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EDITORIAL.

PASTORAL VISITING.

Pastoral visiting is a part of the ministerial office, and it cannot be neglected without serious injury to the work. Such is its supreme importance that no amount of fine preaching can take the place of it. The fact is, no minister can preach wisely and profitably to his people until he knows their spiritual needs and the circumstances of their daily lives. This knowledge can only be gotten from personal intercourse with them, and in the pastoral work this intercourse is established. He goes to their homes, talks to them face to face, prays around their domestic altars, and thus he becomes well acquainted with them and their conditions. They soon realize that he is interested in them, and they learn to regard him as a friend and a counselor. If they have heart sorrows, or unsatisfied spiritual longings, or domestic perplexities, or anything necessary for him to know in order to become helpful to them, they do not hesitate to unbosom themselves to him, for they realize that he is in sympathy with them. In this way he acquires a knowledge of their needs; and out of this knowledge he preaches sermons to them that instruct and comfort, and admonish them according to their several conditions. He has so studied their cases that he feeds them upon meat that is convenient for them.

Such a preacher rarely lacks for an audience. People love him because he has shown that he loves them by his interest in them; and out of this love for him, and their confidence in him, they want to hear what he has to say to them. Richard Baxter never said a truer thing than when he said: "A house-going preache. makes a church-going people." But if he never goes to see them, they feel no special interest in him, because they feel that he has none in them. Of course, a preacher can not put in al of his time going from house to house. On the contrary, his forenoons ought to be devoted to the closest study. This is essential to the preparation of wholesome sermons; but the afternoons ought to be given to pastoral work. He must do this if he hopes to succeed in his work. People expect this of him, and they have a right to such expectation. That is just as much a part of his calling as is the preparation of sermons. Such work will bring the people to hear the sermons. All truly successful preachers have been successful pastors. They have gathered the people about them by mixing with them, and becoming personally acquainted with them. Our Savior was a pastor. He visited the homes of the people of his day; he made himself one of them, and he never let an oportunity pass to meet them on the highway or the seashore, and to listen to their tales of sorow and woe. And it is said that the common people heard him gladly. No preacher of to-day can make much improvement upon the methods of the Master. Such is the importance of this branch of ministerial service that there is a growing demand for pastors. Our preachers ought to heed this, and turn their attention to this part of their work. It may be that we are limping a little at this place in the path of our progress. Then, go to see the people in their homes, and at their places of business. Learn them by name, take them by the hand, pray in their families, and at the services you will be apt to see an increased attendance.

REV. JOHN H. McLEAN.

Rev. John H. McLean is a prominent figure in Texas Methodism. He needs no introduction to the readers of the Advocate, for he is one of the best known men in the State. He came to Texas in his early infancy, and was brought up near Marshall under circumstances qualified to develop a high type of sturdy manhood. His educational advantages were the best that the country then afforded; and a little later in life he was placed under the tuition of Rev. J. W. P. McKenzie, D. D., at McKenzie College, and here he received the durable impress of this great preacher and Christian educator. While at this school he was powerfully converted, and at once felt his call to the Christian ministry. At the close of his school career, he applied to the East Texas Conference for admission on trial in the traveling connection. This was in the stormy period of 1860. Thus began his work as a preacher; and from that time till the present he has been faithful to the trusts committed to his keeping. The first twenty-one years of his ministerial life were spent on missions, circuits, stations, and districts; and then followed a life of seventeen years in the work of education at the Southwestern University. During those years of toil, he gave himself literally to this institution. His fine common sense, his accurate business judgment, his executive wisdom, and his persistence of industry placed the University upon a practical financial basis, and made possible the fine results which have been and are being wrought out of this institution. Nearly two years ago Dr. McLean tendered his resignation as Regent of the University, and re-entered the itinerancy. He was appointed presiding elder of the Dallas District, which position he holds to-day. Thus, for thirty-nine years he has gone in and out, doing the work to which the Church has assigned him. During this time he has represented his conference in six General Conferences, and he was our delegate to the Ecumenical Conference which met in Washington City in 1891. In all of these places of trust he has discharged his duty with ability and success. He is, therefore, justly entitled to the love and high esteem in which Texas Methodism holds him. He is a man of fine discrimination, and he weighs a matter thoroughly before he makes up his mind to act; and when he is convinced of the correctness of his judgment, there is no power on earth that can change him. There is a stratum of Scotch nature in him which never turns a thing loose when conscience tells him that he is right. As a preacher, he is thoughtful at all times, and often he is eloquent in the presentation of truth. He instructs and edifies his hearers. As a presiding elder he is painstaking in looking after the duties of his office. Socially, he is a very companionable man, and easily approached. Under all circumstances he is a model of prudence and discretion, and he knows exactly when to talk, and what to say, and to whom to say it. He is a fine judge of human nature, and he rarely ever errs in his judgment of men. As a friend, he is inflexible in his persistency.



REV. JOHN H. McLEAN, D. D., P. E. DALLAS DISTRICT.

Dr. McLean has an ideal family of the Methodist preacher. His wife is a cultivated, sweet-spirited woman, and helpmeet, indeed; and his children are a credit to the Church. He has already given to some of them, and is giving to the rest of them, good educational training; and when he shall have passed away, they will be, as they are now, a contribution to the moral wealth of the Church. He and his good wife have not lived and wrought in vain. And when a complete history of Texas Methodism shall have been written, Dr. McLean will figure prominently in its annals. On this page of the Advocate, we present the familiar face of this honored servant of the Church.

The domain of thought has its distinct systems and constellations. Here, too, "one star differeth from another star in glory." There are the blazing comets, the eccentric meteors, the fixed stars, the milky way, the tangential bodies and central suns. Some men, like flaming comets, for the moment daze a wondering world and then wheel into the unseen abiding of their trackless course; others, like the atom in the star-dust of a solar world, possess an identity so dim and distant as that they are lost amid unnumbered others. But there are those who, like brilliant central suns, rise from unexpected zones. Onward and upward they sweep, drawing every star of first magnitude in the empire of thought toward that zenith where they shall forever stand as the center of force and gravity.

Lord Beaconsfield, in a renowned speech delivered by him before the University of Edinboro, asserted that the fundamental conditions of success were two—knowing oneself and knowing the needs of the age. It is strange that those so able to diagnose the world's heart-maladies know but little about themselves. They ignore self and dictate for the world. It is forever true that all things outside of self are viewed from the standpoint of our own personality. The sun appears dark and murky because we are looking through a cloud or smoked glass. When the pessimist looks at the human race through his own heart, wreck and ruin is the inevitable. We color our views; the heart decides its own environment. It is a normal trait—to see the world as we see ourselves. God and religion make optimists; the pessimist makes himself.

There was once an old lady of Scottish birth who was a bleacher by trade. She could never remember either the text or sermon. Once, when asked what good it did her to attend preaching, she said: "I wet my cloth and spread it in the sunlight; at night it is dry. I wet my cloth again and put it in the sunlight; at night it is dry. It seems that the water, sun and time are wasted, but it bleaches my cloth. So it is when I hear the preacher. The text nor the sermon I can never tell, but in time I am bleached." Many a man, because of faulty memory, will not devote his time to the reading of good books. He forgets that books are bleachers.

The sick, the afflicted, the bereaved, the outcast, came to Him for sympathy, and never came in vain. It was this that made the multitudes in Galilee follow him with a wildness of enthusiasm that is unparalleled.—Talmage.

Communicated.

THE PULPIT AND THE PUBLIC CONSCIENCE.

BY REV. J. MARVIN NICHOLS.

Methodism, throughout her borders, is being profoundly stirred over the spiritual state of the Church. Would to God that our great Church had not slumbered so long! In a recent contribution to the Texas Advocate, an Alabama correspondent made use of the startling expression: "The pulpit has lost its grip on the public conscience, and our work has become formal and cold." However this may move us to sorrow, I for one am not prepared to enter a protest against the utterance.

There are two sides to the issue. There is before the world a certain type of ministers who utilize their moments in the pulpit to hurl denunciations upon a derelict congregation because of a faithless few. Though it may grate upon the refined sensibilities of a certain ministerial element, I want to say that the laity is not altogether responsible for the apathy of the Church. Sometimes the firing of a gun sends the shot wide of the mark, and the only injury is from the rebound of the gun on him who fired it. We forget that the pulpit may be as void of spiritual life and power as is the pew against whom we train our batteries. True, the Church is largely responsible for the spiritual dearth now upon us, and yet I propose, for a while, a study of the other element in the issue before us. The time has come in which the preachers must involve themselves in the discussion of this momentous question. What is said in this paper can not be denied, since it finds its basis in actual facts. Neither are these castigations applicable in a specific sense, only as one may fall into line with the general cause. If such is true, the only recourse is a place of secret prayer, not an apology. While we call upon the Church to move forward, let us see to it that we ourselves are divinely qualified to lead the hosts.

If it is true that the pulpit has lost its grip on the public conscience, it is in part due to the fact that too many cater to the "enrichment of the service." The pulpit was at its zenith when, with an iron and deathless less grip, it held current events and fashioned thought. There has been a time in the history of religion when the supremacy of mind never rose above that of the pulpit. It was a sort of spiritual, intellectual aristocracy to which the world's great thinkers paid the utmost deference. But the star of that day has passed its meridian and is waning. When God calls a man to preach he endows him for place in the hierarchy of spiritual thought. In these latter days some preachers have drifted from the ancient moorings. The popular demand for artful and catchy services has been mistaken for the need of the times. To-day "demand" and "need" are as widely separated as the poles. The pulpit responds to this confusion of terms; from such travesty the Holy Ghost turns in disgust. Our preachers have fatally yielded to the encroachment of the present, thinking they carried "the old, old story" in vessels of modern taste. The result is, we have detracted from the sermon and made the "program" the drawing card. Shame on him, called of God to unfold the hidden riches, who would stoop to filch the time and purpose of the Father to save men in order to cater to the abnormal tastes of the thoughtless element. Let me draw a picture of contrast:

The first is a scene in a great Church-center. The minister is lost in the fog; he has resolved to sacrifice a conscious need at the shrine of popular demand. His lecture he mistakes for a sermon; the applause of an atrophied congregation he fancies to be spiritual fervor. In his book is this iron-clad program:

10:30—Organ and voluntary.
10:35—Invocation.
10:36—Psalm (responsive reading.)
10:38—Hymn.
10:40—Scripture lesson.
10:45—Prayer and response (please note.)
10:55—Announcements and offertory.
11—Sermon.
11:30—Prayer.
11:30— Hymn.
11:37—Benediction.

After this parody on a "called ministry" has turned the leaves of an elegantly written sermonette for thirty minutes, he pronounces the benediction upon a half-filled auditorium. His congregation, without having been fed on thought which develops spiritual brawn, and destitute of a new heaven-born impulse, goes out into the world's wild rush.

The other is a picture of a less pretentious Church, but which, in society and thought, is a perpetual fountain of life. Within the house is a large congregation, and in the pulpit a plain, sensible man, who conducts a simple service, preaches an unctuous sermon, and quits when he feels like it. Then he reads a hymn:

"Show pity, Lord; O, Lord, forgive;
Let a repenting rebel live;
Are not thy mercies large and free?
May not a sinner trust in thee?"

Everybody sings. There is no fiddle. It is doubtful if the little organ over in the corner can be heard. The soul is floated heavenward on the tide of song and worship. When two verses have been sung, the preacher gets up; a tear is in his eye, a tremor in his voice, as he says: "If there are those here who feels the impulse toward the better life, but realizing their guilt and helplessness, desire to seek God's forgiveness and his help, I hope they will come forward and let us pray together. The song is resumed, and here they come, and kneel, weeping near the pulpit. The preacher calls on some good man to pray,

"And heaven comes down their souls to greet,
And glory crowns the mercy seat."

A glory more real and splendid than that of the Shekinah of old. The first of these pictures represents progress, and what is known as "the enrichment of the service." The latter is poor in ritual and rich in God.

I am not writing for the older brethren: they may read if they chose. I appeal to the younger and future ministry of our great Church in Texas. The tide must turn! Let us abstain from the indiscriminate censure of the Church until we absolutly rebel against the spirit which seeks to satisfy the drift towards ritualism and the clock. Let the ministry call a halt—the Church will never do it; God will see to it that we do not go down in defeat. Ritualism and studied programs are a certain recipe for empty pews and lifeless congregations. Don't tear from the gospel of our fathers her primitive trappings; they will forever be comely and regal.

The departing glory of original Methodism may be due to the efforts of the ministry to embellish the gospel of Jesus Christ. No advantage is to be gained in paraphrasing the fundament truths of the gospel. These statements of truth are ultimate and final. Either to add to or to reduce the original declarations of divine truth is to minify their appeal to the human heart. Somehow, some preachers have entertained the idea that if the world ever accepts the message, the old-time declaration itself must be refitted in their mental junk-shop. They are duped by fancy that our congregations will not receive the same truths in the same garb as did our fathers. Methodism suffers because too many of her ministers try to embellish the message. Our preaching is barren because the final goal is not to reveal naked truth, but rather a study of the processes. He is just as wise who would try to increase the diamond's value by putting it in a leaden ring. The value of our preaching seem now to rest in its gaudy attire, not the vitalizing thought. We hide the truth with the mantle we throw about it. Studied elocution and the excessive burden in the art of gesture lay a deadly paralysis on truth. How often does our ministry rush headlong into a popular style of abortive preaching. It takes a man of thought and life to feed people. We can never lift a congregation above us. Spiritual truth lies only in the plane of a rich experience. The chances of some audiences to know the truth are circumscribed within a very small compass. The one great need nowadays is to preach our fathers' gospel in our fathers' style. He alone is great who knows how to wield the sword in order to pierce the conscience. We must tear loose from that popular demand which enslaves us to the service of an apostate world. Not to go to either extreme is to learn how to hurl the naked truth at the unstirred conscience. Dr. Peck, afterwords a Bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church, was preaching once in Sacramento City, California, on this very point. Turning toward a fine pulpit lamp he said: "How much does that gilded globe and richly carved figure add to the glow of that electric fire? Its own embellishments are but hindrances." God of infinite grace help us to learn that truth alone makes men! The great preacher is that humble man who has learned how to unclothe truth. This may be the passport to obscurity, but it secretes the workman in the bosom of the Father. The stoker hides himself away down in the ocean-steamer, but no vessel crosses without his help. We are half way to heaven when we are willing to be obscure. Bishop Duncan said these obscure men were "the mudsills of the Church." God needs a day of crowning for such men. We have unwittingly dealt death to the Church by the vain assumption that if men will receive the truth of God, we must clothe it with an earth-born, modern livery. Away with such degrading processes! We, ourselves, dam up the river of life. We warp the message; the original truth is not apparent this side our studies, if any we have. Let us have done with this vulgarizing of the gospel by the rhetoric of the world. A preacher must be a skilled elocutionist—only when every nerve is attenuated by the onrushing of the Holy Ghost; a preacher must be an exact grammarian—but after the rules in the grammar of the skies; the preacher must embellish the gospel—but no man can do this who has not learned that truth leaps from the eternities clothed in the rhetoric of the world to come. Our great mission is to reveal, not clothe, the holy Scriptures. For this the world is dying.

Another great reason why spirituality is declining may be because the pulpit has descended to the plane in which the world's thought moves. The subjects announced from some pulpits are degrading and belittling in the extreme. The soul can only dwarf and die when fed on such nonsensical pabulum. We substitute popular subjects for the eternal verities on which the ancient worthies preached. The stern deportment of the man who had a burning message is lost in the effort to please with pulpit antics. Some who pose as heralds of the cross are no more than jesters and buffoons in the king's court. The awe and silent grandeur of the Sinai ministry is prostituted in keeping with the demands of the populace. We are prone to admit it, but we are too often predisposed to ferret out the popular attitude. Instead of being fearless and regal in our thought and policy, we too often crouch and cower when duty imposed and the world's patronage conflict. Because our congregations are utterly unable to generate great, throbbing thoughts we seek to accommodate ourselves to the condition. Such dastardly cowardice, by which we hope to win our spurs, only puts restrictions on our ministry and dooms us to a like imbecility. Oh, God! by some secret force drive us back to the days in which the pulpit was the mighty leverage that raised men to the fellowship of the saints in light.

After hearing a labored discussion by an eminent divine, a prominent preacher remarked to me: "I long for the early days of the Church; I haven't heard a sermon on the atonement in twenty years." And I retraced the sermons I had heard in life—not one on this great theme. Another friend, whose celebrity as a preacher is by no means limited, remarked: "I am hungry to hear a man preach who can unfold to me the great, loving heart of Christ." In a certain Texas congregation, prominent and influential, there is a noble man who never misses a service. Not long ago a visiting brother preached in that pulpit. He is only a country pastor, and yet, as a thinker of thoughts concerning God and man he is peerless; he preaches out of a rich and profound experience. The congregation was stirred as it had not been for months. As the humble servant left the auditorium, there waited just outside the member of whom I speak. Great tears were rolling down his cheeks; his breast was heaving under the indescribable longing to be such a man as the preacher described that day. Taking the preacher by the hand, he said: "You fed us to-day on such as we do not often get; I am resolved to be a better man. If I could hear that kind of preaching every Sunday, I could live religious." Brethren, this confession is severe, and yet we must face the issue. Much of our spiritual deadness is because our people are not fed. We have quit preaching on the fundamental laws of the gospel. Our congregations ofttimes are no better situated than the fated passengers on the train whose engineer was dead at the throttle.

The social life of our Churches makes drastic demands upon our time. Manifold organizations, purporting to lift the pastor's burdens, tend to increase them. The preacher in primitive Methodism could generate a profounder thought in his silent, horseback meditations than can we in the shadow of a thousand books, while our thought is driven to and fro by multifarious duties. We are murdered in assuming the responsibilty of all the organized departments of social and religious life. Our Churches must learn that if we feed them we must be emancipated. Such a proclamation would smoothe many a brow and cheer many a despondent heart. Pardon me if I say that some preachers meditate but little in these days. No man, occupied with countless social and religious engagements, as some are, will ever preach like our fathers. So general a manner of thought will never give rise to more than glittering generalities. May God send the day when the man called to preach shall enter an unalterable and eternal protest against everything which makes war on the one great, pivotal fact in his life—that of preaching.

And now, brethren, when we shall have brought our ministerial life up to its real dignity; when we shall have recognized the real need, ignoring the popular demand of our congregations, then, and only then, may we denounce the apathy of Zion. Remember him who lived in a glass house! Be careful that he who is without sin casts the stone.

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WE AND OUR FATHERS—CONTRASTS.

Torment me not, or if thou dost, I fain
Would find some way to view the shining sun;
Would search some ship, and on that sail would ride
Into an open sea, where all expanse would guide
The soul to better melody.

The things we hear and see and read almost make us sometimes cry out, "O, miserable souls that we are!" How often do we go in search of something that makes us even more miserable. How much we indulge imagination of the past for true history. How prone are we, in looking on the times of our fathers, to call them halcyon days, and in contrast to consider ourselves as hardly fit to be food for the harpies. Yet the sun shines as beautifully as in other days, and the stars which smiled mindful of our fathers, still show their affection and kiss us the usual goodnight.

Are we not too much inclined to look upon the Church of our fathers as ideal, upon them as the immortals, and upon ourselves, in comparison, as degenerate sons—all because somebody who is not an authority has said it? "O, our fathers were so good!" That is a fond memory, and should be cherished, but we are not Chinese, and therefore do not worship ancestors. Merely to be good is a small report. A Church member should have open eyes, hearing ears, an understanding heart, diligent hands and an open purse. Did all of these qualities fit our fathers well?

As to an ideal Church, the world has never had it, and people had just as well quit making themselves miserable about it. It will never come in a day, a month, nor a year. If it ever comes it will be through the gradual moral evolution of the world. The seven Churches in Asia were far from an ideal. The writings of Paul and Peter and James show that it was not in their day. The early Church of John Wesley showed improvement that has continued to this day; but an ideal is not yet exhibited. All history does not show such an ideal company as is sometimes conjured up in the imagination. Yet there have been many good fathers and mothers here and there all along, and about as many to-day as formerly.

Recognizing now as formerly that the herd do not keep even pace, yet we see many things indicative of spiritual life, conduct and character between now and former times. Devotion to-day is not exhibited in the narrow sense of former times. It reaches out now with stronger arm to take the world for Christ. It is far stronger in building houses of worship, schools, missionary enterprise, and in the maintenance of the ministry. There is a broader brotherly love. We are rid of much narrow nature. We are fast cutting the neck of hate and prejudice, and, we trust, are searching for the life-blood of envy. Love is not so confined as once. We now not only salute our own Church brethren, but extend the hand of love and the fraternal spirit inter-denominationally. If we keep on we should not be surprised if, after awhile, the Roman Catholics and Protestants will see some good in each other. Behold what God hath wrought. We should shout for joy in that we have left some of the ways of our fathers, and are raised to higher views and walk on a broader gauge of God's word.

Though we do not exhibit ourselves in the same way as our fathers, nevertheless we are not without the spirit that exhibits us on a most favorable parallel. While our fathers, had it been possible for them to see our times and manners, would have been grieved for that which was coming, we are far from desiring to be as they. Were there many good fathers and mothers in the olden day? So are there now. Are there many now who live far short of duty? So were there then. Do we come far short of being

an ideal Church? So did our fathers. In the place of their greater noise we are doing more work. In place of their circumscribed attachments and action, our hearts go out to the whole world. Did they shout? Have we not better grounds for making the earth resound with praise?

Ah! but some one tells us that we are worthless, spiritually dead and wicked, because we take interest in other matters than the Church directly. Such would have us always singing the songs of Zion, or praying, or talking and exhorting on religion, or reading the Bible. It will do no harm to carry a gun for that kind of a fellow in religion, provided he is of a receptive class. Can we be forgetful or neglectful of life, of its various business and duties, of our country and the respect due to knowledge, political and other matters which truly and righteously draw on our time and strength?

We will not pose as a public censor. Had we lived in the days of our fathers we would, perhaps, have seen just about as much to accuse and censure as now. We had rather exhort than reprehend. All is contained in one word. Let all our preachers, traveling and local, be in accord and preach Christ in the fullness of the Gospel, leaving off things doubtful—preach that Gospel now, to-morrow, everywhere, and the Church will give forth satisfactory signs of righteousness We have this much faith in God, who is ever present with his work.

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YOUTHFUL CHRISTIANITY.

I have been a close observer of youthful Christianity for some time. I have also noticed that those who accept Christ at an early age make the most useful Christians, and do more for the Master. It pays to accept Christ at an early age, because it is better to give a whole life to the service of the Lord than just a little of the latter part, and probably none at all. When a child's heart becomes full of the love of God, they don't hesitate to let some one find it out. If they have any relatives and friends in the congregation, they will be nearly sure to go and make themselves known by telling them how happy they are and insisting on them to go and partake of the blessings that the Lord has in store for them.

Last summer, while I was attending a revival meeting, I saw a little girl not more than ten or eleven years old become converted, and from that time on to the close of the meeting she was one of the most earnest workers we had in the altar. What made her that way? Simply because she felt so happy when she found Jesus precious to her soul that she knew it was her imperative duty to try and lead others from the darkness of despair into the bright effulgence of light and love. Christ can sometimes manifest his power through a child more thoroughly than any one else. This same little girl had a brother that was very wicked. She got him to come to the altar, but he seemed so cold and unconcerned that he didn't receive the blessing, but I think she did her part. The rest of her family are irreligious, but I trust that she will be an instrument in the hands of God in bringing about a general revolution in that family, and that old Satan will be forever ruled out, and that Christ will reign in his stead. Christ works in many mysterious ways his wonders to perform. Sometimes he has to take away one of the brightest jewels in the family in order to set the father and mother to thinking about their own condition. But it is better to take one little bud from this earth, and let it bloom in heaven, than to let a whole family perish in that lake that burneth with fire and brimstone. I will never fall out with the way that God controls the affairs of this world. But I do think that we as a band of Christian people fail to do our duty at times. We sometimes "play off," and are not worthy to enjoy the least of His blessings. We too often neglect the children and go after the older ones. Sometimes the cares of this world rest upon us so heavily that we forget to go to the Lord in prayer; consequently we soon forget the Lord's part of the work, that he has left us to perform. Then we should get down on our knees and pray to the Lord to forgive us for past offenses and give us grace sufficient to withstand every trial and temptation that may be hurled upon us, and that when he sends his angel to gather up his jewels, we may be among them.

The first place for us to do something for the Lord is right here in our own homes. We should first see that our own household is fully under the Master's control. Then, and not until then, are we ready to go and seek the lost sheep. I don't wonder that Christ said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Christ loves little children. He says that an adult person has to become as humble as a little child before they are fit for the kingdom of heaven. Let us as a band of noble Christians hold up youthful Christianity before the rising generation. Let us pray that the people of the twentieth century (which is dawning upon us) may do more for the Lord, and that a greater per cent of them will go to that city whose builder and maker is God.

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THE CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

Ever since I joined the conference I have thought that the collections ordered by the Annual Conference were very important. Feeling the interest that I do in these collections, I have given much time to the study of the minutes of the last session of the North Texas Conference. I find that Dallas District paid on all the collections $3046, which is 81 per cent of the assessment and 26 per cent of what the pastors received on their salaries. Greenville paid $2120.94, which is nearly 61 per cent of the assessment and 23 per cent of what the pastors received. Paris paid $2691.10, which is 69 per cent of the assessment and 35 per cent of what was paid to the pastors. Sulphur Springs paid $2344.55, which is 64½ per cent of what was assessed and 30 per cent of what was paid to the pastor. Terrell paid $2160.65, a little more than 62 per cent of the assessment and 30 per cent of the pastor's salary. Bonham paid $2761.80, 70 per cent of the assessment and 35 per cent of what the pastors received. Gainesville paid $293.85, 80 per cent of the assessment and 28 per cent of pastors' salaries. Sherman paid $2605.95, 67 per cent of the assessment and 27 per cent of what was received by the pastors. Bowie paid $1785.57, 51 per cent of the assessment and 24 per cent of the pastors' salaries.

Comparatively few works paid more than they were assessed, while many fell far behind. Lancaster fell behind everything in the Dallas District. She only paid about 25 per cent of her assessment. Kavanaugh led everything in the Greeville District, paying 26 per cent more than her assessment, while Neola fell behind, paying only 21 per cent of the assessment. Deport fell behind, in Paris District, paying only 25, while Maxey mission went ahead of everything in the conference, and paid 46 per cent more than her assessment. Leonard, in the Sulphur Springs District, paid only 15 per cent of her assessment and fell behind everything in the conference. Terrell Circuit led in Terrell District, and paid 18 per cent over the asessment, while Mesquite was behind, paying a little over 22 per cent. South Bonham was behind in that district, paying 18 per cent of the assessment. Denton Street, Gainesville, led in that district, paying 20 per cent more than the assessment. Woodbine was behind, with 30 per cent paid. In Sherman District, Pilot Grove paid 27 per cent and was behind. Not a single charge in the Bowie District paid the assessment in full. Greenville is the only district in the conference that the stations were assessed less than the circuits. Some of the poorest circuits were assessed more than the wealthiest stations. All the stations in the Greenville District were assessed less than any other stations of like ability in the conference.

L. A. HANSON.

Floyd, Texas.

PIONEER OF TEXAS METHODISM.

Rev. Robert Alexander came to Texas in 1837, and there were but few early Texans who did not know him. He and Rev. Littleton Fowler were sent as missionaries to Texas by the Methodist Episcopal Church, and they traveled and preached wherever they could find congregations to listen. In many respects Bro. Alexander was a remarkable man; of fine physique, measuring 6 feet, 3 or 4 inches in height, of florid complexion, light hair, massive forehead and heavy eyebrows which seemed to knit together when in deep thought or scanning those around him. His determination and will power were great; when he determined to accomplish anything, he did it, if within his power; and if persuaded of the right or justice of any cause or question, he tenaciously advocated it. Some thought him stern, even stubborn, but he was really gentle and kind and was ever a welcome guest in our home. As was usual with all our Texas preachers, Bro. Alexander rode horseback to all points of his work. His height and weight were not well proportioned to the size of our Texas ponies, especially with the addition of a pair of Methodist preacher's saddle bags. After the organization of the Texas Conference, he filled every position in the conference from preacher in charge of circuit, station, presiding eldership, delegate to the General Conference, etc. In some instances, in the absence of Bishops, he was elected president of the conference, over which he presided with dignity and ability. He was delegate to the General Conference, in 1844, at which the Church was divided. Bro. Alexander was not, in the ordinary sense, an eloquent preacher, but his sermons were characterized by earnestness, sound doctrine and were practical. The Holy Spirit attended them to the hearts and consciences of men. He was highly esteemed and beloved. Bro. Alexander married a daughter of David Ayers, then of Austin County, a sister of Mrs. S. S. Park, of Galveston. The family belonged to Stephen F. Austin's colony. In 1875 he was residing on Adam's Island, near Galveston Bay, during the noted September storm, and the waters rose so rapidly over the island that he and wife and grandson were forced to take refuge in a tree, the two latter being lashed with ropes, where they remained for forty hours before assistance reached them. They saw their house with all its contents washed away. They were rescued by Dr. I. G. John and another friend. The hardships and trials of his early life had prepared him for this great trial, and his confidence and trust in God continued unshaken. Sickness followed this exposure to water and a cold north wind, undermining the health of both, which no doubt hastened their death, or at least lessened their days on earth. Bro. Alexander was faithful in every relationship of life. Steadfast in the faith, loving the Church, he counted his life not dear unto himself but that he might finish his course with joy, and the ministry given him "of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

S. S. MUNGER.

Lampasas, Texas.

FROM REV. J. D. CROCKET.

Every time I get the Advocate I feel like shaking your hand for making so good a paper. But when I read in February 9 your "Substitute Controversy with Prayer," I was moved to lay down the paper long enough to write a few lines and especially commend you for that pointed and timely article. I have felt impressed several times to write something for the Advocate, then the thought would arise that "some brother will misconstrue the article and my motives, so I will not." Why this thought? I was only judging by the past with myself and others who had written. About a year ago an article of mine appeared in the Advocate on "The Itinerancy," and I am sure I was prompted by the purest of motives, with no thought of any evil resulting from it, and with no personal feeling in my heart against any brother, and there was nothing in it that was personal, or that would reflect on any man that was trying to do his duty; and although I received several private letters from the "itinerant" brethren, and two or three of them ex-presiding elders, highly commending the article and asking me to write again, yet, strange to say, at conference, last fall, I was informed that some of the presiding elders thought I was not in harmony with my presiding elder. A greater mistake could not have entered any mind. I stated in the beginning of that article that I believed the itinerant system to be the grandest system in the world to evangelize the world. I could not indorse the itinerancy and oppose the presiding eldership, for to oppose the presiding eldership would be to sap the very life from the itinerant system. It would be impossible for any Bishop, however wise he might be, to make the appointments intelligently without the co-operation and the assistance of the presiding elders. Yet, none of them are infallible. I endeavored in that article to point out some of the dangers of abusing the "itinerant system." But I did not accuse anybody of doing so. I was only discussing a principle—and is a man to be driven to the wall because some 'feller" is in the way of a principle he is discussing? Sam Jones said, the hit dog would howl.

I am reminded of an incident that occurred while I was serving a certain station. Passing along the public square, a saloonist came out on the sidewalk in front of his saloon and introduced himself. After exchanging a few words of greeting, I asked him to come to Church. He replied that "We fellers would go to Church more if you preachers would not abuse us and try to break up our legitimate business." I tried to assure him that we were not abusing him, but it was the awful curse of liquor, which was not a legitimate business, that we were abusing, but we loved his soul and were pleading even for his best interest. He and his wife came to preaching, and it was my privilege and pleasure to receive her into the Church.

If any brother got offended at what I wrote, let him make the above application, for I am sure that I not only love the presiding elders, but there is no class of men I love like Methodist preachers. And if any get offended at this, if he will only tell me so next conference, I will hug him till he repents—but not kiss him (especially if he uses tobacco).

The Lord help us to lay down every contentious spirit, pray more, be more faithful to our trust, and save perishing souls, for whom Christ died. Yours for peace and love,

J. D. CROCKETT.

Cotton Gin, Texas.

PRESIDING ELDERS' CONFERENCE.

I have read with great interest Bishop Galloway's call for a conference of all our presiding elders in the State, and all pastors who can attend to be held in Ft. Worth on the 16th and 17th of March. The conference is to consider two great interests: the deeper spiritual life of the Church, and the Twentieth Century Educational Fund—the greatest and the great interest that now concerns the onward progress of the Church. And Bishop Galloway here places these two great interests of the Church in their proper order—the spiritual first, the educational next. "The has been" of Mehodism is essentially connected with "The is to be" of Methodism. First, last and always it is properly a great spiritual movement, using spiritual forces and conserving the great spiritual interests of the kingdom of God. Having begun in the spirit we must not end in the flesh. We were born as a spiritual power and have grown to our world wide achievements as a religious force. "That which made us great taken from us will leave us poor and contemptible." Our entire economy has sprung out of our spiritual life and has been framed with reference to spiritual ends. And now as we close out the century our mightiest need and our greatest qualification for the vaster work of the incoming age is a quickening and enriching of our spiritual life—a mighty baptism of power and of fire upon our preachers and people. Next to this comes the fostering and strengthening of results in our educational institutions.

The Bible and the school; religion and knowledge—this has been the Methodist order from the beginning.

The conference at Fort Worth will begin on Wednesday evening, the 15th of March, by a union prayer-meeting of all the Methodist Churches in the city. A great Pentecostal occasion—a glorious beginning—we hope that meeting will be. Presiding elders and pastors from every part of the State will be in the meeting, and one of them assigned for the duty will lead the meeting. O, that the Holy Spirit may so descend upon us as to carry us on far into the hours of the night in that meeting! Let us not limit His time nor His power. At that same hour our Churches all over the State will be assembled for prayer. Let all the pastors beforehand arrange that the prayer-meetings be held for the same purpose as the one at Fort Worth—prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit upon the conference and upon all our Zion. So shall we all be of one accord. A mighty volume of prayer from all our Churches in Texas. And let all the presiding elders come and all the pastors that can possibly do so. Bishops Galloway, Key and Candler—we hope all will be present. Let us begin at the Presiding Elders' Conference a great, unied, connectional, organized spiritual campaign that shall include the whole Church, and with renewed spiritual life and endowed institutions sweep forward into the twentieth century!

Methodists of Texas, preachers and people—all who hear—pray for us and for the mighty power and guiding counsel of the Spirit upon the Presiding Elders' and Pastors' Conference at Fort Worth. F. B. CARROLL.

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SECULAR NEWS

A fearful storm passed over Yazoo City, Miss., the 27th of February, doing great damage. One hundred people were left homeless, and several were fatally injured.

The aged Pope of all the Catholics has recently undergone an operation. For Thirty years he has had a cyst growing on his left thigh. Finally it became as large as an orange, and began to give him some trouble. Hence the operation. Great anxiety has prevailed throughout the world on account of the fear that his advanced age and infirm health might not pull him through the ordeal.

The Spanish cabinet has handed in its resignation, and a crisis is now on in that unhappy land. The Queen Regent has not yet taken action, and the result is watched with much eagerness. The peace treaty between Spain and this country has not yet been ratified by the Spanish Government, and the resignation of the cabinet, under the circumstances, leaves things somewhat complicated.

The strike of the coal miners throughout the Indian Territory has become general, and all of the mines are involved. Some few men have been imported and are doing some work, but it amounts to but little. The great bulk of the mines is tied up, and work is at a stanstill. The men say that they are prepared for a long suspension, and no telling when the strike will come to an end.

Lord Herschell, one of the high Joint Commissioners from Great Britain at Washington, died in that city last week. He received a fall on a slippery sidewalk some weeks ago, and broke his pelvic bones. From this shock he never recovered, and death was the result.

The case of the State against Jesse James, Jr., charged with train robbery, in Kansas City, Mo., was terminated last week with a verdict of acquittal in favor of Jesse James. The District Attorney was so disgusted with the outcome that he had all of the other pending cases of like nature dismissed.

The bill known as the Nicaragua bill, which has been pending before Congress for some weeks, after having passed the Senate, has failed in the Lower House. This bill contemplated a great scheme, and its success promised great things to all of this western country, but for economical reasons the Lower House killed it. However, it will have to come some day.

The Philippines contain over 7,000,000 inhabitants. The Chinese, who are in a majority among the aliens, control the retail trade, while next to them come the Spanish dealers. The richest dealers are among the Creoles and mestivos, a combination of Chinese and Tagalese.

No decision of the United States Supreme Court has attracted more widespread attention than that delivered by Justice Bradley, exempting agents, canvassers, salesmen, etc., from all special state, town, and county taxes. All such special tax or license laws are declared unconstitutional.

During 1896-97 Mexico exported more tobacco to Cuba than all the rest of the world. It was worked up over there, and returned to the United States as fine Havana cigars.

A match machine of recent invention cuts 10,000,000 splints per day, and automatically arranges them over a vat where the heads are put on to them by an almost instantaneous process. No wonder, then, that matches are cheap.

Congressman John W. Cranford, of the Fourth Congressional District of Texas, died the 2nd inst. at the Providence Hotel in Washington City. He was born in Clark County, Ala., in 1859, and came to Texas about twenty-two years ago. When the Hon. Dave Culberson retired from Congress, he was succeeded by Mr. Cranford, who has held that position till the present.

The State Senate at Austin has passed a libel law, or a bill to that effect. It will now go to the Lower House for action. The bill is not satisfactory to the press of the State. It is so stringent that the publication of almost any sort of personal news will lay such paper open to suit for damage. That the press needs to be restricted, is not a question, but that it needs any such restrictions as this bill proposes, is outrageous.

The Mobile and Ohio train, bearing the Second Missouri Regiment of volunteers to Albany, Ga., to be mustered out of service, jumped the track the 2nd inst. near Tupelo, Miss., and a large number of men were injured. No one was fataliy hurt, however.

One of the most stupendous combinations yet attempted by a commercial organization in the United States was completed last week between New York and Pittsburg. It is the consolidation of all of the smelters and refiners of precious metals in the United States. The capitalization of this new combine will be $46,000,000. The deal has been under negotiation for some months, but is now an accomplished fact.

The Lower House of Congress refused to adopt the report of the Judiciary Committee, declaring vacant the seats of the men who accepted commissinos in the army. By this action Gen. Wheeler and others retain their membership in that body, and also remain in the army.

March the second was Texas Independence day, and the occasion was observed very generally throughout the State. This is well, for it shows an appreciation of the event that made Texas free; and it cultivates patriotism among the people. We ought never to forget the pit from whence we were digged, and the noble men who won for us this boon.

The War Department at Washington has ordered six more regiments to proceed to Manila to strengthen Gen. Otis. The authorities have about made up their minds that things in those islands must be reduced to order, and this result must be brought about speedily.

Gen. Toral, who commanded the Spanish forces at Santiago, and who capitulated to Gen. Shafter, has been arrested at Madrid and imprisoned prior to his courtmartial. What else could the General have done but surrender, unless he had held out and been starved and slaughtered? Spain is a funny nation.

A peculiar thing happened in the sky over El Paso the 2nd of March. That was Texas Independence day, and a beautiful Lone Star appeared in the heavens, and though the sun was bright, the star shone with lustre until 4 oclock in the afternoon. That this fact might not be discredited, several citizens went before a notary public and made affidavit to the truth of the matter. Texas is hard to turn down.

San Jones has been conducting a great meeting at Chattanooga. Among his converts is a man named F. L. Pendleton. When converted, he made a startling public statement, to the effect that recently, while living in Bristol, he moved his household goods to a safe place, set fire to his building, and collected the insurance money. He at once, after conversion, made over property to the wronged insurance company to the amount of money collected, and has gone to preaching.

Germany has asked the United States to recall Judge Chambers, who now presides over the legal deprtment of the Samoan Governmen, it is thought that this request will lead to a very sharp controversy between the two powers; for it is not likely that Chambers will be recalled by Uncle Sam.

Gen. Otis has discovered and forwarded to Washington a copy of a proclamation issued by Aguinaldo to his followers just before the attack was made upon the American army. In this document the insurgent leader gave orders to his sympathizers that when the signal gun was fired from the insurgent position, the general insurrection should begin, and that all whites of whatever nationality should be slaughtered, men, women, and children, indiscriminately.

Consul General Wildman, of Hong Kong, has learned that the Filipinos are buying arms and ammunition from Japan. He gave information to the Chinese Government, which led to the seizure of 20,000 rifles and 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition, which had gone from Japan to Hong Kong, and which were on board vessels for shipment to the islands. It may be that the United States Government will ask Japan if she knew anything about these matters, and if so, what she means.

The Cuban army is to be paid off by this government and money to that end is provided for. About the last of this week $3,000,000 will be shipped from New York to Havana to be turned over to Gen. Brooke, to be paid to the Cuban soldiers. After this is done it is probable that the Cuban army will disband and the men turn their attention to peaceful pursuits.

On the 5th inst., a destructive fire occurred in West Point, Miss., entailing a loss of over $400,000. Among the properties burned, is the Home Seminary, an industrial school for colored girls. Its value is estimated at $65,000. It was insured for $40,000.

The United States Government is now in position to reduce the Philippines to order. We have there now, and on the way, about 40,000 troops; and Otis and Dewey have orders to push matters with vigor and dispatch. This will be done and matters will soon be brought to a final issue.

Last Sunday in St. Louis, by order of the police commission, the saloons all over that great city were closed, and the order is to keep them closed on Sunday; but here in some of our Texas towns this can not be done simply because the polic regulation is under the domination of local politics.

The Hon. Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, has declared his purpose to retire from the- Democratic leadership in Congress. This grows out of the fact that he regards it a violation of the Constitution for members of Congress to hold membership in that body, and at the same time hold commissions in the army. But Congress, aided by some Democratic votes, decided the other day that holding the two positions was lawful. So Mr. Bailey, feeling that he had been snubbed in this way by some of his party followers, concluded to turn the leadership over to some one else.

Congress adjourned sine die last Saturday night, or rather last Sunday morning. There was a great rush of business just at the close to get some belated measures through at the last hour. The Senate was much behind in passing the appropriation bills and it was late Saturday night before some of these were sent over to the House. It was thought awhile that the President would call an extra session, but the last acts of Congress made this unnecessary and the two national bodies will rest till next winter.

Senator Roger Q. Mills, of Texas, has just closed his public career and now retires to private life after years of service in the national Congress. He has been a striking figure in political affairs and has made a national reputation as a statesman. Many of the people of Texas have not agreed with him in some of the public measures he has advocated, but all of them give him credit for honesty; and he is esteemed as a man of incorruptible integrity, and he has rendered much service to his State.

Speaker Reed, at the last session of Congress, as it was closing, gave a decided snub to Gen. Joseph Wheeler, the Santiago hero. The old soldier arose twice to address the chair in justification of his retaining his seat in Congress while holding a commission in the army, but the Speaker deliberately failed to recognize him. This is an indication of what the General may expect of the Speaker at the next term of Congress.

A terrific wind and rain storm passed over a portion of Monroe County, East Tennessee, last Saturday night, striking the town of Madisonville and doing much damage. Three or four persons were killed outright and a

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number seriously injured. Among the killed was Jack Moser, who was hurled from his house some seven hundred yards against a wire fence and his head was completely severed from his body.

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The naval powder magazine at La Goubran, France, blew up last Sunday morning and did awful damage. Some fifty thousand kilogrammes of powder went off, and the scene is said to resemble a volcanic eruption. All of the sentries on duty were killed and likewise a number of the inhabitants of the immediate district. For two miles around the country was swept bare. Houses were tarown down five miles away. Forty odd dead bodies have been found and others are still under the ruins. The explosion was the result of an accident.

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The session of Congress just closed made some tremendous expenditures. The aggregate sum foots up $673,658,400. And the entire sum of appropriations for the whole term of the fifty-fifth session, the two years entire, is $1,566,890,016.28. This shows the expense of running the government. The figures are appalling; and the most of this amount comes out of the people.

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The Tennessee Legislature has passed a bill making gambling a felony. This is a good law and it will effectually put a stop to that form of vice. Gamblers do not fancy a term in the State penitentiary. This is the only way to deal with this violation of law and morals. Something of the sort was attempted in our Legislature, but it failed. However, it will come by and by.

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Oak Cliff has been agitated for the past month over an effort of some of the citizens to have that suburb annexed to Dallas. From time to time the matter has been discussed with a good deal of vigor. Finally, the proposition to annex was submitted to a vote of the people. This came off last Saturday and it was defeated by about sixty votes. So Oak Cliff will stay by itself a while longer. A majority of her people do not want Dallas bar rooms foisted upon them; and this is what annexation meant, so they said.

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Col. W. J. Bryan, late candidate for the presidency of the United States on the Democratic ticket, was in Fort Worth last Tuesday night and addressed about 1200 people. From there he went to Austin and addressed the State Legislature, by request of that body.

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In the last session of the Congress just adjourned, there was much haste right at the last, and some mistakes were made. Among them was the item appropriating $200,000 to the Buffalo Bayou improvement project. Instead of the amount agreed upon as above stated, the engrossing clerk made it $2,000,000—quite a difference. It awaits to be seen as to what turn the matter will take.

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The State Senate has passed a bill for erection of a State Normal School at Denton, something like the Sam Houston Normal at Huntsville. It now goes to the lower House for action. It is thought by some that the bill will go through; others seriously doubt it.

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The Hon. Monroe L. Hayward, of Omaha, has just been chosen United States Senator from Nebraska to succeed the Hon. Wm. V. Allen, present incumbent. The latter is a Populist and the former is a Republican. The struggle up there has been long and stubborn.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

HALLVILLE.

Gus Garrison: Our first Quarterly Conference passed January 28. Bro. Fowler was sick and Bro. C. R. Lamar, of Longview Station, preached at 11 o'clock and presided for the presiding elder. We had a good time, bountiful dinner, good assessment made for the preacher this year and a good payment on quarterage. Hallville Circuit enters this year with good prospects for a successful year, and the strongest indication is that the people are subscribing for the Advocate. We are well pleased at being returned another year, and the people seem to be thoroughly satisfied, and we are moving off all right. At the parsonage there is a continual reminder coming in. I suppose some folks would call it a pounding. We don't know it by that name. A ham of meat weighs twenty pounds, a sack of flower weighs fifty pounds, a bucket of sausage weighs from five to ten pounds, turnips by the sackful weigh lots, and eggs and chickens and syrup are not weighed, and so we were not pounded, for that's the way it struck us, and many other things besides; in fact, it is an every-day affair for the inmates of the parsonage to receive something nice from some good brother or sister. One morning we had just taken seats at the breakfast table when a good sister walked in and sat down a brand-new, splendid breakfast before us, and we just had to begin over. Now this is the way things have been going on; so the brethren will please hold up about the pound—ing. Neither was there any storm, except the snowstorm the other night. Brethren, pray for us that we may be more successful this year than ever before.

NEW BOSTON.

G. R. Hughes, March 1: The Board of Stewards raised the salary of the preacher in charge, and overpaid the first quarter. Nearly all the collections secured. We serve a good people.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

DEVINE.

J. C .Russell, March 1: Our second Quarterly Conference is in the past, but left us in a better spiritual condition. Our beloved presiding elder, Bro. B. Harris, was with us, looking well after al our interests, preaching in the power and demonstration of the Spirit, scattering "smiles and sunshine," making glad every home that he entered. God has certainly given him a new lease on life, and he is using it to the glory of the Giver. Finances are greatly in arrears—the results of a long-continued drouth. Everything is at a standstill for the want of rain. My people are delighted with the rich and spicy diet furnished through the Advocate. Our new editor gathers food from every quarter of the globe suited to every taste and intellect. If it would only rain I could send up a good list of new subscribers. We are praying for revivals and rain, and expecting both.

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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

FULSHEAR.

L. P. Davis: We don't like to become conspicuous in writing so often to the Advocate, but we wish to express our thanks to the good people of Brookshire for their many tokens of kindness which found their way to the parsonage. Two buggies came loaded with everything in the way of substantials for this preacher and his family. Enough to last a month. There are few preachers who serve a kinder people than we have on this circuit. Ever since we came some little things have been making their way to this preacher's home, all of which tend to make this preacher and family feel that they are among a people that love them. We have had sickness, too, but even this burden is made lighter by the kind hands of our people, who, some of them, have come through all kinds of weather to administer kindness and to lend the helping hand. To say that we appreciate this would be putting it mildly. Our hearts go out to Him who is the Giver of all good gifts to bless most bountifully those who are so kind to us. Our first Quarterly Conference is just over. Bro. Solomon was with us looking after the interests of the Church and preached two very impressive sermons to the good of all who heard him. The official board was on hand and made a good assessment for the pastor and paid almost the quarter in full. The reports to the conference were encouraging—especially our report on foreign and domestic missions, which is rather large, $95; but the people have responded and we will have both paid off before this goes to the press. But with all of this we will not be satisfied unless we can have a general revival all over the work. So it is for this we are praying.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CUMBY CIRCUIT.

S. L. Ball: On account of the severe cold weather my first Quarterly Conference was postponed and was held in a week day—last Friday, which also was a bad day; but we had a good Quarterly Conference. All the appointments were represented and most all the stewards were interested enough to leave their own business and to look properly after the interests of the Church. This was very satisfactory to preacher and presiding elder and all others who are interested in the welfare of the Church. One hundred and fifty-three dollars and thirty cents was paid, which was also very satisfactory, and was the best report this circuit has made for some years at the first Quarterly Conference. A satisfactory assessment was made and everything is moving nicely on so far. Our presiding elder, Bro. Fladger, was with us in the Spirit of the Master. He preached a most excellent sermon at 11 a. m., and in the afternoon opened the Quarterly Conference with a class-meeting service, which was a blessing to us all. This is a new feature in Quarterly Conference work and might be called a "modern innovation;" but if such meetings were held generally by our presiding elders "the spirtual state of the Church" would certainly be improved. We are hoping and praying that this may be the best year of our life. God bless the Advocate and may it be a great power for good.

MARRIAGE NOTICES.

Near Riddleville, February 22 at the home of the bride's father, at high noon, Mr. J. B. Pollock and Miss Lethe V. Ford, Rev. M. W. Francis officiating.

In Helena church, February 22, 7:30 P. M., Mr. Wesson Holbrook and Miss Maggie Wunerich, Rev. M. W. Francis officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, at Douglassville, Cass County, Texas, on February 9, 1899, Mr. J. W. Granbery and Miss Carrie Carlow, Rev. C. A. Tower officiating.

At the parsonage, at Rockdale, Texas, by Rev. Fred L. Allen, February 16, 1899, Mr. M. M. Hopkins and Miss Willie Calvert; all of Milam County, Texas.

At the Methodist parsonage, in Vernon, Texas, February 22, 1899, by Rev. Jerome Duncan, M. T. M. Fergeson and Miss Anna Bell Doan.

In the parsonage reception room at Douglassville, Cass County, Texas, on February 23, 1899, Mr. Jno. King and Miss Alice Stewart, Rev. C. A. Tower officiating.

At the residence of the bride's parents, in the northern part of Briscoe County, Texas, Mr. Marvin L. McGeehee and Miss Myrtle Maud Lemmons, Rev. J. W. R. Bachman officiating.

At the Methodist Church, Rockdale, Texas, February 21, 1899, Robt. Lowenstein and Miss Bertie Leper, by Rev. Fred L. Allen; all of Rockdale, Milam County, Texas.

At the home of the bride, near Shady Grove, Henderson County, Texas, February 26, 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m., Mr. R. Turner, of Coryell County, Texas, and Mrs. Sallie Ford, of Henderson County, Texas, Rev. Frank Everitt officiating.

February 14, 1899, at the Methodist Church, in Nacogdoches, Texas, Mr. Hal. Tucker and Miss Rosa Ingraham, Rev. Ellis Smith officiating.

At the home of the bride's father, Bro. Dave Barton, February 22, 1899, Jas. B. Warden and Miss Rella M. Barton, Rev. Jas. M. Sherman officiating.

At the residence of the bride's parents, January 1, 1899, L. L. Graham and Miss Lillian Bright, Rev. C. C. Williams officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, J. T. Butts, Kilgore, Texas, on the 14th of February, 1899, 4:4 p. m., Mr. Ira D. Slagle, of Arcadia, Texas, and Miss Willie May Butts, of Kilgore, Rev. J. C. Carr, officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, at Lingleville, Texas, March 1, 1899, Dr. M. P. Patterson and Miss L. H. Martin, Rev. R. F. Dunn officiating.

At the hotel in Burnet, Texas, January 4, 1899, M. A. Baker and Ada Havins, by Rev. Jas. M. Sherman.

At the home of the bride's father, in Coryell County, Texas, on February 27, 1899, Mr. W. A. Price and Miss Mary Price, Rev. W. L. A. Self officiating.

At the residence of the bride's parents, near Kyle, Texas, February 19, 1899, Mr. F. C. Teas and Miss Virena C. Roan, Rev. A. W. Wilson officiating.

At the home of the bride's parents in Amicus, Texas, Dr. Roy C. Black and Miss Mary E. Taylor, Rev. W. W. Gollihugh officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father and mother, in Oakland, I. T., on the 18th of January, 1899, Mr. Brock Biler and Miss Mary L. Marshall, by Rev. J. W. Holland.

At Musgrove, Texas, on December 25, 1898, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. J. H. DeSpain and Miss M. E. Biddy, Rev. Gus Garrison officiating.

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Old and Young

GRANDPAPA NORTON.—No. 2.

BY REV. J. H. HUNTER.

"Bless my life, yonder comes Grandpapa Norton again!" shouted Susie, and off she ran to welcome him. He had been spending a week with another flock, but one might have thought that he had been away for six months, so glad were the children to see him. And it is only the truth to say that his gladness was little, if any, less than theirs. Their joys were mutual. He had discovered the secret of a happy life, in that he entered without reserve into all the joys and sorrows of those he undertook to serve. Aged and lately bereaved of her who had been his companion for more than half a century, if he had been sad, irritable and morose, the world would not have thought strange. Only those who drink from the same fountain know of the source of his perpetual youth. One thought to offer him some words of condolence, saying:

"I am sorry to learn, Mr. Norton, that your wife is dead."

"But she is not," he promptly answered; "she only sleepeth. For Jesus said, 'If a man keep my saying he shall never see death,' and I am sure she kept his sayings."

Just so true and childlike was his faith. But it is not the task of a mortal to make true pictures of human character. We can only develop the outlines. And this is best done in the characters and acts and words. And now, kind reader, will you only look at those children—a full dozen of them, boys and girls—as they litterally drag him into the house. They belong to four different families (sons and daughters of Mr. Norton), who live in the village. The sons and daughters-in-law love him as his own children, so utterly unselfish have they become since Christ came into their homes and hearts.

The village people tell that as he walked alone lately he was heard to say to himself.

"Yes, 'tis like heaven; surely heaven bends to meet me."

No wonder that these children love Mr. Norton. No wonder they vie with each other in serving him.

"Oh, mamma, may I tell Henry Miller to come and hear Grandpapa's experiences?" Tommie began to say when a half dozen similar requests were made in almost one voice, fairly deafening Mrs. Pratt.

"Hush, children, and let father rest a little before supper; here is a list of names you may invite. Father," she continued, "I'm thinking our sitting-room will soon be too small for your congregation if you continue to relate the incidents of your early life."

"It is beginning to dawn on me that children as well as grown people relish most our experiences. Our experiences are often so unsatisfactory to ourselves that we fear to tell them to others lest we harm them."

"But, father, may we not do so with such genuine modesty and humility that the mistakes and sins of our lives may be made signals of warning to those who hear us?" Mrs. Pratt quietly rejoined.

"I am quite sure that you are right, Lucy; but I have not long seen it thus, though it now seems to me it had been better for the people if I had known it all these years," Mr. Norton said, sighing heavily.

"They are coming; don't let them make you talk too long," Mrs. Pratt said, leaving the room as the boys and girls came blustering in.

"You have come for a story, my precious lambs, have you?"

"Yes, Grandpapa; one of your true stories," said Tommie.

"A Bible story, you mean?"

"No, Granpapa; one of your experience stories.'

"Must I tell about my trip to the Mississippi swamp?"

"That's the best thing yet. Gean Donohue come from there, and he says there are no jungles in Africa half as dark as in the Mississippi River bottom," Matthew said, nervously, as he renewed the fire.

"Come, Mary, get on my knee and be quiet," the old man said.

"It was in October, 1852, that the agent of a large planter of the bottom country came through our neighborhood in search of cotton pickers. The crop was very fine and there had been an unprecedented amount of sickness among the negroes, thus making it necessary that they get help from abroad. I had been longing for just such an opportunity. Very naturally, mother opposed the project. Nor could her consent have been obtained but for the fact that our own crop was short and that father was sorely in need of money. I pressed this argument, promising to be industrious, economical and good. Never had I been outside my native country. Home had been a sweet place to me. It was an humble one indeed. Red oaks, small and large, interspersed her and there, with low spreading hickories, covered in nature's own way some six acres of land, in the midst of which stood a plain log-house—that was home. I had been born there. There I had lived all my life, and it was with mingled emotions of sadness and joyous expectancy that I bade loved ones good-bye and rode away for the 'swamp.' I was to meet my companions in journey at the village five miles away. Making this part of the trip alone, and in the early morn, I had so many serious reflections that I came near returning. The truth is I was too great a coward to do so. I knew I would be laughed at. How strange it seems to me now that my pride proved stronger than my love for an invalid mother. The noblest act of the noblest American was when George Washington sacrificed, in a moment, his long cherished purpose to go to sea, when his mother's tears began to flow. Joining my comrades as expected at the village, we at once proceeded across the country in the direction of Water Valley, at which place we were to meet the agent. Arriving before night we learned that the party had left us. Fred and Carle said they didn't 'care a straw,' but I confess that I did. 'It is only a day's ride from here,' one of them said; so we took up for the night. Just as the sun arose, our journey was renewed on the following morning. The country that we passed through was a beautiful one, with indications of thrift and prosperity on every hand. The low hills, with neat farm-houses upon them, and valleys of varying widths, laden with rich harvests of corn and cotton, formed a landscape well calculated to beguile the traveler's weary hours. The day was fast passing, it being 2 o'clock p. m., when we began to descend the bluff to the great valley. Lying along the bluff there was a strip of land, some two miles wide and stretching as far as the eye could reach to right and left, that had been placed in a high state of cultivation. Beyond appeared a wilderness. The country looked to be as level as the sea. If a line had been run due west it would have taken one hundred miles to reach the foothills. Taking this line as the center of a territory one hundred miles square, ninety-five per was a wilderness primeval. At the lowest estimate seventy-five per cent of all this land was subject to overflow. The plantations were confined to the higher ground along the rivers and bayous. Game was plentiful and gentle. The black bears and panthers were impudent. There are a few well-authenticated instances of these ferocious beasts attacking travelers during those early days. We had heard them, and as much exaggerated no doubt. We were ignorant of the fact that the next sixteen miles of our journey was to be an unbroken forest, wild and dreary. If we had known that there was no human habitation beside that long, lonely road our fears, already aroused, would have been greatly intensified. It is impossible to conceive of a contrast more striking in all surrounding objects. The trees stood closer together, the grapevines were larger and the cane was taller. Every place looked like every other place. This sameness had no relief and soon became monotonous. The cane in many places was twenty feet high and stood as thick, seemingly, as wheat upon the harvest field. The narrow passage, often literally arched over with tangled vines and cane, was the only intimation that we had that there had ever been a public highway there. The yellow autumn leaves had already covered all impressions that hoof or wheel had ever made upon the dry ground. We had been told of the great cotton fields, of the negroes, the bears and panthers, but of this dark, wierd labyrinth, in the heart of which we now were, we had never heard. The evening grew dark and windy. Our path became more obscure and devious. Entering an open place two or three times as large as this room, for some reason we had stopped for a moment when we heard a sound, a little way back in the cane, very much like that that would be produced by a heavy chunk falling twenty feet or more on something soft. This was followed by the running and bleating of some animal in distress. We just had time to head our horses in the direction of the noise when a half grown deer came jumping right toward us with a panther on his back. The deer, seeing us, stopped so suddenly that the wicked cat was thrown from his back right under our horses. Just what took place would be hard to tell. Only one picture of the adventure was perfectly photographed in my mind. It is all a dream how we boys got on the ground and how we caught our horses and made good our escape. I hardly remember to have seen the deer, but the antics of that monstrous panther remains with me. In my imagination I have looked into his burning eyes as he spat at us and walked backward with stiff legs, a thousand times. I would then have been qualified that he was as large as an ox. He growled and laid bare his teeth, bowed his back, turned his hair the wrong way and leisurely disappeared in the cane. Somehow we caught and saddled our horses, our fright subsiding a little, and were about to start, when such an unearthly and blood-chilling scream pierced the air as no human tongue can imitate or describe. Think of the screams of a score of women being united in one; that may give a faint idea of the scream of the king of the Mississippi forests on that afternoon. Our horses need nothing more, nor did we, to urge us on our journey. We may not have made the speed of Bill Nye's 'Sioux chief that caught the buffalo by the tail, but it was not our fault."

"Did ye get away, Grandpapa?" Mamie asked, innocently.

"Yes, child, we were then near our destination, where a half hour later we were kindly received. I see," continued Mr. Norton, "that our time is about up; I suppose we had better adjourn, though I've only told you one-half I had intended."

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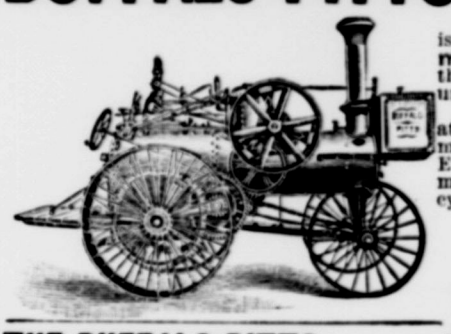
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THE RULE OF GREATNESS.

What I must do is all that concerns me; not what the people think. This rule, equally arduous in actual and in intellectual life, may serve for the whole distinction between greatness and meanness. It is harder, because you will always find those who think they know what is your duty better than you know it. It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who, in the midst of the crowd, keeps, with perfect sweetness, the independence of solitude.—Emerson.

"THE LIVING GOD."

How many times we find this expression in the holy scriptures. And it is just this very thing which we are practically prone to lose sight of. We know it is written, "the living God;" we may speak about him as the living God, but in our daily life there is scarcely anything we practically so much lose sight of, as the fact that God is the living God and he is now whatever he was three thousand or four thousand years since; that he has the same sovereign power, the same saving love towards those who love and serve him as ever he had, and that he will do for them what he did for those two thousand, three thousand, four thousand years ago, simply because he is the living God, the unchanging One, the same as ever he was.

Oh, how therefore we should confide in him and in our darkest moments and in our grreatest trials and in our heaviest difficulties and afflictions should never lose sight of the fact that he is still the living God and ever will be the living God!—George Muller.

LIVING WATER.

"I was once stopping," says a lady, "at a village on the Welsh coast, where the people had to bring all their water from a well.

"'Is this well ever dry?' I inquired of a young girl who came to draw water.

"'Dry? Yes, ma'am; very often in hot weather.'

"'And where do you go for water then?'

"'To the spring, a little way out of town.'

"'And if the spring dries up?'

"'Why, then we go to the stream higher up—the best water of all.'

"'But if the stream higher up fails?'

"'Why, ma'am, that stream never dries up—never. It is always the same, winter and summer.'

"I went to see this precious brook which 'never dries up.' It was a clear, sparkling rivulet, coming down from the high hill, not with torrent leap and roar, but with soft murmur of fullness and freedom. It flowed down to the highway side. It was within reach of every child's little pitcher. It was enough for every empty vessel. The small birds came down thither to drink. The sheep and lambs had trodden down a little path to its brink. The thirsty beasts of burden, along the dusty road, knew the way to the stream that 'never dries up.'

"It reminded me of the waters of life and salvation flowing from the 'Rock of Ages,' that brought within reach of all men the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every other brook may go dry in the days of drouth and adversity, but this heavenly spring never ceases to flow!"

AN UNANSWERED PRAYER.

Wesley was once on board a vessel when the wind became contrary. Adam Clarke sailed with him on this occasion. The following story is told in the "Life of Adam Clarke."

Mr. Wesley was sitting reading in the cabin, and, hearing the noise and bustle which were occasioned by putting about the vessed to stand on her different tacks, he put his head above deck, and inquired what was the matter. Being told that the wind was contrary, and the ship was obliged to tack, he said, "Then let us go to prayer." His companions, who were on deck, walked down, and at his request each led in prayer.

At the close, Mr. Wesley broke out into fervent supplication, which seemed to be more the offspring of strong faith than of mere desire. His words were remarkable, as well as the spirit, evident feeling, and manner in which they were uttered. Some of them were to the following effect: "Almighty and everlasting God, thou hast sway everywhere, and all tings serve the purpose of thy will. Thou holdest the winds in thy fist, and sitteth upon the water-floods, and reignest a king forever. Command these winds and these waves that they obey thee, and take us speedily and safely to the haven where we would be!"

The power of his petition was felt by all. He rose from his knees, made no kind of remark, but took up his book and continued reading. His companions went on deck, and to their surprise found the vessel standing her right course, with a steady breeze, which slacked not till, carrying them at the rate of nine knots an hour, they anchored safely in their destined harbor.

On the sudden and favorable change of the wind Mr. Wesley made no remark; so fully did he expect to be heard, that he took for granted that he was heard. Such answers to prayer he was in the habit of receiving, and therefore to him the occurrence was not strange.

THE BEST CHRISTIAN EVIDENCE.

The best evidence of Christianity is furnished by the Christian. If it is not found in the personal life it is not to be found at all. Without this fruitage the gospel is but a form of sound words, the teachings of Christ only beautiful sayings and the Church naught but a human organization. Christianity was instituted for man, and it either means all to him or it means nothing. It is not simply something to believe and profess, something to admire and defend; but it is truth, it is life.

Life is the opposite of death. Death is something fixed and unchangeable. Life has in itself the power of progress and transformation. Death has no fruit but ashes; but life has abundance of fruit as manifested in character. The truth of the gospel is not disproved if it be shown that this man or that man who professes it has no genuine results to show. It only proves that his profession is not genuine. For St. Paul says: "If any man have not the spirit of Christ"—he does not mean the words or doctrine of Christ, but rather the life—"he is none of his." The truth of the gospel is proved where the fruits of the spirit are found, and without this proof all other proof is unsatisfactory.

There is nothing in all the divine revelation equal to the life of Christ in influence upon us. It is of absorbing interest for man; it brings home to us the love and mercy of God for a fallen race; it fully and clearly presents to our understanding God's plans and purposes for us. So there is in the life of the humblest Christian something of infinitely greater value as a demonstration of the truth of Christianity than the oldest or the newest creed, or the most orthodox Church, or even the sublimest gospel of St. John. —Christian Oplook.

One spoke the other day of the surprises of a great sorrow which had just been passed through. It was all surprises—for it was the first sorrow; but strangest of all was the surprise of grace which came to brighten the darkness, and to fill the loneliness with love. Some of it came through human affection—friends had brought wondrous warmth and tenderness. "I never knew I had so many friends until my bereavement came." Some of it came through words of divine comfort which had been read or heard a hundred times before, but which now, in the darkness, for the first time revealed their precious meaning. But besides these, and most wonderful of all, there came a strange blessing of heavenly peace, which seemed to fill the bereft hearts as with an unseen presence of love, pouring itself through all the home as a holy fragrance. Thus it is that they who wait on the Lord have their strength renewed in every need, in every sorrow.—J. R. Miller, D.D.

The age we are living in calls for thoughtful men; not melancholy, but serious men. It calls for men to solve great problems, to stand against social heresies, to resist the world, the flesh and the devil, to champion the just cause, to evangelize, to press hard on the long arm of the lever which is to lift this old world of ours into the light of God. This is no age for Don Quixotes, no age for Harry Hotspurs, no age for dreamers.—David J. Burrell, D.D.



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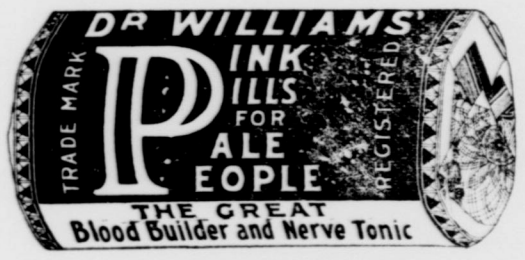
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THE FORT WORTH CONFERENCE.

The Fort Worth Conference will convene next week, and we want once more to impress the importance of that gathering upon the minds of our preachers. It ought to be made a great meeting in its spiritual power and brotherly counsel. It is not a business convocation, but spiritual in its purpose and aim. The prayers, the addresses, and the personal intercourse will tend to this one end. A wonderful baptism of the Holy Ghost is the best preparation possible for such a gathering. We want to be of one mind, in one place, and in one accord, and then something needful will come to pass. Steps will be taken to inaugurate the great Twentieth Century Educational movement in Texas; and if it can thus be born in a great spiritual gathering, then success is assured. Therefore, let our presiding elders, pastors and devout laymen come up from all over Texas under the special influence of God's presence and power, and the conference will accomplish the purpose for which it was called.

THE BRANCH HOUSE.

Mr. W. C. Everett has arrived from Nashville and he is busily engaged in preparing to open up the branch book house in Dallas. The building is being put in order, and the opening will occur about the first of the month. Mr. Everett comes highly recommended for this position, and anticipates a good business. He is not a preacher, as some suppose, but a life-long lay member of the Methodist Church. He is well up in the needs of the preachers and the masses of our people, and the business will be run strictly in their interests. He is pleasant, accommodating and of pleasing address, and the brethren will love him when they learn to know him from dealings with him in this new field. He is now open to correspondence, and will soon be ready to look after the order business. The stock is all ready boxed in Nashville and ready for shipment just as soon as the house here is in shape to receive it.

We have been asked if the Advocate would publish notices from the Home Mission Societies as well as the Foreign. Of course we do. The Advocate is the organ of Texas Methodism, and the Woman's Department is open to both societies. That is what we established it for; and we are always glad to give room to such matters whenever they are sent to the editor of that department.

EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

Modesty is a commendable virtue; but if nobody else blows your horn you had better attend to it yourself.

If a man imposes upon you for Christ's sake, be very forbearing; but if he does it for meanness, admonish him to be cautious.

Men of very small caliber usually have very large ways; but men of large minds are very unpretentious in deportment.

A shallow stream is very noisy in its flow; but deep rivers are quiet in the majestic sweep of their great volume.

A pedant makes a show of the little learning he possesses; but the truly wise man is ashamed of his small attainments.

An empty head often has a very loud mouth; but a well-stored mind does not need that sort of vociferous advertisement.

True refinement is so natural that you are not conscious of it; but assumed politeness is so stiff that it is prominent.

The man who calls on you and does not know how to leave is a burden; but the man who calls and does not want to go is a nuisance.

A man who is so humble that he can not take an offense may be good in his own esteem, but in the esteem of others he is contemptible.

If a man imposes once upon your generosity, it is his fault; but if he does it the second time, you have no one to blame but yourself.

The man who groans the loudest during the public prayer may be moved by the Spirit, but he does not always aid the devotional spirit in others.

There are some people who do not need any more religion; but they need a good deal of common sense mixed with that which they profess to have.

A VISIT TO WAXAHACHIE.

We boarded the M., K. & T. passenger train early last Saturday morning for a visit to the town of Waxahachie. The distance is about thirty miles south of this city, in one of the finest farming sections of the State. The object of the trip was to aid the pastor, Rev. H. A. Bourland, D. D., a day or two in a special service now in progress in his Church. The town has a population of six or seven thousand and among them is a fine class of people. The business houses have something of a city air about them. They are mostly brick, substantially built, and two and three stories high. The business seems to be prosperous. They have some strong banking establishments, and it is said that there is more wealth among the population than any other town of its size in Texas. The residences are generally modern and in good style. The court house, which occupies the square, is a magnificent structure and it would do credit to a town five times as large as Waxahachie. It is large, commodious, and constructed of gray granite, trimmed in a polished brown stone of like texture. From whatever point you view it, it is an imposing edifice. The country for miles and miles around the town is wonderfully productive. Cotton is the staple. It is said that some few years ago that town did the largest cotton business out of wagons in the world. But more recently the railroads have developed other towns within a radius of ten or twelve miles and some of this wagon trade has been diverted to these points. Still the business is immense. I was interested in the origin of the name of the town. Of course, it is Indian—perhaps Choctaw. It was brought to that vicinity by one of the pioneers from Alabama and applied to the creek near by, before there was any town. Literally, it means Cow Creek. In the Indian language, Waxa signifies cow; and Hachie signifies creek. When the settlement grew into a town, this name was given to it. Our Church there has a membership of over six hundred. Among them I found the most prosperous and substantial people of the place. They represent wealth and intelligence and their devotion to the Church is strong and ardent. The Sunday-school has over three hundred on its roll and the attendance is good. Brother J. M. Alderdice is the superintendent and he is a good one. It is somewhat in keeping with his daily work, for he is the superintendent of public instruction in the county. Intelligent, well trained, prepossessing in manner, good address, and thoroughly religious, he is the right man in the right place. Dr. Bourland has the affairs of the Church in good shape and the work is going forward. He is an elegant gentleman, a scholar of good culture and attainments, a model pastor, and a preacher of gifts and grace. That excellent membership count themselves happy under his ripe ministrations. Nothing pertaining to their welfare escapes his attention. He keeps a wise hand upon all of their activities and spiritual life. He is now working for a revival. I had the pleasure of preaching four times to his people. They were attentive, devout, and receptive, and I trust that I did them good. To me it was a pleasure. The meeting is still in progress and the prospect encouraging.

The Church edifice is admirable in all respects. It is a handsome brick, with every comfort and convenience. The Sunday-school room is so arranged that it can be thrown into the auditorium, giving them a sitting capacity of at least a thousand. The parsonage is on the same lot, which, by the way, is a fine square of ground. Here is where I was entertained. The children of Brother and Sister Bourland, four in number, are all off looking after themselves. They are now where they were at the beginning, the two by themselves. My communion with them was sweet and refreshing; and in my heart the influence of their fireside abides. The most sociable and hospitable class of people in the world are to be found in the families of Methodist preachers. Under their roofs I am always at home.

I met a number of good brethren and sisters, and heard many expressions favorable to the work I am trying to do on the Advocate. The old veteran, Rev. Andrew Davis, was at the morning service and his presence was inspiring. He is a noble man, now very aged, though he preaches quite often. He was licensed to preach in 1844 and joined the conference in 1845, and during all of these years he has been faithful and true. Rev. Fountain Pitts Ray also lives there and he is active for one of his health and years. He has been a member of the conference a long time and, though on the superannuated list, he works when able. He has the savor of a good name. I called to see Judge J. W. Ferris. He has lived in Waxahachie a long time, and he has been prominent on the bench and at the bar. He is the son of a Methodist preacher, graduated at Transylvania College when the Rev. H. B. Bascomb, D. D., was it president, came to Texas in early life, entered the profession of law, and he has prospered. He and his wife live quietly at the old homestead, both of their boys having married and in homes of their own. He is an intelligent man and I enjoyed his company very much.

Brother G. J. Penn has long been a member of the Church and his home is the place of much hospitality. It was my privilege to dine with his good family. Uncle Frank Hawkins, as he is familiarly called, is one of the landmarks of the place and the Church. I did not meet him but heard him kindly spoken of by several friends. I enjoyed a visit to the home of Sister Gibson and her daughter. They are staunch members of the Church. Among the others whose names I recall are Brothers Timmons, Justice, Dechman, Calfee, Metcalf, Rosser, and others too numerous to mention.

In conclusion, the Church people there are arranging for the jubilee of their semi-centennial. This will be a great occasion. Only two of the charter members are now living, and one of them is still a member of that Church. But scores and scores of the descendants of the old guard are there and they are looking forward to a glorious time. The Church was established in Waxahachie before the county was constituted or the town was born. In fact, it is the oldest institution in Waxahachie, and it has had great growth and uniform prosperity. Long may she abide to bless that community.

THOUGHT HE WAS A PRIEST.

In last Sunday's Daily News we were reading their correspondence from Havana in which there was an account of the general condition of the First Texas Regiment in Cuba. A great many pleasant things were said of the boys over there and of their opportunities. Their religious advantages were not overlooked. The correspondent said: "Bishop Candler, a missionary priest from the States, and Rev. Dr. Carter, of Mexico, addressed the congregation, and they were highly entertaining." Bishop Candler, a "missionary priest from the States," is funny reading to the Methodists of Texas. We know the Bishop, though somewhat well kept in appearance, will smile when he reads that caricature of himself in the secular press.

Rev. DeWitt Hotchkiss has sent us a copy of the minutes of the last session of the Texas Conference. It is a well gotten up pamphlet, nicely printed and filled with valuable matter. The editor deserves credit for this piece of work and we have placed our copy on file for future use.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Uncle Buck Hughes has had a tight tussle with la grippe, but he is up and out again.

We had a pleasant visit from Rev. W. F. Clark, of Grand Prairie. He is having good meetings on his work.

Brother B. C. Davenport, of Grand Prairie, gave us a pleasant call this week and had good words for the Advocate.

Rev. M. M. Davis, pastor of the Central Christian Church in this city, made us a brotherly visit during the week.

Rev. F. B. Sinex, financial agent of the Southwestern University, was in to see us the other day. He is encouraged in his work.

Rev. H. T. Cunningham, of Carrollton, Miss., says, "The paper grows better and better. I congratulate the editor on his splendid work."

We appreciate a good personal letter from Rev. Jno. R. Nelson, of Waco. He is pushing his work down there, and he does not forget the Advocate.

In a private note from Rev. G. C. Hardy, of Texarkana, he says: "I like your paper. I think the Secular Department fills a long-felt want."

Rev. J. H. Reynolds, of Haskell Avenue Church, is resting a while at Sherman. He bears his recent affliction in the death of his noble daughter like the man of faith and prayer that he is.

Rev. J. W. Lee, D. D., of St. Louis, will preach the commencement sermon at the Vanderbilt University next June and the Hon. J. P. Dolliver, member

of Congress and the lay delegate from the M. E. Church to our last General Conference, will deliver the annual address.

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Rev. Gibbs Mood is one of the busiest men in Dallas. He has his people all located, and they think that they have about the best preacher in the city.

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Rev. R. C. Armstrong expresses thanks to us for the recent numbers of the Advocate. Bro. Armstrong is a good worker for the paper.

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Mrs. Frank Rogers, a member of Trinity Church of this city, died last Monday and leaves a small babe. She leaves a husband to mourn her loss.

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We appreciate a visit from Rev. G. F. Boyd during the week. His work at Nevada is doing well, and he looks like a man well cared for by his people.

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Brother A. J. Dennis, of Farmers Branch, was in the city this week, and he did not forget to give us a call. He is very much in love with the Advocate.

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Rev. E. F. Newsom, of Huntsville, has raised all of his conference collections, amounting to something over $500. Early collcetions usually succeed.

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Miss Lizzie Campbell, an earnest member of the Trinity Church in this city, died last Sunday night of meningitis. She was a fine young lady and greatly loved.

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We appreciate a brotherly letter from Rev. C. A. Evans, of Goldthwaite. He has been sick for some weeks, but is up and out again. He is a friend of the Advocate.

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Rev. J. Kilgore, of Calvert, says: "I hear many fine things about the Advocate." Brother Kilgore has been laboring with the la grippe for some weeks, but he is now better.

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Rev. A. J. Weeks is in high favor with his people at Marshall. The Marshall Messenger gave a glowing account of the two services of the Church on Sunday, the 19th of February.

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We enjoyed a visit from Rev. F. L. Farrington, pastor of Hope Mission, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in this city, the other day. Bro. Farington is a subscriber to the Advocate.

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Uncle Dick Thompson has been obstructed a little in his work for the Orphanage on account of the la grippe and the severe weather; but from this on, he will put in some good licks.

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Father Hartnett, the leading Catholic priest in this city, died last Tuesday of smallpox. He went out to the pest house some days ago to minister to patients, got the disease and is dead.

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We hear good reports of Bro. O. C. Fontaine, at Floyd Street Church in this city. Their edifice is now out of debt, in good repair, nicely furnished, and in condition to do some good work.

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Dr. Pierce, of the Bonham District, was in to see us a few minutes this week. He has fully recovered his health, and he is now actively giving his attention to the needs of his work.

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Rev. T. J. B. Neely, of Whitesboro, has been sick for several weeks, but is up again. He says some very good things about his pastor, Bro. Gober, and his work as a pastor and a preacher.

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Rev. T. S. Armstrong, of Italy, says: "The Advocate is all right. May it reach every home in Texas." Bro. Armstrong had the misfortune to lose his good, gentle family horse the other day.

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We have received a good letter from Rev. John E. Vinson, of Bowie. We are rejoiced to know that his health is very much improved, and that by prudent care, he is in a fair way to regain his health.

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In a note from Rev. G. A. Nance, of Childress, he says: "The Texas Advocate is booming, and we greatly enjoy it. I send you six subscribers." Bro. Nance is a fine worker, and his charge is reporting well.

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Rev. J. W. Bergin, of Alvin., recently delivered a fine address on Missions before the District Missionary meeting at Houston. The address was published in full in the Daily Post. Had we the space, we would love to reproduce it, but we are too crowded to give it room just now.

◈

We had a pleasant visit from Dr. S. D. Thruston, of this city, one day last week. Dr. Thruston is a physician of long standing in Dallas, and a steward in the First Methodist Church. He is the preachers' stanch friend.

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Rev. M. L. Moody, of Haskell, says: "You are giving Texas a most excellent paper, and I am going to greatly increase its circulation here." He says the Palmore circular reached his work, but it only helped to start the fire.

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Brother J. O. Wynn, one of the active members of Trinity Church, was in to see us the other day. He has been taking in a number of the towns in North Texas and makes good reports of the work of the brethren.

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Rev. J. Frank Smith, the wide-awake pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in this city, was in to see us last Monday. He subscribed for the Advocate. No live Texas preacher can afford to be without this paper.

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While at Waxahachie, we got a glimpse of Rev. Horace Bishop, presiding elder of that district. He was just leaving for a quarterly meeting, and looked in good health. We met his family at the services of the Church.

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Rev. William J. Sims, of Duncan, Indian Territory, has been quite ill with an attack of la grippe. Rev. J. W. Sims was called to his bedside a week or so ago and he informs us that his brother is now improving and hopes to be well very soon.

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Brother C. G. Wilson, of Corsicana, called to see us one day this week. He is layman in the Church there and speaks well of Rev. Sam R. Hay, his pastor. He also says that four or five families borrow his copy of the Advocate and read it with avidity.

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Rev. Thomas Gregory, of Cuero, recently lectured, by special invitation, to the Teachers' Institute of that county. His subject was "The Preacher and the Teacher," and from the report of the meeting in the Cuero Star, we infer that he made a good impression upon the teachers.

◈

Brother J. L. Neal, of Cleburne, has moved back to Dallas and his old friends are rejoicing over the fact. He was in to see us. He and his wife were members for twenty odd years of First Church before they moved to Cleburne. He is genuinely religious and a whole team in Church work.

SOUTHERN METHODIST NEWS.

Rev. J. B. Culpepper, the evangelist, is holding a successful meeting in our Church in Oklahoma City. He is having good results.

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Bishop W. A. Candler is now in Cuba arranging for our mission work on the island. The probability is that he will not return in time to be at the Ft. Worth Conference.

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The Western North Carolina Conference has bought the large hotel at Bessemer City, and it is the purpose of the conference to open therein an industrial school for girls.

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Bishop Galloway struck Virginia in his Twentieth Century Educational Fund campaign in the wildest weather of the season. He had a stormy time with the elements, but a warm one with the Virginia Methodists.

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Dr. C. M. Hawkins, who went to Trinity Church, Baltimore, last fall from Kansas City, is quite popular, so we see. Since his pastorate he has received into the Church seventy-three persons. He is an active pastor.

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The Examining Committee of the Tennessee Conference have arranged to organize a summer institute at the Vanderbilt University in the interest of those taking the different courses of conference study. This will no doubt prove a profitable enterprise to the young preachers.

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The new organ of the North Carolina Conference, the Raleigh Advocate, has ben launched and it is a paper of fine appearance and gotten up in good style. Dr. Ivey is the editor and N. M. Watson its business manager. Since the two conferences over there could not agree upon one paper, which it seems was the wise thing to do, we give the right hand of fellowship to the new Raleigh and bid it God speed.

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Our people at Fordyce, Ark., are arranging to build a handsome church in that town. They are expecting the next session of the Little Rock Conference to be held in it.

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It is said that one of our connectional men at Nashville was recenly offered the presidency of the Southern University at Greensboro, Ala., but declined it. We do not know who he was.

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President A. C. Miller, of Hendrix College, Arkansas, says that one of the deepest spiritual revivals he has ever witnessed has been going on for some time among the students of that institution.

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The Sunday-school at Aberdeen, Miss., has fifteen more members on its roll than the Church there has members. This ought to be the case all over Southern Methodism, but it is not, by a long jump.

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Dr. Simon Peter Richardson, of the North Georgia Conference, has a spicy article in the last Wesleyan on "God in War and Providence." When that old war horse writes, he always has something to say.

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Dr. E. B. Chappell, of West End Church, Nashville, recently preached a sermon on the "White Man's Burden," Kipling's poem. There are some mighty good texts in that old book known as the Bible.

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Bishop Candler is moving to put fifteen missionaries in Cuba at once. He ought to have the sympathy of the Church in this effort, for if we ever had a Divine call to any country, we are having it in Cuba.

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Dr. G. W. F. Price, of Nashville College for young ladies, has had a relapse of la grippe, and his condition is said to be very serious. Dr. Orman, of the Tennessee Conference, is likewise afflicted, but not so severely.

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The conferences in Arkansas are arranging to incorporate and build an Orphanage. They are a little late in beginning this work, but they hope to make it a success. The conferences throughout the connection are moving in this sort of enerprise.

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Dr. R. D. Smart, of St. Louis, says that he has received information from a friend in Washington City that the Senate committee's report on our war claim was considered and agreed to on February 21st. If so, there was very little said about it.

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Rev. I. W. Cooper, President of Centenary College, Louisiana, is stirring up the Methodists down there on the subject of Christian education. He recently spent a day in New Orleans, and preached morning and night. He is an old college chum of this writer.

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Rev. George Stuart, the noted evangelist, stirred up the society people the other day by announcing in a sermon that three or four of them had recently been so intoxicated that they had to be helped home-women at that. This was a bombshell, and it exploded. The society people held an indignation

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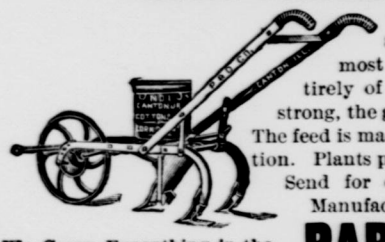
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FIRST QUARTER, LESSON 12, MARCH 19.

Subject: Christ, the Good Shepherd. John 10:1-16.

Golden Text: "I am the good shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."—Jno. 10:11.

Time: Immediately after the last lesson, A. D. 29.

Place: Jerusalem.

Persons: Substantially the same in the last lesson.

Connections: With the miracle of the blind man's experience. The Pharisees cast him out and proved themselves to be bad shepherds.

This lesson is so practical that it almost explains itself. In it Christ is the good shepherd and his people are his flock. They belong to him and his interest in them is genuine and real. His Church is the fold into which he gathers them, and the porter is the Holy Spirit who opens the door. The love of Christ for his flock prompted him to come into this world, to suffer and finally to die for them. No other shepherd before or since had that sort of love, because they were hirelings. They who are born of the Spirit know his voice when he calls to them, for he knows them by name. He is the door and whosoever enters in by him shall find pasture. He makes ample provision for all who abide in him. The Pharisees had no sympathy for the unfortunate, but Christ helps the afflicted. They did nothing for this blind man, but Christ cared for him like a good shepherd cares for his sheep.

SOME REFLECTIONS.

In looking over the reflections here stated you must keep in mind the beggar.

1. People who often pretend to be religious are frequently cold-hearted to those who are in need.

2. Social and ecclesiastical ostracism is not always of divine authority. While these Pharisees put this healed man out of the temple, Christ was his true friend.

3. God has pledged himself to care for those who trust him, regardless of what the world may think of them.

4. The Good Shepherd devotes himself to them and gives up his life for them, for they are his own.

5. They who will not follow Christ can not expect him to bless or care for them. They who hear his voice and walk with him are his beneficiaries.

6. He calls you to-day by his Spirit and truth, and if you are not saved it is your fault and not his.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic for March 12: Fellowship in Christian Service.—Neh. 4:6, 16-23.

Nehemiah was sent of God to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, and, like the wise man that he was, he appointed every man to his task. They were in the midst of many enemies, and dangers threatened them day and night. So he put some on guard with arms of defense; then another one was to act as trumpeter to sound the alarm at the approach of the foe; and others were to work by day and some by night. But in the event an attack was made upon any part of the works, all were to fly at once to the spot and join hands against a common enemy. Hence they were brought into the closest fellowship in service. No one was independent of the others. So it is in our Christian warfare and service. Some of us are called to one sort of work in the Church and others are called to a different sphere, but we are doing one work in the end. We are animated by one motive, and we are striving to accomplish one object. We want to see the kingdom of God built up and souls saved from sin. In this work we must have the unity of the Spirit. There must be no strife or division. Whether in the pastorate, or the pew, or the field, or the Sunday-school, or the League, or among the poor, we must work in closest fellowship. Then we can expect results.

JUNIOR LEAGUE DEPARTMENT.

March 12: Topic for prayer service: Bread from Heaven.—Exo. 16:13-16.

When the children of Israel were in the wilderness without food and ready to die, God sent them bread from heaven. They went to bed hungry one night and out of heart. They were sorry that they had left Egypt. But the next morning when they arose the ground was covered with this heavenly food, and they ate and were strengthened. Now Christ is the bread sent down from heaven. When our hungry and tired souls feast upon him, we are feed, and they ate and were strengthened. He helps boys and girls as well as older people. To know him is to have strength of mind and heart.

A PROPOSITION.

The League of Iowa Park authorized me to make a proposition through the Texas Advocate that we will be one of any number necessary to raise enough money to support one missionary in Cuba for one year, and when the amount has been subscribed we authorize the State League Secretary to call on us for ten ($10.00) dollars. We have about twenty members, about ten of whom are working members.

J. A. LANDIS.

Iowa Park, Texas.

A PROPOSITION TO THE LEAGUES OF TEXAS.

Dear Leaguers—Our Missionary Secretaries are calling earnestly and loudly for money to send a missionary to Cuba. Our Bishop Candler and our editor of the Nashville Advocate, by telling of the opportune openings and the dire necessity of the mission, have seconded the call, and our own hearts should cry amen; but "how can they preach except they be sent?" Now the Senior League at Commerce makes this offer to Texas Leagues: It will be one of a hundred Leagues to pay seven hundred dollars for the support of a preacher to go to Cuba for a year. This is but a little, but if ninety-nine other Leagues will guarantee seven dollars each, to be paid monthly or quarterly, the Missionary Board will soon have the man at work in Cuba. As pastor of the Commerce League I will be responsible for their part. Now let pastors or Presidents of Leagues speak out quickly through the Advocate. This can be done, and ought to be done, because God and the Church want it done.

C. L. BALLARD, P. C.

Commerce, Texas.

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW.

BY REV. S. E. BURKHEAD.

Longfellow first saw the light on February 27, 1807, in Portland, Maine, and there he spent the days of his childhood, and there he "got that liking for the sea and for ships and for sailors which was to give a salt-water savor to so many of his ballads."

When Longfellow was a schoolboy he became very much interested in Irving's "Sketch Book," and he pored over it "with ever-increasing wonder and delight, spell-bound by its pleasant humor, melancholy, tenderness, and its atmosphere of reverie."

Mr. Longfellow was educated at Bowdoin College, and we learn that it was at the age of fourteen when he passed the entrance examination of that institution of learning. He had a classmate at Bowdoin College who became famous, and who will always shine as a bright particular star in the firmament of American letters. This classmate was Hawthorne.

When a professorship of modern language was created in Bowdoin College it was tendered to Mr. Longfellow, who accepted it, and in order to equip himself more fully for the duties of his position as college professor, he made a trip to Europe.

It seems that Longfellow, when quite a youth, had aspirations after future eminence in literature; for it is said that while he was yet in college he wrote a letter to his father in which he said: "I most eagerly aspire after future eminence in literature; my whole soul burns ardently for it, and every earthly thought centers in it." The aspirations of the young man were not disappointed.

Mr. Longfellow left Bowdoin College to take the chair of Modern Languages in Harvard College; and here he must have had a most congenial atmosphere, for Harvard at that time was almost the only center of culture in America.

Longfellow was contemporary with Poe, Bryant, Emerson, Holmes, Whittier, Lowell, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Browning and Tennyson.

In reading Longfellow it is not difficult to see that he was at heart of the people, and as one has said, "of that great average class that constitutes the population of the world. He had the "power of saying in lucid, pure and melodious phrase what everybody felt, but could not so successfuly say."

Sunshine and hope run through the writings of Longfellow, and in reading his works, we for the time become sunshiny and hopeful. There is nothing low in the whole range of his writings, and in reading after him, we feel that we are following in the footsteps of one who is cultured, refined and amiable in everything he says and does.

Longfellow wrote on a diversity of subjects, and "he could make the barest life radiant with beauty." He wrote poems about life and death, about the sea, about nature, about persons, about New England life, dramatic poems and narrative poems; and in all these there is something that goes to make life better and happier.

The lyrics of Longfellow have a ring and a swing about them that are perfectly charming. Hawthorne was completely captured by them and wrote to Longfellow on this wise: "Nothing equal to them was ever written in this world—this Western world, I mean."

The descriptive power of Longfellow is true to nature. Hear him as he describes the song of a mocking-bird:

"Then from a neighboring thicket the mocking-bird, wildest of singers,
Swinging aloft on a willow spray that hung over the water,
Shook from his little throat such flood of delirious music,
That the whole air and the woods and the waves seemed silent to listen."

Longfellow's poetry is, indeed, the poetry of the human heart; and, as some one has said, he drew his inspiration more often from the region of the emotions than from that of the brain. These lines from "Resignation" surely touch the heart:

"There is no flock, however watched and tended,
But one dead lamb is there;
There is no fireside, howso'er defended,
But has one vacant chair."

In his "A Psalm of Life" we get hope and inspiration and an incentive to press on to nobler deeds:

"Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."

It goes almost without the saying that Longfellow is the most popular poet that America ever produced, and one of the most popular that has ever lived in all the files of time; and when we consider that he has been translated into French, German, Dutch, Swedish, Danish, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Polish and Russian, we are forced to the above conclusion.

A great calamity happened to Longfellow in July, 1861. His wife's dress caught fire from a match which had fallen on the floor, and from the effects of it she died on the following morning. Mr. Longfellow did all he could to save his wife, but to no avail. He was so badly burned himself in trying to rescue his wife from the flames that he was not able to attend her funeral.

Brander Matthews, in his American Literature, says that the "Courtship of Miles Standish," "Evangeline" and "Hiawatha" have been taken to heart by the American people, and that these poems were composed during the brightest years of the poet's life, when his family were growing up about him, when he was in the full possession of his powers, and when he had already achieved fame.

"Evangeline" is full of "exquisite lines, noble and touching passages and delicate descriptions;" and the conception of Evangeline herself making herself a blessing to others for the sake of her lost lover, is a noble one indeed. This poem will ever be read with unfailing pleasure and delight by all who love good literature; for it is a fountain of nectared sweets. These lines come home to us with much force:

"Patience; accomplish thy labor; accomplish thy work of affection!
Sorrow and silence are strong, and patient endurance is godlike;
Therefore, accomplish thy labor of love till the heart is made godlike,
Purified, strengthened, perfected, and rendered more worthy of heaven."

Among the last lines Mr. Longfellow ever wrote were these:

"Out of the shadows of the night
The world rolls into light,
It is daylight everywhere."

These lines were written March 15, 1882, and on March 24, 1882, he died and was buried the following Sunday, "Under the gently falling snow."

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West Texas Conference.

Llano District—Second Round.

San Saba.....3d Sun March
Cherokee cir.....4th Sun March
Kingsland .....1st Sun April
Selma .....2d Sun April
Bandera and Medina.....3d Sun April
Blanco sta.....4th Sun April
Round Mountain cir.....5th Sun April
Willow City cir.....1st Sun May
Boerne cir.....2d Sun May
Center Point sta.....3d Sun May
Ingram cir.....4th Sun May
Rock Springs sta.....1st Sun June
Kerrville sta.....2d Sun June
I. K. Waller, P. E.

Cuero District—Second Round.

Yoakum .....March 11, 12
Cuero .....March 18, 19
Rancho, at Sandies Chapel....March 25, 26
Lecsville, at Floyd's Chapel.....April 1, 2
Edna .....April 8, 9
Ganado, at Ganado.....April 15, 16
Morales, at Boxville.....April 22, 23
Clear Creek, at Rocky.....April 29, 30
Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round.

Oakville cir, at Lebanon..... March 18, 19
Wade cir. ..... March 25, 26
J. M. Alexander, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round.

Pontotoc cir., at Pontotoc ..3d Sun. March
Brady cir., at Rochelle ....4th Sun. March
Milburn cir., at Bethel .....1st Sun. April
Paint Rock cir., at Kickapoo..2d Sun. April
Menardville cir,, at Long Mountain, 3d Sun April
Sonora, at Ozona .....4th Sun. April
Sherwood, at Sherwood.....5th Sun. April
Theophilus Lee, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round.

San Marcos sta .....March 11, 12
Harwood .....March 18, 19
Buda .....March 25, 26
Belmont .....April 1, 2
Lockhart cir .....April 8, 9
Kyle and Pleasant Grove .....April 15, 16
Gonzales .....April 22, 23
Lockhart sta .....April 29, 30
San Marcos cir .....May 6, 7
Dripping Springs .....May 13, 14
I. T. Morris, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round.

Comal Street .....7:30 p. m., March 15
Amphion cir .....3d Sun. March
Moore cir .....4th Sun. March
Pleasanton cir .....1st Sun. April
Pearsall .....2d Sun. April
Bexar .....3d Sun April
Eagle Pass .....4th Sun. April
Del Rio .....5th Sun. April
Utopia cir .....1st Sun. May
Cotulla cir .....2d Sun. May
San Miguel .....3d Sun. May
Uvalde .....4th Sun. May
Sherman Street .....May 28
Travis Park .....May 29
South Heights .....May 30
Flores Street .....May 31
B. Harris, P. E.

North Texas Conference.

Bonham District—Second Round.

Ector.....11 a. m., 3d Sat March
Bonham .....3d Sun March
Bailey .....4th Sun March
Dodd .....1st Sunday April
Honey Grove.....2d Sun April
White Rock .....3d Sun April
Gober .....11a. m., 4th Sat April
Ladonia .....4th Sun April
Petty .....5th Sun April
Randolph .....1st Sun May
Brookston .....2d Sun May
Trenton .....3d Sun May
Fannin .....11 a. m., 4th Sat May
Lannius .....4th Sun May
Delegates to District Conference will be elected this round.
T. R. Pierce P. E.

Terrell District—Second Round.

Plano sta .....March 11, 12
Wylie, at St. Paul.....March 18, 19
Rockwall, at Rockwall.....March 25, 26
Mesquite, at Pleasant Ridge.....April 1, 2
Forney, at Allen.....April 8, 9
Garland sta.....April 15, 16
Reinhardt, at Reinhardt.....April 22, 23
Crandall, at Lone Elm.....April 29, 30
Kemp .....May 6, 7
Gray's Prairie.....May 13, 14
I. W. Clark, P. E.

Paris District—Second Round.

Centenary, Paris .....March 18, 19
Marvin cir., at Rocky Ford ...March 25, 26
White Rock and McKenzie, at W.April 1, 2
Detroit cir., at Liberty .....April 8, 9
West Paris sta .....April 15, 16
Lamar Avenue, Paris .....April 16, 17
Woodland cir., at Bagwell .....April 22, 23
Annona cir .....April 29, 30
Powderly mis .....May 6
Blossom and Reno, at Reno .....May 7, 8
Maxey cir .....May 13
Emberson cir., at Bethel .....May 14, 15
Rosalie cir, at Bogata .....May 20, 21
Deport cir .....May 21, 22
Lake Creek cir .....May 25
Roxton cir .....May 27, 28
W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.

Greenville District—Second Round.

Wesley.....3d Sun. March
Kavanaugh .....March 22
Nevada, at Little Creek.....4th Sun. March
Neola, at Harris' Chapel.....1st Sun. April
Kingston, at White Rock.....2d Sun. April
McKinney.....3d Sun. April
Princeton, at Milam's Chapel.....April 19
Floyd.....4th Sun. April
Allen, at Lebanon.....5th Sun. April
Merit, at Bethel Grove.....1st Sun. May
Blue Ridge, at Snow Hill.....2d Sun. May
Lone Oak.....May 17
Bethel, at Rector.....3d Sun. May
Weston.....4th Sun. May
I. S. Ashburn, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round.

Lancaster ....11 a. m., March 11, 12
Haskell .....7:30 p. m., March 12
Cedar Hill .....March 18, 19
Lewisville, Webb Chapel.....March 25, 26
Cochran ..... 11 a. m., April 1, 2
Oak Lawn .....7:30 p. m., April 2
First Church .....11 a. m., April 9
Trinity .....7:30 p. m., April 9
Wheatland, Wilmer .....April 15, 16
Grand Prairie, Coppell .....April 22, 23
Floyd .....11 a. m., April 30
West Dallas .....7:30 p. m., April 30
Delegates to the District Conference to be elected this round. Hope for good attendance and full reports. J. H. McLean, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Second Round.

Sulphur Springs sta.....4th Sun. March
Commerce sta.....1st Sun. April
Sulphur Bluff cir., at Sulphur Bluff 2d Sun. April
Como, at Pleasant Hill.....3d Sun. April
Winnsboro sta.....4th Sun. April
Riely Springs, at Arbola....5th Sun. April
Wolfe City sta.....1st Sun. May
Leonard, at Grove Hill..2:30 p. m., May 12
Celeste and Lane, at Lane.....2d Sun. May
Cooper, at Good's Chapel.....3d Sun. May
Cumby.....4th Sun. May
Campbell.....1st Sun. June
Mt. Vernon.....2d Sun. June
County Line, at Jordan.....3d Sun. June
Ben Franklin.....4th Sun. June
Fairlie .....1st Sun. July
The District Conference will convene in Sulphur Springs, July 6, at 9 o'clock a. m. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. J. A. Thomas, at 11 o'clock a. m., same day.
C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Gainesville District—Second Round.

Nocona.....Mch 11, 12
Montague, at Mt. Tabor.....Mch 12, 13
Henrietta.....Mch 24
Benvanue, at Charley.....Mch 25, 26
St. Jo, at Dye.....April 1, 2
Boneta, at Prairie View.....April 2, 3
Marysville, at Van Slike.....April 15, 16
Belcher, at Ringgold.....April 16, 17
Rosston, at Hood.....April 22, 23
Era and Valley View, at Melvin..April 23,24
Sanger, at Krum.....April 29, 30
Roanoke and Pond, at Willson's..... .April 30, May 1
Greenwood, at Rush Branch.....May 2
Woodbine, at Spring Grove.....May 6, 7
Dexter, at Walnut Bend.....May 7, 8
Aubry.....May 13, 14
Delegates to District Conference will be elected this round. J. M. Binkley, P. E.

Sherman District—Second Round.

Bells cir.....Mch 18, 19
Collinsville cir.....April 1, 2
Denison mis.....April 8, 9
Sherman cir.....April 15, 16
Whitesboro sta.....April 16, 17
Pottsboro and Preston.....April 22, 23
Willow Street.....April 29, 30
Travis Street.....April 30
Howe cir.....May 6, 7
Van Alstyne.....May 7, 8
Denison sta.....May 13, 14
Pilot Grove.....May 20, 21
Whitewright sta.....May 27, 28
Whitesboro cir.....June 3, 4
Gordonsville.....June 10, 11
Gunter's.....June 17, 18
District Conference at Pottsboro, June 28.
J. R. Wages, P. E.

Bowie District—Second Round.

Archer City .....March 11, 12
Holliday mis.....March 18, 19
Wichita Falls .....March 19, 20
Decatur cir .....March 25, 26
Alvord cir .....March 26, 27
Decatur sta .....Wednesday, March 29
Calco cir.....April 1, 2
Bryson cir.....April 8, 9
Jacksboro sta .....April 9, 10
Rhome cir .....April 15, 16
Bridgeport .....April 16, 17
Bluegrove cir .....April 22, 23
Postoak cir .....April 29, 30
Boonsville cir .....May 6, 7
Gibtown cir .....May 7, 8
Crafton .....May 13, 14
Bowie cir .....May 20, 21
F. O. Miller, P. E.

Texas Conference.

Brenham District—Second Round.

Lexington .....March 11, 12
Deanville .....March 18, 19
Caldwell .....March 19, 20
Lyons .....March 25, 26
Milano .....March 26, 27
Giddings .....April 1, 2
Brenham .....April 2, 3
Cameron .....April 4
Benarnold .....April 7, 8
Maysfield .....April 8, 9
Davilla .....April 12
Cameron cir.....April 15, 16
Pleasant Hill.....April 22, 23
Rockdale .....April 23, 24
Patterson .....April 29, 30
Sealy .....May 7, 8
Belliville .....May 13, 14
Chappell Hill .....May 18
The District Conference will be held in Chappell Hill May 17-21. Opening sermon May 17, 7:30 p. m., by Rev. E. A. Potts.
E. W. Solomon, P.E.

Austin District—First Round.

Cypress mis, at Cypress.....Mar. 18, 19
Geo. A. LeClere, P. E.

Huntsville District—First Round.

Madisonville cir., at M.....March 11, 12
Bryan .....March 19, 20
Courtney and Plantersville, at Stoneham March 25, 26
Waller cir, at Macedonia.....April 5
J. C. Mickle, P. E.

Houston District—First Round.

Matagorda, at Bay City.....March 11, 12
O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.

Northwest Texas Conference.

Fort Worth District—Second Round.

Polytechnic.....March 13
Grapevine, at Oak Grove.....March 18, 19
Azle.....March 20
Arlington cir, at Thomas Chapel..Mar. 25, 26
Arlington sta.....March 26, 27
Glenwood.....March 29
Burleson, at Burleson.....April 1, 2
Mansfield.....April 2, 3
Trinity.....April 6
Cresson, at Bruce.....April 8, 9
Marystown and Joshua, at M....April 15 16
Blum, at Riovista.....April 22, 23
Cleburne sta.....April 23, 24
West Cleburne.....April 28
East Cleburne, at Watts Chapel..April 29, 30
B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Corsicana District—Second Round.

Powell mis., at Hester.....March 11, 12
Wortham cir .....March 18, 19
Cotton Gin, at Mt. Enterprise ..Mch 25, 26
Mexia sta., at Mexia.....March 26, 27
Groesbeck sta., at Groesbeck....April 1, 2
Thornton cir .....April 6
Horn Hill cir .....April 8, 9
Armour cir .....April 15, 16
Corsicana cir .....April 20
E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Gatesville District—Second Round.

Meridian sta.....March 11, 12
Valley Mills cir., at Clifton...March 18, 19
Crawford cir., at Crawford, 1 p. m., Mch 20

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Oglesby cir., at Station Creek March 25, 26
Jonesboro cir., at Jonesboro .....April 1, 2
Harmony cir., at Mt. Zion, 11 a. m., April 3
Brookhaven mis., at Liberty.....April 8, 9
Killeen and Nolanv'e, at K., 11a.m., Apr. 11
Lampasas sta ..... April 12
Coperas Cove, at Mt. Pleasant..April 15, 16
Lampasas mis., at McCreaville..April 22, 23
Coryell City cir., at Mosheim..April 29, 30
Bee House cir.....May 6, 8
Evant mis .....May 13, 14
Hamilton cir., at Shive ..11 a. m., May 15
Delegates to District Conference to be elected this round. J. G. Putman, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round.

Haskel sta .....March 11, 12
Vernon sta .....March 18, 19
Crowell, at Wesley Chapel ...March 25, 26
Harrold, at Union Point .....April 1, 2
Chillicothe, at Big Valley .....April 5
Seymour cir .....April 8, 9
Seymour sta .....April 9, 10
Benjamin, at Goree .....April 12
Quanah sta .....April 15, 16
Childress sta .....April 17
Altus .....April 22, 23
Mangum .....April 25
Eldorado .....April 29, 30
C. W. Daniel, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round.

Lovelace cir., at Lovelace.....March 11, 12
Itasca cir., at Pleasant Hill..March 18, 19
Palmer cir., at Ebenezer.....March 25, 26
Forreston cir., at Glenwood.....March 29
Milford cir., at Midway.....April 1, 2
Red Oak cir., at Bell's Chapel...April 8, 9
Waxahachie sta., at Waxahachie.April 15, 16
Mountain Peak.....11 a. m., April 19
Bardwell, at Bird.....April 22, 23
Alvarado, at Alvarado....7 p. m., April 27
Grandview cir., at Auburn..11 a.m., April 28
Venus and St. Paul, at St. P..April 29, 30
Midlothian sta., at Midlothian..April 30, 31
Crisp, at Village Creek.....May 13, 14
Ennis, at Ennis.....May 13, 14
Ferris, at Carrol.....11 a. m., May 15
Horace Bishop, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round.

Center City cir., at Pleasant G..Mch 11, 12
Goldthwaite..... .....March 12, 13
Indian Creek, McAnnally.....March 18, 19
Comanche cir., Sidney.....March 25, 26
Comanche sta..... .....March 26, 27
May cir .....April 1, 2
Glen Cove cir .....April 8, 9
Coleman sta .....April 10
Ballinger sta .....April 15, 16
Decker mission .....April 18, 19
Robert Lee cir .....April 21
Winters cir .....April 23, 24
Santa Anna cir., Salem.....April 29, 30
Fleming mission .....May 6, 7
Brownwood sta .....May 13, 14
O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Dublin District—Second Round.

Glen Rose cir, at Paluxy.....March 11, 12
Stephenville .....March 18, 19
Hico cir, at Hico.....March 25, 26
Iredell and Walnut, at Iredell.....April 1, 2
Proctor mis, at Bynum.....April 8, 9
Duffau cir, at Skipper's.....April 15, 16
Green's Creek, at Cow Creek....April 22, 23
Carbon and Gorman, at P. Valley..Apr 29, 30
Rising Star, etc., at R. S.....May 6, 7
Sipe Springs cir, at Sand Hill....May 13, 14
Desdimonia, at Mt. Zion.....May 20, 21
DeLeon sta.....May 27, 28
E. F. Boone, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round.

Memphis, at Memphis.....March 11, 12
Channing, at Channing.....March 19, 20
Childress, at Lee.....March 25, 26
Matador, at China Grove.....March 28
Silverton and Tulia, at Wright....April 1, 2
Plainview ....April 3
Emma, at Lubbock.....April 5
Floydada, at Hale Center.....April 8, 9
Canadian City.....April 15, 16
Higgins ....April 18
Clarendon cir.....April 20
Canyon City.....April 22, 23
Wellington, at Wellington.....April 29, 30
G. S. Hardy, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round.

Georgetown .....March 12
Round Rock .....March 18, 19
Salado .....March 25, 26
Bartlett .....April 1, 2
Taylor .....April 8, 9
Liberty Hill .....April 12
Granger .....April 15, 16
Belton .....April 23
Temple, First Church .....April 28
Moffatt .....April 29, 30
Temple, Seventh Street .....May 1
Holland.....May 3
Florence .....May 13, 14
Rodgers .....May 20, 21
Bertram.....June 2
Burnet.....June 3, 4
District Conference will convene in Georgetown, May 4, at 8 p. m.
W. L. Nelms, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round.

Ranger, at Caddo .....March 11, 12
Gordon and Strawn, at S.....March 18, 19
Breckenridge, at Pisgah.....March 25, 26
Eliasville, at Cedar Springs.....April 1, 2
Whitt, at Whitt .....April 8, 9
Thurber, at Thurber.....April 15, 16
Huckabay, at Hannibal .....April 22, 23
Santo, at Corinth .....April 29, 30
Millsap, at Mt. Vernon .....May 6, 7
Palo Pinto .....May 13, 14
Peaster, at Carter .....May 20, 21
Weatherford mis, at Bethel....May 27, 28
Couts Memorial, at C. M.....June 3, 4
J. R. Morris, P. E.

Abilene District—Second Round.

Cisco sta .....March 11, 12
Abilene mis .....March 18, 19
Buffalo Gap sta .....March 25, 26
Cottonwood cir .....April 1, 2
Eastland cir .....April 8, 9
Merkel and Sweetwater .....April 14
Snyder cir .....April 15, 16
Midland sta .....April 21
Colorado mis .....April 22
Colorado sta .....April 22, 23
Clyde mis .....April 26
Clairemount cir .....April 29, 30
Roby .....May 3
Anson .....May 6, 7
Clear Fork mis .....May 13, 14
Jas. S. Chapman, P. E.

East Texas Conference.

Tyler District—Second Round.

Malakoff, at Malakoff.....April 1, 2
Tyler, at Red Springs.....April 8, 9
Cedar Street and St. Paul, at St. P. Apr 9, 10
Golden, at Alba.....April 15, 16
Mineola, at Mineola.....April 16, 17
Athens sta.....April 23, 24
Edom, at Tunnell's Chapel.....April 29, 30
Wills Point sta.....May 7, 8
New York, at New Hope.....May 13, 14
Troupe and O., at Fountain Head..May 20, 21
Grand Saline, at Grand Saline..May 27, 28
Canton cir.....June 3, 4
Emory cir.....Wed., June 7
Lindale cir.....June 10, 11
Tyler, Marvin.....June 11, 12
White house cir.....Thurs., June 15
Wills Point, at Myrtle Springs..June 17, 18
Tyler District Conference at Lindale, June 29 to July 2.
John Adams, P. E.

Pitsburg District—First Round.

Musgrove cir., at Souls Chapel..Mar. 11, 12
T. P. Smith, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round.

Henderson cir, at Stovall.....March 11, 12
Church Hill, at Pleasant Hill..March 18, 19
Coffeevile cir.....March 25, 26
L. M. Fowler, P. E.

Palestine District—First Round.

West Palestine, at W. P. ....3d Sun March
Trinity and Lovelady, at T..4th Sun March
Groveton cir., at Groveton...1st Sun April
Jacksonville cir, at Earl's Chapel..2d Sun April
V. A. Godbey, P. E.

San Augustine District—First Round.

Shelbyville cir, at Shelbyville....Mar. 11, 12
Minden cir, at Locklin.....Mar. 18, 19
Sexton cir, at Sexton.....Mar. 25, 26
Hemphill mis, at Hemphill.....April 1, 2
San Augustine and Chir'o, at Un'n..Apr. 8, 9
J. T. Smith, P. E.

Beaumont District—First Round.

Jasper mis., at Magnolia.....March 11, 12
Burkeville cir., at Burkeville...March 18, 19
Newton mis., at Newton County, Tramm March 25, 26
T. J. Milam, P. E.

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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

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The Recording Secretary Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, North Texas Conference, having in charge the publication of the minutes of the last annual meeting of the Conference Society, after some unavoidable delay, has discharged the duty, having had 500 copies published in neat, attractive pamphlet form, which are now in the hands of the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society, Mrs. L. H. Potts, of Gainesville, for distribution to the various officers and auxiliaries of the Society. A few lines recently received from Mrs. Potts, however, tells of the serious illness of two of her children with pneumonia, which will prevent her attending to the distribution of the minutes for the present. She asks the indulgence of the members of the Society in the delay, which we know the members will grant, also extending to her their sincere sympathy in her time of anxiety for the recovery of her children.

We received, through Mrs. Mussett, Corresponding Secretary, a copy of the minutes of the last annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Northwest Texas Conference, some time since, which we read with interest, and we would be pleased to have an opportunity to read the minutes of the Woman's Home Mission Society of that conference, if the same were published, also would be glad to have a copy of the minutes of last annual meeting Woman's Home Mission Society of North Texas Conference.

WOMANS' HOME MISSION SOCIETY EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Womans' Home Mission Society of the East Texas Conference met in annual session at Jacksonville, February 22, 23. Sister J. W. Downs, 2d Vice-President, presided. This was her first experience as President, but she presided with an ease and grace and attended to every item of business with that promptness and skill that won for her the approval of all present. Sister J. T. Garrison, the Recording Secretary, not being present Sister A. S. Whitehurst was elected for the session. No better selection could have been made. She is prompt, accurate, and a splendid recorder. Sister Geo. Call, the Corresponding Secretary, was present—one of the livest and readiest members of the body. The amount of work she has done in her department the past year is almost phenominal. It is doubtful if there is a better Corresponding Secretary in the whole Church than she. Sister Johnson was present looking after her work. She is a woman of rare good sense, knows when to talk and when to stop. Sister V. A. Godbey, the Treasurer, was unavoidable absent. None of the District Secretaries were present. The attendance was small, but the meeting was full of interest. If anyone imagines that our sisters are not able "to paddle their own canoe," they are quite mistaken. They can debate and differ widely, and stay "sweet." They can even join issues with the brethren and maintain and carry their point. The brethren, however, though a written invitation had been sent them by Sister Call, did not show up very numerously, there being present only Brothers C. F. Smith, pastor at Jacksonville, and V. A. Godbey, presiding elder of Palestine District, I. T. Stafford, pastor at Rusk, and the writer. This is not intended as a report of the meeting—that will, we presume, be sent by the Secretary—but only as a notice of the meeting.

SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL EASTER SERVICE.

Card from Program Committee.

Easter with its blessed memories and associations will soon be here—this year the date is April 2—and as members of the committee in charge of the annual service in the interest of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, we are glad to announce that the program is now ready for distribution, and will be furnished free of charge to societies, Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues, or individuals desiring to use them. Effort is made each year to have the program breathe the joyous Easter spirit as well as to increase interest in the institution whose sole object is the equipment of messengers, who in the name of our risen Lord will go forth to witness for him in ministry to the sinful and suffering.

We ask our friends to lighten our labors and increase the usefulness of the Easter literature by making early application for a supply, as the call last year so far exceeded our expectation that a second edition had to be published to supply the demand, and many orders came too late to have the literature reach the destination before Easter. Please state the membership in the society or Church sending for literature, and we will estimate the amount needed. The following outline will indicate the nature of the program.

We earnestly pray that the service may be blessed of God to everyone who takes part, and we ask our friends to help us to make it a success. In his service.

MARIA LAYNG GIBSON,
MARY L. HARGROVE,
Committee.

EASTER PROGRAMME.

1. Easter Anthem by Choir or Sunday-school. 2. Hymn 224, "Come Thou Almighty King." 3. Prayer. 4. Scripture Lesson by five children and leader, "Words of Our Lord on the First Easter Day." 5. Hymn 46, "Wonderful Story of Love." 6. Recitation, "At Easter Time," by a little girl. 7. Recitation, "The Secret of Easter Day," by six children. 8. Recitation, "Your Own." 9. Hymn 20, "Perishing Souls," or Selection by Choir. 10. Reading, "Out of Joseph's Tomb," A Resurrection Story. 11. Recitation, "The Conqueror." 12. Hymn 109, "An Open Bible for the World." 13. Recitation, "Lou's Story," by a little girl. 14. Leaflet. A Question in Finance: "Does the Investment pay?" (Interest will be heightened if the conversation between Mrs. Greatheart and Mr. Clearhead be given by two persons.) 15. Collection of cards for the Belle Bennett Chair and reception of Offering. 16. Doxology when the Offerings are brought to the altar. 17. Closing Prayer of Thanksgiving and Benediction.

The hymns used in this program are selected from Young People's Hymnal, published by Barbee & Smith, Agents, Nashville, Tenn.

To the Auxiliaries Woman's Home Mission Society, Northwest Texas Conference: I wish to explain why there were so few leaflets sent out this quarter. Through mistake, I suppose, only two hundred of each kind were sent us from the Publishing House when my order was one thousand of each kind. I have written for a number to be sent to each District Secretary. All desiring more please write to those officers. MRS. C. C. ARMSTRONG.
Weatherford, Texas.

TO THE AUXILIARIES OF THE W. F.M. SOCIETY OF NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Sisters: As Easter is fast approaching—coming much earlier this year—I want to remind you of the Easter offering to be taken up for the benefit of the Belle Bennett Chair in our Training School. This time has been set apart by the Womans' Board of Foreign Missions as the time for free-will offerings for the endowment of the Bellet Bennett Chair, and programs are furnished to be observed either Easter morning or night. I would be glad if every auxiliary in the North Texas Conference Society would get consent of their pastor to give them Easter Sunday night, and have a public meeting, using the program, with such changes as may be desired, concluding with a good missionary talk by the pastor, and a collection for this cause.

The Woman's Board has urged us to make a strenuous effort to finish the payment of this endowment fund by the next meeting of the Board, which will be in May, I believe.

What a pleasure it would be if at the meeting of the Board we could report that each auxiliary of the North Texas Conference Society had contributed a nice offering toward the endowment of the Belle Bennett Chair in our Training School at Kansas City. This is, indeed, our school, and it is our duty to so endow it as that it will always be well equipped with teachers, so that no missionary from our Board need lack for proper training for the all-important and God-given work to which she has been called. Then, another important item must be looked after. The annual meeting of our Conference Society, coming so much earlier this year, will necessitate our redoubling our energies in getting up all funds. The pledge made by your delegates should be gotten up at once, so as to get credit for it at the annual meeting.

The exact time for holding our annual meeting will be published soon, so that all may know.

Let us be up and doing. This has been a cold winter and much sickness has prevailed, thereby many have been hindered from their society and Church work. But now, as the bright sunshine warms up the cold heart of old Mother Earth, and causes her to send forth the flowers and fruit, so may God's love shine into our hearts, until our cold and dormant natures are quickened into new life and vigor, and may these few remaining months of our conference year find us bearing much fruitage for the blessed Master.

Pray much for the prosperity of this foreign work, and do all you can to interest every woman in your Church, that she may enlist in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Appoint a committee from your auxiliary, and let them canvass the female membership of the entire Church, and see how many sisters can be induced to join our ranks. Try this, sisters, and see by the time of the annual meeting which auxiliary takes the banner for the largest increase in membership.

MRS. J. H. BOWMAN, President,
W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conf.
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NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD.

Spring meeting of the Northwest Texas Conference Mission Board will be held at Coleman, March 28-30, 1899.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee in Waco, Texas, February 1, 1899, it was agreed to hold the semi-annual session of the Northwest Texas Conference Mission Board in Coleman, Texas, March 28-30, 1899. The following is the programme:

Tuesday—7:30 p. m., "Love, the Constraining Motive of Missions," II Cor. 5:14. Sermon, M. S. Hotchkiss.

Wednesday—8:30 a. m., Prayer Service for Missions, led by C. W. Daniel. 9 a. m., Meeting of the Board. 9:10 a. m., Communications from the General Secretaries and Bulletins from the Home Field. 11 a. m., Missionary Sermon, J. M. Sherman. 2 p. m., Changed Conditions of Territory in this Conference, discussion, led by E. A. Smith. 3 p. m., Appropriations by this Board to Presiding Elders of Districts, discussion, led by J. H. Wiseman. 4 p. m., The Women's Societies: 1. Scope, J. S. Tunnell; 2. Work, W. C. Hilburn; 3. Auxiliary, Sam P. Wright. 7:30 p. m., "Expansion:" 1. Cuba, address, (15 minutes), Jno. R. Morris; 2. Porto Rico, address (15 minutes), J. S. Chapman; Philippines, address (15 minutes), Jno. R. Nelson.

Thursday—8:30 a. m., Bible Reading on Missions, conducted by J. S Tunnell. 9 a. m., 1. "Missionary Institute," discussion, led by Sam P. Wright; 2. "City Missionaries," O. F. Sensabaugh; 3. "Our Collections," J. T. L. Annis. 11 a. m., "Methodism at the Opening of the Twentieth Century: Her Opportunities and Obligations," Dr. G. C. Rankin, editor Christian Advocate. 2 p. m., Executive Session. 4 p. m., Missionary Rally with the Children; speeches by C. W. Daniel, J. H. Wiseman, M. S. Hotchkiss. 7:30 p. m., "The Great Commission," sermon, Horace Bishop, D. D.

The music will be in charge of M. S. Hotchkiss.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARIES.

A member, or members of the board in a district, together with the presiding elder, will be a committee to arrange for and hold a missionary anniversary at the District Conference of that district. In districts without representations of the board, the presiding elder and Executive Committee will arrange for District Conference Anniversary

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Executive Committee.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

San Marcos District Missionary Institute will be held in Lockhart, Texas, April 11-13, 1899.

April 11—7:45 p. m., Sermon by J. C. Wilson.

April 12—8:30 to 9 a. m., Prayer Service, led by W. O. Shugart. 9:15 to 10:45, A View of Mission Fields: 1. China, Corea and Japan, R. A. Reagan; 2. Mexico, L. C. Mathis; 3. Cuba, Porto Rico and Philipines, by New Haris. 11 a. m., Sermon, by A. W. Wilson. 2:30 to 3 p. m., Prayer Service, J. J. Franks. 3 to 3:30, "Our Missionary Literature," by M. S. Gardner. 3:30 to 4:30, Woman's Work: 1. Woman's Home Mission Society, Mrs. Maggie Moore; 2. Woman's Foreign Mission Society, Mrs. B. R. Abernathy. 7:45, Sermon, by R. A. Reagan.

April 13—8:30 to 9—Prayer Service, W. H. Newkirk. 9 to 9:30, Our Young People and Missions: 1. Sunday-schools, J. T. Graham; 2. Epworth Leagues, L. C. Mathis. 9:30 to 10, "The Value of Missionary Mass-Meetings in Each Congregation," J. T. Gillett. 10 to 10:45, "Our Assessments for Missions, and How to Raise Them," J. A. Jackson. 11 a. m., Sermon by M. S. Gardner, subject, "The Bible Doctrine of Missions." 2:30 to 3 p. m., Prayer Service, I. T. Morris: 3 to 3:30, General Discussion of the Subject of the Morning Sermon, led by J. T. Graham. 3:30 to 4, "Resolved that all mission work should be carried on through General Board, J. C. Wilson. 4 to 4:30, "Our Home Mission Fileds—A View of Their Needs," J. W. Vest. 7:45, Sermon, by New Harris.

Let all the preachers be on hand and the leaders of each subject ready when the hour arrives. Cut this programme out and preserve it, as I shall no task the editor to give it but one insertion. Let us pray for the baptism of the Holy Ghost on this gathering and on the district.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

March 1—W. T. Morrow, subs. L. W. Carlton, subs; 2 cards. J. M. Armstrong, sub. G. E. Sandel, subs. J. P. Rodgers, sub. J. B. Turrentine, sub. J. W. Dickinson, sub. Jas. A. Walkup, sub. C. M. Shuller, subs. W. B. Andrews, sub. E. J. Maxwell, subs. R. B. Bonner, sub. M. S. Hotchkiss, subs. D. H. Aston, subs. Isaac L. Mills, sub. W. W. Moss, sub. J. J. Harris, subs; 2 cards. C. B. Fladger, sub. D. W Towns, subs. C. B. Cross, sub. L. F. Palmer, subs. Sam'l Weaver, subs. M. H. Hudson, subs. W. F. Hardy, subs. J. H. Trimble, sub. G. A. Nance, subs. O. P Kiker, subs. W. C. Holingsworth, subs. E. B. Thompson, subs. W. H. Brown, sub. H. M. Haynie, subs J. W. Harmon, sub. J. J. Canafax, subs. C. S. Cameron, subs. J. P Mussett, subs. P. A. Edwards, sub.

March 2—M. S. Hotchkiss, sub. O. P. Kiker, sub. J. E. Walker, has attention. G. E. Sandel, subs S. M. Thompson, subs. W. E. Caperton, subs. Jas. A. Walkup, sub. C. E. Lindsey, trial subs J. D. Crockett, subs. G. W. Templin, subs. G. R. Hughes, subs. W. J. Bludworth, sub. L. A. Hanson, subs S. J. Vaughan, subs. C. A. Clark, subs. W. L. Lovelady, sub. G. R. Hughes, subs. J. W. Dickinson, sub. H. M. Pirtle, subs C. C. Davis, sub. C. F. Smith, sub. R V. Galloway, subs. G. C. Summers, sub.

March 3—G. W. Day, sub. J. E. Stephens, subs. W. B. McKeown, sub. J. M. McCarter, sub. L. L. Naugle, subs. W. S. May, sub G. W. Henderson, subs. L. G. Ayers, subs. T. S. Barcus, sub. J. A. Harvey, sub. J. D. Dorsey, subs. Jos. T. McKeown, subs. H. A. Storey, subs. W. B. McKeown, subs J. A. Black, subs. T. J. Duncan, sub. S. W. Thomas, sub. M. S. Gardner, subs. G. M. Gardner, trial subs.

March 4—W. J. Owens, sub. M. H. Read, sub. H. P. Shrader, has attention. C. E. Statham, subs. V. G. Thomas, sub. Jerome Duncan, subs. H. P. Shrader, sub. S. M. Thompson, sub. Andrew Anderson, subs. W. B. Ford, subs. G. W. Templin, subs.

March 6—J. W. Kelley, subs. L. F. Palmer, subs. J. A. Baker, sub. C. S. Cameron, sub. R. C. George, subs. R. J. Smith, Smith, sub A. W. Waddill, subs. Gus Garrison, has attention. J. M. Adams, sub. J. T. Bloodworth, sub. M. L. Moody, subs. S. W. Turner, subs. J. N. Broyles, subs. O. P. Kiker, sub. J. W. R. Bachman, subs. J M. Langston, subs. J. L. Dawson, subs. Fred L. Allen, subs. W. B. Ford, sub. W. J. Owens, subs. Chas. E. Brown, sub. S. W Thomas, has attention D. C. Ellis, subs. C. E. Simpson, subs. C. G. Shutt, subs.

March 7—J. W. Clifton, subs. H. M. Pirtle, subs. J. W. Dickinson, sub. C. N. N. Ferguson, has attention. L. A. Clark, subs. H. P. Shrader, sub. H. M. Haynie, sub. E. A. Smith, sub. W. Wootton, sub. D. Knox Porter, subs. J. W. Tincher, o. k. Stuart Nelson, subs. L. A. Webb, sub. Henry M. Long, sub.

PRIZE CONTEST.

COMPLETE STANDARD DICTIONARY FOR BEST PLEA FOR BIRD PROTECTION.

The question of bird extinction is attracting the attention of humane people everywhere. It is conceded by those who have given intelligent consideration to the subject that to the wearing of stuffed birds on hats and of such plumage as cost the life of the bird to procure is due a large share of this wanton and needless destruction of bird life. In some sections of the country, notably Massachusetts, so serious has become the devastation of the army worm on agricultural products and shade and forest trees because of the destruction of the birds that once waged war on this pest, that laws have been passed proscribing bird destruction under heavy penalties.

But prevention is better than cure. Woman's Century department of Galveston and Dallas News has frequently called attention to this subject, but it believes that the effort of the leaders in mental and moral culture will have to be enlisted to produce effective results unless legislation is appealed to, as has been the case in Massachusetts.

Believing also that some steps are already necessary to protect Texas song birds and others of the feathered tribe that fill a useful place in the economies of nature, The News will endeavor to enlist the effort of the three great educative and moral forces of the day—preachers, teachers and women's clubs.

It will begin this work by offering the complete Standard Dictionary for the best plea for the bird from the minister's standpoint, from the pen of any Texas pastor or licensed preacher. The article must not contain more than 1500 words, and it scarcely seems necessary to add, must be original.

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All articles designed for the contest must be written in ink, on one side of the paper only, and at the top of the first page must be written the competitor's name and address, and the number of words in the article.

All articles must be mailed by March 20, and "Bird Contest" must be designated on the envelope. Address The News, Galveston or Dallas.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

The District Conference for San Antonio District will commence on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock before second Sunday in May, at Uvalde, Texas. Programme and committees announced in due time.

B. HARRIS, P. E.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.

Committees of Examination.

For License to Preach—J. W. Wilson, W. W. McAnally, L. H. McGee, G. R. Hughes and R. J. Smith.

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Pittsburg District—Second Round.

Pittsburg sta, at Pittsburg	March 19, 20
Queen City, at Law's Chapel	Sat., Mar 25
Atlanta sta, at Atlanta	March 26, 27
Gilmer cir, at Glenwood	April 1, 2
Winfield cir, at New Hope	Sat., April 8
Mt. Pleasant sta, at Mt. Pleasant	Apr 9, 10
Fairview and Rose Hill, at Fair'w	Apr 15, 16
Dalby and DeKalb, at Hubbard's Chapel	Fri., April 21
New Boston, at Park	April 22, 23
Linden cir, at Jones Chapel	April 29, 30
Daingerfield cir, at Harris Chapel	May 6, 7
Redwater mis, at Maud	Sat., May 13
Texarkana, State Line ,at S. L.	May 14, 15
Naples cir, at Omaha	May 20, 21
Musgrove cir	Thur., May 25
Quitman cir, at Hainesville	May 27, 28
Leesburg cir, at Pleasant Grove	June 3, 4

The District Conference will convene at Mt. Pleasant on June 22, at 9 a. m., and embrace the fourth Sabbath. Rev. B. T. Hayes will preach the opening sermon at 11 a. m. same day. T. P. Smith, P. E.

A Blessing to All Humanity

Remarkable Invention of an Ohioan. Those Who Have Used It, Declare It To Be The Greatest "Invention of The Age."

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It is a sealed compartment, in which one comfortably rests on a chair, and with only the head outside, may have all the invigorating, cleansing and purifying effects of the most luxurious Turkish bath, hot vapor or medicated vapor baths at home for three cents each, with no possibility of taking cold, or in any way weakening the system.



CABINET OPEN—Step in or out



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A well known physician of Topeka, Kansas, E. L. Eaton, M. D., gave up his practice to sell these Bath Cabinets, feeling that they were all his patients needed to get well and keep well, as they cured the most obstinate diseases often when his medicine failed, and we understand he has already sold over 600. Another physician of Chicago, Dr. John C. Wright, followed Dr. Eaton's example, moved West and devotes his entire time to selling these Cabinets. Many others are doing likewise.

Hundreds of remarkable letters have been written the inventors from those who have used the Cabinets, two of which referring to

Rheumatism and La Grippe

Will be interesting to those who suffer from these dread maladies. G. M. Lafferty, Covington, Ky., writes: "Was compelled to quit business a year ago, being prostrated by rheumatism when your Cabinet came. Two weeks' use of it entirely cured me, and have never had a pain since. My doctor was much astonished and will recommend them. Mrs. S. S. Noteman, Hood River, Ore., writes that her neighbor used the Bath Cabinent for a severe case of la grippe and cured herself entirely in two days. Another neighbor cured eczema of many years' standing and her little girl of measles. A. B. Strickland, Bloomington, Idaho, writes that the Bath Cabinet did him more good in one week than two years' doctoring, and entirely cured him of catarrh, gravel, kidney trouble and dropsy, with which he had been long afflicted. Hundreds of others write praising this Cabinet, and there seems to be no doubt but that the long-sought-for means of curing rheumatism, la grippe, Bright's disease and all kidney and urinary affections has been found. The

Well-Known Christian Minister

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Reduces Obesity

It is important to know that the inventor guarantees that obesity will be reduced 5 lbs. per week if these hot vapor baths are taken regularly. Scientific reasons are brought out in a very instructive little book issued my the makers. To

Cure Blood and Skin Diseases

The Cabinet is unquestionably the best thing in the world. If people, instead of filling their system with more poison by taking drugs and nostrums would get into a Vapor Bath Cabinet and sweat out these poisons and assist Nature to act, they would have a skin as clear and smooth as the most fastidious could desire.

The Great Feature

Of this Bath Cabinet is that it gives a Hot Vapor Bath that opens the millions of pores all over the body, stimulating the sweat glands and forcing out by nature's method all the impure salts, acids, and effete matter, which, if retained, overwork the heart, kidneys and the lungs and cause disease, debility and sluggishness. A hot Vapor Bath instills new life from the very beginning, and makes you feel 10 years younger. With the bath, if desired, is a

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Cures Catarrh and Asthma

L. B. Westbrook, Newton, Ia., writes: "For 45 years I have had catarrh and asthma to such an extent that it had eaten out the partition between my nostrils. Drugs and doctors did me no good. The first vapor bath I took helped me and two weeks' use cured me entirely, and I have never had a twinge since."

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Quaker Folding Thermal

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So-Called Cabinets

On the market, but they were unsatisfactory, for they had no door, no supporting frame, but were simply a cheap affair to pull on or off over the head like a skirt or barrel, subjecting the body to sudden and dangerous changes of temperature, or made with a bulky wooden frame, which the heat and steam within the cabinet warped, cracked and caused to fall apart and soon become worthless.

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Makers Guarantee Results

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Cleansing and Invigorating Bath

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Write to-day for full information, or better still, order a Cabinet. You won't be deceived or disappointed, as the makers guarantee every Cabinet, and will refund your money if not just as represented. They are reliable and responsible. Capital, $100,000 00, and fill all orders promptly upon receipt of remittance.

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Waco District—Second Round.

Aquilla, Wesley Chapel	March 11, 12
Abbott, Abbott	March 12, 13
Bosqueville, Rock Creek	March 18, 19
Morrow Street	March 19, 20
Peoria, Kerby	March 25, 26
West, West	March 26, 27
Whitney	April 1, 2
Morgan, Kopperl	April 2, 3
Fifth Street, Waco	April 9, 10
East Waco	April 9, 11
Bruceville, Mooreville	April 15, 16
Lorena, Oak Grove	April 22, 23
Troy, Pendleton	May 6, 7
Mart, Kirk	May 13, 14
Mt. Calm, Bowman's	May 20, 21
Moody	June 3, 4

District Conference at Morgan, April 27, embracing following Sunday.

Sam'l P. Wright, P. E.

Austin District—Second Round.

Webberville cir, at Osborne	March 25, 26
Manor	March 26, 27
Smithville	April 1, 2
Elgin	April 2, 3
Cedar Creek, at Hill's Prairie	April 8, 9
Bastrop	April 15, 16
Weimar and Osage, at Weimar	April 20
Eagle Lake and Rock Island, at R. I.	April 22, 23
Columbus	April 26
LaGrange	April 29, 30
West Point cir, at Ford's Prairie	May 6, 7
Flatonia	May 7, 8
Austin, Hotchkiss Memorial	May 13, 14
Austin, Tenth Street	May 14, 15
Austin, First Street	May 17
Austin, South Austin	May 18
Merrilltown and Walnut, at M.	May 20, 21
Cypress mis, at Waters	May 21, 22
McDade cir	June 3, 4
Manchaca cir, at Manchaca	June 10, 11

Geo. A. LeClere, P. E.

Corsicana District—Second Round.

Powell mis., at Hester	March 11, 12
Wortham cir	March 18, 19
Cotton Gin, at Mt. Enterprise	Mch 25, 26
Mexia sta., at Mexia	March 26, 27
Groesbeck sta., at Groesbeck	April 1, 2
Thornton cir	April 6
Horn Hill cir	April 8, 9
Armour cir	April 15, 16
Corsicana cir	April 22, 23
Rice cir	April 29, 30

E. A. Bailey, P. E.

March, April, May.

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RAY.—Mrs. Elvire Ray was born March 11, 1841, at Rushville, Ill., and died January 7, 1899, at 3 p. m., at her home in Claude, Armstrong County, Texas. She came to Texas when eleven years old with her parents, D. L. Cross and wife; was married to J. R. Ray in 1865 at Austin, Texas. Four children were born to them, two of whom are preachers, one a member of the Texas Conference. She died with consciousness that Christ was her Savior and heaven was her home. Like Mrs. Susanna Wesley, she was anxious about the education of her four boys. Being a thorough scholar in the English and Spanish language, she taught a private school at home, the Bible being the most important book of all. Her last letter to George admonished him to do all he could and remember his mother was continually praying for him. She leaves the four boys and husband to mourn their loss.

HER SON.

KIRKLAND.—Ovetra Lou, infant daughter of W. R. and Bettie Kirkland, was born February 5, 1898, and died October 9, 1898. She was a very sweet, pretty baby, unusually bright for one of her age. The sweetest and most fragrant flowers are of shortest life. The body of this, the rarest of earthly flowers, was planted for the resurrection of the glorious body, and its angel spirit was caught away to rest in the arms of Jesus. So, father, mother and little sister, grieve not for your darling one, for that sweet voice that used to cheer your home has been transposed to that of an angel, and, with a golden harp in her little hands, chant sweet anthems of Paradise. While the little vacant chair in your home brings sadness to your hearts, may God help you to say, "Thy will be done," and be comforted by the sweet assurance that, though your home has been made sad and gloomy, heaven has been made richer and sweeter than ever before. And now as you realize that little Ovetra's happy smiles and prattling words will never greet you on earth again, may you all say, "We will meet her in the blissful realms of peace, where there is no sorrow, no pain, no death. Her aunt

MATTIE.

CROWSON.—Martha E. Crowson was born in Arkansas in 1827 and departed this life in Honey Grove, Texas, February 28, 1899. She as born of religious parents and literally brought up in the Methodist Church. She was converted at an early age, assumed the vows of the Church, and for fifty years gave constant evidence of her love for Christ and his Church. In 1855, nearly forty-four years ago, she became the wife of M. B. Crowson in Arkansas. Of this union there were seven daughters and three sons. Six daughters are living, three sons and one daughter having preceded them in going to the better land. This family have lived in and about Honey Grove for thirty-six years. Sister Crowson was a model wife, mother and grandmother, and numbered very many friends, who loved her for her true worth. She was a sufferer for two years, specially for the last, enduring almost constant pain. She bore her sufferings with Christian fortitude and courage. Her faith never wavered, and during her sickness the word of God and prayer were her joy. She died in sight of heaven, glad to depart and be with Christ, which she thought for her was better. She was followed by her friends and loved ones and by her brethren and sisters in Christ and laid in the cemetery to await the resurrection of the just.

J. A. STAFFORD, Pastor.

EASTERLING.—The subject of this sketch, Mrs. Camilla Elizabeth Easterling, was born in Lawrence County, Tennessee, March 24, 1835. She was the daughter of Rev. W. B. Hall, a Methodist preacher of deep piety and sterling virtues. She was twice married. First, in 1851, to John M. Moore, M. D., this union resulting in ten children—five sons and five daughters—three of whom, two sons and one daughter, preceded her to the better world. She, with her first husband, resided in Belton, Texas, for some time, and the savor of her good name still abides. Here Dr. Moore died June 26, 1876. She lived a widow for fifteen years and raised her children in honor and to Christian usefulness. In 1891 she was married to Rev. W. F. Easterling, who was a member of the North Texas Conference and a preacher of much usefulness. Bro. Easterling died in Montague, Texas, January 17, 1895. After his death she made her home with her son, A. B. Moore, at Fort Worth, Texas. She died of la grippe in the home of her son, Chas. G. Moore, in Hot Springs, Ark., on the 10th day of February, 1899. She professed religon in her childhood and united with the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived a consistent Christian to the day of her death. In every relation of life she was faithful and true, exemplifying as a wife, mother, neighbor and friend those virtues which endeared to all hearts. Her mortal remains were buried beside the husband of her youth in the North Belton cemetery to await the resurrection of the dead. "I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors." J. W. STORY.

Belton, Texas.

MOORE.—Anna Nora Moore (nee Jones) was born in Yazoo County, Miss, July 11, 1872, and died February 22, 1899. She professed religion when a little girl and united with the Church. She was faithful until death. She leaves father, mother, husband, brothers, sisters and five little children, one an infant five weeks old, one stepdaugther of sixteen years, who can aid papa greatly in caring for the children. About three years ago little Johnny, who was named for grandpa, was called. I met Ann at her gate, near Willow Hole Prairie. She told me my namesake was gone. I told her we knew where to find him. She has found him, no doubt. We mourn, but not as those who have no hope. The Lord bless the bereaved ones and may we meet Anna and little Johnny by-and-by. One who loved her only as a father can.

J. W. JONES.

RESSELL.—J. D. Ressell, Jr., infant son of J. D. and Annie Ressell, departed this life on January 28, 1899. His death was occasioned by the dreaded membranous croup. Another sweet little bud has been plucked by the ruthless hand of Death to be transplanted in the glorious realm of eternity, there to bloom and live forever with God and the redeemed. Like some precious treasure of heaven, of which we knew but little, its stay was short. He was enfolded in the bosom and committed to our care only long enough for us to learn to appreciate the prize; or, like some delicate and lovely flower before its lovely petals could unfold to be beaten by the rough winds of time, God claimed and took it as his own, that the fragrance and holy influence might be felt in both realms of his dominion and might bind us inseparably to the great white throne. So look up, loving ones, heaven holds your treasure and he will wait to welcome you home and there meet you in the royal apparel of the Son of God. His stay was only eight months and twenty-eight days, but he was so bright and sweet! Oh, how glorious will be the home where such purity and innocence reign. May the dear ones adopt the lesson taught us in God's word. We can go to him, and the Lord prepare each of us so we may form unbroken families on high.

J. W. GIBBENS.

MELTON.—Bro. R. N. Melton was born September 30, 1825, and died August 31, 1898. He was converted at Corsicana, Texas, in 1880, and joined the M. E. Church, South. In 1892 he transferred his membership to Ennis, where he lived until a short time before his death. As long as he was able he was a prompt and regular attendant at all the Church services, ever ready to contribute liberally to the support of the gospel. After his wife's death, who preceded him to the better land years before, he made his home at his daughter's Mrs. Chas. West, who has since moved to Waxahachie. He had a long, lingering illness. His daughter took him to the health resorts, thinking perhaps they could prolong his life, but all to no effect. Mrs. West was always constant and untiring in her devotion to her father. There is nothing more beautiful in life than that perfect devotion of children to parents, which is so comforting in the hours of affliction. How sad are the hearts of loved ones who are left, but what a bessed assurance to know that he died in the triumphs of a living faith and we will meet him again in the beautiful city beyond.

J. A. WALKUP.

WILLIAMS.—On the morning of February 23, 1899, the death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams and took their little son, Clarence, aged two months and twenty-two days old. He was a bright and promising child, in whom all their fondest hopes and affections were centered, and he bid fair to meet their brightest anticipations. But God knows best and has taken their treasure that their hearts might be with him also; for where our treasures are, there will our hearts be. Though lost to sight, to memory dear, and I commend you both to Him who heals all hearts and wipes away all tears.

HIS AUNT MINNIE.

Llano, Texas.

REED.—On the 16th day of February, 1838, in the State of Tennessee, J. L. Reed was born. In after years he moved to Bradley County, Ky., where he was married to Miss Kate Murphy Oct. 31, 1865. Some time afterward he moved to Texas. For a long period he was a practicing physician, giving his life to the relief of suffering humanity. But for some years before his death he retired from the active practice of medicine, moved to Abilene, and spent his time quietly in his home-life. Three months ago his wife was taken to her home above. From this time he seemed restless and unable to content himself. He appeared anxious to join his faithful wife on high. After a brief illness he departed this life February 17, 1899. A good portion of his life was spent as a member of the M. E. Church, South, and he died as he lived—in the faith of Christ. Three sons and four daughters, all grown, are left, with many friends to mourn their loss of him.

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HALL.—It becomes the painful duty of the writer to record the decease of one who was universally loved in the communities in which she lived and whose place in the home and Church it will be difficult to fill. Mrs. Rose Adelaide Hall was born in England July 8, 1873; came to Texas with her parents in 1880, and died in Vinvent, La., February 6, 1899. Mr. Hall and two bright young girls are left behind to follow the wife and mother to the many mansions. May Divine grace sustain them in their bereavement and keep them amid life's turmoils and temptations. Mrs. Hall had been a member of the Methodist Church about eleven years, during which time she faithfully discharged her religious obligations and gave luminous attestation to the power and beauty of the Christ-life. Her Christian example abides in the memories and lives of sorrowing relatives and friends. The end came unexpectedly. She was rallying from a sickness; but almost suddenly succumbed. All is well, however. The unselfishness and purity of her life make it easy to believe the Christian promise of eternal happiness and eternal progress. May all her friends cherish the hope of meeting her again. T. G.

HILL.—Mrs. Lizzie Hill, daughter of R. C. and Mrs. N. A. Hancock, was born September 26, 1880, in Henderson County, Texas, and died at Angleton, Texas, January 16, 1899. She was baptized in infancy by Bro. Matthews, of the Northwest Texas Conference. She never joined the Church, but her outer life was at all times in perfect accord with the Discipline of the Church. She was not given to indulgence in any of those worldly amusements forbidden by the Church, and though not a member, yet she has been known to remonstrate with members who were guilty of the like. In her sickness she never complained, but bore her sufferings so patiently and heroically that the extent of her danger was not known until it was all over. She was married to Mr. F. G. Hill by the writer of these lines December 25, 1898, at which time it was thought her health was improving; but alas! sixteen days later she passed peacefully away. May God comfort the sorrowing ones.

H. G. WILLIAMS.

ROBERTSON.—Mrs. Julia Robertson was the daughter of Thomas and Emma Street, and was born in Georgia, August 22, 1838. She came to Texas while in the bloom of young womanhood and was married to T. H. Robertson in June, 1856, who died at their home in Granbury, Texas, about two years ago. Sister Robertson, with two sons and one daughter, moved to Llano something over one year ago, and died January 24, 1899. During her residence in Llano she made many friends, who loved her and truly mourn over the loss sustained by the Church and comumnity. Sister Robertson was modest and unassuming, but kind and thoughtful toward all, with an implicit faith in God. In character she was an exponent of the doctrine that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from sin. Her piety, gody judgment, ability to control and direct shine forth in the character of her children. The children reflect credit on the mother. Her life-work is monumental in her children and the sweep of the influence will be felt on the coming generation. She stands among the number of Christian mothers who have blessed the world with educated, refined, industrious and pious children. She was a blessing to Llano. Honor to her name and peace to her memory. This family will have a reunion beyond the skies by-and-by.

M. A. BLACK.

Llano, Texas.

WALSTON.—Bro. D. A. Walston was born February 14, 1844, in Alabama; was married to Miss Ann Powell in Dale County, Ala., March 1, 1866; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1874. He died in great peace and triumph at his home near Oak Grove, Bowie County, Texas, January 22, 1899. Thus ended a noble and useful life. His excellent and grief-stricken companion and six children survive him. Bro. Walston was one of the most honest men we ever knew. Conscientious, fervent, earnest and true, religion was a blessed and every-day reality with him. He was a hopeful and happy Christian. He loved to exhort and pray, and in revival meetings was a power. He had strong sympathies and strong convictions; he was a man among men. Crowning all, was his clear, powerful religious experience, which he loved to tell. He was a Methodist to the core, and on controverted doctrines possessed remarkable clearness and strength. His home was ever the home of the preacher. When near the last moments he asked, "Who are those people?" Friends about his bed began to tell him who they were. "Oh, I know you," he said; "but who are all these people?" pointing upward. He has doubtless learned who they were and has also greeted his two precious babes, who went away to that bright and beautiful world years ago. Without a cloud to overcast his mind or heart, he passed into rest. May God's richest blessings rest upon the bereaved family and may this great affliction draw them nearer to him. J. M. McCARTER.

COLLARD.—Walter L. Collard was born June 11, 1874, and died October 28, 1898. He was baptized in infancy by Dr. Connor, of the Northwest Texas Conference. As a boy and as a young man Walter was exceptionally moral, living at peace with all men, loving truth and taking for his standard "nothing but the right." A dutiful son, an affectionate brother, a trustworthy friend—his life was a living epistle of rectitude and morality. A few days before his death he called all the family, including his life-long Sunday-school teacher, around his bed and requested his Sunday-school teacher to read a portion of Scripture. He then asked all, one by one, to pray with him and for him, and all to join with him in repeating the Lord's prayer. After prayer he requested them to sing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Walter had never made any public profession of religion, never joined the visible Church, but now to the dear ones around his sick-bed he said: "I have never known the time when I did not love my God." He was and is a part of the great Church which exists in all its perfection in a brighter and better world. Said

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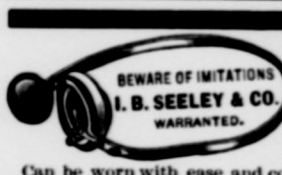


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his father in a note to me: "The loudest sermon I ever heard was the one my boy preached to me, not only by his life, but by his parting counsel 'to not only profess Christianity, but to live Christianity.'" Had Walter lived I can well believe that he would have left an impression for good upon his associates; but upon the very threshold of a useful and influential life God saw fit to take him to himself. Sad are the loving hearts; sorrowful is the once happy home! "God's ways are past our understanding." Walter rests well, for, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." His membership is in the Church triumphant and his name written in the Lamb's book of life. T. S. WILLIFORD.

SMITH.—Mrs. Alice Smith died in Atlanta, Texas, February 17, 1899. She was the daughter of G. W. and Frances Summerfield. She was born November 27, 1853, in Cobb County, Georgia; was married to L. C. Smith September 18, 1888, in Texas. She remembered her Creator in the days of her youth and led a Christian life, and thus we are inspired with hope. She died the death of the righteous. May the bereaved husband, with his three now motherless children and sorrowing relatives, find a solace in the pure and undefiled religion which Sister Smith made choice of in the days of her tender girlhood. R. LANE.

Queen City, Texas.

ANDERSON.—Joe Monroe Anderson was born July 27, 1897, and departed this life February 20, 1899. Joe was a bright baby boy, the joy of the home; but God, in his providence, took him away. May the bereaved parents be comforted in the fact that their little Joe, who was once with them is an angel now. The sting of pain or death can not reach him now. Heaven is richer now because they have a treasure there. Jesus said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." May the parents meet Joe some sweet day. MAC M. SMITH.

WISELY.—James Reuben Wisely was born January 24, 1898, and died February 15, 1899. Little Reuben was so affectionate no one knew him but to love him. Being a bright and lovely child, it was a sore trial to give him back to God. The voice that was so charming, the form that was so lovely, is silent, and we feel an aching void this world can not fill. Oh, how dark the home when one of its brightest lights is so suddenly extinguished. Jesus, the great friend of little children, has only taken little Reuben from his suffering and affliction, and after awhile, when God shall call us home, the same sweet little hands which were so often outstretched to us, the same sweet little voice, the same smiling little face will greet us at the beautiful gate of the New Jerusalem, never to be parted. Farewell, little Reuben, till we meet again.

HIS MOTHER.

BEARCE.—Infant daughter of W. H. and Alice Bearce was found dead in bed at their home near Kirkland, Childress County, Texas, on the morning of February 20, 1899. She was five weeks old and had not been very well for a few days, but the parents were surprised to find that the little one had gone. "Budded on earth to bloom in heaven." Let us take comfort and follow on.

GEO. A. NANCE, Pastor.

KYLE.—In the death of Dr. Kyle the medical profession has lost one of its most valuable and accomplished members and the community one of its best and most exemplary citizens. He was held in high esteem and affectionate regard by all who knew him for his brilliant attainments as a medical man as well as for his beautiful life and character—that of a Christian gentleman. That "death loves a shining mark" was never more fully and fearfully verified than when it struck down this cherished, beloved man. He was the friend of the poor, the solace of the afflicted, the counsel and companion of his colleagues. As a physician and surgeon, Dr. Kyle stood in the front rank of the profession and has contributed largely to the development of the medical science in this State. He was an active and energetic member of the Methodist Church, and at all time met in full measure the demands of his station. He was unassuming in manner and conscientious in service. To an unusual degree he enjoyed the confidence of the community in which he lived, of the patients he served so devotedly.

DR. W. O. STEPHENSON.

Frankford, Texas.

FORRESTER.—John R. Forrester was born June 11, 1879, and died Feb. 20, 1899. He was nearing his twenty-second birthday. He joined the Church some years ago, but last summer he attended one of my meetings. He had been absent for a few months, and one night he came to the altar. When the service had closed he said to me: "I did not join the Church to-night with the others, for I was not sure you had dropped my name." I then said: "No, brother, we have not dropped it." And he said: "I am glad," and went away and lived a consistent Christian life. He was a good boy. And on his way home to assist his aged father in making a crop, while facing the recent sever cold spell for a whole day, he contracted pneumonia, which soon resulted in his death. During his illness he often spoke of death; seemed to feel that he would not get well, and often said he was ready. We would not hesitate to say good things of him. He is better off now. JOHN W. SIMS.

Rancho, Texas.

SLAUGHTER.—Mrs. Annie Slaughter (nee McKinney), wife of H. J. Slaughter, was born at Mantoa, Texas, June 16, 1859, and died in Van Alstyne, Texas, Feb. 8, 1899. She was a devoted sister, a kind mother and true wife; was a member of the M. E. Church, South, from childhood, and true to her vows; had been a subscriber and fond reader of the Advocate for many years. Sister Slaughter had been sick for several weeks, but her physician and friends thought she was rapidly improving. Her death was unexpected and greatly mourned; but we are comforted in the fact that she died in the triumphs of faith. The blessed Savior, who always makes those happier and better who trust in him, was hers; and her life portrayed to those who knew her the fact that she had embraced the Christ, and his Spirit, for she lived to make others better and happier. She has gone to her reward. Her mother died when she was small, her father was in the war, and she was brought up by her grandfather, Bro. Biles, a great Methodist, and of precious memory in this country. She leaves a host of friends and relatives, a husband and eight children to mourn her death. Two children have preceded her to the better world. May we meet her in the better land.

P. L. SMITH, P. C.

CHANDLER.—Joe Chandler was born in Lake County, Tenn., August 9, 1874; was married to Miss Georgia Holt July 23, 1897; died after a few hours of intense suffering November 19, 1898, leaving a sorrowing young wife and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his departure. Just two months from the day he was buried his companion was called from earth to join him on the sunny banks of sweet deliverance. J. M. BAKER.

Proctor, Texas.

PITTILLO.—Little Ada Cordelia, youngest child of Bro. and Sister W. S. Pittillo, was born May 28, 1898, and died February 19, 1899. She had suffered in body all her life, yet with it all had a very bright mind. She was the light of the household. The Shepherd has taken the little lamb in His arms that the others may follow on.

JOHN M. LINN.

Corpus Christi, Texas.

AVERETT.—Little Daniel Pierce Averett, son of Bro. and Sister W. A. Averett, was born January 21, 1895, and on February 11, 1899, Jesus said, "Suffer no longer, little Pierce, 'but come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of God.'" Pierce was a bright and promising child; was fond of music; would go to the organ, place a book before hm, then try to sing and play. Now the little sweet voice is hushed here below; it is singing sweetly above. Four little sisters were wating at the beautiful gates to welcome him there. Bereaved ones, be faithful and you will see little Pierce again. B. C. CRAVY.

Salty, Texas.

GARNER.—Arthur J. Garner, son of Bro. and Sister J. Garner, was born March 16, 1889, and went to rest February 12, 1899. Little Arthur suffered twelve days with pneumonia; then Jesus said, "Suffer no longer; come and rest." Arthur was bright and affectionate; his greatest enjoyment was to be with his father. His last words were, "Papa; O papa!" Only those who have experienced can know the grief of Bro. and Sister Garner; though we all can and do sympathize with them. We know no one can take Arthur's place; but remember, dear ones, "God doeth all things well." May this bright jewel, with others, ever draw father, mother, brothers, sisters and playmates onward and upward until we all meet where parting is no more.

G. C. CRAVY.

Salty, Texas.

McLEMORE.—James B. McLemore was born in Tishomingo County, Miss., on March 19, 1842. He came to Texas in early childhood. He served in the Confederate Army in Sibley's Brigade. He was married to Miss Mary E. Elam on July 27, 1869, by the Rev. W. S. Hamilton. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church, under the ministry of Bro. Williamson. He lived a faithful and consistent Christian until his death, which occurred on the 14th of February, 1899. He was a silent and uncomplaining sufferer for several years, being almost an invalid. He bore his affliction with Christian resignation and fortitude. He leaves a devoted wife and five daughters to mourn their loss. May God give them grace to submit and hope to inspire them and the Holy Spirit to guide them, so that at last they may meet as an unbroken family in God's kingdom above, where partings are known no more, is the fervent prayer of their pastor.

C. W. PERKINS.

SKINNER.—Mrs. Belle Skinner (nee Ficklin) was born in Hines County, Miss., January 27, 1851; was married to J. K. Skinner, in Rankin County, Miss., Dec. 13, 1866. Shortly afterwards they came to Texas and settled near Rancho, Texas, and at the Holstein Pool Camp-ground in the summer of 1885, under the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Killough, she, with her husband, professed religion and joined the Methodist Church and remained faithful till the end, which came after a few days' illness, on January 25, 1899. She leaves a number of children, most of whom belong to the Church. Her baby, a sweet little girl of about thirteen summers, was converted at our meeting last summer and joined the Church. Her husband, who was sick and in bed at her death, still lingers upon his couch under a great affliction; but if he is called, he will be ready. We commit the afflicted and stricken husband, with all the family, to the tender care of the great Shepherd, and hope to meet again.

JOHN W. SIMS.

Rancho, Texas.

BENNETTE.—Clara G. Bennette (nee Parks) was born June 1, 1869, and died December 4, 1898, in Gonzales County, Texas. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in the summer of 1883, under the ministry of Rev. Alanson Brown. She leaves a husband and four children, with a host of friends and relatives, to mourn their loss. Weep not, loved ones, as those who have no hope; while it is our loss, it is her eternal gain. She was a loving mother, wife and sister, and was loved by all who knew her. She has gone to meet her loved ones who have gone on before. May the bereaved ones live so that when time shall be no more we may all meet to part no more. Her sister.

MATTIE PARKS.

STUBBLEFIELD.—Jeremiah David Stubblefield was born July 26, 1894, and was dedicated to the Lord in holy baptism by Rev. J. H. White, October 27, 1895; died November 30, 1897, aged three years, three months and four days.

Rosa Ellen Stubblefield was born November 4, 1896, and was given to the Lord in holy baptism by Rev. L. H. Stuckey, March 21, 1897; died January 24, 1899, aged three years, two months and twenty days. Infant son and daughter of Bro. D. R. and Sister Callie Stubblefield, of Pryor Creek, I. T. These children were not ordinary children. The little boy was very intelligent, and had a mind that took hold of everything he heard or saw. He learned of God, and often asked about him. He was good and tender towards father and mother, and did not want to hurt their feelings. Little Rosa he loved so affectionately. Pure, yes too pure for this earth, so God called him to heaven. And so our Father in heaven has called little Rosa Ellen to him who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me," for of such is the kingdom of heaven. He said also: "Forbid them not," but who could help holding on to such a sweet little form? bright, sweet, affectionate, the joy of the home of Bro. and Sister Stubblefield; but they are gone, and that home looks forlorn now now. No sweet little prattling feet, no sweet little voice. Listen! Heaven's golden street is the place where the little feet patter and their voices are heard. Look up, dear heart-broken ones; four little hands are beckoning to you in the city of our God. You have not lost them; they are at home, waiting for you. God bless you both, and may you have an unbroken family in heaven.

GEO. W. DAMAN, P. C.

CHANDLER.—Georgia Chandler, daughter of William and Lou Holt, and widow of Joe Chandler, was born in Lake County, Tenn., October 15, 1882; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at thirteen years of age, under the ministry of Rev. Barney Wright, at Ridgely, Tenn; was married July 23, 1897, and died January 20, 1899, leaving an infant three weeks old. Her husband preceded her to the grave just two months, having died November 19, 1898. Thus ended the brief life of an only child of loving parents, whose only hope is a happy reunion on the blissful shores of immortality; whose anxious care is for the precious little jewel whose orphanage began before its birth by the death of the father and was made complete at three weeks old by the death of its mother. Pray that its life may be given to Him who has said, "I am a father to the fatherless."

J. M. BAKER.

Proctor, Texas.

NICHOLSON.—Willie Walter Nicholson, son of John B. and Bettie T. Nicholson, was born July 14, 1885, and fell asleep in Jesus February 25, 1899, at home in Chatfield, Texas, aged thirteen years, seven months and eleven days. A short time ago Willie's grandmother died in the same home, and the funeral services were conducted in another room, and so low was he that they feared to tell him. Who could guess his surprise when he met her in glory. Willie was a great sufferer, but so patient, so great were his sufferings that the community for miles around were in deep sympathy with him and his dear parents. When asked about dying, he said to his father: "Jesus loves me and I love him, and I am not afraid to die." Then we know where to meet him; we must go to him. Even so, amen.

W. H. CRAWFORD.

McCORKLE.—Grace Inez, infant daughter of T. C. and S. E. McCorkle, was born August 7, 1898, and died in Sulphur Springs, February 22, 1899. This sweet babe had been here only a short while, but she was here long enough to be loved by all who knew her. She was just getting large enough to notice everything, to be real playful and to be a great joy to the home, when she was called away to bless a fairer land. During the short period of her illness of severe cold and measles, every care was taken, every attention was given, and yet with all that the loving hands of papa and mama, faithful physician and friends could do the disease wrought its work of death. After services in the church at Forest Academy, the little body, enclosed in a casket of spotless white, trimmed with beautiful mountings, was laid to rest beside kindred dust, to await the sound of the last trump. We sorrow not as those who have no hope. We shall see that sweet face again, for Grace Inez has gone to Him who said, "Let the children come unto me."

JNO. E. ROACH.

OWENS.—Marian Elijah Owens, son of Bro. and Sister Z. M. Owens, died at the home of his father, at Smith's Ferry, Tyler County, Texas, on the night of February 14, 1899, after suffering in great patience for forty-one days with pneumonia. He was born July 24, 1884, and was fourteen years, six months and twenty-three days old. While Marian had not made a public profession of religion, he was religiously inclined from infancy, and was never so tired from his labor or duties of the day but what he was anxious for his father to hold prayers with him before he was willing to retire. Marian was also an affectionate and obedient son and had great love for the family circle. Weep not, dear ones, for God has only called Elijah to his home on high; but be faithful unto death, so that when God calls for you to go home you will be ready and glad to cross the river and join that dear son and brother in the heavenly throng on the other side. J. J. RAPE, P. C.

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SOUTHERN METHODIST NEWS.

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meeting, wrung their hands and almost wept with rage, and denied the statement in strong "whereases and resolves," and published them; But Bro. Stuart says that his charge is the truth, all the same.

Pev. Sam Small, chaplain of the Third regiment of volunteers at Santa Clara, Cuba, has been appointed by Gen. Bates to take charge of the public schools of that province. Public schools and Protestant preachers can solve in time the problems of Cuba.

The Arkansas Methodists, through their Board of Trustees, have resolved to rebuild Galloway College on the original site in Searcy, provided it can be done without debt. Rev. Sidney H. Babcock has been appointed agent to raise the funds necessary for the undertaking.

Wesleyan Female College, at Macon, Ga., recently had to suspend operation on account of scarlet fever breaking out among the pupils a while back. The President is taking advantage of this fact to arouse the Georgia Methodist people to the necessity of giving him a hospital department.

Rev. William Taylor, of Appleton, Ark., says in a letter to the Arkansas Methodist that among two hundred Methodists he finds only eight copies of the paper taken. The great need of many sections of the Church is the dissemination of religious papers. The Methodist ought to be in every home in Arkansas.

Rev. W. H. Milburn, D. D., the blind chaplain of the United States Senate, was for a long time a member of the Alabama Conference, but on account of his health he went back North. But he retains a warm feeling for his Southern brethren. In the Nashville Advocate he is writing some interesting articles of the men of other days.

Rev. C. M. Bishop, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, and who is stationed at Nevada, is visiting his brother at Polytechnic College and his uncle at Waxahachie, Rev. Horace Bishop. We have known him from his boyhood. He is a fine scholar and a number one preacher. We would love for him to come this way on his return.

NEWS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Alpha J. Kynett, D. D., one of the most prominent ministers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, is dead.

Twenty-nine thousand German Baptists in this country gave last year $62,000 o missions. This is a fine record.

Rev. Dr. D. F. W. Gunsaulus, of Chicago, is to succeed Dr. Hillis, who has gone to Brooklyn, in the Central Church in Chicago.

The Hon. Hoke Smith, once in Mr. Cleveland's cabinet, is the superintendent of a Presbyterian Sunday-school in Atlanta, Ga.

A statement of the statistics of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is to the effect that they have 633,849 members, nine general officers, 4,825 ministers on annual conference rolls, 242 presiding elders. They have property valued at about $756,475.

The Pope has entered upon his twenty-first anniversary of his elevation to his present position. He was ninety years of age the 2d of this month.

Rev. Dr. Maclaren, the great Manchester Baptist preacher, is now seventy-three years of age; and he is one of the great preachers of Christendom.

The Executive Committee of the Congregational Church are carrying a debt of $104,000. To meet it they will have to do some extraordinary work this year.

The movement of the English Methodists in the interest of their Twentieth Century Educational Fund is making rapid progress. They are greatly enthused on the subject.

The Irish Protestant Episcopal Church is comparatively free from the bane of ritualistic excesses. In England, the ritualism of the Church is equal to that in the Cathoic Church.

Dr. Chas. A. Briggs, the heretical Presbyterian minister, is now a full-fledged Protestant Episcopal clergyman, and his companion in error, Rev. Henry Preserved Smith, is ensconced in the Congregational Church.

The late Charles Spurgeon, of London, has two sons in the ministry of the Baptist Church. One of them is his father's successor in the London pastorate. Their mother is said to be justly proud of her boys.

Six years ago the English Presbyterians adopted a creed in keeping with the progress of the nineteenth century. So far it has proved a great boon to them. It serves to unite all of them upon the fundamental doctrines upon which they are agreed, and it leaves minor matters to the individual conscience.

It is said that the Vatican is watching the ritualistic movement in the English Protestant Church with much interest. The Roman Church is looking for an exodus to their fold very soon. Hence, $80,000 have been appropriated already toward the establishment of a school in England to receive and prepare Anglican proselytes.

THE SACRIFICE.

Let me sing to you of Jesus,
Who comes to us in love,
And brings the glorious tidings
From His Father's house above—

That God so loved e'en sinful men
That his blest Son is given
To come and toil; alas! be slain!
To win us back to heaven.

See His lovely form suspended!
The thorns and cruel nails!
Hear the jeers of ruffians blended
With a mother's plaintive wails!

Hear his prayer, above the human—
Serene, amid death's throe:
"Father, forgive them what they do,
For, now, they do not know."

"It is finished"—the wondrous act!
Slain, the Lamb! cleft, the Rock:
On midday falls deep midnight gloom,
Earth trembles from the shock.

But through our tears and grief we see
The living, crimson stream,
In which to wash our sinful hearts,
And be forever clean.

He pays the ransom breaks death's bars,
Lifts us from Adam's fall:
All praise and glory to our Lord!
Who overcometh all!

The Lamb of God—ascended—
Says to us, "Follow me."
We look, we live, and by thy grace,
We shall press on to thee.

P. A. SIDELL.

Dallas Texas.

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