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## Editorial.

### MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE.

The above quotation was used by our Savior in repelling the temptation of Satan in the Wilderness. "If thou be the son of God command that these stones be made bread" said the tempter, and the reply was, "Man shall not live by bread alone." There is a wealth of meaning in the passage, and the Savior was aware of it. If we apprehend it, it is this: The life that a man lives which finds its support in bread, while necessarily an essential life, at the same time it is the lowest order of life of which a man is capable. It is the animal life pure and simple. On the contrary, the life that a man lives which finds its support in persistent obedience to the Word of God is the highest order of life of which man is capable. It is the spiritual life pure and simple. Hence the whole quotation is: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Therefore if there comes a time when the bread life seeks to dominate and over-rule the spiritual life, and bring it into subjection to appetite, then this quotation taken by our Savior from the Old Testament, is to stand us in hand as a weapon of offense against the temptation. A man can afford to get hungry; yea, he can afford to starve under certain circumstances, but he can not afford to stultify his conscience or compromise his integrity. The subtle element found in the temptation here addressed to the Savior, is mistrust. He was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, and the very first pass that the tempter made at him was to mistrust the providence of God. He was advised to take his case out of the Divine hand, create for himself bread out of the stones and to eat and satisfy his hunger. Had the Savior done this, he would have acted independently of his Father, and thus cast discredit upon his Father's providential care. Unbelief is the first step toward rebellion against God. He has promised to care for us provided we conform to certain conditions. If we fail, He is no longer under obligation to provide for us—unless we repent and do our first work over. Our Savior, as the second Adam, placed himself under this same rule of obedience and therefore could not make himself an exception to it without an act of disobedience. Hence, the very first act of the tempter was to compass the very same thing in the second Adam that he did in the Garden of Eden with the first Adam. In the latter instance he prevailed upon Adam to mistrust God and to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. As a result he fell from his high estate. As soon as the second Adam appeared upon the scene to retrieve the ruin of the first, the tempter came to him and said, "Command that these stones be made bread and eat and appease your hunger." But the second Adam said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the

mouth of God." Faith in God is fundamental element in moral character. To weaken this on any account, or under any circumstances, is to imperil moral life and character. "He who doubts is damned." There is something higher and nobler in life than eating and drinking. "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." The needs of the animal life must not be permitted to infringe upon the obligations of the life that is spiritual. The pure Word of God is to be our guide and our law when temptation of this character comes to us. We must be able to say, "It is written," and let this be the end of the contention.

### A MISLEADING STATEMENT.

The following statement sent out from Austin and published in the daily papers is intended to reflect on local option by the papers publishing it, and we copy it for the purpose of making some strictures on it:

"It is a notable fact that in all counties where local option prevails the occupation taxes collected by the tax collectors show a decrease, while in the counties which are not local option, a decided increase is shown in the collection of occupation taxes. It is figured out that the State will lose this year in the neighborhood of \$60,000 in occupation taxes from these counties that have gone dry, while the average in merchant's occupation tax will show an increase. Major Dan Egbert, Occupation Tax Clerk in the Comptroller's Department, has prepared an interesting statement, showing the increase in the occupation tax collected by collectors in the ten leading counties of the State that are not local option. The statement shows the total occupation tax collected in these ten counties for 1904 to be \$396,992.39, while for 1905 the total collected is \$419,682, showing a net gain of \$22,689.80 for 1905."

Now it is a remarkable fact in the above showing that the ten counties thus reported as having increased the amount of their revenue from the tax on the beer and liquor business, are the counties with the large cities of the State in them, such as Dallas, Galveston, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Austin, Houston and the like. These ten counties represent more than a thousand saloons and, of course, their revenue is large. Hundreds of saloon men have been driven into these places of refuge from the other counties by local option, and whatever there is in the way of increase in the license revenue is due to this fact. However, we note that the report shows an advantage in favor of dry counties when it comes to an increase in merchant's occupation tax. That is when bar rooms are voted out, other mercantile business investments increase in proportion. Then, too, there is another phase of the question unnoticed, in this connection, by Major Egbert; and that is, the moral aspect of the subject. The dailies are not particular to note the difference in favor of local option counties from this point of view. It does not suit their purpose to call attention to this matter. We happen to have the figures touching the extent of crimes in the

wet and the dry counties, taken from the official report of the Attorney General's office and a comparison of these ten wet counties with as many dry counties of equal population, will open the eyes of the student of morals and economics. For instance, El Paso, Travis, Harris, Lamar, Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar, McLennan, Washington, Bowie, Galveston and Marion record a population of 600,000; and they are the leading wet counties in the State. According to the official figure in the Attorney General's office at Austin, these whiskey counties, during the past year footed up 4,175 felony cases, including 394 murders! While Clay, Collin, Denton, Delta, Ellis, Fannin, Hayes, Hill, Hopkins, Hunt, Red River, Rockwall, Smith, VanZandt and Kaufman, with the same population, footed up 1,652 felony cases, including 112 murders. And several of these dry counties were only dry a part of the year that this report was made. But we find that the same number of population in these dry counties had nearly one-third less of felony cases than the whiskey counties. Now to make the thing more striking, let us take up the wet county and compare it with the dry county with the same population and see the result:

Lamar County, with her saloons, had 237 cases, while her dry neighbor, Fannin, with a greater population, had but 114 cases. Cooke County, with open saloons, had 119 cases, while her dry neighbor, Wise County, with the same population, had but 56 cases. Harrison County had 118 cases, while her dry neighbor, Smith County, with the same population, had but 49 cases. Navarro County, with licensed saloons, had 119 cases, while her dry neighbor, Ellis County, with 7,000 more population, had but 55 cases. Travis, with open saloons, showed 319 cases, with 33 murders, while Hunt had but 199 cases and 13 murders, to the same population. Bowie County, with saloons, had 131 cases, while dry Limestone, with the same population, had but 55 cases. Tarrant had 557 cases, including 33 murders, while her dry neighbor, Collin County, with only 2,000 less population, had but 59 cases and three murders. El Paso had 433 cases, while her dry sister, Parker, with the same population, got along with 44 cases. Jefferson County, with her saloons, had 310 cases, including 32 murders, while her dry sister, Hayes, of the same population, had but 32 cases and one murder.

Therefore, these wet counties have piled up crimes and untold expenses to prosecute them, while the dry counties have decreased crime and diminished expenses. If the whiskey supporters are satisfied with the monied result of the open saloon, we are more than satisfied with the moral result of closed saloons. Moral sentiment is worth more than blood money put into the treasury by these murder mills of the State. And after local option has gotten in its best work as the years go by, both the financial and moral benefit will be on the side of the people who close the barrooms and abolish the liquor and the beer traffic. On with the battle!

### THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURES.

In this busy age there is a tendency to neglect the private reading of the Bible. True, we have the Bible taught in our Sunday-schools more than at any other time in the progress of the Church. Men and women give much time to studying and preparing the lessons for their classes. This is a good omen, and the results are fine indeed. The more of the Word of God we can get into the mind and heart of the children and young people, the better for them and for society. But thousands of our adult Christian men and women never attend Sunday-school, and many of them only go to the Church service occasionally. This ought not to be the case, but it is nevertheless a fact. And among this large class of people, the reading of the Bible is not even an occasional habit. They rarely ever take it up and read a chapter of it intelligently. They are satisfied to take it for granted that the Bible is all that the preachers say it is, and that it is all it claims to be; but so far as they are concerned, they know but little about the letter of its teachings. We do not say that such people are not religious, but we do contend that no one can be a broadly intelligent Christian, with deep and earnest convictions, without making it a habit to read and understand the Scriptures. What they do know about the subject is mostly second-hand. This is on a par with the religion of the Roman Catholic. He takes only what his priest gives to him, and he is more than willing to let the priest bear all the responsibility in the matter. He does not read the Bible and think for himself. He accepts and believes what another imparts to him. Well, this may be better than no religion at all, and what little he gets about the Bible in this way is better than to know absolutely nothing about it; but this sort of knowledge of the Scriptures makes a narrow and a prejudiced Christian. It positively dwarfs the religious life, and reduces the true knowledge of the Bible and its intelligent practice in the daily life to a minimum. Our fathers and mothers had the advantage of us in this respect. They were widely scattered throughout the country in the early days, and their opportunity for even seeing a minister, much less to hear a sermon, was scant. Hence they read the Word of God and pondered it in their hearts. In fact, they were familiar with its contents. We can remember many of them in our far-off country communities who could repeat from memory chapter after chapter, and they taught their children the same habit. The Bible, if read and understood, is the greatest factor that can enter into life and character; but if poorly understood, we are but sorry Christians at best. We need a revival of the habit of reading and searching the Scriptures upon the part of the masses of our people.

The Church member is to be pitied whose religious condition is neither hot nor cold. He has not religion enough to be of any advantage to him, and the world is pulling at him until he longs for what it offers. As a result, God is forced to spew him out of his mouth. This is what the Scriptures say.

**A LOYAL METHODIST.**

Loyalty means devotion or fidelity to one's avowed cause. Loyalty to Christ means faithfulness to the principles of Christianity, for his principles and his person are one. Christ and the Church are one. I have no confidence in one's professed loyalty who holds himself aloof from the Church, who is always insisting upon doing good in another direction than through the institutions of the Church of which he is a member.

The following are some of the characteristics of a loyal Methodist:

1. A loyal Methodist is spiritual. This has always been a distinguishing mark of Methodism. Her principal founder, John Wesley, was one of the most spiritual men that ever lived. His co-laborers were eminent for spirituality. It was the glory and power of the early Church. For this cause the kingdom of God was taken from the Anglican Church and given to the Methodists who brought forth fruits of the kingdom.

Spirituality in Methodism has assumed two forms—separateness from the world on the one hand, and communion with God on the other. To "renounce the vain pomp and glory of the world" has ever been her glory; while to seek, obtain and retain the inward witness, and to make the constant quest for perfect holiness, has ever been the standard set before her membership.

2. A loyal Methodist knows Methodism. He knows something of her marvelous history. In her wonderful annals he finds an incentive to Church pride and Christian purity; a stimulus to holiness and zeal, and even a satisfaction for that love of the romantic and adventurous in literature and life. The heroism and self-sacrifice of the men that adorn her bright pages lead him to a larger gift to the Lord of self and substance. He knows something of Samuel Wesley as an Episcopal minister, something of Susanna Wesley's greatness as a woman and as a mother; something of John and Charles Wesley's school days at Oxford; something of the "Holy Club" and of how the Methodists got their distinguishing name. He knows that the first societies were organized in London about 1730, only 106 years ago, and that they banded themselves together under the present "General Rules" of our Church. He knows how that the Methodist preachers were snatched out of the Anglican Churches, how that they inaugurated field preaching, and how that, under persecution, Methodism spread throughout Great Britain. He knows that the two great lights in Methodism, John Wesley and George Whitefield, became divided on the doctrine of election, and that Wesley founded Armenian Methodist while Whitefield founded Calvinistic Methodism, and that the former is spreading over the earth, while the latter is dying out.

He can tell you the following history of its collateral facts: Of Robert Strawbridge, who founded the first Methodist Society in America, in Maryland, in 1769; of the unlagging zeal of the "Father of Methodist Missions," Thomas Coke. He can tell you of the separation of American Methodism from the Episcopal Church in America under the direction of John Wesley, which event took place before the separation in England. He knows something of that second Apostle Paul—Bishop Asbury, the "Father of American Methodism"; something of that historic body known as the "Christmas Conference, which met in Baltimore in 1784; something of the great separation in 1844 and something of the subsequent history of the Church, as one by one her present institutions have been founded and her missionary endeavors entered.

A loyal Methodist knows something of Methodist doctrine. He knows and believes the doctrines of our Twenty-five Articles. He holds to the evangelical doctrines common to all evangelical Churches, but he also can give a clear statement of and a scriptural argument for the doctrines peculiar to Methodism. The universal atonement, the witness of the Spirit, the possibility of sinlessness, and the possibility of apostasy he believes and propagates. He understands the scriptures and arguments supporting the Methodist view of baptism. He knows that the other evangelical Churches are gradually conforming their doctrines to those of Methodism, and that no doctrine peculiar to Methodism is on losing grounds. He loves her broad platform and liberal attitude, and rejoices that she does not claim to be "the only Church."

A loyal Methodist knows something of Methodist polity. He has read the Discipline "quite through," and of the chapter on the Quarterly Conference he is a "consummate master." He does not write a letter to the presiding elder at the District Conference and

request the return of his pastor. He knows that ours is an Episcopal form of government and that the scriptures are as favorable to that form as the congregational. He recognizes the unique and supreme value of the itinerant system which secures a charge for every preacher and a preacher for every charge; and he sees the value in our perfect and compact system of organization existing from the Bishops to the obscurest laymen, in which there is both method and flexibility in due proportion, and a powerful force for evangelization. Thus a loyal Methodist does not complain of the laws and methods of his Church.

3. A loyal Methodist is missionary. The spirit of missions has always been the spirit of Methodism. She was begun and propagated in that spirit. Her history does not reach far enough back to have had an anti-missionary period, which forms an ugly chapter in the history of almost every other Church. An anti-missionary preacher has never (dis)graced her ministry, and anti-missionary members are usually clogs in her wheel.

It was her missionaries that spread her gospel so rapidly through England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales; that brought it to America, planted it upon the Atlantic sea-board, pioneered the West and finally brought it to the foreign nation of Texas, and to-day she has the bravest and best of her ranks standing as the outpost sentinels of God's army in the heathen land, braving the hardships and enduring the sacrifice to keep her true to that purpose for which she was raised up—"to spread scriptural holiness over these lands."

4. A loyal Methodist is a Sunday-school worker. Mr. Wesley saw very early in the stage of the revival movement that if Methodism was to be preserved, the children must be instructed in her precepts, and he accordingly instructed his co-laborers and subordinates to gather the children at stated times for specified instruction, which work was already begun before Robert Raikes, in 1780, organized what resulted in the modern Sunday-school. The Methodists were among the first to adopt Raikes' plan, and Sunday-school work has had a large place among them ever since. The modern Sunday-school revival begun about ten years ago found no quicker response than in our Church, and to-day, under the wise leadership of Prof. Hamill and Dr. Adkins, she has entered into a new era of Sunday-school work with an enthusiasm destined to work wonderful results in the future. How can a Methodist remain indifferent to and aloof from the Sunday-school and be loyal?

5. A loyal Methodist supports the institutions of the Church. These are the ministry, the missionary enterprises, our schools and charitable institutions. Every Methodist has given an affirmative answer to the following question: "Will you be subject to the discipline of the Church, attend upon its ordinances and support its institutions?" O that we remembered that sacred vow! Many a backslider's barren life would now be green with the freshness of a lost experience. Many an empty hand would be filled with good works, while the institutions of the Church would be amply supported. Her finances would be sufficient and her money commensurate with her men. As it is, many a would-be missionary lingers at home, many a worthy institution is straitened for funds, many a home point is without the gospel, and many a worthy preacher is working on half pay. Loyalty demands both the moral and financial support of the institutions of our Church.

6. A loyal Methodist takes his Church paper. It pains me to go into a Methodist home and find that the Christian Herald or the Ram's Horn has supplanted the Advocate. These papers, from their locality and independence, must necessarily stress institutions with which we have no proximate or organic connection, while our Advocate gives news closer home and therefore more interesting, and elucidates institutions near, both in distance and Church affinity. I would rather see the Ram's Horn in a Methodist home than no religious paper at all, but a Methodist paper has first place in a loyal Methodist home.

What are the values of a Church paper? (1) A Church paper promotes piety. The Christian sentiment that breathes through its pages is contagious, while the devotional department breeds devotion and furnishes purest food for the soul. (2) A Church paper promotes denominational loyalty. It corrects that false idea that one Church is as good (for you at least) as another. It indoctrinates. It leads to concerted action and organic effort. It wins you to your Church, your pastor, and the interests he seeks to promote. (3) A Church paper enlightens. Not only does it instruct as to the doctrines and enterprises of the Church, but it disseminates light on the general subjects of Christianity, and is a thermometer that registers the Christian status of current events, a periodical of reform and a power for good in the land. (4) A Church paper pro-

motes interest in the institutions of the Church. This it does by giving light. Men are not interested in that they know nothing about. Our membership—many of them—are not contributing as they should to many worthy causes because they know nothing about them. The sufferers of the great Galveston storm received astonishingly liberal contributions from all over the nation because the daily press gave such minute and elaborate knowledge of the whole catastrophe. An occasional explanation from the pulpit can do but little to enlighten our people as to the enterprises of the Church and bring the corresponding contribution. There must be a more constant and thorough instruction, which is done only through the Church paper. The same holds true in reference to moral support.

It is painful to note the elaborate knowledge some Methodists have of secular news, and how distressingly ignorant they are of religious news. They can recite with minute accuracy the fall of Port Arthur, but they know nothing of our mission work in Japan. They can tell all about the charge of San Juan Hill, but they do not know we have ever enterprised marvelously successful missions in Cuba. They have forgotten that the Church enterprises of to-day are the fountain heads of future history, and that the Church paper, after all, really does contain the gist of matters. Don't claim to be a loyal Methodist with no Church paper in your home.

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**INTERESTING SCENES IN EUROPE.**

By IVY L. LEE.

**Ireland and England.**

The best way to enjoy England is to see Ireland first. If you are to land at Queenstown, you approach the emerald isle through the waters off the southeast coast of Ireland, where the British Navy does the great bulk of its practice manoeuvring. It is supposed that if England ever fights a great naval battle, it will be in this neighborhood. You pass scores of fishing smacks, their old tobacco colored sails seeming a beautiful purple in the sun. It is delightful to stand on deck and watch the rockbound coast of Ireland. The shore is very well rounded, and the sandstone hills against the sun produce some superb color effects. On the top of the hills are the old Danish watch towers, hundreds of years old. What hardy people those Norsemen were!

You miss all this if you go right on to England. You also miss an opportunity to cable your friends in America that you have "arrived" before you really have. Modern science does wonderful things in relieving anxieties. While still out of sight of land, and at about three o'clock in the afternoon, I sent a message by "wireless" to Cuxhaven, there to be cabled to New York announcing my arrival. If we had waited until we reached Queenstown, seven hours later, it would not have been possible for the message to be delivered in New York until the following morning.

The little Queenstown tender came alongside the big "Oceanic" at 9:30. Everybody gathers around the mail man. We leave the great liner and let her continue on her way at a little after ten. It is a most beautiful full moon night, and the ride into Queenstown harbor on the deck of the lighter is charming. A flotilla of English men-of-war is in the harbor, and it is most interesting to watch them later from the window of your hotel.

Queenstown is a most peculiar place, built, as it is, on the side of a hill with the houses apparently terraced one above the other. Its big cathedral stands high on the hill overlooking the harbor.

In going abroad you often wonder what will strike you first as most peculiar. My first feeling was one of puzzlement at handling English money, but it is astonishing how quickly one obtains facility in calculating in its terms. The English use coin almost altogether. In fact, they have no paper money under denomination of £5. The huge penny coppers, and the "two and six" shilling pieces, are a nuisance.

I had hoped in the morning to get a photograph of the English naval vessels, which were in the harbor, but they had, evidently, departed at daybreak. The English Navy is very busy these days. The first sight of the tiny little railway carriages at the railroad station is highly amusing. They seem so small. You take a little rambling train up along the waterside to Cork, where you change cars for Dublin. Although Cork is a place of some importance, and the railroad station is quite pretentious, I found it impossible to send a telegram from there at seven o'clock in the morning. They

told me the telegraph office did not open until nine!

A short distance out of Cork you get a good view of Blarney Castle from the car window. The country looks so very desolate, and the thatched roof houses show so vividly the poverty of the people. Where the land was not rocky it was boggy. Grazing seemed to be about the best use to which the country could be put, and I noticed a large number of sheep all over everything. Some of the little lambs were extremely attractive. Every now and then on the roads you see the quaint Irish milk carts drawn by donkeys.

A six hour's run brought us to Dublin. It looks just like an American city, though now and then you observe evidence of great age not to be seen in the States. A walk around the city shows you the hoary Bank of Ireland building, and St. Patrick's Cathedral not far away, where Dean Swift once preached and where his bones now rest beside those of his beloved Stella. The sexton was very eager to show us around—and to get his tip. The Swift grave is underneath the floor of the building, a marble slab covering it. We saw the beginning of a service, which added a touch of color and interest to the experience.

On the streets you see the donkey carts everywhere. Lined up at important centers you find the "Jarvis," i. e., jaunting carts, which serve the place of hansom cabs for Ireland. Everybody rides in them. Now and then you see an old-fashioned Gaelic street sign. The people seem pretty busy, though much of the city is quite broken down. That seems to be the present state of Ireland—it is broken down.

When you are through with Dublin, it is but a short ride to Kingstown, where a vessel is ready to take you to England. It is eight o'clock in the evening. Our steamer is the "Ulster," 5,000 knots—speed capacity, 25 knots. It is one of the fleet built particularly for the British Mail Service. The passage across the Irish Channel was magnificent. The sea was just choppy enough to be interesting, and it was delightful to see the little boat go so rapidly. We caught sight of the lights along the coast of Wales about 11:30, and we pulled up alongside the dock at Holyhead at midnight.

There is no sleeper from Holyhead to Liverpool, so I obtained a compartment in the day coach to Chester, an ancient British town, whence we go to Liverpool. Destined as we were for the Lake Region, we tarried only a few hours at Liverpool and were off early in the day to Kendal, the seat of Westmoreland County. It was very interesting to obtain a first glimpse of the English country. Everything was so finished. The fields, meadows and farms were all so perfect. There were sheep everywhere. It is no wonder that this is a great country for woollens and for mutton. We followed the pages of our Baedeker all the way up, and were able to tell pretty well what we were seeing. At about 2:30 in the afternoon we saw a little village over in a valley which we knew from the map to be Kendal, and a moment later we alighted from the train.

Kendal is an exceptionally quaint old place, every house in it being built of limestone. They build these houses out of the rock they take from the foundation excavations. You may obtain a very delightful home here for £50 a year. Everything is cheap in these regions.

Late in the afternoon we ascended a very high hill overlooking the village, and looking toward the west, obtained a wonderful view of the sunset. On the crest of this hill is a golf course, one that would take the ordinary golfer many hundreds of strokes to cover. The view, however, from this eminence is magnificent beyond description. The grass is high and the ground mellow and tufted. Sheep are, of course, everywhere around us. Mountains and hills were to be observed in the distance. Here and there is a touch of water. The air is pure and fragrant. You regret that the night is coming so fast, because it is very tantalizing not to be able to take a long tramp around the country without delay.

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE.**

Much is being written about the new order of service; some of it wise, much of it otherwise. The chief objection raised to the new order is that it shows a tendency in the Church and ministry toward ritualism and consequently the old "order of worship" should be observed. Methodism has never laid stress upon an order of worship, and so much discussion of the same is a new thing with us and is much ado about nothing.

To teach that either order of service must be observed is ritualistic. The following is the definition that the Century Dictionary gives of ritualism: "A system of public worship which

consists in forms established by law, precept or custom as distinguished from that which is largely extemporaneous and, therefore, variable and left to the judgment of the conductor of worship." The sticklers for the old and the advocates of the new are both ritualists. The larger number of the Church are greatly in favor of the "optionals."

The object of an order of worship is that there may be practical uniformity in our Churches. Its aim is to be suggestive and to keep ministers from those wild vagaries of their personal fancies in making an order of their own. However, if a minister can the better induce the worshipful spirit in his congregation by any change, the spirit of Methodism which is the spirit of liberty would allow such change. It will be a sad day for our Methodism if ever in reality and all earnestness we begin to discuss such trivial things as the order of service and kindred topics. Let the "millinery" preachers spend their days upon such trifles: it is our business to convert the world to Christ. Soldiers on dress parade may have time to observe the polish of the buttons and the shine of the shoe, but in the battle it is his duty to shoot and shoot true. Our Church does not belong to the dress parade crowd. In fact, we have not the time.

Going back even into Bible times we find that there was a priestly and a prophetic party in the Church. If they did not violently oppose each other their methods and ideals were different. Wherever the priestly idea of the ministry has prevailed invariably the Church became corrupted. Ritualism is the malaria of true religion. It induces first a pious dreaminess and then spiritual death. Every reforming era has been rich in men who knew how to apply the truths of the gospel in burning words to the consciences of men. Chrysostom, Savorola, Luther, Calvin, Knox, Wesley, Harris, all were prophets. Frills and furbelows, genuflections and robes were of small moment to them. They felt very much towards these things as Isaiah represents the Almighty as feeling in the long ago. "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord. I am full of the burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks or of lambs or of he-goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hands to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I can not away with it: it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth."

The sermon ought to be the central feature of our worship. This is the divine order. The object of thus placing it is not to minister to the vanity of him who occupies the pulpit, nor to encourage him to great oratorical display, but to give to it the position that Jesus gave to it. He himself was a preacher. There was no ritual, no order of service on Judea's hillside; no vested choirs nor attending acolytes. Christ gave to us religion's declaration of independence when to the woman of Samaria he said: "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is spirit, and they who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." One of His last charges to the disciples was: "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature." Because of the Master's words the Methodist Church belongs to the preaching, the prophetic class of Churches.

Really our Church has no time for such a discussion. Practically it will have no effect. Our ministry will pursue the even tenor of its way, using the old order when it suits them and the new order when it suits them, and exercising all the "optionals" given and a few more beside. If a good sister gets shouting happy whilst we are singing the first hymn we will give out another and humbly hope the fire will catch amongst the brethren. If the spirit moves us we shall sing the "Long Meter Doxology" to begin with and then wind up with it, too. The tendency of Churches with decaying spirituality is to multiply observances and to amplify unduly the ritual. When the Methodist Church ceases to be classed amongst the prophetic Churches I shall get me a bass drum and join the Salvation Army on the streets. Methodism discussing an order of worship! Shades of our mighty fathers, defend us! The world for Christ! With due apologies to Dr. Rankin let me say, "On with the battle!"

Do not talk about what you would do if you only had the chance. The men who have moved the world made their own chances; seeing opportunities to do little things, they seized upon them, and did them well.—See.

## Devotional and Spiritual

### GOING IN AND COMING OUT.

The one hundred and twenty-first Psalm might be denominated the traveler's hymn. It tells of a Safe-keeper who never slumbers nor sleeps, who will not suffer the foot of one of His people to be moved. The pilgrim may take this psalm for his protection as he journeys through a vale of tears and dangers. The conclusion of the song is rich indeed: "The Lord shall preserve they going out and thy coming in." Go on then, pilgrim, without fearing or doubting, for thy Keeper shall not fail in anything or at any time.

We are forever going out and coming in. The laborer goes out from his house in the morning, not knowing what shall befall him before the sun goes down. How many times do we go forth from the abode where our kindred dwell? Sometimes once every day, and sometimes twice or thrice or many times. But our Keeper is with us every time we cross the threshold. He will not suffer us to be without a guard even though we are going but a few steps from home.

Here is one who has started out on a long journey. He will cross the continent or the ocean, and sojourn in many lands before he shall return. When one is out on the great deep he often feels lonely. But if he is in the hands of God his going out shall be noted and his soul shall be closely guarded.

It is a solemn moment when a young man goes out from his home to enter on life in a new sphere. He is going to college, or he is going to a distant city to take up some permanent employment, or he is going to a far country to try his fortune among strangers. He does not fully appreciate the gravity of the situation. His father appreciates it, and his mother feels a strange sensation as she bids him good-bye. But no one fully realizes what it all means. The future will disclose the full meaning of that important step. But if the young man is a child of God and an obedient servant he is safe, for the Lord will preserve his going out.

The situation is no less grave when a young woman gives her hand to the man she loves and goes out with him to a new home which they will build for themselves. It seems like a little journey. That new home may not be many miles away, but leagues of distance cannot measure the extent of the journey she is taking. It is a new world she is entering. The old is left behind forever. Then it is that the timid, innocent pilgrim needs some one to preserve her going out and coming in.

We do not escape going out and coming in when we refuse these grave steps in life. Go we must. We go out of childhood into youth. Here is a delicate situation. How many perils in that stage of youth! How many have met with ruin there! Their foot has slipped and they have gone over the precipice. As thou goest out of childhood commit thy way unto the Lord. He will preserve thy going out, and no one else can, not even a father or mother.

Still we must go on, for we are on pilgrimage. Out of youth into man-

hood, out of the vigor of manhood into the feebleness of old age. It may be that we shall go out of health into sickness, out of prosperity into adversity, out of comfort and luxury into hardship and want. But even in these rough lands there is no evil that can touch him whose hand is in the hand of God. He will preserve thy coming into these steep and thorny paths. Nothing shall by any means hurt thee. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved.

We shall all go out of this world and come into another. We shall cross one stream, the narrow stream of death. We are here to-day, rejoicing in the prospect of many years, but we shall soon go out of time into eternity. We know something about going out of childhood into youth, out of youth into manhood, for we have tried it. But what know we about going out of time into eternity? We have had some experience with time. But we have not tried eternity. How different everything will be then! To some it seems like a dark journey. There is no light on the pathway. But if we are the obedient servants of the heavenly Father we have nothing to fear. He is God of eternity as well as of time. He shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, even from this time evermore.—N. Y. Christian Advocate.

### THE PEACE OF GOD.

There are two kinds of peace; one given by the world, and the other by the world's Saviour. Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you." The world gives to the man who acquires wealth a sort of peace, or complacency, in the consciousness that want is not likely ever to overtake him, that whether he works or plays his material comforts are sure. The world also gives to the ambitious man who acquires position a goodly portion of satisfaction and sense of reward. It is no small matter to reach the heights of social or political exaltation and reap the pecuniary gains and popular respect that attach thereto. But the Master said that the peace he bestows is not like that which the world gives, or, rather, that he does not bestow peace as the world does. The peace which the world gives is only partially complete and is seldom lasting. Neither wealth nor fame is secure from anxiety, and neither has any guaranty of permanence. But the peace which Christ gives is both full and abiding. It is not subject to fluctuation. It bears not the mark of perishableness. It comes from the eternal source of peace. No worldly power can disturb it, because it is not of the world. It is as stable as God's throne, and as lasting as his love. It is a "peace which passeth all understanding." It is superior to skeptical attack. It brings the will into harmony with God, and harmony with God is heaven. It subjects the affections to a holy law, refines the desires, subdues the fear of death, and invigorates and establishes the hope of immortality. And the best of it is that the peace of God is evidence of its own divinity. Its possessor is conscious that such exalting, purifying, satisfying influences can come from no lesser source than the divine. It is complete serenity amid rending storms. It is sublime mastery amid rebellious passions. It is a glorious composure in the presence of unmistakable evidences of dissolution. Such experiences are not the gifts of fellow mortals, nor the fruits of falsehood, nor the inventions of deceivers, nor the delusions of enthusiasts, nor the bestowments of riches and powers. They are often found amid destitution and pain and persecution and death agonies. They never fail a trusting soul under any circum-

stances. They do not wear out, nor dwindle away, nor grow irksome, nor lose efficacy, nor fade, nor die. They are not of the earth, earthy. They are of God, and hence godlike. They endure like immortality and satisfy like heaven. They are superior to mundane conditions, all earthly calamities, and all mortal contingencies. They are the fruits of the Spirit, and are characterized by all the rich, rare and abiding qualities of spiritual things. God can bestow upon his children here no nobler, better portion than this gracious peace. Those who enjoy it ask for nothing sweeter on this side eternity.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

### CHEERFULNESS OF GREAT MEN.

Cheerfulness is an excellent wearing quality. It has been called the bright weather of the heart. It gives harmony of soul, and is a perpetual song without words. It is tantamount to repose. It enables nature to recruit its strength; whereas, worry and discontent debilitate it, involving constant wear and tear. How is it that we see such men as Lord Palmerston growing old in harness, working on vigorously to the end? Mainly through equanimity of temper and habitual cheerfulness. They have educated themselves in the habit of endurance, of not being easily provoked, of bearing and forbearing, of hearing harsh and even unjust things said of them, without indulging in undue resentment, and avoiding worrying, petty and self-tormenting cares. An intimate friend of Lord Palmerston, who observed him closely for twenty years, has said that he never saw him angry, with perhaps one exception; and that was when the ministry responsible for the calamity in Afghanistan, of which he was one, were unjustly accused by their opponents of falsehood, perjury and willful mutilation of public documents. So far as can be learned from biography, men of the greatest genius have been for the most part cheerful, contented men—not eager for reputation, money or power—but relishing life, and keenly susceptible of enjoyment, as we find reflected in their works. Such seem to have been Homer, Horace, Virgil, Montaigne, Shakespeare, Cervantes. Healthy serene cheerfulness is apparent in their great creations. Among the same class of cheerful-minded men may also be mentioned Luther, Moore, Bacon, Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael and Michael Angelo. Perhaps they were happy because constantly occupied, and in the pleasantest of all work—that of creating out of the fullness and richness of their great minds.—Selected.

### THE MYSTERY OF CONTENTMENT

A well-born, finely gifted, highly educated man, a trusted commissioner of ruling chiefs, becomes all at once and from choice, a companion of illiterate fisherman; the persecutor, persecuted; the despiser, despised—visions of wealth and fame exchanged, on the instant, for the hard realities of toil, alienation of friends, weary wanderings by land and sea.

Following these were other liftings-up and castings-down; elated now by revelations of ecstatic bliss; now a thorn in the flesh lest he be exalted above measure; worshiped now as a god come down from heaven, and anon the cry of an infuriated mob, "Away with such a fellow from the earth, it is not fit that he should live;" his daily wants at times abundantly supplied; again forced back for clothing and bread to his old trade of tent making; now the unhindered range of the Roman Empire; now closely guarded in a Roman prison.

Patiently to bear such opposite extremes—"In whatsoever state, therewith to be content"—is a life lesson that the aptest scholar finds it no easy task to learn. The great-

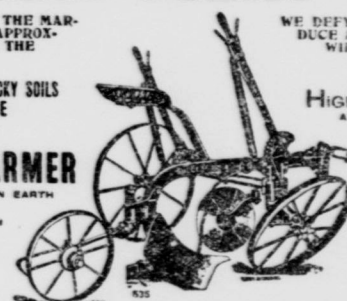
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est of apostles confesses to having been himself a scholar in that school. His name is down in the catalogue. He was graduated with honor. Set to learn the lesson, he is happy in being able to say, "I have learned." Happy, but not boastful. No merely "I have learned," but "I am instructed." He frankly acknowledges having received help from One who, more than teacher, was also an initiator. "I am initiated," he says. Contentment was a mystery he could not otherwise have understood—the wonderful, Divine secret of knowing both how to abound and to be abased, both how to be full and to suffer need.

This great lesson a fit scholar may, in part, learn from philosophy alone. Learned even so, it is worth to a man all that it costs. To the Stoic his stoicism is "gain." Learned in the school of Christ; the contentment a token of sweetest submission to the will of God; learned out of implicit confidence in the great Instructor's love, wisdom and power—then is contentment a rare and most precious possession. "Godliness with contentment is great gain."—Professor Addison Ballard, D. D., University of New York, in the Interior.

### UNLOAD YOUR CARES

A very beautiful thought is brought out by the French translation of a verse in the First Epistle of Peter. The words are: "Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." Where our version reads "casting" the French translation is unloading (*dechargeant*). The difference of meaning is made plain by an illustration we have somewhere seen. The writer said: "The word 'cast' might seem to bring to your mind the action of taking up something and throwing it over on Jesus; but many times, dear friends, have you not found the cares too heavy to lift? Have you ever seen a coal cart unload? The man took out of the front of the cart a little iron pin, and the cart was so balanced on the axle that then, with a slight pressure on the back of the cart, it would tip up, and the whole load slide off to the ground and the pony would trot away with a light step. You do not have to take it up; just take out the little pin of your endeavors to help matters, and, with your hands of faith and commitment, tip up the big load, and then run on, for 'He takes care of you.'"

Unload the cares you carry on your shoulders. Unload the cares you carry on your head. Unload the cares you carry on your heart. God has no children without sorrow, and in many cases the load seems too heavy to be borne; but His own invitation is, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee."

But the thing that can most surely unload the heart is to come into consciousness of the fact so plainly stated, "He careth for you." That means that He loves us and sympathizes with us and will exercise His strength in our behalf. Whatever the burden that bears down upon us, to know that God has not left us out of mind or out of sight, but that He is "keeping watch over His own," and "will make all things work together for our good," cannot fail to lighten the weight and give a sense of security and a glad hope of final good. Unload your cares! —G. B. F. Hallock, D. D.

Cleave closely to the stairway; a single step to the one side or the other brings a fall. Nearly all the catastrophes in Alpine climbing result from wandering from the guides or from venturing on forbidden ground. Jesus never promises his aid except in the path of obedience. Every redeemed host is bound to strive for the highest, holiest and most fruitful life that grace can impart. The angels of prayer will ascend and the angels of blessing will descend upon that divine ladder which links earth to heaven.—T. L. Cuyler.

They who know not how to act agreeably, though they have learned many things, are still ignorant.—Curl.

Seek earnestly  
And prayerfully  
God's will to know,  
God's will to love,  
God's will to do.

—W. T. Sleeper.

In proportion to our faith is the vividness and reality wherewith, like Moses, we see God—like Enoch walk, like Abraham converse, like Jacob wrestle with Him, like Elijah thrill to the inward whisper of His still small voice. There are, indeed, some eyes so dim that they catch no gleam of His Presence; some ears so dull that they never hear the music or the thunder of His voice; and there are moments when even to the best of men He seems silent or far off.—Canon Farrar.

Faith is the better of the free air, and of the sharp winter storm in its face.—Samuel Rutherford.

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Secular News Items.

The Armour's have bought a packing plant at Louisville and now virtually control the pork for the South. Telegrams from Bakku say that the plants of twenty-one oil companies and thirteen private owners were destroyed there during the recent rioting.

The secretary of the interior has ordered the withdrawal from entry of 300,000 acres of land in the Roswell, N. M. land district on account of the Carlsbad irrigation project.

Baron Komura's ailment is declared to be typhoid fever.

Mayor Weaver may take the stump for the reform ticket in Philadelphia. It is rumored that President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania railroad will retire soon on his own motion because of his long career of activity. He is 65 years old and has been railroading since 1861.

Appraisers of the estate of the late Mrs. Stanford have completed investigation and report that the estate is valued at \$2,391,871. It consists largely of stocks and bonds, but includes a pearl necklace appraised at \$38,000.

The resignation of Minister Yoshikawa has been received with satisfaction by the intelligent class in Japan. The thoroughfares and government buildings in Tokyo remain under military guard, but there is no sign of disorder.

News from the Standing Rock Indian agency in North Dakota is to the effect that Rain-in-the-Face, the famous Indian chief, is dead at the age of 66. He joined Sitting Bull's band out of hatred for the Custers and at one time boasted he had killed them both.

Mr. Murphy is studying the municipal planks that were contained in the various platforms two years ago, together with the campaign declarations of other cities, with a view to framing a plank that will satisfy the Tammany rank and file.

Official figures published in St. Petersburg show that the Russian losses in ships at Port Arthur, Vladivostok and in the Sea of Japan aggregated \$112,000,000.

Congressmen who are interested in the railroad rate bill have been invited by President Roosevelt to a conference the first of next month.

Three Japanese naval paymasters have embezzled \$165,000 of government funds. The knowledge that the commission of the crime extended over the period of a year without discovery may, it is said in a Tokyo dispatch, cause a public feeling of distrust and uneasiness toward the naval administration and furnish a weapon to the political parties that are opposing the government.

Information has reached Washington which indicated that the warship sent to Nicaragua will not be needed in the case of the Albers brothers in jail and demanding a trial. The consul who offended the government is on his way to Washington. Lawyers have reached the men.

A Paris dispatch states that since the conclusion of peace the gold shipments have turned towards New York. In the belief that Russia would need and indemnity loan, Paris had accumulated large sums of gold which now is finding an outlet to New York. Bankers in Paris say this is the trend of gold at this time of year, under normal conditions, and that the rate of discount will not be advanced.

According to the annual report of the commissioner of patents there were received 52,323 applications for mechanical patents, 749 applications for designs, 174 applications for trademarks, 1,236 applications for prints. There were 29,256 patents granted, including reissues and designs, and 1,426 trademarks, 1,028 labels and 345 prints were registered.

Active work is going on in New York looking toward a permanent world's fair to be opened in 1909, in celebration of the tricentennial celebration of the discovery of the Hudson river. Options have been obtained on a large tract of land at Verplanck's point, on the east bank of the Hudson, near Peekskill, where it is proposed to locate the exposition.

Thomas K. Niedringhaus, who was the leading candidate in the republican senatorial contest in Missouri last winter, said in Washington: "At the next election Missouri will be lined up in the republican column. We have perfected an organization that beats anything ever produced in Ohio, Indiana or Illinois. Harmony prevails throughout the republican party in the state."

A Berlin newspaper reports that an attorney representing two families named Kosciusko, living at Gressen, intends to bring a claim against the United States government for compensation to the amount of 1,950,000,000. The Kosciuskos assert they are descendants of the Polish national hero, Kosciusko who also played a part in the American war of independence. In recognition of his services during the campaign the American govern-

ment presented Kosciusko with a plat of land, on which Chicago is built at the present day. This grant, it is stated, was made in the form of an official document which came into the possession of the present claimants a short time ago as a bequest.

A second Hague conference on peace and disarmament has been called by Emperor Nicholas after consultation with President Roosevelt and the European nations. Proposals have been made to the rulers and it is believed the announcement will soon be officially made. It is understood that President Roosevelt urged the emperor to call this conference.

Despite the fact that popular dissatisfaction over the peace arrangements are unabated, there are indications that the business contingent is slowly sobering down at Tokyo. The capital intended for new enterprises, following the successful conclusion of the treaty of peace, is gradually coming into the banks as deposits in amounts which are likely to lower the rate of interest.

O. J. Ricketts, temporarily in office at Washington, has turned reformer, and has put out of business the so-called "handbooks" or gambling schemes which have been known to him for a long time. It is stated that gambling has been quite common among the employees of the printing office.

The war department is informed that the Philippine Commission has made increases in the pay of captains and lieutenants in the Philippine constabulary. The captains will receive \$200 per year additional and the lieutenants from \$200 to \$250, according to rank.

Investigation by the Keep commission into the system of making purchases for the departments at Washington, or the lack of system, shows that all sorts of prices are paid for identical goods. One kind of ink costs per dozen quarts in one department \$5.80, in another \$5.90, and in another \$7.10. A better ink is made for the treasury at \$2.15. One brand of mullage is sold at prices running from \$1.65 to \$3 per dozen. Red ink costs one department 25 cents and costs another department \$1.20. The commission will report in favor of one purchasing department.

An increase of 162,165 in membership for the year is shown in the report of Grand Sire Wright made to the sovereign grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in its eighty-first annual communication in Philadelphia. The total subordinate lodge membership was given as 1,217,145; encampment membership 177,839; Rebekah membership, 474,659; number of subordinate lodges, 14,315; expenditures for relief, \$1,633,649; total revenue, \$13,628,791; total resources, \$37,645,971.

John D. Rockefeller was said to have indicated to a friend last week his belief that a panic would come in 1907 or 1908. "I can't see the slightest reason for predicting a financial crisis or hard times in the next few years," he is now quoted directly as saying at his home in Cleveland. "The statement which has been given publicity that I have made such a prediction is absolutely erroneous. The country is too prosperous at present to warrant any fear that a sudden or disastrous revulsion of business is likely to come."

When the Marquis Ito persuaded the mikado of Japan to waive the indemnity and make peace with Russia he was perfectly well aware, it is declared now, that the concessions which Japan had gained were worth far more than the \$600,000,000. It is also said to have been known that Russia would not pay any money, even if Japan fought another year or more. Mr. Dennison of the Japanese party, in an interview, said: "Japan has gained more than she went to war for. The three essential points were the evacuation of Manchuria, the return of Port Arthur to China and the withdrawal of Russia from Korea."

The Prussian ministry for railways has placed at every important railway center throughout the kingdom a magnificently built and appointed car for the transport of sick persons. These cars have been specially fitted up from plans supplied by sanitary authorities. Spring beds and every medical device for the alleviation of suffering during transit have been utilized. There are ice safes, gas stoves for cooking, rooms for attendants and ingenious devices for muffling the sound caused by the motion of the tram. It is not intended to make these carriages pay; they have been instituted chiefly on the ground of humanity.

The French army is soon to be clad in khaki, and the old kepi is to give place to a gray helmet for full dress and a soft felt hat for campaign purposes.

Secretary Taft, on leaving Yokohama for home, expressed the opinion that the Chinese want American goods badly and that they will, of their own accord, remove the boycott. He is quoted as saying that the Chinese merchants have already lost

\$15,000,000 by the boycott and they find that they are the chief sufferers. He also indicated his belief that the anti-foreign attitude of the Japanese had been exaggerated in the United States.

An English traveler who has just returned from India says that he killed four full-grown tigers with five shots in six minutes while hunting there.

Leaders among the Republicans of Massachusetts have impressed upon the people their earnestness in demand for some specific declaration on the tariff by advertising in the papers for individual petitions in favor of the following plank in the state platform of the Republicans: We demand that hides, coal, iron, lumber and wood pulp be placed by congress on the free list and that duties upon manufactured and other articles be reduced wherever existing duties are higher than are needed for any just purpose of protection. The advertisements include coupons for signatures and the coupons will be worth 5 cents each to the signers when properly turned in. The advertisement is the work of the committee of one hundred which is engaged in furthering the cause of tariff reform and reciprocity. The action has started the machine republicans, as it foreshadows defeat of the plan to have the State platform consist largely of platitudes.

At the annual meeting of the National Letter Carriers' Association, which has just met in Portland, Ore., the first resolution adopted by it was one endorsing the enfranchisement of women. The resolution was as follows: "Whereas, this country has attained its high standing among the nations by the development of its government on the principles of American independence; therefore resolved, That the best interests of progress demand the application of these principles to women by extending to them the right of suffrage on equal terms with men, and we urge the necessary changes in our laws and constitutions to secure this right to them." The spirit of equal rights seems to be in the air in Oregon, where it is expected a woman suffrage amendment will be submitted to the voters next June.

Panama is to have a capitol building of rare artistic merit. The contract has been awarded for construction of what will be called the National Palace and Theater, at a cost of \$387,000, in architecture, this structure will stand as one of the most impressive capitols in Latin America. Signor Ruggiera is the architect. The theater will be modern in appearance, and liberal efforts will be made to obtain the best companies.

The ancient frigate Constitution, familiarly known as "the first ship of the American navy," which has for years been one of the most valued possessions of the Charleston navyyard in Massachusetts, is in danger of "turning turtle," and it is learned that she cannot last many years in her present state. The frigate is leaking badly. The officials do not care to risk placing her in drydock to make repairs, as the vessel would crush down with her own weight.

The Salvation army of London has cabled Premier Dakin of Australia asking him whether he can place in Australia 5,000 families, not destitute, to be available during the coming winter. General Booth said the Salvation army is now engaged in reducing emigration to a system by which, on a large scale, able bodied men with wives and families may be placed in a position to earn a good living.

Vacations passed in small farmhouses, poorly ventilated, with bad drainage and contaminated water supplies are declared by several leading physicians of New York to threaten an epidemic of typhoid fever during the autumn. The doctors declare that stringent measures will be necessary to prevent a great amount of sickness from these causes among persons who passed their vacation days in the country, supposedly enjoying a change of air and fresher food than they get in the city.

It is learned from an authoritative source that Postmaster General Cortelyou will not be named to succeed Secretary Shaw when the latter will withdraw from the Treasuryship in February. The reason given is that Mr. Cortelyou has work in the Post-office Department that he has yet to complete. The disclosures of insurance contributions to the National Republican Committee has had much to do with the President's change of mind. Secretary Bonaparte again denies the charge this evening that he is to be made Attorney General.

President Roosevelt caused great enthusiasm for him in New Orleans by announcement that the plan for a presidential visit to that city on October 24 would not be changed despite the prevalence of yellow fever. But the mayor of New Orleans and the governor of Louisiana are considering the quarantine situation and will advise the president as to whether it would be safe to make the visit. It is

probable he will not be asked to expose himself to any danger.

Mayor Patrick A. Collins, of Boston, whose death from gastritis and hemorrhages was announced a few days ago, was one of the leading Democrats of the country. He served in congress from 1883 to 1889 and was United States consul general in London from 1893 to 1897. He presided at the democratic national convention in 1888. Upon hearing of his death, former President Cleveland paid the following tribute to his memory:

"The death of Mayor Collins will cause sadness in the hearts of many who have not had personally such intimate associations with him as were mine. In public life he was strictly honest and sincerely devoted to the responsibilities which office holding involved. It is rare that a man of his great ability, and with the reward of high statesmanship within his reach, succeeds so well and for so long a time in the discharge of duties pertaining to the executive head of the city of his home.

Four officials of the Schwartzschild & Sulzberger Packing Company of Chicago were fined an aggregate of \$25,000 by Judge Humphrey in the United States District Court, Sept. 21. The fines followed a plea of guilty to indictments charging conspiracy to accept rebates. The defendants were Samuel Weil of New York, vice president of the company; B. S. Cusey, traffic manager; Vance D. Skipworth and C. E. Todd, assistant traffic managers. Mr. Weil was fined \$10,000, the other three, \$5,000 each. With the entering of the pleas the declaration was made that unless one of the cases is settled the life of Samuel Weil, who is vice president of the company and one of the defendants, is in jeopardy. He is said to be a nervous wreck and fears are entertained for his life if he had been allowed to continue under the stigma of an indictment. The plea was entered, it was declared, after a complete understanding had been reached between counsel for the defendants and Attorney General Moody.

Mr. Witte, accompanied by his wife and daughter and several members of the Russian mission, arrived at Paris, Sept. 19, from Cherbourg. Following the express wish of the Russian statesman, there was no formal reception, and only a few friends gathered at the railroad station.

Municipal ownership as a campaign issue will make its first appearance in New York city with the coming campaign, and will be accepted by all parties. Dispatches say that Mayor McClellan and Charles F. Murphy have decided that the Tammany platform this year shall contain a municipal ownership plank which shall go much further in the direction of city control of public service franchises than it has ever gone before. As the anti-Tammany forces will make municipal ownership the main feature of their campaign, the adoption of a broad plank by Tammany Hall will bring the question prominently to the front in New York city, no matter which side may carry the election.

The Cuban presidential campaign is growing in intensity, at least from the Liberal side. El Liberal, the organ of Gen. Gomez charges the Moderates with having a secret platform, which the editor declares, he personally has seen, totally different from the conservative one made public. It is said this secret document contains a plot to provoke the liberals into such disorderly reprisals as will necessitate intervention by the United States "which power would of course, come at the administration's request and accordingly support it, and give Cuba thenceforth a government of its own (the Palma administration) under Yankee protection and dictation." The moderates, who are conducting their campaign quietly, of course deny the story in its entirety, but say they have discovered plots on the part of the liberals to discharge public officials in several provinces who are members of the moderate party, in order to secure control over the election boards. The officials have been warned not to relinquish their duties without orders from the secretary of the interior.

The significant feature of the industrial situation throughout the country is the immense business being done in the iron and steel industries, due largely to the great expenditures being made by the railroad companies for equipment. It is declared that the companies handling steel rails, cars and locomotives now have more than \$250,000,000 in orders on their books. That the railroad managers of the country are certain of the continuation of prosperous times for an unlimited period is evidenced by the way they have been placing orders with the manufacturers of equipment. In every line of railroad supplies there is a record breaking rush of orders. The books of the rail manufacturers for delivery in 1905 were closed some time ago and already orders have been received or practically closed for delivery in 1906 totaling some 900,000 tons.

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AT THE PARSONAGE. Coffee Runs Riot No Longer.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Hereford.

T. S. Barcus, Sept. 18: Hereford Station has enjoyed a year of unusual prosperity. Have had two great meetings—one in February; the other closing September 13th. Concerning the first we have already spoken. The pastor opened on Sunday. Bro. Goodrich came to us on Tuesday and did all of the preaching until the close. He is bold and fearless as a lion and yet withal he is tender and sympathetic. Quite a number of conversions, with several accessions to the Church. But the greatest work was done in the building up and strengthening of the individual Church members. We have received during the year seventy-one. We expect to report in full on finances at Hillsboro. We have just placed fine oak pews in our church, at a cost of \$400. Hereford is a fine town, and we are contented and happy. Expect to return next year and do a better year's work.

Robert Lee.

J. C. Newton, Sept. 17: Yesterday was a great victory for the prohibitionists in the Robert Lee High School District. We have enjoyed local option for the past eight years, but we have to fight the enemy every two years. The anti brought on this election. There was a saloon man who came over from San Angelo to help them out. Just before daylight two local anti and the saloon man from San Angelo were seen by one of our citizens piling empty Peruna bottles around the courthouse square, thinking they would make people believe that our drugstores were as bad as an open saloon, but it made against them. The vote stood 67 for prohibition, and 23 against. We have a fine school, and our people don't want any saloon.

Matador.

Wiley P. Jones, Sept. 15: As we read your editorial of September 7—"The Man Who Brings Things to Pass"—we thought of our pastor, J. T. Hicks, who is bringing things to pass on the Matador Circuit. At the close of last year he had commenced

our Methodist parsonage. He returned to this work and pushed to completion this building, remodeled and repainted our church, all before the District Conference, which convened here in May. Through the aid of his people he entertained the conference in such a manner as to make them all feel glad they had come. Next he attended the summer school at Georgetown and completed his course. While there he secured the services of Bro. J. W. Hill, of Denison, to come out and assist him in a protracted meeting for two weeks. Those who have heard Hill preach know what a spiritual feast we had; but as the results of the meeting have already been published, we pass on. After our meeting closed he moved up to Quataque, took in the third Quarterly Conference and protracted for some ten days. At the close he secured money to build a church and made an order for the lumber. While these good people were getting the lumber on the ground, he went to Cottonwood, in Dickens County, and protracted for eight days, with several conversions and additions. At the service on Sunday he took up another collection for a church building. In a few minutes' time he had secured \$600, with more to follow. So he made out the bills and ordered the lumber for a \$900 church. While those people are placing their lumber on the ground he is at Quitaque superintending the erection of their church. He will return to Cottonwood soon and commence the erection of that church. He has all his conference collections secured. So you see he has a way of "bringing things to pass." His people esteem him very highly, and will gladly greet his return to the work for another year.

Red Oak Circuit.

R. J. Tooley, Sept. 20: Our meetings this summer resulted in 135 conversions and reclamations, with 93 additions. Bro. Andrew Davis, of Waxahachie, preached two sermons for us at Chapel Hill. Bro. Brooks, a local preacher, preached for us once. Bro. Hightower, of Palmer, preached for us twice. We are thankful to these brethren for their timely help. We have had to fight our way through some adverse conditions, but have succeeded fairly well. We hope to be able to report everything in full at conference.

Jinned.

T. H. Davis, L. D., Sept. 12: I am just out of a big revival at Dudley, Texas, a point in the bounds of the Eula work, of which Charlie Young is pastor. According to previous appointment, we began on the night of Sept. 2d. We had a good meeting from the very start. We preached, prayed and sung songs, read the precious Word of God, told our experience and shouted. The Holy Spirit was in our midst in every service. Many precious souls were saved from the power and guilt of sin and made to shout the praise of the Lord. Many backsliders were reclaimed. The Church was greatly revived. Thank the Lord for such men as Charlie Young. He certainly is a man among men—full of the Holy Ghost and good works. All told, about forty-five or fifty conversions; forty-four joined the Church. Bro. Young will organize an M. E. Church, South at that place in the near future. I am a local preacher, working some as a supply in the bounds of the Buffalo Circuit, of which Bro. A. C. Bell is pastor. I have put in about nine or ten weeks this summer in revival work. Have seen many precious souls saved. Thank God for the Church and a place to work. Thank God for the Advocate. I have been reading its columns for more than thirty years. At the above mentioned meeting Bro. Young, in his big-heartedness, asked for a collection for this scribe, and about \$40 was the result.

Moody.

J. H. Wiseman, Sept. 25: Since my last report we have received thirteen members, eleven of these yesterday, with more to follow. Our order is out for a hot-air system for our church, to be placed by the 15th of October.

Turnersville.

A. P. Lipscomb, Sept. 13: On account of so much work on hand, we were forced to close our meetings. Everything considered, results have been some greater than we anticipated on the start. Up to date we have had 116 conversions and reclamations. We will have something near seventy-five additions to our Church. This charge will pay \$275 on conference assessments. We also think the salary will be paid in full. One church built, and by another year we intend to build at Turnersville;

everything points in that direction at present. In the meetings that have just closed we were assisted by Rev. J. M. McCloud, who did most of the preaching. May he live long and do much work in the kingdom of God. I have also done the best work of my life in the way of circulating the Texas Christian Advocate. To God we give all the praise.

Fifth Street, Waco.

Jerome Duncan, Sept. 25: We have just closed what has been in many respects a typical revival of religion. For three weeks, with an intermission of two nights, the services were held, and at each service there was the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit. The work of conviction and conversion was undoubtedly genuine and profound. The Church was greatly revived. Bro. John R. Henson, of Cisco, was with us twelve days and preached a pure gospel, and he preached it with great power. I have never had better help in any meeting. The Holy Spirit has unquestionably clothed this faithful man of God with peculiar gifts in leading men to Christ. Long may he be spared to the Church to preach the same bold, fearless, loving and faithful message of salvation! If there be among us those of whom St. Paul prophesied in his letter to Timothy that "they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers having itching ears," let it never be imagined that they will place a "call" "with the powers that be" for John Henson. Our singing was inspiring and religious, under the direction of my long-time friend and brother, W. J. Ramsey, who was formerly with George Stuart, but now directs the choir of Centenary Church, Chattanooga. Bro. Ramsey's gospel in song and personal work were important factors in the success of the meeting. I wish he could be induced to give himself to our work in Texas. We need such workers in this, his peculiar field. A remarkable feature of the meeting was that the additions to the Church were largely adults. In our May revival we received about forty members on profession of faith, and three-fourths of the number were from our Sunday-school. In this meeting we received forty-one on profession, and three-fourths of them were adults, twelve being husbands and wives. We also received quite a number by certificate as a result of the meeting. There were many interesting details showing the depth and breadth of the work, but I will not burden you with them. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Palmer.

I. E. Hightower, Sept. 19: We have closed our round of protracted meetings. We have had two meetings at Palmer. Our first meeting was held here in the spring, when we had about twenty conversions. Our next meeting was at Garrett, where I was assisted by Rev. Jesse Smith. We had a good meeting, with thirteen additions and about ten conversions. At Boyce we held a co-operative meeting with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Rev. Cotton assisting in the meeting; also Rev. M. K. Little, of Midlothian, preached for us three or four days. He did some fine preaching, which was greatly enjoyed by all. We had about twelve conversions, but only six additions to the Church. We went back to Garrett for a week's tent meeting, in which we had a number of conversions and eight additions. We then came back to Palmer the first Sunday in September and began a tent meeting. Rev. J. D. Odum, of Ferris, preached for us three times, which was greatly enjoyed. On Wednesday Rev. R. J. Tooley, of Red Oak, came to us and continued to the close. Tooley preached with the power of the Holy Ghost, and men and women came to the altar, wept and mourned over their sins until they were made conscious of sins forgiven and they arose and shouted aloud the praises of God. Nearly the whole town and community were brought to Christ. About 125 were reclaimed and converted, among them a number of men who are heads of families. Eighty-seven joined the M. E. Church. South and eight others were added to the Church from a meeting held by Uncle Jesse Smith two miles north of Palmer, making ninety-five additions during the meeting. We have had a total of 182 converted and reclaimed, and 138 additions. Our collections will all come up in full. We praise God and take courage. We now expect to make a close canvass for the Advocate.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Burns Mission.

Mrs. Louisa Parmlay, Sept. 19: Bro. Dickard closed his last meeting

on the Burns Mission at Prairie Grove September 8th. It was a good meeting from beginning to end—a spiritual uplift to our Church as well as to other Churches. The night he closed he asked all who felt that they had benefited to come forward and give him their hands. People of all denominations responded with words of praise. There were some conversions, three or four additions to the Church. The meeting closed with great interest. Bro. Dickard did most of the preaching. He was sick most of the time—not able to preach; but he is one of the willing servants of God, trying to do all he can for the salvation of souls and for the blessed Master. Bro. Dickard is loved by all who know him. We all feel that he has another building not made with hands. May the blessings of God rest upon him and his family.

Elmo Chrage.

J. B. Sims, Sept. 18: We closed last night our last meeting for Elmo Chrage. It was the best meeting Elmo has had for years. Between twenty and thirty came to the altar and numbers were either converted or reclaimed and the Church was greatly revived. Twelve were added to the Church. The conference collections were more than provided for. Rev. R. J. Smith, of New Boston, did the preaching. He left the pastor and people more closely united. No pastor need hesitate to secure R. J. Smith to help in revival work. The people of all denominations gave him a handsome little sum as a thank-offering, besides giving the pastor and wife a genteel pounding, which was the second one since conference. May God abundantly bless the good people of Elmo for this kindness. We have held good meetings at the other points on the charge. In all there have been about sixty conversions and reclamations and about forty received into the Church, for all of which we give God the glory.

Trenton.

J. R. Atchley, Sept. 18: We closed our round of meetings the 17th inst. We began first Sunday in August at Trenton. Bro. L. P. Smith, of Dodd City, did all the preaching in this meeting, and those who know Bro. Smith know it was well done. The conditions were such that we did not have the visible results we expected, but those who attended were greatly helped. Our next meeting was at Banton's Chapel. Dr. McLean was with us four days, preaching in his own strong and fatherly way. Like a race horse, the further he went the faster he got. Had two professions in this meeting. Fine congregations and good order. We then pitched battle at Nobility. Bro. R. L. Ely was with me here three days and rendered good help. This meeting resulted in three professions. Our last meeting was at Marvin. Bro. J. O. Davis, of Portersboro, was with us one week here, and preached in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. Bro. Davis is a good revivalist. Here we had thirty-four professions and none younger than sixteen years of age. Marvin is now on a boom. From this meeting we received twenty-four into the Church, with possibly others to follow.

Lone Oak.

W. T. Morrow, Sept. 23: We have held three meetings since our last report. Our meeting at Lone Oak was held August 12 to 23, with small visible results—only two conversions. The Christians who attended regularly were profited. We were assisted the first nine days by Rev. W. M. Leatherwood, of Itasca. He did some splendid preaching, to the delight of our people. We were greatly handicapped in the meeting. The old soldiers' reunion of two days' duration came off the two days before we began, and the people were jaded with the attendant excitement and worry. Besides, we were in the middle of a building boom demanding all the laborers' time, as there were nine brick houses and several residences going up at the same time, and accompanying all this quite a lot of sickness. Our meeting at Twin Oak embraced August 26 to Sept. 7, and resulted in a great revival in the Church, and sixty conversions and reclamations and thirty additions to the Church. We were assisted the first five days by Bro. R. C. Dial, exhorter and temperance worker from Greenville. While he makes no pretensions to be a preacher, only an exhorter and worker, you would have difficulty in telling the difference when you hear him in the pulpit. Twin Oak is Bro. Dial's boyhood home, and this scribe and all the old friends enjoyed his presence and efficient labors among them. We were assisted the last four days by Rev. E. N. Parrish, who, as is customary with him, rendered very

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efficient service in the pulpit and in the altar. Our meeting at Miller Grove embraced Sept. 8 to 17, resulting in nine conversions and reclamations and two additions to the Church, with others to follow. We were almost completely handicapped in this meeting by sickness. However, we had a good revival among the Christians who attended. We were assisted the first four days by Rev. E. N. Parrish, whose earnest labors were greatly enjoyed by our people. Crops are very short in these parts, but we are hoping and endeavoring to have a full report on all lines at conference.

Argyle Circuit.

C. H. Rice, Sept. 25: After a season of considerable length I am at home in the parsonage again. Three protracted meetings having been conducted to a more or less successful close, we look back with a mingled feeling of joy and disappointment. We are rejoicing that a few were saved and others strengthened; but disappointed that others refused to be led to Christ. Rev. Chas. Martin, who is this year supplying the Justin Mission and will be up for admission on trial into this conference at our next session, was with me a few days and did some excellent preaching. He enjoys the favor of his people, and they enjoy his work and preaching. He is a young man of great promise, and I expect one day to see him take a responsible position in the Church. Bro. Simmons, a local preacher of Denton, rendered us some faithful work. His age and Christian bearing lend much to the efficiency of his efforts. I had no help at Argyle other than that which was rendered by those faithful followers of the Lord Jesus and who constitute the life of the Church at this place. We haven't "set the river on fire" up here yet, but I can say that I am closing out a year that has been a very busy one for me, and I trust will prove in the end a successful one. We have made much material improvement, and not withstanding the loss of many of our leading men and women, by moving away, we will be able to make a fair showing in our report at conference. I am just back from assisting Bro. Martin at Drop, and will begin closing up for conference, and trust to have everything up in full.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Lindale Circuit.

S. H. Morgan, Sept. 18: We have just closed a fine revival at Union Chapel. There were many reclamations and conversions. Sixteen additions to the Church; eleven adults baptized and three children. Bro. Ed Morgan helped us. He is good help, too. We don't say this that other preachers might secure his help. We two have about agreed to pool our interests and form a "Morgan evangelical syndicate." Why not? Well, praise the Lord for a good meeting and the best people in Texas.

Kosse.

D. W. Gardner, Sept. 19: Our fourth Quarterly Conference is a thing of history. That prince of presiding elders, Rev. R. A. Burroughs, was on hand, full of life and energy. He is ready at all times to lend a helping hand to work on his district. In my judgment he is the best presiding elder in the Texas Conference. This has been a good year for us on the Kosse Circuit. We have had to date 125 conversions and reclamations, and 19, have joined the Methodist Church. Our conference collections will be in full. While at this

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25 YEARS OF AGONY ENDED

Boston Business Man Cured By Cuticura of Awful Humor Covering Head, Neck, and Shoulders After Hospital and Doctors Failed.

Under date of September 9, 1904, Mr. S. P. Keyes, a well-known business man of No. 149 Congress Street, Boston, Mass., says: "Cuticura did wonders for me. For twenty-five years I suffered agony from a terrible humor, completely covering my head, neck and shoulders, discharging matter of such offensiveness to sight and smell, that to my friends, and even to my wife, I became an object of dread. At large expense I consulted the most able doctors far and near. Their treatment was of no avail, nor was that of the—hospital, during six months' efforts. I suffered on and concluded there was no help for me this side of the grave. Then I heard of some one who had been cured by Cuticura, and thought that a trial could do no harm. In a surprisingly short time I was completely cured."



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# The Home Circle

## MISS ELSIE'S "DEAR."

"Here, dear," Miss Elsie said to her little chore boy, "take this package to Mrs. Carlton, and please say to her that I am very much obliged for its use," and as the little fellow started away energetically, she turned to her companion.

"I feel so sorry for that child," she said. "Surely if anybody ever deserved to be president of these broad United States, he does, if faithfulness, cheerfulness, and willingness to do things counts for anything! Poor boy!"

A blank silence followed her remarks, and Mrs. Berger sewed industriously at her embroidery. There was a look of disapproval upon her face, which Mrs. Elsie did not see, and so continued her remarks, as she swayed back and forth in her rocking chair.

"Just think what the boy does! To start with, he carries seven washings back and forth for his mother and two for a neighbor; takes breakfasts, dinners and suppers to the rolling mill for four men; comes here to work for us; carries bills for advertising agents, and runs errands for anybody who wants one done. All the proceeds go to his mother, who, while she takes good care of him, is not an affectionate mother; or, perhaps I had better say, not a demonstrative mother. She loves him, of course, but she never shows it. I often wonder if the child ever had a kiss from her."

"Well, I truly hope you will not be bestowing one on him!" said Mrs. Berger, contemptuously. It is ridiculous and disgusting to hear you say 'dear' to him, so don't be kissing him. The idea of saying 'dear' to a servant!" Mrs. Berger prided herself upon her Southern birth and her knowledge of how a 'servant' should be treated.

Miss Elsie looked astonished. "We do not regard Harry quite as a servant," she said gently. "Besides, if I did, I should not hesitate to bestow any love name upon a child who had no one else to do it. Love is a child's birthright, and I shall not see one go through life without ever hearing an endearing term," and she rocked a little more vigorously.

Miss Elsie loved children to start with, and was an ex-kindergarten, besides, so she felt sure of her ground. Little twelve-year-old Harry had appealed to her strongly. His legs, thin with so much running; his face, long and flat, instead of round and rosy—all made her feel responsible to be as tender to him as she could possibly be.

"I never saw such willingness nor such cheerfulness," she continued. "In all the time you have been here, have you ever seen him anything but bright and ready to work? It is wonderful, and he teaches us all a lesson."

"If I ever go to housekeeping again I should like to have a boy like him, but you just rest assured I'll make him keep his place. He will not come into the rooms nor sit on the veranda talking to me as he does to you," Mrs. Berger replied, snatching a strand of silk with unnecessary vigor.

"It can't hurt me," Miss Elsie said brightly, and it may make him more loving and kind to others all his life, and—O that is too bad, but never mind, dear little man," she called, as Harry, returning, struck his toe and upset the pitcher that had been entrusted to his care by Miss Elsie's neighbor. "We won't cry over spilt milk," she said playfully, coming to him and catching his frightened, appealing look, "but we will get a broom and clean it up." Her tender, gentle hand rested for a moment in comforting touch upon the boy's shoulder, soothing and reassuring him.

Six months later, Harry and Mrs. Berger stood together at Miss Elsie's side, but the hand that had rested so lovingly upon the boy's shoulder lay cold and white, and powerless to bestow a tender touch. The tears were raining down Mrs. Berger's face, while Harry sobbed convulsively.

"You cared for her too, didn't you, Harry?" Mrs. Berger said, pitying the child's grief.

"O yes," he mourned, "nobody else ever called me 'dear,' and it was so nice to hear it."

It was many years later, when the boy had grown to man's estate and children of his own played about his door, that Miss Elsie's lesson came, in its full meaning to her friend, Mrs. Berger had gone to housekeeping ten years after her talk about Harry, and he was one of her retinue. He was as faithful as a man as he had been as a boy and was the only person to whom she entrusted the care of her valuable horses. One evening he was sitting worn and tired and hungry, on the porch, of his little cottage by the stables. His own

Harry had been sent out to bring a pitcher of cool milk from the ice-house. Attracted by a bird, the child raised his head to look, and falling over a stone, sent the pitcher and its contents to the ground. To the hot, hungry man it looked like an act of overt carelessness, and he opened his mouth to give vent to a scolding, but what he said was:

"Never mind, dear! We won't cry over spilt milk, but will get a broom and clean it up." Miss Elsie's words of twenty years before, with the love and tenderness that had been in her tones.

As Mrs. Berger, standing by a rose-bush, caught the little fellow's grateful look, she exclaimed:

"O Elsie, Elsie! I see! I see! You have builded better than you knew!"

This story is founded upon fact. The work done by this child is every word true, and so are the conversations.—Exchange.

## FORGIVE AS WE FORGIVE.

Judge Knowlton's only son forged his father's name. When it was discovered by the father he agreed to keep the secret if his son would that very night leave the country and the wife and child he had dishonored. He left on the midnight train and at noon next day took a steamer for Europe. He wrote months afterwards a pathetic appeal for forgiveness, but the father tore it up and threw it into the fire. That very night his son's little Gladdys came to the judge, asking that she might say her prayers to him and "ask questions" the nurse would not answer. With a great love for the child, half-orphaned by her father's folly and sin, he consented. The child knelt at his knee.

"Our father who art in heaven—grandpa does that mean He is everybody's father?" "Yes, my dear, so it says." "He must have some very naughty children, grandpa; does He love them, too?" Little Gladdys did not see the spasm of pain which passed over the face that bent over her as Judge Knowlton answered, "I suppose he does." "Of course, fathers always love their children, even if they are naughty, 'cause they're father's," prattled the child. The prayer proceeded: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us—what are trespasses, Grandpa?" Nurse said, "Never mind what they are, hurry up and get to bed," but I want to know what are trespasses?" "Wrongdoings, sins," replied the man, as his hands took a stronger grip on the arm of his chair. Has anybody ever trespassed against us, grandpa?" was the next question. Gladdys wondered that her grandfather did not answer. A little hand on his arm aroused him and the question was repeated: "Has anybody ever trespassed against us, grandpa?" Yes, shamefully, cruelly," spoke the man, forgetting for the moment, everything but his own wrongs. Gladdys clasped her hands. "Oh, I'm so glad, then God knows how to forgive us. I was so afraid nobody had trespassed against us so's we could forgive them and show God how to forgive us. But He knows, doesn't He, grandpa? He'll forgive us just as we forgive them. Let me say it again." And kneeling once more at her grandfather's knee, she repeated with great earnestness: "Forgive our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us." The arrow shot by the childish hand went straight to its mark. Long after the little archer lay in her peaceful sleep it rankled in the heart of the man, and try as he might, could not ignore it. "Forgive us as we forgive," he murmured over and over again, as he paced the floor with clasped hands and bowed head. The struggle was long and fierce, but as the light of the morning crept in, the once hard, stern, unforgiving father looked up into his Father's face and said: "Forgive, as I forgive." The ocean cable never throbbled with a sweeter message than it bore that day to the repentant wanderer, who, as he read the welcome words, "Come home," arose with a great joy and set his face toward his father's house.—Ex.

## A FIRE ESCAPE.

A public school teacher in Baltimore tells of a district trustee in a town not far from the Monumental City who is much interested in the disciplinary methods to be used in case of fire in a school building. Whenever he, in company with the examining board, made the rounds of the various schools, he would invariably put many questions to the pupils as to what they would do in case of fire. In many instances the teachers forestalled him by coaching their pupils as to the proper replies to such questions. In one school particularly the



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One day, however, the trustee varied his usual programme and instead of propounding the customary questions, decided to address the children on other topics. "Now, boys and girls," he began, "what would you do if I were to make you a little speech?"

With embarrassing unanimity, the pupils eagerly shouted: "We would form a line and march downstairs.—Youth's Companion.

## A FORGET PARTY.

"Did my son post that letter I gave him yesterday?" asked Ned's mamma. Ned's hand dived into the inside pocket of his coat and brought out a crumpled letter.

"I'm so sorry, mamma," seeing the grieved look on his mamma's face. "I, too, am sorry," responded mamma, as that was a letter inviting Aunt Amy to stop off here on her way home.

"Oh! oh!" cried Ned. "And I do so love Aunt Amy!"

"If you catch this mail, the letter may yet be in time," said mamma.

Ned ran off as fast as he could to post the precious letter.

Another day it was a school book which he left out in the orchard. It rained all night and ruined his book. Ned tried to Remember, but always forgot.

One day Uncle Charlie heard Ned

say to his mamma, "Plague take my forgettery!" Uncle Charlie knew that Ned had been forgetting again, and he thought of a plan to cure Ned of this habit.

"Ned will be eight years old Saturday," said mamma that day at tea-time.

"Can I have a party with both boys and girls, and plum cake and candles?" cried Ned.

"Of course you can," said Uncle Charlie. "I'll buy the candles, eight and one to grow on."

"And I'll bake the plum cake," said mamma.

"I'll write the invitations," said Sister Nell.

"I'll make a heaping platter of fudge," laughed Aunt Amy, who, after all, had gotten the delayed letter in time.

"And I," said papa, "will send up some ice cream."

Ned danced for joy, and ran off to school with a hop, skip and jump. Saturday morning Ned's mamma sent him ever so far to Mr. Benton's, who raised vegetables and chickens to sell. Try as he would Ned could not get home until just dinner-time; but he told Mr. Benton all about his party, and Mr. Benton gave him a cute little bantam chicken for his birthday present.

"Do you think," said Ned at dinner, "my party will come right at two o'clock?"

"Well, well," said Uncle Charlie, "I forgot all about those candles."

"I've been so busy," said Aunt Amy, "that I forgot to make the fudge."

"And I," said papa, "forgot to order the ice cream. Its too bad."

"It doesn't matter at all," said Sister Nell. "I forgot to invite anyone to the party."

Ned's face grew longer and longer, and he looked at his mamma, who had not spoken yet. Surely she had not forgotten!

"Why," said Uncle Charlie, before

mamma could speak, "it'll be a forget party, won't it?"

That was too much. Ned burst into tears and ran up to his own little room. After what seemed a long time to Ned, and to Ned's mamma, too, she stole upstairs with a big piece of plum cake, for, try as she would, mamma could not forget her little boy's birthday.

After that, when Ned forgot, which he seldom did, some one would say, "I guess we'd better have another forget party."—Christian World.

## READ THIS.

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There are fifty of these questions—ten for each week for five weeks—and the boys and girls who make the required per cent for four of the five weeks shall receive special mention at the close of the series.

I have not time to write each of you a personal letter, but I will read your letters carefully, and will, each week, send the honor roll to the Advocate.

What you may do in this contest: You may, before you begin to write, take your Bible and study the lesson until you know it.

What you must not do: You must not ask the assistance of teacher, parents or anyone else, in answering the questions, or in finding the answers in the Bible. You must search them out for yourselves. You must not take any notes while studying, and must not refer to any book or paper, nor accept any assistance after you have commenced to write.

You must not forget to write on only one side of the paper, to give your address, and to copy and sign the following

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Your letters must reach me not later than ten days after the date of the paper containing the questions.

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**NEW TESTAMENT.**

**Second Paper.**

1. Give, in your own words, the story of Ananias and Sapphira as told in Acts, 5:1-11.
2. What kind of spirit did Stephen show when being stoned to death? Acts 7:54-60.
3. Give, in your own words, the story of the conversion of the jailer.—Acts, 16:25-34.
4. (a) What King said unto Paul: "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian?"—Acts 26:28.
- (b) What was Paul's answer?—Acts 25:29.
5. What do we generally call Matt 6:9-13?
6. In what verse of the sixth chapter of Matthew do we find these words: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you?"
7. In Matthew 19:1-35, how many people are reported healed by Christ?
8. What sin will never be forgiven?—Matt. 12:31.
9. Who are the wheat, and who the tares in Matt. 13:24-30?
10. How many people did Christ feed with five loaves and two fishes? Matt. 14:21.

**My Dear Boys and Girls:**

I wish I could have you with me for awhile and talk with you, face to face. My time is limited; there are so many things I want to say, and I cannot write as fast as I can talk.

In the first place, I wish to thank those of you who have invited me to visit you in your homes, and, although I have been quite a homebody for several years, who knows but I may some day have the pleasure of accepting some, at least, of these kind invitations? I should be glad, indeed, to meet each and every one of you. I am beginning to send out the promised letters and stamp pictures, but please do not get impatient, I will distribute them as rapidly as I can. Several of the new contestants do not seem to understand the conditions upon which I send the letter and picture, so I shall have to explain again that they are sent in return for ten bright sayings of children—if you will enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. You may get these sayings from any of your friends, and the sayings need not be of recent date. They may have been said by people now grown, but if they are original and bright or funny and have never been published, I want them. I shall be glad to receive any additional sayings from those of you who have already sent in the required number.

Yes, Eugene N., your name should have been on the honor roll for the first paper on the Old Testament, and I am glad you inquired concerning it. I looked into my roll book for that week, and, not finding your name, I supposed I had not received your letter; but decided to look over the letters on file for that week, and sure enough there was yours, and it had never been graded. I am glad to make the correction.

We welcome several new contestants again this week. Certainly, Moselle, while you are having such trouble with your eyes, you may just find the references and get your mother to read them for you. Johnnie M. G., of all your pets I should prefer the horse. If your birthday were only one day later—July 4th, instead of July 3rd.—the whole Nation would celebrate it, but, then, we cannot choose our birthday.

Yes, Jane, ours is a happy band, and we want to make others happy, so we are glad to have you and the other new contestants with us. Olive and Price and others, I fear you place me on too high a pedestal, and credit me with too many virtues. However, the pleasant things that my boys and girls write, are an inspiration to me to try to be what they seem to think me.

Boyd, I am glad the Advocate will follow you in your travels, and I hope your father's health will soon be entirely restored.

Blanche, I have never heard the

blind preacher of whom you spoke. I am glad that you and Laurette are so determined to have an education. Your letters have the right ring, and, as you both suggested "Where there is a will there is a way."

Laurette, you might write to those of our girls, whose acquaintance you wish to form. They will doubtless be pleased to hear from you. I am sure "Wildemere" will be a lovely home when all those trees are sufficiently grown.

Ruth, your Sunday-school record is indeed an extraordinary one. Listen! boys and girls, Ruth has missed Sunday-school only two Sundays in ten years. She says, "A few times it was too very cold for any one to go, so they had no Sunday-school on those days."

Mary, your mamma's card reached me in time to give you credit for the two tens you won on repeating the two Psalms. I was glad she sent the card after she forgot to sign your grade, for you see this enabled me to place a star by your name.

**Roll of Honor for the Fourth Paper on the Old Testament.**

- Irma Thomson, Leona, Texas.
- Junata Thomson, Leona, Texas.
- Sam Hatfield, Arlington, Texas.
- Jane Bukely, Terrell, Texas.
- Della Young, Lovelace, Texas.
- J. Elton Gantt\*, Terrell, Texas.
- Margaret Smith, Miles, Texas.
- Reuben Morris, Linden, Texas.
- Maggie Williams, Itasca, Texas.
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- Camella Rogers, Leona, Texas.
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- Laurette Turner\*, Dickenson, Texas.
- Maude Carr, Alto, Texas.
- Annie Hamill\*, Godley, Texas.
- Olive Reese, Joaquin, Texas.
- Lennie Kimble\*, Gorman, Texas.

\* 100 per cent.  
The name of Eugene Naugle, Prosper, Texas, should have been on the roll of honor for the first paper in the Old Testament series. I overlooked his letter.  
**MRS. McCOLLUM.**

**TEXAS CONFERENCE MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.**

To the Preachers and Members of the Church:

I know you will pardon me if, as President of your Board of Missions, I give for your information a statement by districts of collections for Foreign and Domestic Missions, as per Bro. L. L. Jester's reports to September 1st, and then exhort a little.

Payments are as follows:

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Pittsburg District..... | \$1,484 00 |
| Marshall.....           | 1,296 10   |
| Tyler.....              | 903 10     |
| Huntsville.....         | 772 75     |
| Beaumont.....           | 705 60     |
| Palestine.....          | 703 35     |
| San Augustine.....      | 524 00     |
| Houston.....            | 410 00     |
| Brenham.....            | 367 60     |

Total.....\$7,814 95

Our collections for same period last year were \$9,168.27, which shows us \$1,353.32 short of same date, last year. These figures were taken from the long published list of last year and this, and are at least approximately correct. There are in our conference 58 missions. They are distributed through the districts as follows, with appropriations:

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Houston 6, appropriated.....       | \$ 850 00 |
| Beaumont 9, appropriated.....      | 1,750 00  |
| Brenham 8, appropriated.....       | 700 00    |
| Palestine 6, appropriated.....     | 985 00    |
| San Augustine 3, appropriated..... | 350 00    |
| Tyler 4, appropriated.....         | 400 00    |
| Calvert 5, appropriated.....       | 750 00    |
| Marshall 2, appropriated.....      | 450 00    |
| Huntsville 9, appropriated.....    | 1,100 00  |
| Pittsburg 6, appropriated.....     | 750 00    |

Total.....\$8,085 00

This makes \$8,085 appropriated, which is only \$174.45 less than the collections of last year. It will be seen from this that our collections for Domestic Missions cannot fall short of last year, and leave us able to pay above appropriations, and to fail to pay them will greatly embarrass the good men serving as missionaries. Then, again, to fall short on collections this year will cripple your Board in its plans for next year. This is not all nor the greatest evil that will come from short collections. Our General Board charged with our foreign work is looking to us for \$10,000 to help them in prosecuting their work. Therefore the importance of putting forth our best efforts for full collections must be apparent to all. I do not assume, my brethren, to feel an iota more interest in these collections than any one of you feel. But you have charged me with looking after them and keeping you informed about them, and that and nothing more is the reason for this statement and appeal. I trust and pray that every preacher of us and every member of the Church will do our full duty.  
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Northwest Texas, Hillsboro, . . . . . Nov. 15  
(Bishop Hoss.)  
North Texas, Sulphur Springs, . . . . . Nov. 22  
(Bishop Hoss.)  
Texas, Pittsburg, . . . . . Nov. 28  
(Bishop Key.)

#### ROBERT A. JOHN.

We notice in the daily papers that Robert A. John, of Beaumont, formerly of Georgetown, has announced his candidacy for a position on the Court of Criminal Appeals to succeed Judge John Henderson, whose time will expire next year. Mr. John is the son of the late Dr. I. G. John, for a great many years a leading minister in our Church in Texas, and for a number of years editor of the Texas Christian Advocate. No man's memory has a deeper hold on the affections of Methodists than Dr. John's. Our acquaintance with his son is limited, never having met him but very few times, but he comes of a noble sire, and he is said to be a brilliant lawyer and a man of unflinching integrity.

#### THE OPENING OF THE MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The Medical Branch of Southwestern University will open its fall session in the new building next Monday morning; but the formal dedication will be postponed to a later date, yet to be announced. At that time the student body and the faculty from Georgetown will be present and take part in the exercises. Dallas generally is taking a great deal of interest in the Medical Department as the people now see the stately and imposing structure looming up out on Hall Street. It is already the pride of the Dallas public. The prospect for the opening next Monday is flattering. Matriculations are taking place every day, and there will be a good number of students present at the beginning. If our preachers will direct the attention of young men who are choosing the medical profession to our Medical College, it will swell the number of students materially. There can be no doubt but that we can furnish them as good advantages right in our own school as they can find anywhere else. Our faculty is one of the best in the State or out of it, for that matter. And if they find a man is inclined to put money where it will do great good, write to Bro. John R. Nelson and give him the name. We are justly proud of our Medical School. It is a worthy part of Southwestern University.

#### A VISIT TO JONES COUNTY.

For sometime we have been under promise to Rev. C. D. West, of Avoca Circuit, to make him a visit and dedicate two churches. So last Friday morning we boarded the Texas and Pacific train and went to Cisco. There we chanced to meet Rev. John Henson, our pastor at that point, and Bro. Bailey, the presiding elder of the district. They were at the train. They are both looking well and in fine spirits. Bro. Henson is really becoming corpulent, though some of the brethren will doubt this statement. But it is a fact. Bro. Bailey looks strong and vigorous for a man of his years and long service. After chatting them awhile we took the Texas Central for the rest of the trip. This road runs from Waco to Stamford. We presented our clergyman's card to the ticket agent, but he shook his head and said: "It's no good over this road." Then we presented him two round silver dollars and they passed us to his favor. It is a little singular that all the roads in Texas honor this card but this one. It turns them down. But when it reaches the dignity of a first-class line, it will come in with the rest. However, it has a little plan of its own, and that is it issues special permits to ministers living on its line. All others are alien. Well, the preachers who live on its immediate line are thankful for this much, but all others are put down with the rest of the Gentiles. Well, we are thankful to say that we only had to travel sixty-five miles over the Central, and when we returned we went over by private conveyance to the T. and P., which is a first-class road in all particulars, and it honors the clergyman's card. It took nearly four hours to run sixty-five miles; so it was night when we reached Avoca. Bro. West was on hand to take us to his brand-new little parsonage. It was an inviting retreat to a tired wayfarer, clean, cozy, bright and attractive. We have never spent a more delightful night than in this good home nestled among the mesquites. His family consists of himself, wife and three interesting children. It was a genuine treat to abide with them and share their generous hospitality. Avoca is a small town and a new one. It has built up within the past two or three years. It owes its existence and growth to the railroad. It has a population of five or six hundred; and it is made up of a good class of citizens. There is but one church building as yet, and it is a Cumberland Presbyterian. Our church is two miles from the town, and has been there a good many years. It is called Spring Creek Church. It has a good membership, made up of most liberal and thrifty people. But by and by a church building will be a necessity in the town; really it is a necessity now. And they have one in contemplation.

That section is developing rapidly, and the people are moving in and locating homes. Heretofore it has been a grazing section almost exclusively, but it is becoming a farming country, and great fields are flourishing in cotton and corn. It is too valuable to use for stock purposes altogether. Under cultivation it is made to yield a much larger return.

On Saturday morning we were seated with Bro. West in his buggy, behind two Spanish ponies, on the road to Fairview appointment, some sixteen miles distant. We have never seen a better road. Nine miles of it were as straight as a plumb line, over a country as level as a floor. The whole country is now laid off in sections of six hundred and forty acres, and under wire fence. Large bodies of it have been cleared of the mesquite growth and put in cultivation. We saw vast fields of one hundred acres in cotton, and it looked more flourishing than the cotton on our black land. The early crop suffered from too much rain, and is not so good, but the last planting is full of the fleecy material and rich in bolls. Much of it will yield a half bale or more. The soil is of a reddish sandy hue and is very productive. Corn

grows well. Vast stretches of the country are still devoted to stock-raising, and we saw some very fine herds of white faces roaming over the ranches. These plains used to be bare of trees, and only covered with grass. Many of the old men tell us that when they went out there twenty-five years ago there were no trees to be seen. But since the land has been entered and put under fence the great prairie fires are things of the past, and the mesquite has come up all over it. Much of this is kept thinned out, and that which remains does not interfere with grass, and it affords shade in the summer and some protection in the winter to the stock. I have never seen a more beautiful country than this vast section, dotted with fields and mesquite ranches.

At 11 o'clock we drove into Fairview. It is a country village with a store, postoffice, school-house and two churches. A few people live within the vicinity. Imagine our surprise to see the face of the earth covered with horses, wagons, buggies, surries and people. And this on a week day, too. It was proof positive that the old-time religion is still in vogue out there. We have not witnessed such a sight in forty years. And a better dressed, a more intelligent and appreciative people we have never met. They had quit their work and laid aside their week-day toil to come out to the house of God to worship. And their wagons were not only loaded with people, but with good things to eat, for they had come to spend the day in the old-style. The church building is a little beauty. It has stone foundation and the structure and finish is wood. It will seat more than three hundred people, and its interior is as neat and tasteful as a new pin. It is painted a clear white color, and it can be seen for miles—a thing of beauty and a joy forever. We have never seen better attention to preaching, and it was a genuine pleasure to preach the word of life to them. Rev. Zoro B. Pirtle, of Anson, came out and took part in the service; also Rev. I. L. Mills. The latter almost helped to make that country. He used to fight Indians all about there as a Ranger, and since then he has been fighting the devil with all his might. The Northwest Texas Conference has not got a more valiant old soldier of the Cross than he. At the close of the service the house was solemnly set apart for the worship of Almighty God. It was a glad, happy occasion to the pastor and people. It cost about \$2000, and was dedicated without a collection. The Building Committee, aided by the people, did the work in a business-like way. After the service an ample dinner was served, and no one left the grounds. We have a large membership and some of them have seen the country develop from the time of the Indian raids to its present prosperous condition. Bro. Sowers, who is the oldest member, told us that twenty to twenty-five years ago fifteen people at church service, in a private home or at a small schoolhouse, made a fine congregation. And the most of them had their guns with them. But now the country is well settled up and the most of the people are in the different churches. They make up a splendid citizenship, and no disturbance mars the good relation of the whole community. We were more than delighted to meet an old friend of other days, "Uncle Jimmie Johnson." He was a member of the Quarterly Conference in which I was licensed to preach—at the old Bethel campground in Maury County, Ga.—thirty-four years ago. He moved with his family to this country twenty years back. His good wife died a year ago, and he is now living with his children, who are prosperous men and women with families. After dinner and a rest spell we had another profitable service, and thus closed a memorable day's work at Fairview Church.

In the evening we drove into Anson, a distance of twelve miles, and spent the night. We had the pleasure of taking supper in the parsonage home

of Bro. Pirtle and his family. It was pleasant to meet them again, as they formerly belonged to the North Texas Conference. He is filling out his third year, and has done a fine work. He has a good field. Anson surprised me. It is the seat of Jones County, has a population of nearly two thousand, has a splendid courthouse, and as good a brick school building as you will see anywhere. The most of the business houses are substantial brick buildings. It does a prosperous business. Last season they bought and sold ten thousand bales of cotton, but their business is not limited to cotton. Our church house is an old structure, but comfortable and commodious. The membership is large and well to do. They are now contemplating a new parsonage, and then they will soon take up the church building project. They are able to do something meritorious when they do go to work at it. The people have a great deal of hope that a railway will traverse that section soon, and then Anson and all of Jones County will take on great enterprise. This is all that is needed to make that a wonderfully progressive section. The location of the town is first-class, and it has the people and the money to make it a growing community when the advantage of a railroad is added to their facilities for development. While there we were entertained in the good home of Dr. and Mrs. Shappard. He is one of the leading physicians of the place, and has prospered.

Sunday morning we drove seven miles to the village of Funston, formerly known as Bethel. There we met another large country congregation, very much after the order of the one at Fairview. We found another church to dedicate; also like the other one described, except it is six feet longer and six feet wider. Otherwise it is of the same style of building and finish. Everything about it indicated good taste and good judgment. It was crowded with people who had come for miles and miles to attend the service. They came prepared to spend the day. We had a great occasion, and the people were attentive to the preaching. After the sermon the house was presented free of debt and it was set apart to God's worship. It was a new and intensely interesting service to the people. Rev. J. A. Hyder was present and enjoyed the service. He used to preach there long before there was a Church organization in the community. He really organized the class at that point. He is now an old man, living quietly near Anson with his good wife under their own vine and fig tree. He is happy and sweet-spirited and still greatly interested in the work of the Church. After the service an abundant dinner was spread and all the people were served. It was an orderly and well behaved company. In the afternoon another service had been provided for, but one of the oldest members of the Church died Saturday night and his funeral service occupied the hour. There was a great throng of people present, and the Masonic Lodge took part in the exercises.

All this part of the country is fertile and prosperous. It is thickly populated, and the people make up a fine community. If President Roosevelt could visit Funston and Fairview he would have no occasion to lecture the wives on the duties of motherhood, as he did a crowd of New York mothers awhile back. I have never seen quite so many babies and small children in two congregations as at these places. It looked to me as though every matronly woman had a babe in her arms and several little fellows scampering about her feet. Half the congregation was made up of babies. They were bounding fellows, too, and nearly all of them had strong, vigorous voices and they made good use of them. Well, it indicated a good, healthy condition of things in the morals of those households. Children are the hope of the world and the Church, and there is no place better suited to the children than the church-house—if they do

ery once in awhile. If we take care of the children, the country and the Church will be safe.

Toward night we bade good-bye to Bro. West. He is a noble and consecrated man, full of faith and the Holy Ghost. My two days and nights with him were enjoyed. He is a good man and is doing a great work in that part of the country. Patient, devoted, earnest and faithful, the great world does not hear much about him. But God sees his labor and marks his fidelity, and there is rich reward awaiting him. We have no better man in our Methodism than Bro. West. And he is a good preacher. He reads and studies and he knows the doctrines. He is capable of filling any appointment, and that is why he succeeds so well wherever the Church sends him.

I can not afford to close this notice of Bro. West's work without mentioning the name of Rev. T. N. Lowery, a faithful local preacher now living at Merkel. He travels all over the country as a supply. He was on the Avoca charge last year and projected the enterprise which Bro. West completed. He built the parsonage and stimulated the people to undertake the two churches I dedicated. He is a useful man.

At night we went back to Anson and preached for Bro. Pirtle's people. We had a very large congregation and a spiritual service. There and throughout the county many copies of the Advocate are taken, and the people received me as though they had always known me. They love the Advocate, and greeted me for my work's sake. A delightful night of rest at the home of Bro. George Baker and family, and by 6 o'clock Bro. Pirtle and myself were on the road for Merkel, a distance of twenty-three miles. For four hours we drove through as fine country as can be found in Texas. Ranches and cultivated fields were broad and flourishing. Good houses were along the way, and prosperity abounds. We reached Merkel at 10:30, in time to get the homeward bound train. But we got time to shake hands with a number of the Merkel Methodists. Among them Bro. Field, the pastor, and Sister Trimble, widow of Rev. J. H. Trimble. He was a saintly man, and I never want to pass by the dwelling of a widow of one of our departed brethren without dropping in and taking her by the hand and bidding her a God-speed. Bro. Field and his people have a splendid church building under way, a cut of which will be found either in this or the next issue of the Advocate. Merkel is a growing town, and is fast becoming a leading western community. While there Bro. W. H. McCord, depot agent, showed me an appreciated kindness.

Well, this letter is rather long, but there is no law compelling anybody to read it if he finds it tiresome. Some of our readers will find it interesting. I felt free to write at length, because this is the first time that any one of the Advocate editors ever visited that section. G. C. R.

#### BISHOP JOSEPH S. KEY.

We saw much of Bishop Key at the New Mexico Conference. He is in fine health and one of the best preserved men physically and mentally in the connection. He took hold of the proceedings of the conference with a firm, though brotherly, hand, and conducted them with expedition and skill. There was no hitch from start to finish. His address to the one member for admission into full connection was deeply practical and spiritual. We did not hear him preach on Sunday, as we were far off at another appointment. We have no wiser and safer man than Bishop Key. He is possessed of a very fine spirit, and he is one of the most approachable men whom we have ever known. He has no air of authority, but manifests the disposition of an old-time, religious Methodist preacher; yet he is one of the finest executives in the Church. He understands parliamentary rules, and he is as natural in the chair presiding over a conference as he is at

home dispensing his unlimited hospitality. He is one of the noblest types of the Southern gentleman in all his bearings. There is no gulf between him and the humblest of his brethren. He is very mindful of the old preachers, and his heart is very tender toward them. The more we see of Bishop Key and the more we associate with him the more closely we are drawn toward him as an eminently religious man, and the more do we learn to love and reverence him as a warm friend, a wise counselor, and a devout follower of the master. Though advancing in years, he has the spirit of a young man, the heart of a father; and there is not one element of asceticism in his nature. Such a man is a benediction to any circle.

**BISHOP E. E. HOSS.**

In a private note Bishop Hoss requests us to say that he will be with Rev. E. D. Mouzon and his people at Travis Park Church, San Antonio, October 22, and we are sure that this will be good news for our brethren over that way. Also that he will be with Rev. J. T. Griswold the following week, dedicating churches in the Colorado District. That the presiding elder and brethren of that Jumbo District will put the Bishop through goes without saying. We are glad that he is going out in that section. It is one of our most inviting fields, and Bishops rarely ever find the time to travel out there. Bishop Hoss will thus render the Church very valuable service by his visit to that portion of the West.

**A MISTAKE EXPLAINED.**

In a recent issue there crept into the Advocate a communication unjustly criticising the pastor and congregation of Travis Park Church, San Antonio. The criticism got in through mistake, and we regret it. We have no truer preacher and pastor than Rev. E. D. Mouzon, and no braver and better people than those in Travis Park Church. It is a rule of this office not to permit anybody to write anything reflecting on others but in this instance the communication in question slipped past our scrutiny and found its way into the paper. True, no names were called, and in this was found itsadroitness; but under the rule it ought to have been excluded. It is very rare that a thing of this sort occurs in the Advocate, and this is one of the rare exceptions. Hence this explanation.

**IN RIO AND ROUNDABOUT.**

By Bishop E. E. Hoss.

I had hoped to send you several letters for the Advocate long before this time, but I have been so incessantly occupied with the necessary duties of my office and with seeing and hearing the strange sights and sounds around me, that I have really had very little leisure time. More than that, my mind has been in such a whirl that I could not write in any good purpose. Even now I scarcely know how to begin. Perhaps the best policy will be simply to sail in and say first what comes first to my thought, without care for order or arrangement. If in doing so I should repeat myself or double on my track, I must crave the kindly pardon of your readers.

My first few days in Rio were spent in the hospitable home of Rev. H. C. Tucker, where the atmosphere was so pleasant as almost to take away from me the sense of being in a foreign land. Nothing could exceed the kindness of himself and his good wife. The latter, as is well known in the Church, is the daughter of Bishop Granbery. She seems to keep an open house, not only for the missionaries who come this way, but also for all the American and English visitors hereabouts. This fact has given me the most delightful and instructive companionship, and has made it possible for me to learn in a short time a great many things which otherwise I should have needed months to find out—though the things about Brazil of which I am yet wholly ignorant would make a very big book.

The city of Rio affords a thousand attractions to a stranger, unless, as may be the case, he is utterly stupid and dull. Seen from the deck in the bay, it appears to be built on a series of hills that are scattered about in a confused sort of way. As a matter of fact, and as becomes quickly evident on landing, the most of it is on

perfectly level ground. The more than twenty hills within the corporate limits, many of them lofty and covered from base to summit with a tropical vegetation, simply serve to break up the city into separate districts or communities. I am writing now by an open window that looks out on one of these elevations, the Nova Cintra, which is at least half a mile long, as much as 1,000 or 1,200 feet high, and densely wooded. As I lift up my eyes to it, I see a towering palm on the very crest, rising far above all the other trees in the vicinity, and seeming to assert its lordship over them. That picture I shall carry away with me as a permanent possession. Immediately behind the house is another hill of like character and dimensions. The effect of these forest clad slopes is wonderful. They make a visitor feel as if he were in town and country at the same time—a very pleasant feeling it is.

The old or lower city is literally packed with people. One who passes through it a few times can believe without effort that 1,000,000 men and women live in the vicinity. Even the best streets in that quarter are only about twenty feet wide. The Rua Ouvidor, on which nearly all the fashionable stores and shops are situated, is scarcely wider. No wheeled vehicle is allowed to run on it from nine in the morning till ten at night, and properly so; for it is thronged with folk afoot during those hours. I have been in many lands and seen many spectacles, but never one that interested me more keenly than that of the crowds that literally surge through this narrow lane. Everybody is there and his cousin; the barefoot and half-naked beggar soliciting alms; the newsboy crying his papers, the merchant going to his place of business, the bewildered foreigner, at first trying to keep his place on the narrow sidewalk, and then taking, like the rest, to the middle of the street, and the richly dressed Brazilian lady, with her daughters, on a shopping tour. That quaint old Virginia Methodist, Mr. John W. Preece, father of our Dr. R. N. Price, used to say: "There is nothing else in the world so interesting as folks." This dictum is unmistakably true, and perhaps runs deeper than the author of it imagined. Folks, moreover, who speak another tongue than your own and follow customs of which you are ignorant, have a fascination that is irresistible.

I ought to say that the whole of this lower city is now undergoing what may properly be called a reconstruction. Right through the heart of it seven broad, new streets are being cut, four running one way and three another. The chief of them, Avenida Central, runs from water to water—a full mile. In addition to these streets, a splendid boulevard is in course of construction along the waterfront. It will be one hundred and twenty-five feet wide and nearly eight miles long, and will be adorned with rows of trees and shrubs and flowers from end to end, with two driveways for carriages and one for heavy vehicles. The upper portion of it, the Botofogo, is almost finished, and gives a good intimation of what the whole will be. It encircles an immense basin of salt water, which is connected by a narrow channel with the rest of the bay and furnishes the finest imaginable place for regattas. In America it would be covered with boats to let, but I have yet to see a single one on its surface. Magnificent port works that will be an invitation to all passing steamers are likewise building under the supervision of English contractors. These vast improvements are to cost in the aggregate about \$60,000,000. When finished they will make Rio what its glorious surroundings predestined it to be—one of the most attractive capitals in the world. The newer quarters are already very charming, containing as they do, in the midst of large and well-kept yards, many handsome residences, all covered with red tiles and painted in almost all the colors of the rainbow.

The chief show places are Corcovado, 2,300 feet high, reached by a cog railroad, and from the summit of which there is a vision of sea and land of surpassing loveliness; the Floresta at Tijuca, where a systematic and successful effort at tree cultivation is conducted on a large scale, full of enchanting sylvan scenes; the Jardim Botânico, under the care of accomplished naturalists, and containing in orderly arrangement perhaps the finest collection of tropical plants in the world; the ample grounds about the National Museum, once the Emperor's palace, now presenting a rather ragged appearance, but capable of indefinite adornment; the Campo da Acclamação, where, in 1882, Dom Pedro I. was proclaimed Emperor of independent Brazil, and in the center of which there is a fine equestrian statue of that monarch; the Largo Machado at the entrance of the Laranjeiras Valley, renamed in honor of the Duke de

Poixas, the commander of the Brazilian volunteers in the Paraguayan war, and containing a fine monument to commemorate his achievements; and the Passeio Publico, said to be by far the prettiest public garden in the city, situated on the shore of the bay and facing the harbor entrance.

There is a National Library of imposing appearance, and a Portuguese library still more costly and of better architectural design; an Art Gallery not by any means so good as might be expected; many hospitals, one of which, the Misericordia, is an immense structure, built solidly and in excellent taste. Churches, of course, are numerous; but the only one of special architectural merit is the Candellaria, of which the interior decorations are rich almost to gaudiness. The hall of Congress is a plain-looking structure, and is almost as untidy as a Western courthouse. My visit to it was most disappointing. No city has a better water supply. It is obtained from two principal sources—the old Carioca aqueduct, built under the supervision of the Jesuits in colonial times, which gathers the rainfall from Corcorado and Tijuca, and the new Rio do Ouro water-works, which collect some larger streams in the Serra do Tingua, about thirty miles from the city.

But I take it that the Advocate is less interested in these things than in the religious work which our Church is trying to do here. It grieves me to say that this work is less successful than we had a right to expect, and less so than it at one time promised to be. Speculation as to the reasons for our comparatively slow growth would not be profitable. I run the risk, however, of setting it down chiefly to the lack of a definite and persistent continuity of policy. In true Methodist fashion, we have simply stumbled and blundered along from year to year. Mayhap these words are too strong, yet I can think of no others that sufficiently describe the facts. At present we have only one house of worship. It is built of granite at a cost of at least \$50,000, and is situated in the Cattete, one of the best residence quarters of the city. The Brazilian congregation there is growing, not rapidly, but surely. It is now almost self-supporting, and the hope and prospect are that it will become entirely so in a few years. As time goes on, it ought to become a great moral and spiritual force and the center of an active propagandism. At the same place there is a small but earnest English-speaking congregation that contributes liberally to religious purposes and is usually served by some young missionary during his novitiate on the field, an arrangement which has many advantages, though it is by no means ideal. For the greater part of last year it enjoyed the ministry of Brother Smith, a fine young South Carolinian who goes now to San Roque, in the Sao Paulo District. At this date there are said to be only about two hundred and fifty Americans in Rio, but more are coming. The English residents number perhaps 2,000. To meet the religious wants of all these, there is one small Anglican chapel. Many of them were Nonconformists at home, and a few attend our worship. More would do so if we could prosecute an active effort to get them.

At two other points, twelve or fourteen miles apart, we have organized Brazilian congregations: one in the neighborhood of the Jardim Botânico, and one at Villa Isabel. Both of these congregations are made up almost exclusively of humble people who earn their daily bread by their daily labor. It is greatly to their credit that they give for the support of the gospel up to the full limit of their ability. In fact, nearly all the Brazilian Methodists seem to me to be more liberal in proportion to their means than those in the States. The contributions in the conference at large during the year just closed were over \$30,000, or an average of over six dollars per member. The work at these two points is greatly embarrassed by the lack of Churches and the consequent necessity of using rented halls, which cost a great deal of money and are altogether inadequate for the purpose.

At the Jardim Rev. George D. Parker will be the pastor for the next year, in addition to preaching to the English congregation and managing the Publishing House. His compensation for all this work, which will tax his time and energy to the utmost, reaches the munificent sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars. More than this the regulations of the Board of Missions do not allow him to receive. Whatever else comes in from any source is scrupulously turned into the general treasury to assist in the support of the native preachers. When it is remembered that his board and street car fare cost him at least six hundred dollars—he is fortunate to get off with that sum—it will be seen that he is not likely to lay up a large fortune. Owing to fluctuations in the value of the currency and the conse-

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quent rate of exchange, living here is very costly—fully twice as much so as in North America; and all the missionaries find it difficult to make tongue and buckle meet—the more so as they are wholly cut off from those incidental helps which often so largely supplement the incomes of pastors elsewhere, and are besides expected to contribute to all the enterprises on the field.

Bro. Parker's people are a plucky little company. By the most praiseworthy effort they have managed to pay for a desirable lot. They also have in hand about five hundred dollars as the beginning of a building fund. If you could only look in on them, you would know how much of self-denial these statements mean. The little hall which they occupy costs them over two hundred dollars per year. If they only had \$1,000 or \$1,500 more, they could put up a chapel that would serve their uses for several years. Will not some good Methodist whom the Lord has prospered in worldly matters give me this sum to help a struggling company of believers who are as fully entitled to be called a Church as any of those that were founded by St. Paul or the other apostles? May I not ask Profs. Carter and Carre, of Vanderbilt University, who are Brother Parker's old friends and companions in the faith, to take up this matter at the next session of the Louisiana Conference? The same state of affairs that I have described at the Jardim exists at Villa Isabel, where Brother Cardozo, one of the Brazilian preachers and joint editor of the Expositor, is pastor. The germs and beginnings of a strong organization are already in existence, and have maintained a most surprising vitality in the face of many difficulties and discouragements. If I could command the money, I should at once set them on their feet. They are not paupers nor beggars; they are really asking for nothing; they are trying to help themselves. For this reason my heart is moved in their behalf. The sum needed is not large; God grant that it may be forthcoming! I have visited and preached at all these places, and I write from personal knowledge of the conditions and needs. It is not, therefore, a random appeal that I make, but a direct and an urgent one.

The Woman's Board have had a fine school here for a long time. Years ago they purchased what seemed to be an altogether suitable piece of property for their work. For two or three years following, however, the city was scourged with terrible epidemics of yellow fever that invaded and broke up the school. This so disheartened the good women that they exchanged their property for another at Petropolis, twenty-five miles distant in the mountains, of which I shall speak by and by, and for a time abandoned this city. But they could not wisely remain permanently out of a place so inviting, especially since it is hoped that the great improvements now going on, and which are to be finished in seven years, will greatly alter the health conditions. The present directress of the school is Miss Davis, of North Carolina, who is ably assisted by Miss Glenn, of Georgia, the Secretary of the Woman's Board of Brazil. These fine women, full of faith and zeal and courage, have achieved a remarkable success. They have just removed to a rented house on the Botofogo, and are much better situated than ever before. Fortunately they have been able to secure competent assistants on the ground for all departments of school. One most of their pupils—now numbering over one hundred—come from the best families of the city. I had the pleasure of visiting them a few days ago, and was gratified beyond measure by all that I saw and heard. A more beautiful lot of children, quicker in intelligence or more decorous in deportment, one could not find in any country. When the Woman's Board becomes able, it ought by all means to secure a permanent plant in Rio.

There is no place in Brazil where the opportunities for helping to spread the kingdom is greater. Misses Glenn and Davis are about to go home on a vacation. Their places will be taken by two worthy ladies, Misses Stewart and Parker. I desire in this connection to bear a joyful testimony to the diligence, the devotion, and the usefulness of the good women who have been sent to this country as teachers and missionaries. They are worthy of all praise. I shall speak of the rest of them in subsequent letters.

My first service after getting ashore was to preach twice the same morning—first to the Brazilians, and then to the English and Americans. In an experience of nearly forty years, this was the first time that I had ever been called on for two sermons without intermission, and it proved to be something of a task. The first sermon—to the Brazilians—was interpreted by Dr. Tarboux, who did his work with surprising ease and smoothness. I could not resist the feeling as we moved along that he was improving everything I said. Certainly he had no difficulty in catching my sentences and turning them into good Portuguese. But all the same I suffered a certain sense of constraint. To break off a thought in the middle, wait for the fragment to be interpreted, and then utter the remainder of it, is to put it mildly, somewhat awkward. Under such conditions soaring is out of the question, and undue feeling must be vigorously suppressed. Now my soaring days are over, and I do not mind being held down to the solid earth; but it is hard for me to preach without emotion. I scarcely think that I have preached at all when I have simply made a clear statement of the truth. The patience with which my audience listened to me—and which I have witnessed at many times and places since—was admirable. I devoutly wish that some of the frisky audiences before which I stand at home could take lessons in good manners from our brethren under the Southern Cross.

This seems to be a good stopping place, so for this time I will come to an end.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**DEDICATION.**

Our church here will be dedicated on the second Sunday in October by Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, our presiding elder. We are preparing for a great service. All former pastors and presiding elders are invited to be present.

P. M. RILEY, P. C.

Mansfield, Texas.

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Will not all the friends who want to help, and who have been waiting until fall, do something now? The house, a neat four-room cottage, is built. Bro. Littlepage himself doing much of the work. The labor is paid for, and we need money to finish paying for some material. And let me say there is happiness and peace in that little cottage. These two good old people rejoice over every response that comes in. They feel they have not lived in vain. Send contributions either to myself, Bro. Littlepage or Geo. W. Owens & Bro., Waco, Texas.

I. Z. T. MORRIS.  
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**THE ASSEMBLY IMPROVEMENT FUND.**

Two thousand dollars which were subscribed at Epworth for the improvement of the Assembly grounds were intended only as the beginning of a fund for that purpose. It is expected that every one of the 700 Chapters in this State will contribute something to this fund, and the Secretary is now endeavoring to reach these Chapters in the interest of this collection. It is the consensus of opinion among those who have visited the Assembly grounds this year that the location is a superior one and that a great opportunity for the advancement of Methodism is before us. It only remains for our people to provide the means for the proper improvement of these grounds, so ideal in the natural surroundings, for Texas Methodism to have an outing place rivaling in excellence of beauty and climate the most favored resorts of the United States. It has already become apparent that the present area is inadequate, and additional land must be purchased at once. Concession buildings of a permanent nature must be built. A bathing pavilion must be erected. Walks are to be laid out, shrubbery is to be planted, lawns and parks are to be plotted and sodded, large, beautiful palms are to be provided for shade, and many other improvements are absolutely necessary before the next Encampment session. Instead of \$2000 to expend, let us have \$5000. This sum may be raised and scarcely felt by our vigorous membership. Let all Chapters, far and near, take up this matter of their own volition and advise the Secretary of the amounts they will pledge.

**NOTES.**

Our hustling Secretary has won the sobriquet of "Ready" Ragsdale in his dealings with railroad managers.

The League Department of the St. Louis Christian Advocate is now adorned with a Maltese cross of special design, which is quite an improvement over the former head. We note that the address of the editress, Miss Daisie Williams, is changed to Morrisville, Mo.

Mr. Sim Beam, President of the Missouri State League, has taken unto himself a bride, Miss Elizabeth James, of Springfield. The happy couple are receiving the felicitations of the Missourians, and we heartily join in congratulations and good wishes to these worthy young people.

A statistical report of the year's work of the League at Centenary Church, St. Louis, shows these splendid results: 395 devotional meetings, 228 of which were cottage; 89 hospital and 23 open-air services. Average attendance at devotional meetings, 350. The Charity and Help Department has distributed 3755 papers and 680 magazines, and has made 829 calls on sick people. The total amount of money raised by the League for all purposes is set at \$45470.

The Methodist Hustler comes to us this week in a new dress, much improved in mechanical make-up and fairly teeming with spicy items regarding the work of our Methodist pastor at Ada, I. T., whose name stands at the head of the paper as editor. This young man, T. Lee Rippey, is one of a class of seven who consecrated themselves for the ministry at a jubilee service of the North Texas Conference Epworth League held at Denison in 1894. We see from this

sprightly sheet before us that not only is his League work thriving, "an attendance of fifty and a fine service" being his comment on a recent Sunday's service, but all departments of Church work are in a healthy condition. Such character-building as this is the reward the League is bringing to the Church for giving it existence.

Bro. I. Z. T. Morris has a call in this issue for some League in Texas to volunteer the support of a Mexican boy whom he wishes to educate for the ministry. Surely some one of our strong Leagues can do this. Read Bro. Morris' appeal, and take up this work. We shall be glad to announce the name of any Chapter which will undertake this mission service.

Miss Clara Wood, of Van Alstyne, has been appointed Junior Superintendent of the North Texas Conference Epworth League by President Halsell, Mrs. Reb Stell, of Paris declining to serve in this capacity. Miss Wood has filled this position before, and is an active and efficient Leaguer. We congratulate the conference on securing her services.

**MISSION WORK FOR THE LEAGUE**

The League of Dr. Monk's Church in Fort Worth is paying the way of a young Mexican preacher in Polytechnic College. I have found another one whom I want to place in the Fitting School in Georgetown. He is a truly converted, intelligent Mexican boy. Will not some League follow the example of Dr. Monk's League and assume the expense of this boy? If I had the money no one should have this privilege. If a League will not do so, will not some person help me in the good work? No one can tell how God will use our money if we place it in the brains of these boys. Let all who will aid me write me at once.

**The League's Obligations at the Close of the Conference Year.**

Under the above caption the League Department of the Pacific Methodist Advocate gives this timely advice, which may be adopted with profit by our Texas Leagues:

"Now's the time for the League to prove its usefulness, and show that confidence has not been misplaced when our Church organized and equipped for us this splendid department of service. Every pastor feels the strain of affairs upon the approach of conference. This is the time when every one is called upon to do all of the usual and some of the unusual. In truth, if some did not do the extraordinary, often we could not 'make buckle and tongue meet.' Here is where the League should shine. Does the pastor's salary need attention? Every Leaguer should become a steward. Does the pastor need help in getting in his conference collections? Stand by him till the last cent is raised. Is there a Chapter in California that, after all that has been said, and 'resolved,' and recommended about missions, will permit the pastor to go to conference short on his missionary collections? Shame on us, if we do. Are any of our Leaguers complaining about their pastor and saying, 'Oh, if we had another man we would do great things?' No, you wouldn't. As long as your pastor is blameless in his life and conduct stand by him; there is nothing else to do. We are not a Congregational Church, but Methodists, wedded to the itinerant system, for which we would not exchange with any denomination. The Pacific and the Los Angeles Conferences are almost upon us; now for a strong pull and a successful wind up of the year's finances."

**FROM THE VISITOR'S POINT OF VIEW.**

I failed to get a copy of the Texas League Rally Song at Epworth, and I am wondering where it can be had. I am wanting a few copies for my Junior League. The work of the Assembly Committee was a grand success, and I would like to add my heartiest congratulations. Our party was delighted, and expect to go in great numbers next summer. The League page is read with much interest.

MRS. S. M. LILLARD, Seguin, Texas. (The Rally Song may be had from Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, Beaumont, Texas.—G. W. T.)

The State Epworth League Encampment was a complete success in every way. The location could not be better. The improvements were good; everything convenient, and with just a little more work it will be an ideal place. The breeze, especially at night, was excellent, and there were no mosquitoes to bother you. Bathing was very fine, the surf

just strong enough to make it exciting and refreshing. The religious part of it was a success, and no doubt did much good, and its influence will be felt in all the departments of Church work.

MRS. JESSE F. ODOM, Lindale, Texas.

We felt very grateful to the Assembly Committee for the efficient manner in which they provided for the safety, comfort and enjoyment of the campers at all times. We enjoyed every day of our stay at Epworth, and hope to return next year, for we think it surpasses any place on the coast we have visited.

LOTTIE AND HAZEL DOYLE, Waco, Texas.

I am happy to say that the Epworth League Encampment was a grand success in every respect. A few days, or, better still, a few weeks, spent in this Epworth home is sure to send us home renewed in spirit, mind and body. The location, to my mind, could not be better.

JONNIE V. SHANDS, San Marcos, Texas.

Although our stay at Epworth was unavoidably short, my wife and I were much pleased with almost everything connected with the Encampment. I think it an ideal spot, and confess that I was surprised at the improvements and preparation your committee accomplished in so short a time. I believe that, rightly continued, the Encampment will prove a health-giving tonic to our people, in that it will supply an outing under proper conditions and influences. I hope to have a permanent home on the grounds for our summer rest.

J. E. HARRISON, San Antonio, Texas.

It was my pleasure to spend several days at our Epworth League Encampment, and it was thoroughly enjoyed. I regard the location as admirable, and think that within a short time, with the addition of shade trees, it will be ideal. The improvements far exceeded my expectations. The Assembly Committee have wrought well in this respect. The beach is as fine as I ever saw, the breeze simply delightful, and if there were any mosquitoes at all, I did not see them. That part of the program which it was my privilege to hear was excellent and "good to the use of edifying." I mean to be there again. I know of no recent movement of our Church in Texas that has a grander outlook for our Methodism. It is my earnest wish and my confident belief that its influence will be salutary and abiding. I am for enlargement and development. Our Junior League has already raised amount pledged for improvements. Long live Epworth!

H. T. CUNNINGHAM, Orange, Texas.

The Encampment was a success. My family all agree that it was the best trip we have had. My mother, who is seventy years old, says it was the "cutest" outing she ever had. The location, the beach and the breeze are incomparable. The easiest place to get in the water, the most delightful water, the greatest temptation to stay in the water. I neither saw nor heard a mosquito, male or female. The program was of high order. The improvements are wonderful for the short time the Assembly Committee had to work. I make a suggestion: Plant trees and grass and build a dining hall. The Encampment

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W. ERSKINE WILLIAMS. Fort Worth, Texas.

In behalf of the tabernacle crowd—occupants of tents Nos. 27, 29, 31 and 33—I wish to express our appreciation of the efforts of the Assembly Committee to make our stay at Camp Epworth a delightful one. In this they succeeded so well that our praise of them and the grounds in general has so enthused our League that, instead of twenty-one, I believe 1906 will see forty or fifty people from our Church encamped in the "White City by the sea." We can not say too much about the grand bathing, delightful breezes, lovely nights, and the mosquitoes—that were conspicuously absent. In fact, I see no reason why Camp Epworth may not be a great power in the Methodism, not only of Texas, but of the South. It has already proven a success, and I bespeak great things for it in the future. We say: "Hurrah for Camp Epworth and its promoters! May it grow and expand till all Methodism shall feel its influence!"

BELLE TAYLOR. Houston, Texas.

I was well pleased with my trip and stay. Likewise my family. We all enjoyed the outing very much. My opinion is that you have the nicest location between Galveston and Mexico. However, I believe you will have to enlarge every department down there for next year's round, except the Bay. I believe it is sufficient for all. Hoping we will all meet again next year.

W. R. MILLER. Skidmore, Texas.

The Encampment was, according to my way of thinking, a success, socially, mentally and spiritually. I might add physically, too, for the salt bathing was enough to put new life into any one. My one regret is that Georgetown failed to send a large representation. The yellow fever scared off all but four. I hope to chaperone a big crowd next year; so save me a "tent on the beach." I think for so few workers to have evolved Camp Epworth out of nothing in so short a while was a twentieth century marvel. All honor to the faithful quartette.

MRS. H. C. CRAIG. Georgetown, Texas.

The pleasure of the trip to Epworth during the Encampment far exceeded my anticipation. The beach, one of the finest to be found anywhere, the breeze blowing night and day, the entire absence of mosquitoes, all combined to make it an ideal place for a summer outing. I heard only enthusiastic praise from those who attended, and many who were not so fortunate this year hope to go next. The pleasure and benefit derived from the program, the meeting and mingling with so many Christian people, was indeed inspiring. The greatness of its possibilities can not be estimated.

MRS. VERA SIMPSON. Columbus, Texas.

Our first Encampment at Epworth far surpassed my expectations. My outing at Epworth was very pleasant and profitable. The spiritual good to be derived was immense, and we certainly appreciate the manner in which the program was prepared. To one who had never visited the gulf before, the cool sea breeze, the bathing, boating and fishing, were especially delightful. I think that if those who were in attendance this year will speak to their friends about it, there will be a much larger and better crowd from now on at the Encampment. Much success to all who are trying to make the Encampment a success.

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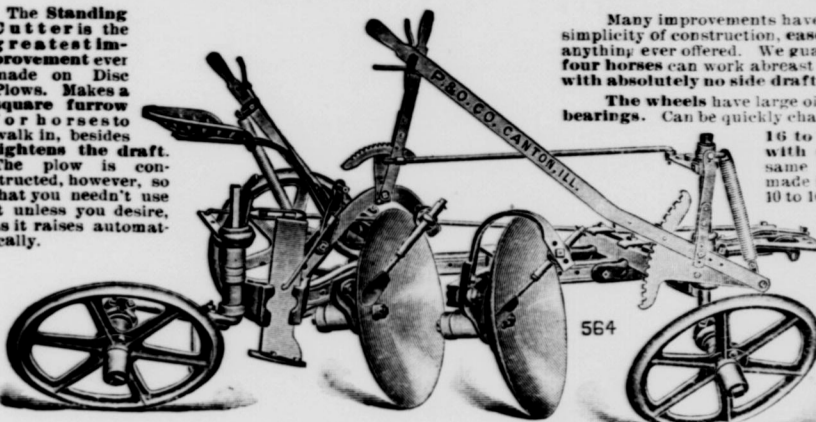
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OUR NEW ORDER OF WORSHIP.

The above subject is being quite extensively discussed pro and con in the columns of the Advocate. It is not my intention to add anything to the discussion either pro or con, but I do wish to enter a protest against the light estimation which Bro. Thos. J. Williams places upon the "sermon" part of public worship in the Advocate of August 31, 1905. He quotes from a former correspondent, "The more the new order is used the less time is left for the sermon." This, I suspect, is the chief reason for most of the ministerial opposition to the new order. It is a sad fact that in our Church the sermon has come to be considered of such paramount importance that everything, even the Lord's Supper has been forced from the position it held in early Methodism, as well as primitive Christianity, as the chief act of worship on the Lord's day to its present place as a monthly, and often quarterly, occasion, regarded as a mere form and regularly hurried over and mutilated in order to leave time for the "all-important" sermon. Of course divine ordinances should be properly observed, but in our Savior's commission to the apostles, preaching the gospel was of "paramount importance." In fact, God's Word very plainly emphasizes the "paramount importance" of the preaching of the gospel. Bro. Williams says, "This notion is growing more and more; and it is from men who have thus exalted the sermon above all else that the present protest against congregational worship is coming." Further he says: "Does it not seem a little vain for men to think so much of their own compositions as to make them of more importance than anything else in public worship, not excepting the reading of God's Word?" It is necessary that a simple order of worship, systematically carried out, should be used? Singing and prayer, also the reading of God's Word, should be considered a very important spiritual preparation for the reception of the all important message from God's Word. Bro. Williams virtually accuses the preachers of having a degree of ministerial egotism which causes a desire to monopolize the public worship. When God calls a man to be a minister of the gospel, honored and set apart to be a messenger of glad tidings of salvation to sin-cursed humanity, the deliverance of this message surely is of "paramount importance." Bro. Williams says: "But the people do need, and in many cases desire, a part in the public worship of the Church." Why, brother, the people can sing just as loud as they please; they are at liberty to give their undivided attention to the reading of God's Word; they can enter, with all the depth and fervor of their spiritual being, into the prayer service in the "humblest attitude" they know. Brother, is it vanity on the part of our preachers, who feel a divine call to the work, to desire the message, "or sermon," which they have prepared by prayer and study of God's Word, to occupy a place of "paramount importance" in the public worship? I think not. At least thirty minutes should be set apart for the "sermon" and no "order of worship" should be allowed to intrude upon that time. And no order of worship should habitually be used that would detract one particle of interest from the "sermon." Bro. Williams says: "The old order was merely a preparation for the sermon and a conclusion to it." So should the new be. He also seriously objects to letting this honored servant of the most high God be, say and do everything, praying, preaching and reading, which he says is the "worst form of 'sacerdotalism' imaginable." In letting this servant of God be the central figure, the center of attraction, as it were, possessing a peculiar kind of magnetism, bestowed upon him by divine hands, we have already "fallen" into one of the "worst of Romish cor-

ruptions," that of putting everything into the mouth and hands of the officiating minister, regardless of what you call him.

My, my! What next?

Why in answering Dr. Harrison's fourth objection to the new order of worship he says: "This is only another example of the extreme sacerdotalism of some of our preachers; they seem not to want the people so much as to declare aloud their belief in the fundamentals of the Christian faith. It is had enough to submit to our ministers doing all the praying for us; but it is beyond endurance to find that they also want to do our believing for us." The brother can believe anything he pleases. It also seems very much like he needs some one to pray for him. I suppose his pastor would

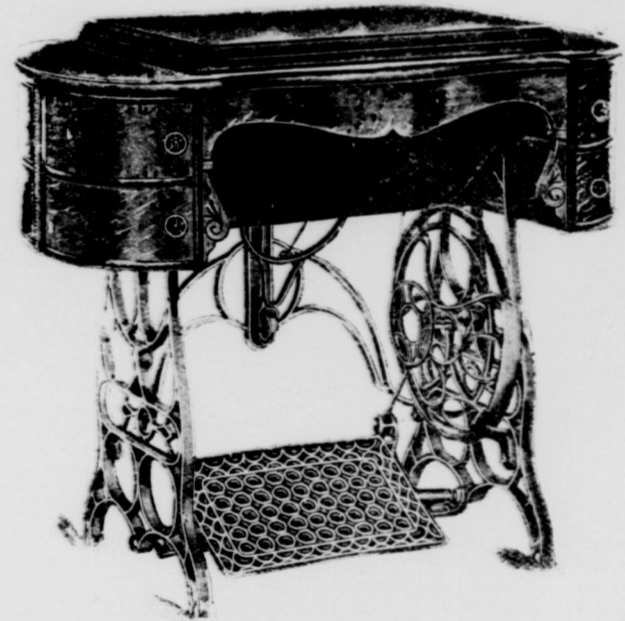
be the proper one. God forbid that we should ever adopt an order of worship that would rob the preacher of any of the honor and glory of his "high calling;" or that would make the sermon other than what it really is: the thing of "paramount importance" in the public worship.

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| From dues                               | \$142 99 |
| Amount sent Mrs. McTyeire               |          |
| Training School                         | 13 15    |
| Amount sent Mrs. McTyeire               |          |
| Songdo Home                             | 7 00     |
| Amount sent Mrs. Brown "Minute Fund"    | 21 75    |
| Amount on hand                          | 294 81   |
| Amount from last quarter                | 228 54   |
| Amount received this quarter            | 314 72   |
| Total                                   | \$573 26 |
| Amount to carry forward to next quarter |          |
| Tenth Street Austin Missionary fund     | \$238 06 |
| West Texas Missionary fund              | 52 22    |
| Mimeograph fund                         | 4 00     |
| Special                                 | 50       |
| Contingent Fund                         | 02       |
| Total                                   | \$294 81 |

MRS. W. E. SMITH, Conf. Treas., W. F. M. S. Seguin, Texas.

## BRAZIL.

Collegio Isabella Hendrix, Bello Horizonte, Brazil, March 29, 1905.

Dear Readers of the Advocate:

By request I write you a little description of our work in this city. Bello Horizonte, which means "beautiful horizon," is the capital of the wealthy State of Minas Geraes. It is a city of eight to ten years growth, but was so well planned that to-day it is a beautiful city with wide streets lined with trees and some imposing buildings.

When the city was laid out the government gave us land enough to build a church, a college, and a parsonage. The land is well located and all that could be desired. The lot was given on condition that the parsonage be built immediately, the church in five years and the college in ten.

The parsonage is now five years old, and the church, we trust will be ready for the inauguration in July. It is now about ready for the roof. Moreover, the five years will expire in July, so according to the law, the church should be completed. Failure to comply with the conditions may mean the loss of the property. There are many in the city who would be only too glad for us to lose the land. Therefore, every effort is being made to finish the church. And how much it is needed! In the room where we now meet, we cannot accommodate the people, and in the evening it is crowded and many stand through the entire service. I believe there have been over thirty candidates since September.

We have a splendid house in which we opened the Isabella Hendrix. In spite of all the priests have done to hinder our growth, we have at present forty-one pupils in regular attendance and eight specials. The outlook is very encouraging and some of our friends, even among the Catholics, are prophesying that we shall soon have one hundred students.

By the end of another year, we hope to be building our own house and we trust the women will not disappoint us.

Through our school work we are able to reach many families. The Bible is studied regularly and the children are taught the hymns of the Church.

In the Sunday-school I have a class of thirteen girls and in my Sunday-school, of which I am Superintendent, often I have had the opportunity to teach the Word to those who were hearing it for the first time. This last Sunday a gentleman and his wife came who said that they wanted to know the truth. The man said I am not a Catholic any longer having lost my faith in Catholicism, and I don't

know about your religion. He went home with a gospel, promising to read it.

My friends, you are giving the gospel to many who are in just the same condition. Do you realize what a glorious privilege is yours? May you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, so that He may fill your entire being and have His way in you. Only Spirit-filled Christians can be truly interested in Foreign Missions.

Pray that the day may soon come when Christians shall realize their duty to give the gospel to all nations.

God is richly blessing all our school work this year. Unite in prayer with us who are praying for a revival of religion to sweep over this country.

Pray earnestly for this people. I take this opportunity to thank all those who are remembering me in prayer and pray that He may bless you. **BLANCHE E. HOWELL.**

## MONTHLY BULLETIN of the

**Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Of the Northwest Texas Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.** "There are two ways by which missionary zeal is created and maintained: One, the study of the missionary facts; and the other, the study of the Bible as the missionary book."—Horton.

The Christian who does not believe in Foreign Missions does not believe in the Great Commission. Repeat it, and see.

The Christian who does not believe in Foreign Missions does not believe in the Apostle's Creed. Repeat it, and see.

The Christian who does not believe in Foreign Missions does not believe in the Lord's Prayer. Repeat it, and see.

The Christian who does not believe in foreign missions does not believe in the Doxology in long metre. Repeat it, and see.

The Christian who does not believe in Foreign Missions, in this generation, believes that three hundred millions of the heathen world ought to die before we try to tell them of Christ.

How long is this unbelief to go on? How many more millions must die before the Church of Christ is ready? "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."—Helping Hand.

## ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BULLETIN.

At the meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, held at Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 24-30, 1905, it was decided to issue a monthly bulletin, to be used at Auxiliary meetings instead of leaflets.

Mrs. O. E. Brown was elected editor, and I was appointed to notify her of her election. It gives me great pleasure to be able to state that she has consented to do this work.

This is not intended as an introduction, for she is known and loved throughout our Church. She is much esteemed for her efficient service, both as a missionary and in the home land. "She is among us as one who serves," for the love she has for this great cause, and I bespeak for her the hearty co-operation of each officer and member of this Board.—Mrs. P. A. Sowell.

Thus, the General Bulletin, together with our Conference Bulletin, which will appear each month in the Woman's Columns of the Advocate (and not sent out separately as last year), will furnish our Auxiliary Press Superintendents with ample material each month for the present edition of our work to the various societies.

## Notes from the General Bulletin.

The Bulletin wishes to call most earnest attention to the quotation given at the opening of this first number. It embodies the two points for which, above all others, the Bulletin wishes to stand: "The study of the Bible as the missionary book, and the study of missionary facts." Either would be incomplete without the other.

The President of every Auxiliary is urged to emphasize the Scripture lesson in the meetings, and to make the devotional exercises count for as much as possible. They should be short and to the point, presenting some vital truth from God's Word that has a missionary message for the society.

Let the business be either preceded or followed by missionary information, given so attractively that all who hear will care to know more. Let our watchword for the year be the deeper study of the Bible, and the thorough study of the facts of missions. Then

we shall find it easy to increase our membership and our funds.—From General Bulletin.

## Special Work for this Year.

The Board urges the Auxiliaries to emphasize the two following objects:

1. To raise the membership of the Foreign Missionary Society to "one hundred thousand." This calls for "twenty-seven thousand new members."

2. To raise "one hundred and twenty thousand dollars" to meet appropriations. Begin at once to do your part of this work.

## Outgoing Missionaries.

Mrs. Josephine Campbell sailed from San Francisco July 22, returning to Korea. Four young ladies accompanied her: Miss Elizabeth Claiborne and Miss Stella King were under appointment for China; Miss Mattie Ivy and Miss Cordelia Erwin were going to Korea.

Mrs. Fannie Brown left for Brazil July 5.

## Call to Prayer.

These six missionaries will have reached their destination by the time the Bulletin is read in the societies. Let a special prayer be offered for each of them that they may be filled with the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

## Kindergarten Teacher Wanted.

Miss Richardson, of Shanghai, writes: "We are distressingly short of workers, and everybody is overtaxed. Can't you find us a kindergarten teacher?"

Who will go?

## Mission Study.

Every President is urged to plan at once for the mission study to be undertaken during the coming year. The next book of the series suggested by the Central Committee on the United Study of Missions is *Christus Liberator: An Outline Study of Africa*. The Bulletin will speak in detail of it next month. Whether this book or some other is used, be sure to study something systematically and thoroughly. This is essential if we would take higher ground in our societies.

## Notes from Mrs. Cobb.

I have just returned from the South Georgia Annual Conference, where everything is on fire. Sixteen missionaries were supported last year, and this year even more is undertaken.

The South Georgia Conference also arranged for the support of five young women at the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

One morning \$11,096.50 was pledged for the support of missionaries, for needed additions to buildings in Wosnan and Soochow, and for a lot in Havana. They also agreed to secure eleven hundred new members. In addition to all this, they are raising \$2,500 for the Alice Cobb Scholarship in the Training School, much of which they have already in hand.

## Training School Day.

As has been announced by our Corresponding Secretary, Training School Day will be observed on the last Sunday in this month. The programmes for the same are now out and are very attractive and helpful. There is no reason why this should not be made most interesting and instructive. We hope no Auxiliary will fail to embrace this opportunity to bring before the people the purposes and claims of Scarritt.

Enlist the interest of the young women and make it as educative as possible.

Here is just a little suggestion: Have a telling black board illustration of the school and, ask your Press Superintendent to make the application. Why not draw a large light house and name it the Scarritt Bible and Training School—you can readily see the application.

Again, collect all the pictures of the school, its interior and also those of its Texas students and others of interest, and place them where they can be easily seen. Put your whole self into it, and success will be sure to adorn your efforts.

The sets of maps or charts are in the hands of our Corresponding Secretary. These are most helpful, and any Auxiliary desiring them for use in the meetings may order from Mrs. Barnum.

Mrs. B. W. Dodson, Secretary of Clarendon District, has organized Golden Links and also a Juvenile Society at Clarendon. Good for these young workers in the Panhandle. Let us have other reports like this.

## Pointed Questions.

Are we meeting all our obligations as the months roll by? Is every dollar for the minutes

paid? Was the pledge money for Miss Mann's year at Denton sent in promptly? Surely no Auxiliary is behind in this with the fall term already open! We wonder if all the September reports got off on time?

## To the Press Superintendents.

I would like for the Press Superintendents to send me an item, such as Auxiliaries, new members, honorary members, life members, special meetings, district meetings, etc. Anything of interest should be reported as all this tends to inspire lagging Auxiliaries. **MRS. J. C. MIMMS, Conf. Press. Supt.**

We wish to emphasize the "Special work for this year" mentioned above under the General Bulletin notes.

The Board especially calls for an increased membership—yes, even 27,000 new members. This was the keynote of the Board meeting in Muskogee—more women! more women! And we believe if we succeed in raising the Foreign Missionary Society to 100,000 members (at the required \$120,000 will be forthcoming! And we know that God always gives us more than we ask for.—Eph. 3:20. Now suppose each member wins just one new member—and lo! we have our 100,000 with 46,000 over for good measure!

Isn't this simple enough? Let us go to prayer and to work. Let us bear "much fruit" this year in enlisting more workers for missions.

To the Woman's Home Mission Society, Northwest Texas Conference:

I have quite a number of the Annual Minutes left, which I can send to any who need them. Are there any Auxiliaries, who have failed to receive the minutes? If any District Secretary knows of an Auxiliary that hasn't yet been reported to me, or if there are any officers or individuals needing a few more copies, please let me know and I may be able to supply the same, provided your wants are not too many! **MRS. J. C. MIMMS, Conf. Rec. Sec.**

## NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE HOME MISSION NOTES.

Annual Meeting, Denton and Girl's Dormitory.

One more month and these will be for the consideration of the Home Mission body of North Texas Conference. Many things pertaining to the interest of this conference society, as well as the connectional interests will demand attention. Let every Auxiliary within our borders be sure to elect delegates thereto. Select for this purpose, interested parties, or such as are capable of becoming so. Then, see to it that they go, unless providentially hindered.

If you have any specifications for this meeting, or the work for another year, so instruct your delegate. Cause her to feel she has an important mission to fill, and an intelligent body to represent. Then cheerfully accept her representation.

## Leaflets.

Much confusion seems to obtain all along the line regarding the regular distribution of leaflets, and North Texas is not exempt. From many points comes the query: "What has become of the Leaflets?" "Why do we no longer receive the Leaflets?" etc. By reference to either the May number of our Homes, 19th Annual Report of Woman's Home Mission Society, or the September number of the Monthly Bulletin, a clear understanding of this matter may be obtained.

## Quarterly Reports.

The Report Cards, which we sent out the 1st of September, to each Auxiliary Press Reporter, are returning slowly. Less than one-third the entire number have reached us. Only a moment's time would be required to fill out the blanks. Why not make a business of it, and attend to this matter at once. Our Annual Report at Denton rests entirely upon our Auxiliary reports. For the most part, those that have been sent in, bear favorable answers.

All Auxiliaries having in anyway, or for any length of time during the year used the "Secular Press," please let me know of it at once, and if you can please furnish me with one, two, or three copies containing your Home Mission matter. Auxiliary Presidents can do much to aid in this by never omitting the "Report of Press Superintendent" at some one of the monthly meetings. We know of more than one Auxiliary in North Texas, whose Presidents never call for a report from this department, and, although the Press Reporter may be ready, with important messages for her Auxiliary, she is made to feel, by being ignored, overlooked or forgotten, that the Press work is of little consequence. Even the Monthly Bulletin is laid aside without notice. Cause the Aux-

iliary Press Reporter to feel the worth and importance of her department of the work, by giving her a reasonable portion of your programme, and soon the Press work will give new life and energy and vitality to each Auxiliary meeting.

## The King's Messenger.

The Northwest Texas edition of The King's Messenger (September number), is out in fine style. Fine size, fine quality of paper, fine looking pictures, fine arrangement, and fine quality of subject-matter. It reflects great credit upon Mrs. S. C. Follin, Superintendent, Press Work, Northwest Texas Conference, who is responsible for this edition. Her efforts have been faithful and untiring to make this issue reflect credit upon her conference body, and also to secure to the editor, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, her proposed terms for the favor of this issue. North Texas will come in on the November issue. While we cannot hope to advance beyond the high standard of the Northwest Texas edition, let us come up—full abreast—with it, and likewise send out a good paper. Now, the first step toward eminent success is to secure—in advance—the required number of subscribers—350. Let each Auxiliary begin to work at once, and never let up until this much is accomplished. Don't be afraid of getting too many subscribers. An overplus of this required number will cause no offense.

## Topic for Monthly Meeting.

The topic for September is "Our Factory Population." Let each Auxiliary observe this topic. If it cannot be arranged for at any of the regular meetings, make a special one—some evening, say; prepare an appropriate programme and invite friends, and Church members. It will do all good to learn something of the conditions and environments of these people. Compare their lot with our own, and see if we are ready for an exchange. Learn if you have any duty toward them. Consider this topic, even if it is the very last day of the month before you can do so.

## Local Work.

In North Texas we know of one Auxiliary that has pledged \$2,500 toward their new church, and says this shall not in anyway interfere with their other obligations, nor connectional duties. This Auxiliary has consecrated backbone, and religious energy. Another has promised \$1,000, toward their new church and are working like trojans to meet it. They are doing Secular Press work and we guarantee success will crown their efforts.

## The \$1 Connectional.

The first of this conference year we begged all our Auxiliaries to begin early to make ready this little sum, and put it aside that it might be ready, sure, when the year drew to a close. How many have done so? How many can now find this little amount snugly tucked away in their "Blessing Boxes?" North Texas Home Mission Society belongs to the "advance guard," and now let us surpass all former records, and make our connectional dollars exactly the same as our connectional dollars exactly the same as our membership. If it cannot be done otherwise, let it be made up by each Auxiliary from their respective treasuries. Then, as a whole, we can stand, with a full hand, toward our connectional institutions.

## Summer Vacations.

The long, hot summer days are done, and many of our Home Mission women have had rest and recreation. Now, with renewed vigor and energy, put forth your best efforts to assist those faithful, but less fortunate sisters, who have tried to man the forces and push the work to desired ends during your absence. Put your own shoulder to the wheel, and give to this great Home Mission cause that most beautiful service of all, the service of self.

"Three is nothing so long as eternity. Nothing so fleeting as time; No life so sweet as that we spend

Living in Jesus, the One so sublime."

**MRS. FRANKLIN MOORE,** Supt. Press Work, North Texas Conference W. H. M. Society, Celeste, Texas.

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# North Texas Female College and Conservatory of Music and Art.

## "Kidd-Key College,"

Sherman, Texas.

With an enrollment already exceeding that of any post year at any time the North Texas Female College may without question claim the distinction of having the largest enrollment of any school for young women and girls in the South. While superiority of numbers is not necessarily a thing to boast of, yet when it comes as a recognition of merit, of earnest, intelligent effort it should carry with it no mean prestige.

The present attendance is not the result of a "boom" with its inflated values or of any shrewd coup d'etat on the part of the management, but is the gradual growth of a score of years of uninterrupted prosperity either, but always enough strength and vigor, determination and spirit to survive infantile disorders and the vicissitudes of fortune that come to all through "the hand of God and the public enemy."

To the unendowed school, too, a large enrollment means a larger bank account, increased profits which in the hands of a wise and generous president such as it is the good fortune of the North Texas college to have, find their way back into the school to meet the wear and tear in every department, to strengthen weak places and develop latent possibilities of the institution.

So, already very busy bees are buzzing in our case; not only in our own but those of our kind friends—Miss Carrie Starnus enthusiastic in civic improvement and all good work has generously offered to make the Conservatory campus a thing of beauty and thus contribute no small part to the opportunities for culture offered by the school. For is it not true that that kindness and sympathy for humanity that made Addison the great reformer of the morals and manners of his times were more probably the result, not of a study of the dusty textbooks in the classrooms of Magdalen college but of that daily communion with nature as he walked back and forth up and down the beautiful walk with its majestic trees interlacing overhead and the broad, happy fields around him, a mass of brilliant colors—that beautiful spot which through this daily habit of his is still known as "Addison's Walk."

No, in the education of the future mothers of our land, it must not be all mathematics and chemistry and literature but we must keep them also in touch with the beautiful, the refined, the noble and the good, that they may live these things. M. W. B.

Mrs. L. A. KIDD-KEY, President

To the Preachers and Delegates of West Texas Conference.

Dear Brethren—Those of you who intend bringing your wives with you to conference at Lockhart, please inform me by October 1. Those intending to come by private conveyance please write me at once. Fraternally,

A. W. WILSON, P. C.  
Lockhart, Texas, September 21, 1905.

### PREACHERS, AUSTIN DISTRICT.

Brethren—Please call the attention of your Sunday-school superintendents to the necessity of observing "rally day" the third Sunday in October. The programs are now ready and will be furnished free upon application to G. W. Cain, Nashville, Tenn. Let us turn on the light and do our best to get the assessments in full.

J. M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

"Has He called for you? Then go ere some obedient soul take thy crown."

DON'T MISS THIS.

There will be but one more low rate excursion to Galveston this season. The Santa Fe has announced such an event from all points on the line, north of Manvel and west of Montgomery, for Saturday September 30th and the rate for the round trip is to be but one half of the one way fare.

Every man, woman and child who take advantage of this opportunity will enjoy the trip if the effort of the Santa Fe Passenger Department can insure it. Extra equipment has been ordered and preparations are being made to run as many sections of the excursion trains as may be necessary to accommodate the crowd in comfort.

Galveston is at her best in the fall. Today there is more within the limits of the Island City to interest people from the interior than there ever has been before.

The Government extension of the Great Sea Wall is now complete, and may be inspected by all. Four and one half miles of solid concrete faces the sea, and behind this barrier the four great dredges are placing 12,000,000 cubic yards of filling raising the level of the city something over seventeen feet.

Then there is the beach, where it is always pleasant. The white sand beach of Galveston is the longest and finest in the world, affording facilities for surf bathing surpassing anything in America. On one evening a special display of Texas made fireworks will be given on the beach. These pyrotechnics surpass in brilliancy anything ever offered in the South.

Take advantage of this last excursion, speak to your friends about it, you will find that they are arranging to go. Then see the Santa Fe Agent who will gladly explain all particulars.

"When you commence to pick your place, God will allow the place to pick you."

### NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Continued from page 6.

time the salary is a little behind, I believe all will be paid by the Annual Conference. We have some as fine people as a man ever served. The ladies have stood nobly by us. Some-time in July the ladies of Stranger put a set of chairs and three nice rockers in the parsonage. We appreciate this token of kindness very much. We have a fine W. H. M. Society that looks well after the parsonage. We are now rounding out for conference, and with such a good Board of Stewards we can but succeed. Many thanks to the following brethren for valuable help during revival season: W. W. Watts, A. A. Wagnon, A. C. Biggs and A. G. Scruggs. May the Lord bless them all.

### Pittsburg.

I. Z. T. Morris, Sept. 18: On the invitation of Bro. Shettles I came here last Thursday to assist him in a meeting which he began Sunday. Up to this a. m. (Monday) the interest has increased every service. Pittsburg has one of the best (and this good people and Shettles think the best, of course) churches in Texas, and one of the best Sunday-schools, and I doubt if there is a better trained Sunday-school in Texas. Bro. Abernathy has this school in his charge. It is what every school should be—"a training school for the Church." That means devoted men and women as helpers or teachers. I am sure the fruit of their labors will be gathered in this revival. With the helpers here and in the Church membership, with all the organized societies, their greatest need is a great revival, and I am sure they will have. Bro. W. Wootton is to be here to-day, and no better help can be secured than he. Some of the best revivals I have known in Texas were the result of his preaching. Let all who read this pray for this meeting, and when it is over these people will be prepared to give every preacher in the Texas Conference the best home in town. I thank them for the free-will offering given to my work on yesterday; also for the expressions of sympathy. I go to-day to care for some motherless children whose father has been placed in jail for violating the local option law. So it goes. The devil's gang pushes men into trouble and the Lord's people have to come to the rescue of the innocent sufferers. But we are "to seek and to save that which is lost." Where would the suffering and sorrowful go were it not for God's host in Texas? May the Lord give us the ability to meet any demand upon us.

### Park.

J. N. McCain, Sept. 25: On Sept. 16th Rev. J. T. Smith, presiding elder, came to hold our fourth Quarterly Conference. At 11 a. m. he preached an exceedingly strong gospel sermon. At 3 p. m. he held Quarterly Conference. All who know Bro. Smith are sure that this was well done, for he looks after every interest of the Church. We have an exceedingly fine Board of Stewards at Park. The members of the conference unanimously passed a resolution asking our good Bishop Key to return Bro. Smith as our presiding elder. But few men can excel Bro. Smith as a preacher and presiding elder. Bro. Nelson, of New Boston, was with us in the conference, and at 7:45 p. m. preached us a good sermon, called for those that wanted to be saved and six came forward. Five of them were happily converted. Sunday at 11 a. m. Bro. Smith delivered another one of his good sermons to a large and appreciative congregation. He preached for us Monday in the morning and also in the evening, and then left us to go to his sick boy. Bro. Nelson took charge of the pulpit Tuesday, and stayed with us until we closed Sunday at 11 a. m. Bro. Nelson is a strong preacher and exceedingly fine revivalist. He preaches with as much power and vigor as a young man. If nothing happens to him, he can do good work for his Church ten or fifteen years yet. Results of meeting: Nineteen accessions to Methodist Church, a number to the Baptist; forty-three conversions in all, and among those who joined our Church were two fathers above sixty years of age. Eight fathers and mothers joined the Methodist Church. Our Church is on higher ground than it has been for some time. To God be all the glory.

### WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Traylor's Chapel.

Grace A. Ward: I have watched the "Field Notes" for some weeks, and as our pastor has not reported our revival, I am going to take that liberty. It was too good to keep. It was begun on the 27th day of July by our beloved presiding elder, Rev. J.

C. Wilson, who preached twice daily for five days. It was well done, for he presents the truths with power and eloquence. As a good Catholic brother said, such preaching he had never heard. The last five days our beloved pastor, Rev. W. H. Nelson, preached and the Catholic brother was not present or he would have said the same, for better sermons have never been preached in our little chapel than have been preached by Bro. Nelson. Our Church was greatly revived; six converts and seven accessions, and only the final reckoning will reveal the good which the preaching of these good men at our revival did. We regret to think the conference year is so near its close, for we may lose Bro. Nelson. Fortunate will be the ones who gain by our loss. We have a splendid Sunday-school and Epworth League; but if it had not been for our good superintendent, Mr. R. K. Traylor, and President Mrs. John Traylor, both would have fallen through ere this, but they have been persistent and have worked hard to keep them going, and now we are proud of both. Our Sunday-school is one of the finest in the State. We have every department of a city school. We have just organized a Home Department and a Cradle Roll. Our League has paid its pledge to the Encampment, and now it is preparing some splendid work for the coming year. I wish every one could see the pleasure each and every one is now taking in it, both old and young. We ask the blessings of all our brothers and sisters for our little community.

Charles M. Schwab is to have a carved silver dinner service manufactured at a cost of \$150,000. It is said it will be the finest ever made for a private dining room.

The navy department will shortly purchase from New York book publishers something like \$15,000 worth of literature in books of a wide range of subjects and of itemized cost extending from 90 cents to \$5 a volume. These books will make up the libraries for the Virginia, the Nebraska, the Georgia, the New Jersey and the Rhode Island, the five battleships which will shortly be ready for commission. Those in charge of the ship's libraries are much gratified to learn that these books are eagerly sought and generally read by members of the crews. It is found, for instance, on board the training ship Pensacola at San Francisco, that many books, notably those of fiction, have been so worn by constant handling as to be practically out of issue, and it has been decided to renew the library of that ship.

### THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.

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**DAVIS.**—Rev. Chas. Davis, an honored member of the Northwest Texas Conference, was born in England, near the city of London, March 17, 1840, and died in Waco, Texas, August 21, 1905. The writer of this sketch, assisted by all the local pastors of our Church in Waco, and also other members of our conference, held the funeral services over his body in Austin Avenue Church, and then laid it rest in beautiful Oakwood to await the resurrection morn. To those who knew Bro. Davis in life it is needless to say that he died in sight of heaven. We all know where to find him. He was a pure, good man, a faithful pastor, loving husband, father, friend. I had known him intimately for twenty-one years, and learned to love him much. I shall miss him much. I expect to meet him again. He was for sixteen or more years a sailor. Went from cabin boy to Captain. Sometime in 1872, while his vessel was in New York, he was happily converted to God. Some twelve months thereafter he quit forever his sailor life and began his life work of trying to rescue lost souls. His first work was that of city missionary in New York City. This he held for a period of nine or ten years, when, as agent for the American Bible Society, he went to Georgia. At the expiration of one year he joined the South Georgia Conference and remained therein for five years. In December, 1889, he was transferred to the Northwest Texas Conference, and for the next fourteen years was an active itinerant preacher, serving during this time on nine pastoral charges. In the summer of 1901 his health broke, and at the next conference he was superannuated. For a short time in 1902 I was his pastor. While such I found him a real helpful member of my Church, doing the work of a steward as faithfully as he had ever done as a pastor. He was, even while forced to rest, sweet-spirited and doing all he could for God and his Church. So soon as it was possible he was given the work of city missionary in Waco, and at this he worked for about a year, and then to the supply of the Axtell Circuit, which work he was faithfully filling at the time of his death. His wife and two married daughters are left to mourn their loss and to await the happy reunion in the world above. This wife in the person of Miss Janet A. Lowe he wooed and wed just thirty-four years ago in far-off England. Doubtless she has often waited and watched for the home-coming of his ship from over the seas, but now he is waiting for her in the port of heaven. The waiting will not be long, when they shall meet to part no more. May God's richest blessings rest upon dear Sister Davis in the weary waiting, and also on the two daughters and the hundreds of those who have been led to Christ through his efforts here.

A. E. CARRAWAY.

**MURPHY.**—Mrs. Rebecca A. Murphy (nee Morris) was born July 8, 1869; married J. G. Murphy February, 1887; died April 18, 1905. She lived a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, from her youth up to her death, having no fears of death. She died, as she lived, in that faith and trusting in her Redeemer, the blessed Lord Jesus, who wills the death of none, but that all should turn and live. She leaves a husband and two sons to mourn their loss, besides an aged father and brother and sister and a host of friends. She is gone to meet mother, brothers and sisters, who proceeded her to that sweet bye and bye. The remainder of the family feel determined by the grace of God to join them on that beautiful shore. HER FATHER.

A. D. LIVINGSTON, P. C.

**LANDRETH.**—Gertrude, the sweet little babe of Bro. J. W. and Sister Ada Landreth, was born October 5, 1904, and died September 3, 1905. This babe was the source of a great deal of comfort and pleasure in the home. And it was hard to give it up. But its memory will be a fragrance in the home to make it purer. The two brothers, three sisters, father and mother now have a beckoning hand in heaven. By this they are connected by chords of affection to the city of God.

A. D. LIVINGSTON, P. C.

**FERGUSON.**—Sunday morning, August 13, 1905, loving hands laid away tenderly in Hollywood Cemetery, in the city of Houston, a precious little babe, Elizabeth Ferguson, first born child of William Earl and Mary Hotchkiss Ferguson. Her little life stretched through a period of only twelve days, but in this short time she took the largest place in the hearts of her father and mother, and won their deepest and strongest love. From the time she was first laid in her mother's arms, till the day when she left them for the home above, they watched with increasing interest and deepening love, the little life that had been committed to their training—there was scarcely a look of intelligence or suggestion of a smile, that played on her baby face, that they did not see. The future was full of promise, and they painted bright pictures and dreamed dreams all full of good, but almost before they felt the thrill and joy of parenthood, the little eyes went quietly to sleep and the little spirit returned to God who gave it; and now while they sit in the shadow of this great sorrow, they remember that Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me," and they think of their precious babe sweetly and safely resting with the Father above. While their grief is heavy and their hearts are bruised, sustained by faith in the unseen, they look forward confidently to "the land beyond the stars," and know they will find their treasure there, safe from the storms and trials and pains of this world and wreathed with ineffable glory. She waits for them beside "the beautiful gate," and they expect to join her in "the home over there," when life's storms are all past.

O. T. HOTCHKISS.

**WEBB.**—Ophelia Webb was born in Harbin County, Tenn., Oct. 1, 1883. In early life she came to Texas with her parents, who settled in Coleman County, in the vicinity of Burkett. Ophelia was always a good, obedient and reverent child. In the summer of 1902 she gave her heart to God and ever after was one of His faithful children. Immediately after her conversion she joined the M. E. Church, South. She realized the solemnity of the sacred vows which she took, and so was always in her place in the sanctuary without some extreme cause prevented. It was only natural that so pure and faithful a spirit should be loved by all who came in touch with her. After a few days of intense suffering with appendicitis during a lull on April 12, 1905, she quietly went to rest. During all her suffering she was calm and patient, and though she was anxious to get well and remain with loved ones, she was submissive to the Divine will. She retained consciousness to the last, and with a prayer of submission upon her lips, her pure spirit went to dwell with God and the angels. Parents and loved ones, sorrow not as those who have no hope. If faithful unto the end, with Ophelia you shall wear a crown.

T. W. ELLIS, P. C.

**HINES.**—The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hines and claimed for its own their sweet infant babe. It was born August 28, 1905, and died August 29. Its stay was a short one, though long enough to leave a tender spot in father's mother's and sister's hearts. Weep not, dear ones, as those who have no hope. We know where to find her, for the Lord hath said: "For of such is the kingdom of heaven." "The Lord giveth and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Her Aunt.

PURDIE GILLILAND.

Springtown, Texas.

**SCHULZ.**—Rev. Chas. C. Schulz was born in Germany, May 15, 1845, and moved with his parents to America when about two years of age, and settled in Wisconsin. From there he moved to Iowa. He was happily married to Miss Nettie Watson June 15, 1873. In 1878 he was converted and joined the Free Methodist Church and by that Church was licensed to preach in 1882. He moved with his family to Texas in 1884, and settled near Tracy, in Milam County. Bro. Schulz was a kind, affectionate husband and father. He was a devoted Christian gentleman and one of the purest men I have ever been associated with. He loved the Church and rejoiced in her victories. He loved God and hated sin. "He was full of faith and the Holy Ghost," and was always in his place at church, unless he was kept away by sickness. He bore his last sickness with heroic patience. All that loving hands could do was done to nurse him back to health, but in vain. July 26, 1905, he quietly and peacefully breathed his last. He died as he lived—in the full triumph of a living faith. He leaves a devoted wife and four children, three having gone before, with other relatives and a host of friends, to mourn their loss.

C. E. SIMPSON.

**GIBBS.**—Mrs. Kate Wilkinson Gibbs was born in Mobile, Ala., Nov. 16, 1838, and fell sweetly asleep in Jesus Sept. 16, 1905. Thus lived and died one of the noblest women I have known. She was born in a soldier's home. Her father was Col. Wilkinson, of the U. S. Army, and her grandfather, Gen. James Wilkinson, bore a conspicuous part in the Revolutionary War, and at one time was General-in-Chief of Wayne's army. He was subsequently Governor of Louisiana. She inherited those traits of character and heroic endurance which sustained her in many trying seasons. While yet in her teens she was united in marriage with Rev. J. H. Gibbs, a Methodist minister, who at that time was stationed in one of the suburban Churches of Mobile. He located, studied medicine, and settled in Meridian, Miss., where he practiced his profession until 1875, when he came to Dallas, Texas, and engaged in the practice of medicine. Dr. Gibbs was a local preacher until his death, December, 1897, often preaching acceptably to vacant churches. For thirty years the family have lived in this city, filling usefully their places in the Church and in society. Mrs. Gibbs was a rare woman. Graceful in form and features, kind of heart and cheerful in spirit, she diffused sunshine where she moved, whether in the sick room or in social life. She made her self useful and won many true friends who loved her devotedly. As a Christian she was not demonstrative, but true to her Lord. She loved her Bible and read it much. She was gifted in song, and in her younger days was an active member of the choir. Her later years were fraught with sorrows. Eighteen years ago her first-born, Mrs. Katie Knight, died, and her mother heart was almost broken at the separation. Then her husband left her eight years ago, and since she has been in failing health until the Master said: "It is enough; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Of her immediate family two children, John W. Gibbs and Miss Willie Gibbs and a grandson, Gibbs Knight, survive her. Every attention that devoted children could give was bestowed upon her, and the home was a happy one. She sleeps in Greenwood Cemetery beside her loved ones. The older members of the Church in Dallas are gathering home, but we sorrow not as others who have no hope. As a former pastor and long-time friend the writer preached the funeral sermon and with the solemn rites of the Church laid her to rest under banks of flowers to await the resurrection. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

H. A. BOURLAND.

**MILLER.**—Seymour Miller, son of Bro. Robert Miller, near this place, passed to his reward, after confessing his readiness to go, on the evening of Sept. 7, 1905, aged 19 years. A useful and sensible young man is cut down in the bloom of youth. Weep not, loved ones; Christ says: "What I do ye know not now, but shall know hereafter." We followed the body to Sycamore Churchyard and many friends and loved ones followed to mourn their loss. These are real hours of trial and our Lord hears our cry. We, too, must soon follow, and these are our ties of heavenly drawings. May we all live so as to have the assurance of heaven.

HIS PASTOR.

Beeville, Texas.

**SELBY.**—John Fassett, son of Jas P. and Clara Selby was born May 17, 1905 and died August 18, 1905. After a stay of only two years, three months and one day, during which time he brightened the home and made glad the hearts of his parents, he passed into the better world. At high noon August 19, in the new cemetery at Quail, we committed his little body to its long resting place to await the resurrection. His death was very sudden which rendered the sadness more intense, but in such an hour we thank God for the comforting influence of the Holy Spirit, and the hope of a final reunion. Little "Johnnie" was a general favorite and leaves many kindred and friends behind, beside a father, mother and baby brother. To the sorrowing parents we would say "weep not for you shall meet him again." Oh Brother! Sister! may his memory be to you a constant call to meet him in the "Father's House" where partings are no more.

FRANK HUGHEN.

**STOCKTON.**—Margaret Amanda Morrow was born Feb. 28, 1836, in Coffey County Tennessee, and moved with her parents to Arkansas in 1851, and settled in Sebastian County. She was married to H. P. Stockton Dec. 14, 1855. They moved to Texas in 1864, settling first in McLennan County, near Bosqueville; thence to Coryell County, where she spent the remaining years of her life. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church in 1871. She fell asleep June 6, 1905. Sister Stockton was the moth-

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er of twelve children, eight of whom are still living and following her as she followed Christ. She was a woman of strong intellect and commanding personality. Her religion was of that type that commanded the respect of all who knew her. Her seat in church, so long and so faithfully occupied, is now vacant. The community has suffered an irreparable loss. She was a devoted mother, a kind, affectionate wife, a thoughtful neighbor, and an earnest Christian. She bore her last illness, which was of about twelve months' duration, with Christian fortitude. Her patience and faith in Christ over reached her sufferings. She was ready to depart and be with Christ. She often spoke familiarly of her departure. Death lost its sting; she had the victory through Christ. Her body was laid to rest in the Post Oak Cemetery, near Oglesby, from whence it will rise at the call of the trumpet. Her husband preceded her by one month. Her place in her home, in her Church, in her community, and in the affections of her children and friends can not be filled by another. We shall see her again.

W. E. CAPERTON.

Oglesby, Texas.

**ARMSTRONG.**—James A. Armstrong was born Sept. 12, 1884, in Calhoun County, Ala., and died August 25, 1905, in Texarkana, Texas. James was a good boy. His father died when he was quite young, leaving his mother to raise five boys, and she raised them all to be grown, James being the first one to be called away. He was always obedient to his mother and kind to everybody. He was a twin with his brother Charlie. Their mother had given them a finished education, and he had a position with the railroad at Mount Pleasant. When he was taken sick he was taken to the hospital at Texarkana and died there. James had never made a profession of religion, but when his mother reached him he said "Mamma, all the doctors can't save me." She said: "The good Lord can." He said: "Yes," and smiled, and we believe he died all right. His body was brought home and laid to rest in the Green's Creek Cemetery, Erath County. The funeral service was conducted by the writer. I would say to his mother and brothers, look up and trust in the Lord, and be ready, when the Lord calls you, to meet James in heaven.

J. E. MORTON.

**CRANE.**—Charlard, the only son of Bro. J. E. and Sister Ollie Crane, was born July 12, 1893, and died September 11, 1905. Charlard was a bright, honest and studious boy, and knew his lessons both in the day and Sunday-school. Not only was he intelligent, but in disposition he was kind, sympathetic and tender-hearted, and naturally inclined toward religion. He could not bear to see pain inflicted on man or beast. He took particular pains to protect even the little birds from harm. To know Charlard was to love him. In fact, in him were combined those traits of character that develop our strongest manhood. He will be greatly missed by his parents and other relatives, and his absence will be keenly felt in the day and Sunday-school. The whole neighborhood joins us in shedding the sympathizing tear, but we would say to the grief-stricken father and mother and immediate relatives, weep not as those who have no hope, but

ever console your hearts by remembering that Charlard is "safe in the arms of Jesus." May the death of this bright and lovely boy rebound the hearts of these sorrowing ones to God and cause theirs to be an unbroken family in the home of the soul.

N. G. OZMENT.

**McCUTCHEON.**—Johnny McCutcheon, son of James and Mrs. Pelley McCutcheon, was born April 22, 1901, and died August 29, 1905. Little Johnny was a great sufferer, being afflicted most all his life; hence he was the constant care of the whole family, which caused a peculiar love and attachment to him. It was hard for them to give him up, but the good Lord has taken him upon suffering to rest. Look up, dear loved ones, and be ready to go and meet Johnny by and by. We laid his body to rest in the Green's Creek Cemetery Aug. 29, to await the resurrection. The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

J. E. MORTON.

**ROBINSON.**—Mrs. Lucy Ann Robinson was born in Shelby County, Tenn., February 4, 1862, and died, at her home near Madisonville, August 8, 1905. She came to Texas with her parents when but a girl; was married to J. D. Robinson December 24, 1878. This home was blessed with two children. One is still living; the other one was taken in its childhood days. Sister Robinson was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1885. She was a loving mother, a faithful wife and a loyal Christian. Her home was the home of the preacher. She loved the house of God and could always be found at her place when it was possible for her to get there. For the last few years of her life her health was so bad she could not always attend Church as regular as she had done before, and this seemed to be one of her greatest trials during her sickness. Some time before death came to relieve her she realized that the end was near and had no fears of death. The future before her was bright.

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Austin District—Fourth Round. Tenth Street, 11 a. m. Oct. 1. First Street, 8 p. m. Oct. 1. West Point, at West Point, Oct. 7. Melrose, at Melrose, 3 p. m. Oct. 11. Cedar Creek, at Upton, 11 a. m. Oct. 12. Columbus, Oct. 14, 15. Eagle Lake, at Eagle Lake, Oct. 17, 18. Weimar, at Weimar, Oct. 21, 22. La Grange, Oct. 23, 24. J. M. Alexander, P. E.

San Marcos District—Fourth Round. Luling, Sept. 30. Seguin, Oct. 1, 2. Pleasant Grove, Oct. 7, 8. Lockhart, Oct. 11. Belmont, Oct. 15. Staples, at Staples, Oct. 18. San Marcos, Oct. 22. Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

San Antonio District—Fourth Round. Del Rio, Sept. 29. Del Rio cir, at Carter Valley, 1st Sun Oct. Eagle Pass, Oct. 4. Uvalde, Oct. 6. Carrizo Springs and Batesville, at B. 2d Sun Oct. Utopia cir, at Utopia, 2d Sun Oct. Devine cir, at Devine, 4th Sun Oct. Sherman Street, Oct. 21. Prospect Hill, Oct. 25. Travis Park, Oct. 27. South Heights, 11 a. m. 5th Sun Oct. West End, 8 p. m. 5th Sun Oct. W. J. Johnson, P. E.

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NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

Vernon District—Fourth Round. Vernon cir, Sept. 29, Oct. 1. Seymour cir, Oct. 7, 8. Spring Creek mis, Oct. 11. Seymour sta, Oct. 15, 16. Estelline cir, Oct. 19. Matador cir, Oct. 21, 22. Paducah mis, Oct. 25. Crowell cir, Oct. 28, 29. Knox City mis, Nov. 4, 5. Munday and Goree, Nov. 5, 6. J. G. Miller, P. E.

Georgetown District—Fourth Round. Granger cir, at Granger, Sept. 29, Oct. 1. Bartlett sta, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Salado cir, at Prairie Dell, Oct. 7, 8. Florence cir, at Corn Hill, Oct. 8, 9. Moody sta, Oct. 14, 15. Bruceville and Eddy, at B. Oct. 15, 16. Hutto cir, at Hutto, Oct. 18. Holland cir, at Holland, Oct. 21, 22. Troy cir, at Troy, Oct. 23, 24. North Georgetown cir, at Wier, Oct. 25. Rogers cir, at Rogers, Oct. 28, 29. Belton cir, at Midway, Oct. 29, 30. Georgetown sta, Nov. 4, 5. Jas. S. Chapman, P. E.

Corsicana District—Fourth Round. Blooming Grove cir, at Cryer Cr. Sept. 30. Brandon, at Brandon, Oct. 9. Blooming Grove sta Oct. 9. Barry, at Tinkle, Oct. 14. Thornton, at Big Hill, Oct. 20. Greesbeck, Oct. 23. Horn Hill, Oct. 21, 22. Coolidge, at Della, Oct. 22, 23. Rice, at Rice, Oct. 28, 29. Alma, at Oak Grove, Oct. 29, 30. Richmond, at Grape Creek, Nov. 4. Dawson, at Harmony, Nov. 5, 6. Corsicana, First Church, Nov. 12, 13. In the stations the Quarterly Conferences will be called at 9 o'clock p. m. On the circuits the people are urged to bring their dinner so that we may have preaching at 11 a. m. and the conference at 2 p. m. Pastors will please see to it that there are reports from the Women's Societies and from the trustees. Stewards are urged to do their utmost to bring up the pastors' salaries in full. Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Fourth Round. Mansfield, Oct. 7, 8. Arlington, Oct. 15, 16. Blum, Oct. 21, 22. Covington, Oct. 22, 23. Polytechnic, Oct. 25. Grandview cir, Oct. 28, 29. Joshua, Oct. 29, 30. Trinity and Riverside, Oct. 31. Azle, Nov. 1. Mulkey, Nov. 2. Cresson, Nov. 3, 4. North Cleburne, Nov. 4. Bono, Nov. 5, 6. Cleburne, Main Street, Nov. 6. Missouri Avenue, Nov. 7. Peach Street, Nov. 8. Rosen Heights and Diamond Hill, Nov. 9. Glenwood, Nov. 10. Kennedale, Nov. 11. North Fort Worth, Nov. 11, 12. First Church, Nov. 13. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Dublin District—Fourth Round. Huckabay, at Oak Dale, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Stephenville, at Stephenville, Oct. 1, 2. Carlton, at Carlton, Oct. 5. Duffau, Oct. 7, 8. De Leon, at De Leon, p. m. Oct. 11. De Leon cir, Oct. 12. Desdemona, Oct. 13. Carbon mis, at Flat Woods, Oct. 14, 15. Carbon and Gorman, at C. p. m. Oct. 15, 16. Glen Rose, Oct. 19, 20. Granbury cir, Oct. 21, 22. Granbury sta, p. m. Oct. 22, 23. Bluff Dale, Oct. 23. Morgan Hill, at Wesley Ch. Nov. 4, 5. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Brownwood District—Fourth Round. May, at Holder, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Cross Plains, at Dresay, Oct. 1, 2. Rising Star, at Rising Star, Oct. 7, 8. Sipe Springs, at Sipe Springs, Oct. 8, 9. Comanche cir, at Cottonwood, Oct. 14, 15. Comanche sta, Oct. 14, 15. Blanket, at Blanket, Oct. 15, 16. Gustine, Oct. 21, 22. Precor, Oct. 22, 23. Indian Creek, at Indian Creek, Oct. 28, 29. Brownwood, Oct. 29, 30. Santa Anna, at Santa Anna, Nov. 4, 5. Bonga, Nov. 5, 6. Coleman mis, at Junction, Nov. 11, 12. Coleman sta, Nov. 11, 12. B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Colorado District—Fourth Round. Hale Center, at Runningwater, Sept. 26. Lubbock, at Lubbock, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Gomez, at Gomez, Oct. 7, 8. Tahoka, at T Bar, Oct. 19. Gail, at Durham, Oct. 12. Big Springs, Oct. 14, 15. Clairmont, at Edkins, Oct. 14, 15. Snyder and Dunn, at Snyder, Oct. 21, 22. Colorado mis, at Union, Oct. 28, 29. Midland, Nov. 1. Colorado sta, Nov. 4, 5. Each pastor will please see that all reports required on this round are present, and the attendance of each official is urged. J. T. Griswold, P. E.

Gatesville District—Fourth Round. Evant, at Shive, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Maxdale, at Maxdale, Oct. 7, 8. Killean and N., at K., Oct. 8, 9. Oakesby, at Stockton, Oct. 14, 15. Brookhaven, at Sugar Leaf, Oct. 21, 22. Gatesville mis, Oct. 22, 23. Coppas Cove, at C. C., Oct. 28, 29. Jonesboro, at Levita, Nov. 4, 5. Park, at B. H. Chapel, Nov. 8. Turnersville, at H., Nov. 11. Gatesville sta, Nov. 12. S. W. Turner, P. E.

Abilene District—Fourth Round. Caps, at Caps, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Truby, at Belk, Oct. 3. Merkel, Oct. 6. Merkel mis, at Stith, Oct. 7, 8. Anson, at Anson, Oct. 11. Avoca, at Avoca, Oct. 14, 15. Aspermont, at Aspermont, Oct. 18. Haskell mis, at Pinkerton, Oct. 21, 22. Haskell sta, Oct. 22, 23. Sweetwater mis, at Newman, Oct. 25. Buffalo Gap, Oct. 28, 29. Albany and Moran, at Albany, Nov. 2. Putnam, Nov. 4, 5. Baird, Nov. 7. Abilene, Nov. 9. Clyde, at Pototol, Nov. 11, 12. Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

Waco District—Fourth Round. Penelope, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Abbott, Oct. 7, 8. Bossqueville, Oct. 14, 15. Elm Street, Waco, Oct. 15, 16. Hubbard City, Oct. 18. Aquilla, Oct. 21, 22. Morgan and Walnut, Oct. 22, 23. Waco, Fifth Street, Oct. 25. Peoria, Oct. 28, 29. Whitney, Oct. 29, 30. Mart, 19 a. m. Nov. 1. Axtell, Nov. 4, 5. Mt. Calm, Nov. 5, 6. Waco, Morrow Street, 11 a. m. Nov. 12. Waco, Austin Ave, 8 p. m. Nov. 12. Let the Women's Societies and the Board of Trustees have their reports at their respective Quarterly Conferences this round. J. G. Putman, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Fourth Round. Ennis, Oct. 1, 2. Forrester, at Nash, Oct. 7, 8. Palmer, at Boyce, Oct. 13. Venus, at Venus, Oct. 14, 15. Alvarado, Oct. 18. Ovilla, at Long Branch, Oct. 18. Bristol, at Hine's Chapel, Oct. 19. Milford, Oct. 21, 22. Bardwell, at Elm Branch, Oct. 28, 29. Italy, Oct. 29, 30. Red Oak, Nov. 1. Lovelace, Nov. 4, 5. Grandview, Nov. 5, 6. James Campbell, P. E.

Weatherford District—Fourth Round. Santo, at Brazos, Sept. 28. Gordon, etc., at Mings, Sept. 29. Ranger, at Ranger, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Breckinridge, at B., Oct. 7, 8. Crystal Falls, at Baker, Oct. 9. Whitt, etc., at Whitt, Oct. 13. Peaster, at Cold Springs, Oct. 14, 15. Springtown, at Knox, Oct. 19. Graham mis, at Upper Tonk, Oct. 21. Graham sta, Oct. 21, 22. Farmer, at Hawkins, Oct. 21. Ellasville, at Ellasville, Oct. 25. Throckmorton, at Bush Knob, Oct. 28, 29. Palo Pinto, at Palo Pinto, Nov. 4, 5. E. F. Boone, P. E.

Clarendon District—Fourth Round. Canyon City, Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 11 a. m. Hereford mis, Oct. 1, 8 p. m. Oct. 2. Dalhart, Oct. 7, 8. Stratford, Oct. 9, 8 p. m. Channing, Oct. 11, 8 p. m. Hansford, at Elland S. H., Oct. 14, 15. Clarendon, Oct. 21, 22. Amarillo, Oct. 24, 8 p. m. Tulla, Oct. 26. Silverton, Oct. 28, 29. Canadian, Nov. 1. Higgins, Nov. 2. Cataline and Shamrock, Nov. 4, 5. McLean, Nov. 6. Please let the officials do all they can to make full reports. Jas. M. Sherman, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Bowie District—Fourth Round. Jacksonboro, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Bryson, Oct. 1, 2. Benvenue, Oct. 7, 8. Henrietta, Oct. 8, 9. Bellevue, Oct. 14, 15. Blue Grove, Oct. 15, 16. Iowa Park, Oct. 21, 22. Wichita Falls, Oct. 22, 23. Archer, Oct. 28, 29. Holliday, Oct. 29, 30. Coalton, Nov. 4, 5. Giltown, Nov. 11, 12. Decatur cir, Nov. 18, 19. Decatur sta, Nov. 18, 19. T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Dallas District—Fourth Round. Oak Lawn sta, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Lewisville sta, Oct. 7, 8. Clark's Chapel sta, Oct. 14, 15. Argyle, at Prairie Mount, Oct. 21, 22. Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at D. Oct. 28, 29. Trinity sta, Nov. 4, 5. First Church sta, Nov. 11, 12. Denton and Nov. 15, 16. Cochran and Caruth, Nov. 18, 19. J. L. Morris, P. E.

Gainesville District—Fourth Round. Woodbine, at Calisburgh, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. St. Jo, Oct. 7, 8. Burns, at Bethel, Oct. 12, 13. Aubrey, Oct. 14, 15.

Greenwood, Oct. 17, 18. Sanger, Oct. 21, 22. Montague, Oct. 28, 29. Nocona, Oct. 29, 30. Call session for Belcher, at Nocona, Oct. 30. Marysville, Nov. 1. Ponder and Justin mis, Nov. 4, 5. Bonita, at Bonita, Nov. 7, 8. Era, Nov. 11, 12. Denton Street, Nov. 12, 13. Dexter, Nov. 15. Woodbine call session, at Whaley, Nov. 17. Rosston and Myra, at Hood, Nov. 18, 19. Broadway, Nov. 19, 20. J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round. Ben Franklin and Pecan Gap, at B. F., 4th Sun Sept. Cumby cir, at Cumby, 1st Sun Oct. Reiley Springs cir, at Yantis, 11 a. m. Oct. 4. Winsboro sta, 2d Sun Oct. Cooper sta, 8 p. m. Oct. 13. Klondike, at Good's Ch, 3d Sun Oct. Lake Creek, 11 a. m. Oct. 16. Mt. Vernon, at Pine Forest, 11 a. m. Oct. 20. Pury cir, at Saltillo, 4th Sun Oct. Birthright, at Birthright, 5th Sun Oct. Sulphur Springs sta, 8 p. m. Oct. 30. Bonanza cir, 11 a. m. Nov. 1. Sulphur Bluff cir, 1st Sun Nov. Como cir, 2d Sun Nov. The Preachers' Institute for this district will convene at Pickett, Monday, September 18, at 3 o'clock p. m. We are anxious to have all the preachers and as many laymen as can do so to be present. C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Greenville District—Fourth Round. Kingston, at Kingston, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Floyd, at Caddo Mills, Oct. 7, 8. Lone Oak, at Lone Oak, Oct. 8, 9. Merit, at Harrell Chapel, Oct. 14, 15. Greenville mis, West Lee st, Oct. 15, 16. Neola, at Harris Chapel, Oct. 21, 22. Quinan, at Quinan, Oct. 22, 23. Fairies, at Fairies, Oct. 28, 29. Commerce circuit, Smith's Chap., Nov. 4, 5. Commerce sta, Nov. 5, 6. Leonard, at Leonard, Nov. 11, 12. Wesley, Nov. 19, 20. When the conference is held on Monday it will convene at 9 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. Let no steward feel that he has the responsibility of his office till he has presented the claims of his pastor to every member of his class. Let us work and pray that this, with every other claim, may be fully met. Brother, sister, have you done all you could for your church this year? Let each one answer in the fear of God. J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Bonham District—Fourth Round. Lamasco, at Carson, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Randolph, at Randolph, Oct. 7, 8. Bailey, at Hickory, Oct. 14, 15. Lason sta, Oct. 14, 15. Brookston, at Brookston, Oct. 21. Honey Grove sta, Oct. 21, 22. Lannius, at Lannius, Oct. 28, 29. Dodd, at Dodd, Oct. 28, 29. Trenton, at Trenton, Nov. 4, 5. Ector, at Ector, Nov. 11, 12. S. Bonham, at Ravenna, Nov. 18. Bonham sta, Nov. 18, 19. Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Terrell District—Fourth Round. Mesquite, at Mesquite, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Mat, at Bethel, Oct. 7, 8. Royce, Oct. 11. Elmo, at Eden, Oct. 14, 15. Rockwall, at Rockwall, Oct. 21, 22. Crandall, at Crandall, Oct. 28, 29. Kemp, at Willson's Ch, Nov. 4, 5. Kaufman, Nov. 5, 6. Garland, Nov. 8. Reinhardt, at Pleasant Mount, Nov. 9. Mabank, at Mabank, Nov. 11, 12. College Mount, at Mount, Nov. 14. Chisholm, at Poetry, Nov. 18, 19. Terrell, Nov. 19, 20. We hope the stewards will be prepared to make full reports at the Quarterly Conferences. O. S. Thomas, P. E.

McKinney District—Fourth Round. Renner, at Richardson, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Princeton, at Wilson, Oct. 3. Farmersville, Oct. 5. Nevada, Oct. 6. Josephine, Oct. 7, 8. Copeville, at C, Oct. 9. Wylie, Oct. 10. Allen, White's Grove, Oct. 14, 15. Frisco, at Frisco, Oct. 21, 22. Prosper, at Elm Ridge, Oct. 22, 23. Celina, at Roseland, Oct. 28, 29. Weston, at Melissa, Oct. 28, 29. Blue Ridge, at B. R., Nov. 4, 5. Blue Ridge Mis, at Altoga, Nov. 11, 12. Farmers Branch, Cemetery Hill Nov. 18. Trustees must make written report. I. W. Clark, P. E.

Sherman District—Fourth Round. Whitewright, Oct. 1, 2. Belis, at Belis, Oct. 8, 9. Whitesboro, Oct. 9, 10. Pecan and Friends, at P., Oct. 14, 15. Gunter, at Gunter, Oct. 21, 22. Trinity and Messenger, Oct. 22, 23. Collinsville and Tioga, at T., Oct. 28, 29. Gordonville, Oct. 29, 30. Pottsboro, Nov. 4, 5. Preston, Nov. 5, 6. Canadian Memorial, Nov. 8. Pilot Grove, at Graybill, Nov. 11, 12. Van Alstyne, Nov. 12, 13. Howe, at Howe, Nov. 13. Key Memorial, Nov. 15. Southmayde, at Southmayde, Nov. 18, 19. Travis Street, Nov. 19, 20. E. W. Alderson, P. E.

Greenville District—Fourth Round. Kingston, at K., Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Floyd, at Caddo Mills, Oct. 7, 8. Lone Oak, at Lone Oak, Oct. 8, 9. Herit, at Harrell Chapel, Oct. 14, 15. Greenville mis, at West Lee, Oct. 15, 16. Neola, at Harris chapel, Oct. 21, 22. Quinan, at Quinan, Oct. 22, 23. Fairlie, at Fairlie, Oct. 28, 29. Commerce cir, at Smith chap. Nov. 4, 5. Commerce sta, Nov. 5, 6. Leonard, at Leonard, Nov. 11, 12. Wesley, Nov. 18, 19. Where the conference is held on Monday it will convene at 9 o'clock, and preaching at 11 a. m. We very much desire full attendance of the official members at this conference. Let no steward feel that he has met the responsibility of the trust committed to him until he has presented the claim of his pastor to each member of his class; and let no member feel that he or she has met the obligation assumed when they joined the Church until they have contributed something—according as God has prospered them—to the support of the pastor; and let no pastor be satisfied until every claim against his charge is fully met. Let us all pray that the conferences may be occasions of revival power and result in the salvation of souls. J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Paris District—Fourth Round. Woodland and Kanawha at W. Sept. 30, Oct. 1.

Detroit Sta. Oct. 1, 2. Detroit and Halesboro at D. Oct. 7, 8. Blossom and Sylvan at B. Oct. 8, 9. Rosalie Cir. at Bethel, Oct. 14, 15. Rosalie Cir. at Brewster, Oct. 21, 22. Clarksville Sta. Oct. 22, 23. Albion Mis. at Young's Ch. Oct. 28, 29. Bagwell Cir. at Bagwell Oct. 29, 30. Emerson Cir. at Tabor, Nov. 1. Whiteford Sta. Nov. 2. Annona and Williams Ch. at A. Nov. 4, 5. Avery mis. at Avery, Nov. 5, 6. Marvin Cir. at Shady Grove Nov. 8. Chicota mis. at Chicota, Nov. 11, 12. Centenary, Paris, Nov. 15. Roston cir. at Elm Grove, Nov. 19, 20. E. H. Casey, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Calvert District—Fourth Round. Bremond and Reagan, at B. Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Calvert sta, Oct. 7, 8. Jewett, Oct. 11. Leon mis, Oct. 14, 15. Centerville, Oct. 15, 16. Rogers Prairie, at Hennessy, Oct. 18. Franklin sta, Oct. 20. Petteway, Oct. 22, 23. Fairfield mis, at Mt. Zion, Oct. 28, 29. Fairfield and Dew, Oct. 29, 30. Travis, at Cedar Springs, Nov. 4, 5. Rosebud sta, Nov. 5, 6. Durango, Nov. 8. Lott and Chilton, Nov. 11, 12. Wheelock, Nov. 18, 19. R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Tyler District—Fourth Round. Chandler, at Pine Hill, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Athens, Oct. 1, 2. Forest Grove, Oct. 3. Colfax, at Holly Springs, Oct. 7, 8. Snyder Springs with Colfax, at Holly Springs, Oct. 7, 8. Mt. Sylvan, at Vann, Oct. 8, 9. Tyler cir, at Bascom, Oct. 14, 15. Edom, at Sexton's Ch, Oct. 21, 22. Big Sandy, Oct. 28, 29. Canton and Edgewood, at Edgewood, Nov. 4, 5. Troup and Overton, Nov. 11, 12. Malakoff, Nov. 18, 19. Cedar Street, Nov. 22. Marvin, Nov. 29, 30. Let all the preachers have their district pastoral assessments in full in the hands of the Treasurer, J. Redmond Patterson, Tyler, Texas, by October 25, without fail. Do not send your money to me, but to J. R. Patterson, and he will acknowledge receipt of same. Get all the assessments by all means, as the notes are due November 1st and must be paid on that date. We have a splendid district program that is an honor to the district, and we borrowed the money by order of the District Conference to build it, and promised to pay on November 1st, and these assessments were made for that purpose. It will take all the assessment. Please let every preacher get it all and send as soon as practicable. E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Falestine District—Fourth Round. Augusta mis, at Pleasant Grove, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Elkhart cir, at O'Neal's Ch, Oct. 7, 8. Howard Ave. Palestine, 8 p. m. Oct. 8. Neches cir, at Neches, Oct. 14, 15. Jacksonville cir, at Pierce's Ch, Oct. 21. Jacksonville, Oct. 22, 23. Centenary, Palestine, Oct. 29. Kenard mis, at Bethel, Nov. 4, 5. Groveton sta, Nov. 5, 6. Willard cir, at Willard, Nov. 7, 8. Alto cir, at Alto, Nov. 11. Rusk sta, Oct. 19, 20. Rusk mis, at Finley's Ch, Nov. 13. Wells mis, at Wells, Nov. 15. Brushy Creek cir, at Brushy Creek, Nov. 18, 19. La Rue cir, at La Rue, Nov. 21. Grandland sta, Nov. 23. Crockett cir, at Wesley's Ch, Nov. 25, 26. Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

Marshall District—Fourth Round. Harrison, at Union Ch. Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Church Hill, at Church Hill, Oct. 7, 8. Hallville, at Winterfield, Oct. 14, 15. Henderson cir, at Pleasant Grove, Oct. 21, 22. Henderson sta, Oct. 24. Coffeyville, at Ashland, Oct. 28, 29. Marshall, First Church, Oct. 30. Kellyville, at Trinity, Nov. 4, 5. Jefferson, Nov. 6. Beckville, at Beckville, Nov. 11, 12. Longview, Kelly Memorial, Nov. 13. Arleston, at Bethany, Nov. 18, 19.

Huntsville District—Fourth Round. Willis and Conroe, at Willis, Oct. 1. Montgomery, Plantersville, Oct. 7, 8. Magnolia, at Magnolia, Oct. 14, 15. Cold Springs, at Waverly, Oct. 14, 15. Millican, Oct. 21, 22. Dodge, Oct. 23. Waller, at New Hope, Oct. 28, 29. Hempstead, Oct. 29, 30. Anderson, at Steete's, Nov. 4, 5. Bedias, Nov. 11, 12. Madisonville sta, Nov. 13. Madisonville mis, at Elwood, Nov. 14. Prairie Plains, at Bay's, Nov. 16. Huntsville, sta., Nov. 18, 19. Conroe mis, at Cleveland, Nov. 21. C. R. Lamar, P. E.

Brenham District—Fourth Round. Buckholts, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Davilla, at Davilla, Oct. 1, 2. Somerville, at Somerville, Oct. 8, 9. Sealy, at Sealy, Oct. 15, 16. Bushbar and Brookshire, at F., Oct. 17. Bellville, Oct. 21, 22. Caldwell mis, at Chrisman, Oct. 28, 29. Caldwell sta, Oct. 29, 30. Milano, at Milano, Nov. 4, 5. Thorndale, at Thorndale, Nov. 5, 6. Garrison, at Steete's, Nov. 4, 5. Bedias, Nov. 11, 12. Madisonville sta, Nov. 13. Madisonville mis, at Elwood, Nov. 14. Prairie Plains, at Bay's, Nov. 16. Huntsville, sta., Nov. 18, 19. Conroe mis, at Cleveland, Nov. 21. C. R. Lamar, P. E.

San Augustine District—Fourth Round. Tenaha, at Tenaha, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Garrison, at Mt. Pleasant, Oct. 7, 8. Lufkin, Wed. Oct. 11. Keltys, at Keltys, Thu. Oct. 12. Melrose, at Chireno, Oct. 14, 15. Nacogdoches, Wed. Oct. 18. Burke, at Burke, Oct. 21, 22. Cushing, at Cushing, Oct. 28, 29. Center sta, Thur. Nov. 2. Geneva, at Geneva, Nov. 4, 5. Bronson, at Bronson, Nov. 11, 12. San Augustine, Nov. 12, 13. Carthage, Wed. Nov. 15. Minden, at Mt. Enterprise, Nov. 18, 19. Garry mis, Wed. Nov. 22. Appleby mis, Nov. 25, 26. C. A. Tower, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round. Linden, at Linden, Sept. 30, Oct. 1. Gilmer cir, at Mt. Gilead, Oct. 7, 8. Gilmer sta, Oct. 8, 9. Winfield, at New Hope, Oct. 14, 15. Mount Pleasant, Oct. 15, 16. New Boston Mission, Oct. 21, 22. Liberty Hill, N. B. sta, Oct. 22, 23. Pittsburg cir, Oct. 28, 29. Pittsburg sta, Oct. 29, 30. Cason, Nov. 4, 5.

Daingerfield, at Daingerfield, Nov. 5. Queen City, at Queen City, Nov. 11, 12. Dalby, Wednesday, Nov. 15. Fort Water, Nov. 18, 19. Mt. Water, at Shady Grove, Nov. 24. Quitman, Nov. 25, 26. TO THE STEWARDS. Dear Brethren: Hard as this year has been, our finances are better up than this time last year. Now, if you will put forth all your energies the District will come out in full. I beg you not to delay, but begin now, and push your part of the work till your charge has paid every cent assessed for support of the ministry. J. T. SMITH, P. E.

Beaumont District—Fourth Round.

Kountze, Oct. 1. Conference Nov. 9. Sabine Pass, at Sabine Pass, Oct. 7, 8. Woodville, at Woodville, Oct. 14, 15. Liberty, at Liberty, Oct. 21, 22. Wallisville, at Wallisville, Oct. 22, 23. Livingston, at Goodrich, Oct. 26, 27. Corzan, at Norrish, Oct. 28, 29. Warren, at Village, Oct. 31, Nov. 1. Burkeville, at Newton, Nov. 4, 5. Silsbee, at Silsbee, Nov. 6, 7. Port Arthur, Nov. 8. Jasper cir, at Peachtree, Nov. 11, 12. Jasper and Kirbyville, at Jasper, Nov. 12, 13. North End, Nov. 15. Call, Nov. 18, 19. Orange, Nov. 22. Cartwright, Nov. 29, 30. First Church, Nov. 21, 26. I urge the preachers to push all the interests committed to their hands. Make these closing months count for revival effort and gathering the collections; it is possible to do great things even yet. I am trusting you to do your best; don't fail me and those who trust you in this supreme hour. Let the stewards see to it that the pastor's salary is paid in full. Your preacher has been faithful and ought to be paid; a failure here means suffering. I do not believe you want to be a party to any such unrighteous thing. Much remains to be done, but faithful effort on your part for the balance of the year will see it accomplished. I beg the Stewards to allow nothing to prevent their attendance upon their respective Quarterly Conferences. A word to the members: Many of you have been waiting to do for your pastors and on the collections. The time for action has come. See your pastor and pay your part of the conference collections, and let it be worthy of the cause and the giver; and see the Steward, and see that your debt to your pastor is fully met. Earnest, faithful effort on the part of all will bring great results and enable us to close the year's work in a very satisfactory way. We are still working and praying for "a revival in every charge and collections paid in full." God bless the preachers and members of the Beaumont District. O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.

Houston District—Fourth Round. Rosenberg, Oct. 14, 15. Richmond, Oct. 15, 16. Harrisburg, Oct. 18. League City, Oct. 21, 22. White Oak, Oct. 25. Clear Bayou, Oct. 28, 29. Bay City, Nov. 4, 5. Wharton, Nov. 5, 6. Washington Street, Nov. 8. Columbia and Brazoria, Nov. 11, 12. Angleton, Nov. 12, 13. Sandy Point, at Rickett, Nov. 14. McAshan and Brunner, Nov. 15. West End, Nov. 18, 19. Central, Nov. 20. Alvin, Nov. 21. McKee Street, Nov. 22. Tabor, Nov. 23. Shearn, Nov. 24. Sam R. Hay, P. E.

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PERSONALS.

Mrs. S. F. Caruthers, of Koppell, called pleasantly on the Advocate. She is a working member of her Church.

We are in receipt of the following sad note from Rev. C. W. Irvin, who is a supernumary of the Northwest Texas Conference:

"We buried our mother, Mrs. E. J. Irvin, at South Bend, Texas, yesterday. She died Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2 p. m. at our old home."

Bro. J. W. Ogburn, of Lindale, was in to see us recently. He and a number of Tyler's business men are contemplating opening a bank in this city.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Rev. J. Marvin Nichols, of Broadway Church, Gainesville. He has had something like a nervous attack, but when last heard from he was improving. We hope for his speedy recovery.

While at Gainesville the other week we had the pleasure of meeting the family of Bro. F. M. Rankin, kinsman after the flesh. They are members of Bro. Nichols' Church and good, earnest people. It was a pleasure to meet them and share their hospitality.

Rev. Albert L. Scales, pastor of Travis Street Church, Sherman, made us a pleasant call this week. He will have a fine report of his work to render when the conference convenes this fall. He is one of our cultured and strong young men.

Capt. D. H. Snyder, of Georgetown, is at the St. Paul's Sanitarium, where he underwent a serious operation for cataract of the eye last week. This is his third operation for the trouble, and it is greatly to be hoped that satisfactory vision may result. Texas has no more stalwart Methodist than Capt. Snyder.

Captain William Daugherty and wife, of Gainesville, made our University people glad recently by sending them two hundred dollars with which to buy new books for their excellent library. We had a delightful visit in their good home while in Cooke County, and the memory of it will endure.

We had the pleasure of meeting Rev. R. A. Hall at the session of the New Mexico Conference. He is a supernumary member of the Northwest Texas Conference. He has largely recovered his health and is beginning to look like himself again. At present he is living within the bounds of the New Mexico Conference.

Rev. J. T. Gillett, of the West Texas Conference, is now living in El Paso, and we had the pleasure of meeting him out there last week. He is looking well for a man of his years, and he is busy at work. He says he can not be idle, if he is supernumary. It was a great pleasure to meet him and look into his genial face once more.

Robt. C. Coter, Esq., of Gainesville, made the Advocate a pleasant call the other day. Bro. Coter is a leading attorney of that city and took an active part in the recent local option campaign in Cooke County. He tells us that the pros will contest the election in the courts, and they are right. The antis raised a slush fund and paid the poll-tax of nearly two hundred negroes and voted them against local option.

Rev. J. Marvin Nichols, of Broadway Church, Gainesville, has made some very handsome improvements on his parsonage. It looks like a brand-new building. We saw a good deal of him during the local option campaign, and he is full of plans and energy in prosecuting his work. He did good service also in the local option fight. He is out in a rapidly growing section of the city, and his Church is filling a needed place. He has a noble band of people.

CHURCH NEWS.

Bishop Foss, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his son are aiding vigorously in Philadelphia's political purging.

Rev. J. H. Pritchett, D. D., asked for a supernumary relation at the last session of the Missouri Conference at Palmyra.

The following are the delegates elected by the Missouri Conference to the General Conference: Clerical—C. M. Bishop, W. H. Carlisle, O. E.

Brown, S. P. Cresap, B. D. Sipple, Lay—B. J. Castelle, St. Joseph; J. A. Leavell, Fulton; H. P. Woodson, Richmond; J. M. Proctor, Shelbina.

Bishop Andrews received a big bunch of congratulations from his colleagues in the Episcopal Board on his eightieth birthday.

Bishop Harris reports that he has distributed \$25,000 forwarded to him from America for the relief of needy families of Japanese soldiers.

Bishop Hess is to dedicate the new Centenary Church in Knoxville some time in September. It has been open for worship for several months.

Rev. H. S. Bradley, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., has been transferred to St. Louis and stationed at St. John's Church. Dr. James W. Lee has been transferred to the North Georgia Conference.

Rev. C. M. Hawkins, D. D., has been transferred from the Virginia Conference and stationed at Cabanne Church, St. Louis. Dr. Hawkins is the son-in-law of the venerable Dr. John Mathews.

Mrs. Ruth Hargrove, widow of Bishop Hargrove, has gone to live for a while with her sister at Rapid River, Mich. She has been one of the most effective of our workers among the missionary women.

The Salvation Army in England has been invited to join the Church of England and to continue its operations as part of the lay agency of the Church. It is reported that Gen. Booth has consented to give the matter earnest consideration.

By the will of Mr. Arthington, of Leeds, England, the London Missionary Society and the Baptist Missionary Society will divide nearly \$4,000,000 between them, the money to be employed entirely in opening and equipping new work.

The North Alabama Conference has invested some \$50,000 in homes for supernumaries since 1901, when the movement was inaugurated; and last year the conference paid sixty-five per cent more for the supernumary fund than in 1901.

MORE NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE PERSONALS.

Rev. W. A. Clark is one of the strong young men of the conference, and he gives promise of large usefulness.

Rev. W. E. Foulks did a year of most excellent work, and the Advocate found favor with his people. He is full of energy and devout.

Rev. B. T. James did well at Artesia, but he transferred to the Pacific coast. He is a man of working force and puts his life into his work.

Rev. Ed Lefebvre is adapting himself to that field, and will be a leading workman among his brethren. His report showed good results.

Rev. S. R. Twitty is popular out there and in demand. To know him is to love him. We were most favorably impressed with him.

Rev. W. J. Wright is up to date and well equipped for his work. He knows how to handle men and will do well.

Rev. N. D. Wood covered a large field away out on Duncan and Gila River, but he looked well after the interests of the Church and brought up a very good report.

Bros. Harper and Swepston were the only lay delegates present, and they had a picnic election of one of themselves to the General Conference. The one would vote for the other until finally the Bishop told them that one must cast a blank ballot. The next ballot showed two blanks. The dead lock was broken by Bro. Swepston being elected delegate and Bro. Harper alternate. Bro. Swepston said he could not attend the General Conference, so Bro. Harper will represent the laity in that body.

Rev. J. T. French was elected clerical delegate to the General Conference. He is strong and vigorous, and will be a good member of that law-making body.

Rev. G. M. Gibson is returned to El Paso where he is deservedly popular. That charge is flourishing under his fruitful ministry. He is strong and able and there is no sickness in his family. He is bringing things to pass.

Repentance does not undo the power of evil example.

BLACKMAN-RODGERS DEBATE.

Rev. J. T. Blackman, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. J. P. Rodgers, of the North Texas Conference, engaged in eight-days debate at Agnes, Texas, beginning September 5. Bro. Price Rodgers is a man eminently qualified to represent the doctrines of our Church, and he made havoc of Blackman's position at every point of contact. Hereafter a Methodist preacher can, I think, preach our doctrine at Agnes without receiving a challenge to debate; and if the Baptists should challenge, they will not use Blackman if Rodgers is the man to meet. Rev. Blackman dies hard, having many paroxysms of despair. During these spasms he beat our Discipline with great violence and spewed many opprobrious names on the Methodists. He catered for the sympathy of Alexander's children, but all was in vain. Rodgers held the spoiled child and gave him his medicine, which worked as well as if he had taken it willingly. The debate closed with an appropriate crowning of Rodgers by the good women of Boonsville and Agnes. The crown was beautiful. It was made to fit the man and the occasion. In letters of silver it has inscribed on it: "Victory." J. P. PATTERSON.

METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Methodist Orphanage in Waco, at the Orphanage at 1 o'clock, October 4. HORACE BISHOP, Pres't.

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PERSONAL.

I have been sick all this summer, heavily up now. I want somebody to give me the address of (Dick) R. A. Arnold. He lives west of here. He did me a great kindness. I want to write him. So did Drs. Monk, A. C. Brewer, Fort Worth; Miss Jessie Jones, of Marshall; Mrs. Brown, of Jackboro, besides many who have and are ministering to an old man now. God bless them. JOHN R. STEELE, Stephenville, Texas.

THE DENISON CHURCH NEWS.

The above is the name of a sprightly little paper published by the pastors of Denison. It became a necessity because of the fact that the other papers of that town are all on the side of liquor, and the pastors felt that they needed a medium of communication independent of that sort of thing. During the local option campaign recently in Grayson County the other papers of Denison laid themselves out for the bar-rooms and that crowd, and this little paper fired hot shot into the whole outfit, and it rendered fine service for the cause of morality in that town. Our old friend, Rev. J. W. Hill, is one of its editors, and when he uses a switch on the wayward of that community, he first strips the leaves all off of it and makes the fur fly.

A SPLENDID GIFT.

To the good people of Reagan: I will use this means of expressing the gratitude of my heart to you for presenting to me the beautiful gold watch. I appreciate the watch because of its value, but most of all for your love and esteem which it demonstrates. As I refer to it for the time of the day, I shall not only be reminded of your kindness, but that my time belongs to God, and that time is invaluable. I shall endeavor to repay you for this kindness by being a better man.

A. T. WALKER, P. C. Maysfield, Texas.

MARRIED.

Baker-Sappington.—At the home of the bride, in San Fordyce, Texas, Mr. A. Y. Baker and Miss Lena Sappington, on September 10, 1905. Rev. L. B. Newberry officiating.

Taylor-Marshall.—At the Methodist parsonage, Smithville, Texas, April 8, 1905. Mr. O. E. Taylor and Mrs. Lottie Marshall, Rev. E. G. Hocutt officiating.

Foxel-Taylor.—At the Methodist parsonage, Smithville, Texas, July 23,

1905. Mr. Landy A. Foxel and Miss Belle Taylor, Rev. E. G. Hocutt officiating.

Ringgold-Fite.—At the residence of Mr. J. W. Maddox, Smithville, Texas, August 23, 1905. Mr. G. Ringgold and Miss Pallie Fite, Rev. E. G. Hocutt officiating.

Walker-Dain.—At the Methodist Church, Smithville, Texas, September 14, 1905. Mr. Robert A. Walker and Miss Rea Dain, Rev. E. G. Hocutt officiating.

Sherman-Wansley.—James D. Sherman and Miss Mary Wansley, Aug. 24, 1905. Rev. James M. Sherman officiating.

Laney-Sherman.—Rev. Jas. A. Laney and Miss Gertrude E. Sherman, Sept. 11, 1905. Rev. James M. Sherman officiating.

Roberts-Downing.—Sept. 12, 1905, by Rev. W. M. Leatherwood, Mr. K. L. Roberts and Miss Della Downing; all of Hasen, Texas.

Shifflett-Sinclair.—At the Methodist Church, Detroit, Texas, Sept. 13, 1905. Mr. L. Shifflett, of Fort Worth, and Miss Mollie Sinclair, of Detroit, Texas, Rev. Atticus Webb officiating.

Angell-Galbreath.—At the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. W. F. Thompson, Mr. Wm. V. Angell and Miss Gladys Galbreath, Rev. J. Stewart Pearce, of the Baptist Church, officiating.

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