B. Harmon. We had a fine week. Fifty at prayer-meeting; a number testified. Two crowded houses yesterday; had to bring seats from the tent built to accommodate the Sunday-school; 230 at Sunday-school. Received ten new members; four from Tulsa, Okla., three from Pauline, Neb., and three from Denison, Texas.

Travis Park, Rev. E. D. Mouzon. Busy week; great deal of sickness, grippe and pneumonia. Probably the best day yesterday I ever saw at Travis Park Church. Great congregation at the morning service; auditorium packed and Sunday-school room had to be thrown open. Received nineteen new members. I felt after the morning hour if I could have a good religious service at night and see somebody converted it would be the climax to a great day. Preached on prayer at night; called for penitents; a number came and one woman, who came forward weeping, was converted. We had 615 at Sunday-school.

Rev. A. J. Weeks, presiding elder, reported for the district. Outlook in the district fine; salaries of the preachers in the district increased in the aggregate \$2000. I have held three Quarterly Conferences since I reported last. Outlook at Del Rio good; splendid financial report. Nelson, at Eagle Pass, is doing a fine work. Better condition than we have ever had there; financial report there was very good. NOLAN B. HARMON, San Antonio, Jan. 13. Secretary.

FORT WORTH METHODIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE.

The conference met Jan. 12, 1908, in the parlors of the First Methodist Church, with Rev. W. H. Matthews in the chair. Rev. D. A. McGuire led in prayer. In the absence of the regu-

lar Secretary H. M. Long was elected Secretary pro tem.

Rev. J. T. Bloodworth was present and gave an interesting report from the Wortham charge.

Rev. D. A. McGuire reported two conversions and one reclamation at Rosen Heights; will move into new parsonage this week; ladies have placed new furniture and look well to the pastor's comfort. The outlook is most encouraging.

Rev. G. F. Winfield, of the Joshua charge, was present and made a splendid report from his field. Two new churches in course of erection; more than twenty young people away in our various schools; four of these will graduate in medicine this year, two in pharmacy, two have volunteered for mission work and two are preparing for the ministry.

W. M. Lane said: "We are moving nicely; splendid congregations; the

son, pastor: Church growing rapidly; new church ready for roof; need funds.

Grace, A. L. Andrews, pastor: Nine additions; 430 in Sunday-school; Rev. W. D. Bradford preached at night.

Rev. Glenn Flinn, representing the American Bible Society, spoke in behalf of his work.

Dr. G. C. Rankin gave some encouraging remarks on the progress of local option.

Bros. Harris and Bourland were appointed to look after Bro. Jackson's needs and report at next meeting.

A. L. ANDREWS, Chairman.
W. D. THOMPSON, Sec. Pro Tem.

I HAVE A LITTLE TIME TO USE.

I will appreciate the Advocate saying to the brethren that while the money stringency is on I can spare them some time in revival work, if any of them need my services.

THOS. G. WHITTEN.
Chappell Hill, Texas.

ADDRESS WANTED.

Will some one please send me the address of S. T. Fagan?

R. G. MOOD,
Commissioner of Education,
Georgetown, Texas.

CAN NOT HELP IN MEETINGS.

As there are several appointments on my own charge, and the stewards at every point have requested me to hold my own meetings, it will be impossible for me to help any of my brethren in their meetings after the third Sunday in June. My advice to every pastor is to hold your own meeting, or meetings, as far as possible. Look to the Lord and do your duty, and he will save the people.

R. A. WALTRIP.
Willow City, Texas.

CALVERT DISTRICT.

To the Preachers of Calvert District: On account of the I & G. N. Railway taking off one of the afternoon trains, we will not get to Jewett in time for opening sermon, Tuesday night. Let us all be there to begin on time, Wednesday, the 22d. Bishop Ward will be with us.

E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

DEDICATION.

The new Methodist church at Gorman, Texas, will be dedicated on Sunday, at 11 o'clock a. m., January 26, 1908. Dr. G. C. Rankin will preach the dedicatory sermon. All former pastors and presiding elders are urged to be present.

R. A. CLEMENTS, P. C.

PAID IN FULL.

Last Sunday Bellevue Circuit, Bowie District, paid her missionary assessment in full. This is the first in Bowie District, but the other charges will soon do likewise. Rev. R. E. Porter is the energetic, enterprising pastor and he serves a fine people.

JNO. E. ROACH, P. E.

NOTICE, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE PREACHERS.

The minutes of our recent conference session are mailed this week and ought to reach you before you read this notice. If you fail to get your quota, notify me promptly.

JNO. E. ROACH, Secretary.
Bowie, Texas.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT.

The Preachers' Meeting and the Missionary Institute of the Gatesville District will convene at Gatesville, January 29 and 30.

The Gatesville District Conference will be at Gatesville this year and will open March 26, at 8 p. m., with a sermon by Rev. W. E. Caperton. The regular business of the conference will begin March 27, at 8:30 a. m., and will embrace Sunday the 29th.

Committees:
For License to Preach and to Recommend to the Annual Conference—Rev. A. C. Smith, Rev. G. F. Boyd, Rev. T. W. Sharp, Rev. B. A. Evans.

Committee for Deacons' Orders—Rev. R. F. Dunn, Rev. W. A. Manly, Rev. L. G. Grimes.

For Elder's Orders—Rev. W. E. Caperton, Rev. J. C. Carter, Rev. C. A. Evans, J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

BRENNHAM DISTRICT NOTES.

As many of the readers of the Advocate know, we are entering on the new experience of a presiding elder. I did not know just how it would seem not to be able to say my people and my Church, as someone has said, to be "nobody's dog." But we hadn't been in Brenham long until we began to feel like saying "Our people." To

Rev. C. J. Wilson

A retired Baptist clergyman, now in the Masonic Home in Manchester, N. H., says he has for years known the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and in his last letter writes:

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kens of kindly remembrance and expressions of appreciation are constantly finding their way to the district parsonage. Had a whole drove of fat turkeys sent in for Christmas—that is if two is pair and three is drove.

The brethren of the district have received us very cordially and all seem to be very hopeful of a splendid year.

The District Stewards have assessed a liberal salary for the presiding elder and quite a number of the local boards have raised the salaries of the pastors.

We are facing the future with a triumphant faith and increasing hope. We are looking to the Holy Spirit for his guidance and power and expecting large results.

A. A. WAGNON.

Subscribers who desire the Advocate discontinued must notify us at expiration either by letter or postal card. Otherwise they will be responsible for continuance and debt incurred thereby. We adopted the plan of continuance at the request and for the accommodation of our subscribers and they in turn must protect us by observing the rule which stands at the head of the first column on the eighth page.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Jan. 16—G. A. Nance, sub. B. T. James, sub. T. G. Woods, sub. G. F. Harris, sub. J. H. Wiseman, sub. T. C. Sharp, sub. J. T. Owen, sub. L. B. Saxon, sub. J. R. Adair, sub. E. R. Patterson, sub. C. E. Gallagher, sub. W. H. Terry, sub. Frank Hughes, sub. W. R. McCarter, sub. J. M. Barcus, sub. J. T. Hicks, sub.

Jan. 11—A. C. Smith, sub. J. C. Carter, sub. J. H. Averitt, sub. W. H. Keener, sub. F. M. Atchison, sub. A. E. Turney, sub.

Jan. 13—R. W. Allen, sub. W. W. Nunn, has attention. E. W. Potter, sub. G. W. Klineholo, sub.

Jan. 14—J. B. Gohar, sub. A. G. Scruggs, sub. A. Y. Old, sub. J. H. Wiseman, sub. W. A. Gililand, sub. S. S. McKenny, sub. S. R. Johnston, sub. S. L. Halbert, sub.

Jan. 15—S. M. Black, change. J. R. Buttrill, sub. C. B. Golen, sub. W. J. Blodworth, sub. W. W. Graham, sub. A. L. Bowman, sub. C. F. McKinney, sub. A. W. Hall, sub. W. H. Jordan, sub.

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Begins the second term on the 20th of this month. We have room for a few pupils. Let them apply at once and begin with the term. Two young ladies wishing to save board money may be taken for dining room purposes if they apply now.

Let all remember that we have the best school for girls in Central Texas, if not in the State. We know how to train, to teach and to refine. Send them along.

Respectfully,

D. S. SWITZER, Itasca, Texas.

Epworth League Department

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All communications intended for publication in this department and all papers with articles to be commented upon should be addressed to the League Editor.
The following rules should be observed in submitting money on account of the State Organization: Local Chapter dues should be sent to Frank L. McNeny, Dallas. Assembly funds should be sent to Theo. Berling, Jr., Houston.

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FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA, AUGUST 5-15, 1908.

NOTES.

We begin the New Year with another statement about our financial condition in regard to our Encampment property. As repeatedly stated, we are due a considerable sum of money that must be paid. To meet this we are not only depending on, but counting on, each League in Texas to subscribe for Epworth League Bonds. No League can afford to withhold its support. If your League has not as yet taken stock in this enterprise you must do so and do so soon in order that we may pay out and complete our great enterprise. I assure you that it is not pleasant to have to make excuses for non-payment when we have such a large and prosperous organization, and a little help from each one would make it so easy.

This is an excellent time to follow the example of our merchants and "take stock." At your next Cabinet meeting or business meeting suppose you go thoroughly into your organization in a business way. Are you paying dividends? If not, why not? Are your "directors" attentive to business? Are your stockholders investing all that they should in the enterprise? If a "re-organization" would pay, bring it about. If the investment of a little more time, study and money on the part of your members would bring better returns see that they invest. Our League work should be conducted on a business basis and all that is possible gotten out of it.

Very few Leagues, so far, have responded to the Forward Movement call. Please bear in mind that if this is a success each League must share in it. A dollar a month from each organization means plenty of funds to carry on our work in all its departments, but three or four Leagues can not do much with it.

Plan now for your District League meetings. We have and will publish a little later suggestive outlines for District League meetings, one day session and a two days' session. The e were prepared at our request by our General Office, and will be very helpful in arranging district meetings.

We are listing up a number of capable young people—active League workers in various parts of the State—and will be glad to suggest any of them to aid in program work. The presence of live Leaguers means much in stimulating the young people. Our whole aim is to develop the young life of the Church and this should be kept in mind in all our plans.

Bishop Ward will meet with the Program Committee of the State League in Houston next week and definite work begun. We want every district in Texas well represented at Epworth next summer and the inspiration of the Assembly carried to every

part of the State. Let each presiding elder bear this in mind and head a delegation from his district.

A. K. R.

A THOUSAND MILES THROUGH MEXICO.

Official Interpreter.

After we left Corpus Christi the question arose as to what we should do for an interpreter, since it was thought that all in the party were more or less deficient in the use of the language of the Republic. Bro. L. S. Barton laid claim at once to being proficient, very proficient, in the use of the original "Aztec," the language he said was chiefly spoken in Mexico. He proceeded to give us samples of his art, and we remember well one particular phrase he used, not so much from hearing it at first, but from its constant repetition as the days went by. It seemed to be a kind of general translation for everything we wanted put into Spanish. The phrase ran something like this: "Gadsukes, gosomely, impressiario, mucharo, madamoselle, vamose, gadsukes." Of course, after such evidence of familiarity with the speech of the ancients Brother Barton was considered in a class by himself and was, by common consent, acknowledged the official interpreter, with all incidental and per diem expenses included. We had scarcely reached the open court which is to be found at all railway stations in the City of Mexico when the services of the official interpreter were needed. A horde of hackmen surrounded us, gesticulating and shrieking all manner of words. The interpreter said to them in his most convincing manner: "Kadsukes, gosomely, impressiario, mucharo, madamoselle, vamose, gadsukes!" Instantly there was quietude, the Mexicans gazing in dumb astonishment at the man who stood before them speaking in the lingo of the race which had preceded them!

Jim.

About this time a negro porter approached with such a smile that we turned our attention to him. We learned that he was from the hotel which we were seeking, an American hotel located in a favored section of the city, and we followed him to the street car. By the time the car had started two dignitaries, uniformed as conductors, came around, to the first of whom we handed a silver coin and with our fingers indicated the number of fares. He seemed to understand, returned us some change and gave us a ticket for each fare. The second man held out his hand for the tickets, and we passed them over. He counted them, and by a series of motions and peculiar facial expressions indicated that something was wrong. The official interpreter was busy just at this time (or pretended to be), reading the signs along the way, and we called for Jim, who was standing on the rear platform. Jim came in and quite a spluttering of words issued. At the conclusion of the parley, Jim turned and said to us: "Boss, you hasn't paid for me; that's what's de trouble!" Well, of course, we speedily remedied the trouble, much to the satisfaction of the man in uniform and the amusement of the other passengers on the car!

Mexico City.

As soon as we were assigned quarters at the hotel we began to plan our sight-seeing, for at best we had but few days and no time could be lost. All of Mexico City is interesting. This we had heard before our visit, and this we found to be true while we were there. It has a very large population, some 400,000 or more. But Americans are scarce, only about 6000 in the entire city. We were always glad to see an American, and there were mutual smiles and words of greeting regardless of time, place or personage met. Americans are held in high esteem in the City of

Mexico. In very many of the public places visited we saw the picture of the President of the United States displayed alongside that of the President of the Republic of Mexico. Their comparisons were Americanized as far as possible. For instance, the President's palace was pointed out as the White House of Mexico. The city's military school was pointed out as their West Point. They have an independence day and a liberty bell. We were surprised to learn of their deep reverence for our Washington, it being a National law that the word Washington shall not be used in connection with the name of a saloon in the Republic. In this respect they are ahead of us. At the time of our visit preparations were being made for the coming of Secretary Root, and the newspapers fairly teemed with dispatches relating to American affairs. There is much to see in the city, and our leisure moments were occupied in selecting those places and things which seemed the most desirable to visit. At every turn there is a cathedral. And such cathedrals are not to be seen anywhere else on the face of the globe. We visited many; in fact, if a single one was missed by some of our good women the writer is not aware of it.

The Great Cathedral.

The most interesting is the great Cathedral, occupying the geographical center of the city and covering the identical spot which was the site of the great Teocalli, or pyramid of sacrificial worship, of the ancient Aztecs. It was around this place that the indomitable Cortez assembled his faithful cavaliers and fought the battles which finally won him the conquest of Mexico and exterminated the house of Montezuma. It is said that the foundation of the Cathedral is laid on the broken idols and images of the Aztecs. From north to south the building is over 400 feet in length; east to west the width is 177 feet, and the towers are more than 300 feet high. The cost was over \$2,000,000. The present family of bell ringers have been in service twenty years, while its generations reach back for more than two hundred years. We visited this family in its tower-home and was permitted to make a picture of the interior of one of the rooms. The cross upon the top of the highest dome is said to be of pure gold. The interior carvings, gildings and appointments represent the highest art and cost a princely fortune.

The National Museum.

One evening soon after our arrival we were discussing a trip to the National Museum, which is regarded as the most interesting place in the capital. A gentleman who happened to overhear our conversation introduced himself as the special commissioner of a well known publisher and stated that he was then engaged in the preparation of data for a new history of Mexico, and having made considerable study of the contents of the museum, would gladly pilot our party through it. Well, of course, we accepted the kindly offer, and next day at the appointed hour we repaired to the museum, which is located just east of the Cathedral and only a short walking distance from our hotel. We had no trouble whatever in gaining admission, and we passed freely to and from in the great building. Everything imaginable and many things not imaginable are contained in it. We devoted much time to the sculptural (if the thousands of hideous shaped stones and images can properly be called sculptural) section. We inspected the great Calendar Stone, the huge Sacrificial Stone, the Colossal Head, the Carved Vase and various Aztec gods. Our guide interpreted to us the historical setting of each object, and we felt as if we were gaining quite an insight to the prehistoric races of the Republic. After having been in this section an hour or more our attention was directed to a huge stone which resembled somewhat an elephant's head. Our guide told us that this stone was made at least four hundred years before the elephant

was known to have existed in this country, and he went into an elaborate and scientific discussion of the knowledge which the Aztecs must have had of this animal. While he was thus engaged Brother Jackson B. Cox, pastor of our church in the City of Mexico, came up, listened for a moment, smiled and said: "My brother, the inscription there says that the stone is that of a giant parrot!" And, sure enough, this was what it did say. Much chagrined, our guide discontinued his story and we began to reflect upon some of the wonderful things he had told us. From that time on we placed ourselves under the charge of Brother Cox and found him well versed in all things pertaining to the country. This question has often suggested itself to us: Will the "history" which the distinguished commissioner is preparing be as accurate in all its details as his story about the parrot's image in the National Museum?

JAPANESE BOOK-MARK REPORT.

The movement for the building of the church at Kitsuki, Japan, goes bravely forward, and the missionary spirit of our young people is demonstrated by the way they are buying book-marks. The fund which is being raised through my agency should be gratifying to all of us, for since October 31, 1907, I have received the following orders:

Previously reported, \$94.50; cash, 25c; Miss Nara Brooks, Elgin, \$2; Miss Josie Elder, Ennis, \$1.60; C. S. Carleton, Meridian, Miss., \$3.50; Clarence R. Comfort, St. Louis, Mo., \$3.45; Miss Evelyn Wynn, Grace, Dallas, \$2.60; Miss Victoria Webster, Grace, Dallas, 25c; Mrs. W. A. Parker, Fulshear, 25c; Miss Ella Bowden, Rising Star, 15c; Miss Eva Sanders, Center, second order, 90c; Mrs. Ross Carroll, Grand Saline, 15c; Mrs. E. J. Walker, Uvalde, 75c; Miss Mamie Graves, First, Galveston, second order, \$2.15; Miss Alma Gaines, Clarksville, \$1.50; Mrs. I. A. Dashiell, Austin, 15c; Mrs. H. A. Stewart, Breckenridge, 60c; Miss Ella Bowden, second order, \$1.80; Mrs. I. A. Dashiell, second order, 60c; Mrs. L. J. Anderson, Sterling City, \$2.40; Mrs. Sarah Stegner, Itasca, 15c; Mrs. Fred Mercer, Royse City, \$2.40; Miss Annie Sells, Orange Juniors, \$1; Miss Alma Gaines, second order, 50c; Mrs. F. W. Chatfield, Dallas, 25c; Mrs. J. W. Mosser, Philadelphia, Tenn., 60c; Rev. Thos. Morehead, Grace, Palestine, \$3; Mrs. George W. Cross, Flatonia, 15c; Mrs. J. E. Nix, Altus, Okla., \$2.70; Mrs. Ross Carroll, second order, \$1.80; Miss Bertha Lee Jones, Culverton, Ga., 30c; Mrs. John Caton, Detroit, \$1; Mrs. J. D. Lehmann, Sweetwater, 15c; Mrs. Margaret F. Thomas, Selma, Ala., 15c; Mrs. N. Niebergall, New Orleans, La., 15c; Mrs. George W. Cross, second order, \$1.80. Total, \$135.65.

I wish that every person who has ordered less than ten of the book-marks would send me an additional order sufficient to bring it up to ten. Then, if all those to whom I have sent samples, and who have not sent in an order, would also order ten or more, we would soon have a nice contribution. Then, too, those who have ordered may be able to secure additional orders.

I am especially anxious for those to whom I have sent samples to let me hear from them. I feel sure that each of them will be glad of the opportunity to help in the work.

Let us bear in mind that these book-marks are being sold so that Brother Wilson's mission congregation at Kitsuki, Japan, may raise the money to build them a church and a parsonage. At present they are in rented quarters, and there is not the same permanency that there is where they can own their own church and parsonage. So these Japanese Christians are making the book-marks and our people are buying them at fifteen cents each to help them secure the same privileges we possess at home. Fifteen cents isn't much money, but it will represent your interest in the cause if you will send the order to me.

Now, let all of us make a final strong pull on this work and see if you can not send me orders enough to take up the 600 book-marks I still have on hand. TOM C. SWOPE.

2306 Genesee Street, Houston, Tex.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The North Texas Conference Epworth League will meet with Waples Memorial League, in Denison, some time in June. Let every local Chapter begin now to help make it a success. Collect your local League dues promptly every month and thereby assure yourselves of money enough to pay delegates' expenses; then send as many delegates as possible. To allow delegates to pay their own expenses is not the best, for often, yea, more often, your most consecrated Epworth Leaguers are not the best off financially. It is possible for every local chapter in North Texas to send at least one delegate. Won't you do so? There is no conference so important to our beginners as the North Texas Conference. Without it the Leagues would suffer materially. Help make the one this year the most helpful and spiritual, that it may reflect credit on our grand old Methodist Church.

You have not sent me a list of your new officers nor paid the five cents per capita North Texas dues. I expect them, and need them, -h so badly! Will every pastor and Leaguer who sees this have it read at the next devotional, as well as business, meeting of their chapters. Faithfully and sincerely yours,

O. L. HAMILTON, Sec-Treas.
Lewisville, Texas.

DALLAS DISTRICT.

The Dallas District League Cabinet recently entertained the pastors of the district and their wives at the home of the President, Ralph A. Porter. Nearly all of the pastors and their wives were present, together with all of the members of the Cabinet. A good social time was had; games were played, and music was furnished by Mrs. Porter. A buffet luncheon was served at 10 o'clock, and all report a real enjoyable evening.

Debate given under the auspices of the Epworth League of Ervay Street M. E. Church, South, Sunday, December 22, 1907. Program: 6:15 p. m., devotional services; 6:30 p. m., opening remarks by President J. L. Greenfield.

Debate: "Resolved that the life and work of St. Peter had a greater influence for good than that of St. John." Affirmative, R. C. Dunlap, W. L. Lightfoot. Negative, A. Van Slyke, F. L. McNeny. Vocal solo, Miss Nixon.

Each speaker was allowed twelve minutes, after which time the affirmative side was given five minutes for a rejoinder. The judges' decision favored the negative side. The talks all showed very careful preparation, and the program was a very effective one. The speakers did themselves and their League proud, and the audience, which was very large, was intensely interested all the time.

REPORTER.

Believe me, the world is a mirror—it reflects back to you the face you present to it, and you get out of the world just what you put into it. If you make no effort to let it know what you have done it makes no effort to find out what you have done. Is not this the just working of law? If you make no action, there will be no reaction. If you do not sing out, can you get an echo?—Dorothy Quilev.

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This is not meant to criticise the administration of the house, but to call a halt, and show that no book should be put on the market by the house that is not first passed on by the managers or someone whose duty it shall be to pass on the books. The better way may be to have a large committee composed of the editors of the Church papers and others, and when any book is offered to the house to be put on the market, let that book be passed on by some one of these, if the agents have not the time to review the book. The two last

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All communications in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society should be sent to the address of the Editor of the Woman's Department.

FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Just to be tender, just to be true,
Just to be glad the whole day through,
Just to be merciful, just to be mild,
Just to be trustful as a child;
Just to be gentle and kind, and sweet,
Just to be helpful with willing feet,
Just to be cheery when things go wrong,

Just to drive sadness away with song;
Whether the hour is dark or bright,
Just to be loyal to God and right;
Just to believe that God knows best;
Just in His promises ever to rest—
Just to let love be our daily key,
This is God's will for you and me.

—Selected.

District Secretaries of H. M. Society,
of Northwest Texas Conference:

Dear Sisters—I take this opportunity of asking each of you if possible to give me the number of subscribers to Our Homes and King's Messenger reported in your several districts for the third quarter; just drop me a card and it will suffice. I will be glad to hear from any auxiliary agents. Any information will be appreciated as I am anxious to know just how we stand. As you all know we have now entered the last quarter of our fiscal year. Let us all do our best from now until the first of March.

MRS. JIM LANGSTON,
Conference Agent.

Cleburne, Texas, Box 401.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, SEVENTH ST. M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, TEMPLE, TEXAS.

This society, under the leadership of Mrs. B. T. Stribling, has inaugurated some new plans which may be of interest to some other society that desires to make a forward move, so our new methods are sent you for publication if you deem them helpful.

The weekly meetings of each month have been thus arranged: First, business meeting; second, devotional meeting; third, study meeting (some special department of the Home Mission work being taken up at this time); fourth, social meeting. For the more successful execution of these plans, the President appointed committees on program for each meeting. These committees cover the entire membership of the society.

At one of the meetings for special study, by invitation, Mrs. H. C. Kimbro, of Taylor, our District Secretary, was present and gave a most helpful address on the entire work of the society. To this meeting an invitation was extended to the society of First Church, and after the discourse an informal reception was held in the church parlors, where light refreshments were served.

For the regular social sessions invitations are extended to all the ladies of the Church. Thus by varying the meetings we have succeeded in enlisting others in the work in reaching a higher standard of information and in inculcating a greater zeal and interest in the Church and its workings.

MRS. A. W. BALL, Press Supt.

THE AUXILIARIES, W. H. M. SOCIETY, OF CROWELL AND TOLBERT, TEXAS.

It seems that through timidity our dear Press Superintendent, of Crowell has never written up the good work of their W. H. M. Society for the Woman's Department in Advocate. So I feel that I must send a few lines to inform our Home Mission Society at large that we have a very fine society in Crowell.

In two years we grew from twenty to thirty-eight members; we met twice a month—one business, the other devotional service. We adopted a plan of systematic giving once a month to the local treasury, by which we did away with the need of "suppers" in order to keep up the parson-

age. Every member is connectional. I was the Second Vice-President this passing year, and by October we had twenty-six tithers, three of them men. We observed the Week of Prayer the third week in October. It was a great means by which we gained more light, grace and courage. Our souls were lifted and we were bound in stronger bonds of love and we said in our hearts we will press forward, endeavoring to achieve greater victories through our Lord and Master Jesus Christ!

Our collections for the Vashti Home for Friendless Girls, at Thomasville, Ga., amounted to \$15. At the close of this precious week the thought had been born to send the pastor's wife to Annual Conference. So by another week came the happy surprise of \$26.25, with the imperative orders: "You must go!"

This W. H. M. Society has taken up the Bible and home mission courses of study. Perfect harmony existed during our two years' stay with them. God bless this noble band of Christian women, is my prayer. (I can't estimate all their kindness to pastor and family.) Our new home is in the nice new parsonage at Tolbert. This has been a home for the pastor but five months, hence no W. H. M. Society until we organized yesterday. We start with seven charter members. All subscribed at once for Our Homes. They seem to be a good, courageous little band of Christian women. We are very hopeful that our home mission work will do great credit to our title in the community, notwithstanding the fact of being scattered, some five and six miles away. We expect ere the fiscal year closes to treble our membership. Miles grow very short when a set of Godlike women resolve to hoist the flag of Prince Immanuel and forward march! God bless all our W. H. M. S. women.

MRS. M. W. CLARK, Pres.

From Huchow, Miss Rankin writes: "All of the Bible women and several of the students give part of their time to Memphis School. Miss Wang and Mrs. Sung live in their own homes. Mrs. Ng visits daily. Mrs. Loh and Miss Toong itinerate. Mrs. Yeh talks to all who come on business, and all are busy from eight o'clock in the morning till five in the afternoon. One student has joined the Church, and one of the most earnest workers, Mrs. Wang (Susie Key), a voluntary worker, has gone to her heavenly home. She was ill only a few hours of cholera, which developed Saturday night, and she passed away Sunday morning."

The school opened August 28, with ten scholarship pupils from the district and the same number of resident pupils.

The scholarship pupils are from Christian families who are too poor to pay board. All the former scholarships for boys have been taken by sisters or cousins. The Epworth League and literary club have been reorganized and regular meetings held.

Pray during the month for the conversion of scholarship pupils in the schools of the Woman's Board in China.

Mr. F. A. McKenzie writes in the Sunday Strand: "I believe in foreign missions. I believe in them because of what I have seen of them in distant lands, and I believe in them because I have witnessed something of the lower levels of life from which Christianity seeks to raise men."

"The China Conference, October 9, 1907, was one of the most delightful I ever attended," writes Miss Claiborne, of China. "We were so thankful to have with us Dr. Lambuth, Mrs. Cobb, and Mrs. Wilson, and, grandest of all, the Bishop's big and broad views of the mission work, as they talked

to us at our devotional exercises four days of the annual meeting."

The reports of our missionaries seemed stronger and more intensely in earnest than before.

The Davidson Memorial Chapel, in Soochow, and the Susan B. Wilson Girls' School, in Sungkong, have been completed.

But all the school buildings in our China Mission have not been built. A day school building in Soochow is needed, though not asked for in the estimates for next year. At the memorial service for Dr. Young J. Allen and Miss June Nicholson the sainted dead seemed near and the gates of heaven seemed to open as we heard them singing: "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

The new building asked for by the hospital in Soochow is the largest call for the year. Another building for Shanghai, in memory of Dr. Young J. Allen, is also to be erected in the near future, and the chapel will bear the name of June Nicholson, who preceded Dr. Allen to the glory land only a few months.

The hopes of our China missionaries have been gathering about a Central China Woman's College for some time. Does our faith make this possible?

The new missionaries received the following appointments: Miss Nell Drake is located in Soochow, at the Laura Haygood Memorial; Miss Mary Steger, with her sister in Huchow; and Mrs. Harris, in Shanghai, at McTyeire. All these new arrivals are busy with the language now, full of hope that before many months they may join the force among the more experienced. The Hayes-Wilkins Bible School is being rebuilt in Sungkong. It was unsafe, and its location undesirable. Now as a home and school for the Bible women of China it takes its place for the best possible educational work of training native Christian women to teach the gospel in the homes of their heathen sisters.

"Gloria Christi" is the seventh book in the United Study of Missions. This, with "How to Use Gloria Christi" and the pictures which illustrate the book, costs, postpaid, 75 cents. The study for our young people is "The Uplift of China," which, with postage, is 40 cents.

C. H. Morrison said: "If we knew our brother as God knows him, we would never dare to despise him any more."

"The heart cannot be open if the hand is shut; but personal consecration does not end with self."

Writing from Korea, one of the missionaries said: "We are so happy to have new help. Miss Lilly, Miss Kendrick, and Miss Batey have arrived. Miss Batey and Miss Kendrick are in Seoul, and Miss Lilly in Wonsan. Miss Kendrick will go to Songdo about Korean New Year. Seoul is in her gayest dress at this time. The Crown Prince of Japan is here. Banners are floating, flags waving, bands playing, soldiers and guards fill the streets, and decorations of all kinds are in evidence."

The people are teachable in Korea, ready to hear and accept the gospel message. O for enlarged buildings, so that our school in Seoul might accommodate all those who apply for admission! So many have to be turned away. How my heart aches when I think of what an awful life is theirs unless they can be brought under Christian influence and teaching!"

With John R. Mott we believe everything vital hinges on prayer, but vital prayer hinges on information, as well as on faith. Our Lord admonished to look on the field and therefore pray. Knowledge of missions demands prayer. Prayer demands knowledge.—Missionary Tidings.

FROM SUNKING, CHINA.

Sunking is a city of about 80,000 inhabitants, including the people within and without the wall. There are no foreigners here except the members of our own mission, Mrs. Gailther, Misses Waters and King of the Woman's Board, and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Reid, and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bowen and child of the Parent Board. Mr. Reid has charge of the Church and

Boys' School outside the walls, while Mr. Bowen's work is partly within the walled city, though he assists in Mr. Reid's school. The property of the two boards is contiguous, so that our people form a little community of their own. The Parent Board owns a beautiful property which has been increased by the purchase of an additional lot, authorized by Bishop Candler since his visit. The Hayes-Wilkins' School for Bible women, under the charge of Mrs. Gailther, is located here, and it has been of great interest to me to visit this school of thirty-seven women, most of them intent upon fitting themselves for work for Christ among their own people. All of these women have not committed themselves to life-work, but all are being trained in Bible study, in Christian books and in Christian work. The ages vary from eighteen to fifty.

Thirty-two of them are boarders and a woman rarel, leaves the home without catching the spirit of Christ, which pervades the very atmosphere of the school. Through Mrs. Gailther many of these women get Christ's valuation of men and women, and they seek in many ways to save souls. The work of the school-rooms is quite satisfactory. The pupils' command of the Bible is wonderful—they being able to give with accuracy any incident from the life of Christ, almost any portion of Old Testament history, and to picture with clearness the essential points in the way of salvation. The Bible women note the change in the attitude of the natives towards them; many homes from which they were once excluded now throw their doors wide open to them, the occupants often begging them to enter.

Seven women finished the prescribed course at the end of the last school year. One is at the Laura Haygood, and I heard Miss Pyle speak of what a treasure she is to her. She receives the Chinese visitors, and often in a tactful way directs the conversation to Christianity, thus educating many a caller who waits for her daughter or relative to appear. She also does much Bible work in the school, helps in the classroom, mingles freely with the girls and sows seeds of truth in each sphere of her work. Another of these women is helping Mrs. Hearn in Woman's work in Huchow, one is working in the walled native city of Sungking, two in Sing-zang, one in Kuahli, and another is studying music in McTyeire, preparatory to starting out on her mission. Mrs. Gailther through her Bible women is carving out the one desire of her life, that of helping to establish Christ's kingdom on earth.

I trust that my letter telling of the needs of the Hayes-Wilkins reached America in time to be presented to the board, for this is a matter that demands immediate attention. There must be a new building erected here as soon as possible, for a portion of this house, formerly occupied by fourteen boarders, is in such a dangerous condition that it has to be abandoned.

As I said in my first letter to Mrs. Trueheart, the joists are too short to rest well upon the walls, so the ceiling is sagging in the middle of the room, and the walls are leaning in two directions. If the house falls in one direction the Thomas Annex will be injured, if in another, the lives of our women will be endangered. The ceiling is now supported by three props, so I think there is no immediate danger of its falling, but, of course, this relief is only temporary. Architects who have examined the building say the whole house must be pulled down. This is very discouraging, but the emergency must be met, without spending too many vain regrets upon the mistakes of the past. The Hayes-Wilkins is doing a fine work, and suitable quarters must be provided for the school and for a home for our missionaries. Fortunately we have space in which to place a building large enough to meet our growing work.

The wing of the school as it now stands is on a narrow strip of land right in the midst of the property owned by the Parent Board, while a strip

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of their land extends beyond the Thomas Annex, which building, I will say just here, is satisfactory in every respect.

Mrs. Trueheart should be authorized to negotiate an exchange of our strip of land for that owned by the Parent Board; this exchange will be of great advantage to both boards. I understand that Bishop Candler favors the exchange; and while the property of Parent Board involved in the exchange is considerably larger than ours, I trust the brethren will give it to us on reasonable terms.

The only approach to our property, that occupied by Mrs. Gailther and the Susan Wilson, is through an alley four feet wide, the end of which next to the broad (?) public street of eight feet is made very offensive by the general public, no matter how often Mrs. Gailther has it cleaned. A temple stands between our property and the street, and it is very desirable for us to get possession of a portion of this property, the portion next to our church which is now rented by the Parent Board and was at one time used by Mr. and Mrs. Reid for a dwelling.

The lot belonging to us has been bought in different sections at different times, but it is now in fairly good shape, though on the front corner stands a miserable Chinese hut. This can be bought for \$125.00 and the space would afford an entrance for the Bible women and Miss Waters' girls into the churchyard and from there to the street.

Temples surround our home, and an immense pagoda is located quite near the place; still these do not cut us off from the country, for a walk of five minutes takes our ladies to country air and lively fresh fields. In the spring time, the land is very beautiful, despite the constant presence of extreme poverty, disgusting filth, sickening odors, repulsive and shocking sights, and degrading superstitions.

I reached Sungking in time to witness the "Tsing-Ming," a ceremony observed at this season of the year, by the burning of ghost money, either at the grave mound or in the temples containing receptacles for the coffins of the dead. Articles of food are arranged near the coffin, or the grave mound, and then many baskets of ghost money, each basket holding more than a half bushel, are set on fire, and while the flames are ascend-

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ing, a woman leans over the coffin and utters the most piteous wails and cries. Many of them shed real tears, while the crowd of ever present spectators laugh and talk in loud tones. Once I heard a little three-year-old child, in plaintive tones, beg the mother not to cry.

This is the season also for burying the bodies which have been kept in their homes for years in great, cumbersome coffins. I chanced to see the coffin of a man who had been dead for three years, taken from the home to the burying place amid the hideous music of a hired band, the sending off of fireworks, the chanting of the priests, and the pitiful wails of members of the family, all of whom were clad in white, the deepest mourning.

The ancestral tablet was borne to the grave by the son; he and his sisters threw themselves on the coffin, giving in plaintive tones the usual wail for the dead; after this they bowed many times to the coffin, touching the ground with their heads; then the family and relatives doffed their garments of white and returned to their home, while dozens of baskets of ghost money sent their flames into the air and fire rockets frightened away the evil spirits.

Once near the midnight hour, as Mrs. Gaither and I were returning from a boat trip to an out-station, I heard the wild, weird shriek of a woman. A relative was ill, and in plaintive tones, the woman cried: "Come back, come back," for one of the six spirits of the sick person had left her. Another member of the family, at such a time rushes out in eager search for some living thing, which is supposed to contain the spirit. These two call to each other in a dismal, chanting style; the one crying "Come back, come back," and the other replying in gloomy tones. When something living, be it bird, fowl, or insect is found, the cry goes out, "It is found, she will come back, she will come back," and the living thing is taken to the house. This custom varies in different parts of the country and even in different families, but the superstition exists universally. The idolatry and superstition of the land makes one's heart sick, and I wonder, not at the faith that brings a missionary to China, but at the faith that keeps one here amid such conditions.

China needs the gospel; China needs more missionaries; China calls to the people of America for help. Would that our people could feel the responsibility resting upon them to send the gospel to these millions. May the words, "I am debtor, I am debtor," ring through the hearts of the people in the homeland, until they respond, "I am willing, I am ready;" for more women and more money are needed just now. Who will come? Who will give liberally? Bishop and Mrs. Wilson reached China on the eighth, after a pleasant trip. Dr. Lambuth will be here in a few days. The great Centenary Conference which has for months been the subject of daily prayer is almost upon us, and will be a thing of the past before this letter reaches you.

The reports from the famine region are distressing, appalling, and the end is not yet. The next letter will tell of Misses Waters and King and the Susan B. Wilson. In His name,
MRS. J. B. COBB,
Associate Secretary Woman's Board
Foreign Missions, M. E. Church,
South.

GUILTY!

The Jury says I am innocent.
The Court smiles his assent;
But my heart revolts at the verdict,
'Cause I know I should be a convict.
Innocent in the courts of the land,
Guilty! forever guilty! in the heart of man.

Guilty of a crime that the world knows not,
My conscience alone counts it dot by dot.
When all the earth opens the way,
My own poor heart whispers nay.
It is not what people think or say,
The guilty can not rest night or day.

I mix and mingle with the throng each day,
Earning by honest toil what the world can pay.
The smile of others I meet with a smile,
Yet the canker in my soul is eating all the while.

It is true, it is true, I sadly repeat,
"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."
RADFORD CROCKET.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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er's life. And what shall I say for our new charge, Bronte Circuit? I can safely say this much, that no transfer in Southern Methodism has less grounds to complain than your humble servants. A move of 420 miles due West from Caro, the last 30 miles by stage, facing a typical "northwestern" supposedly to be thrown among strangers, but to our complete and pleasant surprise to find ourselves surrounded by kinsfolk, life-long friends and acquaintances was our happy lot. The reception that has been accorded us has amounted almost to a continuous ovation since our arrival. The Church at Bronte is housed in a beautiful building of modern architecture well adapted to the needs of a growing congregation, and all the departments of the Church are well organized, for all of which we are indebted to the enterprise and zeal of this people and the wise leadership of Rev. D. A. McGuire, my predecessor. At the other points on the work, Rock Springs and Center Valley, we have found many faithful men and women who love the Lord and are zealous for the Church, and in spite of the financial depression and almost a total crop failure here last year the people are hopeful, and we begin the new year with bright prospects for a forward movement. The Advocate and its editor are in high favor with this people.—C. N. Morton, Jan. 7.

Irene Circuit.

Our first Quarterly Conference was held yesterday at Salem. Dr. Horace Bishop was present and preached a very fine sermon to the stewards at 11 o'clock, at the close of which he set them apart to their most important work with prayer. The good women had dinner on the ground, which we all enjoyed very much. The Board of Stewards met in the afternoon and elected J. P. Wilson Chairman. They raised the preacher's salary \$150 and the presiding elder's \$16 over last year, making preacher in charge, \$800; presiding elder, \$120; total, \$920. This is a noble band of stewards who are consecrated to their work and men who love God and his Church. The spiritual life is also growing. One splendid prayer-meeting, four good Sunday-schools and preaching services well attended. Several have asked for prayer, and one has been saved. So we thank God and press forward for yet greater victories in the near future. Brother Kincheol, former pastor, was present. He is the man that made the above results possible. Think of it, there are forty-eight Texas Christian Advocates taken and three Nashville Advocates.—R. H. Helzer, Jan. 8.

Mesquite.

Sunday, January 5, was a red-letter day in our Church. It was the occasion of our first Quarterly Conference, and Brother Thomas was here in his best frame for preaching. The congregations were large and attentive, and the influence of the day and preaching will be felt hereafter. This charge is in good condition, and offers the best that is in both pastor and people. We have five hundred members, who pay the pastor \$800, while within the bounds of the charge are nearly as many Methodists out of the Church as are members within. I am expecting the best report this fall that Mesquite has ever sent to an Annual Conference. Through the efforts of one of the laymen, Brother H. D. Humphreys, twelve new subscribers were secured for the Texas Advocate during the sitting of the Quarterly Conference. One of the stewards, Brother M. D. Parnell, being confined to his room with gripe, was unable to attend the conference. As this is the first one he has missed for many years, I feel that it deserves special mention. He is one of the most faithful men in Methodism. The people here love their pastor and presiding elder, and there is not a wave of trouble that rolls across our peaceful Methodism. Hope hangs high. God is on our side, and we are pushing on to victory.—Walter Douglass.

Rosalie Circuit.

Well, ye scribe feels the spirit moving him to write of his new charge, having been sent from the Clarksville Circuit to Rosalie by Bishop Candler. Ye scribe proceeded to come here on Thursday after conference, and filled the first appointment there after preaching at Rosalie the first Sunday morning and night to a fine congregation. On Monday we proceeded to move our things to the parsonage, and have not missed an appointment yet. There has hardly been a day that something good to eat has not come to the parsonage, but on the night of the 19th the pounding came sure enough. It is needless to state that we appreciated it, and are happy over it. Well, our beloved came to hold the first Quarterly Conference December 28, 29, and captured preacher and people. We are earnestly engaged now for the

new year, praying and hoping for a great revival on our circuit this year, and the earnest prayer of ye scribe is that this may be the greatest year in the history of the North Texas Conference.—Fred A. Bond, Jan. 6.

Blue Grove.

I am glad that I was appointed supply on Blue Grove Circuit again. I have been around my work and have been received kindly by my people, which I appreciate very much. We closed a meeting last Sunday night at Blue Grove that is said to be one of the best ever held in this village. Many conversions and reclamations. The Church had a great spiritual uplift. Brother W. H. Brown conducted the meeting for us. He preached a high standard of religion. I have not found him to be an extremist, but an earnest preacher of the gospel of Christ. He knows how to expose sin and to win the sinner for Christ. We did not get everybody converted that we wished to see converted, so the war will continue. We hope, by the grace of God, to hold the ground we have gained. We earnestly ask for the prayers of our brethren in the field, also our many Christian friends with whom we have been laboring many years. To God we give all the praise for what has been done.—P. W. Byrd.

Wheelock.

Well, here we are at Wheelock to labor for our Master. For three years we served the good people of Kosse, who endeared themselves to us very much by their many acts of kindness during our stay in their midst. May the Lord ever bless them. At the last session of the Texas Conference the Bishop and his advisers said for us to come here; so, on December 7, I put my faithful black and bay to the buggy, and, taking my eldest daughter, bade farewell to some as true friends as a man ever had, and set out for my new work. After a drive of thirty-five miles through the country we found ourselves just before nightfall in the little town of Wheelock. We drove around to the parsonage, and we want to say right here, brethren, it is one of the tastiest preacher's homes in Calvert District. It is painted white, with green blinds, and the inside is nicely papered and finished, and it has been principally paid for, so we have been informed, through the efforts of the Woman's Home Mission Society. May the Lord bless them for their untiring labor to provide such a beautiful home for the preacher and family. We need one more room for our family, but the good women say we shall have it, and when they promise anything it always comes. We have been given a cordial welcome, pounded, encouraged and made to feel at home in every way since our arrival here. The brethren have met us everywhere with hearty handshakes and encouraging words. We have a refined, intelligent class of people to serve, and expect to try to make this one of the best years of our life. We must build one church, cell another, and have one hundred conversions. Success to the Advocate. We intend to try to put it in every Methodist home in the charge.—D. W. Gardner, Jan. 7.

Bryan.

We reached this delightful place the Saturday after conference adjourned, and, as is our usual custom, filled our new pulpit the first Sunday in the new conference year. We believe this is right. Except for good and sufficient reasons we have never been able to see why it is that some preachers can never get to their appointments until at least a week or two after having received them. For every reason the change should be prompt here. The man who is to take our place may be under necessity of making the change right then, and he has a clear right, legally and morally, to the place we sometimes hold at will. Of course, there are exceptions to this rule, and where good and sufficient reasons exist no preacher who is a gentleman will complain; because his brother is kept in the parsonage longer than he would like. I do not write these words because I have ever had the slightest trouble at this point myself, but because I have known others who did and because it is a question worthy of a thought now and then. We were met at the depot by a choice committee of brethren and sisters who took us in their carriages to our lovely and commodious parsonage home. Bro. Betts wrought nobly here under many difficulties. With a debt on the beautiful new church, built by his successor, Bro. Shettles, which the people were struggling to pay, the fire fiend came and swept the beautiful temple away in an hour. While the timbers still flickered, these noble people rallied and before the fire had cooled were about ready to begin the construction of a larger and better building than the one destroyed. Not only that, but they said we must build a new parsonage as well. Of course, the good women did this, while their husbands and brothers rallied to the building of a new church. Now they are both complete in every detail. Best

of all, they say they are in better shape financially than they were before the fire. How was it done? By faith in God and brave, unflinching work by pastor and people. Oh, for this spirit on all of us! If we only would we could do much that is never done. Kindness and appreciation, the things dearest to a preacher's heart, have been the invariable rule since we came. We have the best official board we ever had. Young men comparatively, sensible, liberal, vigorous, and best of all religious, of course they will succeed. A compact membership of about 400, what a pleasure it is to serve such a charge. Bryan is a city of schools. With a very superior public school system, in the hands of good, religious teachers, and the A. and M. just four miles away, she has two private Protestant schools, which are great blessings to her young life. The T. W. C., a girls' school, under the auspices of the Baptist Church, is doing good work; while the Allen Academy, a fitting school for boys, is certainly one of the best which it has ever been my privilege to visit. While this school is not a Church school, it is in the hands of men as true to God and the Church as live in this broad land. The atmosphere is pure, and boys who are fortunate enough to enjoy a term here will look back to it by and by as the greatest privilege of their lives. The whole community feels the grip of these worthy institutions. With good wishes to the whole Advocate crowd and to the brethren, here goes for the best year yet.—J. H. Turrentine.

Blue Ridge.

After serving Josephine charge two years we left many true and tried friends, whom we shall never forget. The good people of Blue Ridge have received us kindly. From the time of our arrival we have felt that we were in the hands of a kind people. The pounding came in due time and in abundance. It continues to come. Many tokens of kindness have found their way to the parsonage. After serving this people four years ago as junior preacher, we feel very much at home with them. It was more like a home-coming to us than going to a new field. We have a Board of Stewards that, notwithstanding the money stringency, have made ample provision for their pastor's temporal welfare. Our beloved presiding elder, Bro. Pierce, was with us the 8th inst. and held our first Quarterly Conference. Reports on all lines were very good. The outlook for a great year is indeed encouraging. We have three splendid country appointments, but the spiritual status of Blue Ridge is not what it should be, but we are confidently expecting great things of the Lord this year at Blue Ridge. I feel that we have already taken on new life. We have organized a prayer-meeting, in which there is much interest manifested on the part of the Christian people. They have covenanted together to pray until the revival comes, and we believe it will come. It is our purpose, by the grace of God, to raise Blue Ridge to a level with the other points on the charge. Our Church at Henslee Chapel received \$167 from the Church Extension Board, to which they added \$125, with which they liquidated every claim against the Church. We have a beautiful little church edifice there, completed; has cost about \$2000. The brethren there are justifiable in being proud of their church. They have had a hard time paying for it, as we have had hard years since the church was built; hence they appreciate very much the help the board gave them. Bro. Pierce will dedicate the church on his next round. Our motto is, "A revival in every home and in every heart on the charge."—S. T. Francis, Jan. 11.

Glenrose.

This is the third year that we've been assigned to this charge. We appreciate the hearty welcome extended to us on our return from Amarillo. Glenrose is a good place for a preacher who is seeking for opportunities to do good. There is much in this charge to encourage a preacher and to make him happy in his work. Since we came to Glenrose we have received some excellent members into the Church. On the other hand, by removal, we have lost some excellent members. Those preachers who have been so fortunate as to receive the Church certificates of W. T. Blakeny and family, J. R. Milam and wife, and some others for whom I've written Church certificates, know by their gain the great loss which our charge has sustained. We are by no means discouraged. We have a faithful band left who have learned the art of getting the best service that is possible for a preacher to give. They know when and how to speak a word of encouragement to him, and if he deserves a pounding, when and how to do it. If they decide to pound a preacher he had better look out, for he will get a good one. This preacher knows by experience. He received one on the 8th inst. that will be remembered. I will not enter into details about it, but will say that the motive which caused it was a good one. It was kindly re-

ceived, with a determination on the part of the preacher and his family to discharge their duty in every sense of the term. We begin the new year with greater encouragement than at any time since we came on this charge. Our Sunday-school, under the superintendency of Judge R. L. Bryan, is doing well. It is now better than at any time since my connection with this charge. Our prayer-meeting, Epworth League and regular Church services are well attended. In many respects the members of this charge deserve commendation for their record in the past. Prior to my coming and since I came on this charge every dollar of the assessments for ministerial support and of the assessments ordered by the Annual Conference have been paid. No preacher has a charge with more faithful members than some in the bounds of this charge. We take courage and press on, asking the Christians who read these lines to pray that during this year we may have a revival throughout the entire charge.—W. D. Gaskins, Jan. 10.

Toyah.

I served the Wheelock charge last year my first year as a pastor. The Lord blessed me and gave me a good year. Many of those good people (God bless them) were an inspiration to me. I don't think I shall ever forget Bro. and Sister March Mitchell. They were so good to me. I am now in the far West enjoying the sunshine and pure air. I am happier than ever before in my life; every day seems to be sweeter than the day before. I have a fine field. Toyah is growing fast. I am studying, working and praying, and the Lord is blessing. The folks seem to love me and I know I love them. I have organized a prayer-meeting that is growing in interest; a Senior and Junior League, both are progressing nicely. I want to take Toyah for Christ before the year is gone, and I believe that with the help of these good people and God we will do it, too. Our meeting is to start the 17th. Bro. Birdwell, of Weatherford, will do the preaching. We are all praying for the Holy Spirit to come in mighty power. I want to ask all who read this to pray for the meeting. The people received me well. I have not been pounded, but they could not pound me save with a club, for I eat at the hotel. They say that they enjoy my preaching and do everything they can to make me feel good. God being my helper, I am going to make this the best year of my life. I will not forget the Advocate.—Thos. I. Beck.

Grandview Circuit.

This is our second year, and we are hoping for good things indeed. A man scarcely gets well acquainted during his first year on a large circuit. It takes twelve months to learn the needs of his work, the conditions to be met and the lines of most advantageous effort; therefore, the first year should best prepare him for greater success the year following. We received the usual pounding, raise of salary and enthusiastic welcome. The stewards and Sunday-school superintendents gathered from the different appointments and were served a new year's dinner at the parsonage on January 1. After dinner we organized and took up the needs of the work, discussing each thoroughly and trying to arrive at some definite plan in every case. The meeting was quite a success and will bear fruit. It was decided to organize every Sunday-school on the work into a missionary Society. The stewards and superintendents agree to visit the homes of their communities and try to interest the people in the Church service. A systematic plan for the collection of the pastor's salary was adopted. As a climax the stewards paid their respects to the financial panic and set the preacher's salary at \$1000. Thus far the work moves on nicely. My benevolences are secured in good subscription. Congregations fine, interest good, my people spiritual, and, best of all, the Lord is with us.—Robt. P. Shuler.

Garland.

At the end of two of the most prosperous years of our ministry we were changed from Roxton to Garland. Moving always incurs anxiety and labor, not to say worry, and our move was no exception. As soon as we could get our belongings together we gave the keys to our successor and said good-bye—something not as easily done as one might suppose, especially when the move is so sudden.

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Cancer of the Breast Cured.

HEBRON, MISS.—Mrs. R. Drummond reports that she has been cured of cancer of the breast by Dr. L. T. Leach of Indianapolis, Ind., after her home physician had given up the case. She states that the Doctor has a finely equipped sanatorium, but a great many patients are cured with home treatment alone. Mrs. Drummond, who is the wife of Rev. R. Drummond, a prominent minister of this place, says that every one afflicted should write to Dr. Leach for his 100-page book, which can be had for the asking.

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REV. EVANJER A. BAILEY.

When the history of the Northwest Texas Conference is written a conspicuous page must be given to Evanjer A. Bailey. Not because he claimed it, but because he earned it. No man has lived among us who, by his personal influence, has touched for good the lives of so many of our young preachers, and thereby left a deeper impress on the conference as a whole.

He was emphatically a young preacher's friend. Wise and firm in counsel; tender and patient with the blunders of the boy preachers; quick to discern and apt to commend whatever there was of promise; transparent and clean in his own social and official life; with no dubious motives, he not only commended high ideals, but was himself such an embodiment of that which is true and beautiful and good in a human character that he unconsciously inspired to better things every young preacher that came in contact with him. And now that he is gone, many of the boys, some of them whose hair is sprinkled with gray, mourn him as a departed father.

His connection with the Northwest Texas conference began in the fall of 1871. He was then in the meridian of his strength. Tall and straight as an Indian, with dark auburn hair and full beard, he was a marked man physically and soon showed himself a man capable of leadership and worthy to be trusted by his brethren. From that hour to the day when he laid down his armor, no one ever intimated that E. A. Bailey had been untrue to any trust committed to him.

Of his early life we have very meager information. He was born in Marion District, South Carolina, November 1, 1836. He attended McKenzie College, in Red River County, Texas, and graduated from that institution with the B. S. degree in 1858. In July, 1858, in Caddo Parish, La., he was converted and joined the Methodist Church. In 1859 he was licensed to preach, at Clarksville, Texas, under the administration of H. V. Hamilton, P. E.

In 1860 he was married to Miss Anna Jane Thompson. To this union were born two sons, one of whom survives his father. In the fall of 1862 at Crockett, Texas, he was admitted on trial into the East Texas Conference and appointed to Canton Mission. In the spring of 1864 he was appointed Chaplain of the 13th Texas Volunteer Infantry, under Col. Bates, in the Confederate army, and served in this capacity to the close of the Civil War. At the close of the war he located and engaged in teaching school.

His first wife having died, he was again married, in 1866, to Miss Mary E. Capers, who survives him as his honored widow. To this latter union were born fourteen children, five of whom preceded him to heaven. The others still live and hold in grateful memory the virtues of their honored father.

In November, 1871, he was readmitted into the Northwest Texas Conference at Corsicana, Texas, and ordained deacon by Bishop Marvin. In 1874, at Weatherford, Texas, he was ordained elder by Bishop McTyeire.

He served successively the following charges: Cleburne Circuit, one year; Alvarado Circuit, two years; Comanche Circuit, two years; Hamilton Mission, one year; Caddo Grove Circuit, three years; Davilla Circuit, one year; Liberty Hill Circuit, one year; Corn Hill Circuit, two years, and Bosqueville Circuit, one year.

In 1885 he was appointed presiding elder of the Granbury District by Bishop McTyeire, and served it two years. He was then in succession on the Gatesville District four years; Cisco District, three years; Weatherford District, four years; Corsicana District, four years, and Dublin District, four years; rounding out at the conference at Brownwood, in 1905, thirty-five years of active service; twenty-one years continuously in the presiding eldership. In 1893 he was elected a delegate to the General Conference which met in Memphis, Tenn., and served in that body with credit to himself and the conference that had honored him.

Such a record is without a precedent in our conference, and will doubtless stand without a succession. Such a long and unbroken service in the presiding eldership gave him unusual opportunities to influence appointments, but no one who knew him be-

lieves that he ever used these opportunities, either to feather his own nest or to afflict a brother preacher. He was utterly incapable of doing either.

As a preacher Bro. Bailey belonged to the old school, and was of unusual ability. He always took a good text with plenty of meat in it, and took plenty of time to feed the flock of Christ, giving to each his portion in due season. His preaching was nearly always a practical illustration of the old rule in homiletics: "Beginning very low, go slow; rise higher, take fire; wax warm and sit down in a storm." He loved to dwell on the great themes of the gospel, and as he dwelt upon them, the unction of the Holy One was upon him and the light of the knowledge of the glory of God so beamed in his face that he was often literally transfigured before his congregation. Under his ministry sinners were convicted and converted, believers were edified, saints were comforted and the Church of God built up.

As a presiding elder he was diligent and unsparing of his physical strength, painstaking and careful of the details of his work, affable in his manner and easy of approach by the humble layman and the most timid boy preacher. He was wise and accurate in his judgment of men and measures, and the presiding Bishop and his brethren of the cabinet always gave great consideration to his opinions. Absolutely free from all insincerity, he had no patience with any sort of hypocrisy, and his very presence was a rebuke to any spirit of double dealing.

Of his private and personal religious life it would be difficult to speak in extravagant terms. Having been thoroughly and soundly converted in his young manhood, he had tested the verities of Christian experience for half a century and was always ready to give a reason for the hope that was in him, and never hesitated to say, "We speak that we do know and testify that we have seen." He was a literal embodiment of St. Paul's ideal: "Let love be without dissimulation, abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one toward another, with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another." His love to Christ was an ever-growing passion, and he loved his brethren of the ministry and the Methodist Church with undying devotion.

As the shades of superannuation gathered about him and he realized that his days of active service were coming to a close, his sunshiny spirit suffered no eclipse. He would have rejoiced if strength had been given for further service, but accepted a superannuation as he had accepted every other appointment at the hands of his brethren, with perfect confidence that it was the will of God. Having determined in his youth never to be a sour old man, his experience was radiant to the end.

After one year on the superannuate list, he came up to the conference at Amarillo and rendered account of himself with the same soldierly spirit that he had shown during forty-five years of active service. He little thought then that he was so near the end of his earthly journey. He contemplated living several years and spending the evening of life with his family and friends, continuing in a quiet way his loved employ. After the close of the conference he went down to Dublin, the scene of his last charge, to spend a few days with his son and with the almost innumerable friends in that locality. On Saturday afternoon, December 7, he went over to the parsonage, which was occupied by his son in the gospel, Rev. R. B. Evans, to spend the night and the following Sabbath. He was quite unwell, but spent a quiet night and said he felt much better in the morning. But paroxysms of pain, in the region of the heart, kept coming on at intervals, and Bro. Evans, fearing that the matter was more serious than Bro. Bailey seemed to think, asked him if he had any message he would like to leave in case he did not get well. He said, "No, I would like to stay if it is God's will, but I am ready to go at any time." In the afternoon he felt better and sat up and talked cheerfully with his friends. At 6:30 o'clock he said he would lie down until Bro. Evans returned from the church. He said he was sleepy and so the family retired from the room to let him take a nap. In a few moments they heard a groan and coming into the room they found, lying on the bed, only the tenement of clay from which the ransomed spirit was gone.

"Having served his own generation by the will of God he fell asleep." There was nothing else for him to do. There were no regrets, no sad repinings, no hurried preparations, for he had made preparation for that hour fifty years ago. Like as a tired child, at the evening hour, climbs into his mother's lap and falls asleep, so this tired child of God said to his heavenly Father, "I'm sleepy now," and confidently pillowed his head on the bosom of him whom he intensely loved and had faithfully served, and feeling

around him the answering pressure of loving arms, fell asleep to wake up in heaven.

On Tuesday they bore his body to Amarillo, and there, on Wednesday, December 11, they laid to rest the body of as true a man, as faithful a friend, as valiant a soldier of Jesus Christ as I have ever known. And we all know where to find him.

May a covenant keeping God bless his wife and surviving children and bring them all at last to the home on high!

JOHN M. BARCUS.

Georgetown, Texas.

HARDIN.—Jimmie Hardin, little son of J. M. and Mrs. Roxie Hardin, died at their home in Ferris, December 18, 1907. Had he lived until April 28 next he would have been five years old. Jimmie was a bright, beautiful and loving child, with great promise for the future. His cheerful disposition, manifest nearly always by a smile on his radiant face, made him a favorite with all. He came early to Sunday-school, and seemed always to enjoy the services. In his death the Church, which stands near by where he played, has lost an attendant; his little playmates a companion, and his immediate family a precious, loving little brother and son. My prayer is that the bereaved ones may follow on whither he has gone until they make an unbroken family in heaven.

J. J. CREED.

BLAIR.—Kelley Frank Blair was born in West Point, Lawrence County, Tenn., September 20, 1875, and departed this life December 24, 1907, at Royce City, Texas. Bro. Blair came to Texas about eight years ago; was engaged in business here for several years. He was married June 17, 1903, to Miss Ella Louise Sorrels. To this union were born three children. He was a kind, loving husband and father. He was converted in childhood. He told his wife and mother and other loved ones that watched by his bedside during the closing weeks of his life that he was ready to go, and their loss was his gain. To the father and mother who are still in the old home State, to the wife and loved ones here, turn in this hour of your sore grief to your truest and best friend, the blessed Christ, who will help you bear this burden. Trust all your future to him, and may you all one day make your way up the shining incline to God and to heaven at last, where you will be reunited with your child, husband and father. God's tenderest blessings be upon Sister Blair and the little children.

R. F. BRYANT.

BARROW.—Bro. S. L. Barrow was born in Gonzales County, Texas, June 7, 1841; was married to Miss Ann Jennings July 3, 1865. To this union were born four boys and four girls. Three of the boys and three of the girls are still living and married. Bro. Barrow was converted in early life and he and his wife joined the Methodist Church together about thirty years ago, under the ministry of Rev. Perry. He lived a consistent member of the same till his death—December 14, 1907. He was also steward in the Church for a number of years. Bro. Barrow had been in bad health over a year; had cancer of the stomach and suffered a great deal in his last days. He said he was ready to go, and his life was proof of the same. The Church on earth has lost one of its long-time members, but the Church in heaven has gained by it. May the Lord's blessings be upon the sorrowing family, and I pray that when the summons comes they will be ready to go and meet the husband and father in the land of endless day.

R. E. PORTER.

Bellevue, Texas.

OVERTON.—Little Ione May was the only child of John and Pearl Overton. She was born April 30, 1902, and died near Rattan, Delta County, Texas, December 18, 1907. Ione was a sweet, affectionate child and very bright for her age. She had tonsillitis and was very sick from the start. Was conscious to the end. She believed she would not get well for several days and before she died called the loved ones to her bed, kissed them and told them goodbye. It was very hard for her parents, grandparents and others to give her up. But let the sorrowing ones not weep as those who have no hope. Only follow in the steps of Christ and one sweet day there will be a glad reunion with little Ione.

C. P. COMBS.

Yowell, Texas.

KEY.—Mrs. J. N. Key (nee Busby) was born September 12, 1877, and was reared in Goliad County, Texas. She professed religion at Weesatche in the summer of 1894, under the preaching of Bro. Deats, and lived a devoted Christian until her death, which took place at Bronte, Texas, December 26, 1907. She leaves a husband, four children, both parents, three sisters, one brother and a host of friends to mourn their loss. May our Father in heaven bless this great sorrow to their spiritual good.

J. M. LYNN.

REV. W. F. MAYNE.

Bro. Mayne was born January 22, 1847, and died at his home in Lindale, January 3, 1908. Bro. Mayne was a local preacher, of strong faith in God, a true Methodist, a good neighbor, faithful friend to all mankind; had no enemies, was loved by all who knew him, a faithful, good father and stepfather; kind, loving husband of three wives, two of whom, with three of their children and his stepdaughter, awaited his coming to heaven. He was an example of patience and perseverance. Amputation pressed sorely upon him a long time before death came to his relief, yet he did not murmur, but persevered for a support for his family. We have known him as a faithful Christian. From early boyhood he presented himself a living sacrifice on God's holy altar. Early in life his daily walk and godly conversation bore evidence to the fact that in his death a beautiful life was ended and a happy eternity begun, for he put on the whole armor of God and was able to stand against any of the temptations men are called to meet in this life. Though his voice is forever hushed on earth, it clearly shouts his Savior's praise in heaven, and his hands that were used in full power of his strength for the upbuilding of God's kingdom on earth now wear the palms of victory around the sacred throne in glory. His feet are no longer following the footprints of Jesus here, but were shed with the preparation of the gospel of peace and at the end of their mission here go to walk the golden streets of the city of God. Bro. Mayne will be greatly missed. The Church, the Sunday-school, the prayer-meeting, the visiting preachers, his pastor and neighbors will miss him. But our loss is his gain. To his bereaved Christian wife and four Christian children, two beloved sisters and grandchildren we would say, imitate his example and meet him where partings come no more. His friend,

MRS. J. F. WILLIAMS.

Lindale, Texas.

HARPER.—Melba Harper (nee Barber) was born in Claiborne Parish, La., July 17, 1847. She was married to S. C. Harper November 16, 1869, and moved to Hopkins County, Texas, in the fall of 1871. She was the mother of seven children, all of whom lived to be grown; five of them survive her. She was a consistent member of the Church for over a third of a century. She died December 11, 1907. Sister Harper was a devoted wife, a patient and loving mother and a faithful member of the Methodist Church. A mother in Israel is gone. She fought a good fight, finished her course, kept the faith and is gone to receive her crown. To the husband and children we extend sympathy. May the mother's God be a snifter to them in the time of storm, a present help in time of distress and heaven their eternal home. HER PASTOR.

McMILLAN.—Elna Jane McMillan departed this life on December 21, 1907, in Anchor, Brazoria County, Tex. She was one of the saintliest characters that ever graced the M. E. Church, South. She was a choice spirit, full of good deeds, rich in experimental godliness and loyal to our Lord. She was born in Gasconade County, Mo., May 28, 1828; professed religion and joined the Methodist Church in 1844; was married to David McMillan in 1845, of which union three children were born—Mary M., Samuel B. and T. J. McMillan. Samuel B. died in infancy and Mary M. in 1879, while T. J. is a merchant at Anchor, at whose home this mother died. Her husband died September, 1876, in Gasconade County, Mo., where the widow resided until 1898, when she and her son's family came to Brazoria County, Texas. Sister McMillan was a subscriber to the St. Louis Advocate from its first issue until her death. She became a subscriber to the Texas Advocate when she removed from Missouri to Texas. She rests from her labors and suffering now, after having been in ill health since September last. Many will rise up and call her blessed, and may the whole family meet her in heaven is the wish of her pastor.

H. B. SMITH.

THOMPSON.—Mrs. Medora Thompson died at her home in Floresville, Texas, at 7 o'clock p. m., January 1, 1908. She was the daughter of Asa Mitchell and Emily Brisban Mitchell, born in the town of Brenham, Washington County, Texas, on Christmas day, 1842. Thus, at the day of her death, she was 65 years and 7 days old. In 1846 her parents removed from Washington County to the Kerr settlement, in Bexar County, and subsequently to San Antonio, where Mrs. Thompson grew to young womanhood. She was married to Mr. Henry C. Thompson, also of San Antonio, on July 10, 1866, Rev. John S. Gillett performing the ceremony. For twenty years following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson made their home in San Antonio, where Mr. Thompson

was the city editor of the old San Antonio Herald, the first newspaper published in San Antonio. In 1886 they removed with their family to Floresville, where their home has remained. Mrs. Thompson leaves to mourn their loss, first, her husband and companion of a lifetime, and then her children—three daughters. The eldest, Lizzie, the wife of G. E. Warren, whose home is at Devine; the second, Lula, the wife of Geo. K. Watt, in San Antonio; and the third, Medora—her namesake—the wife of Dr. J. V. Blake, in Floresville. Of her father's family of nine brother and sisters, only two remain since Mrs. Thompson's death—her twin sister, Laura, wife of Rev. W. J. Joyce, in San Marcos, and Mr. Wallace Mitchell, in San Antonio. All these immediate relatives were present at her funeral. Mrs. Thompson was an immediate link with the first history of Americanized Texas, especially Texas Methodism. Her father is mentioned among the first settlers of Texas, and among the attendants of the first camp-meetings held by the original Methodist preachers of Texas. Mrs. Thompson was a daughter of the second marriage of her father. A daughter of the first marriage, and therefore, a half sister of Mrs. Thompson, was the wife of Rev. Robert H. Blevin, long a leading member of the West Texas Conference, and the founder of Coronal Institute at San Marcos. And her twin sister, Mrs. W. J. Joyce, above mentioned, is another medium through which she is connected with the great history of the past and passing. Mrs. Thompson's funeral services were conducted by the writer at her home in Floresville, January 2, the day after her death, and her body was laid to rest in the Floresville Cemetery. In the funeral services Rev. W. J. Joyce, the husband of the twin sister, Laura, closed the services at the residence with a beautifully simple prayer, talking to the heavenly Father reminiscently of the good and joyous and also sad days gone by, and breathing an unquestioning hope of the life beyond the grave, with the joys of which no sadness would be mixed. And in the services at the grave, Bro. Joyce also pronounced the benediction. Brought up, as Mrs. Thompson was, in the very lap of the Methodist Church, she grew up in the atmosphere of the old Soledad Street Church, where her father was for years a steward and leader. In her girlhood Mrs. Thompson united with the Church and her membership was never severed. And now, that her disembodied spirit has joined that innumerable company on the other side of human life, we fondly hope she has united with a great company of the great and good who went before, and that her loved ones may also join her there in heaven. Amen!

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Llano District—First Round.
Kerrville, Jan. 18, 19.
THEOPHILUS LEE, P. E.

Cuero District—First Round.
El Campo, Jan. 18, 19.
Hope, at Williamsburg, Jan. 25, 26.
R. A. ROWLAND, P. E.

Beeville District—First Round.
Alice, Jan. 18, 19.
Brownsville, at B. Jan. 25, 26.
F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

San Antonio District—First Round.
Rock Springs Cir., Jan. 18, 19.
Barksdale Miss., Jan. 20.
Atascosa Cir., Jan. 25, 26.
City Miss., Jan. 29.
A. J. WEEKS, P. E.

San Marcos District—First Round.
Tilman Cir., at Harrison Chapel, Jan. 18, 19.
Waeider and Thompsonville, at T. Jan. 25, 26.
San Marcos, at San Marcos, Feb. 2, 3.
Belmont Cir., at Nixon, Feb. 8, 9.
D. K. PORTER, P. E.

San Angelo District—First Round.
Garden, at G. C., Jan. 17.
Midland, Jan. 19.
W. T. RENFRO, P. E.

Austin District—Second Round.
Bastrop, Jan. 18, 19.
Elgin, Jan. 25, 26.
Manor, Feb. 1, 2.
Liberty Hill and Leander, L., Feb. 8, 9.
Bertram, at B., 1 p. m., Feb. 10.
Cedar Park, at C. P., Feb. 15, 16.
Webberville, at Horshy, Feb. 22, 23.
Manchaca, Pleasant Hill, Feb. 29, March 1.
McJade, at Beakiss, Mch. 7, 8.
LaGrange, Mch. 14, 15.
West Point, Winchester, Mch. 21, 22.
Smithville, Mch. 28, 29.
Weimar, County Line, April 4, 5.
Eagle Lake, Chesterville, April 9, 10.
Columbus, April 11, 12.
Walnut, Merrittown, April 18, 19.
Tenth Street, 11 a. m., April 26.
First Street, 7:30 p. m., April 26.
University Church, 11 a. m., May 3.
South Austin, 7:30 p. m., May 3.
District Conference will convene at Smithville, Wednesday, March 25, at 9 a. m.
JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

Llano District—Second Round.
Burnet, at Lake Victor, Jan. 25, 26.
Kingsland, at Moore's Chapel, Feb. 1, 2.
Mullin, at North Brown, Feb. 8, 9.
Goldthwaite, Feb. 9, 10.
Center City, at Sta., Feb. 15, 16.
Lometa, at Lometa, Feb. 22, 23.
Kempner, at Ogles, Feb. 23, 24.
Cherokee, at Valley Springs, Feb. 29, March 1.
San Saba Cir., at Chapel, March 7, 8.
San Saba Station, March 8, 9.
Lampasas, March 14, 15.
Willow, March 21, 22.
Johnson City, at Round Mt., Mar. 26, 27.
Blanco, March 28, 29.
Llano, April 4, 5.
Kerrville, April 11, 12.
Center Point, April 12, 13.
Bandera, April 15.
Boerne, April 18, 19.
THEOPHILUS LEE, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Colorado District—First Round.
Roche and Lorraine, at R., Jan. 18, 19.
Gail, at Gail, Jan. 23.
Coahoma, at Coahoma, Jan. 25, 26.
Lamesa, at Lamesa, Feb. 1.
Seminole, at Seminole, Feb. 8, 9.
Stanton Sta., Feb. 15, 16.
Big Springs Miss., Feb. 22.
Big Springs Sta., Feb. 22, 23.
Colorado Sta., Feb. 29, March 1.
J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Georgetown District—First Round.
Belton, Jan. 18, 19.
Florence, at Gravis, Jan. 25, 26.
B. R. BOLTON, P. E.

Vernon District—First Round.
Wellington Miss., at Kelley, Jan. 18, 19.
Wellington Station, Jan. 19, 20.
Quail, at Quail, Jan. 20.
Paducah, at Paducah, Jan. 25, 26.
Goree, at Goree, Feb. 1, 2.
Bomarton, at Bomarton, Feb. 2, 3.
Spring Creek, at Spring Creek, Feb. 5.
W. H. HOWARD, P. E.

Corsicana District—First Round.
Brandon, at Mertens, Jan. 18, 19.
Frost, at Frost, Jan. 19, 20.
Barry, at Barry, Jan. 25, 26.
Kirk Cir., at Prairie Hill, Feb. 1, 2.
Munger Cir., Munger, Feb. 8, 11 a. m.
Coolidge Sta., Coolidge, Feb. 9, 11 a. m.
Horn Hill, at H. H., Feb. 15, 16, 11 a. m.
Preachers' Conference and Missionary Institute at Blooming Grove, February 19 and 20.
HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round.
Wayland, at Gunsight, Jan. 17.
Crystal Falls, at C. F., Jan. 18, 19.
Breckenridge, at B., Jan. 19, 20.
Whitt and Bethesda, at W., Jan. 25, 26.
Graford, at Graford, Jan. 26, 27.
Peaster, at Agnes, Jan. 29.

Farmer, at Hawkins Ch., Feb. 8, 9.
Graham Sta., Feb. 9, 10.
Graham Miss., at Connor Ch., Feb. 10.
Throckmorton, at T., Feb. 13.
Ellasville, at E., Feb. 15, 16.
M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Plainview District—First Round.
Brownfield, at B., Jan. 18, 19.
Gomez, at G., Jan. 19 night, 20.
Hockley, Jan. 22.
Emma, at E., Jan. 25, 26.
Tahoka, at T., Feb. 1, 2.
Post City, at P., Feb. 4.
Friona, Feb. —
G. S. HARDY, P. E.

Clarendon District—First Round.
Panhandle Miss., at P., Jan. 18, 19.
Higgins Sta., Jan. 23.
Ochitree Miss., at O., Jan. 25, 26.
Hansford Miss., at H., Jan. 25.
J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Brownwood District—First Round.
Santa Anna, at Santa Anna, Jan. 18, 19.
Winchell, at Winchell, Jan. 22.
Talpa, at Talpa, Jan. 25, 26.
Valera, at Valera, Jan. 26, 27.
Gustine, at Gustine, Jan. 31.
Comanche Cir., at White Point, Feb. 1, 2.
Comanche Station, Feb. 1, 2.
JAS. S. CHAPMAN, P. E.

Gatesville District—First Round.
Crawford, at C., Jan. 18, 19.
China Springs, C. S., 11 a. m., Jan. 21.
Gatesville Miss., Jan. 25, 26.
Turnersville, at Mt. Zion, Feb. 1, 2.
Pearl, at Pidcoke, Feb. 8, 9.
Copperas Cove, at Topsy, Feb. 15, 16.
J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Abilene District—First Round.
Haskell, Jan. 13.
Weinert, at Weinert, Jan. 14.
Tuxedo, at Fairview, Jan. 18, 19.
Hamlin, Jan. 20.
McCauley, Jan. 21.
Truby, at Hodges, Jan. 25, 26.
Capps, at Buffalo Gap, Jan. 27.
Nuvia, at Nuvia, Jan. 29.
Haskell Miss., at Plainview, Feb. 1, 2.
Denton at Dudley, Feb. 8, 9.
JOHN R. MORRIS, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round.
Grandview, at Chappell Hill, Jan. 24.
Covington, at Covington, Jan. 25, 26.
Main St., Cleburne, Jan. 27.
Anglin St., Cleburne, Jan. 26, 28.
Maukey Memorial, Jan. 29.
First Church, Jan. 30.
Central, Feb. 1, 2.
Glenwood, Feb. 2, 3.
Missouri Ave., Feb. 6.
Kiverside, Feb. 8, 9.
North Fort Worth, Feb. 9, 10.
Weatherford St., Feb. 15, 16.
O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

aco District—First Round.
West, Jan. 19.
Aquila, at Aquila, Jan. 22.
Penelope, at Malone, Jan. 25, 26.
Axtell, at Axtell, Feb. 1, 2.
W. L. NELMS, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round.
Duffau Miss., Jan. 18, 19.
Bunyan Cir., at 11 a. m., Jan. 22.
Gorman Sta., Jan. 25, 26.
Desdemona Miss., Jan. 26, 27.
Stephenville Sta., at 8 p. m., Jan. 29.
Proctor Cir., Feb. 1, 2.
DeLeon Miss., Feb. 8, 9.
DeLeon Sta., Feb. 9, 10.
Carbon Cir., Feb. 15, 16.
Glen Rose Miss., Feb. 22, 23.
J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round.
Bristol Cir., at Alsdorf, Jan. 26, 27.
Ferris, Feb. 1, 2.
Palmer and Boyce, Garnett, Feb. 2, 3.
Milford, at Midway, Feb. 8, 9.
Lovelace, at Berry's Chapel, Feb. 12.
Bardwell, at Elm Branch, Feb. 15, 16.
Maypearl, at Buena Vista, Feb. 19.
Forreston, at Falls, Feb. 22, 23.
Midlothian, Feb. 23, 24.
Ovilla, at Onward, Feb. 29, March 1.
Venus, at Barnesville, March 4.
Ennis, March 7, 8.
Red Oak, March 11.
Italy, March 14, 15.
Hillsboro, First Church, March 15, 16.
Bethel, March 21, 22.
Alvarado, March 28, 29.
Grandview, March 29, 30.
Itasca, April 4, 5.
Hillsboro, Line Street, April 5, 6.
Waxahachie, April 12, 13.
JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.
Greenville District—First Round.
Commerce Miss., Central C., Jan. 18, 19.
Commerce Station, Jan. 18, 19.
Lone Oak Cir., L. O., Jan. 25, 26.
Floyd Cir., Floyd, Feb. 1, 2.
Leonard Cir., Leonard, Feb. 8, 9.
Campbell Cir., Campbell, Feb. 15, 16.
Wesley Sta., Feb. 22, 23.
Kavanaugh Sta., Feb. 22, 23.
JNO. H. McLEAN, P. E.

Paris District—First Round.
Annona Cir., at A., Jan. 18, 19.
Emerson Cir., at Bethel, Jan. 25, 26.
Paris Cir., at Hopewell, Feb. 1, 2.
Bonham Street Sta., Feb. 2, 3.
Woodland & Kanawha, at K., Feb. 8, 9.
Clarksville Miss., Liberty, Feb. 15, 16.
Clarksville Sta., Feb. 16, 17.

Avery Miss., at A., Feb. 22, 23.
Bagwell Miss., at B., Feb. 29, March 1.
Centenary, March 7, 8.
Lamar Avenue Sta., March 8, 9.
J. M. SWEETON, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round.
Marysville Miss., at M., Jan. 18, 19.
Collinsville and Tioga, C., Jan. 25, 26.
Aubrey Cir., at Aubrey, Feb. 1, 2.
Denton Sta., Feb. 2, 3.
Bonita Cir., at Bonita, Feb. 8, 9.
Wesley and Burns, at W., Feb. 15, 16.
Dexter Miss., at Dexter, Feb. 22, 23.
D. H. ASTON, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round.
Crandall, at Seago, Jan. 18, 19.
Mabank, at night, Jan. 24.
Rosser, at Bethel, Jan. 25, 26.
College Mound, Feb. 1, 2.
Terrell, Feb. 4.
Elmo, at Eden, Feb. 8, 9.
Chisholm, Chisholm, Feb. 15, 16.
O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

Decatur District—First Round.
Chico, Jan. 18, 19.
Gibtown, Jan. 25, 26.
Greenwood, Feb. 1, 2.
Rhame, Feb. 8, 9.
Alvarado, Feb. 15, 16.
Bridgeport, Feb. 22, 23.
Ponder and Krum, Feb. 29, March 1.
Justin, March 7, 8.
Bryson, March 14, 15.
L. S. BARTON, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round.
Lewisville, Jan. 18, 19.
Oak Lawn, Jan. 19, 20.
Grand Prairie and West Dallas, at West Dallas, Jan. 25, 26.
City Miss., Feb. 1, 2.
Hutchins and Wimer, at W., Jan. 8, 9.
Oak Cliff, Feb. 15, 16.
J. L. MORRIS, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round.
Denison, Waples Memorial, Jan. 19.
Denison, Trinity, Jan. 19.
Preston Mission, Jan. 24-26.
Sadler Circuit, Jan. 31, Feb. 3.
Whitesboro Station, Feb. 7-10.
Howe Circuit, Feb. 14-17.
Gunter Mission, Feb. 21-24.
Beils Mission, Feb. 28, March 2.
Southmayd, March 6-9.
C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

McKinney District—First Round.
Farmers Branch and Carrollton, at C., Jan. 18, 19.
Kemper Cir., at Renner, Jan. 25, 26.
Plano Station, Jan. 26, 27.
Josephine Cir., at J., Feb. 1, 2.
Wylie Cir., at Wylie, Feb. 2, 3.
Weston Cir., at Weston, Feb. 8, 9.
Anna Mission, Feb. 9, 10.
J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round.
Pecan Gap, and B. F., P. G., 3rd Sun Jan.
Purley, Harmony, 4th Sun. Jan.
Klondike, Good's, 1st Sun. Feb.
Birthright, Mahoney, 2nd Sun. Feb.
Sulphur Bluff, Dike, 3rd Sun. Feb.
Brashear, Bonanza, 4th Sun. Feb.
Lake Creek, Enloe, 1st Sun. Mch.
Reily Springs, Parks C., 2nd Sun. Mch.
Yowell, Pecan, 3rd Sun. Mch.
J. F. ALDERSON, P. E.

Bonham District—First Round.
Bailey Cir., at B., Jan. 18, 19.
Lamasco Miss., at L., Jan. 25, 26.
South Bonham and Ravenna, at R., Feb. 1, 2.
Trenton Cir., at Marvin, Feb. 8, 9.
Gober Miss., at G., Feb. 15, 16.
Ladonia Sta., Feb. 22, 23.
Brookston and High, at B., Feb. 28, March 1.
Petty and Whiteoak, at W., Mar. 7, 8.
M. L. HAMILTON, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round.
Iowa Park Miss., Jan. 18, 19.
Blue Grove Cir., Jan. 25, 26.
Fruitland Miss., Feb. 1, 2.
Crautland Cir., Feb. 8, 9.
Byars Miss., Feb. 15, 16.
Holliday Miss., Feb. 22, 23.
Post Oak Cir., March 1.
Archer City Miss., March 7, 8.
JNO. E. ROACH, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Pittsburg District—First Round.
Dalby Springs, Godl Pral., Jan. 18, 19.
New Boston and DeKalb, at N. B., Jan. 19, 20.
Nash, at Nash, Jan. 25, 26.
Texarkana, Hardy Memorial, Jan. 26, 27.
Redwater, at Redwater, Feb. 1, 2.
Texarkana, Central, Feb. 2, 3.
Winfield, at Winfield, Feb. 8, 9.
Mt. Pleasant Sta., Feb. 9, 10.
Coffeeville, at Cox Chapel, Feb. 12.
Pittsburg Cir., Reeves Ch., Feb. 15, 16.
Pittsburg Sta., Feb. 16, 17.
Kelleyville, at Shiloh, Feb. 22, 23.
Jefferson Sta., Feb. 23, 24.
Cason, at Alina, Feb. 29, March 1.
Daingerfield, at Daingerfield, Mar. 1, 2.
Naples and Omaha, at N., March 7, 8.
Quitman, at Quitman, March 12.
Luesburg, at Maple Spgs., Mar. 14, 15.
R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

Huntsville District—First Round.
Crockett Sta., Jan. 18, 19.
Huntsville Sta., Jan. 19, 20.
Trinity and Onalaska, at O., Jan. 26, 27.
Willard Cir., at Carmona, Feb. 1, 2.
Groveton Sta., Feb. 2, 3.

San Jacinto Cir., at Farris, Feb. 8, 9.
Sheppard and Cleveland, at Fostoria, Feb. 15, 16.
Cold Spgs. Cir., Waverly, Feb. 22, 23.
H. C. WILLIS, P. E.

Beaumont District—First Round.
Nederland Cir., at Port Neches, Jan. 18, 19.
Saratoga and Batson, at B., Jan. 22.
Port Arthur, Jan. 26, 27.
Burkeville Cir., at Newton, Feb. 1, 2.
Call Cir., at Call, Feb. 5.
Orange Sta., at Orange, Feb. 8, 9.
Brownel and Brookline, at Brownel, Feb. 12.
Jasper Cir., at Byerly Camp-ground, Feb. 14.
Jasper & Kirbyville, at K., Feb. 15, 16.
Warren Cir., at Warren, Feb. 19.
Woodville Cir., at W., Feb. 22, 25.
Camden Cir., at Camden, Feb. 26.
Livingston Cir., at Goodrich, Feb. 29, Mar. 1.
Amelia Cir., at Port Bolivar, Mar. 4.
Wallisville Cir., at W., Mar. 7, 8.
Liberty Cir., at Dayton, Mar. 14, 15.
D. H. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Calvert District—First Round.
Lott and Durango, at D., Jan. 18, 19.
Marlin Sta., Jan. 22.
Reagan and Stranger, at R., Jan. 25, 26.
Hearne and Millican, at H., Jan. 29.
Fairfield and Dew, at F., Feb. 1, 2.
Teague Sta., Feb. 2, 3.
Jewett, at Jewett, Feb. 7-9.
Franklin Sta., Feb. 9, 10.
Travis and Chilton, at T., Feb. 15, 16.
Iola Miss., at Iola, Feb. 22, 23.
Centerville, at C., Feb. 29, March 1.
Wheelock, at Wheelock, March 7, 8.
Bryan Sta., March 14, 15.
E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round.
Mt. Sylvan, at Red Springs, Jan. 18, 19.
Lindale Station, Jan. 19, 20.
Tyler Cir., at Center, Jan. 25, 26.
Tyler, Cedar Street, Jan. 26, 27.
Chandler, Feb. 1, 2.
Edom, at Ben Wheeler, Feb. 4.
Colfax, Feb. 6.
Canton, at Morris' Chapel, Feb. 7.
Edgewood Station, Feb. 8, 9.
Mineola Station, Feb. 12.
Meredith, at Eustace, Feb. 15, 16.
Harleton, at Harleton, Feb. 19.
Waskom, at Waskom, Feb. 21.
Harrison Cir., at Union, Feb. 22.
Marshall, North Marshall, Feb. 22, 23.
Marshall, First Church, Feb. 23, 24.
Whitehouse, at W., Feb. 28.
Tyler, Marvin, March 1, 2.
THOS. H. MORRIS, P. E.

San Augustine District—First Round.
Shelbyville, at Shelbyville, Jan. 18, 19.
Minden, at M., Wednesday, Jan. 22.
Gary, at Clayton, Thursday, Jan. 23.
Geneva, at Millam, Jan. 25, 26.
San Augustine Sta., Jan. 26, 27.
Timpson, Wednesday, Jan. 29.
Tatum, at Ward's Chapel, Feb. 1, 2.
Beckville, at Beckville, Feb. 2, 3.
Hemphill and B., at H., Wed., Feb. 5.
Garrison, at G., Feb. 8, 9.
Carthage, Wednesday, Feb. 12.
Kennard, at Kennard, Feb. 15, 16.
Nacodoches Miss., at Appleby, Friday, Feb. 21.
Melrose, at Melrose, Feb. 22, 23.
Keltys, at Keltys, Friday, Feb. 28.
Burke, at Burke, Feb. 29, March 1.
Lufkin Sta., March 1, 2.
C. A. TOWER, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round.
Giddings, Jan. 17, 18.
Caldwell Miss., Jan. 25, 26.
Caldwell Sta., Jan. 26, 27.
Bellville, Feb. 1, 2.
Sealy, Feb. 2, 3.
Somerville, Feb. 7, 8.
Davilla Cir., at Friendship, Feb. 14, 15.
Maysfield, Feb. 22, 23.
Fulshear & Brookshire, Feb. 29, Mar. 1.
Bay City and Matagorda, March 7, 8.
Glen Flora and Lane City, Mar. 14, 15.
Wharton, March 15, 16.
A. A. WAGNON, P. E.

Jacksonville District—First Round.
Brushy Creek, at Brushy, Jan. 18, 19.
Neches, at Neches, Jan. 19, 20.
Centenary, at 7:30 p. m., Jan. 20.
Malakoff, at Malakoff, Jan. 25, 26.
Athens, Jan. 26, 27.
Kilgore, at Kilgore, Feb. 1, 2.
Henderson Cir., at Buford, Feb. 8, 9.
Hallville, at Winterfield, Feb. 15, 16.
Longview, Feb. 16, 17.
La Rue, at Poyner, Feb. 21, 22.
Jacksonville Cir., Tatum, Feb. 22, 23.
ELLIS SMITH, P. E.

Houston District—First Round.
Cedar Bayou, at C. B., Jan. 18, 19.
League City and Texas City, at L. C., Jan. 25, 26.
Grace, Feb. 2.
Tabernacle, Feb. 2, 3.
Harrisburg and Pasadena, Feb. 8, 9.
Harris County Miss., Dairy, Feb. 15, 16.
Galveston, First Church, Feb. 22, 23.
Galveston, West End, Feb. 23, 24.
Angleton, March 1.
Columbia and Brazoria, at C., Mar. 1, 2.
Alvin, March 7, 8.
St. Paul's, March 11.
Shearn, March 13.
CHAS. SMITH, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

El Paso District—Second Round.
Hagerman, Jan. 22.
Roswell, Jan. 25, 26.

Pecos, Feb. 1, 2.
Ft. Stockton, at Grand Falls, Feb. 5.
Odessa, Feb. 8, 9.
Deming, Feb. 15, 16.
Lordsburg, Feb. 19.
Lake Valley, Feb. 22, 23.
Las Cruces, Feb. 26.
La Mesa & Clint, at C., Feb. 29, Mch. 1.
Sanderson, March 7, 8.
Alpine, March 11.
Marfa, March 12.
Tularosa March 14, 15.
Carrizozo, March 21, 22.
Trinity, El Paso, March 25.
J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.

Albuquerque District—Second Round.
Tucumcari, February 19.
Logan, February 22, 23.
Puerto, February 28, 29.
Grady, March 4, 5.
Taiban, March 7, 8.
Roosevelt, March 11, 12.
Floyd, March 14, 15.
Melrose, March 17.
Clovis, March 19.
Texico, March 21, 22.
Portales, March 24.
Elida, March 26.
Elida Cir., March 28, 29.
Kenna, April 4, 5.
Monument, April 11, 12.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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cially when you are leaving those with whom you have labored and loved. We have been here one month, and we find this a very inviting field. Among the organized institutions of the Church, our Woman's Home Mission Society deserves special mention, as their work is more closely related to the preacher and his family than any other. They have been as unsparing as they are unselfish in their efforts to make the parsonage comfortable and its occupants happy, and they have nobly succeeded. On our arrival we found that these good women had done their work so well that nothing remained but for us to move in and take possession. And no sooner had we gotten possession of the house, the people, to our surprise, took charge of us; nor would they let go until they had given us a generous and most liberal pounding. We thank them and pray for their progress in the Christian life. Our Sunday-school, under the able and efficient management of Bro. Spillers, is making progress, and gives promise at no distant day of making its influence felt and acknowledged among the entire membership of the Church. The Epworth Leagues, Senior and Junior, have been reorganized and we hope to see them do their work among the young people and children. Bro. Thomas, our presiding elder, was with us last Wednesday evening, preaching and holding Quarterly Conference. This is his fourth year on the Terrell District, and he is deservedly popular. The Board of Stewards made a liberal assessment for our support and a little more than paid the salary to date. So, everything considered, we have made a good start toward a successful year, and for it we will work and pray.—W. K. McCarter, Jan. 11.

Prosper.

At the last session of the North Texas Conference Bishop Candler assigned us to Prosper Circuit. We spent two very pleasant years on the Boyd and Garvin charge, and it was with sad hearts we left those friends who had been so kind to us and whom we loved most dearly; but when we arrived at Prosper we found open doors to receive us and warm hearts to greet us. We found the parsonage in good repair, and through the kindness of Uncle Charlie Smith, there were wood and coal in the yard and corn and hay in the barn. Our goods had preceded us, and Bro. Charlie Crockett, one of our stewards, had them hauled from the depot and ready for us in the parsonage. Bros. Watson and Canady started the "pounding" by bringing us two nice turkeys. This was soon followed by a crowd just before prayer-meeting, bringing a variety of substantial expressions of appreciation. Our first Quarterly Conference was held last Monday, the 6th. Bro. J. F. Pierce reached us Sunday evening, and notwithstanding the weather unfavorable, the ground muddy, the church was full at the night service; and again Monday, at 10 o'clock, the church was filled to hear Bro. Pierce preach and attend to the business of the Quarterly Conference. Bro. J. D. Hudgins did two years of good work on this charge and he is held in very high esteem by every one. We want this to be the best year of our ministry.—A. P. Hightower, Jan. 11.

Cameron.

We finished our 1907 year's work at Cameron and jumped on the train and ran down to Houston and told Bishop Candler we had "finished." He took our cause under advisement, and after six days came into the church on Monday evening and said, "Run back, son, and do it again." Having learned obedience in the itinerant school, we hopped on the train, gave a hoot and landed back. The folks said they were glad. We said, amen. Well, what of it? It's all right. We are at our job, doing our dead level best. And the Lord is with us. So are the people. Our Sunday congregations are fine; our Sunday-school grows every Sunday. January 5th and 12th every officer and teacher was present. January 5th, 179 in attendance; 12th, 181. Guess we have the largest and best Sunday-school choir in the State. The prayer-meeting is large and spiritual; the Leagues grow; the W. F. M. S. and W. H. M. S. are doing better. Sunday, the 12th, we had two funerals, five services in the church and received five members—two on profession and three by certificate. This makes seven for this year—four on profession and three by certificate. One marriage; fee, \$5. Been pounded? Not just after the orthodox fashion. But, listen! We have been invited to more good dinners (we went) than all last year. We have had more backbones and spareribs and garden truck sent us than for a long time. Bro. Baskin sent us as fine a bronze turkey as ever flopped a wing; the fat was a foot thick on its back. (Oh, I mean nearly an inch.) Bro. Tabor gave us a fine, up-to-date stylish pair of shoes. They point just a little, but

we have determined to be stylish, pinch or no pinch. Major Lyles (neither he nor his wife belong to the Church, but I am after them) gave me a brand-new, fine twelve-volume set of commentaries (Butler's). Christmas brought us many tokens of love from outside of Cameron. Our daughter a. Waco sent us a nice box with remembrances for every member of the family. A dear, good friend at Big Sandy sent us another, filled with things most lovely; not a member of the family left out. We are expecting the best year that we have ever had. Bro. Wagon, our new presiding elder, has held our first Quarterly Conference. He has made a fine impression with our people, and we are all in love with him, and we predict a most prosperous year for the district with him as our leader. Well, I have not said all by any odds, but must stop now.—J. T. Smith.



Parsonage, Seymour, Texas, Rev. W. E. L., on, Pastor.

I am beginning my fourth year at Seymour, with prospects for the best year of our pastorate here. I was pleased to have the pleasure of serving these good people for one more year. I have never served a better people from many viewpoints than we have here. The Lord has blessed us with some degree of success. We had eighty-one additions to the Church last year and built a beautiful and commodious parsonage at a cost of three thousand dollars (shown in above cut), and as usual every claim was reported in full at conference. As I see it, Seymour Church has a great future. The town is having a steady and healthy growth. A great many beautiful residences have been built within the last year. In fact, there has been a toning up along all lines of improvement. Seymour is one of the best towns in all this section of country, and will continue to be for

Howe, Okla.

We arrived at this place the latter part of November, 1907, and began work at once. We have been kindly received by this good people. We found a nice little four-room parsonage and a good W. H. M. Society to look after it. The parsonage was not very well furnished when we came, but the good women have added a new set of furniture and a nice stand table since we arrived. I have made one round and started on my second; find fine people at all places, and they receive us in a way that makes us feel that we are appreciated. Our people at Heaven contemplate building a two thousand-dollar church this year. We have seven hundred dollars subscribed, with a small donation from the Conference Board. The preacher (Bro. Cox) whom we succeeded had a fine year and strengthened the Church very much. We are praying for a prosperous year financially as well as spiritually. We hope to have good revivals at all points. We had one conversion and addition to the Church last Sunday morning. Brethren, we are young in the ministry. You who are experienced in the hardships of a young preacher, pray for us that God may bless our labors and strengthen us in the power of his Spirit. Our aim is an edified congregation, a purer heart and a higher ground. May we have good revivals and may souls be saved and receive a sweeter experience of God's love in our own heart.—J. F. Hendry, Jan. 11.

Myra.

We have been kindly received on this charge for another year. The people have shown their appreciation of us in many ways. While we have not been pounded in the old-fashioned way, many good things have found their way to the parsonage in the way of backbones, ribs, sausage and three fat turkeys. Our first Quarterly Conference is in the past. Rev. D. H. Aston, our new presiding elder, came to us on Friday night and remained till Monday morning. Bro. Aston is one of the strong preachers of the conference and is making a fine pre-

siding elder. The sermons that he preached, especially the two on Sunday, will long be remembered by the people of Myra. Our Quarterly Conference was not very well attended on account of bad weather. We are working and praying for a great year.—Harvey B. Johnson, Jan. 9.

Rogers and Heidenheimer.

It was our happy lot to be returned to this charge for another year of service. Many tokens of kindness and appreciation have been shown us since conference. Two appointments have been taken from this work and put into a new charge. Rogers and Heidenheimer have both raised their assessments over last year. The Lord has greatly blessed us in our work here. All interests of the Church went forward last year. We are happy in our work and we are planning

lous to have a long talk with him, and as we had to lie over an hour or so, after getting business off of hands, I tried to find him, but he had disappeared. My! how these Panhandle people do pound a preacher. They do not go at anything by halves. And why should they? They have one of the finest and most prosperous countries in the world. I never saw anywhere so many bales of cotton stacked up. At almost every farm house there are from two to thirty bales lying by. The market supply of corn, kafir, maize and hogs is greater than the demand. Nowhere in the State have I seen finer orchards. It is a fine alfalfa country; grows wheat and oats successfully. It is destined to be a great country. Green bugs may come, cotton weevils may come and still this will be a great country. People who want land in this country at reasonable prices will have to get it soon, or be left out. If we can succeed in getting the spiritual tide running on even a level with temporal welfare, we shall have almost a paradise, that is when the weather is ideal.—M. H. Hudson.

Marlin.

The year opens auspiciously with us. The Board of Stewards is composed of a fine lot of business men, and they have organized and made plans for good, faithful work. Any pastor is fortunate to have such a board, and his interests are safe in the hands of such men. Our Sunday-school work is showing signs of healthy growth and the attendance upon the regular Sunday services is better than it has been. We have just been favored by a visit from our own Texas Bishop, Seth Ward. He spent Sunday, January 5, with us and preached to the delight of my people. In his two sermons here he fully sustained his reputation as a great preacher. Seldom are two such sermons preached in the same pulpit the same day. We will gladly welcome him back at any time. Bro. Shettles, our "beloved," has been here taking the baths for a stubborn case of rheumatism; am glad to report that he is improving. He preached for us the second Sunday after conference, and those who heard him were much pleased with his sermons. If he will preach that way all the time he may expect a good hearing whenever he visits Marlin. Money to pay our assessment for the Orphanage was in the hands of our Conference Treasurer before the first day of the new year.—O. T. Hotchkiss.

Key Memorial, Sherman.

We came to our new charge December 4, finding many good and loyal people here. Of course, the pounding came some time ago and came "in the good old-fashioned way." Some of the older members say it was the largest that has ever been here. Our presiding elder, Bro. C. M. Harless, has preached for us three times; his preaching is good; our people appreciate him very much. Held our first Quarterly Conference on the night of December 30. The occasion was a very pleasant and helpful one. The salary remains as it was before. We are moving on quite well; have received quite a number into the Church since conference. Bro. C. L. Ballard on the night of January 5 preacher for us a very helpful sermon. We are well pleased with this charge and glad to have these people to serve; they are good and kind and have given us a great deal of encouragement. We are praying for and expecting a great year, for we "can do all things through Christ which strengthened" us.—W. J. Palmer, January 12.

Cumby.

Cumby is a town of between 1200 and 1500 inhabitants. For intelligence, culture and refinement they surpass many towns of this size. The handsome residences here bespeak for them thrift and enterprise. They have one newspaper, The Rustler; we do not know the number of subscribers. Stocks of merchandise that would compare favorably with stocks held in large cities. One oil mill, three cotton gins, all doing a thriving business; two banks, one large two-story brick school building; four churches. Cumby is beautiful for situation—a land of fruits and flowers. We have met many good people here; they received us kindly and pounded us royally. Let no preacher think that it was done better over his way. The friends came along with their blessings, untiring their hearts and hands together in the work; their happy faces added much to the interest of the occasion. We will long recall on the tablet of memory this pleasant event on life's pilgrimage. May God amply reward all of these kind friends. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Harris have our special thanks for a well selected variety of high-grade groceries in a good-sized, well-filled box, which came our way on Christmas eve as a Christmas greeting. May God's signal blessings be upon them this year. Our presiding elder, Rev. J. F. Alderson,

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came to hold our first Quarterly Conference on the 11th. It was almost a failure on account of the downpour of rain and cold north wind. A part of the work of the first quarter was left over for the second. By Sunday the sky was clear and Brother Alderson gave us two splendid sermons. He is a bright and cheery man, and we enjoyed his stay among us. We have preached at all of our appointments except at Oakland on the fourth Sunday; the preacher went, but met no congregation on account of rain. We have made some material improvements. The barn has been moved to a more desirable location and treated to a new roof; other improvements are to be made later. May the good Lord give us a great year on all lines in the Master's vineyard this year.—N. C. Little.

Greenville Mission.

Have been very busy since conference. The "powers that be" swapped Brother Smith and I; he went to Fruitland, I remained on Greenville Mission. We had our first Quarterly Conference a long time ago. Have had fine services at all our appointments. Have virtually received about twenty members thus far. Have by the grace of God and the efficient help of our beloved Jno. H. McLean purchased a thousand dollar parsonage in Greenville. By the help of Greenville Methodists we have also furnished the parsonage. In the meantime Jno. H. McLean again came to our aid, and now we are married. And last, but not least, when the bride and groom came to Greenville they were met by a goodly company of friends, who welcomed them to their hearts and homes. These friends came not empty handed; they gave us an old-fashioned pounding. We here and now serve notice if any one wants to visit us, please come while the pounding is in force. We are praying for a great year. May the Lord have mercy on us.—E. A. Maness, Jan. 13.

SOME HARD KNOCKS

Woman Gets Rid of "Coffee Heart."

The injurious action of Coffee on the heart of many persons is well known by physicians to be caused by caffeine. This is the drug found by chemists in coffee and tea.

A woman suffered a long time with severe heart trouble and finally her doctor told her she must give up coffee, as that was the principal cause of the trouble. She writes:

"My heart was so weak it could not do its work properly. My husband would sometimes have to carry me from the table, and it would seem that I would never breathe again.

"The doctor told me that coffee was causing the weakness of my heart. He said I must stop it, but it seemed like I could not give it up until I was down in bed with nervous prostration.

"For eleven weeks I lay there and suffered. Finally husband brought home some Postum and I quit coffee and started new and right. Slowly I got well. Now I do not have any headaches, nor those spells with weak heart. We know it is Postum that helped me. The Dr. said the other day, 'I never thought you would be what you are.' I used to weigh 92 pounds and now I weigh 158.

"Postum has done much for me and I would not go back to coffee again for any money, for I believe it would kill me if I kept at it. Postum must be well boiled like the directions on pkg. say, then it has a rich flavor and with cream is fine." Name given by the Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," found in pkgs. "There's a Reason."