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EDITORIAL.

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TRANSLATED BY BISHOP KEENER.

O that wrathful, direful, fiery day!
When ages into ashes, all, shall melt away,
As seen by David's light, and Sibyl's mystic ray.

With trembling terror do we now await
The coming Judge, in high angelic state;
Each life to weigh, and measure out its fate.

Through regions of the dead, in piercing tone,
The latest trump shall drown each final groan,
And hurrying myriads gather at the Throne.

Then Death, and Nature, stunned with fear,
Shall see the long-since dead, now reappear,
And stand before the Judge, their doom to hear.

O beauteous King, of Majesty supreme!
Who saving, saves with grace extreme,
Save me, Thou Spring of Mercy's deepest stream!

O Jesus, Thou didst come my debt to pay,
Now me remember in that fearful day,
And from Thy presence turn me not away.

Faint and weary, Thou didst search for me,
And by Thy passion bought me, on the tree.
Shall all this labor, Lord, bring naught to Thee!

Sprung from a sin-convicted race,
Sin makes me groan, and crimsons all my face;
Yet spare, O Lord, I supplicate Thy grace!

O woeful day of crimes, and sadness!
O awful doom of flames, and madness!
Call me to Thee, Thou King of Life and gladness!

Ah, day of wonder, day of weeping!
When angels come to do the reaping,
When man from ashes reappears,
Let Mercy, Lord, then wipe away his tears!

"Cherry Wild," Ocean Springs, Sept. 4, 1896.

THE LOVE AND PURSUIT OF NATURE.

The love and pursuit of nature constitute one of the marked characteristics of the age. The fear which once filled the heart of man when contemplating vast oceans and illimitable continents has vanished. Astrology proves that the race once believed that life and destiny were determined by physical influences—by the positions and movements of suns, planets and stars. But the era of discovery has lifted the veil of mystery which formerly hung over the earth. Science has dissipated the superstition which once accounted for an "ill-starred" life by the prophecies of the horoscope. Nature is not an enemy, but a friend. We find nourishment upon her motherly bosom. Her breath is life and health. Her voice is music and her fair face is an everlasting charm.

Man's former attitude toward nature has been completely revolutionized. The term "outing" is a coinage to express a new experience. Traveling over continents is a fashion. The mountain-side, the seaboard and the watering-place are thronged. Landscape beauty was never so attractive. Men and women find in their annual tours and vacations a solace hitherto undreamed of. Country life with its wholesome pleasures and idyllic fascinations comes to the front again. We hail it as a good omen.

The yearly outing when wisely planned and temperately enjoyed is fraught with manifold and inestimable blessings. The change, bringing as it does new sights and sounds, fresh breezes and ozone-laden air, can not but contribute to health and life. There must be relaxation. The bow must be unstrung or lose its resiliency. There is a tonic in natural influences. The green woods and the green fields touch us only to stimulate and heal. Needed rest and recreation should be sought as a matter of duty and conscience. These periodical visitations to springs and mountains are a positive boon to thousands. They mean longer life, better health, deeper happiness and more and better work. We trust that the annual outing will be incorporated so thoroughly and permanently into American life as that nothing shall ever eliminate it therefrom.

The intellectual and spiritual influences accruing from this contact and communication with the world are just simply incalculable. Modern scientific instruction has made nature boundlessly suggestive. Problems are constantly looming up which demand solution. The attempt to penetrate these secrets braces and enlarges the mind. The constant brooding over the wide and varied landscape can not but refresh the jaded intellect and broaden and brighten our views. The intellectual results of a vacation can not be formulated or expressed in statistical tables. Nevertheless they are real and they are abundant. The capacity to observe accurately is a first-rate endowment, and the opportunity to exercise it ought to be rated as a God-send. The mind should lie fallow like a field, for thus its reproductive power can be indefinitely enlarged.

Frederick W. Robertson said somewhere that nature was a sacrament. It is a sign of the spiritual and a conductor of divine influences to the soul. This is perhaps the chief benefit of dwelling in solitude—the opportunity of communion with God. David saw the glory of God in the heavens. Devout souls have seen the same thing ever since. When under the spell of nature the heart turns instinctively to God. Through this channel our prayerful thoughts and devout aspirations mount heavenward. Landscape beauty is radiant with the presence of God. The fields are full of psalms as in the days of the Shepherd King. Out-of-door voices breathe out oracular responses. The groves are God's first temples.

Happy he who can turn aside from the busy haunts and ways of men and repose for a little while at least upon that motherly bosom which still offers a refuge to her wearied daughters and sons! Happy he who can see the entrancing loveliness of earth and sky and behind them a deeper charm and truth! Happy he to whom "the universe is one vast symbol of God" and who can make creation a temple of prayer and praise!

Connectional News.

Dr. A. P. Parker contributes the following distressing news to the Church:

"Bro. M. B. Hill had a stroke of paralysis last Thursday morning, by which the whole of his left side is rendered helpless." This is sad news. Bro. Hill has been suffering from "terrific and apparently incurable headaches" for two years. He had been given permission to return home by the board, but was detained on account of the health of his wife.

Miss Laura Haygood sends this message from Bro. Hill: "I fell in the midst of the battle, and have been put on an ambulance and taken to the rear."

The failure in collections at home kept this man two years longer on the foreign field than he should have been. The furlough comes too late, and we have lost one of our ablest and most consecrated missionaries. The Board and the Secretaries are powerless to appropriate and administer when the Church fails to furnish the funds. Under the present strain we will lose other workers if relief does not come soon. The distressed and invalid wife requests the prayers of the entire Church. Let them be offered for Sister Hill, her husband, and the dear little baby who has come into their home since the stroke of paralysis.

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Rev. J. C. C. Newton, D. D.: Our mission college, the Kwansei Gakuin, situated two miles from the city of Kobe, has just closed the most successful year it has ever had. In the academic department Dr. S. H. Wainwright, principal, the attendance has been larger than ever before. Moreover, notwithstanding the fact that a large number of the students when they matriculated knew nothing at all about the Christian religion, the religious spirit of the students toward the close was most satisfactory. These heathen students, many of them, had been blessed by their sojourn in the school.

In the Biblical department we have had three classes, of which the third-year English and fourth-year vernacular have been graduated. The closing exercises took place last Sunday and Monday, 28th and 29th of June. It was a time for gratitude to see five excellent young men, after having taken a full theological course of study, stand up for the last time together and receive their diplomas and a few words of counsel from Bro. Yoshioka, our president, preparatory to going out into the active work of a Methodist preacher. They will join the conference on trial at the next annual session. These young brethren will, if I am not greatly mistaken, do faithful and efficient service. They will preach a sound gospel to their fellow countrymen. They know the gospel. They no doubt will be called to meet trials. Their salaries as preachers are and will be very scant, so small, indeed, that one charge cannot be laid against them—namely, that they are preaching for money. Some of them will not get more in the way of support than many a coolie in this land, or cook in the settlements.

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Rev. E. E. Carraway alludes thus to the late Denver Conference:

This was Bishop Galloway's first visit to the Colorado field, and he captivated everybody who came within touch. He sustained the dignity of his high office, and yet made everyone feel that he was a Methodist preacher. His sermons and addresses fully met the large expectations of those who had heard of his wonderful gift or oratory. His address to the candidates for admission into full connection was characterized as "eloquent, pungent and intensely practical."

With us was also Dr. David Morton, who was at his best. Sturdy as ever in demanding at the hands of preachers and people the largest consideration for the interests of the great department he so worthily represents, there was yet a charm about him this time that made his visit a benediction, and his host and hostess were delighted with their conference guest.

With one exception, every preacher's report sparkled more or less with hopefulness, a fact which the Bishop was quick to observe. There has been a net increase in membership of 202, or 22 per cent; about the same percentage of increase in Sunday-school members, and a much larger per centage of increase in Epworth Leagues; while the number of W. P. and H. M. Societies more than double.

Our preachers were invited to occupy the pulpits of the various denominations in the city and all acquitted themselves with credit.

General Church News.

The Northwestern Advocate: Prof. Harnack advises the Berlin Academy of Sciences that a number of manuscripts of the highest value in their bearings upon the history of the early Church have been discovered at Cairo by Dr. Karl Schmidt, a resident. One of them, dating from the fifth century, contains a Coptic translation of three Gnostic writings of the second century—"The gospel according to Mary," "The Wisdom of Jesus Christ," and "The practice of Peter." "The gospel of Mary" consists mainly of the revelation of John;" the "wisdom of Jesus" consists of questions addressed to the Master by his disciples and his answers; and the "practice of Peter" is a narrative of one of Peter's miracles of healing. According to Prof. Harnack the value of this document consists "not only in the fact that it hands down old Gnostic writings which have hitherto been unknown to us even by names, but, above all, in the circumstance that one of them was known to Irenaeus, and epitomized by him without any statement of the source from which he derived it. The discovery of this manuscript enables us, for the first time, to test the accounts of Gnostic system, as given by the church fathers, in the light of the original."

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The following reference to the late British Conference from an article in Zion's Herald by Rev. J. D. Pickles will prove interesting to our readers:

The second item of interest was a banquet given by the governing board of the Leys School, a Methodist preparatory school affiliated with the Conference, to Lord Derby, Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Rev. Dr. Ryle, Lord Bishop of Liverpool, the president of the conference, Dr. Randles, and several hundred other celebrities, to which I had the honor of an invitation. The dinner was served in the elegant and spacious banqueting room of the "Adelphi," the leading hotel of Liverpool. Previous to the dinner a reception was held in the parlors by Rev. Dr. Moulton, principal of the school, a man well known to American Methodists and a leader in English Methodism, most able and scholarly. On our entrance to the parlors our names were called out in a stentorian voice by an appointed functionary, I presume as a public introduction to all present. We were then introduced to Dr. Moulton, whom I found to be as affable as he is famous, and then joined the company present. Soon after I arrived I noticed special interest among the guests, and in a moment resounding through the room came the announcement, Lord Derby—or, as they call it, Lord Darby—Lord Mayor of Liverpool. All present did honor to his lordship, and as to myself I looked with no little curiosity and interest on a real live lord. In a few minutes I had the honor of a personal introduction and of a brief conversation. He is of fine presence, most agreeable and easy to approach, the son of the great Lord Derby once Prime Minister of England, and shows all the culture and refinement of inherited and trained nobility. His after-dinner speech was in happiest vein and was especially pleasing to the ministers as cordially acknowledging the validity of their clerical standing and their success as ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

Lord Bishop Ryle of the English Church and Bishop of the Liverpool diocese, was exceedingly pleasant in the short personal interview I had with him. He is a man of stalwart proportions, of flowing white beard and patriarchal appearance and carries his eighty years and more with ease and great dignity. He is recognized as one of the strongest leaders against papal pretensions, and in his speech uttered the strongest and most unequivocal words against the recent advance on the part of some toward the Papacy, evoking a storm of cheers when covertly, and yet to those present clearly, referring to "one in his own diocese" as thus offending, meaning Gladstone and his recent letter to the Pope. It is thought here that Gladstone's letter and parliamentary events in connection with the school question have opened the eyes of Protestant England, that as a result the reaction toward Roman Catholicism has met with a distinct and positive check, and that its force is permanently broken.

THE PRESS.

A Significant Conversation.

The visit of Li Hung-Chang to England was opportune for the publication of the following conversation between the Chinese Viceroy and Count Ito, of Japan, in the recent peace negotiations; but it is doubtful if the English public was given a chance to see it:

H. E. Li: Formosa is very malarious. You lost many lives there before. Most of the Formosans smoke opium in order to counteract the effects of malaria.

H. E. Ito: When we take Formosa we shall forbid opium smoking.

H. E. Li: It is an old habit with the Formosans.

H. E. Ito: Yet Formosa was populated before opium was produced. We have kept opium out of Japanese ports by the most stringent prohibitions, and have, consequently, no opium smokers.

H. E. Li: I admit that.

H. E. Ito: I discussed the question of the prohibition of opium with Minister Yen, and he heartily agreed with me.

H. E. Li: Great Britain insists on bringing opium into our ports. We have increased the duties; but what more can we do?

H. E. Ito: The duty is much too low. Treble the amount would be none too much.

H. E. Li: We have spoken of it frequently, but Great Britain will not consent.

H. E. Ito: Opium smokers are all indolent; you cannot make good soldiers of them.

H. E. Li: Great Britain has forced opium on us, and we cannot stop it.

H. E. Ito: If you devised methods to stop the consumption it would soon cease to be imported.

It ought to make English cheeks mantle with shame to read these words. It is unworthy of our great mother country to insist on perpetrating such a wrong on helpless China.—The Independent.

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"The Complete Angler."

"The Complete Angler," again, is a work of art as well as a manual on angling. Without seeming to do so, he hides what is mean and vulgar in his business, and keeps the reader's attention on what is attractive and beautiful in nature around him. The world he reveals is a fairy-land, or a "Paradise Regained" by the touch of his gentle genius. The charm of an inimitable simplicity is on all he writes. The wisdom of the sage falls, as it were, from the life of a child. In him, too, the social instincts are held in curious contrast to his love of solitude. He had a genius for fellowship, though he most delighted in narrow circles. He delighted in clerical associates, for he was himself semi-ecclesiastical. He was the friend of Donne, King and the great Hooker. The conversations in the "Angler," by the roadway or on the bank of some stream, are always charming. We can well see how his disciple, Charles Cotton, was enchanted by the steady and gentle stream of his talk. His simplicity and honest putting of things reminded one of Emerson. The book abounds in fine sentiment and admirable advice. There are counsels of wisdom as well as beautiful touches of nature.

In fine, the man himself is the charm of the book, in which he is revealed as in a glass case. We see every movement, and are delighted at the revelations of character made in the evolution of the narrative. Most authors do well to remain in the background; but without Walton, the charm of "The Complete Angler" would be essentially diminished. The presence of a man, so simple in his tastes and habits, so gentle in manners, so pure and attractive in his conversation, is a perpetual benediction. We admire the book for the author as well as his story; for he has, in some mysterious way, built himself into the book.—Rev. D. Sherman, D. D., in Western Advocate.

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The Cure of Hydrophobia.

Owing to a most unusual increase of hydrophobia in England, dogs in London are now muzzled; and John Bull in his tight little island can stamp out any disease when he gives his mind to it, if it chances to be one of those communicable specific ones, that modern science has done so much to conquer. In Prussia, since acts for muzzling dogs have been passed and enforced, the disease has almost disappeared from the interior and only occurs along the French and Russian borders. "Stamping out" had a striking illustration in Hawaii when the cholera came there; and it is to be hoped that the portion of New Jersey which has afforded so many cases of hydrophobia within the last few years, may, by united and intelligent action, get rid of it, although it presents great difficulties. It seems as if there could not be left any people in that region, who still bumptiously assert "there isn't any such thing as hydrophobia; it is all in people's imaginations." Granting that this is true, it is sometimes worse to have a diseased imagination than a diseased body; and it was a wise proceeding that was taken by the eleven out of fifteen persons, bitten by a dog on the twenty-ninth of February, who at once made their way to Dr. Gibier's Pasteur Institute. This dog inflicted deep, lacerated wounds on many of these boys, as he ran from Forty-fifth street, south, on the East side. The dog was killed, and an examination showed mud, wood and stones in his stomach—a prima facie proof of his madness, as it is one of the characteristics of mad dogs to swallow everything that comes in their way. Of course, portions of the dog's brain were submitted to the usual treatment to prove whether he was really mad; but as this could not was really mad; but as this could not be determined under fifteen days, the victims took the inoculations at once, thus securing to themselves the advantage and consolation of doing the best thing possible. Pasteur institutes have now been established all over Europe, especially in Russia, whence so many persons bitten by wolves formerly came to Paris. If any one is still left to doubt the beneficence of Pasteur's work, let him read the record of the year 1895 at his original hospital in Paris. At the Pasteur institute in Paris 1,520 persons were treated last year, of whom but two died, the smallest proportion yet attained. In ten years 17,337 persons have been inoculated, 85 of whom died. Nearly a third of the patients last year came from Paris and its neighborhood.—Exchange.

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The Progress of Medicine.

No department of science has made, we may say, as much progress in the past decade as the medical, nor in any profession is anything new and valuable so quickly communicated to all. What was discovered in Berlin or Paris yesterday is put into the practice in Chicago to-day. The medical practice as it existed a score of years ago appears to have been a questioning experimentation with remedies in each individual case, during which search the patient received no benefit. Now success depends on the skill of the physician as a diagnostician. If he can learn the cause and the location of the disease, he attacks it directly and unerringly. He has not yet found the weapons for destroying some of the enemies of vitality, but has made more progress in such discoveries the past ten years than was made in any of the recent centuries, and back of them in any thousand years. The physician can now with certainty overcome the venom of the cobra, rattlesnake or of any reptile. He destroys the poison rabies and of diphtheria in the human system. He excludes the poisons which before baffled the surgeon in his operations and in the treatment of wounds. He can stop pain immediately and control it, pending his remedial measure. He has traced disease from the point of its manifestation where it did not exist, to its true locality and cause. This is pure science, wholly different from the accidental discovery of specifics, and it requires fine talents of perception and reasoning. He devotes his best efforts to the prevention of disease and to the promotion of the public health. Whether the increase of individual longevity is a benefit to the race as a whole, is another question.—The Interior.

Texas Personals.

Rev. S. Crutchfield was a welcome visitor at the office not long since.

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Rev. J. A. Wyatt, of Lewisville, made the ADVOCATE a pleasant call during the week.

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Mr. D. B. Keiper, a life-long Methodist and an old, honored citizen of Dallas, died September 8. The ADVOCATE tenders condolence to the grief-stricken family.

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Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, presiding elder of the Greenville District, was a welcome caller at the ADVOCATE office during the week. Bro. Rippey is conducting the union meeting now in progress in the city. His preaching is is highly appreciated.

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A note from Rev. E. G. Kilgore, of Greenville, informs us that his most estimable wife is in rapidly declining health. We are sorry to hear this sad news and trust that the grace of God will prove abundantly sufficient in this trying hour.

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A private note from Bro. Wright, presiding elder of the Georgetown District, lets us know that he is not away enjoying a vacation as was thought, but he is hard at work and expects the preachers in the district to bring to conference the best reports of their lives.

Southern Methodist Personals.

Florida Advocate: It is announced that Rev. R. T. Du Bose will be transferred back to the North Georgia Conference from the Florida Conference. He has served McTyeire Memorial Church in Jacksonville for several years, and we believe he has continued to be popular and beloved among his people. He made a brave fight against the saloons of Jacksonville last year and his people stood by and gave their voice in his support. May he succeed in the Lord's work wherever he goes.

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Christian Advocate, Nashville: The following note from Dr. James A. Duncan, of Melrose Church, Kansas City, will be read with sad interest: "Miss Elizabeth E. Holding, who for several years has been a teacher of the Bible in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo., died on the afternoon of August 28. As a teacher Miss Holding was invaluable. She possessed rare power of seeing truth, and was equally gifted in imparting it to others. Though reared in the M. E. Church, and teaching for some years under its auspices, yet when she came to Kansas City to teach in the Training School she at once connected herself with our Church and did most efficient work in the Sunday-school and other departments of Church work. The greatest thing Miss Holding did was to live her life. She was a constant inspiration to all who knew her. It did one good to hear her say, 'Good morning,' for, whatever her cares, she was always bright and cheerful. She was as modest, simple, unassuming as a little child. The great lesson of her example is an invaluable possession to the missionary workers in foreign fields who had the privilege of being her pupils during their period of preparation at the Scarritt Bible and Training School. It is idle, however, to try to tell what Miss Holding was. It is no fulsome flattery that says she was Christlike." We had the great pleasure of meeting Miss Holding this summer at Pertle Springs, Mo., and were much delighted with the sweetness of her spirit and the skill with which she handled the Holy Scriptures.

General Personals.

The Northwestern Advocate: Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt gave his daughter Gertrude, who recently married Mr. Harry Payne Whitney, a wedding present of $5,000,000 and celebrated the wedding by giving a handsome check to each of the fifty-two servants that attend himself and family and keep the two houses in order, and by placing a large sum of money in the hands of a trusted friend to be devoted to charity. His health will not permit him to be his own almoner. The gift is believed to be $100,000, and it is to be placed where it will do the greatest good to the greatest number. There are, says Mr. W. E. Curtis, very few more generous men in the world than Cornelius Vanderbilt, and few devote more time and money and labor for the benefit of their fellow-creatures. He is a director in thirty-four public charities or philanthropic institutions, and contributes largely to the support of each. He is Vice-President of the Young Men's Christian Association and President of the Railway Branch, giving his personal attention to its management, and attending the devotional meeting every Sunday afternoon and Thursday evening when he is in the city. He is Senior Warden of St. Bartholomew's Church, and has been Superintendent of the Sunday-school. He has a misison school on the East side also, in which his children are engaged as well as he, so that the demands upon his time from religious and charitable duties are great.

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The Independent: Nansen, the Arctic explorer, has returned to the borders of civilization, bringing with him a wonderful story of perils and successes; but his ship, the "Fram," with ten men on board, is still in the Northern ice, carried in its drift, and no one knows whether it will in time safely cross the pole and return to human knowledge, or whether it will be caught in an unending flux and reflux of ice and never again be heard of—lost to all human knowledge. Starting from a point south of Nova Zembla, August 4, 1893, he entered, with the "Fram," the ice-beset Kara Sea, and was fortunate enough to get through it into the Arctic Ocean north of Siberia. There he went to the eastward till he came near the mouth of the Olenek and Lena Rivers, where he was to take a supply of dogs; but he was caught in the ice and was borne by the wind and ice north of the New Siberian Islands, thence northwest to a point in about latitude 83 deg. north of Cape Chelyuskin, the most northerly point in Asia. Here he and a companion left the "Fram," and started with dogs and sledge across the hummocky ice for the pole. They would have reached it, probably, but the wind took the ice, part of the time, southerly about as fast as they went north. Their highest point was beyond 86 deg., and only two hundred and fifty miles from the pole, far the most northerly point yet achieved by man. Then they were compelled to return by forced marches, depending on their guns for support, and finally found their way, by extraordinary good luck, to Franz Josef Land, north of Nova Zembla, where by another miraculous piece of good luck they fell in with another company of explorers and returned within reach of human knowledge. It is an amazing success except in the one thing which Nansen depended on, namely, a northern drift of the ice. It is now proved that there is no such northern drift, except as the wind prevails from the south. Wind moves the Northern ice, not deep currents, as every one but Nansen believed. The discovery of deep soundings is more interesting than important. He did not find an open sea, but an ice-covered sea, and there is little doubt that it covers the pole. The fact that there was no difficulty in providing food is a very favorable sign for future exploration. But we suspect that the first expedition to reach the pole will go not on the ice, but in the air, unless the "Fram" should be borne by the ice to a yet higher latitude than its commander reached.

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Zion's Herald: Dr. Gordon, so long the devoted and beloved pastor of Clarendon St. Church, this city, was an intense Baptist, loyal to the ideas and usages of his denomination, and a catholic Christian in sympathy with the company of men who in all ages have risen above creed and sect to the higher fellowship found in the experiences, ideas and activities of Christ's kingdom. A delightful memoir, written by his son, takes account of Dr. Gordon in both these aspects. The author tells of his godly ancestry, his training in his New Hampshire home in the Baptist faith, his early struggles for education, and his devotion to and work in the ministry. His descriptions are clear and graphic. To readers outside the Baptist Church the account of Dr. Gordon in the above wider relations will be of great interest. He was a saint of the general church, interested in whatever was good in any sect or faith. His communion was with the great and good of all ages and faiths. His Baptist training never shut him away from those larger views and higher inspirations. He found nourishment in Tauler, Molinos, Thomas a Kempis; in Jeremy Taylor's "Holy Living and Dying," in Fenelon and Richard Baxter, and in the most spiritual writings of his own time. While Dr. Gordon never ceased to be a faithful pastor in his Boston charge, he was devoted to certain specialties, such as missions, preaching to the poor, reform of society, healing by faith, and the coming of the kingdom. Beneath all these was his view of the work of the Spirit. He spoke and wrote books on it and did much to revive an interest in this great theme. Himself imbued with the Spirit, he was remarkably qualified to write such a book as "The Ministry of the Spirit." It was an utterance from the new inner life which made him one of the saintliest of men.

DEVOTIONAL.

God's Promises to David.

David sat gazing through his palace window. How novel his sensations of security and repose! To the fugitive, the forager, there had suddenly come a fixedness of life. The cave, the leafy cover, the tent, had given place to a ceiled dwelling, ample and elegant in the highest art of that day. Through the open window the king in his reverie saw the goodly battlements of a city beautiful for situation, and destined to become so beautiful in itself as to be the joy of all the earth.

That moment his eye rests upon the curtain temple crowning the heights. It is a painful anachronism. However well it may have suited the pilgrim epoch of the nation's history, it is now palpably out of date. Its swaying walls are in strange contrast to the immovable battlements rising on every side. Yet that moth-eaten and shaking tent shrines the nation's palladium and Jehovah's presence.

David's devout heart can scarcely contain itself. He gazes from tesselated floor to fluted cedar column supporting gold-fretted ceilings, and then to the antiquated tabernacle quite ready to dissolve, and cries deprecatingly to his congenial companion, "See, now: I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains!"

Nathan was a trifle precipitate in his answer, when he said, "Go and do all that is in thine heart, for the Lord is with thee." He spoke his own mind, not the Lord's. He could not even claim that "permission" which Paul, in a certain place, assumes in contrast to a positive "commandment."

A psychological basis for the revelation which the prophet received that night is found in the profoundly important and spirited conversation which he had had with the king that day. It is borne in upon his consciousness, as in an audible voice, that, however desirable from the human standpoint, it is not expedient that David should build the proposed temple.

An enterprise so vast requires a period in which plans and specifications shall be matured, and adequate resources and materials gathered. The actual erection of a structure so unique and vast, whose minutest detail and all its wealth of curious furniture is to be spiritually significant requires the undivided attention of a person thoroughly equipped for the task. David is not that person. Additional military undertakings are in store for him before the perpetuity of his royal house is fully assured.

Jehovah, in ineffable condescension, has foresworn a temple, and been satisfied with a tent for four hundred years. There is no need of precipitation now; Jehovah can wait. He has never yet said, "Why build ye me not an house of cedar?" Let the man who proposes to do this thing for God know he would have no power to do it except it were given him of God. Let him remember his lowly origin—the sheep and the sheep-cote.

The "sine qua non" of David's building a house for God is that God shall build one for David. This God will do in the establishment and perpetuation of his dynasty. David's holy ambition shall be consummated in the person of his son, who shall build a house for Jehovah's name.

Punitive judgments may fall upon David's successors, but there shall never be such withdrawal of the Divine favor as in the case of Saul. His house and his kingdom shall be established forever.

So minutely and satisfactorily the will of the Lord touching this matter of the building of a temple is revealed to David by the word and vision of Nathan.—Davis W. Clark, in Western Advocate.

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Religion as an Instinct and Religion as a Life.

It is easy for a man to imagine that because he has religious sensibilities he is, therefore, a religious man. Nebuchadnezzar once pronounced a vigorous confesion of faith in the God of Daniel, and the next thing we know of his doing was to set up a golden image, order all the officers of his realm to prostrate themselves before it, and consign to a horrible death three of the worshipers of that same God whom he had just confessed to be a God of gods, on no other ground than that they declined to paticipate in the idolatry; which shows how little way the religious sense, so apparent in the old Babylonian really goes toward composing a thoroughly, practical religious character; and this belief in the divine, how much sensitiveness to the supernatural, how quick and eager a responsiveness to demonstration of the celestial, what accuracy and soundness of credal statement, without there being in him as yet anything that constitutes him a veritable man of God—without his theism having made the first aproach toward becoming godliness.

The above quoted instance of Nebuchadnezzar is valuable as illustration of a fact needing with some frequency to be pressed home to us, that there may be in a man no end of delicate religious sensibilities and fine religious perceptions, without his being in any manner so related to our religion or to the God of our religion as to have either one or the other the formative material of his character or the determinative principle of his life and behavior. This sense of divine things, which a sinner has just as well as a saint, and which Satan has just as truly as Gabriel, is by no means to be slurred over, but at the same time must not be pushed beyond its proper scope, nor estimated at more than its just worth. It is not religion, it is not character; just as a fine artistic sense is not itself the power to paint, nor the genius to sing. Without the art-sense we could not sing; but its presence in us is no guaranty of song. A musical sense does not make us musical, nor a religious sense make us religious. In the one case it is only such a faculty as makes music possible to us; in the other it is only such a faculty as makes religion possible to us and practicable; it is the skylight up through which the soul gazes into the firmament, with nothing yet to make it certain that the soul itself will rise to the height of its vision or even move in the line of its vision.

This sense of the divine, then, is nothing more than a part of our mental build, not to be escaped, therefore, any more than any other constituent organ of the mind, nor any more to be reckoned as symptomatic or determinative of actual religious character than any other portion of our mental apparatus. This idea of the divine works constructively through almost the entire range of our thinking. It is the broad, deep postulate upon which in one form or another our science and our philosophy are founded. It is the point back to which thought when pushed long and hard enough has to retreat. But all of that is only a necessity of the mind. The mind is made to work in that way. Saintly mind works so; villainous mind works so. There is no religion in the fact, nothing that can of itself take hold of our bad impulses and cripple them, or hold of our good impulses and gather them into the firm knot of a manly purpose, or take hold of us and recreate us till we become renewed men. Religious perceptions have no more power to establish me in the kingdom of Heaven than visual perceptions have to lift me bodily into the air and set me down in Alcyone. We may have God in our thought and in our philosophy, and by the ordination of nature we are obliged to have him there. The critical question is not whether the divine idea regulates our thinking, but whether God regulates us.

It is just such a belief as that that we can have, for instance, in the divineness of nature, about which so much has been prettily and elegantly said. Constituted as the mind is there is something in the notion of God in nature that is immensely satisfying. There is a certain dignity and sublimity pertaining to the world we live upon, and the universe in which we form a part, so soon as it is regarded, all of it as the tabernacle of the divine indwelling, the great body in which the God's soul is incorporated. This doctrine falls into an easy pace with the rhythm of our thoughts. We loved to read those Psalms of David in which the conception comes to its inspired expression. There is a certain majesty in the flow of the thought and the roll of the words; and in the majestical there is always an ingredient of the magical. Men, good men, bad men, no matter which, Christian men and unregenerate, indifferently will read an essay, or attend to a discourse whose single aim it is to illustrate the intimacy that subsists between the processes of God's mind and the processes in the organic and inorganic world; and such discourses, if cleverly and glowingly composed, are received with approbation by all alike, it is a kind of intellectual music; it fills out to the full certain capacities of thought not so often supplied, and that love to feel themselves distended—gives experience of mental expansion, touches us at a point of vigor that enjoys being stirred up to action; there is about it all a thrill that affects us like strains of martial music or the triumphant progressions of an oratorio. But with all the occupation that such a sermon might give to the religious sense, the sermon itself has no religionizing power; it is all inside the realm of art and philosophy still. It does not reveal to us God as a personal fact to whom we are personally related. Men of corrupt taste equally with others can yield to such a sermon delighted attention. It neither convicts them of sin nor reminds them of sin.

Then, again, men derive the same quality of satisfaction from construing history as divinely shaped and organized; all events of it held under contribution to the established purposes of God. Here is the art idea again, not a whit more or less religious than before. It pleases the mind exactly as a skillfully drawn picture does the eye. There is in this that discovery of unity in manifoldness that is always a delight, whether detected on canvas or in marble, in art or in science, in chemistry, botany or astronomy. Of course, the doctrine of God in history can be so presented as to bring disquiet to the unholy and minister confidence to the Christian. But it still remains true that a man who is ungodly, and one even who is low-lived and bestial, if he be a person of any breadth and brilliancy of conception, can derive from the doctrine of God in history a delight that is almost inexpressible, being to him again the source of a kind of mental exhilaration and intoxication, working in the mind an ecstacy without operating at the heart as a reminder or a discipline.

Closely akin to this is the pleasure which even wicked men take in the beauty of holy men's conduct. We delight in the story of a fine, heroic achievement, though we might never have had the courage to do the same deed ourselves. All the world applauds Regulus. There are not many men that would do as Regulus. There are men on all these streets, and some of them come into the churches and pray, who deny God every day, who yet are delighted with the tragic, moral beauty of Meshach in the furnace and Daniel among the lions. Now, if these men appreciated what Daniel in the lion's den meant—that it meant that Daniel would rather die than practice the most inconspicuous treason to Jehovah—and if then they would let the story come close home to their own consciences, not esthetic tastes, not ethical ideals, but their own consciences—truthful, earnest and urgent, the very name "Daniel" would burn its quick, relentless way into the marrow of unsubmitted and self-deceiving souls. And men whose peace has not been made with God come into the house of God, and continue coming, and join in the songs of penitence and praise, every stanza of which is full of condemnation to them if apprehended religiously instead of artistically, and unite in prayers of repentence and pardon-seeking, every clause of which is loaded with rebuke, if understood in the sense in which Christian devotion and an honest pulpit intend it.

All of which shows us that it is possible for men now, as in the old time, to say all kinds of amiable and patronizing things about Jehovah, and even to enter his temple and participate in the service of sacrifice, and yet to come really into no closer relation with God as a personal God, a sovereign, a consuming fire to every man who holds himself aloof in impenitence, a Savior to all them that commit themselves to him in loving obedience, than did Nebuchadnezzar, who complimented God today and burned his worshipers to-morrow. It is time for us all, in the midst of an irresolute generation, to be persuaded and to act upon the persuasion that religion is not artistic delight in a divine idea, but personal loyalty to a divine Savior, a condition in which we take from him our law and our life, and yield to him the allegiance of our heart and our service.—Charles H. Parkhurst, D. D., in the Independent.

OLD AND YOUNG

HENRY'S YOUNG ROBINS.

"Henry, Henry," called Mrs. Ellison from the front door," I want you!

"All right!" came from the hammock, in a tone that seemed to imply "all wrong." Then Henry, a rather slender boy of twelve, started slowly towards the house.

"Errands, I s'pose," he grumbled. "Likely as not down to old Mrs. Hamilton's. What's the good of Saturday, if a fellow's got to trot all day? I wish I was a bird. Then I shouldn't have anything to do."

"Why, my boy, do you think birds have nothing to do?" asked his mother, who had overheard the wish.

"Oh! I s'pose they have to get a few worms to eat, but that isn't anything. And they have nests to build, but that doesn't take long."

"Perhaps the birds would think it wasn't much for a boy to carry a basket half a mile on a pleasant June morning like this. See, I want Mrs. Hamilton to have these for her dinner." And Mrs. Ellison handed Henry a basket of luscious strawberries.

"'Twouldn't be much if I could fly," said Henry.

"Perhaps wings get tired as well as legs," replied his mother. And Henry walked slowly away.

No boy could be cross long on such a day. The bright green grass was sprinkled with white daisies and yellow buttercups, and the jolly bobolinks were singing merrily; hence, long before Henry got home, he had forgotten all about his grumbling, especially since his particular friend, Will Armstrong, had joined him on the way.

As the two boys came into the yard, they heard a great commotion in the apple tree where the robins' nest was, and they soon discovered that the cat had killed the mother bird, and the father and five little ones were bewailing their loss in a very noisy manner.

"Poor little things!" said Mrs. Ellison. "How are they ever going to get along without their mother? No wonder the father is distressed, for it's hard enough for two to bring up such a family, and he will have his hands more than full now."

"Let me take two of them,—may I, mamma?" asked Henry, who had a very kind heart. "I can put them in the canary's old cage, and hang it out here on the porch, where the father can come and see them."

"That would be an excellent plan," replied his mother, "for the poor bird surely needs help. But can you give them enough to eat?"

"Oh, yes! that'll be easy," was the careless response. "I know where there's plenty of angleworms, and I'll begin right away."

"You must have your own dinner first." And Mrs. Ellison smiled at Henry's idea of feeding young robins.

She had an engagement after dinner which kept her till nearly six o'clock. As she came into the yard she heard the young birds crying. And there stood Henry, with an empty can and dirty hands and face, looking the picture of despair.

"O mamma!" he cried, "I never can fill these birds. I've been digging all the afternoon, and they squawk just as loud as they did at first. Will helped me get a few worms, and then he went off to play ball. He said birds were nothing but mouth, and told me to give them to the cat; and, if they don't stop their noise, I believe I shall."

"Then you are beginning to think that birds do have something to do, after all?"

"Oh! there must be something the matter with these. Isn't there a disease where people are always eating without its ever doing them any good?"

Mrs. Ellison laughed.

"There's nothing the matter with these birds, but they are young and healthy. If you had ever watched the parent birds, you would have realized what you were undertaking. By actual count, a young bird has been seen to eat a hundred worms in a day. Birds that feed on small insects require a still larger number; and it is said that all young birds consume daily an amount of food several times their own weight. Just think what that means for the farmers! The birds eat millions of worms, grubs, caterpillars, and insects, which, if allowed to live, would destroy all the fruits and vegetables. And when they peck at our cherries and strawberries we must remember that they also eat bushels of seeds of troublesome weeds. Indeed, if it weren't for the birds, we should be hardly able to live at all; for it has been proved that, without just the swallows, the air would be so full of small insects as to be unfit to breathe."

"But, mamma, a hundred worms in a day! How could the old birds get enough? Where could they find them?"

"You must remember that the eyes of birds have twenty-five times the magnifying power of ours, so they can see what is invisible to us, and instinct teaches them just where to look. Haven't you ever seen a bird fly down on the lawn and pick up a worm where you might have searched in vain for one? When a chipping sparrow is building a nest, he finds a horse-hair in the road without the slightest trouble. Yet, if I had sent you to the very same place, you would have probably reported that there wasn't one to be found. Still, in spite of their good eyes and strong wings, I think the birds have a pretty hard time to build their nests, provide food for the family, and teach the young ones to fly and sing; and no one need envy them their leisure."

"I'm sure I never shall again," said Henry. "But see, the little birds have gone to sleep."

"They can't be very hungry, then," said his mother. "But they will be by four o'clock to-morrow morning."

"Oh, dear!" groaned Henry. "I'm afraid I shall have to give them back to their father. They'll starve while I'm gone to church and Sunday-school."

"Perhaps you can start them with a good breakfast first. You musn't get discouraged too easily."

But Henry was so tired the next morning that he didn't waken at daylight to hear his young charge begging for food. It was after eight o'clock when he came down stairs, and then only one bird was calling. The other lay quiet on the floor of the cage.

"Oh, dear!" and Henry was almost crying. "I s'pose I've starved it, but I didn't mean to. I'm going to give the live one right back to its father, and after this I'll do errands without grumbling. It's lots easier than bringing up young robins!"—Martha Clark Rankin, in Sunday School Times.

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THE MANUFACTURER.

Nature is the great manufacturer. She is perpetually changing lower into higher forms of life, converting the coarser into the finer. In her mysterious laboratory she transforms the inorganic substances into vegetable fibre. These vegetable substances she converts into animal organisms, building up the body out of them with infinite architectural skill and patience. By subtle chemical processes carried on within the body, whose delicate and vital laboratory eludes our study, she selects the appropriate matters for brain-structure, which becomes in time the instruments of the soul, and the apparently necessary medium for thought and feeling. Thus she illustrates the true function of the manufacturer—to convert the useless into the useful and the useful into objects of still higher use—that is, to make the material serve the spiritual. In the paper-mill the rags are thrown into a vat at one end of a large building, and the clear white roll of paper, ready for pen or type issues at the other end. This is the work of the manufacturer—to take that for which the world of men can find no place and convert in into instruments for the higher life of man. He converts wool, the clothing of sheep, into cloth, the clothing for man; corn, food for cattle, into meal, food for man; trees, shelter for birds, into houses, shelter for man.

Every noble human activity is an imitation of the activities of God. In all our life we should be imitators of Him; when we fail so to be, we fail utterly of the true ends of life. In governing, or judging, or teaching, or redeeming, or healing, or distributing, we are doing on a small scale what God does in infinite proportions. The manufacturer is a creator. He does not, indeed, make something out of nothing, but it is a very difficult and doubtful question in philosophy whether God in creation made something out of nothing. Certainly the processes of creation as we see them going on in the universe, and as the Hebrew poet describes them in the first chapter of Genesis and in certain analogous Psalms, is not a process of making something out of nothing. It is a process of transformation, of converting an earth that was without form and void into a world pillared and buttressed and roofed and canopied and carved and carpeted for man's habitation. This divine work of creation is carried on by the manufacturer.

If this conception underlies his work, he cannot but be honest in it. No man who realizes that he is intrusted with the work of creation can palm off shams and false pretenses on his fellow-men. He will not put chicory in the coffee, nor lard in the butter, nor chalk in the milk, nor clay in the paper or the cotton cloth to add to its weight, nor cotton in the all-wool fabric, nor logwood in the wine. These and other innumerable kindred adulterations are not merely incidental dishonesties. He who does these things abandons his divine function, ceases to be a creator, is no longer a true manufacturer. He is a corrupter of nature. Where ne should transform he does pervert.

The civilization of a community is measured by the condition of its manufacturers. A purely agricultural community cannot possess a diversified life, and therefore cannot develop diversified characters in its citizens. Our industries mold our characters. An American factory town could never produce a patriarch of the olden time. The life of the herdsman could never produce the ambitious, eager, enterprising American. The nation, for its best growth, requires both elements of character—the simplicity and the repose of the agriculturist, who works with nature and must often wait patiently for nature, and the intensity and speed in action of the manufacturer, who, if he is to succeed in dominating nature and compelling her to do his bidding, must be constantly alert. The energy of the Anglo-Saxon people has made them a manufacturing and commercial race, but manufacturing and commerce have also developed their spirit of energy and enterprise.

Thus the manufacturer renders a double service in the commonwealth. He serves humanity by creating out of useless material instruments indispensable to human comfort and the higher phases of human life; and he develops in man a type of intellectual energy which, without this creative work, man never could possess. The factory rightly conceived and rightly administered is as religious as a cathedral.—The Out look.

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WILL-POWER AND SUCCESS

The will is a dominant factor in success. More men owe their achievements to will-power than to genius. It is not so much the brilliant as the irresistible who wins. It is always the weak man whom the wind strips of his cloak. If a young man will not down, you may get your crown ready for him. No ship can make a port without a head of steam sufficient to drive her through rough seas and adverse gales. So no man can come to eminence unless he has strength enough to push the mountains of difficulty out of his way or climb to their summits. Look at the great lives. Have they, cloud-like, floated before the wind? No, no! They have stubbornly fought for every inch of the ground they have gained. They have not failed simply because they would not fail. Said Sir Humphrey Davy: "I thank God I was not made a dexterous manipulator, for the most important of my discoveries have been suggested to me by my failures." Beethoven said of Rossini, that he had in him the stuff to have made a good musician if he had only been well-flogged when a boy; but that he had been spoiled by the facility with which he produced. Instructors have often wondered that the brilliant boy in the class came to so little, while the numbskull accomplished so much. The balance was much in favor of the former so far as gifts were concerned. But the strong will was with the latter, and he cut a path for himself through the solid rock. Coleridge was perhaps as brilliant a genius as England has produced since Shakespeare. But his will was infirm, and, compared with his talents, he did almost nothing.

Robert Niccoll, writing to a friend after reading the "Recollections of Coleridge," justly says: "What a mighty intellect was lost in that man for want of a little energy—a little determination." Well has it been said: "It is not ease, but effort; not facility, but difficulty, that makes men." D'Alembert's advice to the student who complained to him about his want of success in mastering the first elements of mathematics, was the right one. "Go on, sir, and faith and strength will come to you." Since crowns are won in this way, since hard fighting is sure winning, what we need most to carry us creditably through in our life's purpose is a will that is indomitable, one that can hold us down to a task, that will not brook failure, and that doubles its energies with difficulty. Such a will may in part be cultivated, and every young person will do well to slay inclination before determination.—Epworth Herald.

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THE USE OF TIME.

Overcrowded and congested lives signify at least earnestness and absorption. Human nature is more likely to aspire and advance when society is nervously active, than when it is bovine and self-congraiulatory. But nerves can endure only a certain amount of strain without reminding human beings that strong and healthy bodies are essentiall to true national progress. Only recently in this country have we learned to consider the welfare of the body, and though we have begun to be deadly in earnest about athletics, the present generation of workers were, for the most part, brought up on the theory that flesh and blood was a limitation rather than a prerequisite. We are doing bravely in this matter so far as the education of our children is concerned, but it is too late to do much for our own nerves. Though stagnation is a more deplorable state, it behooves us, nevertheless, if possible, to rid ourselves of congestion for our ultimate safety.

In the apportionment of time the consideration of one's physical health is a paramount necessity, not merely for a reasonably long life, but to temper the mind's eye so that the point of view remain sane and wholesome. An overwrought nervous system may be capable of spasmodic spurts, but sustained useful work is impossible under such conditions. To die in harness before one's time may be fine, and in exceptional cases unavoidable, but how much better to live in harness and do the work which one has undertaken without breaking down. The grown-up men and women, absorbed in the struggle of life, are the people who need to keep a watchful eye upon themselves. It is so easy to let the hour's fresh air and exercise be crowded out by the things which one feels bound to do for the sake of others, and hence for one's immortal soul. We argue that it will not matter if we omit our walk or rest for a day or two, and so we go on from day to day until we are brought up with a round turn, as the saying is, and realize, in case we are still alive, that we are chronic invalids. The walk, the ride, the drive, the yacht, the bicycle, the search for wild flowers and birds, the angler's outing, the excursion with a camera, the deliberate open-air breathing spell on the front platform of a street car, some one of these is within the means and opportunities of every busy worker, male or female.—Robert Grant, in Scribner's.

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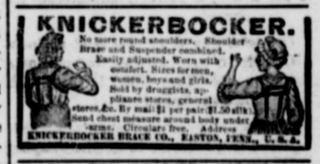
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DESTRUCTIVE VICES.

Prov. 16:22-33.

Golden Text: There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.—Prov. 16:25.

Solomon was the Son of David by Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, and was especially favored of the Lord, for he sent Nathan to David to give Solomon the name of Jedidiah, or "beloved of the Lord."—II Sam 12:24, 25. Solomon was to build the temple.—II Sam. 7:5. He married the daughter of Pharaoh, King of Egypt, and built for her a very costly palace.

This woman had much to do with the apostasy of Solomon.—I Kings 11:1, 2 and Neh. 13:26. At Gibeon, while offering a thousand burnt offerings at the brazen altar, God appeared to him and said: "Ask of me what thou wilt," and Solomon asked for wisdom to govern the people, and administer a wise and useful reign over the people of God.

His dominion extended from the Euphrates to the Nile. He was the wisest of men, and all people turned to him, and many came to look on his face and behold the evidences of his understanding.

Hiram, King of Tyre, sent ambassadors to congratulate him on his accession to his father's throne, and furnished him wood and workmen in the building of the great temple at Jerusalem.

Solomon completed the work of the temple, but he became so entangled with heathen worship which his 700 wives brought from their people (for he had wives from among the heathen nations—Moabites, Ammonites, Idumeans, Zidonians, Hittites, etc.)—that he lost his love for God, and the smoking altars to his heathen gods were in sight of the great temple where he had seen the glory of the Lord fiill the place so that the Jews fell on their faces, and Solomon gave praise with a loud voice.

If a man can retain God in his heart and not apostatize while he worships Ashtoreth, Molech and Chemosh, then we may preach the faded doctrine of final perseverance. If men can commit murder and adultery as David did, and have no need of bitter repentance, then we may talk of Christ's just keeping us without an effort on our part to let our faith work with our works and by works to let faith become perfect. Solomon wrote many wise things, but nothing remains of his writing save that which God inspired him to write. If he was saved, there is no record of it, and his last experience is shrouded in silence; while David's repentance and restoration to God's favor are handed down as the grandest achievements of his life, and bring the forgiving nature of Christ and the power of the gospel to save nearer to poor discouraged sinners than probably any other scriptures.

The influence of woman over the minds and hearts of men can not be estimated, and when she is good this influence is a blessing and will sooner or later bring good; but if she be an evil woman her influence will corrupt and damn the man whose affections she controls.

The life and character of Solomon is a terrible warning to men, for if a man endowed as he was with wisdom and divine favor could make shipwreck and end in an awful hell, how can men rely on mere morality, as it is commonly defined? There is no safety outside of prayer and duty, and Paul seems to especially name those who feel themselves safe, "Ye that think ye stand, take heed lest ye fall." Carnal security is the most dangerous experience man can have. The worst of sinners can more easily be reached by the gospel than the backslidden Church member, and especially if he happens to be a disciple of Calvin.

The wisdom here spoken of is not the wisdom of science or of the word, but is a proper knowledge of man's relations to God and divine law.

This can be acquired only by regeneration and subsequent faith in God. The eye can not hear, nor the ear see, so the senses can not discern spiritual things; they are known by faith only.

A knowledge of music is obtained by the ear; we learn color by the eye; we gain knowledge of taste by the palate; we learn of God and his law by faith.

Understanding is a well-spring, and it affords us the sweet comforts of peace, while it arms us with a discerning mind to comprehend the mysteries of spiritual things, for the heart of the wise teacheth his mouth and addeth learning to his lips.

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." The mind does not control human action, nor are our ideas of morals made up by the mind without the influence of the heart. We express in our words the state of our hearts, and our interpretations of law, either human or divine, take on, more or less, of the coloring of our spiritual relationship to God.

A ship may be strong, she may have good engines and wise masters, but if she have no rudder she will certainly be lost on the high seas. The heart is the place where all human action originates, and the course of human life is decided in this citadel of the soul. If Christ reigns there the course of human life will be in accordance to divine law and consequent human happiness. Men's ways seem good unto them, but the end is death. Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

No man can navigate the sea of life without Christ in his heart, for he only knows the narrow way that shuns the breakers and keeps the ship on the high seas. Scylla on on one side and Charybdis on the other make a narrow channel where Christ only can pilot the frail bark in safety, while the ship without him breaks in pieces on the rocks and shallows.

Seeming prosperity is often death in disguise, for no ship looks grander than when steering toward death. Riches and honors too often form the rocks on either side to catch the passing bark and send her broken and ruined to the bottom of the sea.

We should begin in youth to serve God, for evil habits become snares to entrap people, or like scars on the oak weakening the trunk which breaks in the midst of the storm, sending the tree to the earth to perish forever.

In the hour of trial the soul needs to be fortified against all evil, for Satan knows our weak points. The early life of Solomon was overshadowed by the evils of polygamy, and his apostasy was caused by first yielding to the influence brought to bear on the weakest point in his nature when we find him bowing to the idols of his heathen wives.

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NO MATTER how pious his pretentions, the sectarian bigot of today, who opposes all who do not belong to his Church and submit to its ordinances, is of the same spirit with the Pharisees and the enemy of Christ.

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RELIGIOUS intolerance has hindered the truth of Christ more than all infidelity and open opposition.

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LET not the young generation of Methodists depart from the ways of our fathers, who demanded as a condition of warmest Christian fellowship only faith in Christ and a good life.

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THE only lawful test of the character of the work of any man or Church is that which Christ authorized, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

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YOU can't afford to oppose, on account of his opinions, the man who is doing more for God and his fellowmen than you are.

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ORDINANCES and proper ceremonies of worship are right and becoming, but doing good is better than them all.

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TOPIC FOR SEPTEMBER:

"THE ENEMIES OF CHRIST."

Sept. 20: Enemies Because of Bigotry.—Luke 11:15-38; Luke 13:14-16; John 9:13-17.

The worst enemies of Christ belonged to this class. Among them were the Pharisees, the recognized religious teachers, who began the opposition to him, and did not cease until they saw him nailed to the cross. Bigotry is defined as "obstinate and unreasoning attachment to one's own belief and opinions, with narrow-minded intolerance of beliefs opposed to them." This was the sole cause of their enmity to Christ. They were very religious people, claiming peculiar sanctity; they were diligent and self-denying in their observance of the law of Moses, and added many other observances received by tradition; they were also capable of making great sacrifices for their faith, and clung tenaciously to their expectation of the promised Messiah. We are therefore surprised at their opposition; we should expect them to accept the sublime truths which Christ uttered, and assist him in his work; and doubtless they would have do so had not his teaching come in conflict with some errors which they embraced, and condemned abuses which they allowed. They were so bigoted and intolerant, however, that they took no account of the purity of his life and his sympathy for the afflicted, and the pure and lofty truths which he taught, but because he did not teach as they did, suspicion and aversion deepened into black hate which could be satisfied only with the cross and the sepulchre.

Obstinate Unbelief.—Luke 11:15.

This was a serious charge which Christ's enemies brought against him, and illustrates how intense prejudice will resort to frivolous and absurd objections to excuse its opposition. Christ gave evidence of his divine authority by showing his power over evil spirits: some of the people were impressed, and their belief in him strengthened; but these bigots, regardless of the good result of the miracle which restored an afflicted man, charged him with an evil motive for doing good, declaring that he was in league with the devil, and performed such miracles with his consent.

Such conduct characterizes bigotry, which, not content with magnifying the faults of one who differs with it, attributes evil motive to even deeds of disinterested kindness.

Observance of Tradition.—Luke 11:38.

The Pharisees attached the greatest importance to purification. They might overlook moral impurity, but the neglect of ceremonial purification they regarded as deserving the severest censure. Mark tells us that they held this custom of often washing as a tradition, and tradition they considered equally binding with the scriptures. So, because Christ disregarded these exacting human ordinances, their bigotry prevented them from seeing any good in him.

Putting Law Above Love.—Luke 13:14-16.

It is hard for us to give the credit of mistaken sincerity to the ruler of the synagogue. Christ's healing of the afflicted woman was an act of such unmixed kindness and so entirely appropriate at any time that the indignation which moved this ruler seems inhuman, showing a spirit horribly in contrast with the gentleness and humanity of Christ. Thus does zeal for religious observances violate the law of love, which is the very life of true religion.

Of the same sort is the incident in John 9:13-17, where the spirit of Christ was so evidently good, and his opening the eyes of the blind man so undeniably the act of a good man, that the multitude were attracted to him, but the Pharisees, who had determined to see nothing good in him, because he did not conform to their customs, blamed and criticised. It mattered not that he was doing infinitely more good than they with all their ceremonials, their prejudice and bigotry prevented their seeing any good in all that he did and moved them to persecute him even to death.

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New Leagues.

B. R. Wagner, pastor of Graham Mission, reports a League organized the fifth Sunday in August at Salem. They begin work with twenty-three members. J. M. Bryan is President and Mrs. Annie Gilmore is Secretary.

On the same date, at Rock House Church, Berry's Creek Circuit, the pastor, Atticus Webb, organized a League with thirty-six members. The officers are Oscar Stubblefield, President; Frank Hunt, First Vice President; Miss Mollie Foster, Second Vice President; Miss Ollie Anderson, Third Vice-President President; J. P. Jackson, Secretary; Miss Gordie Hamilton, Treasurer.

Miss Annie Holt reports a new League at Royse City, with seventy-four members, and the following officers: Eugene Shawver, President; Henry Burton, First Vice-President; Mrs. W. P. West, Second Vice President; Miss Annie Holt, Third Vice-President; T. F. Mercer, Secretary. Miss Holt would like to receive suggestions for her department from other Third Vice-Presidents.

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League Conference.

The League Conference of Waxahachie District met at Itasca, August 27 and 28. The conference was opened by the presiding elder, B. R. Bolton, at the appointed hour with a good attendance.

It proved to be one of the best conferences I have ever attended. Good religiously at the beginning, and a perceptible improvement at every session until the end was reached, when a climax was reached which will be held in memory by many for years to come.

The District League Conference is one of the most important convocations of our Leaguers that we have, and it is gratifying to know that most of our district is organized. The Programme Committee had given beforehand a list of subjects to be treated, with certain ones to lead in the discussion, then turned over for discussion by the conference. The matters thus discussed and the very excellent papers read by Miss Gibson, Miss Richards and others gave the Leaguers present practical ideas that were doubtless carried away and will be utilized in the various local Leagues. Give us District League Conferences, led by such men as B. R. Bolton, and work the District League Conference President, and they will prove a decided success. We had a good League before the conference, but it has put on new life and promises to do better work.

Our Junior League, organized three weeks since, promises well. They are presided over by two excellent young ladies, who are taking an interest in the children—Miss Moore and Miss Reading. This is assurance of success.

R. A. ELLIS.

Itasca, Texas.

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Charity and Help.

In compliance with your request I write giving you some of my views and experience as a member of the Committee on Charity and Help:

In the first place I believe that charity injudiciously bestowed is the cause of evil rather than good, both to the committee and the object upon whom our gifts are bestowed. When we give alms to those who seem to be in need of substantial assistance and they take our proffered gifts to the nearest saloon for grog, or to the nearest drug store for cocaine or morphine, they are not benefited, but debauched, using our substance to perpetuate and protract the evil influence that has but one effect, one end, to destroy the will of the individual and drag his body down to the darkest dregs of degradation and lose his soul among the teeming thousands of lost spirits, while we, finding our confidence abused, lose faith in men of low degree, and we straight way harden our hearts.

We should not be excessive in our gifts, for it is our experience that poor people too often when they have struggled long against the tide of misfortune when we come to their rescue they will throw up their hands and rest completely upon our shoulders. We should give them enough to relieve suffering on the line of "charity;" then assist them to work or situations where they can strive to maintain themselves on the line of "help;" thus we confine the work of "charity and help."

The first League established in our Church went into bankruptcy just on this line. Our Committee on "Charity and Help" had their attention called to a poor man who had a team run away and broke his ankle, necessitating an amputation. The man had been in bad health, and his family was almost starving even before his misfortune. Our committee went to see them and began to give lavishly dry goods, groceries, etc., without stint. Well, we soon heard that when a neighbor sent in to see if they needed anything the wife would proudly say: "The Epworth League was taking care of them." And later we found to our supreme disgust that the poor man was drinking good whisky, and his wife fluctuated between whisky and morphine, making no effort to provide for herself. We began to look about us to find our League dead and deeply in debt, which a few of us settled from our private funds.

This is one case from several unpleasant experiences of our League. My observation has made me believe that a large majority of the people who are suffering for the necessities of life are so as the result of an improvident husband made indolent by the vices of narcotics, whisky and gambling, or a woman wasteful, vicious and debauched by whisky or morphine. We have to deal largely with this class, and it seems that his Satanic Majesty has a mortgage on all these; therefore we have to raise the mortgage before we can see any good in them, and if we are not careful they will deceive us, for lying is their "stock in trade."

But having put forth the danger signal we are prepared to work, and there is no happier lot than to bestow charity and help upon one of God's people, for they will practice economy, appreciate favors and make you happy, for "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Your brother Leaguer,

A. A. BAILEY.

Richmond, Texas.

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From Corsicana.

The Epworth League of Corsicana has been organized over three years. It has been growing in interest and numbers ever since its organization, but has done more real work during the last two months than ever before.

Our Devotional Department is composed of two committees: The Programme Committee, which arranges programmes for our Sunday devotional services; the Prayer-meeting Committee, which holds cottage prayer-meetings each week. They have held fourteen meetings in the last eight weeks, with about twelve conversions, several other sinners asking interest in our prayers.

This committee has held religious services at the jail and poor farm, at which places they endeavored to impress on the prisoners, if they have no liberty in this world, they have liberty in the love of Jesus, who shed his blood for the poor as well as the rich, the humble as well as the exalted.

The spiritual condition of the League is good, with increased interest in Bible study, which we know is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Our Charity and Help Department is also doing great work. They have made nineteen visits to the sick, five to the needy and visited five new members during the closing two months.

A LEAGUER.

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Epworth Leagues.

On last Sunday, at 4 p. m., at Pittsburg, Texas, I had the pleasure of attending the meeting of the Junior Epworth League, under the leadership of that noble young man, J. E. Morris. I am proud to say that the programme, consisting of recitation, speeches and songs, was as good as I ever heard. I believe it is one of the best, if not the best, Junior Leagues in the State. They have about one hundred members. It did me so much good to be there.

I hope the Leaguers in the State will not forget the parsonage that we are trying to build in the Indian Territory. I received a letter from Bro. Porter. He needs help. Please send me as much as $1, if not more. Success to you all.

C. H. MORRIS,
Treas. State Epworth League.

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Attention, Leaguers.

The Tyler District League Conference will be held at Mineola, September 16 and 17, 1896. Let every Leaguer, preacher and visitor who can attend send in their names to me at once that entertainment may be provided.

Come, dear Epworthians, in the power of the Spirit, and let us make this first League Conference of Tyler District a grand success. Under the blessings of God let us make it a glorious occasion and a power for good.

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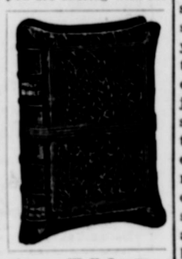
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SEPT. 4.—G W Riley, sub. C L Browning, sub has attention.

SEPT. 5.—J R Hixon, has attention. W C Bracewell, trial sub. J M Nichols, sub.

SEPT. 7.—Sam'l Morriss, sub. J T. McClure, subs. Geo F Fair, sub. W W Watts, has attention. Jno M. Barcus, sub. J D Burke, sub. J M Holt, sub.

SEPT. 8.—E V Cox, sub. Jno A Wallace, subs. Geo S Clark, subs. R N Brown, has attention. J W Holt, sub. H Graham, sub.

SEPT. 9.—W B McKeown, sub. J M Armstrong, sub. O P Kiker, trial subs. Jas M Sherman, subs. W L Pate, has attention. S C Riddle, subs. G S Sandel, sub. J W Sims, sub. C E Gallagher, sub.

THE UNION MEETING.

The union meeting grows in interest. The congregations have been phenomenally large. Good order and deep seriousness have characterized the various services. Bros. Rippey and Leatherwood, assisted by other preachers in the district, have labored faithfully and efficiently. We hope and expect to chronicle large and gracious results. The Divine presence is with the brethren. That there may be a great ingathering is the earnest prayer of many hearts.

DR. J. H. TUCKER.

The following from Bro. Onderdonk announces the death of one of the veterans of Texas Methodism. He doubtless reaps a rich reward. After toil and pain in the Master's service he finds his long-sought rest:

Dr. J. H. Tucker, a superannuate of the West Texas Conference, died in peace Friday morning, September 3, at 8:20. He was one of the old veterans who helped to plant Methodism in the early days of Texas. I hope some of the older brethren will write a suitable memoir. F. S. ONDERDONK.

Laredo, Texas.

ATTENTION, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD.

Rev. E. R. Barcus, a member of our Brotherhood, died at his home, in McLennan County, August 30, 1896. Please forward dues to me at Breckenridge, Texas.

Those who are behind with their dues on the death of Rev. S. B. Ellis, will please forward their mortuary fee at once.

It is unnecessary to write for receipt, as the Secretary will send receipt for all mortuary fees that come into his hand through the mail.

I shall be absent some during the next two weeks, but will give your receipt the date of the postmark at this office when the remittance gets here. Don't be uneasy if you don't get your receipt by return mail.

R. F. DUNN,
Secretary and Treasurer.

GULLIVER AGAIN.

He Details Some Experiences and Observations in Colorado.

Well, the unlooked-for has happened and I have come to it at last. I little thought three months ago that such a thing could ever come to pass. None of my most intimate friends ever dreamed of such a possibility. It was against all my prejudices, predilections and previous practices. But I have "gone and done it," and my only answer to those who taunt me with inconsistency is that:

"Wise men change, but fools never."

It is more than likely, however, that I never would have changed had not a pressure from the outside been brought to bear upon me. Two or three doctors prescribed it and a number of Texas friends visiting here, among whom were Judge Perkins, of Greenville, and Judge McMurry, of Decatur, insisted on my trying it, Judge Perkins proposing to pay for my first lesson if I would only consent to make an effort. At length I consented; and a young man in short knee-pants, rattlesnake stockings and a red "sweater" conducted me out to a broad, smooth street and thus addressed me: "Now, pardner, what you want first of all, is a whole lot of confidence in yourself. Until you get that you need not hope to succeed. You must keep your mind strictly fixed on your job and let everything else go. Look straight before you, sit erect as possible and if you find that a fall is inevitable, just turn loose the handle-bars and go with the wheel."

To which I thus replied—in substance: "Young man, from a physical standpoint I am a little off, but when you speak of self-confidence, you mention one of my strong points. Moreover, if such a spider-legged cracker-jack as Judge Perkins can balance himself on that vehicle I am sure I can ride the thing to 'Miley Bright.' All I ask of you is to assist me on to it and give me a start." So saying, I put on the clips, leaped gayly into the saddle and started off with the ease and grace of a yankee school marm dressed in the latest cut of bloomers and ankle jacks.

Now, self-confidence is a good thing, but a man can overdo it; it may run into presumption, and when it does it is not far to a catastrophe. So it proved in my case. I had ridden only about two blocks—my trainer holding on to the rear of my saddle and going over his lecture as he trotted by my side—when screwing my courage up to the sticking place, I ordered him to turn me loose and "let her drive." He remonstrated, but obeyed; and right there as Sam Jones would say, "I dropped my watermelon," for endeavoring to guide away from an approaching team my legs began to tremble, the front wheel began to wobble, I lost my courage and my equilibrium at the same moment and took a header into a three-foot sewer! Alas! Josh Billings was right when he said: "If our foresights were as good as our hindsights we would be much less liable to the fluctuations of fortune."

In a very short time, however, I rose from a "dead level to a living perpendicular," and combing the mud out of my hair with my fingers and spitting out what sand and gravel I had not already swallowed, I crawled into the saddle again—not as gayly as before, to be sure, but bent and determined on riding that wheel if it cracked every muscle in my body!

And ride it I did, and ride it I will, for it is not only the most healthful and invigorating exercise one can possibly take, but the "bike" is a horse that eats no hay and has come to stay.

The guests are leaving Manitou very rapidly now. Every outgoing train carries some of them away, and very few are coming in. One or two of the largest hotels in the place are already closed, and in a few brief weeks these "picturesque precincts" of pleasure will have been left to the care of the house keepers and gardeners. It has been a gay season; there have been many here; Texas furnished a large quota; but it will soon be over and the scattered guests will never all meet again beneath the stars! Shall they meet above them? That is the question of all questions, and yet I fear it is but too seldom propounded to the conscience of the average pleasure-seeker. Verily, the devil makes great fools of us all. Colorado Springs, county seat of El Paso County, is quite a city, and is one of the prettiest towns in America. Its broad, shady streets and sidewalks—naturally paved and drained—its beautiful public buildings and private homes, its bluegrass and clover lawns and singing fountains, its picturesque view of the Rocky Mountains—Pike's Peak towering above the highest points—all these, to which may be added a climate unsurpassed, make it one of the most desirable places in the West. And yet a Texan is reminded of Goldsmith's famous line on Italy: "Man is the only growth that dwindles here."

Some malicious person has said that the women of this country are men and the men are beasts. Candidly, I think that is putting it a little too strong; but any Southerner will be struck by the absence of that chivalry among the men and modesty among the women that have so long been the leading characteristics of society in Dixie. Colorado has woman suffrage. They vote, hold office, preside over political conventions, wear bloomers, ride horseback like men and do everything that a man can do so far as such a thing is possible. I saw a good illustration of this last night. There was a monster political demonstration at the leading opera house at Colorado Springs, under the auspices of the Bryan and Sewall club. Senator Teller was the orator of the occasion and a number of distinguished politicians—among whom was Judge John H. Reagan, of Texas, occupied seats on the platform. About 3000 people were seated and standing when the speaker entered and the whole audience—half of whom were women—rose simultaneously and waved the little banners and shouted for "Bryan and silver," "Teller and free coinage," etc. A great many of these women were standing up and the men just sat tnere and let them stand. And they do that all the time. No favor is shown a woman because of her sex in this part of the vineyard. It seems very strange to a Texan, but when we get woman suffrage down there we will soon become accustomed to all its attendant blessings.

But here is the end of my paper, and ere it has taken its place in the columns of the Advocate I hope to have resumed mine in the pulpit of Denton Street Church, Gainesville.

JAS. W. HILL.

Manitou, Col.

HE THANKED GOD AND TOOK COURAGE.

(ACTS 28:15)

Depressed, weary, dusty and footsore we find a man in the custody of some Roman soldiers making his way along the great Appian way to the imperial city. The chain of his wrists reminds him continually by its harsh clank that he is a prisoner; more galling and depressing is the load upon his heart, placed there by his own countrymen, of whom he said, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved," for it is they whose enmity and malignant accusations are the cause of his being sent bound as a prisoner to Rome.

At Appii forum and the three taverns, respectively, forty-eight and fifty-one miles from the great city, the company which has Paul in its charge halts and the prisoners of whom he is one have time for an hour's rest. Some brethren from Rome have heard of his coming, and, not ashamed of his chain, with hearts filled with Christian sympathy, welcoming him in the name of his Master, they are come to meet him.

He hears again the old familiar word, "Brother." One tells him that he has heard him preach in some distant place and was converted under his ministry; another has brought him food and fruit and a change of raiment for his journey; another tells him that many doors of usefulness will be opened to him in Rome—that many are anxious there to hear of that Jesus whom Paul has preached. The heart of the poor prisoner is cheered by the good news they have brought. Warmed and strengthened by their words of Christian sympathy his spirit grows light and hopeful, his eye bright and clear, his very step is springing and elastic. You would scarcely have recognized in him the weary, depressed prisoner of an hour ago.

The man is transformed. No longer hopeless and depressed, he revives to cheerfulness and hope. Kind, sympathetic Christian words have done it all. How his heart glowed with strength and hope as he recognized that God had not forgotten him. Almost broken-hearted and friendless he recognized a Father's tender care and love and mercy, and from a heart full of gratitude there went up such ascriptions of praise could be begotten only of the Holy Spirit and were a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing unto God.

Courage! How stronge he felt! Rome, grand city of blood! Rome, with Nero on the throne! What of it! Jehovah was with him; Jehovah's people were with him; the Crucified One who went up to heaven with the words, "All power is given unto me both in heaven and in earth," upon his lips, was with him and for him; and assured of glory, victory, success, the prisoner with a heart full of courage that came from heaven, but was strengthened and rekindled by warm and sympathizing human hearts, went on his way toward Rome.

Words of encouragement and sympathy! What a wonderful influence they possess! A mother's kiss, a mother's praise made Benjamin West a great painter; his wife's praise and cooperation made Sheridan a great orator; godly counsel and Christian sympathy lifted the great heart and mind of the apostle of the Gentiles above fear, above discouragement, and gave to that eloquent tongue and fertile pen an impetus for which the Church of God rejoices and gives thanks even to this day. HERBERT T. BACON.

Clarksville, Va.

MY HEART IS SAD.

It may seem simple and foolish for any one to express himself in public under the above title, but sometimes these little incidents in our lives, as we journey to the better world, add comfort and consolation to others in like condition when made known, and then it may prove a source of light to those who unconsciously wound the heart of others.

There is in progress in our little town a religious meeting, conducted by the Christian (Campbellite) Church, and like all others I have attended, a query box is attached, inviting any one to ask any question desired, and it would be answered by "Thus saith the Lord," or "according to Scripture." I put in a simple query, asking the faith of the preacher in the "independent operation of the Holy Spirit.' Of course, his answer was in the negative; but he went on to relate that he once held a debate with a prominent minister of the Methodist Church, residing in the North Texas Conference, and that said minister afterward said to him: "Bro. ——, our Church is wrong on that doctrine; we preach one thing and practice another. If that doctrine is true, we should recall our missionaries and let the Holy Ghost convert the heathens." Now, because I purposed to write to our brother for explanation, I am accused of religious prejudice, and among other things that the Church quarrels are doing the world more harm than all things else combined.

Religious prejudice! How it burns in my heart and blinds my eyes with tears when I think of it—that ravenous, treacherous and most fatal enemy that can possess the heart of a believer in Christ. Nothing can so narrow the mind, fill it with conceit, bigotry, selfishness as religious prejudice. God knows my motives are pure. I have no desire on earth to stir up strife. I detest it above all things; never allow myself to wrangle over religious doctrines on the street. People not only lose respect and reverence for God's Word, but for his name, which should be spoken only with feelings of deepest reverence. But I love my Church; her doctrines are a precious heritage taught me by my sainted father. I only desire to know the truth. How many of God's children to-day are accused of prejudice, because of their loyalty and devotion to their Church, by those whose lives are not in sympathy and love with their Church, because of ignorance of her doctrines—whose time is all taken up with the things of this life. God pity the dear ones and help them to remember the words of Jesus, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul."

When we think of a cold, critticising world passing judgment every day upon our lives, sometimes we are driven into the deepest feelings of despondency, and feel like offering Elijah's prayer—for God to call us home—as our lives seem to us to be useless here; but, thank God, these dark shadows only remain a little while before we see Jesus bidding us to be of good cheer. "Joy cometh in the morning." Only a few more years of hardships and suffering here and I shall take my departure to go where the saints are going, and be with friends and loved ones forever. But so long as God permits me to live I shall strive to enjoy him every day, and do his gracious will on earth, taking his blessed Word for my guide and counsel, resting my hopes on the gracious atonement made by Christ on Calvary.

God bless the Methodist Church and her membership, and bring them all to a happy reunion in heaven.

REUBEN B. GILL,

Oakwood, Texas.

SPEAKING WITH AUTHORITY.

Paul, in Ephesians 6:19-20, requests the prayers of his brethren that he might speak boldly, as, says he, "I ought to speak." There are those to-day who actually would seem to defer to the opinion of some old skeptical Colonel while preaching from the sacred desk the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Such men scarcely have an opinion of their own; or if they have, are afraid to expose it. It is strange how wonderfully prevalent this thing has become all through the Church.

"I must not be so forcible in my remarks to-day, for yonder sits Captain Squeezetight and he might find fault with my sermon and never come to hear me again."

Such preaching is disgraceful, and he who indulges in it does not preach the same gospel Paul was sent to deliver. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation," etc. The gospel needs no sugar-coating, neither ought pardon be asked for preaching it just as it is.

It is a pleasure to hear a discourse delivered as if it were the honest conviction of the man delivering, otherwise it is disgusting. There should be no "I think so" or "I hope so" about the plan of salvation.

If I know a thing exists, why may I not state it just as it is without expressing myself as if I were in doubt upon the subject?

"I know whom"—and that little preposition "in" is not in there, either—"I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

Christ and his pure gospel must be preached with authority, as if we were convicted of the truth of it, if men are saved from their sins.

Dr. Maclaren has said, "I have tried to preach Christ as if I believed in him; not as if I had hesitations and peradventures and limitations. And I have tried to preach him as if I lived on him; and at the bottom of it all, that we shall ourselves feed on the truth that we proclaim to others."

Dr. John Matthews, of St. Louis, said at the Epworth League Conference at Houston: "I take the Bible dogmatically, just as it is."

Paul shunned not to declare all the counsel of God; and surely, after reading the thirty-third chapter of Ezekiel, we ought to be stirred to our whole duty.

God deliver us from a craven, manfearing ministry.

G. E. SANDEL,

Blanket, Texas.

"CHRISTIAN LIFE A GROWTH."

"Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." Eternal development is the law of every genuine religious life. It takes in the introspective, the retrospective and the perspective—self-examination—summing up past experience and projecting the thought into the future. Religion in its highest ideal is intensely rationalistic. Come, let us reason together, is the divine invitation. A religion without reason is an emotion subject to the varying moods of temperament. A religion of reason is based on the word of God. A man's religion will be intense and intelligent in proportion to his estimate of the word of God. Thus, saith the Lord, is the beginning and the ending of the hope that is within him. Reason swings here with centrifugal and centripetal power. Christian reason is based on a supernatural revelation, but this supernatural revelation is reached by a reasonable act on the part of man that is going to God when he says come. There could arise but one question here: How shall a man go to God? This is answered thus: "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, who will have mercy upon him and to our God who will abundantly pardon." Salvation reaches every soul that reaches this point. From this ground the religious life is projected, and if we live by the same rule, the grace that brought us safe thus far will surely lead us home. Obedience is the word. It is the key that unlocks the divine storehouse. Bible obedience and faith are practically interchangeable. So James says: "Faith without works is dead." Use obedience in the place of works and it is the life-giving breath of faith. Obedience brings the new birth. Obedience carries on the life in its growth and development. It's food for growth is the written Word. The Spirit reveals this Word, and this Word is the sword of the Spirit. This Word is not only food, but a defensive and aggressive weapon. What we need as individuals and Churches is a deeper apprehension of this truth, then our religion will be better in theory and in practice. We have the ideal in Christian attainment expressed by the great apostle in II Cor. 10:5. Let me give it as the closing of this article: "Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

GEO. E. CLOTHIER.

Bryan, Texas.

NOTES FROM TEXARKANA.

After a period of over two months' drouth the rains descended and the floods came at last on Sunday, August 23, and again on Wednesday, August 26. These rains were badly needed and highly appreciated.

We had a very delightful Quarterly Conference on the 8th and 9th ult. Our presiding elder, Rev. T. P. Smith, gave us four strong, spiritual sermons. About one-third of salary paid to date.

We have been domiciled in our new parsonage since June 25. It is a thing of beauty, having three rooms, hall, closets, etc., and is nicely finished on the exterior as well as interior. It cost us a fraction over $200, and it is well worth $400. The cheapness is because of kindness of lumber companies and generosity of builders, especially Bro. Thos. H. Davis.

On August 17 we had an invitation from Rev. S. W. Jones, of Park, to assist in a meeting at Red Springs. We went; stayed about five and one-half days; had some eighteen accessions to the Church and presumably as many conversions.

Were sent after on August 24 by Bro. J. H. McKelvey, of Genoa Circuit, Little Rock Conference, and we immediately repaired to the battle-ground—Liberty Camp-meeting. Here we met again our friend, Rev. W. F. Evans, presiding elder of the Washington District. He is a genial Christian gentleman and a strong preacher. H. B. SMITH.

Texarkana, Ark.

CORSICANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The sixth session of the Corsicana District Conference met in Groesbeck, Texas, Wednesday, August 26, at 9 a. m., Rev. John S. Davis, presiding elder, in the chair. After devotional exercises, by motion of M. S. Hotchkiss, B. A. Snoddy was elected Secretary.

The roll being called, the hours of meeting and adjournment for both morning and evening sessions of the conference were determined. The presiding elder said we must meet promptly at 8:30 o'clock each morning for religious service. Great emphasis was given to religious service throughout the entire session—prayer-meeting in the morning, and preaching three times a day. After the first day of the conference we had street preaching, which increased the interest and result. The last street service we had preaching from a number of the brethren, and these were followed by public testimony from the sisters. The services were conducted in front of a saloon. There was old-time singing and shouting. A number came forward for prayers.

Hoping the reader will pardon us for this seeming digression, we return to the regular order of business.

After the usual committees were appointed, the morning session of the conference adjourned with benediction by the presiding elder. The Wednesday afternoon session was opened promptly at 3 o'clock with devotional service by the Rev. S. C. Vaughan. Bishop Key having arrived, took the chair.

A number of brethren from the district appeared and took their seats in the conference.

The renewal of the licenses of the local preachers was resumed and the licenses of the following brethren were renewed: J. W. Lowery, W. C. McCants, W. M. Keer, W. F. Young, J. P. Speed, J. H. Larimore, Jackson Browne, J. M. Powell, H. E. Grimes, J. W. Garrett, S. P. Nevill, S. L. Boyd, M. D. Williford, W. B. Moon, Sam Williford, Bruce Meador, A. G. Chauncey, J. A. Greer, J. C. Kilpatrick, W. W. Edgar and William Lane.

The conference then adjourned for preaching at 4 o'clock by B. A. Snoddy.

Our Orphan Home Agent, Rev. W. H. Vaughan, was with us and took up a collection for the orphans; also preached a feeling sermon on Wednesday night.

Thursday morning's session was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. Bruce Meador, Bishop Key in the chair. The minutes were read and adopted.

The following brethren were licensed to preach: Wm. R. Brock, A. A. B. Keer and M. W. Moody.

The following were recommended for admission on trial in the Annual Conference: Bruce Meador, R. B. Evans, Wm. Lane and M. W. Moody.

Revs. W. M. Hays, from the Southwestern University; R. D. Moon, preacher in charge of Mart Circuit, Waco District, were then introduced to the conference.

Sister J. P. Mussett, Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was introduced to the conference and made her report.

Att 11 o'clock Dr. Hayes, Agent of the Southwestern University, preached.

Thursday evening's session was opened with devotional exercises by the Rev. R. D. Moon.

A letter was read by the presiding elder, Bro. Davis, which he had received from Rev. W. H. Moss, with a statement of the recent death of his wife. The conference joined in prayer, led by Bishop Key, for the Lord to sustain Bro. Moss in this trying hour.

Bros. J. P. Mussett and M. S. Hotchkiss were appointed a committee to write a letter of condolence from the brethren to Bro. Moss.

The following were elected delegates to the Annual Conference: J. W. Lowery, T. S. D'Armour, J. D. Whitcomb, and J. S. Moody; alternates: B. W. Jackson and C. J. Huskey.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Bishop Key.

Friday morning's session opened with devotional exercises by Bro. Chas. Davis; Bishop Key in the chair. The whole session was given to the Sunday-school interests—the Sunday-schools of the district being well represented. All joined in the discussion of the "Model Sunday-school," "The custom of sitting in time of prayer," "Children retruning home before preaching," "Foolish adherence to fashion." Special services for children were enjoined.

During the discussion, allusion was made to the style of tooth-pick shoes being a hindrance to kneeling in prayer in public.

The Bishop said he knew the devil had a business in bicycles, but he did not know until now that he had got to making shoes.

Conference adjourned for preaching at 11 o'clock by Bishop Key. The Bishop's text was: "Is the young man Absalom safe?" He made a stirring appeal to parents in their responsibility for their children, and to the Church the care they should take to save the young people.

Friday evening's session was devoted to the League. The advantages of the League and its dangers were discussed.

Rev. Alvin W. Holt, Field Secretary and Organizer of the American Anti-Saloon League in Texas, was before the conference.

The sessions on Saturday were devoted to the various interests of the Church. The preachers of the district reported 1,678 conversions and 1,107 additions to the Church up to date of the District Conference as the result of their labors this year, with more meetings to hold yet. The reports from the different committees were received.

Resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Groesbeck for their very kind and hospitable entertainment of the conference; also to the H. & T. C. Railroad for reduction of fare to members and visitors of the conference.

A resolution expressing our appreciation as a district for our presiding elder, Bro. Davis, and his invaluable services, and also praying God's blessings upon him, was unanimously passed by the conference.

Rice was selected as the place for the next District Conference.

A motion was then made and unanimously carried that Bishop Key hold the next District Conference.

The Bishop's sermon Saturday, at 11 o'clock, was on the subject of consecration. He referred in the course of his sermon to the loose manner of receiving people into the Church and the lack of serious purpose when receiving the vows of the church.

Sunday evening's session of memorial services in memory of the two deceased brethren, J. W. Sansom and S. B. Ellis, were deeply impressive. A deep, sad feeling pervaded the vast audience as their memoirs were read and talks were made by the brethren. The presiding elder remarked it was his first experience of the kind, and spoke feelingly of the dead. He closed by saying, "Boys, let us be true to God." The Bishop made a deep, searching appeal to the conference to make provision for their widows and orphans.

The Bishop's sermon Sunday, at 11 o'clock, was on the "Parable of the Laborers." It was full of unction and pathos.

The presiding elder preached Sunday night to a large congregation. He made an earnest appeal to the ungodly. There were a number of conversions after the sermon.

Considering the session of the conference as a whole, we heard the expression from many that it was the most religious District Conference they had ever attended. The power of God rested upon us from the beginning.

The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. N. A. Keen.

Bro. J. P. Mussett preached an earnest sermon Tuesday night. Abe Mulkey, M. S. Hotchkiss, J. W. Lowery and others preached during the conference, others preached during the conference to the edification of all.

B. A. SNODDY, Sec'y.

Wortham, Texas.

JARRELL-BECKHAM DEBATE.

(ARTICLE No. 2.)

I have just read the report of the above debate as given by Bro. D. T. Brown, of Mesquite. As some things have transpired since the discussion that Bro. Brown was not aware of at the time he wrote it up, I feel it is due my parishioners and friends to give the full results of this David-Goliath battle. On the morning of the 10th of August, under the tent, before a large audience, I was to have begun the debate with Rev. W. H. Wynn, pastor of Lake Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, but on that morning the said brother arose and said he was not physically able to conduct his part of the discussion, and offered Dr. W. A. Jarrell as his substitute. I released the brother and cheerfully accepted the Doctor, and at once proceeded to open the debate. As Dr. Jarrell is well known throughout North Texas as a debater, I need not speak of his methods of discussion. We debated six hours a day. At the close of the third night's service a brother came to me and said, "You are wanted at the parsonage at once." I gathered up my effects (wife and babies) and was soon in the house. On entering I found the floor of the dining-room covered with sacks, boxes and bundles—"a pounding," consisting of flour, hams, (that Geo. Sexton likes so well. Come down, George) sugar, coffee, pickles, dry goods, etc., and a nice little paper box of money handed me by a brother; also a box of pills for Dr. Jarrell. In a day or two a handsome rocking-chair was presented by Sister McIntire, and daughter, Miss Alice. I received about $25 in cash. Since the debate baby Beckham has been presented a nice rocking-chair by two Junior Leaguers—Misses Mattie and Sallie McIntire.

The next day after the debate I received fifteen members and baptized sixteen children. Have several more names for membership and some children for baptism.

On last Wednesday night, at the close of our prayer-meeting, I was presented, through Prof. E. C. Lewis, of Forney, by my parishioners and friends of the town and vicinity, a handsome, solid gold watch and chain, with this inscription: "Presented to T. J. B., the winner of the Beckham and Jarrell debate. Forney, Texas, August 16, 1896."

I called my Church Building Committee together, and by conference Forney will, if nothing happens, have the best church house in the Terrell District. "Let us contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the"—Methodists.

T. J. BECKHAM.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

GRAHAM MISSION.

B. R. Wagner, Sept. 3: I preached at Salem the fifth Sunday; had a good day. The Lord was with us. Organized a League in the afternoon with twenty-three members. I believe we will accomplish great good with the League. I may be able to organize another before conference.

ITALY.

J. H. Douglass, Sept. 2: I recently closed a meeting on the Sims farm, three miles southwest of Italy. It was a union meeting. I was assisted by Rev. Braby, of the C. P. Church, and Rev. Penly, of the Baptist Church. The meeting lasted ten days. It was a meeting of great power and demonstration of the Spirit. Christians were made happy, sinners convicted and mourners converted.

MORAN CHARGE.

T. M. Collie: I closed the protracted meeting at Mitchell School-house last Sunday night, which is the last on the work. I was assisted by Rev. J. C. Moore, of Carbon. There were thirty-two converted and reclaimed, and the Church greatly strengthened and built up, old grudges were buried and trespasses forgiven and the love of God came to the hearts of the people. On

Sunday, the last day before the sermon was closed, many were shouting Hallelujah! and praising God. Penitents were converted and many sinners came to the altar for prayer. The old settlers say it was the largest congregation and the best meeting ever held at Mitchell. Total conversions on the work: One hundred and six. Net gain in membership, about sixty to date. Worthy of special mention are Misses Emma Saye and Alice Bills, of Moran, for earnest, faithful work for the Master.

LOTT.

C. E. Simpson, Sept. 7: We closed a gracious revival here the 30th of August. Rev. L. P. Davis, of Rosebud, did the preaching the first week and did it well. Bros. Thompson and Hart were with us a few days in the beginning, and gave us one good sermon each. Rev. J. F. McKinzie, Old School Presbyterian, did faithful work during the meeting, both in the pulpit and altar. Results: thirty-five accessions by ritual and five by certificate, and the Church wonderfully revived. All glory and honor to the Savior of men.

EAST WACO.

J. H. Stewart, Sept. 4: East Waco Methodism is moving forward. We began work last Monday on our new church. We secured lots in a more desirable and prominent place than we now occupy, and expect to build a nice little church, which will cost about $3,000. We consider this a decided victory under the circumstances, and we expect better times for Methodism in East Waco.

DE LEON.

A. E. Carraway, Sept. 4: We closed with last night a thirteen days' meeting here in De Leon. The Lord was with us in great power. Never saw greater interest upon the part of Christians and better work done. There were about twenty conversions, fifteen additions to the Church and several will go to the Baptist Church. Our Church received a great spiritual uplift. Rev. C. A. Evans, of Granbury, was with me one week, and did us good.

SNYDER.

W. H. Harris, Sept. 5: Meeting at Browning was good. Bro. C. D. West, of Big Spring, came over Monday and did good preaching till the close. Results: eight conversions and reclamations; five joined our Church. Went from there to Sulphur; had a good meeting there. Received three into the Church. People were busy gathering their crop, so the attendance was small; but God is blessing us out here.

FLOYADA.

W. M. Adams, Aug. 31: Yesterday was a high day for us at Floyada. Bro. Bloodworth preached three good sermons for us. We administered the Holy Sacrament to a large number of communicants. One service was given to the children and young folks. At night we had four conversions, three reclamations, one accession and fifteen or twenty mourners at the altar. A real shouting time. Halleujah! The meeting continues with great interest.

WORTHAM.

B. A. Snoddy, Sept. 4: We had not more than returned home from District Conference and gotten fairly rested before a heavy pounding set in, consisting of all manner of good things to eat, and lots of them—flour, bacon, canvassed ham, sugar, coffee, canned goods of all kinds, pickles, potatoes, and everything imaginable, several dollars worth. We are just on the eve of our Quarterly Conference and protracted meeting at Wortham. We pray God's blessings upon the donors, that he may bless them in spiritual blessings as they have bestowed their temporal blessings upon us.

DESDIMONIA.

J. E. Stephens, Sept. 2: Our meetings are all over; held six protracted meetings, running from five to ten days each; was assisted by Bros. Smith, presiding elder, Carraway, Owen, McCluskey, McElroy, Kiker and Bifle. These brethren all rendered valuable service, all of which was appreciated very much by pastor and people. The Lord has greatly blessed the people with good meetings. Between forty-five and fifty conversions and about half that number added to the Church. The desert and solitary places have been made glad, and we rejoice in the Lord evermore.

DUFFAU.

Mac M. Smith: Greatest meeting in the history of Duffau Circuit. We give God all the glory. Fifty-six conversions, thirteen additions, backsliders reclaimed, Church greatly revived. Rev.

False Statements and Misrepresentations.

Corruption does not exist in politics alone. The time was when people were shocked to hear that such conditions prevailed in politics, but worse than all else is the fact that this evil should be carried into the drug business and the sick be made to suffer in consequence thereof. For various reasons dealers allow themselves to be persuaded to stock up medicines of all sorts, to be sold to the sick on the representation that that are just the same as Simmons Liver Regulator—a greater outrage has not been perpetrated upon the people. This has been the experience of many who have been duped by these false statements. Take only The Old Friend, Simmons Liver Regulator, with the Red Z on every package, and you'll get the medicine that did the old folks so much good in bygone days. It has been kept up as their inheritance to the present generation.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

J. T. Stewart, of Eastland, Texas, rendered most valuable service in giving the gospel in song. His daughter is a model organist. Rev. Geo. Smith, local preacher on the charge, has labored by our side through all the season. Eternity can only reveal the results of this godly man. The rich results of this meeting are largely due the Epworth League. They were the main workers in the meeting. The Lookout Committee got most every young convert to join the League. About 120 conversions on the work up to date, and about 82 have joined our Church.

NEW HOPE.

R. J. Tooley, Sept. 3: We had a fine meeting at New Hope, resulting in forty reclamations and conversions, and twenty-five additions to the Church. Bro. Emmett McLaughlin assisted us, and gave general satisfaction. He is good help to any pastor. Bro. Boone gave us several excellent sermons, which were highly appreciated. Bro. John Williams, our local preacher, rendered effective service. Our meeting at Osage closed last night, resulting in sixty-five reclamations and conversions. We were ably assisted in this meeting by Bro. A. P. Smith, who did most of the preaching. There were forty-four additions to the Church, which was a rich harvest, owing to the fact that this place is a Baptist stronghold. Quite a number will join the Baptist Church.

CRESSON.

W. N. Curry, Sept. 3: Our church at Cresson is completed and dedicated to the service of God. Our third Quarterly Conference is over. It was a gracious time. Bro. Wyatt did some very strong preaching. All members of conference were there except one. Financial report splendid. We have held three meetings of great power in the Church and with the unsaved, resulting in ninety-six conversions and forty-five accessions to the Methodist Church, with others yet to join. Bro. Kizziah helped us at Long Creek; Bros. Ballard and Wyatt at Bruce, and Bros. Wyatt and Bonner at Cresson, Bro. Bonner doing most of the preaching, and he did it well. Bro. Sooter, local Cumberland Presbyterian, was with us in all the meetings. All these brethren did faithful work. All the preaching, singing and altar work was done after the old pattern. May God wonderfully bless all these faithful brethren and all the Church for their faithful work.

BALLINGER.

W. W. McKinley, Sept. 1: I have just spent four days in a protracted meeting, which ran about ten days. The meeting was conducted by Bro. J. W. Roby, pastor of the Ballinger Mission. About as near as I could come at its results they are as follows: About thirty conversions, several reclamations, twenty-three accessions to the Church (perhaps others will follow), four infants baptized. The meeting was highly spiritual from the beginning. The brethren had been carrying on a prayer meeting for some time, in order to be ready for the occasion, and the last night of the prayermeeting they had one conversion. It is very common for us to say of a meeting, "That was the best meeting I was ever in," but I believe I can truthfully say this was the best meeting I was ever in. I believe there was not a single service held without one or more conversions until the last day. Bro. Roby did some very earnest, pointed preaching. Bro. W. C. Hilburn, pastor of the Ballinger Station, was with Bro. R. part of the time and preached several sermons to the delight of all who heard him. Bro. Shelton, the presiding elder, was on hand and held the third Quarterly Conference for that charge. He preached at night one of his thoughtful, instructive sermons, which seemed to result in great good.

COMANCHE.

Geo. F. Fair, Sept. 4: Since my last report I have held two meetings on Comanche Circuit—one at Bibb and the other at White Point. At Bibb we had eight or ten professions; was assisted by Bros. M. M. Vaughan and J. V. Havner, of Sipe Springs Circuit, and W. B. Starling, W. H. Denny and D. A. McGuire, of Comanche Circuit. We had the most powerful demonstrations of the power of the Spirit at White Point that I have seen this year. Fourteen professed conversion, and all, or nearly all, the members were gloriously revived, and some professed perfect love. O that their lives may prove the truth of their profession! Comanche Circuit has been revived at every appointment on the work. More than a hundred have professed conversion on the circuit this year and many of the members have professed to be on a higher spiritual plane than ever before. Bro. S. E. Burkhead, of Comanche Station, was with me in four meetings and did some excellent preaching. He is a good revivalist and all my people love him. My local preachers have proven their loyalty and efficiency in all my meetings. May the Lord bless all my local preachers and members, for they have stood firm and worked faithfully in all our meetings. No friction, no discord or dissatisfaction that I know of on the circuit. Thank God for peace and concord at home. May the Lord bless all his people. We were assisted in the White Point meeting by Dr. Burkhead, Bros. Starling, Franklin, McGuire, Gussett and the lay brethren and sisters.

HUCKABAY MISSION.

J. T. Smith, Sept. 7: We closed one of the most glorious revivals last night at Scarborough School-house ever experienced in this country. The meeting ran for ten days and thirteen nights, for we began with a prayer-meeting three nights before our pastor came to us. The Lord was with us in great power from first to last and many were the shouts of new-born souls unto God, and the Church powerfully revived and strengthened and made to shout praises unto God on account of fathers, mothers and children coming to the Lord and having their sins forgiven. Visible results: Twenty-two conversions, eighteen accessions to the Church. Praise the Lord! Bro. Wynne, our pastor, is a young man and is much loved by the people here. He was assisted by Bros. Hamblett, Corbell, McCluskey and Wallace. God bless these brethren. Scarborough is a new society, just organized about three months ago. We now have a membership of thirty-six and also have a Sunday-school with about seventy members. We have regular prayer-meetings every Sunday night. Last night the preacher did not get to preach at all. They came in from the groves rejoicing and praising God, and he had to join in with them, and after shouting and praising God for about an hour, we received several into the Church. We dismissed and went to our homes with happy hearts, praising the Lord.

ENNIS.

T. S. Armstrong: Ennis will come out clear by conference. Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held last Saturday. It was the most successful of all the conferences during the year. It was not a hollow formality, but there was a real meaning to all the business transacted. The representation of official members was large. A Building Committee was appointed. Of course all know what that means. How much we will rejoice to see this committee discharged after the completion of a splendid church. We need it much and will have it, I'm sure. But there is much work to be done. The foundation for this enterprise must be laid deep and broad, and this I am sure will be done by the committee. They are men of deep piety, of solid thought and business tact. Bro. Bolton is not simply a financial agent, but he holds the standard of experimental godliness above all other things. He tones up the people religiously and the result is very natural—the finances come. He preached Sunday on the "New Birth" and lifted the people to a high tension for subscriptions to cover the collections ordered by the Annual Conference. Three hundred and twenty-five dollars were raised in a little while, and this leaves us but $125 to raise. This will be raised without question, and Ennis will have made a record above any she has previously had. We serve an intelligent, religious and aggressive Church. They look forward to the Quarterly Conference as a real occasion, and they are not disappointed. Bro. Bolton brings with him the fire of enthusiasm and possesses the ability of a successful presiding elder in every department. His preaching is strong and uplifting. My people love him much. We have had a gracious revival in Ennis this year. The work has been heavy but delightful.

GOLDTHWAITE CIRCUIT.

G. W. Templin: My meeting at Center City commenced on Friday night before the third Sunday in July and continued ten days. Results: A gracious revival in the Church (something that had not been for several years at this place), and forty-six conversions and reclamations, with twenty accessions to our Church. Rev. T. J. Lassetter, of Lometa Circuit, was with me the most of the time, doing some powerful revival preaching. He has a wonderful gift on this line of work. Rev. Samuel Gay, of Goldthwaite Station, preached some powerful sermons. Rev. D. Morgan, local preacher from Lometa Circuit, did good preaching. Rev. D. S. Pearson, local preacher, preached one sermon. The work of these brethren is much appreciated by the people of Center City. The Church did faithful work in trying to save souls. My next meeting was at Star. We continued at this place eleven days with excellent results—a great revival in the Church (one I think that will last), with thirty-one conversions and reclamations and twenty additions to our Church. There had been opposition at this place to revival work, but the Lord has given us a great victory. I had in this meeting the faithful and efficient help of Revs. D. S. Pearson and John Threadgill, local preachers from Lometa Circuit. The Church worked well. I went from here to Miller Grove; continued four days. Results: The Church much revived, four conversions and seven accessions to the Church and one infant baptized. I was without ministerial help in this meeting; had a few faithful workers in the Church. I went from here to South Bennett; continued the meeting nine days. The Lord gave us a revival that blessed the whole community. There were twenty-three conversions and reclamations, with seventeen additions to our Church, and five children baptized. I had no ministerial help the first four days of the meeting. Rev. Frank Jackson, local preacher from the Lometa Circuit, was with me three days and did splendid preaching. Rev. Samuel Gay, of Goldthwaite, preached three good sermons. The Church at this place did noble work. I feel so thankful that I was able to get such noble help in my meetings this summer.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

LLANO.

J. T. Gillett, Sept. 7: I have recently had a grand revival. There were more than thirty conversions and thirty-two accessions.

TRAVIS PARK, SAN ANTONIO.

New Harris, Sept. 4: Have just closed a revival conducted by Bro. Jno. P. Lowry. Several professions and additions and the Church greatly revived.

SAN SABA.

E. K. Denton, Sept. 7: Our meeting has been a great victory. This is the fifth week, and still going on, with immense crowds. Bro. M. L. Blanton has been with us for the last two weeks, and has been a power in the hands of God. He left to-day for Nashville. He has endeared himself to all. Twenty-six additions yesterday. The Church is O. K. The whole community is aroused.

WILLOW CITY.

M. J. Allen, Sept. 1: I am through with my camp and protracted meetings for this season. I have had a good year considering the great drouth. Have received eighty-two into the Church—mostly grown people, and some as old as seventy-four years; about seventy on profession of faith; baptized thirty-seven adults and thirty-six infants. My last Quarterly Conference was held at this place in connection with my meeting. Bro. M. A. Black is fine help in a meeting. He surely works. His sermons on baptism were fine. We all love our presiding elder. We are going to build a church at Willow City. We are doing all we can on our collections. It is very dry. We love our people.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

ROSSTON CIRCUIT.

D. F. Fuller: A gracious revival at each place on my circuit. Thank God! The last meeting was at Round Prairie Camp-meeting. It was a great meeting. Hanson, Culver and Uncle Sam Morriss, of Northwest Texas conference, assisted. God bless them. Their labor was rewarded.

LEONARD.

J. T. Bludworth, Sept. 5: We are through with the protracted meetings for this charge. The visible results are as follows: About twenty-five conversions, thirty-three accessions, backsliders reclaimed, and the Churches wonderfully revived. Our local preachers never did better work. J. M. Sweeton, of Celeste, and W. J. Bludworth, of Trenton, rendered valuable help. My work is now in fine condition.

CARROLLTON CIRCUIT.

W. T. Morrow, Sept. 7: Last Tuesday night we closed our series of meetings for this charge. Our camp-meeting at Forest Academy resulted in about thirty conversions and reclamations and thirteen additions to the Church. It was a gracious meeting. Old feuds were settled and the Church greatly revived. Rev. E. B. Thompson, of Commerce Station, rendered valuable service in the meeting. Our camp-meeting at Harmony was a glorious victory for the Lord. It resulted in sixty-four conversions and reclamations and forty-one accessions to our Church. We were ably assisted in the meeting by Bro. J. J. Clark, of Winnsboro Station. Our young Leaguers did nobly in both of above metings in working in the altar, in the congregation and in the grove meetings. We have two live Leagues on our work, which are doing splendidly considering that they are both at country appointments. We have had about one hundred and fifty conversions and reclamations and ninety-five additions to the Church this year to date. The spiritual condition of our charge is 50 per cent better than it was the 1st of January, for which to God be all the glory.

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AUBREY.

O. C. Fontaine, Sept. 8: I have finished my round of protracted meetings on the Aubrey Circuit, with very good results. My health was never better and I have enjoyed the summer's campaign very much. The visible results are about one hundred conversions and reclamations, fifty additions to our Church seven infants baptized; spiritual life of Church quickened, many family altars erected. Conference collections about up in cash and good subscriptions. Pastor's salary considerably behind, but coming up. I am indebted to Bros. P. A. Edwards, of Pilot Point, and C. M. Shuffler, of Argyle, for effective assistance.

MT. VERNON MISSION.

R. F. Bryant, Sept. 7: We have just closed our last protracted meeting; have had good success considering the opposition at two or three places; have had eighty-seven conversions, and thirty-one accessions to date; had fine revivals in the Church all around, except at one place; have been ably assisted by our beloved presiding elder, Bro. J. W. Beckham and Bro. W. B. Bayless. Any preacher may expect to succeed assisted by such men. We thank the good Lord and the brethren for their valuable services. We have our assessments in cash and good subscriptions. We have built one new church during the year, which adds a great deal to our work.

ROSALIE.

W. W. Graham, Sept. 5: Our meeting at Rosalie lasted twelve days and resulted in fifteen conversions and eight accessions to our Church. It was a partial success in the face of very formidable difficulties. At Lone Star we held a week's meeting with the Protestant Methodists that did much good in the Church; not much otherwise. At Bethel we continued twelve days and the meeting was a decided success, resulting in twenty-nine names being added to our roll, with from thirty to forty conversions and reclamations. It was certainly a meeting of unusual power. Bro. Rosser preached for us three times at Rosalie, with great power; otherwise we were assisted by Bro. J. N. Williams and Walton B. Douglass, of this charge. Silver is limited, but grace is free and unlimited but for the sin of unbelief among the people.

BLACK JACK GROVE CIRCUIT.

H. M. Pirtle, Sept. 2: Our third Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. Bro. I. W. Clark, our presiding elder, was on hand and preached us some soul-cheering and heart-stirring sermons—all like him. Some men and women preachers came through this country with a tent,getting the Church members of various Churches to profess the second blessing or sanctification theory, and they jump up and say they are sanctified and satisfied; and then down they plant their blue jeans and motherhubbards and won't move a peg to talk to the mourners in the altar. We, the Methodists and Presbyterians, held a meeting at Mt. Zion; fifty-two conversions; seventeen joined the Methodist and twenty-three the Presbyterians, the others to the Baptists. Bro. Chas. Alexander was the Presbyterian preacher. Bro. J. W. Clifton, of Campbell Circuit, helped us three days and nights. He is an excellent preacher and will long be remembered by these good people. The Methodists and Protestants held together at Emblem; twenty-four conversions; eight joined the Methodist and ten the Methodist Protestant, others to the Baptist. The Presbyterians helped us at Gafford's Chapel; twelve conversions; nine to the Methodist and three to the Presbyterian Churches. We have had eighty-eight conversions in these three meetings. Have now come to Black Jack to stir up the Church and people; then to Overland.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

WINFIELD CIRCUIT.

L. H. McGee, Sept. 2: I began my meetings July 12 and closed September 1. Prominence was given to the preaching of God's Word at every service except three. Sermons preached, five by Bro. Albert Little, of Mt. Pleasant; forty-four by Bro. R. J. Smith, local deacon of Texarkana, and seventeen by the pastor. Also some good exhortations by Bro. J. H. Roberson, of this charge. Results: Conversions, 290; reclamations, no account kept; accessions, 137. Would have had more accessions, but three of the meetings were held where many of the converts were of Baptist parentage. Conference collections all subscribed and partly paid. Winfield and Centenary Churches have consolidated and are now building a good house at Winfield. I shall ever feel grateful to the brethren for their assistance.

BURKE.

J. M. Honeycutt, Sept. 4: We closed our meeting at Burke a few days ago. Bro. J. C. Calhoun, of Pittsburg, was with us and did most of the preaching. Bro. Calhoun preaches with the Spirit and with great power. Such a meeting has not been witnessed for years. There were quite a number of professions, twenty-five or thirty conversions and fifteen accessions to the Methodist Church; some will perhaps join other Churches. The membership of the Church was greatly revived. A better feeling among the brotherhood of the Church is one of the results of the meeting. We have received forty members during the year, and we have our camp-meeting yet to hold. We are praying for and expecting a good meeting. The drouth has paralyzed our finances. Our collections are badly behind. We have had a four months' drouth that has ruined our crops in this country. We feel our dependence upon God.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

MANCHACA.

W. C. B., Aug. 21: We have just closed our rounds of revival meetings, having held four meetings, resulting in fifty-two additions to the Church and a general revival in the Church. We are under obligations to the following named brethren for good preaching and faithful work: Sterling Fisher, of Kyle; F. S. Jackson, local preacher of Kyle; R. T. Blackburn, of Smithville; J. W. Harmon of Weimar, and our beloved presiding elder, J. B. Sears. Our finances are somewhat behind, though in a healthy state, and we hope to make a full report at the end. My wife has been confined to the house, and most of the time in bed, for nearly half the year, and I am now on a trip with her for her health. I am glad to report that she is improving. Bro. Studer, our faithful local preacher, is in charge of the work while I am away. We have a good people and one of the best Board of Circuit Stewards in the conference.

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No organization can long exist without a solid reason for its existence. That reason must be the explanation, the vindication, of its being. No reason can long be used as the motor of a great society that is not kept, like the fire on the altar of the temple, constantly burning on the hearts of the membership. The reason for the existence of this society is the degradation of heathen womanhood and the utter inability of men to redeem them. Further, it is a divinely opened door into the great temple of service, in which is the Holy of Holies, the Ark of the Covenant, the Mercy-seat, and the over-shadowing Shekinah.

A glance at the reports of the society for the past three or four years shows a falling off of the receipts which, after allowing for the financial stringency, is by no means assuring, when we consider that out of 800,000 women in our communion only a paltry 32,358 have been enlisted in this great work in seventeen years; and what is still more suggestive, the income of the society, which shows an average yearly increase of $6,297.32 for the first twelve years of its history, has during the last five years suffered an average loss of $1,447.42. This, too, in the face of the fact that during the years from 1890 to 1895 $105,580.78 was collected for the Training School, nearly all of which was collected between the years 1889 and 1892. It is significant, too, that these were the years the society enjoyed by far the largest income it has ever known.

It is to be feared that this, in common with all new movements, profited at first by the romance, the novelty, of the work. Men, alas, had been playing at missions for a century with unsatisfactory results. The women, feeling that they had been brought to the "kingdom for such a time as this," entered upon the task with the enthusiasm born of a new emotion, and unappalled by the magnitude or difficulty of the task, went to work in the spirit of their Master, creating by their enthusiasm the conditions of their own success. But the wearing off of this novelty is in danger of leaving the movement without sufficient resources to fulfill the promise of its earlier years.

One thing now seems certain, if the noble work in the foreign field is to continue to grow, there must be intelligent and constant attention given to the work at home. The possible exports of a country must be in ratio to the intelligent care taken of the forests, mines, and fields at home. It must protect the trees of its forests, pierce the heart of its mountains, and enrich the soil of its fields—where these fail by waste or neglect exports are reduced, and the balance of trade at once goes against it.

May I be allowed to suggest the propriety of placing in the field an able, cultured, consecrated woman, with ample salary, who shall begin a campaign of education, digging deep, and "laying the foundation on the rock" of God's truth. It seems to many of us almost a calamity that that great and good woman, Miss Laura Haygood, with the afterglow of the charming life of the saintly Bishop surrounding her, like a halo, should have been returned to China, where another might have done as well, when she, by her great ability, pure life, long experience, and the prestige of near relationship with one of the mightiest forces in American Methodism might have gone throughout the connection a flaming evangel of faith, hope and love, enriching the experience, increasing the knowledge, and multiplying the beneficence of the whole Church. Such women deal in great truths, not platitudes nor sentimentalities, but the truth of God, coming from his great word, through the channel of a life redeemed and consecrated to him. I am sure the immediate results would more than repay the outlay, and the future would vindicate the wisdom of the course by deepening and broadening the stream of Christian beneficence, and thousands not now enlisted would learn the joy of the "Lost Beatitude": "It is more blessed to give than to receive." I would not suggest this at the expense of the Foreign Office. A Secretary must be kept in Nashville. The society now has such an one in that peerless woman, whom all Kentucky and the South honors and loves, Mrs. S. C. Trueheart; but a Field Secretary is a necessity if the society is to have a foundation on which to rear the structure that is to mark the return of the Church to the Christ-idea of the federation of "all flesh in the kingdom of God. These observations, suggested by a glance at the history of the society, are submitted to the humble hope that they may be of profit to some to the glory of his name.—Rev. G. W. Young, Richmond, Ky., in Nashville Advocate.

[Extract from an address by Mrs. H. A. Gordon, at annual meeting of W. F. M. Society, Northwest Texas Conference, in Corsicana.]

Our several works may be small, our circumstances and time may limit us, but we are only commanded to do what we can; and the one talent wisely used is as precious to the Lord as ten.

The sum of life is made up of trifles. We may sometimes feel discouraged on reviewing our work, because of its seeming insignificance; but not so with God, who noticeth even the sparrows fall and arrays the lilies of the field in raiments of beauty. Every work done with the love of the Master in our hearts, no matter how seemingly trivial it may appear, is a jewel added to our crowns in heaven that shall so resplendently shine that we may not see it with our poor mortal sight, which would be dazzled to blindness, but with the eyes of immortality; and what an exquisite thrill of rapture will be ours to know we have been rewarded, not according to the number of our sheaves, but the ardor and earnestness of our gleaning.

Oh, blessed privilege to thus work for God! To span the surging, restless ocean with this "live wire" of truth and salvation and carry the glad tidings to the poor, darkened souls who know not that heaven and a merciful Father await them—free to them as to the greatest of the world.

Oh, blessed work! Oh, lamp of life! that is a beacon-light for the whole world; a search-light for all the world, save to those who blindly shut their eyes and refuse to see its glory or avoid the rocks and shoals that its steady, undying flame discloses.

In its rays our hearts, so often frozen or hardened to strong despair, are warmed and softened until we can say with glorious, triumphant resignation, "not my will, O Lord, but thine be done."

To our murmuring hearts it brings and teaches sweet charity, and instead of repining for what we have not, we thank God for that which we have, feeling sure we are dealt with more generously than we deserve.

Let us work, work while it is yet day, and, like the wonderful X-rays, penetrate all the dense misery of heathendom with the brilliant light of God's Word:

Let us work, dear sisters, while yet we may,
Ere the lamp of life burns low;
Let us gather our sheaves in the perfect day
And reap all the good we sow.

Let us wake to effort; let us send a light
Far, far to the souls of men!
'Til it reaches and burns with its rays so bright
Through the world to its uttermost end.

Rise up, rise up, to duty's call;
Let us herald that Christ is free:
Hold out helping hands lest our brother may fall
And fail God's mercy to see.

It is to be hoped the delegates to the annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, to be held in Dallas, October 7-11, will bear in mind the address of the District Secretary, Mrs. R. W. Thompson, 391 South Ervay Street, Dallas, to whom all delegates should send their names promptly after their election, in order that homes may be provided them.

Woman's Work for Woman.

In the work of missions do our girls feel any responsibility? The answer to this depends upon the mother's training and influence. A bright young girl was asked once how she became so deeply interested in missions. "O," said she, "my mother loved the work, and I love her. She always kept missionary books and magazines on the center table to lend, saying, 'I lend them to the Lord.' My father, too, has often said that he would be more ashamed to have me ignorant of the great events in the religious world than ignorant of events in the political world." If, as Miss Wilder said, we could realize that we are Christ's and walk on sacred ground, that we are "part of the Almighty arm uniting earth to heaven, the sinner to the Savior;" that we are commissioned to bring the world to Christ, then all other interests would be secondary or trivial in comparison. How many girls are industriously pursuing a course of study with reference to usefulness in the Church at home or the Church abroad? Is graduation day, commencement day of more effective, religious work? Alas! is not graduation looked for eagerly as a stepping stone into a society that regards Christ's claims as secondary and unimportant, or of no interest at all?—T., in Nashville Advocate.

Stranger in Kansas—Can you direct me to the county seat? Mr. Dugout, sadly—No-o, I can't, stranger. There was a cyclone here last week and I ain't heard yit just whar the county seat went to.

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The people recognize and appreciate real merit. That is why Hood's Sarsaparilla has the largest sales in the world. Merit in medicine means the power to cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures—absolutely, permanently cures. It is the One True Blood Purifier. Its superior merit is an established fact, and merit wins.

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in midst of plenty. Unfortunate, yet we bear of it. The Gail Borden Eagle Brand Condensed Milk is undoubtedly the safest and best infant food. *Infant Health* is a valuable pamphlet for mothers. Send your address to the New York Condensed Milk Company, New York.

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Itch is a most disagreeable and disgusting affliction and should be at once checked. Hunt's Cure will do it—seven years or any other variety, also Tetter, Ringworm, etc. Guaranteed to cure. Price 50 cents a box.

Notice.

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Dr. Simmon's Sarsaparilla has a specific action upon the secretions and excretions and assists nature to expel from the system all humors, impure particles and effete matter through the lungs, the liver, the kidneys and the pores of the skin. 50 cents and 50 doses.

SUMMER EXCURSIONS.

On and after June 1st excursions tickets to Summer Resorts in the North and East will be on sale from all stations on the Texas and Pacific Railway, limited for return to Oct. 31st.
GASTON MESLIER,
General Passenger and Ticket Agent.

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Quarterly Conferences

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dublin District—Fourth Round.

Stephenville cir, at Stephenville .... Sept 19, 20
Bluff Dale cir, at Bluff Dale .... Sept 26, 27
Granbury sta .... Oct 3, 4
Granbury cir, at Elm Flat .... Oct 10, 11
Proctor mis at Proctor .... Oct 16
Carlton cir, at Carlton .... Oct 17, 18
Duffau and Iredell, at Oak Grove .... Oct 20
Walnut and Glenrose, at Walnut .... Oct 22
Hico cir, at Hico .... Oct 24, 25
Stephenville mis, at Clairette .... Oct 25, 26
Desdimonia mis, at Jones S. H .... Oct 28
Rising Star and Pisgah .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Carbon cir, at Gorman .... Nov 3
DeLeon sta .... Nov 5
Sipe Springs cir, at Sipe Springs .... Nov 7, 8
Dublin .... Nov 11
Green Creek cir, at Elkin .... Nov 14, 15
E. A. Smith, P. E.

Brownwood District—Fourth Round.

Blanket cir, at Step's Creek .... Sept 12, 13
Comanche cir, at Indian Creek .... Sept 19, 20
Comanche sta .... Sept 20, 21
Mullin cir, at Zephyr .... Sept 26, 27
Indian Creek cir, at Oswalt Chapel .... Oct 3, 4
Bangs mis, at Bangs .... Oct 10, 11
Ballinger sta .... Oct 11, 12
Glen Cove cir, at Glen Cove .... Oct 17, 18
Santa Anna cir, at Santa Anna .... Oct 19
Goldthwaite cir, at Miller Grove .... Oct 24, 25
Goldthwaite sta .... Oct 25, 26
Robert Lee cir .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Decker mis .... Nov 2
Ballinger mis .... Nov 4
May cir .... Nov 7, 8
Brownwood sta .... Nov 10
Lometa cir, at Lometa .... Nov 14, 15
W. M. Shelton, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Fourth Round.

First Church .... Sept 16
Missouri Avenue .... Sept 23
Mulkey Memorial .... Sept 30
Polytechnic College .... Oct 7
Epworth Chapel .... Oct 14
Azle mis, at Dido .... Sept 19, 20
Trinity and Riverside, at Riverside .... Sept 26, 27
Mansfield and Gardner, at Hellend .... Oct 3, 4
Arlington cir, at Thomas Chapel .... Oct 10, 11
Arlington sta .... Oct 10, 11
Covington, at Center Point .... Oct 17, 18
Cleburne cir, at Bono .... Oct 24, 25
Cleburne sta .... Oct 24, 25
Marystown, at Joshua .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Cresson, at Cresson .... Nov 4
Osceola, at Berry's Chapel .... Nov 7, 8
Blum, at Chapel Grove .... Nov 10, 11
George's Creek, at George's Creek .... Nov 12
Grapevine, at Grapevine .... Nov 14, 15
Smithfield, at Smithfield .... Nov 15, 16
G. S. Wyatt, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Fourth Round.

Milford cir, at Turner .... Sept 12, 13
Waxahachie sta .... Sept 19, 20
Ferris cir, at Palmer .... Sept 26, 27
Red Oak cir, at Sardis .... Oct 3, 4
Avalon cir, at Oak Grove .... Oct 10, 11
Italy and Frost, at Frost .... Oct 12
Midlothian, at Midlothian .... Oct 17, 18
Alvarado, at Alvarado .... Oct 24, 25
Hillsboro sta .... Oct 28
Grandview, at Grandview .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Sims and Glenwood, at Hillburn .... Nov 4
Bristol cir, at Bristol .... Nov 7, 8
Reagor cir, at Dixon Chapel .... Nov 11
Itasca, at Itasca .... Nov 14, 15
B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Corsicana District—Fourth Round.

Corsicana cir, at Pleasant Grove .... Sept 12, 13
Richland mis, at Richland .... Sept 16
Rice and Chatfield, at Chatfield .... Sept 19, 20
Kerens cir, at Prairie Point .... Sept 23
Thornton cir, at Steel's Creek .... Sept 26, 27
Groesbeck sta, at Groesbeck .... Sept 29
Hornhill mis .... Sept 30
Mexia sta, at Mexia .... Oct 2
Cotton Gin cir, at Point Enterprise .... Oct 3, 4
Barry cir, at Barry .... Oct 6
Blooming Grove cir, at Blooming Grove .... Oct 8
Irene cir, at Mertens .... Oct 10, 11
Dawson cir, at Postoak .... Oct 17, 18
Hubbard City cir, at Hubbard .... Oct 21
Armour cir .... Oct 24, 25
Wortham cir .... Oct 29
John S. Davis, P. E.

Gatesville District—Fourth Round.

Gatesville cir, at Spring Hill .... Sept 12, 13
Bee House cir, at Pearl .... Sept 19, 20
Evant cir, at Live Oak .... Sept 26, 27
Brookhaven cir, at Brown's Creek .... Oct 2
Killeen, etc., at Killeen .... Oct 3, 4
Coperas Cove cir, at Coperas Cove .... Oct 6
Lampasas cir, at Shady Grove .... Oct 9
Lampasas sta .... Oct 10, 11
Oglesby cir, at Station Creek .... Oct 17, 18
Crawford, etc., at McGregor .... Oct 18, 19
Meridian sta .... Oct 19, 20
Coryell City cir, at Coryell City .... Oct 24, 25
Valley Mills cir, at Clifton .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Harmony cir .... Nov 3
Jonesboro cir .... Nov 5
Hamilton cir .... Nov 7, 8
Gatesville sta .... Nov 14, 15
E. F. Boone, P. E.

Clarendon District—Fourth Round.

Memphis, at Memphis .... Sept 12, 13
Kirkland, at Prairie Hill .... Sept 19, 20
Amarillo sta .... Sept 26, 27
Wellington, at Campbell's S. H .... Oct 3, 4
Plainview, at Plainview .... Oct 10, 11
Floyd, at Emma .... Oct 17, 18
Silverton, at Silverton .... 3 p m, Oct 20
Claude .... Oct 24, 25
Channing, at Channing .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Canyon, at Canyon City .... Nov 7, 8
R. A. Hall, P. E.

Vernon District—Fourth Round.

Haskell, at Haskell .... Sept 21
Throckmorton, at Throckmorton .... Sept 23
Graham mis, at Graham .... Sept 25
Graham sta, at Graham .... Sept 25
Farmer, at Hawkins Chapel .... Sept 26, 27
Vernon, at Vernon .... Oct 3, 4
Harrold, at Harrold .... Oct 7
Chillicothe, at Wheatland .... Oct 10, 11
Seymour mis, at Seymour .... Oct 17
Seymour sta, at Seymour .... Oct 17, 18
Altus, at Altus .... Oct 22
Mangum, at Dear Creek .... Oct 24, 25
Eldorado, at Willow Vale .... Oct 27
Quanah, at Childress .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Crowell, at Crowell .... Nov 7, 8
C. W. Daniel, P. E.

Abilene District—Fourth Round.

Eastland cir, at Eastland .... Sept 12, 13
Anson cir, at Spring Creek .... Sept 18
Truby cir, at Anderson's Chapel .... Sept 19, 20
Big Springs sta .... Sept 26, 27
Merkel cir, at Merkel .... Oct 3, 4
Sweetwater cir, at Sweetwater .... Oct 9
Roby cir, at Roby .... Oct 10, 11
Snyder cir, at Browning .... Oct 17, 18
Colorado sta .... Oct 22
Colorado cir, at Rogers .... Oct 23
Midland sta .... Oct 24, 25
Cottonwood cir, at Cottonwood .... Oct 29
Moran cir, at Moran .... Oct 31, Nov 1
South Cisco .... Nov 2
Buffalo Gap, at Buffalo Gap .... Nov 7, 8
M. K. Little, P. E.

Waco District—Fourth Round.

Mt. Calm, at Mt. Calm .... Sept 12, 13
Bosqueville, at Bosqueville .... Sept 19, 20
Moody and Eddy, at Eddy .... Sept 26, 27
Bruceville and Mooreville, at B .... Oct 3, 4
Lorena .... Oct 10, 11
Morgan, at Fowler .... Oct 16
Whitney, at Whitney .... Oct 17, 18
Peoria .... Oct 24, 25
Aquilla, at Yates .... Oct 25, 26
Troy, at Pendletonville .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Mart .... Nov 7, 8
West, at West .... Nov 13
Abbott .... Nov 14, 15
Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Weatherford District—Fourth Round.

Weatherford, First Church .... 2d Sun in Sept
Aledo cir .... 3d Sun in Sept
Peaster cir, at Peaster .... 4th Sun in Sept
Whitt cir, at Bethesda .... 1st Sun in Oct
Lipan cir, at Lipan .... 2d Sun in Oct
Huckabay, at Fitzgerald .... 3d Sun in Oct
Gordon and Thurber, at Gordon .. 20th day in Oct
Strawn and Ranger, at Strawn .. 22d day in Oct
Eliasville cir .... 4th Sun in Oct
Breckenridge cir .... 28th day in Oct
Santo mis, at Palo Pinto .... 1st Sun in Nov
Mineral Wells sta, at M. W .... 4th day in Nov
Springtown cir .... 2d Sun in Nov
E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Georgetown District—Third Round.

Salado, at Prairie Dell .... Sept 12, 13
Round Rock, at Jonah .... Sept 19, 20
Bartlett, at Hackberry .... Sept 26, 27
Taylor .... Oct 3, 4
Florence, at Pleasant Grove .... Oct 10, 11
Sam'l P. Wright, P. E.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Palestine District—Fourth Round.

Lufkin .... Oct 3, 4
Homer cir .... Oct 6
Palestine sta .... Oct 10, 11
Crockett cir .... Oct 17, 18
Crockett and Lovelady .... Oct 19
Holcomb cir .... Oct 24, 25
Grapeland cir .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Elkhart cir .... Nov 7, 8
County Line .... Nov 11
Brushy Creek .... Nov 12
Rusk sta .... Nov 14, 15
Jacksonville cir .... Nov 21, 22
Alto cir .... Nov 27
Wells mis .... Nov 28, 29
Trinity and Groveton .... Dec 4
Saron mis .... Dec 5, 6
Jacksonville sta .... Dec 12, 13
L. M. Fowler, P. E.

Beaumont District—Fourth Round.

Orange .... Oct 10, 11
Kountze, at Nona .... Oct 17, 18
Beaumont and Sabine Pass, at North End .... Oct 24, 25
Woodville, at Wolf Creek .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Colmesneil, at Colmesneil .... Nov 2
Leggett, at Leggett .... Nov 5
Livingston, at Livingston .... Nov. 7, 8
Liberty, at Liberty .... Nov 10
Jasper sta .... Nov 13
Jasper cir .... Nov 14, 15
Newton .... Nov 21, 22
Burkeville .... Nov 28, 29
Beaumont—First Church .... Dec 6, 7
Wm. A. Sampey, P. E.

Tyler District—Fourth Round.

Tyler, Cedar Street .... Oct 4, 5
Canton, at Canton .... Oct 10, 11
Mineola sta .... Oct 17, 18
New York, at New Hope .... Oct 24, 25
Tyler, at Pleasant Grove .... Wed, Oct 28
Athens sta .... Nov 1, 2
Edom, at Tunnell's Chapel .... Wed, Nov 4
Wills Point, at Palmer's Grove .... Nov 7, 8
Wills Point sta .... Nov 8, 9
Malakoff sta .... Nov 14, 15
John Adams, P. E.

Marshall District—Fourth Round.

Longview sta .... 4th Sab in Sept
Hallville, at Lagrone Chapel .... 1st Sab in Oct
Northside, at Union Chapel .... 2d Sab in Oct
Churchhill, at Fowler Chapel .... 3d Sab in Oct
Arieston, at Br. Springs .... 4th Sab in Oct
Kellyville cir .... 1st Sab in Nov
Jefferson sta .... Mon after
Beckville, at Pisgah .... 2d Sab in Nov
Henderson cir, at Good Springs .. 3d Sab in Nov
Henderson sta .... Mon after
Harrison cir at Concord .... 4th Sab in Nov
Coffeeville cir .... 5th Sab in Nov
Marshall sta .... 1st Sab in Dec
Kilgore cir .... 2d Sab in Dec
O. P. Thomas, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Third Round.

Leesburg cir, at New Friendship .... Sept 12, 13
Winfield cir, at Concord .... Sept 19, 20
Musgrove cir, at Bettie .... Sept 26, 27
T. P. Smith, P. E.

San Augustine District—Third Round.

Nacogdoches sta .... Sept 12, 13
Linn Flat, at Red Oak .... Wed, Sept 16
C. F. Smith, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Brenham District—Fourth Round.

Oakdale mis .... Sept 19, 20
Rockdale sta .... Sept 23
Cameron cir .... Sept 26, 27
Ben Arnold mis .... Sept 30
Lexington cir .... Oct 3, 4
Caldwell sta .... Oct 7
Deanville mis .... Oct 10, 11
Milano cir .... Oct 14
Davilla cir .... Oct 17, 18
Maysfield cir .... Oct 21
Pleasant Hill cir .... Oct 24, 25
Lyons cir .... Oct 28
Chappell Hill sta .... Nov 1, 2
Giddings cir .... Nov 4
Brenham sta .... Nov 8, 9
Sealy cir .... Nov 11
Bellville cir .... Nov 14, 15
Cameron sta .... Nov 22, 23
J. C. Mickle, P. E.

Huntsville District—Fourth Round.

Stoneham and Plant., at Kirby's .... Sept 12, 13
Millican cir, at Welborn .... Sept 16, 17
Bryan sta .... Sept 19, 20
Hempstead and Courtney, at C .... Sept 26, 27
Navasota sta .... Sept 29
Zion cir, at Zion .... Sept 30, Oct 1
Madisonville, at Madisonville .... Oct 3, 4
Prairie Plains cir .... Oct 17, 18
Hockley cir, at Hockley .... Oct 21, 22
Conroe cir and Westfield mis, at C .... Oct 24, 25
Cold Springs cir .... Oct 28, 29
Willis sta .... Nov 1, 2
Dodge mis .... Nov 7, 8
Huntsville sta .... Nov 14, 15
W. Wootton, P. E.

Houston District—Third Round.

Patterson .... Sept 12, 13
Dickinson .... Sept 19, 20
Shearn .... Sept 26, 27
Tabernacle .... Sept 27, 28
Seth Ward, P. E.

Austin District—Third Round.

Bastrop sta .... Sept 12, 13
Smithville sta .... Sept 19, 20
LaGrange sta .... Sept 26, 27
Columbus sta .... Oct 3, 4
Eagle Lake cir .... Oct 10, 11
Weimar and Osage .... Oct 17, 18
Flatonia sta .... Oct 24, 25
Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

Calvert District—Third Round.

Fairfield, at Mt Zion .... Sept 12, 13
Personville, at Jordon Chapel .... Sept 13, 14
J. B. Cochran, P. E.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Paris District—Fourth Round.

Roxton, at Atlas .... Sept 12, 13
Pattonville .... Sept 19, 20
Blossom, at Reno .... Sept 23
Deport, at Deport .... Sept 26, 27
Woodland, at Woodland .... Oct 3, 4
Annona, at Douglass .... Oct 10, 11
Detroit, at Detroit .... Oct 17, 18
White Rock and McKenzie, at McK. M'l .. Oct 20
Clarksville .... Oct 22
Rosalie, at Garvinsville .... Oct 24, 25
Centenary, Paris .... Oct 27
Lamar Avenue, Paris .... Oct 29
Lake Creek, at Lake Creek .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Maxey, at Maxey .... Nov 3
Powderly, at Powderly .... Nov 5
Emberson, at Hopewell .... Nov 7, 8
F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Sherman District—Fourth Round.

Whitewright sta .... Sept 12, 13
Van Alstyne sta .... Sept 19, 20
Bells cir, at Bells .... Sept 26, 27
Whitesboro cir, at West View .... Oct 3, 4
Whitesboro sta .... Oct 4, 5
Collinsville cir, at Tioga .... Oct 10, 11
Gordonville, at Gordonville .... Oct 17, 18
Denison mis, at Preston .... Oct 25, 26
Pottsboro sta .... Oct 26, 27
Pilot Grove, at Cottage Hill .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Howe cir, at Howe .... Nov 1, 2
Sherman cir, at Pecan .... Nov 7, 8
I earnestly request the pastors and stewards to bring up full collections.
J. M. Binkley, P. E.

Bonham District—Fourth Round.

Dodd cir .... Sept 12, 13
Petty cir .... Sept 13, 14
Bonham cir .... Sept 19, 20
Gober cir .... Sept 26, 27
Ben Franklin cir .... Oct 3, 4
Ladonia sta .... Oct 4, 5
Randolph cir .... Oct 10, 11
Lannius cir .... Oct 17, 18
Fannin cir .... Oct 24, 25
Trenton .... Tues, Oct 27
White Rock cir .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Honey Grove sta .... Nov 1, 2
Bonham sta .... Nov 7, 8
South Bonham .... Nov 8, 9
J. R. Wages, P. E.

Gainesville District—Fourth Round.

Greenwood .... Wed, Sept 30
Rosston cir .... Thurs, Oct 1
Dye cir .... Fri, Oct 2
Marysville cir .... Sat, Oct 3
Denton Street .... Sat, 7:30 p m, Oct 3
Dexter cir .... Thur, Oct 8
Woodbine cir .... Fri, Oct 9
Mountain Springs .... Sat, Oct 10
Rhome cir .... Wed, Oct 14
Boyd cir .... Thur, Oct 15
Boonsville cir .... Fri, Oct 16
Decatur cir .... Sat, Oct 17
Decatur sta .... Sat, 7:30 p m, Oct 17
Era cir .... Sat, Oct 24
Sanger mis .... Fri, Oct 30
Broadway .... Sat, 7:30 p m, Oct 31
Argyle .... Fri, Nov 6
Denton cir .... Sat, Nov 7
Denton sta .... Sat, 7:30 p m, Nov 7
R. M. Powers, P. E.

Greenville District—Fourth Round.

Merit, at Alliance .... Sept 12, 13
Neola, at Wire Grass .... Sept 19, 20
Floyd, at Clinton .... 8 p m, Sept 20
The Quarterly Conference .... 11 a m, Sept 21
Nevada, at Josephine .... Sept 26, 27
Blue Ridge, at Blue Ridge .... Oct 3, 4
Farmersville .... Oct 4, 5
Weston, at Union .... Oct 10, 11
Bethel, at Zion .... Oct 17, 18
Anna, at Princeton .... Oct 24, 25
Wylie .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Quinlan .... Nov 7, 8
W. M. P. Rippey, P. E.

Bowie District—Fourth Round.

Iowa Park, at Iowa Park .... Sept 12, 13
Archer City, at Archer City .... Sept 19, 20
Holliday, at Holliday .... Sept 20, 21
Bonita and Illinois, at Ducksbery .... Sept 26, 27
Montague and St. Jo, at Montague .... Sept 27, 28
Spanish Fort, at White Priddy .... Oct 3, 4
Nocona and Belcher, at Belcher .... Oct 4, 5
Ringgold, at Barrel Springs .... Oct 6
Salt Hill and Bryson .... Oct 10, 11
Jacksboro and Gibtown .... Oct 11, 12
Chico cir .... Oct 14
Crafton cir .... Oct 15
Post Oak cir .... Oct 17, 18
Alvord sta .... Oct 23
Sunset, at Sunset .... Oct 24, 25
Bowie sta .... Oct 25, 26
Benvanue, at Hearnville .... Oct 28
Blue Grove, at Blue Grove .... Oct 29
Bellevue, at Bellevue .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Wichita Falls .... Nov 5
Henrietta .... Nov 7, 8
W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.

Dallas District—Fourth Round.

First Church .... Sept 12, 13
Lewisville .... Sept 19, 20
Plano .... Sept 26, 27
Lancaster .... Oct 3, 4
Aubrey .... Oct 10, 11
Pilot Point .... Oct 11, 12
Renner .... Oct 17, 18
Hutchins .... Oct 24, 25
Grand Prairie .... Oct 31, Nov 1
F. O. Miller, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round

Winnsboro sta .... Sept 11
Carrollton, at Pickton .... Sept 12, 13
Campbell, at Campbell .... Sept 16
Mt. Vernon cir, at Pine Forest .... Sept 19, 20
Celeste, at Lane .... Sept 26, 27
Fairlie, at Fairlie .... Sept 30
Black Jack Grove, at Mt. Zion .... Oct 3, 4
Leonard, at Leonard .... Oct 7
Sulphur Bluff, at Mt. Zion .... Oct 10, 11
Mt. Vernon mis, at Friendship .... Oct 14
Bailey, at Center Point .... Oct 17, 18
Cooper, at Longtaw .... Oct 24, 25
Kelley Springs .... Oct 31, Nov 1
Isaac W. Clark, P. E.

Terrell District—Fourth Round.

Garland sta .... 3 p m, Sept 11
Cochran and Caruth, at Caruth .... 2 Sun in Sept
Rockwall, at Rockwall .... 3 p m, Sept 18
Fate, at Fate .... 3d Sun in Sept
Forney, at Forney .... 4th Sun in Sept
Terrell cir, at Morrows .... 11 a m, Oct 2
Kemp, at Kemp .... 1st Sun in Oct
Chisholm, at Chisholm .... 2d Sun in Oct
Allen cir .... 3d Sun in Oct
Pleasant Mound .... 11 a m, Oct 23
Mesquite .... 4th Sun in Oct
Kaufman sta .... 8 p m, Oct 30
Crandall .... 1st Sun in Nov
Terrell sta .... 2d Sun in Nov
C. B. Fladger, P. E.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

San Antonio District—Fourth Round.

Sherman Street .... 11 a m, 2d Sun in Sept
Comal Street .... 8 p m, 2d Sun in Sept
Uvalde .... Wed, Sept 16
Eagle Pass .... 3d Sun in Sept
Del Rio .... Sept 21, 22
Batesville .... Sept 23, 24
Hondo .... 4th Sun in Sept
South Heights .... Sept 30
Utopia .... 1st Sun in Oct
Galvinas .... 2d Sun in Oct
Amphion .... Oct 12
Rock Springs ....
City mis .... Oct 15
Black Creek .... 3d Sun in Oct
San Miguel .... Oct 19
Pearsall .... Oct 21
Lytle .... Oct 22
Travis Park .... Oct 28
West End .... Oct 21
J. D. Scott, P. E.

Beeville District—Fourth Round.

Goliad sta .... Tues, 9 a m, Sept 15
Alice cir .... Thur, 3 p m, Sept 17
Laredo sta .... 3d Sab in Sept
Corpus Christi sta .... Tues, 8 p m, Sept 22
Rockport sta .... Wed, 3 p m, Sept 23
Oakville cir .... 4th Sab in Sept
Wade City cir .... Wed, 3 p m, Sept 30
Steckdale cir .... 1st Sab in Oct
Lavernia cir .... Tues, 3 p m, Oct 6
Floresville .... Wed, 8 p m, Oct 7
Karnes City .... 2d Sab in Oct
Runge .... Tues, 3 p m, Oct 14
Skidmore .... 3d Sab in Oct
Beeville .... 4th Sab in Oct
John S. Gillett, P. E.

San Angelo District—Fourth Round.

Paint Rock and Menard, at Menard .. Sept 26, 27
Junction City .... Sept 29
Sonora and Ozona, at Ozona .... Oct 3, 4
Sherwood .... Oct 6
Sterling City .... Oct 9
San Angelo .... Oct 12
Milburn, at Ford's School-house .... Oct 17, 18
Brady .... Oct 21
Mason .... Oct 22
Pontotoc .... Oct 24, 25
John W. Stovall, P. E.

Cuero District—Fourth Round.

Leesville cir .... Sept 12
Rancho cir .... Sept 19
Victoria sta .... Sept 23
Morales cir .... Oct 2
Edna sta .... Oct 3
Weesatche cir .... Oct 10
Clear Creek .... Oct 17
A. C. Biggs, P. E.

San Marcos District—Fourth Round.

Kyle .... Tues, Sept 8
San Marcos .... Wed, Sept 9
Gonzales .... 2d Sun in Sept
Lockhart cir .... 3d Sun in Sept
San Marcos cir .... 4th Sun in Sept
Harwood cir .... 1st Sun in Oct
Belmont cir .... 2d Sun in Oct
Dripping Springs .... 3d Sun in Oct
Buda cir .... 4th Sun in Oct
B. Harris, P. E.

Llano District—Fourth Round.

Kerrville sta .... 1st Sun in Oct
Center Point sta, at C. P. Tues aft 1st Sun in Oct
Bandera and Medina City, at Medina City Thur after 1st Sun in Oct
Boerne, at Boerne .... 2d Sun in Oct
Blanco, at Blanco .... Mon aft 2d Sun in Oct
Round Mountain, at Fall Creek Wed aft 2d Sun in Oct
Willow City, at Coma'he .. Thur aft 2d Sun in Oct
Kingsland, at Oxford .... 3d Sun in Oct
San Saba sta .... Wed aft 3d Sun in Oct
Cherokee, at Cherokee ... Thur aft 3d Sun in Oct
Llano sta .... 4th Sun in Oct
M. A. Black, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

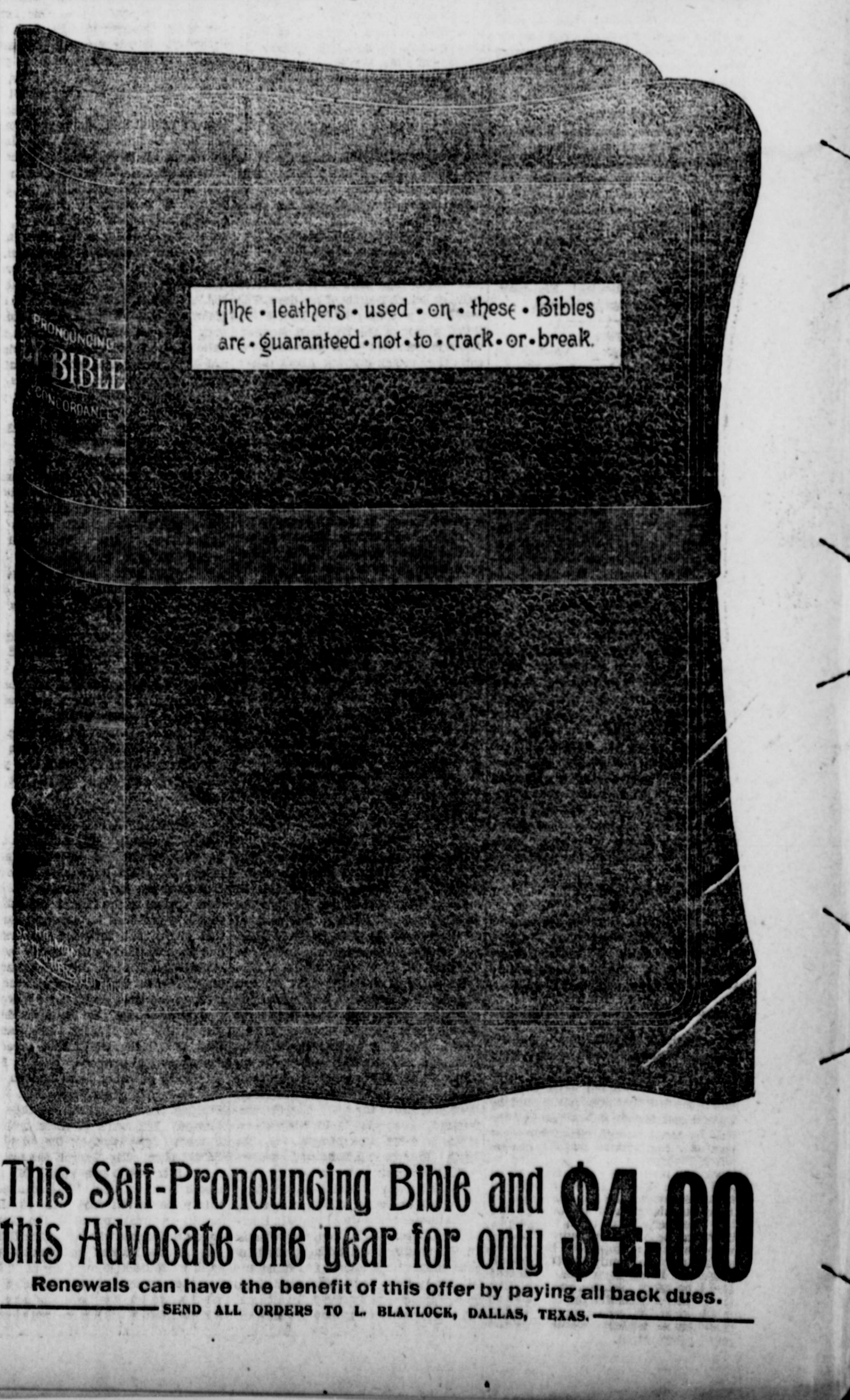
El Paso District—Fourth Round.

El Paso .... Sept 13
Alpine .... Sept 20
C. C. Edington, P. E.

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Pennington—Straughan.—On August 19, 1896, at Groveton, Texas, Mr. Hugh Pennington and Miss Lula Straughan, Rev. J. B. Turrentine officiating.

McClendon—Watts.—On August 23, 1896, at Trinity, Texas, Mr. Walter McClendon and Miss Lona Watts, Rev. J. B. Turrentine officiating.

Townsend—Doyle.—At the residence of the bride's mother, on August 30, 1896, Mr. H. P. Townsend and Miss Mittie Doyle; all of Stephens County, Texas; Rev. R. S. Heizer officiating.

Peck—Bedford.—At the home of the bride's parents, in the town of Eastland, September 2, 1896, Mr. Robert L. Peck and Miss Myrtle Estelle Bedford; all of Eastland County, Texas; Rev. S. Heizer officiating.

Hancock—Ridgeway.—At the residence of Mrs. E. W. Sims, in Waxahachie, Texas, September 2, 1896, by the Rev. B. R. Bolton, Mr. W. L. Hancock and Mrs. R. W. Ridgeway.

Bell—Anderson—Mayhall—Anderson.—At Rock House Church, Williamson County, Texas, August 30, 1896, Mr. I. G. Bell and Miss Ada Anderson and Mr. A. R. Mayhall and Miss Emma Anderson, Rev. Atticus Webb officiating.

Black—VanZandt.—At the residence of the bride's parents, at Ovilla, Ellis County, Texas, Mr. Horatio Black and Miss Maud VanZandt, Rev. S. Crutchfield officiating,

Roark—Berry.—September 6, 1896, at Zion Rest, near Corsicana, Texas, Mr. W. T. Roark and Miss Ida Berry, Rev. F. M. Winburne officiating.

Teel—Pearce.—At the parsonage, in Allen, Texas, September 6, 1896, by Rev. J. A. Kerr, Mr. John T. Teel and Miss Ida A. Pearce; both of Lebanon, Texas.

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IN MEMORY.

Death came and with its dark wings swooped down into the home of Jack and Nora Baird and took from them their darling boy—little Oakley—a white flower—and sailed away beyond, beyond, beyond! When a gardener tills with care, watches with love a tender flower, and some passer-by comes with careless touch and destroys it, his heart is filled with bitterness. When a loving mother looks into the dark eyes of her infant son, loves him with that exquisite love fresh from heaven and known only to the peculiar mother-heart; when a father stands proudly by and gazes on the tiny babe, his first born, his heart swells with pride—how tenderly they guard their flower, this white flower God has given them. But, ah! the destroyer comes and their hearts are filled with woe. Death is a cruel thing. It comes into a home and takes the brightest jewel. Death alone is cruel, but look beyond and see the hand of God, the careful hand, surely the kindest, gentlest gardener that ever culled a flower. Plucked from our hearts to gladden the mighty one of God the Father. Plucked from our hearthstone to decorate the throne of heaven. Snatched from a mother's arms to lay in the arms of Jesus. Though it broke our hearts to see his darling head laid low on satin pillows in the snowy casket, the waxen hands that so oft had smoothed mother's cheek and father's brow, lying still on his pulseless, precious bosom, though it crushed us, we must look up. 'Twas the Divine hand that sent the shaft that entered our poor souls. After awhile in that sweet beyond on that shining shore we will meet our cherub, over whose precious head scarce two golden summers had passed. Sweet Oakley, little one, auntie's darling, farewell; beautiful white bloom loaned from heaven, farewell, farewell!

ALICE ROGERS PATE.
Hutchins, Texas.

HEAD.—Lillah Ethel, infant daughter of J. M. and Isa Head, was born August 12, 1895, and died July 14, 1896. She was sick about two weeks. She suffered much, but her sufferings are all over. The Lord has taken this sweet child to live with him in heaven. This was the only child of this young father and mother, and no doubt they looked forward with sweet anticipations when little Lillah Ethel would bloom into womanhood and be the sunshine of their home; but the Lord has thought it best to take this tender bud from this world of sorrow and to transplant it by the river of eternal life, to bloom forever. Sometimes the Lord takes the loved ones and places them in heaven to draw our affections that way.

G. W. TEMPLIN, P. C.

MITCHELL.—Mrs. Julia F. Mitchell was born in Rome County, Tennessee, June 4, 1820, and died August 12, 1896. Grandmamma, as all called her, professed religion when she was fourteen years old and joined the Methodist Church, in which she lived faithfully until death. She moved to Missouri in her eighteenth year; was married to J. H. Mitchell in 1843, and moved to Texas in 1865, and settled in Cooke County, near Whitesboro, where she died. She was the mother of nine children, of which only four are living—two sons and two daughters. She was living with her widowed daughter, Sister S. L. Crabtree. The writer buried her in the Whitesboro Cemetery. There was a large crowd of friends and neighbors who followed her remains to its last resting place. Grandma was one of our best members at West View. We would say to the bereaved children, you sorrow not as those who have no hope; you know where to find her. Before she died she asked all to meet her in heaven. Be faithful children to the end and some sweet day you will meet mother again.

S. H. HAYES, L. D.

SMITH.—Zebbie Smith was born June 18, 1877, in Dade County, Mo., and died July 22, 1896, at Pleasant Hill, Texas. He was baptized in infancy and raised in a Christian land, and converted two months before he died, and while he had not joined the Church yet he had a bright experience and aimed to unite with the Church the first opportunity. He was a bright boy and his parents are very much bereaved in his death, but are submissive to the will of God. May his grace be sufficient.

J. W. BECKHAM.

HICKS.—Mrs. Mary Hicks was born in Copiah County, Miss., in 1827. She was a sister of Captain R. M. Calhoun, who was a Captain in the Mexican and Confederate war. She was married to Moses Hicks in 1847, and came to Texas in 1848, and settled in Harrison County, and thence moved to Navarro County in 1851, where she died, August 29, 1896. She had been a member of the Methodist Church since a girl. She was a constant reader of the TEXAS ADVOCATE since it started to her death. Sister Hicks was one of those bright, cheerful Christians wholly the Lord's.

SAM C. VAUGHAN.

ALLEN.—Sister A. L. Allen, wife of Dr. G. W. Allen, was born March 27, 1852. She was united in holy wedlock to Dr. Allen, October 21, 1868. Sister Allen was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South. She remained faithful to God and her Church until the end came. She was the mother of nine children. She was a faithful wife and loving mother, true to her neighbors and friends; her whole life was full of good deeds. She was sorely afflicted for many months, yet suffered with patience and submission to the will of God. The writer of this talked with her several days before her death, and she said: "I am so anxious to get well. I want to be spared for the sake of my dear husband and children. It is hard for me to give my consent to die." I told her that God could not give dying grace to the living and strong. But that if it was his will that she should die, in due time God would give her dying grace. A short time before she passed away, she said: "The preacher was right: he told the truth. I now have dying grace and am willing to go." Hers was a peaceful and triumphant death. Grace was all-sufficient in the last hour. She left this world for a brighter clime June 30, 1896. Sometimes it is hard for us to understand the mysterious workings of God's Providence. We can not understand why Sister Allen had to suffer so long here, but, thank God, we will know why when we get up yonder. "Now we see through a glass darkly, but then we shall know even as we are known." 'Tis sweet to trust all to him who makes no mistakes, but who doeth all things well. We laid her peacefully to rest in the city cemetery.

ANDREW T. OSBRON.
Flatonia, Texas.

BARRY.—"Carried by the angels!" August 22, 1896, Guy H. Barry, of Brookshire, Texas; was born May 1, 1883, aged thirteen years three months and twenty-two days. His severe illness was not long; he suffered much, yet never one impatient or rebellious word did he utter. Lovely in his short and exemplary life, and in his death blessed, for he died in the Lord. Grace seemed to come upon this sweet child early. His was such a kind nature, so noble and unselfish in his disposition; sogenial and magnetic, though unobstrusive in all his general intercourse, made him a universal favorite with relatives and friends. To know him was to love him, and to "love another" seemed to be the controlling sentiment of his young life. Not long before he fell asleep in Jesus he looked up at those who were sobbing around with such a smile as if an angel had touched him, and sang in clear, sweet tones, "Meet me there." May the dear Lord comfort the grieving hearts of those who loved him so, putting them in remembrance day by day of that heavenly message, "Meet me there," until that sweet parting injunction be made a full, eternal fruition beyond the gates of day, "where in sweet communion blend heart with heart and friend with friend, in a world that ne'er shall end, meet me there." His Sunday-school teacher.

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TAFT.—Samantha Jane Lagrone Taft was born in Marion, Ala., August 27, 1854; was converted and joined the Methodist Church when a girl; was married to Bro. Joseph Henderson when quite young, and with him joined the Presbyterian Church, of which she continued a faithful member until death. Her husband having died she was again married to Bro. J. S. Taft. She died in the faith August 2, 1896, leaving her husband and eight children—four the fruit of her first marriage and four of the second—also a host of relatives to mourn their loss. Sister Taft was an estimable, earnest Christian, a gentle mother, whose household was well ordered, and a generous neighbor, beloved by a large community.

G. W. RILEY.

WRIGHT.—Mrs. Susan E. Wright, wife of Dr. Louis Wright and daughter of J. C. and S. E. Mullins, was born near Thrifty, Brown County, Texas, November 6, 1874, and died August 24, 1896. She was married to Dr. Louis Wright May 6, 1894. She professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1884, and lived a consistent Christian life. She was a great sufferer, but bore her afflictions with Christian fortitude, and when the end came she called her sorrowing husband, father, mother, brothers and sisters to her bed, exhorting them to meet her in heaven, where suffering and parting are no more. The great crowd of weeping friends that attended her funeral tells of her worth and our loss. Husband, father, mother, brothers and sisters, may God's grace help you to meet her in heaven.

G. C. FIELD, L. E.

NAUDAIN.—Theodore F. Naudain was born in Delaware December 25, 1844. After an illness of six weeks with slow fever and bronchitis he died August 22, 1896, at Belcher, Montague County, Texas. He was happily married to Mariah L. Lyerla in Montgomery County, Illinois, January 19, 1871. This union was blessed with one son and three daughters. The mother and children live to mourn his death. His parent's family consisted of ten children. He leaves only one brother and one sister of the large family. At the age of eight he came with his parents from Delaware to Illinois, in Montgomery County, where he was brought up. He has been a citizen of Texas twelve years. At the age of thirty he joined the Lutheran Church to be with his wife. In 1840 in Eastland County, Texas, he and his wife united with our Church, in which he had been raised. He lived a consistent member and died a triumphant death. He was a loyal citizen, an obliging neighbor, a faithful husband and father, and a devout Christian. He was a faithful Steward and a most excellent Sunday-school Superintendent. He died cheerfully and happy, as he had lived.

G. F. BOYD.

DUTY.—Mrs. Louisa Duty was born in Lincoln County, Mo., February 8, 1812. Her maiden name was Turner. She moved to Texas in 1827 and settled where the town of Columbus now stands. She was married to Jos. Duty by bond under Mexican law in 1828, which contract was afterwards solemnized by a Catholic priest and twelve other couples with them at the same time and place. Jos. Duty, Mr. Hornsby, Mr. Wells and Mr. Tannihill were the first four settlers of the town of Bastrop. Sister Duty was converted in early life and lived a faithful, devout Christian unto the end. She was one of the organizers of the Methodist Church in Webberville, Texas, in which communion she lived and died after a period of more than forty years. She was the mother of twelve children—six living and six dead. She was the mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of one hundred and fifty-one children when she died. She died at her home, in Webberville, Texas, triumphantly in peace and hope, May 31, 1896, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, three months and twenty-four days. She was one of the few remaining survivors of S. F. Austin's first colony. She was a pionier indeed. In early days she stood in her cabin door and saw Mr. Rogers shot and scalped by the Indians in Hornsby Bend, on the Colorado; and she also helped bury the Coleman family and Matthew Duty, all killed by the Indians. The above facts mark this good woman as a character of historic interest. Her life began when the light of the past century still hovered on the horizon and it closed while the morning stars are preparing to sink in the coming century. Hers was a rare and thrilling life. Her struggles were great, her trials many and her sufferings severe. Sister Duty was intimately acquainted and associated with many of the founders of Methodism in this the then "far wild West." Among them were H. S. Thrall, Robt. Alexander, John Haynie and J. W. Whipple, who have all passed to their eternal reward. May the mantle of the fidelity, love and charity of this mother in Israel fall upon her posterity. Peace to her memory, sweet be her rest. Amen!

S. H. MORGAN, Pastor.

WEST.—George Milton West was born October 24, 1871, in Fort Bend County, Texas; came to Blanco County in 1884, and has lived in the town of Blanco until his death. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1885. He talked to his mother during his sickness about his spiritual condition, and gave her satisfactory evidence that he was ready to die. He told the writer that all his trust was in God. He was the only child at home with a widowed mother, and it was a trial to give him up. He was sick six weeks with slow fever. His mother, his brother and sisters did all they could for him, with the help of the doctors and neighbors, yet he had to pay the debt of death. He was buried by the Masons, of which order he was a member. We hope to meet him in heaven.

ISAIAH S. NAPIER, P. C.

BERRYHILL.—Mrs. Caroline Berryhill (nee Hendrickson) was born in Jefferson County, Missouri, November 7, 1833; came to Texas with her brother-in-law, who settled in Fayette County, Texas, with whom she lived until July 8, 1857, at which time she and Miles Berryhill were happily married, and in 1859 they moved to and settled in Liberty County, Texas, where the summons to her abiding place found her waiting in triumphant faith July 16, 1895. She leaves her husband and children (three having gone before) and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her going. She joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1889, in which she lived and labored unto the last. In all things she adorned the profession of her faith with meekness and with grace. She was a loving and obedient wife, a tender and thoughtful mother, a kind and good neighbor and a devout Christian. A faithful and good woman is gone to her reward.

O. A. SHOOK.
Liberty, Texas.

McNEELY.—H. B. McNeely was born in Madison County, Alabama, December 14, 1820, and departed this life May 28, 1896. Bro. McNeely was a valuable member of society, a Christian father and husband. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1851. He was an honored member of this Church until he died. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1866. Truly a good man has fallen. He was a man who had passed through affliction, losing three wives. In all this he looked to God, who is a present help in time of need. God grant that his children may emulate his example in fidelity to God. He was first married to Frances G. Smith, February, 1841. He moved to Giles County, Tennessee. Here he lost his first wife; was married the second time to Sarah E. Marshall. She lived but a few years. He then married Nancy A. Menafee. He moved to Texas in October, 1891, and located in Fannin County, where he died. God bless the bereaved family. His pastor,

A. W. GIBSON.

BROCK.—The death angel has come into our midst and taken a precious blossom from us. On Wednesday evening, August 5, 1896, the "Cannon Ball" train killed little Amos Mayhew, the sixteen months old babe of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brock. He was born April 2, 1895. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. W. Gibson, pastor of the M. E. Church, South. We extend our sympathy to the heart-broken parents. Bereaved parents, how they will miss the patter of his little feet. We thought as we gazed on him for the last time lying so still and cold in the little white casket, his sweet brown eyes closed in the last sleep, how can we give him up! God's will, not ours, be done. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord." So we bow meekly and submissively to his will. One who loved him.

AUNT LULA.
Dodd, Texas.

FAIRCHILDS.—Wm. M. Fairchilds, son of J. M. and Florida Fairchilds, was born March 30, 1873, and died at his home in Angelina County, Texas, August 30, 1896. After an illness of twenty-one days he crossed over the river of death and entered the haven of rest. He professed religion at the age of fifteen and joined the M. E. Church, and lived a consistent member of the same. He was religiously inclined from childhood. He was a promising young man. Everybody loved him. During his unconscious hours he would try to sing. He was heard trying to sing "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Sweet By and By." We weep, but not as those who have no hope. He was followed to his last resting place by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives who mourn their loss. But our loss is his eternal gain. Weep not, loved ones; be true to God and he will be true to you. A few more years of toil and care and you will be called to that sweet haven of rest.

J. M. HONEYCUTT.

OSWALD.—George Henry Oswald was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, July 14, 1822, and died near Clifton, Texas, at the residence of his daughter, Sister W. M. Bertrand, August 13, 1893. Bro. Oswald came to America in 1848. He had been an honored citizen of Bosque County, Texas, since 1871 and a member of the Church thirty-eight years. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1876. For the past year he suffered much, but patiently he bore it and came to death with a strong faith in God. Bro. Oswald was a kind father, a loving husband and a consistent member of the Church. May the grace of God comfort his wife and six children in their bereavement.

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STEWART.—Rebecca, wife of D. F. Stewart, was born in Illinois, December 24, 1849; converted in childhood and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She was married in 1870, at which time she joined the Methodist Church with her husband, in which she lived a useful Christian life until the day of her departure to the Christian's home in glory. She came to Texas in 1876, and finally settled in Fannin County, near Honey Grove, where she remained until July 2, 1896, when she breathed her last on earth, leaving behind her a devoted husband and eight children to mourn their loss, while she went on to rejoin with her two sainted little children where parting will be no more. Truly a good woman has gone from the family home and the social circles of earth to live in the many-mansioned house above.

J. E. VINSON.

DAVIS.—John P. Davis was born July 30, 1836, in Alabama; came to Texas when seventeen years of age, and died June 5, 1896; married to Matilda Stephenson. She died during the war. He came home from the war, and in 1866 married Macon Cooper, who is still living. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South, for about thirty years. He has a companion in heaven no doubt. She died thirty-three years ago. He was the father of twelve children, six of them gone to heaven before him, six more to follow, and a companion who stood by him in all of his sickness. His father and mother and all of his brothers and sisters came to Texas from Alabama, who have all gone by the way of all the earth except one brother and one sister. He died in the faith, happy in a Savior's love. He told all to meet him in heaven.

N. H. DAVIS.

CARTER.—In memory of Mrs. Isabella Carter, our sister, neighbor and friend, who was called from us, but has gone to meet the loved ones gone before. Sister Carter was born in Virginia, February 25, 1825. While quite young her parents moved to Kentucky, from Kentucky to Tennessee, in which State she was happily married in 1841. She was converted sometime during the civil war, joined the Methodist Church, South, and lived a faithful and consistent life till her death, which took place August 5, 1896. In November, 1885, together with her Christian husband and sweet-spirited children, she came to Texas, located in Wood County, where she lived till God took her home. She leaves behind her four Christian children, all members of the M. E. Church, South. The children will miss their precious mother, but their loss is her eternal gain.

D. L. CAIN.
Mineola, Texas. Her Pastor.

LAWLIS.—Sister Mattie E. Lawlis (nee Wylie), the subject of this notice, was born in Upshur County, Texas, May 17, 1869, and departed this life for her home in heaven at her residence, near the little town of Hardy, Montague County, Texas, February 18, 1896. Sister Mattie was the oldest daughter of Bro. J. F. and Sister S. J. Wylie, who were among the first settlers of Montague County. She gave her heart to God at the age of fourteen years, and joined the M. E. Church, South. She was married to Mr. Alfred S. Lawlis, December 4, 1887, who, with three sweet little ones—two precious little girls and baby Ben—survive her, with her many friends and loved ones to mourn her absence; but, thank God, they know where to find here. Sister Mattie's strong and abiding faith in Jesus and her quiet, consistent and exemplary Christian life was an inspiration and a benediction to those with whom she came in contact. I don't think I ever met a sweeter, purer, Christian—always smiling, always happy. She did not talk much—no need, for her life spoke plainer than words that she loved God.

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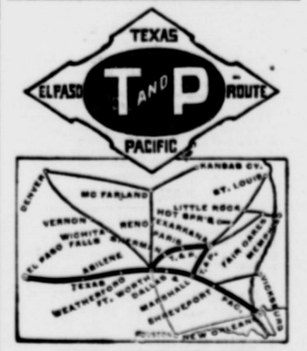
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I preached yesterday morning and evening to fine congregations, and we had a good time at each coming together. I am not so strong as I hope to be when the weather gets cooler, but feel fully rested and able to take up my work where I laid it down. J. W. HILL.

Gainesville, Texas, Sept. 7.

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Brethren—Bro. Timmons, of Palestine, who is chairman of the committee to examine class of fourth year, has very kindly consented to assist the class in preparing for examination by a week's school at Palestine sometime in the near future. He will entertain us during the school. As many as can and will attend please drop me a card at once and I will arrange for time and publish later. J. B. TURRENTINE

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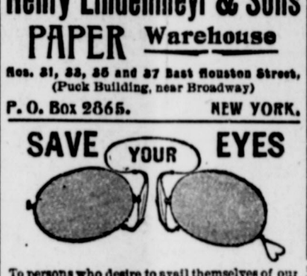
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