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EDITORIAL.

PARTISANSHIP IN OUR CONNECTIONAL MEN.

In the Missouri Conference a while back there was passed a strong resolution against Barbee & Smith and calling for an extra session of the General Conference. Dr. J. H. Pritchett, our Junior Missionary Secretary, signed the resolution and took a very decided stand against his connectional colleagues. Last week the Louisville Conference had the matter under hot discussion upon a resolution calling for an extra session of the General Conference, but they finally adopted a substitute asking for the resignation of Barbee and Smith, but relegating the Publishing House matter to the General Conference of 1902. In this fight. Dr. J. J. Tigert, Book Editor and editor of our Review, took very high ground against his two connectional brethren and made a strong speech upon that side of the question. A number of the conferences have been held, but these are the only ones that have manifested great agitation upon this question. The large majority of the conferences and of the brethren have settled down in the belief that further disturbance in this direction can accomplish no good, but, on the contrary, do injury. So in most instances the question involved in this trouble is not raised at all. Whatever may be the convictions and opinions of our leading men with reference to the subject, nearly all of them advise pacification until the next regular session of the General Conference shall meet and settle all questions in dispute. While therefore Drs. Pritchett and Tigert have a perfect right to throw themselves into the further agitation of the matter, yet under the circumstances we do not deem their course a wise one. For them we have the profoundest respect, and we hold them in high personal esteem as able and conscientious ministers of the gospel, but they represent in their official capacity the whole of Southern Methodism, and we fear that any partisan attitude at this time upon this or any other issue in dispute will detract from their efficiency in the work to which the Church has called them. There is the widest divergence of opinion touching this matter. Upon it there is no unity of sentiment. Good men and true men differ as to the best method necessary to the solution of this problem, and we trust that our connectional brethren will not bring their respective departments of general Church work into any further entanglements concening this matter. Let them vote their honest sentiments at their respective conferences and if needs be give mild expression to their convictions, but it is best for all of them not to throw themselves into aggressive leadership in issues of this character. It is impossible to separate them from the general work which they represent. Hence they need unity of sentiment and uninterrupted co-operation upon the part of all the Church forces in order to accomplish the largest results. If they fall into these personal disputes they will necessarily alienate some of their brethren and our connectional interests are too important to suffer such an injury. Were Drs. Hoss, Atkins and Hammond to go to their respective conferences and take offensive sides either for or against Barbee & Smith we would give them the same advise that we are herein giving to Drs. Tigert and Pritchett. No connectional man in our judgment can afford to give expression to ultra and extreme positions upon questions concerning which there is a variety of opinions and views. Let these things be kept out of the work of our General Conference officers. We love them all, and we are in hearty sympathy with their efforts to push their several departments to the front, and we do not want to see any serious personal differences spring up between any of them. We have had enough disturbance about this Publishing House matter to be convinced that nothing but injury can come from its further agitation. Let these brethren in high places abide their time till the next General Conference and then the question will be open to them. When soldiers in the ranks cuff one another it does not amount to much, but when the Generals and the high Captains bite and devour each other the discipline of the army is seriously impaired. Generals must keep order. For the sake of the Church which we all love, and for the sake of the brotherhood, "let us have peace," at least for a season. Let all of our connectional brethren come to our conferences filled with the Spirit of God and give to us messages that will inspire us with zeal to work for our Review, our missionary interests, our educational weal and the output of our Publishing House. But do not bring to us any acrimonious discussions.

AGED MINISTERS AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

We have in our different conferences a number of aged and infirm preachers and also the widows and orphans of deceased preachers, and for this class we have made provision with which to aid in their support. This is one of the wisest financial measures adopted by the Church. When young men enter the ministry they surrender all right to accumulate money. They even forego the privilege of providing a home for their families. The fact is they discard the money feature of life and consecrate themselves upon the altar of the Church. The most of them are fitted by habit and training to make any business or profession a financial success. But all of this they eschew and give themselves up to a calling, the income of which is barely sufficient to meet their annual expenses. They give their young manhood, the strength of matured years, and the experience of age to this calling and when the infirmities of worn-out nature force them out of the active work of the ministry their income is at an end. Or if they die in the progress of the years they leave no visible support for their wives and children. Hence the Church has wisely provided for a fund out of which some help can be extended in such emergency. It is a sort of pension awarded for service already rendered. This fund is contributed by the membership, but each preacher is the financial agent, whose business it is to see that it is contributed. The amount of it is therefore dependent upon the conscientious effort of the preacher. From the very nature of the case it is the easiest money that the preacher has to collect. People really take a pleasure in giving to this fund whenever its claims are brought to their attention. They love and revere the memory and life work of the old preachers. And they sympathize with the widows and orphans of the men who have died in the service. Hence if every dollar assessed against your charge for this worthy cause is not collected you can put it down as a certainty that ninety-nine times out of a hundred it is the fault of the preacher. The people will pay it if he sets himself to the task of collecting it. Then there ought not to be a dollar of deficiency in this fund when reported at conference. It can be gotten if the preacher will go after it, and the claimants upon this fund need it, and they need it very badly. For these two weighty reasons the amount ought to be made as large as possible. As a matter of fact the amount assessed is the minimum basis anyway; and in order to make it of real service it ought to be largely in excess of the assessment. Then when the Joint Board of Finance come to appropriate the several amounts to the different claimants there ought to be the strictest justice practiced. No favoritism ought to be allowed under any circumstances. Whenever an orphan of any preacher reaches an age of self-support he or she ought to be taken off of the list of claimants, as the fund is only intended to help such as are incapable of helping themselves. And where claimants are found to be self-supporting they ought to cease to be beneficiaries of this fund. Let it go to the really helpless and the really needy. Complimentary appropriations ought never to be made. Occasionally this is done, so it is claimed, but if so it ought to cease. But as a rule this fund is administered with great care, and it is not often that any of it is misapplied. Now we are approaching the annual sessions of our conferences and these worthies are looking anxiously for a little help to enable them to pass the winter with a degree of comfort, and let us not disappoint their reasonable expectations. Some of us will be in their condition one of these days and we will be searching for the bread cast upon the waters by our former service to this sacred fund.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE MEMORY OF OUR DEAD.

Some months ago we were called upon to officiate at the funeral of a wife whom we had united in marriage to her husband five years previously. She was beautiful and cultured and she was the angel of his household. The other day we met him upon the street and he said in a tone of pathos: "Do you think that our departed loved ones are in a conscious state?" We told him that we most assuredly understood the Bible to teach that blessed doctrine. And we referred him to a number of passages bearing upon the subject. His face lit up with a glow as he remarked: "Were it not for this fact I would have thrown myself away since the death of my wife. But I often go to her grave, look upon the spot beneath which her sacred dust is sleeping and return with the thought that she is consciously happy and for her sake I nerve myself and determine to be a man." Who can estimate the influence exerted over the lives of men by the memory of the departed? They being dead continue to speak to us. It matters not how great the distance the passing years may create between us and the day of their departure, their memories follow us like the perfume of flowers and the music of song. The fact is that we often settle down to the duties of life with the feeling that they are not dead, but are with us still. Nearly a quarter of a century ago there came to our home a sweet little babe like an angel dropped down from the sky. After a few months her eyes closed, but not in sleep, and her little face turned as white as the driven snow. We deposited the little form under the sod and the long years have vanished never to return. But she is with us still and will abide forever. Her deep brown eyes, her delicate features, and the indescribable smile upon her face through which an immortal soul expressed its thought make up an inspiration whose influence can never depart. The home from which she was taken in the long ago is a better home to-day, because it was once the place of her brief abode. We think of her as still alive and a part of the circle. So it is with thousands of God's children throughout this world of sadness and heartache. The shadows have fallen into their homes and vacant places tell of those who were once a part of that happy throng. The mounds in the city of the dead point to the place where their dust is in silent repose. If there were no hope beyond that narrow confin life would not be worth the living, and death would be our only solace. But God has not so afflicted us. The memory of the dead cannot be obliterated, and the hope that we shall meet them again nerves us to deeds of heroism, to service of consecration, and to all the purposes of a noble life and character. We delight to cherish their recollection, and in fancy we often meet them along the way of life and hold sweet communion as in the days of yore. Into our daily experience the thought of them frequently comes and we feel the thrill of an influence to which no human speech can give expression. There is the intimacy of a relation to them that we cannot define, but its existence we would not question for the possession of the world. Its touch lightens the burdens of life, softens the asperities of character, imparts tenderness to our busher moments, and it lightens up the gloom that often gathers about our pathway. How potent and how precious is the influence of the memory of our sainted dead!

Prejudice in the heart puts smoky specks over the eyes.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A LETTER FROM UTAH.

It is frequently stated in the public prints that the fight which is being made against Mr. Roberts is prompted by partisan motives. The utter falsity of this charge becomes apparent when we remember that his predecessor belonged to the same political party that Mr. Roberts does, and that no fight was ever made to have him expelled from the House. Such a thing was not even thought of in connection with Mr. King.

Moreover, the present political conditions in this State clearly indicate that, if Mr. Roberts is expelled, the man who is elected to fill the vacancy will also be a member of the same party. Hence, neither party has anything to gain or to lose in numerical strength in the present House by the expulsion of Mr. Roberts; but both would gain in prestige before the country and before the whole civilized world by doing their full part in promptly vindicating the historic position of the American Congress in its attitude toward polygamy, the arch-enemy of the home and the greatest foe to our civilization.

The non-partisanship of this movement is further evidenced by the fact that a large percentage, if not the majority, of its stanchest supporters belong to the Democratic party, to which Mr. Roberts professes to belong. These men strongly resent the insult offered to the party of Jefferson and Jackson by the proposition that it shall become the champion of the polygamist; and well they may, for, as every intelligent person knows, there is nothing in this country which is more anti-democratic, or anti-republican, than a polygamous aristocracy, such as Mr. Roberts is seeking to have established upon our American soil.

Again, it is frequently stated that we are fighting Mr. Roberts because he is a Mormon, that our campaign is therefore a species of religious persecution. The falsity of this charge is evident from the fact that Mr. King, Mr. Roberts' predecessor, was also a Mormon and a high officer in the said Church, the same as Mr. Roberts, though no fight of this kind was ever made upon him, because he respected the laws and the covenants made by his people in order to secure amnesty and statehood.

Then the apologists of Mr. Roberts in various parts of the country are still industriously asserting that he married all his "wives" before there was any law against polygamy, and they therefore maintain that it is too much to expect a man to put away "wives" whom he married before it was unlawful for him to do so. This is just as false as the other statements referred to. Mr. Roberts married all his "plural wives" long after the law against polygamy had gone into effect; and he married each of them in wilful defiance of the laws of his country as well as in defiance of the moral conscience of civilized mankind.

Again, it is persistently claimed by Mr. Roberts' zealous but ignorant champions that he has obeyed the laws against polygamy and "unlawful cohabitation" ever since the manifesto of President Woodruff, of the Mormon Church, by which the said vicegerent "suspended" the practice of polygamy. There will be abundant evidence presented to Congress to prove that Mr. Roberts has persistently defied those laws ever since he was imprisoned for this offense in 1889, and that his case has become very much aggravated since his imprisonment, because he has since that time taken an additional "wife," and because of his continued, willful violation of the solemn pledges which were made by him and the other Mormon leaders in order that they might regain what they had lost by their past defiance of the laws of the land.

These and other falsehoods which are being industriously circulated by the sympathizers of Mr. Roberts cannot do him any possible good. He will not attempt to stand by them himself when his case comes before Congress; and the persistent circulation of such glaring misrepresentations cannot fail to react against him when the real facts are made known.

Mr. Roberts is being fought because he is both a covenant-breaker and a law-breaker down to date, not excluding the time that has intervened since his election. He is, moreover, to-day recognized as the most forcible, most zealous and most persistent advocate and defender of polygamy since the days of Brigham Young, John Taylor and Orson Pratt.

If Mr. Roberts is not expelled it will not be the fault of Congress, for Congress stands ready to do the bidding of the American people, if they will only make known their wishes, so that Congress may understand what they want done in this grave crisis. If Mr. Roberts is permitted to remain in Congress it will be because the moral sense of the American people has become so dull during the past few years that they no longer resent the insult offered them by the proposition to "force polygamy down the throats of the American Congress," the very body which once, in response to the moral sentiment of the nation, so nobly stood for the monogamous home, which is the nursery of liberty and the corner-stone of our republican institutions. If Mr. Roberts is permitted to remain in Congress, and we fail to get a constitutional amendment prohibiting the practice of polygamy, this anti-American institution will fasten itself upon this inter-mountain region, whence it will ultimately spread throughout the country, until some day the American people will have to rise in their might and crush it in order to prevent this nation from crumbling into dust. In the meantime, thousands of hearts will be broken and multitudes of souls will be sacrificed to the demon of deified lust, while the very name of this fair land will come very near becoming a reproach in the eyes of the civilized world. The developments in the Dreyfus case have demonstrated that no nation in this day can afford to run counter to the moral conscience of Christendom.

In a crisis like this, the effort to degrade the campaign into a partisan squabble will utterly fail. The American people are a true and patriotic people. In the face of a deadly foe, all sections, creeds and parties will rally as one man to the defense of their cherished institutions. This campaign will demonstrate that this holds good not only in the presence of a foreign foe, but also when the foe springs up in our midst, especially when the attack is made upon the home, which, to every true American, is the dearest institution on earth.

Feeling sure that you will be glad to give space to correct the misunderstanding which exists in the public mind in regard to the important issues involved in this campaign, and thanking you in advance for the favor, I am, yours for the welfare of the land we love, WM. R. CAMPBELL.

Salt Lake City.

THE OLD PREACHER.

It is impossible for a Methodist preacher to meet a Bishop and his cabinet annually for ten years without the figure of the old preacher being photographed upon his mind and heart forever. This brother is brought more vividly before a Bishop's cabinet, and produces a greater strain upon the mind and heart of Bishop and presiding elder than the hardest field of toil could possibly do. Let the brother stand before us as we have often beheld him. He is one of the pioneers of an early day. His body tall, erect, eyes fiery, hair iron gray. He is a noble specimen of that grand army of itinerant men who cultivated Immanuel's land in this country in the years gone by. All along the years of his itinerant life he has gone in and out before his brethren a ready, willing and successful worker. From the simple and unpretentious life he has lived one would think that he had included in his litany:

"Keep me little and unknown.
Loved and prized by God alone."

In reality the days of his efficiency are well nigh over, but he does not know it. When in his prime he beheld his aged brethren claiming youthfulness and vigor, and promised himself that when he grew old he would recognize the fact and look upon his younger brother with the spirit of the hero martyr of the wilderness, "He must increase, but I must decrease." But he has forgotten his resolve. I wrote mine down in my journal when in the prime of my middle life, and it lies before me now for cool and inevitable inspection. But whatever may be the opinion of our unconsciously aged brother it is a fact that he is booked among the aged or aging ones whose cases come up in the cabinet eliciting the deepest concern. And while he may feel that he is equal to the very best place in the gift of a Bishop, that self-same Bishop and the chosen men who are expected to come to his assistance are puzzling their brain and burdening their hearts in search of a place to land him without afflicting the Church. I recall such a brother—a lovely man. Woe be unto "the beloved" who intimated to him that he could not fill Green Back Station. He would surely meet with a storm of righteous indignation. Fresh from the clothing store and art tonsorial he would turn up at 8:30 the first morning of the conference blooming like a rose. He would jump up, knock his feet together and flinging his arms like an athlete or a pugilist, he would declare himself "one of the boys." He was ready to take anything the Bishop in his wisdom saw fit to give him. He had several years of good work in him yet, and could outpreach some of the boys. Poor fellow, he had forgotten the fact that in the matter of sermonizing he had for thirty years used no other mathematics than addition, and that the principle of subtraction was unknown in the art sermonic. He declared that he could ride as far in a day on horseback as the best of us, and that he preached with more power than ever before.

Who has not seen this pathetic picture? What presiding elder's heart has not been touched as this grand old hero of saddle-bags, hymn book and Bible put his arms around his neck, dropped his tears on his feet, and with throbbing heart and quivering lips said: "My brother, I want to die in the harness. I have always taken the work assigned me; have traveled from one end of the conference to the other. I have gone through heat and cold, through rain and snow, in an honest effort to do the whole work of a preacher in my humble sphere. I have never asked for anything in the way of promotion, have always had better than I deserved. My itinerant track is marked with the dust of my precious dead. Their remains are the heritage of the Church, and are awaiting the resurrection morn. Now that I am growing old and gray-headed I feel that to be left behind with the invalid corps will well-nigh break my heart. I love the Church, her doctrine, discipline and form of government. Above all, I love my Savior and his friends. I love sinners and feel that I can truly say:

'Happy if with my latest breath
I may but gasp his name,
Preach him to all, and cry in death,
Behold, behold, the Lamb.'

"I ask not for district, station, circuit or mission. Give me work. Help me, try me, trust me." The presiding elder feels as if he were almost in the presence of his father. He stands enchanted, overpowered by a pioneer who by years of toil, hardship and sacrifice has opened up this grand country from a wilderness, and now stands upon its brink with one foot well-nigh into the dark river, making only one request: "Give me work for Jesus." All hearts beat in sympathy with him.

Now let us turn away from this scene. We have beheld this pathetic picture. Let us behold its companion picture. For several years the footprints of this dear old man have been found less frequent in the itinerant pathway. When found they are not so deep as in the days of young and middle manhood. No parsonage, church building, swollen register, thriving Sunday-school; no systematized organization for the management of the temporal affairs of the Church; no execution of discipline; no children baptized. One after another the interests of the Church have been seen to melt away in his hands. Everybody loves him. He is met at the gate by happy-hearted children, delighted to greet him, wherever he goes. They love to hear him sing the old songs, tell of the long ago, and gone home saints. They love to hear him carry their home circle to a throne of grace. They hear him gladly when he speaks the words of life to them. But, alas! the pelting rain, the chilling winds, the blistering sun, and the infirmities of old age are more than he can contend with, and they keep him from the bosom of his flock, and the duties of sermonic and pastoral life. How such a man does agonize a presiding elder's heart! What filial emotions stir his inmost soul; conscience and sympathy in conflict. His responsibility cannot be lessened, and if he is faithful the Church owes him a debt. No human heart or brain can decide in some of these delicate cases. Which is better, to keep the activities of a pastoral charge touched up by the hand of an active, aggressive man of to-day, or by afflicting the Church and allowing its interests to suffer, hand down to her the aroma of a sweet-spirited old man whose life and labor have been given to the Church? I have heard men boldly declare the duty of the Bishop and presiding elders in the matter, and have seen the same men quail in the presence of that duty. To say the least of it, it makes more blest "the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" to err on mercy's side. A living minister, old in years, yet young in heart, with soul aflame with love for God and his Church, and poor, dying sinners, pleading for yet another year, must excite the solicitous in glory. No wonder the Bishop sighs and writes in silence, while the brethren with moistened eyes look significantly at each other, as if to say, "He is making him comfortable. It is right. I am glad."

For a body of men who "let love be without dissimulation," who are "kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another," commend me to a body of Methodist preachers. In the contemplation of their grand harmony, love and unity, their petty differences, prejudices and jealousies dwindle into insignificance. Heaven lets loose upon society no holier band than those whose hearts and lips are touched with live coals from off the altar of God.

The most beautiful description of this band and bond that I have ever listened to was given by our venerable senior Bishop in one of his inimitable addresses before a class for admission into full connection. He said:

"There a rhythmic grandeur in this itinerancy; as grand as the anthems above is this movement below. The same harmony that is found in the touch of the lute in the upper realms is the harmony that moves us, the spirit of love, the harmony of the spirit of all grace, and of all truth, the Holy Spirit. He it is that binds us together, and makes us flow into each other. We are in the highest sense free, and we come together in this very beautiful bond and co-action under the great impulse of the Savior himself, marshaling his forces, for he is a God of order." T. J. DUNCAN.

A $2875 NOTE BURNED TO ASHES.

It was a cheerful and happy audience that gathered in the basement of Travis Park Church last Tuesday night, and if any people ever had cause to look cheerful and feel good, and think the world is much better and brighter than ever, and regard all men as brethren and be joyous, it was those gathered there. Not since San Antonio Methodism sold our old "land mark" church on Soledad Street to the Cumberland Presbyterians, has Travis Park Church been free of debt. But it is now. Hence, the "sunshine in the soul" of every one Tuesday night. They went there to celebrate the event of having paid out. And the great bete noir that had been habitually rushing out at semi-annual periods for many years and frightening the members out of a very large part of their spiritual enjoyment—a promissory note of large demands and high, peace-destroying interest, was treated as a Guy Fawkes effigy. It was burned by the pastor, Dr. Moore, in the presence of the audience. The Salvation Army have a ceremony which they call "burning the devil," in which an effigy, supposed to more or less resemble the fancied appearance of that baleful personality, is burned in public sight, amid the bum-bums of drums, the clang-clang of cymbals, the ta-ta-ta-ra-tas of cornets and hallelujahs of the Army. I know of very few forms of the devil that are more potent for evil in our Churches than that of a long over-due debt. So Dr. Moore burned this form of the spirit of evil.

The spacious Sunday-school room was pretty well filled when Dr. Moore requested the writer to open the exercises with prayer. Dr. Moore then stated the object of the meeting and cause for rejoicing, and called for Prof. J. C. Breeding, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for many years, to give a history of the parsonage—for the debt was on that property.

Bro. Breeding said that about ten years ago, after Dr. W. J. Young had succeeded in getting the church built, it was decided to build a parsonage. A lot was bought for $1600—$1000 cash, and there the matter rested for several years, Bros. Chappell and Pinson living around in numerous rented houses. During Bro. Scott's pastorate in 1893-4 the present splendid parsonage was built and finished, and for the first time in San Antonio a Methodist preacher slept beneath his own roof. But here the woes of preacher and members began. There was a $3000 debt on it. The ladies, who mainly raised the money to go thus far, helped pay the interest and insurance, and during Bro. Boggs' pastorate last year $500 was paid, and Bro. Boggs arranged to have the remaining $2500 paid in five equal annual installments, "and the unexpected blessing of having it all paid this year is what we rejoice in to-night," he concluded. "How it was done Dr. Moore will tell you. He now lives in a home free of debt, though he isn't living there in the manner expected and intended, but we hope he will." (Laughter and applause.—Dr. Moore is yet in single misery.)

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whom all delight to honor and hear, told how the brethren all over the district rejoiced with Travis Park Church. "This Church, being in one of the leading and largest cities of Texas, and the only city in all this great southwestern country, influences Methodism everywhere in this section. Our Church at San Marcos is, perhaps, as strong in every way; but owing to the commercial influence and importance of this city, this Church wields an outside influence impossible in any Church in a small place. It is, as it were, to West Texas Methodism what St. Marks Cathedral in San Antonio is to the Episcopal Church. Especially is this so in all of the twenty-one charges in the San Antonio District. The wiping out of this debt and your spiritual growth and progress causes all our people to rejoice. They closely watch and feel every move, and each success or failure here. I bring you greetings and hearty congratulations from all over this district."

Dr. Moore told how the debt was paid. When he heard the plans at the first stewards' meeting in November, and saw that the scant financial promises and small salary for presiding elder and pastor were because of the parsonage debt—all the interests only being promised $3000—he became thoughtful and earnest. "Is this Church going to raise only $3000 for all purposes this year? were my thoughts," he said. "Then I saw that this debt was going to hamper the Church in every department. 'What!' said I to myself, 'have I go to stand this kind of thing through four years' (laughter, and a voice: "We hope you will be here four years, but"—) 'and suffer financial shortage? If I have to pay this parsonage debt I had better do it this year. I might as well." (More laughter and approvals. He then told how the officials said it couldn't be done. He began with a few stewards that first night after the meeting, by asking each: "How much will you give to clean that debt off, payable only if all is raised?"

Dr. Moore said he'd give $100 himself. Judge Keller and Dr. Spring said so would they; Bro. Napier said he'd give $50, and Bro. Henry Flannery said he'd give $25. "Thus it was started by our stewards," said Dr. Moore. "The ladies promised $130 and the League $80. Then I went to members and friends with the proposition, and was cheerfully promised $190, $50 or $25, but always with a shake of the head, and a 'O you can't get that $2875.' Then at a Sunday-morning service I called for subscriptions, and got a large amount. But the most was secured by personal application to individuals. Almost all these subscriptions have been paid; those unpaid I settled with money borrowed from my home bank in Kentucky. I have taken no paper nor security for money I advanced. My security is the honor of my members. If I can't trust the honor of a Methodist I can trust the Discipline. If I can't trust a member of the Methodist Church then whom can I trust? I can sleep beneath a roof with nothing over it but the skies—even if it is not in the manner 'expected and intended.' (Applause and laughter.) But now let us thank God and go on. We haven't been as spiritual and as consecrated and as devout as we ought, but I trust we shall henceforth strive to be. Here's that note. (He read it.) It is a good time and place to burn it. I have the release of the mortgage."

Dr. Moore then struck a match and touched it to the paper, and the congregation arose and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and they sang it as it was probably not sung in that place before, at the conclusion of which Dr. Moore held up a bit of carbon crumbs, and said: "This is all that remains of that note."

Bro. J. N. Brown then spoke on the prospects of Travis Park Church. He urged greater efforts, materially and spiritually, on all. Recalled that there was nothing in the way of highest progress, the skies were clear and prospects could not well be brighter. He said Travis Park had had a special bankrupt law of its own, but he hoped now that she was clear of bankruptcy; she would never become a bankrupt again, materially or spiritually.

Refreshments were then served by the ladies, and good cheer and thankfulness flowed for an hour as all mingled and congratulated each other, and no more highly appreciated nor more heartily endorsed nor happier pastor could be found in all Methodism than was our beloved little Rev. John M. Moore, Ph. D. At his request I write this article, but take advantage of the trust reposed to say that, and to add that he "is in favor with God and man."

Wm. A. BOWEN.

San Antonio, Tex.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The Missionary Institute of the Georgetown District was called by the presiding elder, Rev. W. L. Nelms, to meet in Bartlett, Tuesday, Sept. 19, and in response to this call thirteen of the sixteen pastors were in attendance, while three were detained at home. The opening sermon was preached Tuesday night by Rev. J. M. Barcus, of Temple. His text was Acts 13:2. The sermon was full of food for thought, and when concluded we had "a mind to work" as never before for the support of those whom the Holy Ghost has chosen to carry the gospel to people in heathenish darkness. Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. James Campbell, of Georgetown, preached. His text was Luke 16-9. The sermon was a very instructive exposition of the parable of the unjust steward and a terrific arraignment of the stingy, close-fisted Church member, and all the preachers wished that their members could have heard it. We were not only much pleased, but greatly profited by the preaching. But a word as to the business. The meeting was called to order by the presiding elder at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Rev. J. M. Armstrong was elected Secretary, and the call was made by charges ,and each preacher reported the present status of his charge with reference in general to all conference collections, but with special reference to collections for the cause of missions. From the reports of the entire district we gather these encouraging facts. Nine charges report that there will be an excess on all assessments. Three report that collections will be full, and four report that there will likely be a deficit, but we are glad to note that the excess at present bids fair to overbalance the deficit. After a resolution expressive of the desire on the part of the preachers to make full reports at conference and their determination to leave no stone unturned to accomplish that end, setting apart the month of October as a time for the most thorough canvass possible, and promising to keep the presiding elder informed as to the progress made, the meeting adjourned and the preachers returned to their respective charges, and all with one accord pronounce it a great success.

Now, with these encouraging facts before us, having these hard-working, self-sacrificing men in the field, assisted by the wise counsel and personal effort of a faithful presiding elder, may we not justly expect that Georgetown District will make a full report on all conference collections when we meet in Cleburne in November? To this end let us work and pray.

J. G. MILLER.

DIFFERENT.

Yes, different. I want to speak of some happenings in Buffalo, Texas, (not New York) different from what we ordinarily expect or see.

The third Sunday in September dawned with just enough rain to "please excuse loving Church members." The preacher had a half-digested sermon and a heavy heart. He faced a splendid congregation of pews and felt almost like pronouncing the benediction at once. At the close of the so-called sermon he opened the door of the Church. This was his custom every Sunday morning, rain or shine. Two young ladies with whom he had talked in pastoral visiting came forward and were received by ritual and six letters were put in. Different from what we usually expect on such a morning.

The following Saturday night Rev. H. A. Jones, a Cumberland Presbyterian, now of Fort Worth, began a meeting in their church here. The first congregation numbered fifteen souls. He caught this preacher from the start. Bro. Jones was reared and educated in England. He came to the United States immediately after the Civil War. He was for seventeen years pastor of the First Cumberland Church of Memphis, Tenn. Has traveled extensively in the Orient. His every movement shows the finished scholar, close student and deep thinker. He never told a joke or even a smile-provoking story during the whole meeting. He told very few pathetic incidents. For eleven days, from a mind well stored and trained, a heart full of the love of God, he simply preached the plain old gospel story. Well, it was a meeting! The last Sunday afternoon, in our regular League meeting at the Methodist church, there were eight conversions. Different from any League meeting I ever saw. Altogether there were about thirty-five bright, happy conversions and several mourners were left at the altar at the close. Twenty have already been received or given their names for Church membership. Of the remaining fifteen nearly all were Church members, and those who were not I believe will join at their first opportunity.

This is not an "ad." for Bro. Jones. Simply a hint as to how we may succeed as preachers.

Different again. From this meeting up to the present writing the Cumberlands have received nine on profession of faith, the Methodists nine—four by ritual and five by baptism—and the Baptists two. The Cumberlands also collected four pigeon-holed letters and one from the Methodist Church. We also received one letter from them. Now, if you ever saw a straightout Cumberland meeting or meeting of any other denomination from which the Methodists received as many members as the Church in charge of the revival, hold up your hand.

Buffalo and Oakwoods charge will have full reports at the gathering of the clans in Marlin on the nones of December.

Different lastly. Christianity is truly different from the sophistry that we hear around us, and the so-called morality that we see every day.

B. W. ALLEN.

Buffalo, Texas.

TWEEDLEDUM VS. TWEEDLEDEE.

The felicitous title of this article is in imitaton of the example of one of your correspondents who selected as a caption, "Worldliness vs. Foreign Missions," and then proceeded to descant upon the inflated salaries of presiding elders and station preachers. Well, there is no doubt about it. These bloated bond-holders and coupon cutters should be dealt with, and your correspondent is the man to do it. In fact, he is doing it; if, indeed, he has not already gone and done it.

With equal felicity the above caption has been chosen, for it is the intention of the writer to pen a line or two concerning matters appertaining to the Weatherford District.

On the 19th inst. Weatherford College opened with great eclat and demonstration. Big speeches were made by Judge I. W. Stephens, President of the Board of Trustees, and the resident pastors. The number of pupils is in excess of last year, and a fine body of students they are. Prof. Switzer is serene. A large and becoming smile encompasses his countenance. He is surrounded by a galaxy of talent that would receive notice in any constellation of college stars.

We have had over six hundred conversions, several churches have been built, old debts have been paid, progress has been made along all lines. Let Bailey organize a district and then man it, and anybody can follow him. His name in every quarter is as ointment poured forth. His work abides. Several of the charges will pay out in full. First Church, Couts' Memorial, Mineral Wells, Gordon and Strawn, Breckenridge, and Springtown, and had it not been for drouth this number would have been considerably increased. The pastors of several other charges will raise their assessments in full.

Knickerbocker, Moss, and Cameron—a trio of transfers hard to beat. The former has distinguished himself by most faithful service. A gifted speaker and an efficient pastor, he has also a decided turn for finances. His Church has responded nobly and in a few days he will have one of the handsomest auditoriums in the State of Texas. It is exceptionally beautiful. Moss has rare gifts as a preacher and is a rustler. He has done a big year's work. Cameron, the Arkansas Adonis, is a strong man, a capital preacher, and an indefatigable worker. He is on the Weatherford Mission, the work of the lamented Elder who received a higher appointment last spring. These three are young men, who, in days to come, will make a name.

White, of Mineral Wells, has worked with great profit to the Church. That old debt has gone glimmering. Over seven hundred and fifty dollars raised for debt, insurance, etc., and White and his officials are the proudest men in Texas. Ere this is in type the church will have been dedicated.

Maxwell had a triumph this year. He sailed into an infidel organization and two of the infidels were converted. Nearly to a man they confessed to him that they were ashamed of ever having belonged to such an organization. The club is a thing of the past and its baleful influence is ended. Max is the man for hard work—a Rhode Island engine under headway is the figure that fits him.

Hendrickson is in high favor with his people. By the way, he is a coming man—coming fast, too. He is one of the most systematic men among us; every inch a man and there are many inches. Under his administration Couts' Memorial is prospering.

Story is another new man among us. I left him some time since with arms bared, and his declaration was: "The church must be built." By this it is well under way. How these preachers work!

Uncle Abe Long and Uncle Jesse Harris are the old war horses of the district. Though they have served long and faithfully, they are still doing active work. Their spirit is beautiful as the time approaches for them to give their weapons into more youthful hands, and strong must be the arms to use the swords of the old warriors. In the same class is Bro. Longino, a supply who supplies.

Allison, a supply, who took the place of Bro. Roberts, whose health failed early in the year, has done such a work that there will be no opposition to him when he comes up for admission next November. He is an Emory boy, turned out by Bishop Candler.

Wood holds down the Thurber miners and he does it well. He has made his way to the hearts of the people. They love and respect him, and he has the confidence of the management to a wonderful degree.

Wynne is one of the young preachers that Bro. Bailey told me to keep an eye on. "Wynne is a man," were his words. He is studious, and in his preaching thoughtful—a young man of promise.

Caperton is a close Biblical preacher. He dabbles in books, too. Careful and exact, with attention to detail, he will have a fine report to make at Cleburne.

Huckabee holds a post on the frontier. He knows how. Singing, shouting, and praying, he has had a fine year and his people say it takes an elder to beat him preaching. He is at work on a parsonage enterprise that will be a blessing to all future pastors.

Tooley heads the list on church buildings. Three built this year. How it was done, he says he does not know. But there are the churches with one of the best young preachers in the conference to occupy them.

Hightower—sunny Ike—heads the list in the way of conversions—at least one hundred and seventy-five. He preaches with great power, and as a pastor it would be difficult to find his equal.

I think the boys deserve this notice. They have, without complaint, endured the heat and burden of the day. Their strong, vigorous manhood has been put into the work and the results obtained are but faithful testimonials of the effort they have put forth. The office of presiding elder is no sinecure. But given the same lads and most any man can fill it. The present incumbent is a conspicuous demonstration of this. I almost forgot to mention the rotund and rubicond Barkhead, doing professional duty in Weatherford College. My oldest boy has taken him for a model—no more need be said.

Thanks, Mr. Editor. You have been patient. At the first of the year we laid plans for a great work and the goods will be delivered at Cleburne.

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SECULAR NEWS ITEMS.

The blue and the gray veterans of Indiana and other States held a national reunion last week at Evansville, and it was largely attended. Good will among men is in progress.

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Mrs. Charlotte Smith, President of the Woman's National Industrial League, has come out in favor of seating Congressman-elect Brigham Roberts. She opposes Mormonism, but says Roberts does support his numerous wives and children, while many of the present congressmen who believe in monogonous marriages, really practice polygamy, but leave the public to support their victims. She will have but little influence with congressmen.

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Ex-President Cleveland comes out in a letter and opposes expansion by force of arms. Whether he agrees with Bryan or not does not appear very clear, but he evidently opposes the policy of the present administration. Mr. Cleveland is a man of national repute, but he does not have much influence now with his party.

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In the State committee meeting in New York last week, Croker, the Tammany leader, forced through a resolution against the wishes of ex-Senator Hill acknowledging Bryan as the national leader of the Democratic party.

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The British authorities have recalled their agent from the South African Republic, and this is tantamount to a declaration of war. President Kruger says, "We must make South Africa free, or the white man's grave." War preparations are active.

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A great mass-meeting was held in New York city last week to express sympathy with the Boers in their struggle with England. Burk Cockran, the Irish-American orator and ex-Congressman, made the principal speech. He was frequently interrupted by English sympathizers, but he spoke for an hour. Cockran is a success as a speaker, but if he has ever done anything else no body has ever heard of it.

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A tragedy occurred on the streets of New Orleans last week in which two prominent citizens were dangerously wounded, D. A. O'Malley, a newspaper man, and Col. Parker, a State official. An item in the newspaper was the cause of the trouble. Some Southern gentlemen are too quick to resent an insult by resorting to the six-shooter.

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A locomotive engineer on the Central, by the name of John Lipscomb, was shot by mistake at Rice the other night, and died the next day. The depot there had been bothered by sneak thieves and a guard was put on duty. During the night the engineer pulled in his train and went to the window of the depot for something, and the guard fired, thinking he was a thief, with the above result.

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Judge Scott, Judge of the District Court of Waco, has rendered a decision declaring null and void the recent act of the Legislature creating corporation courts and giving them concurrent authority with State courts. If the decision is sustained, that will knock out the corporation court, and it will make the State laws pre-eminent.

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David McLain, a lineman for the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company, at Houston, was electrocuted in mid-air the 11th instant. He was up a high pole stretching the wire, when the one in his hand came in contact with live wire and he was filled with an electric current and died instantly. His body was horribly burned before he could be rescued.

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Mr. McKinley is still swinging round the circle and his trip is marked by great enthusiasm. While the tour is one of recreation, it is necessarily political. His career at present is not so smooth as heretofore. Other features have crept into the campaign and his opponents have been quick to take advantage of them, and he is stirred up to great alertness and energy.

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Kimberly, in the Transvaal, is now seriously threatened by the moving columns of the aroused Boers. The British are strongly entrenched, but the enemy is vastly superior in numbers and a battle is imminent. Of course the Boers at present have the advantage in the struggle, but the great resources of England are being brought to bear and it is only a question of time when the Transvaal will get the worst of it.

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The first gun has been fired in the Transvaal and the Boers drew the blood. An English train with artillery and soldiers was running to Mafeking, and it was derailed and shelled for half an hour. Eleven soldiers were killed and the rest captured.

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Ex-Governor Thayer, of Oregon, is dead. He is the Governor who created a sensation some time ago by threatening to wade through blood up to the bits of his bridle if things in politics did not go to suit him. But things did not go to suit him, and he did not stain his bridle with blood either.

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A dispatch from Amsterdam says that an earthquake shock occurred on the 12th instant, in Batavia, the Netherlands, and throughout the island of Moluccas, between Borneo and Papua, destroying at least four thousand lives.

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The President has sent out a statement of this position with reference to the Transvaal matters. He says that the United States under no circumstances will take sides with either party to the dispute, and that we, as a government, can not tender our readiness to offer to mediate the trouble until one or both sides intimate a desire to have us assume that attitude.

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England has declined to accept the ultimatum of the South African Republic, and war seems to be in the swing. The Transvaal troops are on the advance toward Cape Town, and the Orange Burghers are pouring over the border along the line of the railway and are aiming south toward Ladysmith. So the world is to witness another struggle in the closing of the nineteenth century.

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Dr. H. B. Jones, of this city, and known as the proprietor of the "Jo-He" Medicine Company, committed suicide the 12tht instant, by shooting himself through the heart. He had been in failing health for about a year and the deed was superinduced by constant suffering. His mind became impaired and the tragedy is the result. He was a good citizen and Church member.

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Bryan is now opening his heavy guns in Kentucky, and the campaign is the liveliest that the State has ever known. Bryan is anxious to carry the election there next month, as he regards it the initial contest of 1900. The outcome there and in Ohio will be watched with great interest by the national leaders on both sides.

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Corsicana has come to the front with a rigid enforcement of the Sunday law. Heretofore things have been a little lax in that progressive city, but the Mayor called up the City Marshal and notified him that things had to be tightened up on Sunday. The Marshal did not take to the idea, but he obeyed instructions, and Corsicana has been sealed up in secular business during the past two Sundays.

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The South African Republic has an idea that war means war and that plucky little government has gone into the business in dead earnest. The late dispatches bring the intelligence that fighting is going on with vigor along the border. Wherever the Boers find a British garrison they go to work without further ceremony. No details of the fighting are yet at hand.

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The last issue of the Farm and Ranch, published by Hon. Frank Holland, was a highly interesting number. It was a special edition gotten out for the Fair, and it met all the requirements of a great issue. It was filled with the very best of original matter prepared by experts, and it was beautifully illustrated. Frank Holland is one of the best equipped newspaper men in the State, and he is making the Farm and Ranch indispensable to the life of every farmer.

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The Dallas Fair continues to draw immense crowds of people to the city, and the interest is at high water mark. It will close next Saturday, and everybody is trying to take advantage of the low railroad rates to see the big show before the gates finally close. It has been one of the most successful exhibits ever made in the State, and all of its industrial departments have been exceedingly atractive indeed.

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Louisiana has entered suit against the State of Texas at Washington to have our quarantine laws set aside on the ground that they are interfering with interstate commerce. The Attorney General of Texas is there to see that the legal rights of the State are protected.

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TEXAS STATE LEAGUE BULLETIN.

No. 22.

Mr. Gus W. Thomasson, Assistant General Secretary, has notified this office that he will visit Texas on official business, and attend Annual Conferences as follows: Northwest Texas, at Cleburne, November 15; North Texas, at Honey Grove, November 23; East Texas, at Timpson, December 15. ROBT. M. MEANS, State Secretary.

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East Texas Conference.

WHITEHOUSE CIRCUIT.

B. C. Ansley, Oct. 11: We have held eight meetings on the work, beginning with the Church at Bullard the 15th of June. We had a good meeting here resulting in some fifteen or twenty conversions and reclamations. We had help from Dr. Withers, of Arkansas; Bros. Kidd and Allen, of our own conference; also Bro. T. T. Booth, a former pastor here. The meeting lasted ten days. Next we went to Chandler first Sunday in July. There we held a few days; had the help of Bros. White and Kidd, who did some good preaching for us. Some good done. We went to Flynt third Sunday in July. There the meeting was almost a failure, the community being divided over other matters. Here we had the help of Bro. Lowe, one of our local brethren. He did us good work. Then to Liberty Hill with L. A. Burk and M. I. Brown to help us. Here we had immense congregatons and a fine meeting. These brethren did us some fine preaching. Then we went to Whitehouse on the fifth Sunday in July and had the help of Bro. Owens, of Troupe and Overton; had a very good meeting. Bro. Owens did us good. Then we held forth at Noonday third Sunday in August with Bros. C. H. Smith and Walter Mills. There we had a good meeting. Uncle Caleb was at his best, and Bro. Mills (being just licensed at our District Conference in July) was a surprise to us all—preaching like a veteran. From here we went to Lane's Chapel. Bros. Kidd, C. H. Smith and Dr. Hall, local elder from Henderson County, rendered us good service; had a good meeting in the church. Next we held at Walnut Grove. This was the occasion of our third Quarterly Conference. Bro. Adams, our presiding elder, was on hand; preached us all happy and left. So we continued the meeting with the help of Bros. Lowe and Griffin, local brethren. We had a good time in the Church, but not much outside influence as we could see. This closed our meetings on Whitehouse Circuit. We have received thirty-three into the Church this year, baptized five infants, have had some forty or more conversions and possibly as many reclamations, and now we are doing our best to get ready for conference. Have the promise of all our conference collections, and hope to come out on that line. We are not half out on salary yet, but of course hope to come out in full. The parsonage is here at Bullard. The church here has about paid out. The people are very kind to us. May the Lord abundantly bless them and theirs.

Texas Conference.

PETTEWAY.

Geo. R. Ray, Oct. 10: We are closing up our first year's work on this charge. It seems we have had more to hinder us in our work than ever before, as my family have been sick most of the year and I have had to bury more dead than in any year of my ministry. Though after all this and the great washing rains which destroyed so much of the crops, the Lord has blessed us with some good meetings, which were not only an increase in our membership, but helped spiritually and financially. Our finances are far ahead of any report ever made before. We hope to be able to make a full report at conference. We had a splendid fourth Quarterly Conference. Bro. Sears was on hand and seemed in better health than ever. Preached three times. The Lord blessed his efforts and the spiritual tide ran high. Our people seem more determined then ever to do their duty. They have been kind and appreciative. May the Lord bless them abundantly. We have paid one church out of debt; have done some improvement inside the church and bought a bell at Petteway. We still owe about $15 on the church here, but will pay that this year. We have some money on hand to partially finish the parsonage inside, which we will do next week, which will make a very comfortable little home for the preacher and his family. We trust this good work will go on until Petteway Circuit will be one of the best circuits in the district.

WASHINGTON STREET—HOUSTON.

J. W. Horn, Oct. 16: At the first of this year we asked the Lord to help us to make this the best year that we have had with this Church, as this is our fourth year here, and thus far our prayer has been answered. We had larger congregations through the hot summer weather than we have had any summer before; and since the summer is past our attendance has increased until the church was well filled last night. We often have penitents and conversions at the regular services, and some one joins the Church nearly every Sunday. Two joined yesterday, three the Sunday before, and one at prayer-meeting last Wednesday night. Seventy-eight have joined this year. We are pressing our conference collections, and expect to, as usual, have a full report. The other pastors here have all done a good work this year, and Methodism is in the forefront in this city.

Northwest Texas Conference.

TEMPLE—SEVENTH STREET.

J. M. Armstrong, Oct. 10: We are striving to round out our fourth year here creditably. On account of personal sickness through the summer we have been greatly hindered. We are now engaged at redressing our church preparatory to its dedication by Rev. W. L. Nelms on the evening of the 22d instant. Former pastors cordially invited.

AMARILLO.

C. S. McCarver, Oct. 14: After the year's work is nearly completed and results summed up, we have this answer: About twenty-five conversions, thirty accessions and forty removals; one hundred and twenty-five dollars paid on old debts of former pastor; some furniture put in the parsonage; one hundred dollars incidentals; a collection for district parsonages; one for song books; conference collections all up; pastor's salary may be paid.

HARBIN.

R. F. Dunn, Oct. 12: We are now making our last round on Green's Creek Circuit for this conference year. Have had one of the most successful years of my ministry. Have received one hundred and seven members, besides those received by my assistant, and I have at this date a net gain of seventy-five. I expect to get every cent of assessments ordered by the Annual Conference and an excess for foreign missions.

BRECKENRIDGE.

I. E. Hightower, Oct. 11: Rev. J. T. L. Annis, preacher in charge of Big Springs, made us a call and spent the night with us last night. He came here to perform the marriage ceremony for his youngest son, A. A. Annis, of Callahan County, and Miss Millie B. Porter, of Anson. The marriage ceremony was performed at the residence of W. J. Arrington, of Breckenridge, in the presence of a few relatives and friends. The young couple represent some of the best families of our Church. They leave this morning for their home in Callahan County.

LOMETA.

G. F. Fair, Oct. 13: My charge is a mission, half station, composed of four appointments. Besides keeping up the appointments regularly, we have held fine protracted meetings. The first was held at Lometa the latter part of April, of one week's duration. Bro. C. E. Statham, of Comanche Circuit, helped me five days, doing some very earnest preaching. Results: The members somewhat revived. Bro. S. is a good preacher. Our second meeting was held in July, lasting eight days, three of which we had the very efficient services of our beloved presiding elder, Bro. Sensabaugh, who did us some very excellent preaching. Bro. James Baker, of the M. P. Church, rendered very excellent assistance. Results: Four grown men and women converted and the membership almost unanimously revived. The third was a union meeting for this charge and Center City Circuit. Besides the two pastors, we had the help of our veteran superannuate, Uncle Peter Gravis, who did some powerful and eloquent preaching. Rev. W. K. Simpson, pastor in charge of Center City Circuit, is a fine manager of a revival meeting. The results of this meeting were thirty-seven professions and twenty-two accessions to the Church and the membership revived. Our fourth meeting was held at Lometa in the last week of August. Bro. Hearon, of Grandview, Texas, was with us, and preached eighteen good sermons, and Uncle Peter Gravis preached five of his eloquent sermons, and Bro. Maloy, of the West Texas Conference, preached one splendid sermon. Results: One profession and four accessions to the Church. The membership was considerably revived. Our fifth meeting was held at Antelope Gap, embracing the fourth Sunday in September, and lasted four days. Bro. Frank Jackson, of Mullen Circuit, preached one excellent sermon. We had good attendance and good attention, and several persons came forward for prayers. We have had the church house in Lometa repaired and repainted, at a cost of about $85. This work is due principally to the efforts of our Woman's Home Mission Society. We are working hard to get our conference collections up.

BLUFFDALE.

Geo. S. Slover, Oct. 11: I have just returned from Glen Rose, where I was called last week by Rev. H. M. Long, our pastor there, to assist in a meeting, which had been running some twelve or fifteen days, and was in full blast when I arrived. Although Bro. Abe Malkey held a great meeting there a few years ago, I am quite sure the town is stirred now as never before. To date there have been about seventy-five conversions among the most wicked people in town. I think it is conceded by all that the saloon that has been so long entrenched will soon be a thing of the past. The meeting still runs with flattering prospects for the future. Bro. Collard was with them for ten days. Then the young, but very efficient pastor was left to himself as far as ministerial aid was concerned. More effective work I have not seen done by any man. I think he is the best hand to mix with people I ever saw. He has his hand on the reins and will thereby be enabled to conserve the interest of the meeting. May the Lord continue to bless Long and his people. Knowing I had to meet Bros. Lloyd, Matthews and Terry at conference I reluctantly tore away from the meeting and returned to associate with Wesley, Watson and Kern. We are closing up nicely on the Bluffdale Circuit. We had the best attendance at our fourth Quarterly Conference I have seen for years. The crop is short here this year, but the stewards are making a strong effort to pull out. If the remainder of the Church pull as hard as the stewards they will get out. There is no one that appreciates a faithful official in the Church more than I. May the Lord bless every one of them.

ROUND ROCK.

J. T. Griswold, Oct. 10: The fourth Quarterly Conference for this circuit was held October 7 and 8, W. L. Nelms, presiding elder, in the chair. It is claimed by several who have experience in these matters that this was one of the best Quarterly Conferences they ever attended. The preaching done by the presiding elder on this occasion can hardly be surpassed by any man in the State. The Board of Stewards, men of God, stood and made a report of their year's work. This report showed diligence in the work of their office, and great love for the Church and their pastor. On Sunday after the 11 o'clock sermon Bro. Nelms took a thank-offering collection for missions and it amounted to $22.50. We expect to report everything in full and more. It is hoped that we will receive the $1 per member for the "Twentieth Century Fund." In addition to the regular expenses of the church, valuable improvements have been made on our house here at Round Rock. This building has stood here for twenty years a shame to Methodism. Now it is a very nice church. At Hutto some large additions are being made in the way of papering, circular oak pews and toning. There are three appointments on this charge, and about $1000 have been expended on two of them in way of repairs. This is a good work and fine people, and we bless God for his goodness to us this year.

ABBOTT CIRCUIT.

J. A. Raffner, Oct. 11: On August 13 we left our Elm Street charge for a few days to visit the Abbott Circuit and assist the pastor, Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson, in a meeting at Belle Springs, one of the best appointments on the circuit. We found the people ready for the meeting. That means a great deal for Belle Springs. With a consecrated man like Ferguson to lead the hosts, a praying and working people ready to do anything for which they were called upon, and with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit upon most every service, it is needless to say that the results were great. As near as we remember there were about thirty-

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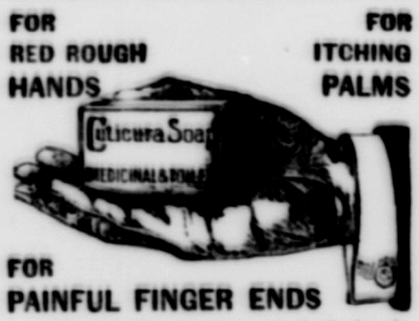
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LITTLE THINGS.

It was only a little thing for Nell
To brighten the kitchen fire,
To spread the cloth, to draw the tea,
As her mother might desire—
A little thing; but her mother smiled,
And banished all her care,
And a day that was sad closed bright and glad,
With a song of praise and prayer.

'Twas only a little thing to do
For a sturdy lad like Ned
To groom the horse, milk the cow,
And bring the wood from the shed;
But his father was glad to find at night
The chores were all well done.
"I am thankful," said he, "as I can be
For the gift of such a son."

—Restitution.

LITTLE NELL'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.

By Mrs. S. E. Heartsill.

Little Nell was one of many, with four sisters and two brothers older than she, and a sweet baby brother younger. Her life was not very full of indulgences.

There were always so many "wants" to be supplied and so many "must haves" by the grown ones papa's pocket-book was always poverty stricken, and dear mother was expected to make a dollar go the length of two.

Just six times had Nell's blue eyes seen the June roses bloom, and never in all that time had she been allowed in any way to mark the flight of time. Now she wanted to give a birthday party. When she mentioned serving candy and popcorn the family were up in arms against the whole thing. Clara—the young lady sister—held her lily white hands up in great horror and exclaimed:

"What a foolish piece of extravagance! The idea of that kid wanting a party. How ridiculous!" And all the others except Dick chimed in with Clara. Dick put one bare arm around Nell's neck (his shirt sleeve had been torn partly off two days before in the apple tree) and said: "Don't you cry, Sis', we will have that party, and candy, too. I intend to sell my wagon to Bill Winn, and we can buy some syrup and make some 'lasses candy. Then we will get ma to pop the corn. Won't you, Mamsy?" (Dick's pet name for his mother when he wanted to get on the good side of her.)

Mrs. Miller hesitated, and Clara came in again. "Molasses candy, indeed! Why, mother, I would not let them make it. Don't you know they will get the sticky stuff from garret to cellar?"

The mother only said with a tired sigh: "Wait, children, and we will talk about it later."

Nell, seeing very small prospect for a party, went to the hammock, which was lazily swayed by the breezes on the front veranda. Here she was accustomed to nurse all her woes, and now falling in its spacious folds she commenced to cry quietly, and rubbing her big, blue eyes, she sobbed out:

"I wish I was a growed up lady and could do my hair up and wear 'trail dresses and carry a tinsy han'chief like sister does; but I wouldn't be cross to her, for my Sunday-school teacher said Jesus didn't love bad-tempered girls. I guess I would let her have a birthday party."

Then—suddenly—from somewhere near she heard a wee small voice say: "Come, go with me, little Nell, and I will give you a birthday party." Where was that voice? At last Nell spied a tiny man among the Jack bean vines which entwined the veranda post. He was astride one of the long white flowers and the wind kept him in a constant move. He was all diked out like a show man—a blue coat, white pants, red hat and shoes. In an astonished voice Nell asked:

"Who are you, Mister, and where did you come from?"

"My name is Ted Redhat, and I live in the town of Plenty, and now if you will crawl out of that hammock and go with me you shall have a birthday party that Mr. McKinley would be proud of."

"May I take Dick with me? He is such a good, jolly fellow and loves candy so much," Nell asked shyly.

Ted Redhat scowled and viciously kicked the veranda post with one tiny foot, and in a very gruff voice for so small a man replied:

"Dick can't go; he is too heavy for the wings I brought. You hurry up and come on. I won't keep you very long." Nell jumped up and Ted Redhat fastened a lovely pair of blue wings around her waist with tiny gold chains and buckles. He then replaced her heavy shoes with a pair of little red slippers, and taking her by the hand—away they flew. Up, up, up, they went until they lighted on the edge of a splendid bright star. All was lovely here! Beautiful flowers bloomed on every side and their fragrance floated out on the air like tiny unseen ships. The lights were all tinted pink, blue, and green. They were so brilliant, much brighter and softer than the electric lights at home.

Ted Redhat did not give Nell time to see much, but hurried her along on swift wings. As she glided on, Nell wondered if it was heaven—everything was so lovely—but so far she had not seen a single angel.

They finally alighted before a large castle which was made entirely of glass and the soft tinted lights shining through the transparent walls caused the whole structure to look like a ball of fire.

Ted Redhat led Nell up a steep flight of stairs. Each step was completely imbedded in beautiful roses, and Nell was afraid to put her feet on them, but the little wings held her up and just the toes of the tiny red slippers touched the flowers. The banisters were two rainbows, but Nell did not touch them.

On the first landing a lovely wee girlie met them. She was dressed all in white except her hat; that was red, too, like Ted's. Her golden curls were very long and danced continually with the breezes. She spoke to Nell in a tender, soft voice, saying: "So you came, little Nell, and we are glad to see you." She led Nell into a spacious room, and wonder upon wonders! There was candy on all sides, gumdrops piled to the ceiling; jelly beans filled one whole corner; the walls were festooned with rock candy and popcorn. Then she led Nell to the center of the room and seated her in a little gold rocking chair. Directly there was a mery tinkling of silver bells, and the gay little folks commenced coming in. Soon the room was full. They were on the piles of candy and swinging from that on the walls. Sweet music from somewhere floated in and the party was perfect. Nell was petted and fed until she could not eat another thing and they filled her apron as full of candy as she could carry. Now Nell asked Ted Redhat to take her home, as she was afraid mamma would be uneasy about her. So she thanked the little folks and told them good-bye. Then for home!

"Say, Nell, wake up; supper is ready," a familiar voice shouted in her ear.

"I am not asleep, Dick. I have just had the jolliest time at my birthday party, and more candy than I ever saw. I brought you a big apron full." But on looking down, Nell saw the apron limp and straight in its usual style, and no candy; not a single gum drop. She only said:

"Oh, Dick!"

"You have been dreaming, Sis', but we will have that party. I sold my wagon to Bill Winn for seventy-five cents, a quarter more than I thought I would get, and he said it was worth even more than that," and throwing his old cap up, he shouted: "Three cheers for Nell's party!"

"Oh, Dick, how nice! We will invite Mrs. Smith's little crippled girl," exclaimed Nell. "Yes, and I will invite Sam Baker, too. His mother and father are dead and he has a hard time. Besides, he is such a fine baseball player, I want him to come."

"All right, Dick, and I will invite the little poor children on the corner, and we will try and do something for Jesus," softly whispered Nell.

Just here a call from the dining-room interrupted their planning, and now we will leave them, hoping that when the party does come off they will all enjoy the full worth of Dick's wagon.

A SWEET-MINDED WOMAN.

So great is the influence of a sweet-minded woman on those around her that it is almost boundless. It is to her that friends come in seasons of sorrow and sickness for help and comfort; one soothing touch of her kindly hand works wonders in the feverish child; a few words let fall from her lips in the ear of a sorrow-stricken sister do much to raise the load of grief that is bowing its victim down to the dust in anguish. The husband comes home worn out with the pressure of business and feeling irritable with the world in general, but when he enters the cosy sitting-room and sees the blaze of fire and meets his wife's smiling face, he succumbs in a moment to the soothing influences which act as the balm of Gilead to his wounded spirits that are wearied with the stern realities of life. The rough schoolboy flies into a rage from the taunts of his companions to find solace in his mother's smile; the little one, full of grief with her large trouble, finds a haven of rest on its mother's breast; and so one might go on with instance after instance of the influence that a sweet-minded woman has in the social life with which she is connected. Beauty is an insignificant power when compared with hers. —Churchman.

MASTER OF HIMSELF.

A merchant needed a boy and put the following sign in his window: "Boy Wanted—Wages, $4.00 a week; $6.00 to the right one. The boy must be master of himself."

Many parents who had sons were interested, but the latter part of the notice puzzled them. They had never thought of teaching their boys to be masters of themselves. However, many of them sent their sons to the merchant to apply for the situation. As each boy applied, the merchant asked him, "Can you read?"

"Yes, sir," was the frank reply.

"Can you read this?" asked the merchant, pointing out a certain passage in a paper.

"Yes, sir."

"Will you read it to me steadily and without a break?"

"Yes, sir."

The merchant then took the boy into a back room, where all was quiet, and shut the door. Giving the boy the newspaper, he reminded him of his promise to read the passage through steadily and without a break, and commanded him to read. The boy took the paper and bravely started. While he was reading, the merchant opened a basket, in which were a number of lively little puppies, and tumbled them around the boy's feet. The temptation to turn and see the puppies and note what they were doing was too strong, the boy looked away from his reading, blundered, and was at once dismissed.

Boy after boy underwent the same treatment, till seventy-six were thus tried and proved failures, to master themselves. At last one was found who, in spite of the puppies playing around his feet, read the passage through as he had promised. When he had finished, the merchant was delighted, and asked him, "Did you see the puppies that were playing around your feet while you were reading?"

"No, sir."

"Did you know that they were there?"

"Yes, sir."

"Why did you not look to see what they were doing?"

"I coudn't, sir, while I was reading what I said I would."

"Do you always do what you say you will?"

"Yes, sir, I try to."

"You are the boy I want," said the merchant, enthusiastically. "Come to-morrow. Your wages will start at $6.00, with good prospects of increase."

How this incident points home to a great neglect in the training of our boys and girls; only one boy in seventy-seven trained to be a master of himself. While everything else is looked after, physical health and general education, do not forget to teach each boy to be master of himself.—Methodist.

KEEP COOL AND HOPE.

Irritability is a weakness and an evil and a weakness against which all will do well to fortify themselves. If it has the upper hand it puts us out of sorts with ourselves and sets us at sword's point with others. It overturns domestic happiness and enthrones strife and confusion in the home. The only remedy against this evil is the grace of God, coupled with a careful guarding of one's temper. The perplexities, mishaps and anoyances of a busy life overtask the nerves and often almost set them on fire. At such a time, unles one is on his guard and has good control of himself, the mere "crooking of a finger" at him is enough to cause him to "fly all to pieces." But what good would that do? Better curb what good would keep cool and go on doing the best we can. The Grace of God is sufficient and all the perplexing burdens and this overtaxing of the nerves will have an end. There is an eternity of sweet rest in reserve for the faithful. So keep cool, trust God and hope.—Religious Telescope.

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How shall I quiet my heart? how shall
I keep it still?
How shall I hush its tremulous start,
at tidings of good or ill?
How shall I gather and hold content-
ment and peace and rest,
Wrapping their sweetness, fold on fold,
over my troubled breast?

The spirit of God is still, and gentle
and mild and sweet,
What time his omnipotent, glorious
will guideth the world at his feet;
Controlling all lesser things, this tur-
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He keepeth us under his folded wings
in a peace serene—divine.

So shall I gather divine control in the
keep it still,
So shall I hush its tremulous start at
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So shall I silence my soul with a peace-
fulness deep and broad,
So shall I gather divine control in the
infinite quiet of God."

—Author Unknown.

LIGHT AND DARKNESS.

Ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light. Eph. 5:8. God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 4:6. Ye were as sheep going astray, but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. 1 Pet. 2:25. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited and redeemed his people. Through the tender mercy of God, whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:68, 78, 79.

FOR THE COUNTRY.

Almighty God, who in the former time didst lead our fathers forth into a wealthy place; Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to us their children, that we may always approve ourselves a people mindful of thy favor, and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Defend our liberties, preserve our unity. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Fashion into one happy people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those whom we intrust in thy name with the authority of governance, to the end that there be peace at home, and that we keep a place among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness; and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.—From the "Book of Common Prayer."

THE BEGINNINGS OF PRAYER.

And he called his name Enos; then began men to call upon the name of the Lord.—Genesis 4:26.

'Then'; why not 'before'? Why did the hour of prayer only come in the days of Enos? The name of Enos means 'wretched.' He doubtless received the name because he had fallen on degenerate days—days of paradise lost. Why did prayer begin then? Why did it not begin in paradise? Was not God nearer to unfallen than to fallen man? Was not Eden flooded with the divine presence? Yes; and therefore there was no place for prayer; it was all praise. You can not see the stars except by night. You can see more gorgeous things by day, but not these special things called stars. Even so with the day and night of the soul. Eden was the day. It was the fulness of God, the enjoyment of God, the beatific vision of the eye. But for that very reason there was no sense of need, no prayer. Prayer could only come with the night, the need. It is incompatible with full fruition. It needs the shadow to make its starlight, the silence to make its music, the want to make its cry. It is the bow set in the cloud, and it could be set in no other thing.

And so, my Father, there is a compensation for my night. I have been driven out of Eden into the swamps and marshes. But in the land of swamps and marshes I have found something I could not meet in Eden—the gate of prayer. Eden had no gate, because it had no need for an opening. It was all open together. There were no prisons to escape from, no fetters from which to be free. But the land of the stranger has given me the gate, because it has given me the wall. It has made me less near to thee. It has put a barrier between us. It has caused me to miss thee, to feel the want of thee, to cry for thee. My Christ is gone into a far country, and I stretch my hands to him. Yet there is beauty in the stretching of the hands, the calling upon thy name—his name. It is only the beauty of starlight; yet starlight has a glory that belongs not to the day. It is something to see thee when thou art passing by; but to cry for thee when thou art past has a music all its own. It is love in absence, love in Paradise lost. It is the refusal of my soul to be weaned from thee by distance or disaster; it is the prodigal's protest against the husks of the swine. I thank thee that the loss of Eden has brought the hour of prayer.—George Matheson, in Christian World.

THE GOLDEN IMAGE.

The world, like Nebuchadnezzar, expects us all to follow its fashions and to obey its rules. The God of this world is the devil, and he claims implicit obedience. Sin in some form or other is the image which Satan sets up and requires us to serve. The tyranny of the world is fierce and cruel, and those who will not worship its image will find that the burning fiery furnace has not yet cooled. If you mean to be a Christian, and therefore intend to cast off the bondage of this present evil world, your resolve must be taken to bear all consequences rather than worship the idol of the hour. The world's flute, harp, sackbut, and psaltery must sound for you in vain. A nobler music must charm your ears and make you bid defiance to the world's threatenings. The true believer's stand must be taken, and he must determine that he will obey God rather than man. That which commends itself to your conscience as right and pure and true, you must follow without reserve; but that which is wrong and foul and false you must quit with fixed resolve. You can not be Christ's disciple unless you have come to this point and abide by it; for Jesus leads only in the ways of righteousness.

As Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said to Nebuchadnezzar, so will true believers say to the world, "We will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."—Charles H. Spurgeon.

There is in man higher than love of happiness; he can do without happiness, and instead thereof find blessedness.—Thos. Carlyle.

DISAPPOINTMENT.

God keeps a school for his children here on earth; and one of his best teachers is Disappointment. My friend, when you and I reach our Father's house, we shall look back and see that the sharp-voiced, rough-visaged teacher, Disappointment, was one of the best guides to train us for it. He gave us hard lessons; he often used the rod; he often led us into thorny paths; he sometimes stripped off a load of luxuries; but that only made us travel the freer and faster on our heavenward way. He sometimes led us down into the valley of the death-shadow; but never did the promises read so sweetly as when spelled out by the eye of faith in that very valley. Nowhere did he lead us so often or teach us such sacred lessons, as at the cross of Christ. Dear, old rough-handed teacher! We will build a monument to thee yet, and crown it with garlands and inscribe on it: Blessed be the memory of Disappointment.—Rev. Dr. T. L. Cuyler.

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BISHOP CANDLER IN TEXAS.

Bishop Candler has been in Texas in the interest of the Twentieth Century Fund. His visits were hurriedly made and he went from point to point for a few days and nights as long as he could remain, preaching and speaking to the people. Such was the press upon his time that he did not reach all the points mapped out for him. He made a deep impression upon our people, as we felt sure that he would. His words burned like fire from above. The result is that he secured $10,000 for this thank-offering fund. Old Texas has the money, and this is proof that it will come when earnest men go after it. Good for Bishop Candler. There never was any doubt of his supreme fitness for his great office, and every effort he makes adds to the demonstration of that fact.

MISS MARIAH GIBSON.

This estimable lady, who has charge of our Scarritt Bible and Training School, is now in Texas in the interest of this worthy institution. She spent Sunday in this city, and made the Advocate a delightful visit last Monday. From here she will attend the Home Mission Conference at Plano, and address the women of the North Texas Conference. Thence she will go to Ennis, Waxahachie, Corsicana, Waco, Fort Worth, Sherman, and perhaps other points in the State. Miss Gibson is in the forefront of one of our very best enterprises, and she is splendidly equipped for her duties. We are glad she is among us, and we are sure that her visit will be a blessing to our good women and to our Church in Texas. We ought to have at least fifty well-educated girls from this State in that institution every year. We welcome Miss Gibson to our homes and among our people, and bid her a godspeed in her most excellent work. Really, it is our work as well as hers.

EDITORIAL BIRDSHOT.

The truth has nothing to gain by apology or attempted suppression.

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If you hate hypocrites in this world, then you had better be careful not to make them your companions in the life to come.

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Consistency is a rare jewel, but there are a great many things palmed off for consistency whose qualities do not sparkle much.

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Genuine honesty supported by firmness is commendable, but hard-headed stubbornness supported by prejudice is execrable in any man.

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It is best not to count your chickens before they are hatched, because all eggs are not sound and some hens are very unreliable.

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The sun, the moon and the stars may change but some men we wot of, whether right or wrong in their positions, abide in the same forever.

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If you pray for forgiveness, but carry around in you an unforgiving spirit, your prayer is far more satisfactory to the devil than to God.

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Some people have wought themselves up into the belief that they can hate an enemy and get to heaven, but they will awake to their delusion some day.

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If a man is not broad enough in the base of his character to do an honest opponent full justice he ought to do himself the credit of retiring from competition.

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You occasionally find a few people who are actually sour and miserable because their neighbors succeed in making life a triumph and themselves comfortable and happy.

FIFTY HAPPY YEARS OF WEDDED LIFE.

On the 14th day of October, 1849, the Rev. W. H. Hughes, then a member of the Tennessee Conference, was united in marriage to Miss Zulieka Kittrell, the Rev. Albert Kelley officiating. Since then fifty years have come and gone, and last Saturday evening a number of friends gathered at the home of Brother Hughes in this city and helped him to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of that event which was consummated a half a century ago. Uncle Buck let but a very few know that his "Golden Wedding" was on hand, else his relatives and friends would have been there by the hundred. He and his unobtrusive wife kept that secret to themselves, so there were only a score or more so fortunate as to be on hand to rejoice with them, and bid them a God-speed as they started forward upon the second century of their wedded life. This writer was one of those fortunate ones, and it was a pleasure, the like of which, we never enjoyed before. A golden wedding! What memories crowd into an event of that character! Not many people reach that happy period in the good state of health which is the fortune of these two aged people. We can scarcely think of them as old. They are both vigorous, full of hope, and youthful in spirit. In the course of nature they are good for several years of service yet in the Church and in the community. God has been generous to them. They have had excellent health, and during all of these years death has only entered their home but once. Their last and baby girl left them for the better land a long time tgo; but the other four children, whom heaven gave to them, are the comfort and pride of their parental hearts. W. R. Hughes, Mrs. Eliza A. Oliver, and Leander Hughes all live near their parents in this city, and Henry Bascomb Hughes is a practicing physician in Tennessee. But he was here with the others upon this happy occasion. Soon after the marriage of Brother and Sister Hughes, they came by private conveyance to Texas and continued their career in the itinerant ministry. There were no railroads then and all this country was one unbroken prairie. They remained here until in the late sixties, when Bro. Hughes found it necessary to return to Tennessee to look after his invalid mother. After her death he returned and began his ministry where he left it off, and to it he devoted himself until a few years ago he voluntered to take a superannuated relation. His life has been an eminently useful one from the beginning until the present. He started out with such men as A. L. P. Green, J. B. McFerrin, Fountain Pitts, J. W. Hanner, and John Mathews. All except the latter were older than he, but they were his early associates and counselors. He has lived to see many of these great men pass away, but now in his seventy-first year his bow abides in strength. And such has been his devotion to duty that he is sweet spirited and in love with all men. Anything sour or morose is not akin to his nature. He is ripe in his experience, still a student of theology, and an able minister of the Word. We have within the past year heard him preach sermons that would be worthy of a Bishop. He is one of the most unpretentious and lovable men with whom we have any acquaintance. And now, in the matured experience of life, these two happy people enjoy the confidence and love of thousands throughout Texas. We wish them many years of life filled with heaven's choicest benedictions. God bless Uncle Buck and Sister Hughes!

A SUNDAY IN McKINNEY.

On last Saturday night I took the Central train for McKinney to spend Sunday with Brother Casey and his people. There is no other road leading from this city to McKinney and that is why I went over the Central. I never go that route when I can reach the desired point over some other. No Protestant preacher ought to do otherwise. The Central refuses to grant ministers the same courtesies that the other roads show them, and at the same time it gives free transportation to all Catholic priests that travel that way. We do not object to the priests traveling free, but we do object to the unjust discrimination between them and Protestant ministers. We do not appreciate such an outrageous distinction. It is not right, but contemptible in the extreme. No other road in the State is guilty of such an insult to ministers of the other Churches. But some of the Central officials happen to be Catholics, and, for this reason, they show this favor to their own clergymen, and make the others pay full fare.

McKinney is a delightful town of some seven thousand population, thirty miles north of Dallas. It is the county seat of Collin County, one of the most fertile sections in the State. The business of the place is extensive—cotton, corn, small grain, and live stock abound. They have a half dozen gins and compresses—three of them are round-bale presses. They do an immense business of this character. They have waterworks and an electric light plant. Scatered about over the place there are some of the handsomest residences that we have seen in any town of its population in the State. Many of them would do credit to a large city. One of the church buildings is as handsome a structure as any community need to want, and two others are new and to the front. Our people have a good membership, and it represents a well-to-do body of people. They are still in the old church building. It is neat, nicely carpeted, and in moderately good repair, but it is not in keeping with the ability of the people and it is away behind the other church edifices. Hence they are getting ready to build a house that will be an honor to Methodism. They can do it, and they will not postpone it much longer. I preached twice to the congregation. It is made up of intelligent and excellent people. They are whole-souled, and it is a pleasure to speak to them. Brother Casey has them well in hand, and they love him. They spoke in kind terms of him as a preacher and as a pastor. They are well up with their finances and the conference collections are provided for. I imagine that they are delightful people to serve. Brother Casey has had, and still has, family affliction. His wife has been confined to her bed for four months. She first had la grippe, then typhoid fever, and then other complications. She is some better, but still quite sick. She is sweet-spirited, patient and resigned. I pray the good Father to restore her. While in the town, I was the guest of Brother and Sister C. P. Hurd. They are devoted members of the Church. They have an elegant home, and its hospitality is as free as the air to those who enter their gates. I wish I could have remained with them a week. I found many copies of the Advocate among the people, and this made me feel at home. Then, too, I met some old East Tennessee friends, among them Dr. Gibson and wife. I was once their pastor in Athens, Tenn. From McKinney I went up to Sherman and spent a few hours with the big family of Sister Key, and had a pleasant visit. These outings put a little more work upon me, but they give me an opportunity to preach, and this is a needed means of grace. G. C. R.

REV. W. C. PRYOR.

Rev. W. C. Pryor, of the North Texas Conference, died of consumption at Bowie last Monday afternoon at three o'clock. The preachers of that district, in so far as they could be reached, attended the funeral service last Tuesday. He was a good man, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost. His death was a triumphant exit from this world to the Church above. Brother Vinson writes us that it was a benediction to be with him as the end approached. Thus another faithful minister of the North Texas Conference has been translated.

THE MAGAZINE AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL VISITOR.

No Church has superior Sunday-school literature to that issued by Southern Methodism. We do not say this unadvisedly, for we get sample copies at this office of the most of the literature of this character issued by the different denominations. Ours is equal to the best, and it is in advance of the most of it. There is some namby-pamby stuff that comes under our observation which has a run on account of its inexpensiveness with some few people, but it is very inferior and utterly lacking in doctrinal integrity. Besides this, it is no less expensive in the long run than our own. All of our Sunday-schools ought to be supplied with our own denominational literature. We need it as the spiritual food of our young people, and we are glad to say that in Texas nearly all of our people are in possession of it. That is, they all have some departments of it. But we were surprised to learn at the Branch House the other day that only about one order for Sunday-school literature in ten includes the Magazine and the Visitor. This is a serious omission upon the part of our superintendents of Sunday-schools. Of course Our Little People, Our Lesson Papers, Our Home Department Quarterly, Our Intermediate and Senior Quarterlies are exceedingly fine, but they are intended to lead up to the Visitor and the Magazine. A course of study in the former is to be completed in the study of the latter. All teachers are very poorly prepared to teach

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"WORDS OF COMFORT OR SUNDAY-MORNING THOUGHTS."

The above is the title of a beautifully gotten up book, issued by Rev. J. B. Cranfill, D. D., editor of the Baptist Standard, of this city. The book is made up of a series of articles published by the author in the Standard under the heading, "Sunday Morning Thoughts." They have been running for a number of years in that paper, and they were not originally intended to take on any other form than that of newspaper articles; but as time went by they became very extensively read and a demand developed for their publication in some permanent style. So Dr. Cranfill gathered up one hundred and twenty-six of them and they now constitute this attractive volume. The subjects are not selected with any reference to logical order, and the treatment of each one is complete without the other; but the spirit of consecutiveness runs through the whole from the beginning to the ending. They cover a wide range of topics and they touch all points of human experience. They are not in any sense polemical; on the contrary, they are evangelical and devotional. The subject matter of each chapter is drawn very largely from the daily observations and experiences of the writer, and the result is the author has given us a book of practical hints and helpful suggestions. It is devoted to the work of instructing the youth, comforting the afflicted, lifting up the fallen, encouraging the despairing and consoling the aged and the infirm. It is true to the individual, the family, the Church and society. At times it is humorous, then serious, but always bright and inspiring. Many of its subjects are beautifully illustrated by the genius of Frank Beard, the famous cartoonist. There are some fifty of these apropos sketches and they add the charm of object lessons to these graphic pages. Bishop Chas. B. Galloway, D. D., has written a strong introduction to the volume and given it his highest endorsement. Having examined the work we pronounce it one of the most delightful and readable books that have come to this office in many a day. Its presence in any household cannot be otherwise than a standing benediction. Dr. Cranfill has brought the Christian public under obligations to him because of the labor he has bestowed in bringing out this book with its nearly 500 pages of valuable religious matter.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. D. J. Martin and his good wife, of Plano, were pleasant visitors at this office last week.

We took dinner last Monday with the North Texas Female College force, and looked upon an innumerable company of happy school girls. The college is booming. Bishop Key was at home and looking well, barring a little cold, after his trip to the Louisville Conference.

Rev. Abe Mulkey gave us the pleasure of one of his broad smiles this week. He was on his return from Arkansas.

Brother W. J. White, of Bellevue, was in to see us Wednesday. He has been a reader of this paper from early boyhood.

Brother J. L. McKamy and wife gave us the honor of a visit the other day. They are members of our Church and live at Frankford.

Brother R. Z. Clark, of San Antonio, but temporarily at Denton, made us a call recently. He has been visiting in the North of late.

We have a cordial invitation to visit Chapel Hill College, in the Texas Conference, which we hope to do after the conferences are past.

The wife and baby of Rev. Nath Thompson, of Moore, Texas, have been on a pleasant visit to Georgia, and have returned home much improved in health.

Misses Lela Park and Fannie Rogers, of Waco, made this office a pleasant visit last week, but we regret we were absent from the city and did no get to see them.

Brother A. J. Dennis, of Farmer's Branch, called Wednesday, and we had a good time. He is a prosperous farmer in this section, and we want to visit him next year.

Judge L. H. Browne, of San Marcos, writes us that they are in readiness over there to give the West Texas Conference a great reception, and that a good time may be expected.

We very much appreciate a kind personal letter from our venerable Bro. D. Maggard, of Cryer Creek, Texas. He is eighty-odd years old and has been reading the Advocate thirty years. May God bless the old man.

Brother Emmett R. Conner, of Fort Worth, brightened the office with a visit last Saturday. All good Methodists, and we have no other sort in Texas, come to see the Advocate when in Dallas.

In a letter from Mrs. Kate S. Collins, of Jefferson, she tells us of a good meeting conducted in that church by the pastor, Brother Burk, which left a lasting impression upon the people and the town.

Rev. Z. V. Liles, formerly of the North Texas Conference, but recently of the New Mexico Conference, has been transferred back to his old conference. He is now at McKinney with his wife, who is in very feeble health.

Mrs. T. W. House and Miss Edith House, of Houston, have been visiting the home of this writer the past week. They are among the warmest friends whom we have in Texas; and no Church has a more efficient official than Shearn Church has in T. W. House. His whole family are devoted to the Church.

We are sorry to announce the transfer of Rev. R. R. Raymond, of the Northwest Texas Conference, to the Los Angeles Conference, and his appointment to Newport and Balsa. He is one of our most useful men in Texas, and we can ill afford to give him up. He is modest, earnest, able and successful in every position entrusted to him. But, as much as we regret his going, we bid him God-speed and commend him to the brethren of his new field. They have received in Brother Raymond a valuable accession. He is not handsome, but he is pure gold.

METHODIST NEWS IN GENERAL.

Seventy-five years ago the Holston Conference was organized at Knoxville, Tenn., Bishop Roberts presiding.

The late Dr. Thomas Bradford, of St. Louis, after making large bequests to his heirs, appropriated $300,000 for the Southern Methodist Orphanage to be located in that city. His heirs brought suit some time back to have that part of the will set aside, but the courts decided that the will is valid. Some heirs never know when they have got enough.

Dr. Buckley, the greatest editor in Methodism, has declined to permit his name to be used in connection with the Episcopacy. Why not decline such an honor? The editor who molds the thought of the thousands and leads the sentiment of the Church to great, high plains has a wider and more important field than any other position could give him.

The autobiography of Rev. Simon Peter Richardson, now deceased, is soon to be published. Dr. Robins, of the North Georgia Conference, will supervise the publication. It will be a rare book.

Dr. Hoss says that there are 250,000 members of the Methodist Church in Tennessee, one for every eight of the entire population, and more than all the other Churches, Protestant and Catholic combined.

Dr. M. R. Chapman, of Louisville, has been transferred to the Southwest Missouri Conference and stationed at Troost Avenue. He started on the great transfer wheel some years ago in Missouri, and now he has returned to the State from which he began to move.

Three of the families of our preachers in Little Rock have been recently enlarged by the addition of a girl baby each. We are an advocate of girl babies in the homes of preachers, for we have had five in our own home and we know that they are all right.

Rev. C. M. Bishop, of Nevada, Mo., has written an article to the St. Louis Advocate correcting some of his previous statements in that paper anent the "Magnetic Healers" of his town. We published the article with these incorrect statements in the Advocate at the same time, but made the correction as soon as we found that Dr. Bishop was in error.

Bishop Key at the Louisville Conference last week said, while addressing candidates for membership in the conference: "Speaking for myself, I am sorry that we ever got hold of the term second blessing. 1. It is not a Bible word. Many reject this term who could not reject the words of the Holy Ghost. 2. It has furnished a kind of club with which brethren may beat each other over the head. 3. I do not believe the expression fully expresses the thought that was in Mr. Wesley's mind. He taught that conversion was initial sanctification; that sanctification begins in conversion and goes forward, as the individual is watchful and prayerful, until there comes a supreme moment in life when, knowing his weakness, his helplessness and the sinfulness of his own heart, led on by the Spirit of God, he sees there is perfecting cleansing through the blood. Throwing himself completely upon the atonement of Christ, he takes hold by faith, and knows he is clean. I would call this the completion of the work of God in the heart."

Our own errors are often the most fruitful source of all our troubles. How to avoid such damaging errors, therefore, should be the careful study of every Christian. "The best way to avoid errors," says Mr. Fletcher, "is to lie very low before God; to know his voice and consult him in all things; learning to mortify our pride as well as our aspiring will and our disordered passions."—The Free Methodist.

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Sunday-School Department.

FOURTH QUARTER, LESSON 4, OCTOBER 22.

October 22.—Topic: Ezra's Journey to Jerusalem.—Ezra 8:21-32.

Golden Text: "The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him."—Ezra 8:22.

Time.—458 B. C., and fifteen years after the events recorded in the last lesson.

Place.—Babylonia, whence the exit began and Jerusalem, where it ended.

Persons.—Artaxerxes, son of Xerxes, and Ezra, the Governor of Judea.

Contemporaries.—Socrates, Pericles and Heroditus, the historian.

Connections.—Seventy-eight years years after Zerubbabel's first company returned.

From the Preacher's Magazine we take the following outline of to-day's lesson. It is comprehensive enough, yet it is terse and to the point:

Ezra was said to be forty years old, and the dates confirm the fact, when he went to Jerusalem to re-enforce, renew and reform the feeble nation at Jerusalem. Under King Artaxerxes Longimanus, the son of Xerxes (B. C. 465), did Ezra obtain help in letters, money and in every desirable help for his undertaking. "Permission was granted Ezra, also, to raise volunteers for Jerusalem." It was seventy-eight years between the period when, under the permit of Cyrus, the Jews returned to Jerusalem (50,000, to build the Temple) and the present grant of 7000, given to establish reform.

I. EZRA'S PILGRIMAGE.

When the company were gathered, who were willing to go under the leadership of Ezra to the ancient city, Jerusalem, "he acknowledged his own helplessness and utter dependence upon God. Such was the dangerous way and such the possible assaults from Arabians and Samaritans, that he sought, by prayer and fasting, direction. He sought earnestly the 'right way.' His orderly and thorough arrangements present the wise and careful methods of his pilgrimage. An unshaken attention to the orders given was a mere pledge of success."

II. EZRA'S FAITH IN GOD'S GUIDANCE.

He who had testified before the king that God had power to protect his own did not ask a band of the king's soldiers or horsemen (see verse 22.) His faith was bold, sincere and displays the heroic character of the leader. "He had assurance that God would help them and that all would be well." Happy the lot of every pilgrim who looks with unmoved faith on God's guidance in the dangerous journeys of life, and whose faith discerns the coveted outcome of a safe march to the Jerusalem above!

III. EZRA'S CARE OF SANCTUARY TREASURES.

The offerings were committed to God and to faithful stewards. "Do we expect God should by his providence keep that which belongs to us? Then ought we by his grace to care for that which belongs to him; let God's honor and interest be our care." The presents given the Church must be watched, and care taken that exact and honest distribution be made for the objects designed and indicated! All journeys end well if the superintending care of our loving Father be over them.

Epworth League Department.

October 22.—Lesson Topic: "An Old-Time Missionary."—Jonah 3:1-10.

From the Canadian Era we glean the following points touching to-day's lesson:

Nineveh was the capital of the ancient kingdom and Empire of Assyria, situated on the river Tigris 550 miles from its mouth. It was a great city with a population of 600,000 people. Its circumference was 55 miles, pastures and pleasure grounds being included within. The walls were 100 feet high with 1500 towers, and broad enough for three chariots abreast. But Nineveh while materially great was morally bad. One of its kings orders a statue to be erected in the city with this baleful motto—"eat, drink, enjoy, lust, the rest is nothing." To this magnificent but nefarious city, Jonah was sent as a missionary to call the people from their sins to the path of virtue and godliness. And with the blessing of God, he carried on one of the most successful missions of ancient or modern times.

THE CALL AND THE RESPONSE.

After disobedience to the first call to preach to the people of Nineveh, God called Jonah a second time. God does not utterly reject him who has failed once; but he rather gives him a new opportunity of correcting former faults. This second call was an urgent one to immediate service, "Arise, go" are terms of incitement, indicating that the duty was imperative. All Christians are called to "be ready for every good work."

(a) Jonah's response was prompt. He heard the divine call and was now ready to go. He consulted not his own interests as before. He goes in no restless, turbulent spirit. He is earnest and enthusiastic. Modern servants of God are often too slow and reluctant in responding to the call to duty and service. There is too much of the formal, time-serving spirit abroad. True, ready obedience to God is liberty and blessedness. "I made haste and delayed not to keep thy commandments."

(b) Jonah's response was complete. He neither delayed nor stopped short of his destination. He went to Nineveh, hard as the task was. He might have paused for a moment to look at the gates, or to survey those massive towers, or to see the chariots driving on the wall. But on he went. When the time came to deliver his message he did not modify it, nor falter in its delivery. Before the mansion of the rich, and the doors of the poor, he gave his alarm, hesitating not for reproach or opposition. Many modern missionaries are doing a similar thing. Let us pray for them that their faith fail not, and that the pleasure of the Lord may prosper in their hands. We too have our obligations to perform before God. Each of us has a mission of some kind. And to fill it well, we must have, like Jonah after his hardships, decision of character, unreserved obedience, undaunted fortitude, and unwearied perseverance. May all our young people possess these qualifications, so necessary to success in the moral and spiritual world.

SIDE LIGHTS.

1. We should not be crushed by the weight of our first sin or failure. Turn and try again.

2. If men would always act "according to the word of the Lord," they would never really fail.

3. Speak promptly, kindly and delay not. In God's kingdom every moment is precious.

4. The repentance of Nineveh was prompted by faith. The people believed Jonah to be a messenger from God; and they believed his message and acted upon it. What better illustration of faith could be found in modern times?

5. The city underwent a sudden and striking reformation. Their contempt of God was abandoned; their cruelty, violence and wickedness were given up. Old Nineveh put on "the beautiful garments" of praise and holiness to the Lord.

6. These Ninevites apparently illustrated the process of true conversion wherever found—repentance, a change of mind; regeneration, a change of heart; reformation, a change of life.

7. When God said: "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be destroyed," he meant Nineveh, if it continued the same, black with guilt, impenitent, unreformed; he did not mean Nineveh, fasting, penitent, transformed. Circumstances had changed and this required change of action.

8. In Christian work do not expect such immediate results as those attained by Jonah at Nineveh. We must learn to continue patiently in well-doing, knowing that some time, if not at once, the harvest will surely appear.

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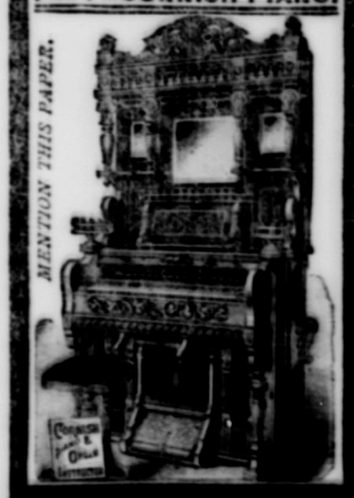
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And what it cost to all the lost.

CHORUS.

'Tis not thy will, O Lord, I know
That I should live a life of woe,
For Jesus died; but Satan cried.
It is not true. (I will have you.)
O, it's not true. (I will have you.)

MRS. J. M. WHITEHEAD.

A CRY FROM A PRISON.

Behind the gloomy walls of Belem, the national prison located in this city, there are about forty-five children, ages ranging from eight days to twelve years. These children are innocent and are in this horrible place because of their parents' crimes. The government is caring for them in this prison rather than cast them upon the streets to perish. Some of them have been born in prison and have never had so much as a breath from the beautiful, fresh world without. And here behind the dark stone walls of this old prison, cut off from sunshine, blue skies and everything that tends to elevate and refine human life these children are perishing. Here these little ones, befouled with dirt, filth, disease and vermin, every day their young minds poisoned by the awful scenes before them, every day their young lives farther removed from purity and the possibility of redemption, are crying for your help, my good friends.

When I visited there in company with our Missionary, Miss H. K. Norville, these children ran after us and followed us through the dingy corridors and grim passageways. As I looked at them I thought of our Lord and theirs; how he gathered the children in his arms and blessed them and said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." And again: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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JULIA WATERWALL.
Keener Institute, City of Mexico.

It is one of the wonderful things about our Lord that with all that he knew and with all the burning intensity with which he knew it, he was no fault-finder. His purpose and aim was not to sit down on people, but to lift them up; not to condem, but to save. It is a great feat which only omnipotent grace can make us equal to, to be able to believe a thing tremendously, and then not be a little mad because the next man does not believe it, too.—C. H. Parkhurst, D. D.

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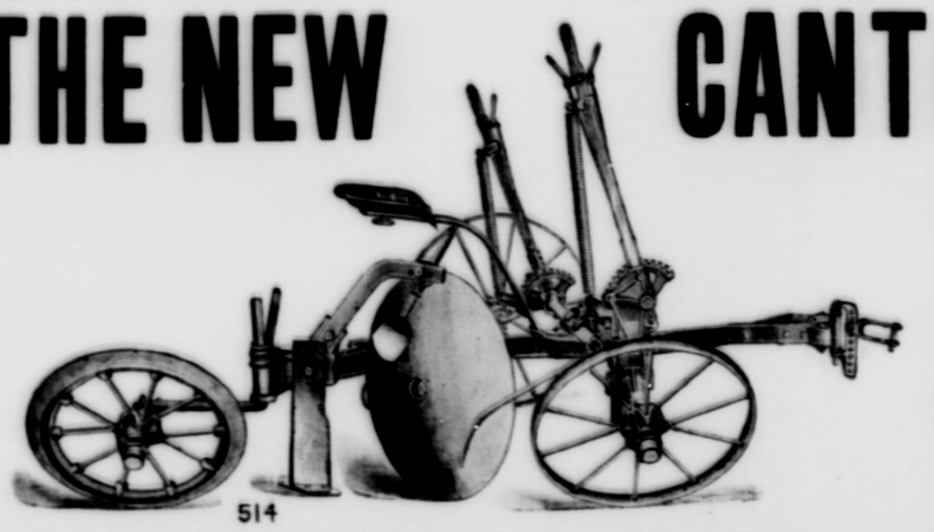
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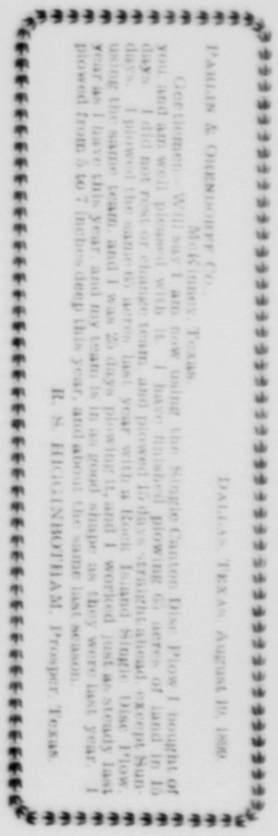
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We congratulate our sisters of the W. F. M. Society, East Texas Conference, that they are to have as a visitor to their anunal meeting in Palestine, Oct. 20-23, Miss Martha E. Pyle, a returned missionary of the Woman's Board of Missions of our Church, who is home from Shanghai, China, for a season of rest. A cordial invitation comes to the editor of this department from Mrs. F. A. Heartsill, of Marshall, President of the Conference Society, to atend this annual meeting, and would be gladly accepted if circumstances permitted, as we would enjoy the occasion and the reunion of the sisters in the work. We pray the blessings of God upon them one and all in their plans and deliberations at the annual meeting.

Miss Maria L. Gibson, Principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, located at Kansas City, Mo., spent several days in Dallas last week. She was a welcome visitor to the Mission Home part of the time, giving helpful talks to the inmates of the Home and encouraging and comforting the Matron. Miss Moore, by her presence and sisterly counsel, having been a friend and associate of the former in Kentucky. Miss Gibson is in the State in the interest of the Training School and in behalf of the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Church, the Training School being the property of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. She gave a most instructive and interesting address on Sunday night at the First Methodist Church of this city on the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the relation of the Scarritt Bible and Training School to both that Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society of Southern Methodism. She is a forcible, fluent speaker, and her fine intellectual face beams with earnest enthusiasm while she tells of the plans and purposes of the work of foreign missions or enters into details of the advantages offered young women for a course of preparation for the work of a home or foreign missionary in the Training School over which she presides. This writer (editor of this department) has known Miss Gibson, personally, for over eighteen years, the former having been for a number of yeas a member of the Woman's Board of Missions, while the latter was Recording Secretary of the Board, and thus had opportunities for meeting year after year at annual meetings of the Board. It was therefore a special pleasure to meet the visitor and to have her for our guest on Sunday in our own home. We bespeak for Miss Gibson a welcome while in our State from the members of the auxiliaries of both societies, W. F. M. Society and W. H. M. Society, as she visits from point to point in the interest of the work in hand, and that opportunity may be given her as far as possible to meet representative audiences wherever she may go to speak regarding the work. We know our co-workers will esteem her for her own noble qualities of mind and heart, and will honor her highly also for her "work's sake."

NOTICE.

Delegates and visitors who will attend the annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, East Texas Conference, are requested to send their names to Mrs. C. C. Stoddard, Palestine, and thus secure for themselves a welcome and a home.

MISS L. P. LANE,
Cor. Sec. Conf. Society.
Marshall, Texas.

(We are sorry the above notice reached us too late for last week's issue.—Ed. Woman's Department.)

DISTRICT MEETING W. H. M. S.

Friday morning, September 19, at 9 o'clock, the W. H. M. Society for the Brownwood District, assembled at the First Methodist Church in Brownwood. Mrs. J. W. Spangenberg, District Secretary, presided, and Miss May Abney was chosen Secretary.

The proceedings were introduced with the reading of the twentieth chapter of St. John by Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss, and the singing of hymn No. 497.

Presiding Elder Sensabaugh stated the object of the conference.

The following representatives were present from various points of the district.

Comanche—Mrs. J. B. Tunnell, Mrs. R. B. Bonner.

Zephyr—Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Coffee.

Coleman—Mrs. G. P. Beaumont, Mrs. W. H. McClelland, Mrs. J. E. Stephens, Mrs. R. H. Overall.

Cleveland—Mr. Williams.

Fairview—Mr. Hall.

Brownwood was represented in the proceedings by Mesdames Spangenberg, Armstrong, Blair, Bencini, Melton, Abney, McKean, Bair, Drake, Peterman, Elliot, Marr, Harpham, Beaumont and Sensabaugh, with Messrs. Moon and Marr.

Beautiful duets were given by Mrs. D. R. Blair and Miss May Abney; and Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss and Mrs. Blair.

Papers were read as follows: Mrs. Dr. Harpham, "Excuses or Difficulties in the Way;" Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh, "City Missions." A paper, prepared by Mrs. J. L. Ellis, "The Advantages of the Changes Made at the last General Conference," was read by Miss May Abney. The reading of these papers elicited pleasant and instructive ideas from the members of the conference. Reports from various points of the district were presented. Mrs. Beaumont presented an encouraging report fom the Coleman Society. A report from Comanche, sent in by Mrs. J. W. Scurry, was read by the Secretary. Presiding Elder Sensabaugh presented reports from Goldthwaite, Ballinger, Santa Anna and Blanket of a very encouraging character. Brownwood, through an oversight, was not prepared to report, and was granted further time.

Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss and Presiding Elder Sensabaugh presented interesting and valued talks during the session of the conference.

Explanatory and suggestive talks were made by Mrs. Spangenberg, Mrs. Harpham, Rev. C. H. Smith and others.

The morning proceedings were under the direction of the Brownwood Society.

After singing "My faith looks up to thee" announcements were made and the Home Misionary Society adjourned.

CHINA.

China is becoming wide awake on the subject of Christian education and the missionaries are reaching the higher classes in the Empire. In 1898 the Emperor ordered 160 books, covering almost the whole realm of knowledge, amongst them commentaries on the scriptures and the lives of Christ by different authors; also David and Solomon." May this little light, yet but dimly burning, soon burst in a brilliant flame, lighting the whole of China into Christ's saving gospel. "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."—Ps. 119:130.

China leans strongly on the missionaries, "recognizing the missionary as her available teacher." In her infancy she will trust no one as the mother, who as no other can see the weak strugglings of this "bundle of tremendous possibilities." As she carefully watches every change in her child of love, her prayers ascend to our loving Father for the health of this promising one that he or she may grow up to be a chosen vesel for the Master's use, going forth scattering seeds of joy to all who need their aid. We all know how very dear to children are good mothers, and it is hard for one to be lost while he has a praying mother. Mr. Spurgeon says: "Great is thy power, O woman!" This can also be applied to all faithful missionaries, as they possess a mother's love for their adopted child, while the grateful one shows deep gratitude almost amounting to reverence, giving joy to the parent heart. Every true missionary feels the life granted them in this changing world is not their own, but belongs to also others. This should be the feeling of evry Christian heart. Longfellow says: "We had but one life here on earth. We must make that beautiful."

"Thou must be true thyself,
If thou the truth wouldst teach;
The soul must overflow, if thou
Another soul wouldst reach.
It needs the overflow of heart
To give the lips full speech."

"Dr. Parker was greatly surprised to have a call from the Nanking Viceroy, Liu Kun—I, to go to Nanking to take charge of an imperial university that is to be established there after the plan of one already established in Peking under the presidency of Dr. W. A. T. Martin." Dr. Parker thought best not to accept this proposition, feeling his duty was in regular missionary work; yet the demands on him were exceedingly urgent. He could only recommend one whom he thought well qualified to fill the place.

Dr. Y. J. Allen, writing from Shanghai, China, March 2, 1899, gives a glowing description of woman's work in that country. He has been requested to suggest that the Woman's Board at home send another teacher with suitable "qualifications as will enable her to take charge of the advanced classes now already in need of such instruction. He proposes to let the whole society be informed on this subject; that is, to inform all that the McTyeire School is the first school by priority of establishment of its kind in China, and necessity, as it were, is now laid on it to prove itself also first in the character and quality of the work it is capable of doing." He also urges that a similar school to the McTyiere be established in Soochow.

We feel assured from past history that Christianity means more to woman than to anybody else, and we believe to give to Chinese woman all the advantages of Christian education, then lead her to the great Fountain of Light, she will move with this electric force so as to be of more force in the evangelization of that country than any other agency. While we are trying to help in all mission fields both at home and beyond the seas or the missions not separated from us by the mighty ocean, let us hold China closely to our hearts and open purses, and as soon as possible send the desired aid. Dr. Y. J. Allen, Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Parker, the one was absent eleven months from his field of labor, the other two thirteen months, are all again faithfully engaged in their fields of duty. Miss M. M. Tarrant safely arrived in China to enter her chosen work. May she be doubly blessed in her labor of love as she gathers many sheaves, receiving the welcome plaudit of a reconciled Father.

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five or forty conversions and reclamations, and about thirty or thirty-five additions to the Church. The results of the meeting will abide. We enjoyed the meeting and the work very much. Six years ago we were licensed and preached our first sermon at Belle Springs, and it was a joy to be among and preach to the people again. The memories of this meeting and visit will remain fresh for a long, long time. Bro. Ferguson is in favor with his people, and they make it no secret that they are very anxious for his return another year. At Abbott, on the site of the old building, a beautiful new church has been erected, which is the pride of the town and a joy to every Methodist. It will be dedicated the fourth Sunday in October. Wonderful improvements have occurred on the circuit during the past six years, until now it is one of the best in the Waco District, and Ferguson thinks in the Northwest Texas Conference. May the Lord bless and prosper the people there.

MEXIA.

T. J. Duncan, Oct. 10: Bro. Bailey held our fourth Quarterly Conference this a. m. Everything up except salary. It nearly up, and a month to "up" in. Net increase 25. One of the best Sunday-schools in Texas. League working well. One month and ho! for Cleburne.

JONESBORO.

F. M. Winburne, Oct. 16: I preached at Levita yesterday on the "Highway," and we had a high day. "Heaven came down our souls to greet, and glory crowned the mercy seat." My! my! how the people shouted! I'm rustling in common with other tired preachers to bring up our collections; well, it's a pull, but I'll bring it all if they pay it. With the exception of Uncle Billy Barcley, Putman is considered one of the biggest preachers in this county. Uncle Bill is the biggest.

PALMER CIRCUIT.

Jas. A. Walkup, Oct. 17: Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held at Chapel Hill, October 7 and 8. A fine attendance of official brethren were present. Bro. Bishop, the presiding elder, was on hand looking after all the interests of the Church. He has been present at all our Quarterly Conferences, and is growing on my people most wonderfully. His preaching is of a high order; he impresses one and all of his earnestness and zeal in the Master's work. In looking back over the past year, we can but feel a deep sense of gratitude for the many blessings we have received and the good work that has been accomplished. We have had two hundred and fifty conversions, about two hundred additions to the Church, with many reclamations. Most all our young coverts have fallen in line with the Church work, and there seems to be a very hopeful trend on the entire work. Our local preachers, stewards and laymen have stood by us faithfully, and we all feel that this has certainly been a good year on the Palmer Circuit. We have a noble band of stewards, and a liberal people. All the claims ordered by the Annual Conference, the presiding elder and pastor's salary will be met, and perhaps in excess on all the claims, though my stewards made quite an advance of the former years on the pastor's salary. We have a loyal and faithful people. This is the third time I have served this people, and have always had good years among them. I find many who were converted and taken in the Church by me in former years; many who were baptized in infancy who are now members of the Church; some who were married that now have their families in the Church; so I feel very much at home with them. Our people feel very cheerful at the outlook before us. I have done my best, my brethren have heartily co-operated with me; peace and harmony prevail among us, and we feel we are under the smiles and blessings of God.

North Texas Conference.

BONHAM.

C. M. Threadgill, Oct. 16: Yesterday we opened our new church to the public for services. We certainly have a beautiful house, inside and out. It has cost us about $11,000. We believe it the prettiest church building in the North Texas Conference. We have been holding our services in the Presbyterian church since last December, until yesterday, when, with gratitude and praise, we entered our own habitation. We have had about fifty accessions to our membership during the year, and our people seem to be growing in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Our financial burdens have been heavy, but we hope to pay our part of collections ordered by Annual Conference when we come to report at Honey Grove.

BAILEY.

W. J. Bludworth, Oct. 15: The smallpox excitement is not abated here yet. Three cases out of five have died in my charge. There are over one hundred of us now in our detention camps. Dr. Brown, of this place, the commissioned health officer, has everything in good order. No unruly members in the camps; they are all citizens, and a great many of them are members of my Church. Most work is suspended and no traveling is permitted where there is danger. This is very expensive to some of us, but the suspense is accompanied with spiritual blessings.

ROSALIE.

W. H. Brown, Oct. 14: I think we have had near four hundred professions and reclamations on my work, and I have held meetings outside of my work, in which I verily believe there have been more than six hundred. So, in all, I feel sure I have seen more than one thousand during the year, and I have not quit yet. We are building a nice little church at Bogata. Think it will be complete by conference. We have bought a good bell for the church at Garvinsville, and raised money there last night to build a good belfry. Our conference collections are up in subscriptions, and in all, God has wonderfully blessed us.

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Some flowers of rhetoric stink in the nostrils of God, for they are planted along the broad road to hell.

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National Convention Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Columbus, Ohio, October 19-22, rate of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan (standard fare).

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JOHNSON.—Joseph C. Johnson was born in Henderson County, Tennessee, December 27, 1819, and was married to Miss Taylor Thompson July 14, 1870. He came to Texas in 1888. He was converted and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Woodbury, Texas, in 1870. A few years ago he moved to Bell Springs, and there being no C. P. Church near him, he united with the Methodist and was a consistent and useful member until his death, which occurred September 9, 1899. Bro. Johnson was a good citizen, a kind father and a good Christian. He died in the faith and was laid to rest at Woodbury, Texas. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn their loss, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope. They expect to meet him in the better land.

C. N. N. FERGUSON.

Abbott, Texas.

BEESLEY.—P. L. Beesley, better known as Pete, son of Walker and Mary Beesley, was born December 3, 1882, and died June 14, 1899, in South McAlester, I. T. I was pastor of this family for two years. Pete and the writer were on very intimate terms. I found him to be as good a boy as I ever knew. When I visited the family, Pete was generally the first to see me and would run out to meet me and open the gate, and was with me most of the time till I left. He was always ready to bring good things to the preacher, and would insist on his mother sending them. He was peacemaker with the children at home and abroad. He suffered four months and wasted away to a skeleton. He had spinal meningitis. He was not able to stand or raise his head during the time without help. Pete was always religious, and was fond of singing. About two hours before he died he sang, "I'm bound for the promised land." Strive, parents, brothers and sister, to meet Pete when you depart this life. B. T. HAYES.

Redwater, Texas.

GREGORY.—Mrs. Laura J. Gregory (nee Lucas) was born in Athens, Ga., May 10, 1835, and died in Beeville, Texas, August 5, 1899. She was first married to Russel J. Hunt, who died soon after, and on April 23, 1857, was married to Dr. J. J. Gregory, who died several years since. Sister Gregory leaves to mourn their loss five sons and one daughter, as follows: Chas. H., John J., R. T. Gregory, of Beeville; Wm. H. Gregory, of Rodgers; Robt. L. Gregory, of Toronto, Canada, and Mrs. H. E. Luter, of Corpus Christi, Texas. She had been a member of the Methodist Church from her early childhood, and exemplified in her daily life the religion of Him she loved so well. She was a sweet-spirited Christian and a benediction to all with whom she came in contact. May our Father bless the ones bereaved. If we follow on we shall meet again.

JOHN M. LINN.

Corpus Christi, Texas.

HARPER.—Ellen Caroline Lawley was born in Talladega County, Ala., September 9, 1825; was married in the county where she was born to J. J. Harper in 1847, and in 1853 moved with her husband to Texas, and settled in Harrison County. Sister Harper was converted in 1869, and joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent Christian life until the day of her death. Among her friends and in her Church relations she was recognized as an example of the true Christian, living that exemplary life that caused others "to see her good works" and glorify the God of salvation. Those who knew her best were more impressed with her Christian character. During the latter years of her life she could attend Church but little on account of failing health, but she preserved a sweet, Christian spirit, and after she was confined to her bed she bore uncomplainingly her afflictions until the 4th day of June, 1899, her tired spirit bade farewell to earth and took its everlasting flight to the glory-world. She had seven children, only two of whom survive her—Joseph L. Harper and John W. Harper, both of Harrison County, Texas.

GUS GARRISON.

HAMRICK.—The subject of this sketch, Claudia Eunice Hamrick, was born January 19, 1896; departed this life September 24, 1899, aged three years, eight months and five days. She was the only child of E. Z. and Bettie Hamrick, living near Pendletonville, Bell County, Texas. Claudia was a sweet child, loved by all who knew her, though we had to give her up. Our cottage home is so lonely. How we wish for the dear little smiling face again. May God bless the broken-hearted parents. And now, as parents, relatives and friends, we all bow in submission to the will of our Father, and say, "Farewell, little Claudia, until we meet on the evergreen shore."

G. W. HARRIS.

DENNIS.—John S. Dennis was born in Overton County, Tenn., February 14, 1843; enlisted in the Confederae Army in 1861, and remained in the army to the close of the war. He was in many of the battles. He was a brave and fearless soldier. After the war he moved to Illinois, and from there to Texas, and settled near Farmer's Branch, Dallas County, in 1868, where he died June 21, 1899. He was converted at Webb's Chapel, under the ministry of T. J. Milam, in 1885, and soon after joined the M. E. Church, South, at the same place, and lived a consistent life to the day of his death. He suffered long, but bore his sufferings patiently. He often talked of dying. He wanted to live for his wife's and children's sake, but would say, "The will of the Lord be done." Often he would quote the beautiful hymn, "Jesus, lover of my soul." His funeral was preached at Webb's Chapel, June 22, by the writer, assisted by his pastor, Brother Sweeton. By the side of his little boy, who had preceded him, we laid his body down to await the call of the Master. Weep not, sorrowing ones, but let us meet on the other bright shore.

W. H. STEPHENSON.

BREWER.—Last Friday evening the death angel again visited the home of Sister Belle Brewer, of Edom, Texas, and claimed as his prey her little infant son, Jasper H. Brewer. Little Jasper was full of life, and was playing sweetly about 4 o'clock in the evening, when all at once he was violently seized with congestion, and from then until 4 o'clock next morning he was tossed to and fro by the grim monster, death. While loving hands did all in their power to stay life, alas! the summons came, saying, "It is enough; come up higher, for of such is the kingdom of God." Little Jasper was born January 27, 1899, and died, to live again forever, September 23, 1899.

T. B. VINSON, Pastor.

CLARK.—M. A. Clark was born in Lincoln County, Tenn., in 1835; came to Texas in the spring of 1854, and departed this life July 28, 1899. He was married to Susan Joplin in 1863. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church in 1863, from which time he lived a true Christian life until his death. He had been a sufferer for several years, and for three months was confined to his bed most of the time. He had no fear of death; was prepared to go to the city beyond. This is a source of great consolation to his wife and four children, for they shall miss him. They realize a dear one from them has gone—a vacant place that never can be filled, for no better, more attentive husband and father ever lived. Heaven is all the dearer and richer to us. We should each strive to walk in his footsteps, and, oh, the meeting will be glorious when we all meet in that beautiful land of rest! His niece,

MRS. LENA JOHNSON.

Gatesville, Texas.

TATE.—J. L. Tate was born August 12, 1836, and died at his home, near Granbury, Texas, May 4, 1899. Brother Tate professed religion at the age of eighteen years, and for the last forty-five years has been laboring for the Master. He has always loved Sunday-school work, and until the last few years had an official relation. Confined to his home by the infirmities of age, many times to suffer intensest pain from an afflicted body, and sometimes, we fear, to suffer that greatest pain occasioned by the neglect of those who should stand nearest by us; but through it all he did not forget Christ and his Church, but seemed rather to be drawn into a more personal relation with him, and so the last days of his life were like unto the days of his most vigorous manhood—spent in the triumphs of a living faith, as he said in his last moments, "I am ready to go." An aged wife, two sons and one daughter survive him, and to this broken earthly family we commend One who is a husband to the widow and a father to the orphan, and able and willing to unite the family around the altar above.

H. M. LONG.

CLARK.—Little Dorman Leslie Clark, son of Austin Bruce and Laura Bell Clark, was born April 26, 1896, and died July 29, 1899. After a short illness of intense suffering, his spirit went home to "God who gave it." He was a bright, promising child, possessed of a lovely disposition. Fond parents watched tenderly over his wasting form in vain, with aching hearts. While it is so hard to give up their darling, may they say, "Thy will be done," for his short stay was not in vain. Heaven seems nearer and dearer now than before. That sweet face, that angel spirit, that pair of beautiful beckoning hands, the same sweet voice, are at heaven's gateway, calling to papa and mamma, "Come this way." Our Savior said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." May we all, from this sad hour, be more determined to serve God; be more earnest workers in his vineyard, knowing that works are acceptable in the sight of God. And we must strive to enter in at the straight gate, that it may be said to us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." Weep not, dear brother and wife. When your work is finished, the Lord will re-unite you in the everlasting kingdom of our God. His aunt,

DULA McBRYDE.

RANSOM.—Mrs. Emma Ransom was born October 4, 1833, and died June 14, 1899. She was married twice, and was the mother of six children, five of first marriage. She was early in life converted, and thereafter was a very consistent member of the Methodist Church. Her life impressed me as being very beautiful. While quiet, she made one feel that they were in the presence of character. Many choice flowers bloom unseen, and true worth is not always noted by the world, yet in their sphere no one is their equal. A mother may not be known by the world, but she may chance to mold a character that the world hastens to recoguize. Sister Ransom lived for the Lord, and impressed her children for his service. She was a great sufferer, being afflicted for years. Her trust being in God, her faith was well founded. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." We may say of her, she was a good mother, a good Christian, and consequently she will receive a great reward. Loved ones, the Master says to you likewise: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." May God's blessing rest upon you.

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WALKER.—On last Saturday morning, at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Walker, at Forney, Texas, little Jamie Walker, aged three years, died a most painful death. She had been playing in the yard, and made a fire. Her dress caught, and in a moment she was all ablaze. Aid reached her too late. She lingered about two hours, suffering unspeakable agonies and looking imploringly to those around her for relief. Little Jamie's life was like a ray of sunshine. All who knew her were won to love her, because of her gentle disposition and affectionate ways. No sympathy or words of comfort can heal the wound made in her parents' hearts by her sudden death, yet they cherish the Christian's hope of meeting their little darling in the land beyond, where again they can feel the caress and hear the voice of their cherished child and then they will know no more a cruel parting.

A FRIEND.

HARRISON.—Sister Mary E. Harrison was born March 31, 1861. Her maiden name was Brigance. She professed religion July, 1877, and joined the M. E. Church; was married to J. C. Harrison February 24, 1877. She was a faithful Christian, regular in attendance on Church worship, and a teacher in Sunday-school. She appeared to be always happy, and a good word for everybody seemed to be her motto. She died September 24, 1899, as she had lived—in triumph of the Lord. I talked to her a few moments before her death. She said her faith was stronger than ever, and the Lord seemed more precious than ever before. An expression of confidence was upon her face as she told us that she was not afraid to die. She called the family to her one by one, and exhorted them to prepare to meet her in heaven. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn her departure. May the Holy Spirit comfort them in their affliction. A bright and shining character in the community. Though she is gone, her influence still abides, beckoning us onward and upward to that better life.

GEO. R. RAY.

HUNTER.—Willie Barnes Hunter, only son of W. W. and Fannie L. Hunter, was born August 22, 1886, and after a severe illness of typhoid fever for twenty-eight days, departed this life October 3, 1899. Willie was a bright boy, dutiful and obedient to his parents and teachers, tender and loving, carrying sunshine with him where he went. He was a faithful member of the Sunday-school and Juvenile Missionary Society. He was converted and joined the Church in April, 1899, during our Spring revival, in which Bro. Abe Mulkey did such faithful work. It is hard to realize that he is gone. Of course we sorrow, but not without hope. Dear bereaved ones, look forward with bright anticipation to the beautiful morn of the resurrection, when we with dear Willie shall be ushered in, and with the illumination of heaven be enabled to more perfectly understand and enjoy the glory of our God and his Christ.

A. L. MUSSETT.

LESTER.—Alcis Lester was born August 20, 1883; departed this life September 28, 1899, aged sixteen years. Alcis was left without a mother when she was very young, and was taken care of by her brothers and sisters until about three years ago. She was then taken into the home of A. G. Wight and his wife, near Rock Hill, Collin County. Here she had the love and care of those who came to love her as a child. They gave her all that money and love could provide. Alcis loved them from the depths of her affectionate nature. Two years ago she professed religion, and I baptized her and took her into the Church. The home here from which she went to her home on high is sad and lonely; the hearts of her loved ones are broken, and yet they bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well. With a large gathering of loved ones and friends we deposited the mortal part of Alcis in the tomb to await the resurrection morning, for we are assured by her life and death that she will have part in the resurrection of the just, and we will meet her again.

E. S WILLIAMS.

WHEELER.—On Wednesday morning, September 20, 1899, death entered the home of W. A. and Mrs. Martha C. Wheeler, of Vernon, and bore to her heavenly home Harriette Adaline, their sweet little daughter. She was four years and nine months old. For several weeks she had been an intense but patient sufferer. On the morning of her death she pleaded piteously that she might be taken home, and our Lord heard her pleading and took her to himself. The earth-home is saddened by her going, but her heavenly home was brightened by her coming. What a comforting assurance it is that we may meet her again! May this blessed assurance be the balm which shall bind up the broken hearts of our friends in this hour of grief.

JEROME DUNCAN.

JOHNSON.—Victor Erwin, three years and eight days old, was killed September 2, 1899, by the unfortunate explosion of a gun in the hands of his fond father, whose affection was lavished upon the little fellow without stint; and since language is inadequate to convey an approximate conception of the grief of father, mother and little sisters, or the profound sympathy of the citizens of Trinity and adjacent country, it is needless to undertake the task. The sad news fell from the lips of all in suppressed speech, so dark the pall that had fallen over that Christan home. Victor had been in the home only a short time, yet he had endeared himself to the members of that sacred circle by ways and means peculiarly his own, and while he thus evinced great precocity in expressing his individuality, he was one of the most obedient and affectionate children. He was very responsive to a spirit of devotion, and at those periods, when alone with his mother and God, his intelligence would often express itself far in advance of his years, and the last time they were alone in prayer, being only a short while before the accident, he said: "Mamma, I'm going to my Father in heaven." He was a favorite with all who knew him, and his pastor will never forget his childish speech in pleasant recognition whenever he passed the family home. His funeral took place on Sunday, September 3, in the Methodist Church, the morning service being devoted to the all-absorbing occasion, while the throng of people who attended gave evidence of a heartfelt and universal sympathy. At the close of the post burial service, six little girls sang, "There's room for me in the arms of Jesus," the chorus of which he had often sung joyously with his mother's class, "Beautiful." Victor's mission was finished. And now we would repeat to bereaved and lacerated hearts, with increased emphasis: "All things shall work together for good to those who fear the Lord." What a grand conspiracy organized for the children of God! "All things"—then this sad event God lays under tribute for the benefit of his suffering children; "shall work"—what a universal servitude with which to increase and conserve the wrath of his royal family on earth! "Be still and know that I am God." While a Christian home is passing over storm-lashed waters, all is well if God's hand is on the helm; yet we beg the privilege of laying upon the altar of their great grief all the comfort that Christian sympathy can offer.

G. V. RIDLEY.

Trinity, Texas.

WALTERS.—Sister Lucinda Walters was born January 1, 1819, in Alabama; was married in her eighteenth year; came to East Texas in 1839, and moved to West Texas in 1859; was converted and joined the Methodist Church at Wesley Chapel. She was a great sufferer from 1883, being confined to her bed most of the time. She told me a few days before she died that she was fully trusting in Jesus. When I administered the sacrament to her on her sick bed, Christ was present in the person of the Holy Spirit, witnessing with our spirits that we were the children of God. She was indeed a literal fulfillment of Rev. 7:14: "There are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." She was eighty years and six months old. She died the 24th of June, leaving behind two daughters, eleven grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. In considering the death of a Christian, I always feel like saying, in the language of scripture: "Let my life be like the righteous, and my last end be like his." Her pastor,

C. W. PERKINS.

EASTERWOOD.—Brother W. C. Easterwood was born in Union District, S. C., September 30, 1822, and fell on sleep at his residence in Calvert, Texas, Monday, June 12, 1899. Brother Easterwood was married to Miss Martha Hughs, in South Carolina, December 23, 1847. Of this union there were six children, four daughters and two sons, all of whom survive him. Having lost his first wife, he was married again in 1891 to Mrs. Fannie Dallas, who also remaineth to mourn her loss. Brother Easterwood was a good man, for more than fifty years a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, and a Mason in good standing. The writer, though his pastor, was not intimately acquainted with him. He looked upon Port Sul'ivan as home, and though he lived in Calvert, yet he maintained his relation with the Maysfield Circuit, of which he had been a member since 1859. He had not lived long in Calvert. A true man has fallen. May he rest in peace. May our meeting again be with all the family in the paradise of God.

H. R. KIMBLER.

Maysfield, Texas.

BAIRD.—Elizabeth Hunter Baird was born February 15, 1822, and died August 6, 1899. Moreover, she was converted at eight years of age, and from that time to the day of her death remained a member of the Methodist Church. She was a faithful soldier of the cross, continually waging war against sin and the evil one, and oftentimes telling of what God could do for a penitent sinner. A rich experience was hers, and she never tired of telling to those about her the joys of salvation. At times there appeared some impatience on her part to cease to live here and live in glory with the Lord. The last few years of her life she did but little save to praise God and suffer. Thank God for a Christian life that matures and ripens as the days go by. The world can produce nothing like it. Without Christ, gloom and despair must settle down over old age. But with the assurance of the resurrection, the last breath may be spent in song. Sister Baird leaves a husband, who is very old and feeble, and several children, all of whom are lovers of the Lord, and by and by they will constitute an unbroken family in heaven.

J. T. GRISWOLD, P. C.

CLARK.—W. T. Clark was born in 1845 in Alabama; moved to Louisiana; thence to Victoria, Texas; thence, after six years' residence in Victoria, to Corsicana, Texas, where he died August, 17, 1899, of dropsy, after protracted suffering. During his residence in Victoria he was my intimate friend and neighbor. We were together as trustees and stewards of the M. E. Church, South. At Sunday-school, prayer-meeting and all other services of the Church he was seldom missing. His regular attendance, with his noble, Christian wife and cheerful little daughter, herself a true Christian, gave an example which, if followed by all Christians, would make the Church what God intends—a means for the salvation of sinners. Oh, how our little band missed

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C. W. PERKINS.

—Brother W. C. Easter-
in Union District, S. C.,
2, and fell on sleep at his
ert, Texas, Monday, June
Easterwood was married
Hughs, in South Carolina,
47. Of this union there
four daughters and two
survive him. Having lost
was married again in 1891
allas, who also remaineth
ss. Brother Easterwood
for more than fifty years
ber of the M. E. Church,
on in good standing. The
his pastor, was not inti-
d with him. He looked
n as home, and though he
yet he maintained his re-
daysfield Circuit, of which
ember since 1859. He had
Calvert. A true man has
rest in peace. May our
with all the family in the

H. R. KIMBLER.

beth Hunter Baird was
5, 1822, and died August 6,
she was converted at eight
from that time to the day
mained a member of the
h. She was a faithful sol-
s, continually waging war
he evil one, and oftentimes
God could do for a penitent
perience was hers, and she
elling to those about her
ation. At times there ap-
atience on her part to cease
live in glory with the Lord.
ars of her life she did but
ise God and suffer. Thank
tian life that matures and
ys go by. The world can
like it. Without Christ,
air must settle down over
with the assurance of the
last breath may be spent
Baird leaves a husband,
d and feeble, and several
whom are lovers of the
nd by they will constitute
ily in heaven.

J. T. GRISWOLD, P. C.

T. Clark was born in 1845
ved to Louisiana; thence to
; thence, after six years'
toria, to Corsicana, Texas,
August, 17, 1880, of dropsy,
suffering. During his resi-
he was my intimate friend
We were together as trus-
rds of the M. E. Church,
nday-school, prayer-meeting
rvices of the Church he was
His regular attendance,
Christian wife and cheerful
herself a true Christian,
e which, if followed by all
ld make the Church what
means for the salvation of
ow our little band missed

them when they left! Those true to their Church vows to attend upon its ordinances and support its institutions will ever be missed. Why should the unfaithful be missed? During his protracted illness he manifested his faith in God by the Christian fortitude and patience only displayed by those who rely upon his promises and leave all to him who asks us to cast our burdens on him. A good man is dead. Dead? No. He has simply moved from a land of sorrow to one of joy. His beloved wife and daughter do not grieve for him. They have heartfelt sorrow, but only as for one who is temporarily absent, to be rejoined in a brief period in eternal bliss. Their trust is in Him who has promised to sustain them in their bereavement. They know his promises never fail. Thus they are happy in their bereavement. God be with them in their sadness, comfort and cheer them, is our prayer, offered in faith, well knowing he has promised this and his promises never fail.

GEO. W. L. FLY.

Victoria, Texas.

RUTLEGE.—December 17, 1864, Isabella Rutlege was born, and May 11, 1899, she departed this life. She had joined the Church several years before her decease, and this relation was sustained through the remainder of her sojourn here. Being in bad health, she did not for some time attend much the services at the sanctuary. She sought health here and there, but no relief came. Then death clipped the cord and her spirit passed beyond the stars into the very presence of the Almighty. Five little children remain in the hands of the Lord and their father. May heaven's blessing smile on them and on their father. But, oh, who can fill the place of mother? God grant that they may all meet again, to spend eternity together in glory.

J. T. GRISWOLD, Pastor.

MAYS.—Rebekah, daughter of Rev. C. W. and Sarah Warren, was born January 17, 1823, in East Tennessee; was married December 4, 1849, to Abraham Mays; moved to Texas in 1859 and settled in the town of Jefferson; departed this life July 23, 1899. These dates cover a period of seventy-six years. Who knows of the difficulties, disappointments and trials, or the triumphs, successes and joys of those seventy-six years? Sister Mays did not remember the date of her conversion. The child of a Methodist preacher, she was a Christian from childhood. Her seat is vacant in the Church and around the fireside. Her hands will no more minister to loved ones here. She leaves an aged husband, two daughters and one son to mourn her departure. God bless and save them all.

L. A. BURK.

REED.—Ebbie Reed was born in Lamar County, Texas, in 1882, and died July 4, 1899. He professed religion in 1896 and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived a consistent life till God called him to a home beyond the skies. Ebbie was an exception of a young man—true to the Church, and a devoted Sunday-school scholar. He is gone, but still lives where death is no more. "Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his saints."

R. L. McINTYRE, P. C.

Northwest Texas Conference.

Vernon District.—Fourth Round.

Chilicothe, at Wheatland...Oct. 21, 22
Quanah sta, at Quanah.....Oct. 28, 29
Childress cir, at Childress.....Oct. 30
Vernon sta, at Vernon.....Nov. 4, 5

C. W. Daniel, P. E.

Abilene District—Fourth Round.

Clyde mis.....Oct. 21, 22
Baird sta.....Oct. 21, 22
Big Springs.....Oct. 24
Midland sta.....Oct. 25
Cottonwood cir.....Oct. 28, 29
Putnam cir.....Oct. 29, 30
Snyder cir.....Nov. 4, 5
Colorado sta.....Nov. 3, 5
Colorado mis.....Nov. 6
Merkel and Sweetwater.....Nov. 9
Buffalo Gap cir.....Nov. 11, 12
Missionary Institute, Abilene..Sept. 14, 17
Opening sermon by Rev. J. S. Tunnell.

J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Gatesville District.—Fourth Round.

Lampasas sta, 8 p. m.....Oct. 20
Coperas Cove cir.....Oct. 21, 22
Killeen and Nolanville, 8 p. m....Oct. 23
Valley Mills cir, 11 a. m.....Oct. 25
McGregor.....Oct. 28, 29
Meridian, 8 p. m.....Oct. 31
Gatesville sta.....Nov. 4, 5

J. G. Putman, P. E.

Dublin District—Fourth Round.

Proctor, at Proctor.....Oct. 21, 22
Green's Creek, at Harbin.....Oct. 24
Carbon, etc., at Jewell.....Oct. 26
Sipe Springs, at Sipe Springs.....Oct. 27
Rising Star, etc., at Rising S..Oct. 28, 29
Desdemonia.....Nov. 4, 5
De Leon.....Nov. 5, 6

E. F. Boone, P. E.

Brownwood District.—Fourth Round.

Santa Anna cir.....Oct. 21, 22
Fleming mis, at Enery.....Oct. 27
Center City, at Center City.....Oct. 28
Lometa mis.....Oct. 31
Goldthwaite.....Nov. 2
Glencove cir, at Glencove.....Nov. 2
Coleman sta, 2 p. m.....Nov. 2
Indian Creek.....Nov. 4, 5
Zephyr.....Nov. 5, 6
Brownwood sta.....Nov. 8
Comanche sta.....Nov. 10
Comanche cir.....Nov. 11, 12

O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Corsicana District—Fourth Round.

Horn Hill cir.....Oct. 21, 22
Groesbeck sta., at Groesbeck....Oct. 22, 23
Thornton cir.....Oct. 25
Armour cir.....Oct. 28, 29
Corsicana sta., at Corsicana.....Nov. 1
Corsicana cir.....Nov. 2

E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Waco District—Third and Fourth Rounds.

Abbott, at Abbott.....Oct. 21, 22
West, at West.....Oct. 22, 23
Aquilla, at Red Point.....Oct. 24
Mart.....Oct. 28, 29
Mt. Calm.....Nov. 2
Lorena, at Spring Valley.....Nov. 4, 5
Bruceville, at Mooreville.....Nov. 5, 6
Waco, Morrow Street, 7:30 p. m..Nov. 7
Waco, Fifth Street, 7:30 p. m.....Nov. 8
Waco, Elm Street, 7:30 p. m.....Nov. 9
Bosqueville, at Bosqueville....Nov. 11, 12

Sam'l P. Wright, P. E.

Weatherford District—Fourth Round.

Huckabay.....Oct. 21, 22
Palo Pinto.....Oct. 25
Weatherford mis.....Oct. 28, 29
Couts Memorial.....Nov. 4, 5
First Church, Weatherford.....Nov. 11, 12

Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Fourth Round.

Smithfield, at Smithfield.....Oct. 21, 22
Grapevine, at Grapevine.....Oct. 22, 23
Azle, at Bluff Springs.....Oct. 24
resson, at Acton.....Oct. 28, 29
olytechnic.....Oct. 30
East Cleburne, at Price Chapel....Nov 4, 5
Cleburne sta.....Nov. 5, 6
West Cleburne.....Nov. 6
Burleson, at Denton Chapel....Nov. 11, 12
Marystown and Joshua, at J...Nov. 12, 13

R. R. Bolton, P. E.

Clarendon District—Fourth Round.

Childress, at Elba.....Oct. 21, 22
Wellington.....Oct. 24
Clarendon cir.....Oct. 26
Higgins.....Oct. 28, 29
Canyon City, at Canyon City....Nov. 4, 5
Clarendon sta.....Oct. 11, 12

G. S. Hardy, P. E.

Georgetown District—Fourth Round.

Moffatt.....Oct. 21, 22
Temple, Seventh Street.....Oct. 22, 23
Temple, First Church.....Oct. 23
Holland.....Oct. 24
Salado.....Oct. 25
Bartlett.....Oct. 28
Georgetown.....Oct. 29
Liberty Hill.....Nov. 3
Bertram.....Nov. 4, 5
Burnett.....Nov. 5, 6
Rogers.....Nov. 9
Florence.....Nov. 11, 12

W. L. Nelms, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Fourth Round.

Grandview, at Grandview.....Oct. 21, 22
Alvarado, at Cahill.....Oct. 22, 23
Venus and St. Paul, at Venus...Oct. 28, 29
Midlothian, at M.....7 p. m., Oct. 28, 29
Red Oak, at Long Branch..11 a. m., Oct. 30
Mountain Peak, at Bethel.....Nov. 4, 5
Foreston, at Foreston.....Nov. 5, 6
Waxahachie, at Waxahachie....Nov. 11, 12

Horace Bishop, P. E.

West Texas Conference.

San Antonio District.—Fourth Round.

Trais Park & Flores st. 4th Sun in Oct
Prospect Hill and South Heights 5th Sun in Oct
Sherman st.....Oct. 30
West End.....Oct. 27

B. Harris, P. E.

Llano District—Fourth Round.

Ingram cir.....Oct. 20
Kerrville sta.....Oct. 21-23
Center Point.....9 a. m., Oct. 23
Bandera cir., Medina.....8 p. m., Oct. 23
Selma cir.....Oct. 28, 29

I. K. Waller, P. E.

San Marcos District—Fourth Round.

San Marcos cir.....Oct. 21, 22
Lockhart sta.....Oct. 23
Kyle and Pleasant Grove.....Oct. 26
Dripping Springs.....Oct. 28, 29

I. T. Morris, P. E.

Beeville District—Fourth Round.

Rockport cir.....Oct. 21, 22

J. M. Alexander, P. E.

San Angelo District—Fourth Round.

Menardville and Junction, at M. Oct. 21, 22
Mason cir.....Thur., Oct. 26
Pontotoc cir.....Sat., Oct. 28

Theophilus Lee, P. E.

North Texas Conference.

Bonham District—Fourth Round.

White Rock.....4th Sun. Oct
Petty...4th Sun. Oct., at night and Monday
Brookston.....5th Sun. Oct
Lannius.....1st Sun. Nov.
Fannin.....2d Sun. Nov
Bonham.....3d Sun. Nov

T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Bowie District—Fourth Round.

Alvord.....Oct. 21, 22
Chico.....Oct. 22, 23
Gibtown.....Oct. 28, 29
Boonsville.....Oct. 29, 30
Crafton.....Nov. 4, 5
Bowie cir.....Nov. 11, 12

F. O. Miller, P. E.

Sherman District—Fourth Round.

Bells.....Oct. 21, 22
Pilot Grove.....Oct 28, 29
Whitewright sta.....Oct 29, 30
Denison sta.....Nov. 5, 6
Whitesboro, cir.....Wed. Nov 8
Gordonville.....Nov. 11, 12
Gunters.....Nov. 18, 19

J. R. Wages, P. E.

Gainesville District—Fourth Round.

Sanger, at Bolivar.....Oct. 21, 22
Roanoke and Pando, at Justin..Oct. 28, 29
Dexter, at Dexter.....Nov. 4, 5
Woodbine.....Nov. 11, 12
Aubrey.....Nov. 18, 19

J. M. Rinkley, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District.—Fourth Round.

Fairlie, 3 p. m.....Oct. 20
County Line, 11 a. m.....Oct. 21, 22
Campbell, at Shady Grove, 3 p. m.Oct. 26
Leonard, at Blanton's C., 3 p. m...Oct. 27
Celeste and Lane, at Celeste, 11 a. m. Oct. 28,29
Wolfe City sta, 10 a.m, preach night before.. Oct. 30
Sulphur Springs sta, 8 p. m.....Oct. 31
Mt. Vernon, at Center Point, 3 p. m.Nov. 2
Reily Springs, at Shooks' Chap., 11 a. m Nov. 4, 5
Cumby, at Wise, 11 a. m.....Nov. 11, 12

C. B. Fladger P. E.

Dallas District—Fourth Round.

Denton.....Oct. 22
Cochran.....Oct. 28, 29
First Church.....Nov. 5
Wheatland.....Nov. 11
Oak Lawn.....11 a. m., Nov. 12

No dirt escapes
Pearline

Haskell.....8 p. m., Nov. 12
Cedar Hill.....Nov. 18
Trinity.....11 a. m., Nov. 19
Floyd.....8 p. m., Nov. 13

Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Greenville District—Fourth Round.

Bethel, at Little Elm.....4th Sun. Oct.
Weston, at Cottage Hill.....5th Sun. Oct
McKinney.....Oct. 30
Blue Ridge.....1st Sun. Nov.
Farmersville.....Nov. 6
Lone Oak.....2d Sun. Nov.
Merit.....3d Sun. Nov.

I. S. Ashburn, P. E.

Terrell District—Fourth Round.

Wylie, at Pleasant Valley.....Oct. 21, 22
Forney, at Forney.....Oct. 28, 29
Terrell cir, at Eden.....y....Oct. 31
Mesquite, at Segoville.....Nov. 4, 5
Reinhardt, at Rowlett.....Nov. 8
Crandall, at Crandall.....Nov. 11, 12
Kemp.....Nov. 18, 19
Gray's Prairie.....Nov. 18, 19

I. W. Clark, P. E.

Paris District—Fourth Round.

Woodland cir., at Woodland....Oct. 21, 22
Blossom and Reno, at Blossom..Oct. 22, 23
Rosalie cir., at Rosalie.....Oct. 28
Deport cir., at Deport.....Oct. 29, 30
Maxey cir.....Nov. 4, 5
Emberson cir.....Nov. 5, 6
Lake Creek cir.....Nov. 8
Powderly.....Nov. 10
Roxton.....Nov. 11, 12
West Paris sta.....Nov. 18, 19

W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.

East Texas Conference.

Marshall District—Fourth Round.

Kellyville cir, at Shiloh.....Oct. 21
Jefferson sta.....Oct. 22, 23
North Side, at North Side.....Oct. 28
Marshall sta.....Oct. 29, 30
Harrison cr, at Willis.....Nov. 4, 5
Arleston cir, at Zion.....Nov. 9
Beckville cir, at Beckville.....Nov. 11, 12
Henderson cir.....Nov. 15
Church Hill, at Church Hill....Nov. 18, 19
Kilgore cir, at Kilgore.....Nov. 25, 26
Coffeeville cir.....Dec. 2, 3
Henderson sta.....Dec. 9, 10

Trustees will please prepare to answer question 27.

L. M. Fowler, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round.

Winfield cir, at Bridge's Chapel..Oct 21, 22
Linden cir, at Union Chapel.....Oct 28, 29
Dalby and DeKalb, at DeKalb..Fri., Nov. 3
New Boston, at New Boston.....Nov 4, 5
Leesburg cir, at Leesburg.....Wed, Nov 8
Naples cir, at Naples.....Nov 11, 12
Quitman cir, at Liberty.....Nov 18,19
Daingerfield cir, at Daingerfield..Nov 25, 26
Redwater mis, at Maud.....Fri, Dec 1
Fairview and Rose Hill, at Fairview.....Sat., Dec 2
Texarkana, State Line, at State Line.....Dec 3, 4
Musgrove cir, at Marvin's Chapel..Dec 9, 10

T. P. Smith, P. E.

Tyler District—Fourth Round.

Wills Point mis.....Oct. 21, 22
Wills Point sta.....Oct. 22, 23
Edom, at Ben Wheeler.....Nov. 4, 5
Lindale cir.....Nov. 11, 12
Canton, at Edgewood.....Nov. 18, 19
Emory cir.....Nov. 25, 26
Mineola sta.....Nov. 26, 27
Troupe and Overton, at T.....Dec. 2, 3
Whitehouse cir.....Dec. 9, 10
Tyler, Marvin.....Dec. 10, 11

John Adams, P. E.

Beaumont District—Fourth Round.

Leggett mis, at Oakdale.....Oct. 20, 21
Livingston, at Livingston.....Oct. 21, 22
Beaumont mis, at Grigsby's Bluff. Oct. 28, 29
Beaumont sta.....Oct. 29, 30
Jasper and Kirbyville, at Jasper, Nov. 4, 5
Jasper mis.....Nov. 11, 12
Newton mis, at Call.....Nov. 16, 17
Farr's Chapel.....Nov. 18, 19
Port Bolivar.....Nov. 25, 26
Sabine Pass and Port Arthur, at Sabine, Dec. 2, 3
Orange.....Dec. 9, 10

T. J. Milam, P. E.

Palestine District—Fourth Round.

Crockett cir, at Jones' school-house, Oct. 21, 22
Crockett sta.....Oct. 22, 23
Trinity and Lovelady, at T.....Oct. 29, 30
Wells mis, at Clawson's M.....Nov. 4, 5
Brushy Creek cir, at Mt. Vernon, Nov. 11, 12
Groveton cir, at Pleasant Hill..Nov. 18, 19
Alto cir.....Nov. 25, 26
Jacksonville cir.....Nov. 29
Holcomb cir.....Dec. 2, 3
West Palestine mis.....Dec. 6
Grapeland cir.....Dec. 9, 10

V. A. Godbey, P. E.

San Augustine District—Fourth Round.

Timpson, at Timpson.....Oct. 21, 22
Appleby, at Pine Grove.....Oct. 28, 29
Homer cir.....Nov. 4, 5
Lufkin.....Nov. 5, 6
Sexton.....Nov. 11, 12
Hemphill.....Nov. 14
Center sta, at Center.....Nov. 18, 19
Shelbyville, at Shelbyville.....Nov. 20
Melrose.....Nov. 25, 26
Minden.....Dec. 2, 3
Carthage.....Dec. 9, 10

J. T. Smith, P. E.

Texas Conference.

Houston District—Fourth Round.

Sandy Point, at Missouri City..Oct. 22, 23
El Campo, at El Campo.....Oct. 29, 30
Wharton and H., at Wharton..Oct. 30, 31
Matagorda, at Deming's Bridge..Nov. 4, 5
Washington St.....Wed. night, Nov. 8
Richmond.....Nov. 11, 12
McKee St.....Wed. night, Nov. 15
Rosenberg, at Varner's Creek..Nov. 18, 19
Columbia and Brazoria, at C..Nov. 19, 20
St. James.....Wed. night, Nov. 22
Dickinson, at League City....Nov. 25, 26
Alvin.....Nov. 26, 27
Shearn.....Wed. night, Nov. 29
Tabernacle.....Dec. 2, 3
McAshan Chapel.....Dec. 3, 4

O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.

Austin District—Fourth Round.

Columbus.....Oct. 21, 22
LaGrange.....Oct. 25,
Cedar Creek cir, at Red Rock...Oct. 28, 29
McDade.....Nov. 4, 5
Manor.....Nov. 5, 6
First Street, Austin.....Nov. 11, 12
South Austin.....Nov. 12, 13
Cypress mis, at Jolleyville.....Nov. 18, 19
Merrilltown and Walnut.....Nov. 18, 19
Tenth Street, Austin.....Nov. 25, 26
Hotchkiss Memorial.....Nov. 26, 27
Manchaca.....Dec. 2,

Geo. A. LeClerer, P. E.

Brenham District—Fourth Round.

Mayshell.....Oct. 21, 22
Cameron.....Oct. 28, 29
Caldwell.....Oct. 29, 30
Patterson.....Nov. 4, 5
Sealy.....Nov. 11, 12
Bellville.....Nov. 18, 19
Cameron cir.....Nov. 25, 26
Pleasant Hill.....Dec. 1, 2
Rockdale.....Dec. 2, 3

E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Calvert District—Fourth Round.

Centerville, at Centerville.....Sat., Oct. 21
Jewett cir, at Jewett.....Mon., Oct. 23
Rogers Prairie, at Rogers.....Sat., Oct. 28
Franklin cir, at H.....Sat., Nov. 4
Franklin sta.....Fri., Nov 10
Mt. Vernon cir, at O.....Sat., Nov. 11
Bremond and Reagan, at B...Sat., Nov. 18
Marlin sta.....Mon., Nov. 20
Durango cir.....Fri., Nov. 24
Lott cir.....Sat., Nov. 25
Rosebud cir.....Mon., Nov. 27
Hearne and W., at H.....Sat., Dec. 2
Calvert sta.....Mon., Dec. 4

H. M. Sears, P. E.

Huntsville District—Fourth Round.

Huntsville.....Oct. 22, 23
Prairie Plains, at Farriss Chapel...Oct. 25
Willis.....Oct. 29, 30
Waller cir.....Nov. 4, 5
Hempstead.....Nov. 7
Zion cir, at Zion.....Nov. 11, 12
Courtney and Plantersville cir, at Linn Grove.....Nov. 18, 19
Madisonville cir, at Madisonv....Nov. 25, 26
Bryan.....Dec. 3, 4

J. C. Mickle, P. E.



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Please respond at once, as the roof is now being put on the building, and the children need the room for winter quarters.

Please remit to me at Corsicana.

Yours for the orphans,

ABE MULKEY.

Clarendon, Texas, October 10, 1899.

Bro. Mulkey: Of course I will give you $2 on the Orphanage, to furnish Guests' Chambers. Will hand you same at conference, or if you are not there, will give to Bro. Vaughan. Dr. Stocking, President Board of Trustees for our Training School, asked me to say to you that they had purchased a piano and that your subscription as such would be appreciated at any time. Much love. Yours, G. S. HARDY.

Tyler, Texas, September 7, 1899.

Dear Bro. Mulkey: Just four months ago today the death angel came and broke up our happy little home circle, and snatched from our embrace our little daughter, Lena, the joy of our hearts and the sunshine of our home. All our plans and hopes for happiness in this life were centered in her. She, too, had her life-work mapped out, and often expressed a desire to be useful in the world, and to be like her Savior, "doing about doing good." After Lena was gone, in looking through her books, we found a little note addressed to "Dear Papa," asking him to have one little room built for her, "to be her own property." This morning as we sat in our lonely home, wrestling with our grieving grief, and wondering how we could possibly drag through the long, dreary days of the coming years, without our precious darling, our little boy Gallon's came in and handed us the new Advocate, in which we read your appeal in behalf of the orphanage. The thought came to us, this is our opportunity. If not able at once to furnish a "room" for her in the new orphanage, and to have her precious name engraved upon its consecrated walls. Though her spirit dwells now in that mansion prepared for her by her Savior, and her body sweetly rests in the cemetery, awaiting the resurrection morning, yet her memory will ever be a living, abiding influence in the lives of her parents and brother, and whatever good we may be able to do in the world will be accomplished through the inspiration of her precious life. Enclosed we send money order for $28.65, to furnish one apartment in the new orphanage, to be occupied by little girls about ten years of age, with golden hair and blue eyes perfect blondes, if possible, like our little darling. If the little girls would like to have Lena's picture, we will have one made in pastelle and send to hang over her name, Lena B. Calhoun. We think her sweet face would cheer and brighten the room, and even the lives of the little orphans. We do this for Jesus' sake and in his name, to bless the little orphans and to perpetuate the name of our beautiful darling. We want to pay this our last true tribute from our broken hearts to our own sweet, lovable child, gone from our longing arms and yearning hearts. May the Lord abundantly bless your labors, is our prayer. Yours in Christian love,

REV. AND MRS. J. C. CALHOUN.

P. S. I have the designs of several pretty quilts, which I intended to make for Lena if she had lived. If you will write me the size of bed, whether single or double, I will make two quilts for Lena's room.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

The Committee on Admission and Readmission of the West Texas Conference will meet at San Marcos in the Methodist Church, October 31, at 3 p. m. The presiding elders who have applicants will please meet us. Pastors or laymen who can give any information with regard to the adaptability of the applicants for the itinerant work will also meet with us.

THEOPHILUS LEE,
Chairman of the Committee.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Will the laymen of the four year boards who expect to attend the approaching session of the North Texas Conference send in their names at once? If you do not write us soon we will conclude you do not expect to attend, and homes will not be provided.

J. A. STAFFORD.

Honey Grove, Texas.

NOTICE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The class of the first year will meet the committee at 8 a. m., November 14, at the Methodist Church. The examination will be written.

C. R. WRIGHT,
Chairman of the Committee.

RAILROAD RATES TO WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

All the railroads passing through the territory of the West Texas Conference will sell round trip tickets to San Marcos and return for one and one-third fares. Selling dates are Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 30 and 31. Limited for return passage to November 7. Do not require certificates.

STERLING FISHER, Sec'y.

NOTICE.

The Board of Missions of Northwest Texas Conference will meet in Cleburne at 9 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, November 14, at such place as the pastor shall appoint.

HORACE BISHOP,
President of Board.

NOTICE.

Rev. P. C. Archer will deliver the annual address before the North Texas Conference Brotherhood at Honey Grove on the evening of November 22, in McKenzie Church, at 7:30. All members of the Brotherhood are urged to be present, while a cordial invitation is extended to all members of the North Texas Conference and to the public in general.

J. W. HILL,
President N. T. C. B.

Greenville, Texas, Oct. 16.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Those expecting to attend our approaching session of the North Texas Conference must send in their names before November 1. We can not be held responsible for the entertainment of any one who does not send in the name, and send it in before the first day of November. Do not send word you are coming through some one else, but write it. If you will come in your buggy, say so. This is final. 2. It is impossible to forecast the possible situation of smallpox one month hence. This we are constrained to say: Let no one, preacher, delegate or visitor, who has in the least been exposed to smallpox, or comes from any place where it may be raging at that time, come to the conference. No entertainment can be had in such cases, and besides it might defeat the holding of the conference here at all. The reasonableness of this request is evident. 3. The Committees of Examination, through the Chairmen, will call for their classes as follows: First and fourth year, McKenzie Church; the second year, Cumberland Presbyterian Church; the third year, the Christian Church; admission on trial, the Baptist Church.

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Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," one of the most widely read books in the English language, has written an article which establishes the practicability of the teachings of Christianity as set forth in his book, which have been put to the test in innumerable religious bodies the world over. Mr. Sheldon declined to write for publication anything relating to his individual work in applying his teachings of "In His Steps," until others were convinced that those teachings were applicable to every-day affairs. He has now taken up his pen and shown that the question "What Would Christ Do?" may be answered by every Christian, and the precept followed. "Is Christianity Practical in Worldly Affairs?" will be published in the November Ladies' Home Journal.

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J. R. MILES, Local Preacher,
Belcher, Texas.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Sept. 28. N. G. Orment, sub. W. J. Lemons, has attention. W. B. Wilson, has attention. S. W. Turner, sub.

Sept. 29. I. M. Woodward, sub. C. E. Gallagher, sub. C. B. Smith, has attention. D. A. Gregg, has attention.

Oct. 2. Jno. W. Goodwin, sub. R. A. Hall, change made. J. W. Long, sub. W. Wootton, has attention.

Oct. 4. G. J. Irvin, subs. J. J. Canafax, subs. W. T. Melugin, sub. J. H. Chambliss, ok. G. R. Hughes, has attention. W. H. H. Biggs, subs.

Oct. 5. J. D. Odom, has attention. Nath Thompson, ok. N. B. Read, sub. New Harris, sub.

Oct. 6. C. M. Threadgill, sub. P. C. Archer, change made. C. E. Gallagher, subs.

Oct. 7. M. S. Gardner, sub. Sam C. Vaughan, has attention. Chas. A. Hooper, sub. J. M. Bond, sub. Jno. M. Barens, has attention. G. S. Sandell, ok. O. S. Thomas, sub. Jas. A. Walkup, has attention. J. W. Harmon, sub.

Oct. 9. C. C. Davis, sub. J. W. Long, sub. W. T. Morrow, sub. P. L. Smith, sub. Mac M. Smith, sub.

Oct. 10. Jerome Duncan, sub. M. S. Gardner, sub. J. L. Dawson, sub. J. M. Holt, sub. Morris Evans, sub. J. R. Murray, sub.

Oct. 11. J. N. Braswell, sub. W. T. Harris, sub. C. D. West, sub. W. P. Garvin, sub. Sam'l B. Sawyers, sub. F. E. Hammond, sub.

Oct. 12. J. A. Ruffner, has attention. W. B. Patterson, sub's. L. B. Gordon, sub.

Oct. 13. S. C. Biddle, sub. J. G. Miller, sub. J. Sam Barens, subs.

Oct. 14, 16. Mrs. A. M. Ireland, sub. J. J. Canafax, subs. S. J. Vaughan, sub. J. T. Elmsworth, sub. R. C. Armstrong, sub. J. F. Vinson, sub. L. M. Broyles sub.

Oct. 17. J. H. Trimble, has attention. I. T. Stafford, sub. O. S. Thomas, sub. J. J. Canafax, subs., 2 cards.

MARRIAGE NOTICES.

At the Methodist Church in Bertram, Texas, October 4, 1899, Mr. Sam Sanford and Miss Mabel Riley, Rev. Sam C. Vaughan officiating.

In the Methodist Church, McGregor, Texas, October 12, 1899, Mr. J. E. Wright and Mrs. Henrietta M. Spross, Rev. J. H. Braswell officiating.

On September 10, 1899, at the Elm Street parsonage, in Waco, Texas, Mr. J. Q. Adams and Miss Nellie Thompson, Rev. Jas. A. Ruffner officiating.

At the Central Hotel, in Waco, Texas, on September 21, 1899, Mr. R. F. Dumar and Miss Lottie Lee, Rev. Jas. A. Ruffner officiating.

At Honey Grove, Texas, on October 11, 1899, Mr. H. W. Lovell and Miss Ruth McGaughey, Rev. W. R. Bayless officiating.

At the home of the bride's father, near Mills Chapel, October 11, 1899, Mr. G. W. Head and Miss Lillie Bolte, all of McLennan County, Rev. J. A. Rogers officiating.

At the home of the bride's father, Patrick, McLennan County, Texas, October 14, 1899, Mr. W. A. Wyatt and Miss Cora Meek, Rev. J. A. Rogers officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Henry Jinks, October 15, 1899, Mr. J. E. Grizzard and Miss Maud Stewart, of Navarro County, Texas, Rev. W. H. Crawford officiating.

At the residence of the bride's parents, near Orphans' Home, Texas, October 8, 1899, Mr. Lee Bennett and Miss Allee Robinson, Rev. N. G. Ormont officiating.

In the Methodist Church, in Lometa, Texas, October 15, 1899, at 4:30 p. m., Mr. J. W. Bonner and Miss Elizabeth Gaedke, Rev. Geo. F. Fair officiating.

In Mexia, Texas, October 10, 1899, by Rev. T. J. Duncan, Mr. Chas. N. Watson of Wortham, and Miss May Beauchamp, of Mexia.

October 17, 1899, in Mexia, Texas, by Rev. T. J. Duncan, Mr. T. A. White and Mrs. Mary Long, both of Mexia, Texas.

At the residence of the bride's mother, in Mertens, Texas, at 8:30 o'clock a. m., October 15, 1899, by Rev. J. P. Mussett, Rev. C. M. Ward and Mrs. Eula Tadlock.

A quiet hour spent alone with God at the beginning of the day is the best beginning for the toils and cares of active business. A brief season of prayer, looking above for wisdom and grace and strength, and seeking for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, helps us to carry our religion into the business of the day. It brings joy and peace within the heart. And as we faithfully strive to do our Father's will we have a joyful trust that however dark or discouraging events may appear, his hand is guiding everything and will give the wisest direction to all our toils.—Author Unknown.



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EDITORIAL.

THE PEACE OF THE CHURCH.

There is less excuse for the existence of strife in our Church than in any other Church organization in Christendom. This grows out of the fact that our doctrines are consistent, our polity is well-night perfect, and our connectionalism is a unit. There is no conflict in our system from its beginning to its end. It constitutes one harmonious whole. Our doctrinal teachings are so lucid that even the dullest mind among us is put to no sort of trouble in understanding them. They are founded upon no finely spun theories or nebulous distinctions, but upon the plain statements of Bible truths. Our Twenty-five Articles of Faith embody and present these doctrines in their simplicity, and there is no pretext for misunderstanding any portion of them. They have stood the test of criticism and their scriptural integrity is invulnerable. They contain the word of God, and around them our Church has grown into symmetry and evangelical efficiency.

It follows then that our polity is a divinely approved method for the proclamation of these doctrines to the children of men. Through it we have succeeded in giving the gospel to the great outlying multitudes of mankind. We do not wait for them to come to us, but armed with the Spirit of God and actuated by a desire to save the lost, we go in quest of them. Wherever men pitch their tents even upon the outskirts of civilization, our system furnishes a preacher to carry the truths of the Bible to their humble abodes. And the laws of the Church which support and protect this system are just and equitable to the polity itself and to the men upon whose fidelity it depends. If any of them are guilty of improper conduct or of worse offenses, this system calls its laws into service and their innocence or guilt is established and the matter is adjusted and the work goes right on as though nothing had transpired. This holds good with the laity and the ministry alike. Within one week any sort of trouble in the congregation or in the conference can be brought to permanent conclusion. Every offender has his specified tribunal, and the law is ample to take care of the interests of all issues and parties involved. When these tribunals deliver their decisions then the matter is at an end. And our connectionalism is so complete that it matters not where the trouble may locate itself, the results above indicated are sure to follow. Festering sores can not continue upon our body ecclesiastic. We stand prepared for all emergencies, and whenever they develop we have the remedy at hand. There is, therefore, no excuse for strife and contention in our form of Church government. The wisdom growing out of more than a hundred years of experience has fortified us against any trouble of this character. Our whole system is conducive to the maintainance of peace in the ministry and membership of our Church. He who wantonly disturbs the peace of the Church after her courts have passed upon the matters in dispute is not in harmony with her practical usages. He is a dis-