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Editorial.

LETTER FROM WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday, November 19, the publisher and editor of the ADVOCATE left Temple for San Antonio to visit the West Texas Conference. We had a smooth, delightful run over the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, and the International and Great Northern. After leaving Round Rock on the I. and G. N. we were in territory altogether new to the editor. Our glimpse of Austin gave us great pleasure. The Capitol towering in the distance, the Colorado River running by the city, the bluffs and hills looming upon the view, and various other interesting features, riveted our attention. We felt a throb of State pride when gazing upon this magnificent city, though seen only in outline. We saw enough of Austin to beget within us a strong desire to visit the capital of Texas more at length. We reached San Antonio late in the evening. Our first impression was one of surprise and delight—an impression which deepened and broadened until the last moment of our stay. San Antonio, in our opinion, is the most beautiful and fascinating city in the State of Texas. The streets and sidewalks were thoroughly paved. There were many attractive squares and parks, beautified with trees, grass and flowers—characteristic features. We noted some of the costliest and most luxurious private residences which have ever come under our observation. Some of the public buildings, such as the City Hall, the postoffice, and others are really notable ones, and would attract attention anywhere. The old Cathedral and the Alamo are relics and monuments of the past, and are always objects of profound interest to the tourist. We gazed with mingled feelings of awe and admiration upon the ancient and historic Alamo, upon its venerable and weather-beaten walls and upon its blood-stained floor where one of the finest things ever recorded in the annals of the race was done by a heroic band. The Alamo is a relic that will grow more awe-inspiring and fascinating with the flight of time, and the story of the brave deeds wrought there will prove impressive and stimulating to every succeeding generation. The San Antonio River, lined by stately trees and overhung by luxuriant foliage, winding through the city, is one of the most attractive features of the metropolis of the Southwest. It is spanned by numerous bridges, and whenever the tourist crosses one of them he invariably stops to gaze upon the clear-flowing, beautiful stream below him. It is certainly a unique spectacle—a charming bit of landscape and park-like loveliness in the very heart of commercial activity. Government Hill, where the United States army barracks are located, is an abject of very great interest. This is a very important post and the Government has spent a great deal of money in erecting commodious buildings and in beautifying the grounds. Our trip to San Pedro Springs yielded much pleasure. The park is ample, the lakes were full of fish and covered with a score or so of snow-white swans. The zoological garden contained many rare and exquisitely beautiful tropical birds and a fine collection of animals richly worth seeing. Here we saw a bald eagle and a golden eagle—our first. We owe this most enjoyable drive and occasion of sight-seeing to the courtesy and kindness of Rev. New Harris, the pastor of Travis Park Church—a scholar and a gentleman. San Antonio is a large place, with a fine business; and her manifold attractions, a few of which we have barely outlined, together with her unrivaled climate, will always keep her in the very front rank. San Antonio is old and new—a reminder of the past and a monument of the present, full of quaint features and antique spectacles, and yet at the same time thoroughly modern and up-to-date. No man has seen Texas until he has seen this splendid city, the ornament and pride of the Southwest.

The Conference convened on time in Travis Park Church, Bishop J. S. Key in the chair. The preliminary business was disposed of speedily and the regular minute work was taken earnestly in hand. We never saw a smoother flow of conference business. There was time enough for everything; no undue straining or pushing. Every interest had its hour in court and every connectional man the amplest opportunity. The reports of the preachers were good, considering the embarrassments which had hampered the work. We have had occasion before to speak of the heroism and self-sacrifice of this conference, and we saw no indications of any abatement of these virtues. Bishop Key presided with his characteristic efficiency and kindliness, and the various sessions under his able and amiable management were occasions of great interest to the members of the conference and to the general public. On Saturday all the reports were made and adopted. There was very little debating, the brethren seeming to be unanimous upon nearly all the points. This was a busy and a pleasant session and nothing occurred to mar the harmony thereof.

San Antonio took splendid care of the conference. No better entertainment was ever furnished to an Annual Conference, and Bro. New Harris and his noble people will always have a warm place in the grateful hearts of the preachers, lay delegates and visitors. Large and interested congregations assembled to watch the conference work and to participate in the anniversary meetings and preaching services. Sunday was a day of much preaching and religious enjoyment. A large number of pulpits were open to us and duly supplied. Bishop Key preached to a tremendous audience at Travis Park Church. His sermon was timely and stong, an emphatic and caustic protest against spiritualism and kindred fooleries, and filled with wise recommendations as to the best way of dealing with sin in the Church. It was replete with edification and comfort. On Thursday night of the conference Dr. Tigert preached a notable sermon that will abide for many a day in the memory and heart of those who heard him. The publisher and editor were the recipients of many courtesies and favors from the President of the conference and the brethren, and if they failed to advance the interests committed to their hands it was not for lack of opportunity. We are grateful and record our thanks. The conference adjourned Monday morning, and the preachers turned their faces homeward. That the incoming year may be one of great usefulness and blessing is our earnest prayer.

THE MINUTE BUSINESS.

Minutes of the West Texas Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Held at Travis Park, San Antonio, Texas, Beginning November 20, 1895, Ending November 25, 1895—Bishop J. S. Key, President; Sterling Fisher, Secretary.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? None.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Frank L. McGehee, Frank B. Buchanan, James W. Long.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? Joseph S. Cash, Joseph E. Hightower, at their own request.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

Ques. 5. Who are re-admitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? C. W. Perkins, an elder from the North Mississippi Conference; I. K. Waller, and J. A. Lowe, elders from the North Texas Conference, whose transfer from us appear in the appointments.

Ques. 7. Who are deacons of one year? Frank S. Onderdonk, Artemas L. Scarborough, D. O. McAllister, W. F. Gibbons, Hubert D. Knickerbocker, Hiram Graham, Jerome P. Garrett, M. W. Francis, M. J. Allen.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? None.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? None.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Duncan A. McInnish.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Duncan A. McInnish.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Monroe A. Turner, Leon C. Matthis, Walter J. Johnson, James C. Wilson, Albert W. Wilson, Mortimer S. Gardner.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Monroe A. Turner, Leon C. Matthis, Walter J. Johnson, James C. Wilson, Albert W. Wilson, Mortimer S. Gardner.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Chas. F. Goodenough.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Chas. F. Goodenough.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? W. E. Rector, W. G. Cocke, at their own request.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? R. J. Deets, J. W. Vest, J. R. Barden.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? Jas. P. Rogers, J. W. Brown, E. G. Duval, Wm. Monk, H. G. Horton, A. F. Cox, J. H. Tucker, W. M. Shockley, J. F. Denton, N. W. Keith, W. J. Joyce, R. M. Leaton, E. B. Galloway, J. A. Lowe.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? A. J. Potter.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over one by one, and their characters passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the conference? Local preachers, 97; members, 15,944.

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 316.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 657.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 63.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Epworth League members? 1881.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 152.

Ques. 27. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 1033.

Ques. 28. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 8653.

Ques. 29. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? $4500.

Ques. 30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? $3289 45.

Ques. 31. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, $3036 80; domestic, $3144 24.

Ques. 32. What has been contributed for Church Extension? $676.

Ques. 33. What has been done for the American Bible Society? $131.21.

Ques. 34. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, $1880.36; preachers in charge, $3361 88.

Ques. 35. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? $753 35.

Ques. 36. What is the number of societies, and the number and estimated value of church edifices? Number of societies, 232; number of church edifices, 141; value, $222,294 05.

Ques. 37. What is the number of pastoral charges, and the number and value of parsonages owned by them? Number of charges, —; number of parsonages, 63; value, $12,732.

Ques. 38. What is the number and value of district parsonages? Number district parsonages, 4; value $4750.

Ques. 39. What are the educational satistics? ——

Ques. 40. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Llano, Texas.

Ques. 41. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

Rev. J. L. Hendry, of the China Mission, was the principal speaker at the Missionary Anniversary Saturday night. Rev. G. B. Winton, of San Luis Potosi, and Bishop Key, also made remarks. The congregation was somewhat diminished by the bad weather, but the spirit of the occasion was the very best. Personally, we enjoyed it more than any similar occasion we ever attended. Dozens and scores said the same thing. It was a time of seed-sowing, and we predict that no one who attended that service can ever be indifferent to the cause of missions again. It was, to some extent, an informal meeting, interspersed with songs, reading of letters, questions and brief remarks. The Spirit set his seal upon the occasion and reinforced the missionary zeal in all our hearts. Bros. Hendry and Winton, fresh from the field, living monuments of disinterested love and heroic enterprise, spoke the word to answering hearts and furthered the interests of that cause which is so unspeakably dear to them.

Rev. W. M. Hayes was the speaker at the Church Extension Anniversary. A large congregation listened attentively to an earnest and profitable speech, followed by a basket collection.

Bishop R. S. Johnson and Doctors W. R. Richardson, J. T. Hutcheson, and B. Carnahan, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, were introduced to the conference. Bishop Johnson made a brief fraternal talk, which was thoroughly appreciated by the brethren. This visit was something new under the sun. We would fain regard it as a token of a broadening brotherly love.

Dr. Tigert addressed the conference in the interest of the Review. The brethren enjoyed the speech immensely. He increased the list of subscribers considerably. The Doctor's Texas tour yielded handsome returns.

J. S. McKinnon, of Tobey, Atascosa County, is one of the best and most useful of men. When his preacher read the report of his charge, he paused to detail some of the noble work of Bro. McKinnon. When he finished the Bishop remarked: "We will pass Bro. McKinnon's character." The brethren smiled, thus showing their appreciation of the Bishop's felicitous recognition of Bro. McKinnon's fine service. On one occasion Bro. McKinnon built a church, paying all the expenses himself. He has a large ranch worked by Mexican tenants. These have been organized into a Church, and supplied with all the means of grace. We saw enough to satify us that this princely, devout man deserves the confidence and the love which have been so unstintedly bestowed upon him.

Rev. J. T. Gillett announced the gift of $100 to the superannuated preachers from the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, of Blanco. A thoughtful gift, highly appreciated and gratefully received.

The following visitors were present at this session of the West Texas Conference: Dr. Jno. J. Tigert, Book and Review Editor; Rev. W. H. Vaughan, Agent of the Texas Methodist Orphanage; Rev. W. M. Hayes, Financial Agent of the Southwestern University; Dr. J. H. McLean, Regent of the Southwestern University; Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, General Colporter; Rev. J. F. Hendry, Missionary to China; Rev. P. Roderiguez, Rev. T. Del Valle and Rev. B. Soto, of the Mexican Border Conference; Rev. J. W. Horn and Rev. J. B. Sears, of the Texas Conference; Rev. C. R. Wright and Rev. H. A. Boaz, of the Northwest Texas Conference; Rev. J. Kern, of the German Mission Conference; Rev. W. B. Rankin, Agent of the American Bible Society.

The following brethren preached during the session of the conference: I. Z. T. Morris, R. S. Adair, J. H. McLean, Morris Evans, J. W. Stovall, A. L. Scarborough, J. F. Webb, Theophilus Lee, T. F. Dimmitt, W. M. Hayes, J. M. Alexander, J. C. Russell, Thomas Gregory, A. C. Biggs, M. S. Gardner, A. W. Wilson, James Hammond, I. T. Morris, W. H. H. Biggs, J. A. Baker, L. C. Matthis, J. S. Gillett, J. A. Biggs, C. R. Wright, J. J. Tigert and T. R. Pierce.

Rev. J. M. Alexander, of the San Marcos Station, made a splendid financial report, and remarked that the whole credit was exclusively due to his official board. He said: "The stewards bear the entire financial burden, and I have nothing to do but to study, pray, preach and visit." The preachers all said amen, and the Bishop moved to pass the character of the official board. This ought to be not the exception but the universal rule.

Bro. J. M. Alexander, of San Marcos, made the banner report upon the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. He secured during the year a fine string of subscribers. Bros. E. K. Denton and C. H. Maloy pushed him closely. We are certainly very grateful for such noble work. If all the Texas preachers would only work like these splendid itinerants, the ADVOCATE would soon achieve a phenomenal success.

Rev. W. W. Pinson, the Agent for the San Antonio Female College, made a good speech and took a fine collection for the institution above named. It amounted to $1800.

Rev. W. H. Vaughan made a felicitous speech for the Orphanage, and also a capital talk before the Preachers' Aid Society. Vaughan is a fine platform man, and an untiring worker, and any good cause would be safe in his hands. The conference contributed $425 to the Orphanage, a little less than the assessment.

After two earnest and able speeches by Dr. J. H. McLean and Rev. W. M. Hayes in the interest of the Southwestern University, the conference contributed in cash, subscriptions and land $1050. More and more the university building becomes an assured fact. How devoutly grateful we should be that this long contemplated enterprise is so near a triumphant and joyful realization. Let us thank God and take courage!

Rev. A. J. Potter died during the year. He was a typical frontier preacher and did much hard and good work. His brethren entertain a loving remembrance of him. The conference contributed $75 to the relief of Sister Potter.

The preachers of the San Antonio District presented Rev. J. D. Scott, the presiding elder, with a first-rate hat and overcoat as a token of their love. Such expressions of confidence and sympathy are very gratifying to the recipients. Bro. Scott is duly grateful.

The San Antonio Female College made satisfactory progress during the year. The President, Rev. J. E. Harrison and the Agent, Rev. W. W. Pinson, have wrought wisely and efficiently in their respective departments. The college owns property valued at $65,000. The patronage of the institution is decidedly encouraging. This school is judiciously located: first in the most attractive city in Texas, and second in the finest climate in the southwest. This college, permanently established and successfully operated, will prove an invaluable auxiliary to Methodism. Bros. Harrison and Pinson are among our foremost men and we wish them the largest possible measure of success

A brother failed to pass the class of the fourth year. The presiding elder suggested that "Tigert's Logic" was the trouble; that the brother was stuck in it and that he never would get out of it. After some discussion the Bishop called for a motion in the case. The presiding elder said: "I move that the brother be continued in the class of the fourth year until he superannuates."

Dr. J. J. Tigert and the editor of the ADVOCATE were entertained at the Hotel Maverick, and L. Blaylock, our publisher, was entertained at the Southern Hotel. These are splendid hotels and the happy guests above enumerated will always be thankful for the generous and elegant treatment received.

San Marcos, Luling and Llano were put in nomination for the entertainment of the next conference. Llano was beyond all question the choice of the brethren. Llano is a fine town and eager for such a visit, and will care for the visitors with a bountiful hospitality.

APPOINTMENTS.

San Antonio District.

J. D. SCOTT, P. E.

San Antonio, Travis Park—New Harris.
West End and Prospect Hill—H. D. Knickerbocker.
South Heights and East End—T. F. Dimmitt.
Sherman Street—A. L. Scarborough.
Comal Street—R. S. Adair.
Cedar Street Mission—A. E. Rector.
City Mission—J. A. Smith, supply.
Pleasanton Circuit—C. W. Perkins.
Amphion Circuit—F. J. Perrin.
Benton Circuit—S. J. Drake.
Cotulla and Pearsall—James Hammond.
Uvalde Station—J. C. Russell.
Eagle Pass Station—J. A. Wright.
Devine Circuit—I. K. Waller.
Hondo and Sabinal—F. H. C. Elliott.
Utopia Circuit—V. G. Thomas.
Batesville Circuit—To be supplied.
Del Rio Station—J. L. Kennedy.
San Miguel Mission—To be supplied.
San Antonio Female College—J. E. Harrison, President; W. W. Pinson, Agent.

Llano District.

M. A. BLACK, P. E.

Llano Station—J. T. Gillett.
San Saba Station—E. K. Denton.
Kerrville Station—J. T. H. Miller.
Center Point Station—H. T. Hill.
Blanco Circuit—I. S. Napier.
Boerne Circuit—S. G. Shaw.
Bandera and Medina City—A. W. Wilson.
Willow City Circuit—J. M. Shuford.
Round Mountain Circuit—J. P. Garrett.
Cherokee Circuit—F. B. Buchanan.
Kingsland Mission—To be supplied.

Cuero District.

A. C. BIGGS, P. E.

Cuero Station—L. C. Matthis.
Victoria and Port Lavaca—W. J. Johnson.
Edna Station—J. A. Baker.
Morales Circuit—To be supplied.
Hallettsville Circuit—W. J. Sims.
Sweet Home Circuit—J. W. Sims.
Waelder Circuit—J. C. Wilson.
Nursery Circuit—J. A. Phillips.
Weesatche Circuit—M. J. Allen.
Leesville Circuit—J. T. Graham.
Clear Creek Circuit—Hiram Graham.
Yoakum Circuit—J. A. Biggs.
Rancho Circuit—J. A. King.

Beeville District.

J. S. GILLETT, P. E.

Beeville Station—Theophilus Lee.
Goliad Station—M. S. Gardner.
Corpus Christi Station—J. F. Webb.
Alice Station—M. A. Turner.
Laredo Station—F. S. Onderdonk.
Oakville Circuit—M. T. Allen, supply.
Floresville Circuit—J. T. Stanley.
Lavernia Circuit—W. H. Killough.
Wade City Circuit—A. B. Bynum.
Runge Circuit—C. W. Godwin.
Karnes City Circuit—Carper Williamson.
Rockport Circuit—To be supplied.
Stockdale Circuit—To be supplied.
Skidmore Circuit—J. W. Long.

San Marcos District.

B. HARRIS, P. E.

San Marcos Station—J. M. Alexander.
San Marcos Circuit—Alanson Brown.
Seguin Station—Morris Evans.
Harwood Circuit—F. L. McGehee.
Luling Station—W. H. H. Biggs.
Lockhart Station—To be supplied.
Lockhart Circuit—To be supplied.
Kyle Circuit—Sterling Fisher.
Buda Circuit—B. H. Passmore.
Dripping Springs Circuit—A. G. Nolen.
Gonzales Station—I. T. Morris.
Belmont Circuit—W. O. Shugart.

San Angelo District.

J. W. STOVALL, P. E.

San Angelo Station—Thomas Gregory.
Sherwood Circuit—J. J. Franks, supply.
Sonora and Ozona Circuit—C. H. Peele, supply.
Sterling City Circuit—G. M. Gardner.
Paint Rock and Menard—J. W. Gibbens.
Brady Circuit—C. H. Maloy.
Pontotoc Circuit—J. D. Worrell.
Milburn Circuit—M. W. Francis.
Junction City Circuit—W. F. Gibbons.
Mason Circuit—D. O. McAllister.

TRANSFERRED—J. A. Lowe, to North Texas Conference; J. A. Greening, to Southwest Missouri Conference; A. T. Galloway, to Indian Mission Conference; H. T. Cunningham, to North Mississippi Conference; I. K. Waller, to North Texas Conference.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE FOR 1894-5.

DISTRICTS.	Local Preachers.	Total Members This Year.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Adults.	No. Societies in the Charge.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	No. of District Parsonages.	Value of District Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Expended for Churches and Parsonages.	Presiding Elder. Assessed.	Presiding Elder. Paid.	Preacher in Charge. Assessed.	Preacher in Charge. Paid.	Bishops. Assessed.	Bishops. Paid.	Conference Claimants. Assessed.	Conference Claimants. Paid.
San Antonio District	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Cuero District	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beeville District	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
San Marcos District	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
San Angelo District	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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DISTRICTS.	Foreign Missions. Assessed.	Foreign Missions. Paid.	Domestic Missions. Assessed.	Domestic Missions. Paid.	Church Extension. Assessed.	Church Extension. Paid.	Education. Assessed.	Education. Paid.	Paid American Bible Society.	Orphanage. Assessed.	Orphanage. Paid.	Other Objects.	Total from all Sources.	Ep. Leagues.	No. League Members.	Sunday-schools. Schools.	Sunday-schools. Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-schools. No. of Scholars.	Amt. Collected for Sunday Schools.	Amt. Collected for Missions.	Amt. Collected on Children's Day.	Amt. Collected for Other objects.	Total Amount Raised.
San Antonio District	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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LETTER FROM CHINA.

The 16th ult. we set sail from Vancouver, B. C., for our long voyage. As we launched out into the mighty deep, echoes of that grand old hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," were heard, both from land and sea. Until then we had hardly realized the undertaking, which was brought sensibly to us, but accompanied this the words, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." In the main our voyage was pleasant. I was a little more unfortunate than most of our party—somewhat benevolent to the fishes for a few days.

Quite a number of missionaries were on board, which made our passage very pleasant. After we became accustomed a little to the sea, we had daily services, such as Bible readings, with reference to our work, which were pleasant as well as profitable. Both Sundays at 11 a. m., while on the deep, Archdeacon Warren, of England, preached a warm and instructive sermon.

On the morning of the second Sunday every heart was rejoicing that once more we were in sight of land, but did not reach it until early the next morning, when we arrived at Yokohama. Of course we all went ashore for the day. Our party took "jin-rik-shas" to ride around and view the city. This was new experience to all. At first I had to prevail somewhat upon my conscience to take a cart. It did not seem to be exactly right for man to be used as horses, but I soon got accustomed to it. It is impossible for one to describe things just as he sees them: one must see for himself before he can realize that such ways and customs are in existence. The affairs of daily life may be seen at any time on the streets. It is indeed a fact that this people is badly in need of the elevating influences of the gospel of the Son of God. Leaving Yokohama on the afternoon of the same day, we arrived at Kobe the 1st inst., at 3 p. m. Here we were greeted by Drs. Newton, Wainright, and others of the brethren. We visited the school and were very much delighted with the appearance of everything. Surely God has established the works of these godly men at this place. We also called upon Mrs. M. I. Lambuth and was received most kindly. May the godly influence and sweet Christian character of this mother in Israel be felt upon the people for generations to come! Going from here to our boat a little incident happened which was quite amusing, but might have been otherwise. Of course we were all in our "fineries," Bro. Turner, our guide, in the lead. I was in the rear. It was night and raining, but I was in my cart, dry and enjoying myself, when one wheel ran into a hole, which was washed out by the rain, and cart, man and all upset, and the contents went sprawling into the street. I must say I felt somewhat uncomfortable at first, but finding no harm done picked myself up, rather glad it was dark, and got into my cart again. I could not but be thankful that it was no worse, and I had more experience. Our boat sailed at midnight, reaching Nagasaki on the morning of the 3d. Here our vessel took on coal. It was quite a treat to see it done. Steps-like were made from the coal boats up to ours. On these the natives, mostly women, stood. The coal was handled in small baskets. These were passed one to another. They were so regular in movement that there was scarcely a break in the line—far ahead of any elevator I ever saw.

Sailing from here in the afternoon, reached Shanghai on the 5th inst. at 10 a. m. At this hour about forty-five missionaries stepped out on Chinese soil and were very heartily greeted by many of the residing laborers. Your humble servant was most kindly entertained for a few days at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Reid. Conference over, I received my appointment for the first time at the hands of the Bishop. I found my work to be at Nanzing, in company with Rev. B. D. Lucas, who has been at this place for one year, and is doing a grand work. At present, not being able to speak the language, I can do nothing much but study it.

Services were held here Sunday. Bro. Lucas preached at 11, the natives preached at night. At the latter an after-service was held. I was very much encouraged to see the personal work done by the natives—talking to the irreligious about their souls.

Bro. Lucas and I are the only foreigners in this town of about forty or fifty thousand inhabitants. The intense ignorance and heathenism in this country is appalling. We need very much the influences of civilization and the light of the gospel. May the Lord give us who are here in the forefront strength and wisdom to show unto this people a more excellent way. As we pray for the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit, may the whole Church join us in beseeching a throne of grace that we may find help in time of need, and that the Lord will send forth more laborers into his vineyard, and that the light of the glorious gospel of the Son of God may cover this land as the waters do the mighty deep. O that China may be taken for Jesus!

I must draw my letter to a close. If it escapes the waste basket, I may attempt at some other time to tell about our work, the ways and customs of the people.

E. PILLEY.

Nanking, China, October 24, 1895.
P. O. Shanghai.

Devotional.

Reunited in Heaven.

Who can picture or describe the everlasting joy? No one absent. Nor father, nor mother, nor son, nor daughter away. In the world they were united in faith, and love, and peace and joy. In the morning of the resurrection they ascended together. Before the throne they bow together in united adoration. On the banks of the river of life they walk hand in hand, and as a family they have commenced a career of glory which shall be everlasting. There hereafter is to be no separation in that family. No one is to lie down off a bed of pain; no one is to sink into the arms of death. Never, in heaven, is that family to move along in the slow procession, clad in the habiliments of woe, to consign one of its members to the tomb. God grant in his infinite mercy that every family may thus be united.—*Albert Barnes.*

Spiritual Discernment.

Truth has a heart and only heart can find it. What we understand by dogma to-day is what is left of some holy old vision, but with all the original heavenly light died out of it. It is truth's body, but in which the warm currents of truth's blood no longer circulate. The theologian constructs his system of theology out of truths that have ceased to beat, very much as the botanist constructs his herbarium out of dead flowers. All the theology that is in the Church to-day is in the epistles, but it is not there as theology. So all the bone dust that is in our graveyards to-day was once in society, but it was not there as bone dust.—*Dr. C. H. Parkhurst.*

The Bible of the Future.

What will the future of Christianity be? One of its inevitable tasks will be the popularizing of the Bible in accordance with modern critical principles. Whether we like it or not this is one of the things that lie before us. The inquiry into the history of the sacred book is a movement of too much depth, breadth, and strength to be stopped by prudential considerations. It must spread till our ministers and even Sunday-school teachers have become acquainted with its methods and results. It must influence the practical use of the scriptures in pulpit, school and home. Religious people contemplate this prospect with mixed feelings; some with dread, many with sympathy and hope qualified a certain solicitude engendered by reflection on the perils of a transition time. The right attitude is the readiness for earnest participation in the work imposed by the situation, with unwavering faith in the ultimate issue. For that issue will be such that lovers of the holy book will have cause to rejoice in it. A well-known English preacher is reported to have expressed his fear that the critics were taking from him his mother's Bible. That is pretty certain. But what of that if they give to his daughter or granddaughter a better Bible than his mother ever knew; with nothing of real importance left out; the same righteous, gracious God, the same Jesus Christ, the same hope for sinful, sorrow-laden men and women, only made more luminous, living, real by the dating of books, the setting of prophecies in their proper historic situations, the arranging of the contents of the sacred volume in their due order, the illumination of the pages by side-lights through comparison with the documents of contemporary religions. The sooner this service is rendered the better. Till it is done there will be a dangerous interval of ignorance and indifference. What we have to fear is the Bible laid on the shelf.—*Rev. Dr. A. B. Bruce.*

Two Lives—A Contrast.

There are two incidents in the Bible—one from the Old Testament, the other from the New—that have a special signifiance for Leaguers.

The first is a familiar story, told with sufficient detail to make it plainly evident. It is the story of Abram leaving his native place, taking with him into strange circumstances a great promise from God, fearing little, believing everything.

"Out from the Chaldean home he went,
With heavy heart and wondering eye
The hills and vales where youth was spent,
The friendly faces, all passed by.
God called to strangeness; he obeyed,
And said, 'I trust Thee, and am not afraid.'"

The promise made to Abram contained two specifications: "I will will bless thee, * * * and thou shalt be a blessing." Herein is the Christian's secret of a happy life.

The career of Abraham was full of activity. His life was governed by a law of progression. It exhibited motion from motive. Few records employ more terms to express the idea of transfer than this record of the old patriarch. He was a tireless itinerant. But with this ever echoing in his heart, "I will bless thee," he went forward as God led him.

And how graciously the blessing came! How strangely, but how sweetly he went into larger and better experiences! The light faded sometimes, and the shadows, driven by chill winds, wrapped him in gloom; but the stars came out, and he trusted in God. His was not altogether a life of light, a life of ease, a life of pleasure. But it was in the highest sense a life of joy.

God calls still to strangeness. He wants river crossers, those who will ford streams that divide the life of the world from the life of the spirit. As clear as ever the call came to Abram, it comes from God to us, "Get thee out." Forsake the old life. Forward into blessing! "I will bless thee." To the one responding to that call the other part of the promise will be fulfilled.

"Thou shalt be a blessing." It would more than repay any disciple of Christ to trace the influence of Abraham among the nations. He is a patriarch for more than Jews and Christians. The Buddhist and Mohammedan pay him deference. His influence "has created for itself a channel, and you can trace it through the centuries by the living green of its banks and the life it gives as it goes."

That influence is indicative. He that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. A desertion of sin and a submission of sense make possible a triumph of faith. There is no doubt but that obedience to God and the consequent sacrifice of worldly pleasures produces the largest life.

All round about our feet shall shine
A light like that the wise men saw,
If we our loving wills incline
To that sweet life which is the law.

The second story, from the New Testament, is not told in detail. You merely have a suggestion of it in Paul's second letter to the young man Timothy. In the last chapter of that letter there are mighty contrasts. Paul tells of his triumphs in language that rings out like a clear bell from a church spire, or like a booming gun that sounds, salute when great events occur. "I have fought, * * * I have finished." But Paul tells of his trials also. Demas forsook him. Alexander harmed him. No man stood by him. And our story is indicated by one of these trials which the apostle mentions: "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world."

Who was Demas? Where did he come from? Why did he forsake Paul? What became of him? Our knowledge of him is limited. But it is probable that the following facts are true. He was a cultured young fellow, a resident of Thessalonica. He had a Greek's training, which, joined to a Greek's disposition, made him a valuable addition to the company of Macedonian believers. He was converted as a result of Paul's preaching, and for over ten years rendered good service to the great master. But the time came when Paul put out for Rome. And a better thing never happened to the Christian Church than the imprisonment of Paul in the imperial city. Demas possibly preferred not to go. When he got there the life irritated him. It was monotonous. There was too much sameness and sterility about it. He did not covet that sort of hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. He thought of the variety, the attractiveness, the buoyancy of the Greek life. He probably remembered some of the world's alluring pleasures. He had a passionate fondness, perhaps, for some forms of amusement. "The lovely vales of the Peloponnesus, the lordly crown of Olympus, the parks of Ephesus, like the gardens of the Hesperides, the honey of the Hymettus, the groves of the Academy, the temple of Athene, the gold and ivory of Zeus, the pass of Thermopylæ, and the landscape whence

The mountains look on Marathon,
And Marathon looks on the sea—

these, and other things, as he remembered them, made him discontented with his lot there in company with a Roman prisoner. Coveting these things, he lost heart in Christian service. "Having loved this present world," this is the record of him, and it is a sad one. With so much promise, with so much power, with such keen discernment, with such personal magnetism, with all those elements that make men great, if they persistently respond to conscience and subdue passion, he leaves behind him a sad record of failure. And the reason? "Having loved this present world."

Demas came near being a hero. His name might easily have been a synonym of valor and virtue. But he lost crown, and we speak his name sorrowfully. And if you want a plain statement of the reason, you may have it here: he was not a blessing to others. God called him to strangeness, gave him a big promise; but he refused the terms. He thought too much self. He drops down and out of sight.—*Christian Advocate, New York.*

Helping Others.

There was a time when in evangelical circles it used to be thought that the one business of a Christian was simply to secure the salvation of his own soul. Happily that time has passed away. Who does not see what a poor, limp aim that is, compared with the object of him who realizes the obligation and the honor of Christian service, and consecrates himself soul and body to do all the good he can, to do good to all he can, to do good on all occasions he can? How truly noble is the life that is regulated and stimulated by such an aim! The Church of Christ will never rise to her proper level till this becomes the predominant spirit of her people. The form of men's service must be regulated by their gifts, but the duty of service in some form ought to be recognized as not less binding than the duty of faith.—*Prof. W. G. Blaike, D. D.*

Old and Young.

TURNER.

It is one of the most beautiful pictures in the world—the much heralded "St. Mark's Place, Venice," recently put on exhibtion by Mr. S. P. Avery, at his galleries 368 Fifth Avenue near Thirty-fifth Street. It would be a pity to lose this opportunity to see freely and under the best conditions a picture of his love Venice, in perfect preservation, painted in his prime, by one of the great landscape geniuses of the world. It is not one of the Turners which are hard to understand, like "The Slave Ship," of which the late George Inness wrote: "It is the most infernal piece of claptrap ever painted. There is nothing in it," or the "Rain, Steam and Speed," of the National Gallery, both of them belonging to Turner's later and decadent years, when the form of thing no longer seem important, "when color, shades, light and reflections are the old painters latest impressions and recollections of that world of mystery and beauty in which he had worked incessantly for fifty years." It was painted in 1830 during his great decade, for "Ulysses deriding Polyphemus" was exhibited in 1829 and "Phryne" in 1838.

How can one give an impression of the picture to those who can not see it? That exquisite little blue and-gold-and-parchment brochure contains a score of critiques upon the painting from French, English and American periodicals, and the principal facts which they impress upon the mind concern its great and increasing money value; even when the words are exquisitely chosen to express fine appreciation the picture is infinitely beyond their range:

> This picture was painted in 1830, for Mr. Monro, of Novar, Scotland; sold in '78 to Agnew and Son, of London, at £5,460, for the Hodgson collection; bought again by Mr. Agnew and sold at £8,400 for the Price collection; bought by, Wallis and Son after the death of Mr. Price, and sold to Mr. S. P. Avery for $50,000, the highest price yet paid for a Turner.

Painted soon after his return from that Italian tour, it is a most vivid and truthful impression of a *festa's* dream-splendor, in the great plaza with its lines of palaces stretching away to St. Mark's and the slender Campanile; the Grand Canal on the right. The first impression is of a blue picture, the sky of infinite distance unfolding the earth, St. Mark's, dazzling in whiteness in the center. Evening used to be rendered in browns; the palpitating violets and blues are only beginning to appear true twilight color to us through the impressionists who follow in the path where Turner first led in such pictures as this. One needs to sit long before the picture and to go at an hour when he can be alone. Then the stars begin to appear in the blue, broken toward the white cathedral by the fleecy clouds. At the far end of the canal, deepened into richest purple, rockets go up from shipping and are reflected in the canal as Turner alone knew how to render reflections. Through the balustrade along the tops of the palaces at the right the last beams of the sun fall aslant, in dust-laden bars, upon the plaza far below. Halfway down the line a bonfire flares its orange light upon certain houses and upon the crowds of spectators. This orange light, set in violet shadows of the long facades leading to St. Mark's, is repeated in the immediate foreground by the yellow gown a of lady leaning upon a balustrade, and the dominant red note is given in the gown of her companion. On the left the palaces still catch the twilight, and long, receding lines of rich window tracery are visible, a miracle of handicraft and memory, excelled only by the delineation of the people in the square. Seen at first only as a mass, by consummate touches free and without detail, a hundred of the nearer figures are made to tell their sex, age, condition and occupation, whether gallantry or trading! Witchery of the brush, recording only appearances, yet informing the mind, can hardly go futher! Glistening domed St. Mark's, rosy, slender silent Campanile, the brilliant holiday throng, traceried palaces, and above and beyond and through all the air never so painted before, in sky and atmosphere! Crockett says somewhere, "the rains of the previous night had washed everything out of the sky, and left it empty and blue." Such cruel clearness never appealed to Turner, the painter of imagination and mystery. He is ordinarily accused of lack of truth in his architectural delineation. If this is untrue, no one could prefer truth.

Turner was the son of a London barber. Hamerton considers his birth (1775) in the lower middle class of the English people of his day, the first of the rare good fortunes which protected and developed his genius. The artist's profession was scorned in classes higher than his own. His mother became insane, and was taken from home when he was a little lad. He was never sent to church, and he left school at thirteen to pursue his career as a painter and draughtsman until his death, at the age of seventy-six. During that long life he never knew the intimate friendship of a refined woman. He was two men in one; the real prototype of "Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde." He had the most delicate, exquisite, poetical appreciation of beauty, and in his manners, person and pleasures he was coarse as a costermonger.

At thirteen he had begun to hang his water colors, price three shillings, about his father's shop for sale. In those days he was employed by an architect to put in water-color backgrounds, and he was returned to his father as unteachable, by a professor of perspective, Thomas Malton, and then was apprenticed in an architect's office. In diligence and parsimony his father had armed him with sword and shield for the artistic career; "for without the most persistent industry the painter would never have mastered his art, and without the strictest economy in early years he would never have been able to pursue it with sufficient independence for the attainment of greatness." He studied at the Academy, and his early paintings show the strong influence of Reynolds, in whose house, during the latter part of his life, he was permitted to copy. His first picture was admitted to the Academy when he was twelve, and he was constantly employed as a topographical draughtsman, in those days antedating photography, by publishers. The year he was twenty-one he had eleven pictures in the Academy, and was well established as a painter in oils and water color and as an illustrator.

While yet a minor his whole career was foreshadowed in all its departments excepting etching and mezzotinting. He never knew English nor any other language.

The year 1802 Turner declared his complete deliverance fram topography in a picture of "Kilchurn Castle," and ever after, though he continued to give the name of some place to his compositions, because with that attachment they were more salable, he nevermore felt himself bound to the truthful delineation of what lay before him.

In 1801 he had been plain W. Turner, A., in the Academy catalogue. In 1802, at the age of 27, he became all capitals, JOSEPH MALLORD WILLIAM TURNER, R. A. Yet he gave no dinners, paid no calls, would not go to thank his electors in obedience to established usage. We owe "Modern Painters" to the zeal of a young man of twenty-three or four who thought he had discovered Turner in his old age. All through the volumns, Turner appears as a giant with other modern painters put by his side occasionally to let us see his superior heigh tand bulk. No painter has had, nor can have again, such a champion as Ruskin; but he is an advocate, never an impartial critic. Turner died in a miserable way, away from the friends who were seeking him. But it was in let lodgings, where he had masqueraded under an assumed name at intervals for years.

He intended to leave a home and maintenance for aged and indigent artists, called "Turner's Gift," but the lawyers broke that part of his will; while the provisions leaving a thousand pounds for a monument to himself, and bequeathing certain pictures to be hung between the Claudes in the National Gallery, and others for a Turner Room have been carried out. Mr. Ruskin, with two assistants, worked there for months arranging some nineteen thousand drawings and sketches.

Turner was a man of iron nerve and constitution. A battery once poured a volley unexpectedly from a parapet about five feet above his head, and he did not wince. Once when his ship was not expected to outride a Channel storm he was lashed to the mast for four hours that he might study the effects afterward reproduced in "The Snow Storm." He had a wonderful knowledge of the way mountains are built and leaves laid together on the bough; his studies of water reflections greatly advanced marine painting, and his use of pure color was a revelation in brilliancy.

In such pictures as this Venice, he modeled the forms in a thick, impasto of white, and touched in the color in transparent washes of water color or oil. He had no conscience in using colors known not to be permanent—hence the rarity of this picture in its miraculous preservation. Although he exacted the last penny, and once demanded the return of a picture he had given and asked two guineas' rent for it during its absence, yet he never painted for money, nor sold what he prized most; and he was generous to early friends to tens of thousands of pounds. He was irascible, secretive, solitary; but his faults gave him the more privacy and time for his immense life work.

He was invariably kind in criticisms of contemporaries, and once, when a brilliant sky of his hung beside and "killed" a Sir Thomas Lawrence, he covered his own work with lampblack until after the exhibition. His vignets and coast studies are the best of his work in black and white. —*Sophia Antoinette Walker, in Independent.*

SUE'S EXPERIMENT.

Everybody loved Sue Underwood. "She is so sweet and unselfish, and so good to everybody, that no one can help loving her," the girls all said.

But Sue came over to see Miss Ellis, her Sunday-school teacher, one day, looking decidedly discouraged and unhappy.

"I feel mean, Miss Ellis," she said "I don't want to be a hypocrite, but I am. The girls all say nice things about me, and think I am so good, but I just wonder what they would say if they could look into my heart and see how I feel sometimes. I'm afraid that I was pretty well satisfied with myself, but I've been shown my utter depravity lately. You know my cousin Ruth has come to live with us; but, Miss Ellis, you have no idea how wicked that girl makes me feel! I had no suspicion that I could be so—ugly. You see, somehow or other, I do not like her. She is nice, I suppose, but she has got just the faults that I dislike most. Very likely she feels just the same about me. We are friendly enough to all outward appearance, but I know all the time that I feel hateful inwardly, and I have a lurking suspicion that she does also. If she wants a book or a paper, no matter if I've read them through twice over, I feel just like saying that I want them. I'd give up my special chair to any one else, and not give it a thought, but the minute she sits down in it I want it; and so it goes. You see, I am really selfish and horrid as I can be; and what am I going to do about it? I've tried, truly I have, but it doesn't seem to do any good. I feel just as hateful as ever, as far as she is concerned."

"I can sympathize with you, my dear, for I have felt very much so myself," said Miss Ellis.

"You?" cried Sue in astonishment. "O Miss Ellis, you are too good ever to have felt as hateful as I do. I was almost afraid to tell for fear you would not love me, but I wanted your help."

"Miss Ellis smiled rather sadly.

"My dear girl, we are none of us 'too good' to have wrong feelings in our hearts, I am sorry to say," she answered. "There was some one, not so long ago either, who made me feel much as you say you do toward your cousin. We seemed to draw out the worst of each other, and I was more than ashamed to know how disagreeable and unloving I felt. But by and by I thought to myself that if Christ, my best friend, could love this person, I ought and could. You know we have a kinder feeling for those we know to be dear to our dear ones. Why should not the thought that Christ loves one make us feel tenderer and more charitable? Be kind, and try to love your cousin for his dear sake. Let your own liking or disliking go. She has faults, of course—we all have—but Christ loves her. Do everything you can for her for his sake, because he loves her, something as you would for a friend, say of mine, who might be stopping with you. Will you?"

Sue looked up with tear-dimmed eyes.

"I had never thought of it so, but I will try it, though I am half-afraid it will not change my feelings and make me love her. Still, I ought, for I know I should long to do all I could for any friend of yours."

"I think you would, so just try it in this case. Remember, you are not to think of her as herself, but as one your best friend loves and holds dear."

Sue went slowly home, thinking earnestly all the way.

Ruth, who was sick with a cold, was alone in the sitting-room. She looked up as Sue came in.

"The almanac calls this one of the shortest days in the year," she said, fretfully, "but it seems to me as if it would never end. I wish that I had something good to read."

"I wonder if she was ever satisfied with anything; she is always finding fault about something," was Sue's first thought. "Christ, my dearest and best friend, loves her. Can't I do something for her for his sake?" flashed through her mind an instant later.

"Something to read?" she said, brightly. "I've just been to the library, and my book looks very interesting; wouldn't you like to take it?"

It was only a little thing, but somehow Sue felt differently after it. Sue found herself once in the evening throwing a shawl over Ruth.

"I should do it for anyone Miss Ellis loved," she thought. I think—I want to do as much for one Christ loves."

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"How is it, Sue?" asked Miss Ellis a few weeks later. "Has my way helped?"

"Indeed it has," answered Sue. "I can not tell you what a difference it has made. I had to think pretty hard at first to feel right and kind, but it seems to me now that Ruth and I are really beginning to love one another. I mean to remember it and try it with others, and I hope everybody will try it with me."—*Kate S Gates, in Northwestern Advocate.*

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DAVID AND GOLIATH.—I Sam. 17:38-57.

GOLDEN TEXT: *The battle is the Lord's.*—I Sam. 17:47.

Southwest of the Israelites, on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, lived the fierce and savage Philistines. They fortified themselves in some mountain pass, and came forth in sudden, marauding scouts to capture and plunder the towns and cities of Israel. Palestine took its name from these people, and they were often used by God to scourge the backslidden Israelites.

No people can accomplish much without some stimulus, and Israel needed the presence of these savage people to make them feel the necessity of God's care and providence.

It is the sense of independence of God's help that causes many people to neglect the service of the Church and forget the daily supplications which bring us into communion with God, and keep us strong against the day of trouble.

Saul had been successful so long as he trusted in God, but when he became proud and boastful he failed to win the day in battle, and God's care ceased to come to him as it used to do when "he was little in his own eyes." "When we are weak then are we strong" contains the profoundest philosophy, too deep for the common mind, and must be fathomed by faith, for it is spiritually discerned.

Saul, who had slain his thousands, and had led his people to feel secure under his leadership, becomes weak, and seeks the counsels of soothsayers instead of consulting Him who called him from the obscurity of his father's home to become king of a mighty nation.

Ingratitude is the most contemptible of all the influences that prompt men to action. There is a selfishness in it that overshadows every semblance of good, and forces us to conclude that all pretended good has a selfish and sordid aim.

Saul was a mean man, and he exhibited his meanness in his ingratitude to God as well as his jealousy toward David.

Envy and jealousy are born of a heart that is barren of every ennobling virtue. They appear, like viper's tongues, to indicate the enmity between the seed of the woman and the serpent; for these passions are of the old serpent, the devil; and he who exercises them is certainly a child of the devil. God forsook Saul, just as he did Pharaoh, because he refused to be guided by the Spirit. No man can be a child of God who refuses to be directed by God's grace

Saul was camped in front of the Philistines in the upper part of the valley of Elah, and near to Shochoh, and the place was called the boundaries of blood," because here had been fought many battles between Israel and the Philistines. Here the tide of battle had often satisfied Israel that God was with them, and they turned from victorious fields to sacrifice to the Lord.

This valley was surrounded by hills 700 feet high, and the two contending armies were encamped on the slopes of the mountains with the valley between them, while each feared to move to battle, for the advancing army would be taken at a disadvantage by the opposing army being on higher ground.

A giant came forth from the Philistine camp and challenged any man from Israel to mortal combat. This giant was Goliath of Gath, "He was not a Philistine strictly so termed but was of the primeval race of the Anakim. It is remarkable that, to this day, the people of Beit Jebian the modern Gath, justly reputed the most lawless and unscrupulous of all the inhabitants of the district, are of a stature far exceeding the ordinary, very many of them considerably exceeding six feet in height, and with heavy, massive features and high cheek bones, very different from the ordinary Arab or Syrian types."—*Canon Tristram, in Pal. Notes.*

"Goliath was about nine feet and nine inches high.—*Cook.*

There are instances of men as large as Goliath, and history mentions some who even exceeded him in height. His armor was imposing and the brass gleamed in the morning sunlight. Saul might have seen himself in the haughty movements of this impudent giant of Gath.

No one dared to face this frightful specimen of Philistine prowess, and every man of Israel kept himself in the safe position of the mountain slope.

David's three older brothers were in Saul's army, and Jesse, the father, lived about ten miles distant. He felt anxious about the three boys and sent David, now about twenty years old, to cary some provisions and bring him the news from the seat of war. When David came into camps, this giant had for forty consecutive days come forth into the valley, just below Saul's army, and defied the hosts of Israel. David heard the defiant words of Goliath, and never returned until he had gained the ear of Saul in a proposition to meet Goliath in single combat.

David was unused to soldier's life, but he had had an experience of grace, and God's hand had been over him in his troubles with wild beats in defending his father's flocks.

He had confidence in his skill in throwing a stone, and he believed that God, who had always led Israel to victory when they trusted his grace, would direct the course of the stone from his sling and bring honor to his people.

Saul armed David with his armor, but David had more confidence in God than he had in Saul's armor.

Many a man has failed because he attempted to wear some other man's armor. Some preacher tries to ape, in thought and word, some one whom he admires and is shorn of his strength.

"We have the treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of man."

David had tried his sling many a time, and his simple shepherd's garb made him feel like he did when he chased the bear from his flock and slew him, or when he met the wolf and protected his sheep by the use of his simple sling and staff.

David was a youth, small and unpretending. Goliath was large, and carried massive weapons that glittered in the sunlight as he walked forth defiantly.

"He that humbleth himself shall be exalted, and he that exalteth himself shall be abased."

This stripling shepherd from Bethlehem comes with no prestige save the anointing of the Lord, but he is destined to slay the giant on this day and astonish all Israel with the achievements of his arms.

He came that day to bring provisions to his brothers and carry back to Jesse the news of the army, but he brought in his full heart the wealth of the nation, for it was he who delivered Israel and raised his people from defeat and disgrace before men, and rejection by God to a place in God's favor, and won a history for his people that will never die.

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This League was organized March 16, 1894, with twenty-one members. The writer regrets deeply that she did not have the opportunity of uniting with this League until ten months after its organization, for much good work was done in the various departments. I learn from the minutes and various members that work was done in the Literary Department of which any League would have been proud; that the Devotional Department accomplished a great and grand work, showing the necessity of Christ's help in every good work, and that only through and by him, could the League accomplish that for which it was sent. In the Charity and Help Department, I regret to state little was done.

Now, our President, Mr. J. A. Moore, desiring to live no longer in single-blessedness, takes to himself as wife our First Vice-President, Miss Lula Marrell. While we rejoiced with them, we were in a quandary as to which two of us could best fill their vacancy, but they kindly consent to continue in their work until their terms should expire, which was last April.

After March 1 our League, deprived of our President and First Vice-President, labored under many difficulties and came near disbanding

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Here we were interrupted in our regular meetings for a period of five or six weeks by protracted meetings. It seems that after having passed through these glorious meetings our Leaguers would have come out more zealously for the cause of Christ, and been more eager in their blessed work of saving their own and the souls of others. But from some cause—shall I say indifference?—our League began to flag in interest and numbers, only a "faithful few" coming up "to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Interest seemed to have flown and life almost gone. The President did all in her power to awaken interest, to fan into a brighter and more steady glow the expiring life of her League. Knowing her responsibility, and fully realizing her weakness, she depended wholly on the Allwise Father, laying all at the feet of his interceding Son, trusting, believing, knowing that if it was his will, clouds would give place to sunshine, death to resurrection. Have any of you, dear Leaguers, passed through such an experience? When you had lain all at the foot of the cross, trusting, believing, knowing that Christ would relieve you of your burdens, did you not rise from your knees with the sweet and comforting assurance that "all will be well."

How comforting to the troubled heart, how restful to the burdened soul is sweet converse with our Heavenly Father! How happy the days, the hours; how blessed the life that is spent in doing his holy will!

I know, dear Leaguers, for I have tested him more than once. He wants us to test his love. He asks us to test it. How can we do this? My answer is, through faith and earnest prayer. Am I not right? Test him and you will find it true.

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Here I have told you our history, confessed our shortcomings as well as our well-doing, hoping that there may be some Chapter which can derive profit by our experience, for it is through experience that we attain greater power.

Let us be frank with each other, for then we can best understand the help each Chapter needs most, and the manner in which to give it.

We are in our infancy. There is much room for improvement in every Chapter. Though we can never be perfect here, yet there will come a day, a time when, through earnest prayer, belief in Christ, faith in our Father, we will be perfect in all things if we will only trust and obey.

Can we not hear from some other League who has been more successful than we? Or, perhaps, some Chapter which has as yet never reported its work to the Leagues at large, can give us some points which may be of some benefit.

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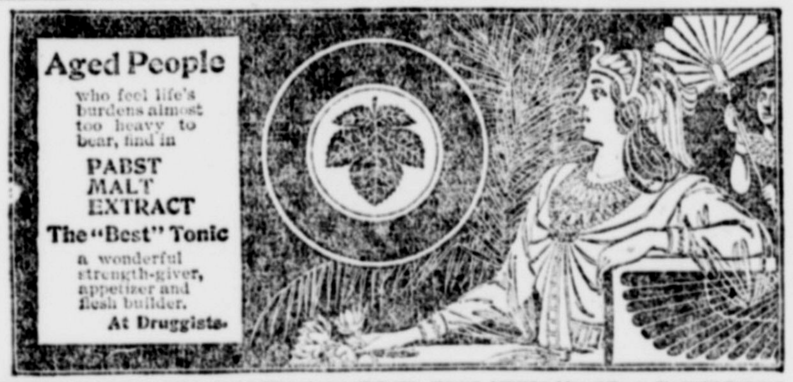
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TEXAS PERSONALS.

A note from Bro. G. W. L. Fly, of Victoria, informs us of the death of Bro. W. L. Callender, who was almost an octogenarian. He was one of the pillars of the Church, and a model Christian gentleman. He knew and took great pleasure in teaching the Scriptures, and was withal an extraordinarily liberal contributor to the cause of Christ. Ripe and mellow in the Christian life and full of years, he has passed into the saints' everlasting rest.

We regret to be compelled to chronicle the death of Rev. J. W. Brown, of Luling, a superannuated member of the West Texas Conference. We clip the following particulars from the Dallas Morning News of November 27: "Rev. J. W. Brown died last night, November 25. He was eighty years old and had served sixty-two years in the Methodist ministry, although for the past several years he has been on the superannuated list. He was born in Tennessee in 1815 and preached his first sermon at the age of eighteen. He was a missionary among the Cherokees for several years prior to their removal. He came to Texas in 1867 and settled at San Marcos, whence he moved to Luling several years later and has resided there since."

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

At a regular meeting of the Victoria Sunday-school of the M. E. Church, South, on motion of the pastor, A. W. Wilson, a committee of three, consisting of W. F. Hays, S. H. Brown and Mrs. G. W. L. Fly was appointed to report resolutions in memory of W. L. Callender, deceased.

On motion of W. F. Hays the Superintendent was added to the committee.

After retiring the committee reported the following resolutions:

Whereas, It has pleased God in his wisdom to call from us to a home in heaven our esteemed brother, father and friend, W. L. Callender, ripe in years, abundant in labor and rich in good deeds; and,

Whereas, We, as members of Victoria Sunday-school, of the M. E. Church, South, have in the death of Father Callender lost a true friend, a faithful teacher and zealous laborer, who, by his great and accurate knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, was well prepared to impart instruction, and who, through his love for and devotion to the cause of Christ, was ever willing and anxious to instruct in those things that lead to a higher life; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we mourn the death of our father and brother as one of the saddest calamities that could have befallen our Church and school, we humbly bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and recognize in this dispensation of his providence the hand of God, who in mercy has relieved our friend of those trials and afflictions incident to a life of fourscore years, and translated him to that realm of eternal joy where sickness, sorrow, age and death can no more mar his happiness.

Resolved, That we recognize in this sad parting the oft-repeated warning to be prepared for death, and we pray God that the example left us by our departed friend may stimulate us to live as he has lived, an active, energetic, zealous Christian, that whether we live long or die soon we may, like him, be prepare to enter upon an eternity of joy, leaving behind us a memory precious on account of good deeds done in this life.

Resolved, That while we recognize the great loss sustained by our Church and school, we have faith to believe that though the workmen die the work will still go on. It is God's work, and can not fail. Though to human vision our loss is irreparable, we have in Jesus a friend ever willing and able, and to Him we look with prayerful hearts, trusting that God will raise up some one to carry on the work. May God grant that we may each be ever able and ready to serve the Church more faithfully, following the example of our revered father and friend.

Resolved, That not only has our Church lost a true and zealous worker and our school an able and devoted teacher, but our community has lost a most useful citizen, the aged a sympathizing friend, the young a wise counselor, the poor a loving helper, his family a devoted husband and father.

Resolved, That we extend to this bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and commend these to the merciful keeping of that all-powerful One who is husband to the widow, father to the orphan and a sympathizing friend to those in affliction.

Resolved, That our Secretary be required to devote a special page of our record, transcribing these resolutions, furnish a copy hereof to the family of our deceased brother and forward a copy for publication in the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, and that our city papers be requested to publish the same.

W. F. HAYS,
S. H. BROWN,
MRS. G. W. L. FLY,
G. W. L. FLY.

All of which were unanimously adopted.
G. W. L. FLY, Superintendent.
ANNIE BROWN, Secretary.

OUR LITERATURE.

The tap-root of society in America to-day is being sapped. We have tried to believe otherwise, and I have concluded that to do so longer would be followed by the most terrible consequences in our dear Southland and all over our country. When one is really convinced of the approach—yes, I may say the very presence of danger—then is the time to turn and fight, and not lose precious moments in asking ourselves, is it really true?

During the thirty years since the war and during the war, many causes started the trend of society, in a moral point of view, downward, and of late years the great impetus given to this general trend to demoralization has come from the literature that we suffer our people, young and old, to read. Suffer our people, young and old, to read? How can we prevent it when our American presses flood our country with cheap prints of English and French novels, and some American ones, too, of the most baneful teachings? Every news stand, book store and train vender is laden with this awful soul-poison? How can we shut down the flood-gates, or fight the tide in any way?

That is the question now for all good people to take into deep and prayerful consideration.

If we do nothing and let the sluices and slums of London and Paris debauchery continue to pour into our very homes, yea, into the very hearts of our pure maidens and boys, awful will be the consequences, and it is useless to shut our eyes longer to this state of things.

How did Rome, the mighty mistress of nations for 500 years, go down? How did the awful throes of the French Revolution come on? Every person at all versed in history can readily assign the two great factors in the downfall of those nations—sybaritism and infidelity. Shall we follow in their wake?

My eyes were more than ever opened to this view of the subject by a recent experience in reading a work that has for some months been all the rage. Criticism after criticism came out in the magazines and newspapers. Ministers in Gotham, not down South, thank God, took up the work and preached it and recommended it as one in no way immoral; but, on the contrary, to use the words of one of them, "When you get up from reading —— you feel like going out into the world and doing something to elevate and ennoble it." The same divine(?) said, "Whether a given book will prove a poison or a benefit to the mind depends on the mind itself." On that statement alone can we account for his dictum on the work, and we in horror cry out, deliver us in the South from such a diagnosis of mental condition! Don't let the literary menu for our Southern readers be gotten up by such a judge as he is.

The redeeming tendency in the teaching of that particular book was that it was against stone-throwing. Our blessed Savior gave us such a beautiful, pure, simple, impressive lesson on that point; but the awful, soul-sickening scenes and shocking innuendoes in this work we are discussing (and it is but a sample of the rest of that class) can be imagined best by listening to the author's own apology for writing it. He says: "I have found it impossible so to tell this history as to make it quite fit and proper reading for the ubiquitous young person so dear to us all. Most deeply to my regret. For I had fondly hoped it might one day be said of me that whatever my other literary shortcomings might be, I at least had never penned a line which a pure-minded, young British mother might not read aloud to her little babe. Fate has willed it otherwise."

Now, after that confession by the author himself, embodied in in the work, American ministers and fathers and mothers take up the book because it is the style to read it, and they suffer it to be taken as a bosom companion by son or daughter to distill its deadly poison into their pure minds, drop by drop, in the sacred stillness of their own rooms. Go to the slums of our own cities and there get one of the fallen and bring her as bosom companion for your daughter or son, the impression is all the same on the purity and morality of your child. To make light of impurity of life, to fall in love with coarse, low-down scenes and characters, to scoff at religion, to make believe that all ministers of the gospel are placarded liars and cheats, preaching for the living that is in it—this is the teaching of such works.

Shall we permit style or fashion, or Dr. so-and-so to get up the literary news for our people? No, a thousand times no. As mothers, teachers, leaders in any way, it is our duty to guard against this hydra-headed evil which to-day, more than all else, is sapping society at its tap-root.

MARY R. LESESNE.

BISHOP PARKER ON THE SABBATH.

In the "Life and Writings of Bishop Parker," on page 179, under the head of "Loose Notions," our now glorified Bishop says: "We refer to the views which seem to obtain, to a considerable extent, among members of the Church in regard to sundry matters. The observance of the Sabbath is one of them. It is not uncommon to take advantage of the cheap Sunday excursion trains. A contemplated trip to the country, or return, may be made at one-fourth of the ordinary fare. If the cheap trains were run on week days they would take them, but as they do not, our Christian friends pack up and go on Sunday. There is saving of some money. A country trip that might not otherwise be afforded is gained, but the law of God is violated. Can Christians afford to be economical in this way? Again, it happens that provisions for the Sabbath have not been made on Saturday. It may be the custom, or the housewife has 'forgotten to take bread,' and so the first thing on Sunday morning is a trip to the market. With some the day is largely devoted to visiting and dining, much more than to home reading and public worship. Some men of business, and others not particularly busy, can not forego a visit to the postoffice, and there are odds and ends of the week that demand a few moments at the store, or a ride in the field."

Now, the above extract expresses my sentiments exactly as to what ought not to be done on the Sabbath. That is, so far as the extract goes. The earnest inquirer, after the meaning of God's eternal truth, would naturally stop here and ask, Was Bishop Parker right when he stated that those who did the above acts "violated the law of God?" I believe he was. That he had the mind of the spirit of God. That he understood the meaning of the law of God at this point. Well, if the wise and good Bishop was right, are not our preachers and people wrong who do these things on the Sabbath? Many of our people, and some of our preachers—even some of our greatest preachers—do some of these things on the Sabbath.

R. M. LEATON.

Paint Rock, Texas.

IS IT JUST OR MANLY?

I have just read an article in the TEXAS ADVOCATE with this paragraph in it:

> But who are these modern evangelists? If we look into the law, we get no response to this significant question. So we are left to judge of their true inwardness from the short history they have developed. Those of them in the Church, South, who began their ministry in the itinerancy seem with one accord to have become dissatisfied with the restraints of the law which govern the traveling preachers, and under various pretenses call for a location and begin to evangelize. But the most remarkable fact of their history is that so many of them at once get out of humor with authorities of the Church and denounce them as anything but good. It is also remarkable that none of them while in the regular work ever commanded a larger salary than ordinary preachers of their class and that they can now travel in palace cars from one end of the continent to another, and board in the finest and most costly hotels wherever they condesend to hold a meeting. Was not the secret disclosed when one of their number boasted, publicly, that he was the best paid preacher on the continent? Did not our poorly paid itinerants collect these large sums of money for these evangelists who claim to be local preachers?

There are now engaged in this this kind of work not a number so large but that they may be enumerated. Having a very considerable acquaintance with them I think I can give a pretty full list:

1. Itinerants who evangelize—Wm. Leftwich, Texas Conference, Sunday-school Agent; John Boring, Holston Conference, Sunday-school Agent; I. W. Bigham, Louisville Conference, Sunday-school Agent; W. A. Dodge, North Georgia Conference, supernumerary; George G. Smith, North Georgia Conference, superannuate; Wm. McIntosh, North Mississippi Conference, College President.

2. Itinerants who have located—H. C. Morrison, Jacob Ditzler, Sam P. Jones, W. B. Godbee, L. L. Pickett, Beverly Carradine, J. B. Culpepper.

As this article does not refer directly to those who were always local preachers, it ought not to be a difficult matter to say whether all these refered to are guilty or only a few, and of the few who?

Until charges are preferred, vindications are not in order. I know, however, some things which ought to be known to others. I know that J. B. Culpepper, after years of the hardest work, has not a roof to cover his head. The one he has is not free from incumbrance; that when from over-work he failed in health, he had not a dollar laid aside; that but for this aid of his friends he would have suffered. I know W. A. Dodge, who, after years of hard work, has not even a home of his own. As to those in the itinerant ranks, who would charge Leftwich, Boring, Bigham or McIntosh with sordid aims. And as to this poor scribe, he has been preaching constantly for the last six months and has not received a single dollar of compensation; and for ten years not a single year has he had one-third of a living from his ministry. As to the rest, I do not know. I know Sam Jones, who lectures and preaches and has a royalty from his books, has the reputation of being a rich man—and if he is the man referred to, it would be well to let him speak for himself. As incredible as it may seem, some of us have felt that God, in his providence, had placed us where we are, and we could not let others judge our consciences. If the M. E. Church, South, should do what no other Church under heaven has ever attempted to do—prohibit by positive enactment, the work some of these men are doing—it will be time then for such action to be reviewed. Now it is not necessary.

I can write freely. No one has ever referred to me in these censures, no one dreams that I am sordid or ambitious, and no one wishes to stop me, but I am in a position to sympathize with those who are censured. I must, however, express my most emphatic condemnation of the course of some of those brethren who are engaged in revival or evangelistic work. In the columns of the Kentucky Methodist, and formerly in The Way of Life, have appeared not a few articles signed by E. A. Ross, Thomas H. Leitch, H. C. Morrison, and others, which were calculated to irritate and embarrass those who were conservative; and if the published accounts of Bro. Leitch's conduct in Texas is true, he certainly deserves censure; but he was never an itinerant, and would not be a licensed preacher to-day if he had not promised not to do what your correspondent says he did do. He is, however, with all his impulsiveness and hardiness, one who has done in this country a great deal of permanent good and is a standing miracle of God's power.

The provision of the General Conference declaring that the pastor has absolute control of his pulpit is merely a specific statement of a usage which always was regarded as law, and certainly protects any pastor against any intruder whosoever. It should be strictly enforced, and any local or traveling preacher who disregards it should be promply brought to account; but charges such as I have quoted certainly should not be made without specifying the criminal.

GEORGE G. SMITH.

Macon, Ga.

A PEACE MEASURE.

As the "Local Preacher Evangelist" question has elicited much discussion in these days from some quarters, I would like to suggest a "peace measure" as one who loves God and his Church. "We be brethren" and ought to work in harmony with each other, not forgetting "that we are co-workers together with God." I believe that if all of our ministers, traveling and local, will observe the 169th paragraph of our book of Discipline, this matter will elicit less discussion and more edification and finally more salvation to our Church. The paragraph reads thus (turn to your Disciplines, "Mark, learn and inwardly digest the whole"): "It shall be the duty of local preacher to aid the preacher in charge of the circuit, station or mission to which they belong, in supplying the people with the ministry of the Word. They shall accordingly be applied to by the preacher in charge, as soon as he enters on his work, to state what amount of service they are able and willing to perform; he may then draw up a plan by which their labors shall be regulated, and they shall be authorized to form new congregations, to take a list of the names of all candidates for Church membership, and, if expedient, receive them into the Church; provided, that all such congregations, candidates and members be reported as soon as possible to the preacher in charge in order that they may be placed immediately under his pastoral care; and they shall report in writing the extent of and result of their labors to the fourth Quarterly Conference." And again, under the head "of preachers in charge of circuit, stations or missions," book of our Discipline, paragraph 123: "To see that all the ordinances and regulations of the Church be duly observed." Under the same caption in paragraph 120, it is made the duty of the preacher in charge, in the absence of the Bishop and his presiding elder to control the appointment of all services to be held in the Church in his charge. I do think this the only possible way to settle such an important subject. If the pastors will execute the Discipline and our local preachers will stand by the expressed will of the Church, then this matter is forever settled. The Lord give us peace, and not confusion. Yours for the peace of Zion,

J. E. WILLIAMS,
Pastor of Moscow Circuit.

Leggett, Texas.

NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE.

Returning from the conference at Gainesville, I stopped over in Sherman for a few days and my first impulse was to go to the college. My greeting by the President was so cordial and my stay so pleasant that I could not resist the invitation to return again. So, during the few days I spent in Sherman, the college was the most attractive place I could find. The President has the happy faculty of making the preachers of the conference feel at home. I had not been on the grounds long until I began to feel as if I were a partner in the business.

I first saw this institution the summer before Mrs. Lucy Kidd, now Mrs. Key, took charge of it. It had not been occupied at all that year. There were three unfinished and dilapidated buildings on the ground. The entire grounds were grown up in weeds, and it looked more like desolation than education. It reminded me of the decline of Babylon. When I looked on it on my return from conference it was to me a revelation. I could hardly trust my eyes. There are now eleven buildings on the campus, with full accommodations for at least 250 occupants. It looks very much like many of the university buildings of the older countries. This entire system of dormitories, college building, art department, dining-hall and music rooms is connected by gang-ways, covered in and latticed so that pupils can go to any part or place without exposure.

If "a thing of beauty is a joy forever," the North Texas Female College is certainly a joy forever. When I was given an insight into the workings of this great institution I involuntarily exclaimed: "The half has not been told." Nearly 200 persons can dine at the same time. The dishes remind you of being in a great queensware store. Huge piles of them fill the safes and closets that stand all around. The dining-hall, just finished and turned over to the conference free of debt, adds much to the value of the property and much to the comfort and convenience of the school.

I said to the President, how do you manage to feed all these girls? and she said, "I will show you into the store room and cooking department," and it looked like a family grocery. Every item is bought from wholesale dealers. She called my attention to ten barrels of preserves—one purchase. The girls are undoubtedly fed. I was shown many of their rooms in which the pupils board. They are conspicuously neat and comfortable. Every room has a heating stove, nice set of furniture and carpet. Few of them have come from more comfortable homes than they have there.

The art department is simply immense. Although not an artist, yet I can take in an entire painting and judge of its effect on me, and by this test pronounce the work fine; perhaps I should say superfine.

The North Texas Female College is the musical conservatory of the South. There are forty pianos, stringed instruments in great numbers, and as many as four of the teachers educated in the best European conservatories. It will compare work, instruments and teachers with any music school South, and would not suffer much, if any, in comparison with any American school of music. Why should it when the very best teachers and instruments that money can command are laid under contribution?

The very best talent is employed in the literary department. There were thirty-nine graduates last commencement, the largest graduating class in the State or the South.

This school has the largest number of boarding pupils of any Southern school, and I think the largest musical department. There is still room for about fifteen more girls in the boarding department, and any who may wish to enter at the beginning of the last term would do well to make application soon, before every place is taken.

With the strides that have been made since it has been in the present management, and with the growth of Methodism in Texas, it would look extravagant to predict its future. It seems that its growth is only bounded by the building capacity to accommodate, and if buildings can be kept pari passu with the demand, ten or more years to come will find a boarding patronage of four or five hundred girls. This very large patronage is brought to the school without a soliciting agent in the field. If the activity in this line were persued as it is by many other schools, the house and yard would overflow with pupils. There are two things that have given this institution of learning its marvelous prosperity:

1. The talent and genius of its President—I mean school genius. Taste in the construction of buildings, executive ability in the government and management of girls and teachers, financial capacity, and with all this at home, a winning way abroad.

2. Money. It is useless to attempt great business of any sort without money. The President put money into the business when she came and has been doing so ever since.

I have thus gone somewhat into the details of this college as I learned them and saw them while there, because I do not believe that the magnitude of the work and the means with which it is done, are known by the Methodists and patronizing public of Texas. They do not realize fully that we have in our State one of America's greatest female colleges, one of which all Texas Methodists should feel proud, and the State itself should feel proud of such a school.

WM. A. EDWARDS.

ATTENTION, PLEASE!

"An order had been made by the House of Lords 'that the commissioners of his majesty's excise do write circular letters to all persons whom they have reason to suspect to have plate, as also to those who have not paid regularly the duty on same'" etc.

In consequence of this order, the Accountant-General for household plate, sent Mr. Wesley a copy of the order, with the following letter:

REVEREND SIR—As the commissioners can not doubt but you have plate for which you have hitherto neglected to make an entry, they have directed me to send you the above copy of the Lords' order, and to inform you they expect that you forthwith make due entry of all your plate; such entry to bear date from the commencement of the plate duty, or from such time as you have owned, used, had, or kept any quantity of silver plate, chargeable by the act of Parliament, as in default hereof the board will be obliged to signify your refusal to their lordships.

N. B.—An immediate answer is desired. The answer was promptly sent and is significant. ——.

SIR—I have two silver teaspoons at London, and two at Bristol. This is all the plate which I have at present, and I shall not buy any more while so many around me want bread. I am, sir, your most humble servant,

JOHN WESLEY.

John Wesley likewise said: "Whenever we begin to build fine churches we make rich men a necessity. Then good-bye Methodism." What an "old mossback" John Wesley would now be considered could he step into some palatial residence adorned with curios and silver-plate in the midst of a city where the poor have not yet all died out.

MRS. J. D. BURKE.

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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

McDade Circuit.

C. B. Garrett, Nov. 23: As the Conference year draws to a close we are rounding the corners and finishing our work. The work has been strengthened more by internal improvement than by gain from the outside. Finances will not be entirely up. The Methodist Christians at McDade have built and are now painting a beautiful church, not large, but well arranged and quite creditable to the congregation. May God bless the labors of this year to the good of both people and pastor.

Bremond and Reagan.

George H. Phair, J. W. Turner, A. J. Roberson, B. D. Campbell, Nov. 26: The fourth Quarterly Conference was held in Bremond, November 26, Rev. J. B. Cochran in the chair. Ten official members present. Members received this year, 77; adults baptized, 35; infants, 13. We had a religious meeting the whole time of holding the conference. Every assessment will be paid in full. The pastor, presiding elder and official members are in the unity of the Spirit and the bonds of peace. The following resolution of thanks was passed by the Quarterly Conference: Whereas, Our Sister, Mrs. E. L. Drenan, has been so liberal in making a donation of $2000 worth of land to our Orphanage at Waco, and also she has donated to our Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, more than $5000 in good property, we, therefore, the members of the fourth Quarterly Conference of Bremond and Reagan Circuit, do hereby tender our hearty appreciation and thanks for her very generous gift, and pray that the blessing of God may rest upon her; that blessing "that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow with it."—Prov. 10:28.

Flatonia Station.

E. D. Mouzon, Nov. 21: We have not been idle this year. As soon as the needs of this charge could be learned, I determined, while seeking the salvation of those not members of the Church, to work for the development of Christian character in professed Christians, especially in the young. What has been done? Our Church and parsonage have been thoroughly repaired at an expense of something more than $450. Our conference assessments are paid in full, those for missions being overpaid. Our Sunday-school, with its faithful Superintendent and teachers, is in excellent condition. The Church is hardly large enough for the school, and an infant class-room ought to be built next year. Our Epworth League has developed from almost nothing to a strong and active League. It numbers fifty-seven members, and is at work in all its departments. There is certainly no town in the Texas Conference which has a larger number or a better class of young people. Our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has recently manifested new life. During the year there have been some who professed faith in Christ as a personal Savior. All this means that the year has been a prosperous one, and to the preacher and his family a happy one. There is no more pleasant charge than Flatonia. There are no kinder people than these. May the Lord watch between us and them while we are absent one from another.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Hubbard City.

J. W. Sansom, Nov. 23: As the cold rain pours down this morning I feel very thankful to the "powers that be" that I am returned to Hubbard, and don't have to move. This is a pleasant work. While away at conference the kind ladies of Hubbard presented to my wife a nice hat and dress, in the appreciation of which I heartily join her. These tokens of love and Christian friendship make the pastor and his family feel good and prompts us to a better life and more faithful work.

Aledo

C. E. Lindsey, Nov. 21: I wish you could have been at this parsonage last night; it was a time of joy and gladness at least to myself and wife. At 7 o'clock they began to come, and one after another they came until the house was full and more. They brought ham, flour, cakes, canned goods, and, of course, chickens, and other things too numerous to mention here. The good ladies spread the tables and invited the gentlemen to supper, and such another supper I have rarely had the privilege of enjoying; and this was not given by Methodist only, but by those of other Churches, and even those who are not religious at all. I wish, Mr. Editor, you had been here to make my speech of thanks and enjoy that supper, for I felt almost speechless. So I feel that they have welcomed my return. After supper we went to the Church and I tried to preach to them. Text: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the the least of these," etc. I'll tell you I'm happy. May the Lord bless this circuit this year, and give us an abundant harvest of souls.

Fort Worth.

C. L. Ballard, Nov. 23: I am now ready for my work. Not completely equipped, but I will make haste to that point. We hope to establish a Joint Stock Company at Dallas in connection with our ADVOCATE, so as to be able to give the preachers the full line of books carried by our House in Nashville. I trust, brethren, you will help us to sustain this part of our Church work in Texas. The two hundred thousand Methodists of Texas need it. We can make a success of this if our pastors, Sunday-school Superintendents and Presidents of Epworth Leagues will help us in this matter. You can help us by sending us your orders and by bringing the matter before your congregations, Sunday-schools and Leagues. Brethren, give me a chance to get this matter before your congregations. I will travel to some extent in the interest of colporter work, and am ready to help you a few days at a time in your meetings. I can't help you all if all wanted me, but I am willing to do what I can in this to place our publications in the hands of your people. Let me know when you want me, and if I can I will visit your charge and do you no harm, but all the good I can. So soon as practicable I will let the brethren know my plans and terms. For the present we will move slowly, looking to a Joint Stock Company for a depository in connection with our ADVOCATE at Dallas.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rusk Station.

V. A. Godbey, Nov. 25: The fourth Quarterly Conference for this charge has been held and the finances have come up in full. The presiding elder, Bro. L. M. Fowler, has faithfully discharged his duties officially, and has cheered the preacher's home by his presence and social qualities. He is a good "beloved." Rusk Station has not had such an advance on all lines this year as desired, but it is believed by the official board that the outlook is not discouraging for the future. Our work has moved along, but not with the spiritual power that we desire. Congregations have been good as usual here, and the people have treated the preacher kindly. Those who have served Rusk know it is a pleasant charge. People all want the preacher returned. Let all the cabinet say amen.

Troupe and Overton Circuit.

S. N. Allen, Nov. 25: Our Campbellite brethren challenged us for a debate some time ago, so we accepted. The time came on and Gen. Gano, of Dallas, arrived on the evening of the 9th. J. C. Weaver arrived on the morning of the 10th. The first question was, "Infant baptism authorized by the word of God." Weaver affirmed. Second question, "Immersion in water the only mode commanded by Christ or practiced by the apostles." Gano affirmed. Third question, "Immersion in water to a penitent believer is for or unto remission of sins." Gano affirmed. On Monday at 9 a. m. J. C. Weaver opened up on "Infant baptism," with Gen. Gano denying for two days. When the next question came up, which was "Immersion in water the only mode commanded by Christ and practiced by his apostles," Gen. Gano had a sore throat and quit. Rev. J. C. Weaver preached on until Saturday night. Our Church is greatly strengthened in doctrine. Bro. Weaver is a grand man. May he live long to bless the Church. We will report everything in full at conference. We serve a good people.

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Shelbyville Circuit.

J. D. Burke: The fourth Quarterly Conference for Shelbyville Circuit has been held. Rev. C. F. Smith, our presiding elder, was with us every time, doing faithful work for the Church. We have held protracted meetings at each appointment on the work and the Lord blessed us at each place. The local brethren have done faithful work. Bro. V. A. Godbey, of Rusk, helped me in the meeting at this place; he did good and faithful work. We had between 80 and 100 accessions to the Church during the year; about one-half by profession; 20 children baptized to date. In some respects this has been one of the best years of our itinerant life. The experience of this year is fragrant with many sweets. We are trying not to frown at the bitters. The people in many respects have been kind and very kind to their pastor. Our collections are behind some, but we are doing our very best to bring them up in full. We had the misfortune early in the year to lose our horse, since then we have been riding a borrowed horse, which was tendered me at once by a true and tried friend—one of my faithful stewards. Thanks to the good Lord for such men. But this is not all: Bro. J. H. Windham has taken it upon himself to raise money to buy me a horse, and the people generally are helping; $50 has been raised to date. May He who rules the destiny of all be near to bless them, is my prayer.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rosston Circuit.

D. F. Fuller: At home from conference and at work. First item of news is good, and is that Rush Creek Church—beautiful Rush Creek Church—pays her debt next Monday, 25th instant. Rosston must do likewise.

Local Option.

E. D. Hughes, Collinsville, Nov. 22: Place Collinsville, Gryson County, in your list of prohibition towns. We have had local option here for twelve years, and last Saturday it carried again. We can not do without it. Since it was carried in this town twelve years ago we have built six churches, one school-house and Masonic hall, besides six brick business houses 25x80 feet.

Whitesboro.

A. F. Hendrix: We have entered upon our fourth term for Whitesboro Station with increased interest. Quite a hearty reception has been tendered the preacher by the Church. A fine pounding, headed by the League, with remarks from one appointed to deliver the welcome address. The preacher responded with a full heart. The pounding consisted of everything good from chickens to pop-corn. Happy are we and promise the best work we can do.

Trenton.

W. J. Bludworth, Nov. 21: We have arrived at Trenton, our new field of labor. This is a beautiful little town of 800 inhabitants, located in a rich, black land country on the M., K. and T. Railroad. A nice parsonage of four rooms has been secured for us. We have been kindly received, and on last night were pounded. Many thanks to the donors for these tokens of their appreciation for us. A great deal of work to be done here, and I was never in better working order.

Renner.

C. C. Davis, Nov. 25: My wife and children reached here Thursday noon, but our household goods had not reached here, and I carried them to Bro. F. W. Jackson's for dinner, and Bro. Hamer's to spend the night. During the afternoon I was informed that we would be wanted at the parsonage that night. Wife was suffering with sick headache and could not go, but I went and got a regular "pounding." We now have rations to last us some time, for which we are thankful. May God bless those who helped us.

Lamar Avenue, Paris.

J. M. Peterson, Nov. 25: We arrived here on the 23d; were taken to the parsonage where we received a Methodistic welcome and partook of a sumptuous dinner, which the good sisters had prepared for us. They pounded the parsonage before we got here, and left it all to our care. Well, we are taking care of it. They captured us at the first meeting. God bless the donors. Thanks to Bro. S. A. Ashburn for kind words. The people here surely love him. Thanks to the good sisters of Celeste for a new overcoat, and to the people there for other tokens of love shown us on our departure. God bless them and give them a great year. We had a very good day yesterday.

Terrell Circuit.

I. J. Coppedge, Nov. 22: Immediately after conference I went to Morris and Upshur counties to visit my kinsfolk, but am now at home and ready for the new year's work. Last night many of the brethren and sisters of College Mound took the parsonage by storm and spent more than an hour with us, and then went away with "less than they came." May the good work go on. These tokens of appreciation do us much good. The ladies have put a nice book-case in the parsonage. I love the dear people of Terrell Circuit, and will do them all the good I can. "We thank God and take courage."

West Dallas.

R. Gibbs Mood, Nov. 25: The new year has commenced with West Dallas. Last year their pastor, having a very large work, was not able to visit the membership, and during the summer, while in protracted meeting, was compelled to miss several appointments. The members, however, realized the difficulties and tried to do their best, anyhow. The church was repainted, carpeted, windows stained, a very large window put in the east end of the church, and a set of nice oak leather upholstered pulpit chairs placed in the church, all at a cost of over $100. They paid their conference claims in full, but fell behind some with the preacher's salary. But they did well, and we hope and pray for them a very prosperous year.

Benvanue.

W. B. Walker, Nov. 21: At the last session of the North Texas Conference I was returned to Benvanue, to serve these good people another year. "I am so glad you are sent back to preach to us another year," can be heard upon every side, from saint and sinner. God was with us this last conference year and gave us victory; and, bless his holy name, he is with us this conference year, and I am depending upon him for victory. This is a hard work in many respects—it is so large, drouthy, etc., but we feel sure that so long as we put our trust in God and the Christian people hold up our hands, we will conquer through Christ. Now for another campaign, hot and heavy, against Satan and his hosts. We have as true people out here to the Church as you will find anywhere. I dearly love them, and I have many reasons to believe they love me.

Haskell Avenue.

R. Gibbs Mood, Nov. 25: This Church, though working under many difficulties last year, did well. There were altogether about 20 additions to the membership. They paid their assessment for the preacher and conference claims in full, and raised for other objects ove $100. The W. P. and H. M. Society, organized late in March, raised over $56 before conference, and the League did well. The devotional services of the League were very spiritual. The old preacher has returned and entered upon the new year with great hopes of a successful year. The people are poor, but the majority are loyal and spiritual and have determined to make this the best year in their history. From a half-station last year with $150 appropriation, this Church has been made a station with no appropriation, but we are hopeful and expect to do well. The people have received their preacher back very kindly and assure him of their sympathy and support.

McKinney.

D. J. Martin, Nov. 23: On our arrival at the parsonage last Tuesday, the 19th, we found a company of good ladies of the Church waiting to receive us and to give us a hearty welcome, which they did. The house was in order, a cheerful fire was blazing in the fire-place, and a splendid, warm dinner was prepared for us, and in the center on the table stood a vase filled with beautiful flowers and roses, emblems of the resurrection and of life. We are grateful to these Christian ladies for their tender and thoughtful ministries to us as we enter upon the new year's labors. Such kindnesses will always be tenderly remembered by us. On the 20th inst., just as the curtain of night began to be seen and felt, a delivery wagon brought us a sack of flour, coffee, sugar, and valuable things to eat that I will not take space to mention now. For these tokens of Christian friendship and esteem we return our thanks and pray that in return we may be of some service to them and others, in a religious sense at least. Bro. J. L. Morris has left an impress for good. He justly lives in the memory of this people. We had a good religious time at prayer-meeting last Wednesday evening.

Weston.

S. W. Miller, Nov. 25: To my many friends whom I leave behind me on the Weston Circuit, I wish to take the advantage of the press to express my warmest feelings for you and my sincere desire that you may all hold out faithful to the end. In looking over my notes, I see that the past two years have been a time of reaping for the Church. I have attended 25 funerals, which was the saddest duty of my ministry, but most of my ministry, but most of them were ready to go. I also find that there were something over 235 conversions and 205 additions to the Church during the two years of my pleasant stay with you, and even some of these have entered into rest, while some of the most promising members on the Church roll are those who have taken, not only the Church vows, but who have taken up their crosses and are ready to work for the Lord anywhere. I have never seen a more delightful scene than a number of young men and women who were consecrated to the work of the Lord, but there are those who have come in later in life, some of whom have had a struggle to overcome their old habits. God bless you, my dear brethren; remember in whom your strength lieth. Though the world may forsake you and turn the cold hand to you, God will never forsake you, unless you first forsake him. Having traveled the Christian path for nearly thirty years, and having entered the ministry when a beardless boy, I want to say to you, my young converts, that God's grace will be ever sufficient to those who trust in him "and serve him with a perfect heart and a willing mind." In conclusion, let me say to the Church at large. Receive him who comes to labor with you as your pastor. Welcome him to your homes. Give him a place in your hearts. Support him by your prayers, and don't forget his temporal wants, and I assure you that you will get more in return than you give. You may not see it in dollars and cents, but you will get it in this life fourfold, and in the world to come life everlasting. When many of us meet again it will be in the presence of God. I wish to thank Bro. and Sister F. M. Douglass, Sister Thompson, and Sister McElreath, for some nice presents, and Bro. McFarland for money given in a needy time, and all the friends for favors shown myself and family.

A PRAYER ON THANKSGIVING DAY.

O Thou! Almighty source of all that is,
And who overrules a nation's destiny,
We thank Thee for Thy mercies given
And this good year of peace and plenty.

This day we duly set apart
To honor Thee with songs of praise;
Hear Thou, O Lord, each offered prayer,
And direct us ever in all our ways.

A chosen nation unto the Lord,
Make us a people after thine own heart;
To honor Thee, thy laws obey—
Be this the desire of every heart.

We can never be too grateful to Almighty God for his unbounded mercies and benefits toward us. For he so loved the world as to give his only begotten Son to die for the world. When, where, can we find such love as this? "Was ever love like Thine?"

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GATESVILLE DISTRICT.

I have been compelled to make a change in the appointments of the Gatesville District. Bro. C. D. Jordan will remain at Lampasas and Bro. J. T. Rascoe will go to Hamilton.

E. F. BOONE, P. E.

November 25, 1895.

USEFUL.

Cut flowers will keep very fresh if a small pinch of nitrate of potash or common saltpetre is put in the water in which they stand. The ends of the stems should be cut off a little every day to keep open the absorbing pores.

Corn Blocks.—Put one pint of milk in a double boiler; when hot stir in sufficient white cornmeal to make a thick mush, about six tablespoonfuls; add two tablespoonfuls of sugar; cover the kettle and cook slowly for thirty minutes; take from the fire, add a teaspoonful of vanilla, and turn into a square pan to cool; when cold, turn out, cut in blocks, dip in egg and bread crumbs, and fry in smoking-hot fat. Serve with sweet cream sauce.—*Mrs. Rorer's Household News.*

Cleaning Furniture.—Cherry and mahogany furniture can be cleaned in the following way to look almost likenew: Dissolve a small lump of common washing-soda in some very hot water. Wash only a small portion of the wood at a time with a bit of flannel dipped in the soda water, and dry it immediately with another piece of flannel, rubbing until it is highly polished.

Vanilla Drop Cakes.—One cup of sugar and one-quarter cup of butter well beaten together until smooth, one egg beaten until light, one tablespoonful of extract of vanilla, ten tablespoons of sweet milk, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, one-half teaspoon of soda; two and one-half cups of flour. Drop out in teaspoonfuls on a biscuit tin, and bake in a quick oven.

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Early in the morning is the best time to pray, because it is then that we are at our best.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 820 *Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.*

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Notice, Preachers and Lay Delegates.

I would like to have the preachers and lay delegates of the Huntsville District to meet me at the Methodist Church in Brenham on Tuesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Any information from any source touching the readjustment of the circuits and missions will be gladly received.

W. WOOTTON, P. E.

Navasota, Texas.

Class for Admission.

The class for admission on trial will please meet the committee in the basement of the Methodist Church, at Brenham, Texas, Monday, at 7 o'clock p. m., December 2.

GEO. A. LECLERE,
Chairman of Committee.

Class of First Year.

Let the class of the first year meet the committee in the basement of the Methodist Church, in Brenham, at 9 a. m., Tuesday, December 3, 1895.

GEO. C. STOVALL.

Class of Fourth Year.

The class of the fourth year will meet in the Methodist Church in Brenham, at 7:30 p. m., December 2.

E. W. SOLOMON,
For the Committee.

Class of Third Year.

The class of the third year will please meet the committee at the Methodist Church in Brenham, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock sharp. I want each member of the class to prepare an analysis of the twenty-fourth chapter of Watson's Institutes, part III. Not the analysis made by Mr. Watson, but an original one. Please mail me your sermon on the "Witness of the Spirit" by November 25.

O. T. HOTCHKISS,
Houston, Texas. Chairman.

It is very desirable that we have all the names of lay delegates, candidates for admission on trial, and for deacons' and elders' orders as soon as possible. We ask, therefore, that the presiding elders give us these names promptly. We also want the names of all the preachers and delegates' wives who expect to attend conference at Brenham. We hope that none will expect us to provide for their entertainment who fail to comply with this request.

C. H. BROOKS.

EAST.

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I have applied for reduced rates on the following railroads: Texas and Pacific, Cotton Belt, International and Great Northern, and Houston, East and West Texas, and they have agreed to give a rate of 4 cents for the round trip on the certificate plan.

J. W. JOHNSON.

Admission on Trial.

Will the presiding elders please send me the names of all the applicants for admission on trial and of local preachers who will be present at conference for ordination.

Let the preachers who will be accompanied by their wives notify me at once.

J. W. JOHNSON.

Presiding Elders.

The presiding elders of the East Texas Conference are requested to meet at the Methodist Church in Texarkana, on Tuesday, December 17, at 9 a. m.

JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

NOVEMBER 21.

J F Sherwood, subs. H M Pirtle, sub. J F Archer, subs. C C Davis, sub. W W Horner, subs. C M Thompson, sub. R F Dann, subs.

NOVEMBER 22, 23.

W B Bayless, subs. C I McWhirter, subs. E S Williams, sub. J D Dorsey, sub stopped. A R Nash, sub. W B McKeown, sub stopped. John Todd, sub.

NOVEMBER 25.

S W Thomas, sub. E M Myers, subs. A E Goodwyn, sub. H A Bourland, sub. N B Read, subs.

NOVEMBER 26, 27.

N B Read, sub. F M Sherwood, subs. G H Pnair, subs. J T Bludworth, sub. C C Davis sub and trial subs. Drury W Towns, sub. J L Yeats, sub. R L Williams, subs.

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C. S. FIELD.

Vernon, Texas, Sept. 28, 1895.

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J. L. YELTON.

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Woman's Departm't.

All matter intended for this column should be addressed to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 23 Masten Street.

GIVE THANKS.

Thank God for the glorious gift of life,
And this beautiful world of ours,
With its shimmering seas and waving trees,
Its frost and dew and flowers;
For radiant moons and tranquil Junes,
For sunshine and for rain;
For pearly dawns and crystal morns,
For mountain, mead and plain.

Thank God for treasures that he gives
From earth and tree and vine:
For golden yields from fertile fields,
For flax and wool and wine;
For healthful roots; for ruddy fruits;
For Plenty's laden horn;
For flocks and herds, for bees and birds,
Give thanks this festive morn.

Give thanks for reunited bands,
For hearth and home and health;
For faith and love, so sure to prove
Sweeter than fame or wealth;
For hopes that bless, for lips caress,
For counsel and for cheer,
Give thanks upon this morn that brings
The feast of all the year.

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MY FIRST VISIT TO THE INDIAN CAMPS.

Since I first came to the Indian Mission School, at Anadarko, superintended by our good Bro. Methvin, I had longed for "issue day" to come—the day on which the Indians draw their rations. On such days the Indians camp near, and so the mission workers have a good opportunity of telling our ignorant red brothers of a dying Savior's love. Issue day comes on Friday, semi-monthly, and occasionally on such days the children are permitted to go home on Friday evenings. So it was yesterday. The children rose with glad hearts and bright faces, some were so enthused with the thoughts of going home they almost lost their appetites. Then, too, nature lent her helping hand in making the day pleasant. Miss Swanson and I dismissed them at noon, and the children were very soon in carriages with their parents going home. The Indians are very affectionate. In the afternoon Bro. Moore, Mrs. Ferguson and daughter Della and I walked down to the camps. There were three women, as many children, and one man at the first camp we visited. The women were busy cutting their meat which had been issued to them in the forenoon. They cut it into thin pieces and hang it up around the "teepee." The man was simply looking on. The women do all the work.

In this way, as well as most any other, can be shown what the true Christian religion does for people. Without it the strong is overbearing toward the weak, while the Christian wants to help the frail. They were very glad to see us, and began smiling and welcoming us as we went up. They like to shake hands and are very friendly. As we had no interpreter we had only a short service. We sang "Blessed be the Name," after which Bro. Moore read a few verses of the fourteenth chapter of St. John, had prayers and the song, "At the Cross." The Indians couldn't understand the reading, but they knew the Bible was being read to them, and that we were worshiping God. God has promised that his Word shall not return unto him void, so we do what we can and have faith to believe God will bless our efforts to the good of souls.

We visited several other camps, and were treated very nicely, but as we had no interpreter, we didn't have services. When we started toward home, we went out by some other camps. There we met with Virginia, an Indian woman who had gone to school, and talks very good English. They were cooking inside of their teepee, so all of us went in. We used their beds for seats. They put sticks, grass, leaves, etc., all around inside their teepees for beds. They use blankets and comforts for covering. This is as truly a heathen people as there are in China or other lands.

At request of Bro. Moore Virginia said she would interpret for him. We went outside the teepee, so all the Indians camping near might come to service. Several came. We sang, "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed." After which Bro. Moore read Heb. 12:1: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

He told them we had Jesus, the apostles, prophets, and good people to show us how good we ought to be; that Jesus and all of those good people once lived down here among men and walked on the earth as the Indians do. There are good people now who try to be good like Jesus was, and the Indians must try to be good like them; must quit doing wrong things; lay them aside. The Indians must quit gambling, must not steal. It is wrong to steal a cow, kill and eat her; wrong to steal anything.

Then, too, they must quit eating "mescal;" lay it aside. All these bad things are weights to us. They hold us down so that we can't run fast. When we have heavy things to carry they weight us down so we can't run. We can't be good and do these bad things.

Then we must go straight. We can't go fast if we go in a crooked way. Suppose we start to Chickasha and go this way awhile, and then that, and another, keep going crooked, it would take us a long time to get there, or maybe we wouldn't get there at all.

But if we go straight on to Chickasha, don't go crooked, then we get there. We have good people here who have come to show the Indians the straight way, and the Indians must lay aside all of these bad things and try to go that way. Then he asked if any were trying to go that straight way.

One man said he was, two other men and one woman said they would like to. We then had prayers and the closing song. When I bade Virginia good-bye, I asked her if she said her prayers and read her Bible every day. She told me she said her prayers, but didn't read her Bible every day; said she always read it on Sunday. Five of our boys say they would read the Bible if they had one.

They ought to read it for themselves. We know the Bible contains thirty-two thousand promises for the believer, yet we can't call them ours till we grasp them and claim them as our own. I understand now what is meant by "living in the promised land." I just step on the promises of God all the time. I just step from one promise to another, claiming all the land I go over for my inheritance. Glory to God!

I shall add we are intending to have a Christmas tree for the Indian children, and all you good people who read this will have an opportunity of giving to the Lord by sending some simple presents for the children. A Christmas tree is calculated to do much good in lifting their aims and aspirations higher. Then Miss Swanson and I are aiming to train the children so that we may have exercises and thereby deepen the impression of the sacredness, as well as the pure enjoyment of the occasion. School is getting on nicely. We have forty-four here with us, and six day pupils. Some of the children are apt in their studies. They know quite a number of Bible verses and Bible stories, as well as several good songs. Some of them have good voices. God grant that we may not sin against him in ceasing to pray for them. I am saved, kept sweet by the power of God. I get a new supply of manna each day. Pray for me.

LOU HALL.

Anadarko, I. T.

EXPRESSION OF THANKFULNESS.

Thankfulness has its expression towards God, but not less towards our fellow-men. The heart is lifted up to God for his mercies, the hand is extended toward the suffering that it may distribute the blessings he has given, and share the joy we feel.—United Presbyterian.

AT this time of thanksgiving, when our hearts go up to our Heavenly Father in emotions of gratitude for all his goodness to us, our comfortable homes, our loved ones, peace and plenty within our walls, let us not forget our duty to others who are less favorably situated than we are. Let us increase our efforts as members especially of the W. P. and H. M. Society, to aid in giving comfortable homes to those of our brethren who have gone out to destitute places to tell of God's love to mankind. We give the following leaflet at this time, considering it appropriate to the thanksgiving season:

HOMELESS MINISTERS OF CHRIST.

What is more surprising than that in this progressive and philanthopic age, where truth in every line is being sought for and claimed, our Church, with its rapidly increasing wealth, its learning, and its show of good works, should year after year send into fields, where labor is the most difficult, brave ministers of Christ, and not provide them with a shelter?

The poorest laboring classes who know nothing of the peculiar strain of brain and nerve work, often live in luxury as compared to these men and women who are giving their lives to bless humanity.

Repeatedly word has been sent to us of ministers and their families (consisting of wife and four or five children) living on $200 a year, and in houses hardly tenantable. Where do they get their inspiration for such self-denial as this? We sit and read with tearful eyes, and hearts throbbing with emotion, of heroes and heroines in fiction, who have given their lives to some noble cause, and who have fought their battles bravely, and we wish we could come in contact with such, when it may be that our own minister, or some minister not a great distance from us, and his noble wife are just such characters, for it is not so much learning as love that makes heroes. They do not make any complaint, but silently sink under the unequal burden because their hearts are so knit to Christ they can not abandon this great work of saving the lost. O, friends, let us strive to appreciate the situation of these who are bound to us by the close ties of Christian brotherhood, for if we but realize their need, we will soon begin to act in this matter of building them homes. Any person who is not oppressed with poverty, and who has any energy or brain power, can do a great deal in this work.

A few years ago thousands of dollars were raised by the contribution of nickels to help build one of our large charitable institutions. There are almost numberless ways of raising money if we but have a zeal for God's cause.

One sweet-spirited, intelligent minister's wife writes from Tennessee: "The house we are in is by no means comfortable. There is only one room we can stay in when it rains or is cold. Most of our things are boxed to keep them dry. I don't know what we shall do, but we will be patient and wait."

Another lady in Kentucky writes: "I thank the Lord that you are interested in the mountains of Kentucky, for I do assure you there is no field that is more in need of Christian work.

"A year ago there were five hundred murders in Perry County, and not a single conviction. My heart is deeply stirred for the poor degraded men and women of this country, who need civilization, and nothing but the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ will stop the war and bloodshed."

Ah, while we are working for the heathen abroad let us not as a Church forget these of our own household, at our own doors, perishing for want of our help.

What could be as great a boon to the women of this fair Southland as the moral salvation of their country? And one of the surest and sweetest of Christian enterprises to bring this about, would be wide-spread and systematic work of establishing small but well-built homes for our ministers throughout this whole Southern country—homes with such an inviting physiognomy that they would hold out a welcome to the consecrated man of God who is eager to give his time and energies for the salvation of his fellow-men. In all the battles of life, moral as well as physical, we know that the hardest fights need the best equipment; and in the towns and villages all over our land where intemperance and vice hold sway there are some men and women who will dare to go equipped with only the word of God, and brave any life or death for the sake of rescuing the perishing. We may not be able to do the work of saving these lost ones, but we can by our actions say to those who will go wherever God points the way; though it mean separation from friends, and the comforts of life; though it mean weariness and disease; though it mean, as one field is abandoned to go to another, the leaving behind of little lonely graves—ah, though it mean a living martyrdom every day—we can say to them: "You shall at any rate live in a house that has a good roof overhead, and that is not made sickly by water standing in your cellar, and that has good solid walls and floors, and surroundings that shall be comfortable and pleasant."

Yes we can, all of us can assist in doing that for these brothers and sisters who will stand face to face with us in the great beyond. The question that remains for us to answer is: Will we?

ARABEL W. ALEXANDER.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

German Mission	Houston, Bishop Key,	Nov. 28
Texas	Brenham, Bishop Keener,	Dec. 4
East Texas	Texarkana, Bishop Keener,	Dec. 18

Church Notices.

NORTH TEXAS.

Gainesville District—First Round.

Booneville cir	2d Sun in Dec
Decatur sta	7:30 p m, Fri, Dec 6
Decatur cir	3d Sun in Dec
Greenwood cir	11 a m, Tues, Dec 17
Boyd cir	5th Sun in Dec
Rhome cir	11 a m, Tues, Dec 31
Dexter cir	1st Sun in Jan
Denton Street	7:30 p m, Fri, Jan 3
Marysville	2d Sun in Jan
Broadway	7:30 p m, Fri, Jan 10
Era and Valley View	3d Sun in Jan
Denton sta	7:30 p m, Fri, Jan 17
Rosston cir	4th Sun in Jan
Dye Mound	11 a m, Fri, Jan 24
Mountain Springs cir	1st Sun in Feb
Woodbine cir	11 a m, Tues, Feb 4
Denton cir	2d Sun in Feb
Argyle	3d Sun in Feb
Sanger cir	4th Sun in Feb

The District Stewards of the Gainesville District are requested to convene in the Methodist Church in Denton on Wednesday, December 4, 1895, at 1 p. m. If all are present at that hour the business can be transacted in time for all who come by railroad to return the same day if they so desire. Let the stewards see to it that at least one-fourth of the preacher's salary is collected by the first Quarterly Conference. Go to work now, brethren. R. M. Powers, P. E.

Bonham District—First Round.

Dodd and Windom	Nov 30, Dec 1
Petty	Dec 7, 8
Bonham cir	Dec 14, 15
Gober cir	Dec 21, 22
Randolph cir	Dec 28, 29
Brookston cir	Jan 4, 5
Whiterock	Jan 11, 12
Honey Grove	Jan 12, 13
Ben Franklin	Jan 18, 19
Ladonia	Jan 19, 20
Lanius	Jan 25, 26
Fannin	Feb 1, 2
Trenton	Feb 8, 9
Bonham	Feb 15, 16
South Bonham	Feb 16, 17

J. R. Wages, P. E.

Paris District—First Round.

Roxton, at Roxton	Nov 29
Blossom, at Blossom	Dec 1, 2
Pattonville, at Glory	Dec 7, 8
Deport, at Halesboro	Dec 15, 16
Woodland, at Woodland	Dec 21, 22
Detroit, at Detroit	Dec 28, 29
Centenary, Paris	Jan 4, 5
Lamar Avenue, Paris	Jan 4, 5
White Rock and McKenzie, at W R.	Jan 11, 12
Annona, at Coleman Springs	Jan 13
Clarksville	Jan 18, 19
Rosalie, at Bethel	Jan 20
Emberson, at Mt. Tabor	Jan 24, 25
Lake Creek, at Unita	Feb 1, 2
Maxey, at Garrett's Chapel	Feb 8, 9
Powderly, at Bethel	Feb 11

District Stewards' meeting at Centenary Church, Paris, December 3, at 1 o'clock p. m. The District Trustees will meet at same time and place. F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round.

Denison sta	Nov 30, Dec 1
Whitewright sta	Dec 7, 8
Van Alstyne sta	Dec 14, 15
Bells cir, at Bells	Dec 21, 22
Whitesboro sta	Dec 28, 29
Whitesboro cir, at Standfield's Ch'l	Jan 4, 5
Collinsville cir, at Collinsville	Jan 11, 12
Denison cir, at Messenger's Ch'l	Jan 18, 19
Pottsboro sta	Jan 25, 26
Sherman cir, at Friendship	Feb 1, 2
Gordonville cir, at Gordonville	Feb 8, 9
Pilot Grove cir, at Sedalia	Feb 15, 16
Howe cir, at Howe	Feb 22, 23

District Stewards' meeting at Travis Street, November 30, at 1 p. m. A full attendance desired. J. M. Binkley, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round.

Oak Cliff	11 a m, Dec 1
Trinity church	7 p m, Dec 1
Lancaster and Wheatland, at L.	Dec 7, 8
Ervay Street	Dec 8, 9
Renner, at Frankford	Dec 14, 15
Plano sta	Dec 15, 16
Hutchins, at Hutchins	Dec 21, 22
Haskell Avenue	Dec 22, 23
Lewisville, at Louisville	Dec 28, 29
Pilot Point sta	Dec 29, 30
First Church	Jan 5, 6
Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at C. H.	Jan 11, 12
Grand Prairie cir, at G. P.	Jan 18, 19
Aubrey, at Aubrey	Jan 25, 26

The District Stewards will meet at First Church, in Dallas, on Thursday, December 5, at 1 p. m. F. O. Miller, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round.

Chisholm, at Chisholm	1st Sun in Dec
Rockwall, at Rockwall	2d Sun in Dec
Forney, at Forney	3d Sun in Dec
Terrell sta	4th Sun in Dec
Cochran and Caruth, at Caruth	5th Sun in Dec
Terrell cir, at Eden	1st Sun in Jan
Garland sta	2d Sun in Jan
Kaufman sta	3d Sun in Jan
Fate cir, at Royse	4th Sun in Jan
Allen, at Allen	1st Sun in Feb
Mesquite, at Rowlett	2d Sun in Feb
Kemp, at Wilson's Chapel	3d Sun in Feb
Mt. Pleasant, at Ryile	4th Sun in Feb
Crandall, at Lone Elm	1st Sun in March

C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round.

Commerce sta	Nov 30 31
Sulphur Springs sta	Dec 7, 8
Winnsboro sta	Dec 14, 15
Carrolton cir, at Carrollton	Dec 21, 22
Campbell, at Shady Grove	Dec 28, 29
Black Jack Grove, at Gafford's Ch'l	Jan 4, 5
Reily Springs, at Shook's Chapel	Jan 11, 12
Mt. Vernon cir, at Saltillo	Jan 18, 19
Mt. Vernon mis, at Evan's Point	Jan 20
Fairlie, at Olive Branch	Feb 1, 2
Wolfe City sta	Feb 8, 9
Bailey cir, at Bailey	Feb 15, 16
Celeste and Lane, at Celeste	Feb 22, 23
Leonard, at Leonard	March 1, 2
Sulphur Bluff, at Pleasant Hill	March 7, 8
Cooper, at Cooper	March 14, 15

District Stewards will meet at Commerce, November 29, at 2 p. m., at Methodist Church. Isaac W. Clark, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round.

Iowa Park and Beaver, at I. P.	Nov 30, Dec 1
Wichita Falls sta	Dec 1, 2
Montague and St. Jo, at St. Jo	Dec 7, 8
Bonita cir, at Bonita	Dec 8, 9
Spanish Fort cir, at Prairie Mound	Dec 14, 15
Nocona and Belcher, at Nocona	Dec 15, 16
Henrietta and Ringold	Dec 21, 22
Blue Grove cir	Dec 28, 29
Alvord sta	Jan 4, 5
Sunset cir, at Sunset	Jan 5, 6
Bowie sta	Dec 11, 12
Crafton cir, at Cundiff	Jan 18, 19
Bellevue cir, at Bellevue	Jan 12, 13
Chico cir, at Chico	Jan 25, 26
Post Oak cir, at Post Oak	Feb 1, 2
Benvanue cir, at Riverland	Feb 8, 9
Bryson and Salt Hill	Feb 13
Jacksboro and Gibtown	Feb 15, 16

District Stewards, please meet at Bowie, December 3, at 7 p. m., at Methodist Church. W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.

Greenville District—First Round.

Farmersville	1st Sab in Dec
Lone Oak, at Lone Oak	2d Sab in Dec
Bethel, at Wesley Chapel	3d Sab in Dec
Kingston, at Kingston	4th Sab in Dec
Floyd, at Meadow View	5th Sab in Dec
Merit, at Merit	1st Sab in Jan
Nevada, at Milam	2d Sab in Jan
Neola, at Harris Chapel	3d Sab in Jan
Weston, at Weston	4th Sab in Jan
Blue Ridge, at Blue Ridge	1st Sab in Feb
Wylie, at Wylie	2d Sab in Feb
Quinlan, at Hunt	3d Sab in Feb
Anna mis, at Anna	4th Sab in Feb

The District Stewards will be called to meet at Greenville in a short time. I expect to be at each appointment to preach on Saturday at 11 a. m. W. M. P. Rippey, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

Waco District—First Round.

Waco, Morrow Street	Nov 24
Waco, Tenth Street	Dec 1, 2
East Waco	Dec 8, 9
Fifth Street	Dec 15, 16
Fifth Street, District Stewards	2 p m, Dec 18
Mt. Calm, at Mt. Calm	Dec 19
Bosqueville, at Greenwood	Dec 21, 22
Morgan, at Morgan	Dec 28, 29
Aquilla, at Lebanon	Jan 3
Whitney, at Whitney	Jan 4, 5
Moody and Eddy, at Moody	Jan 10
Troy, at Pleasant View	Jan 11, 12
Lorena, at Lorena	Jan 13
Bruceville and Mooreville, at B	Jan 18, 19
Mart, at Riesel	Jan 25, 26
West, at West	Feb 1, 2
Abbott, at Abbott	Feb 8, 9
Peoria, at Kearby	Feb 10

Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round.

First Church	Dec 7, 8
Missouri Avenue	7 p m, Dec 9
Mulkey Memorial	7 p m, Dec 10
Polytechnic	7 p m, Dec 11
Trinity and Riverside, at Trinity	2 p m, Dec 12
Epworth and City mis	7 p m, Dec 13
Azle, at Promise Land	2 p m, Dec 14
Arlington sta	Dec 15
Arlington cir	2 p m, Dec 16
Mansfield and Gardner, at M.	2 p m, Dec 17
Marystown, at Burleson	2 p m, Dec 18
Osceola, at Loveless	2 p m, Dec 19
Covington, at Blum	2 p m, Dec 20
Cleburne cir, at Chapel Hill	Dec 21, 22
Cleburne sta	Dec 21, 22
Cresson, at Long Creek	1 p m, Dec 23
Grapevine, at Grapevine	2 p m, Dec 24
Smithfield, at Smithfield	2 p m, Dec 26

Will all the pastors kindly send me a list of the official members so that I can have a complete roll for my minute book? I desire the list at your earliest convenience. Will every official see to it that he is at the first Quarterly Conference, and determine to make this the best year of your life? Resolve, and keep it, to not miss a single Quarterly Conference this year. Let us see what charge can have the best record on this line. Let the stewards make their best efforts this quarter, remembering that a good start is half the battle, and will save much embarassment and hard work at the close of the year. Let pastor and people remember that the more perfect the co-operation, the more perfect the results. Let us lay aside every hindering cause, and desire only the glory of God in the building up of our blessed Methodism, which is "Christianity in earnest." May God bless every heart and life throughout the entire district. G. S. Wyatt, P. E.

Vernon District—First Round.

Haskell and Rayner	Dec 7, 8
Throckmorton	Dec 11
Graham sta	Dec 14, 15
Graham m's	Dec 16
Farmer	Dec 18
Vernon sta	Dec 24, 24
Benjamin	Dec 28, 29
Seymour sta	Jan 1
Seymour mis	Jan 4, 5
Chillicothe	Jan 11, 12
Eldorado	Jan 15
Harrold	Jan 18, 19
Mangum	Jan 25, 26
Altus	Jan 29
Quanah and Childress	Feb 1, 2
Crowell	Feb 5

The District Stewards will meet at Vernon December 20, at 7 p. m. C. W. Daniel, P. E.

Waxahachie District—First Round.

Milford cir, at Milford	Nov 30, Dec 1
Grandview cir, at Grandview	Dec 7, 8
Alvarado sta	Dec 10
Sims and Glenwood, at Glenwood	Dec 14, 15
Waxahachie sta	Dec 19
Italy and Frost, at Italy	Dec 21, 22
Ennis sta	Dec 28, 29
Avalon cir, at Bird's	Jan 4, 5
Hillsboro sta	Jan 11, 12
Bristol cir, at Reynolds	Jan 18, 19
Itasca sta	Jan 25, 26
Ferris cir, at Ferris	Feb 1, 2
Red Oak cir, at Bell Chapel	Feb 8, 9
Midlothian cir, at Midlothian	Feb 15, 16
Reagor cir, at Reagor	Feb 22, 23

District stewards' meeting at Waxahachie Tuesday, December 3, at 9 a. m. B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Corsicana District—First Round.

Corsicana sta, at Corsicana	Nov 30, Dec 1
Rice and Chatfield, at Rice	Dec 4
Thornton cir, at Thornton	Dec 7, 8
Horn Hill m's, at Horn Hill	Dec 11
Kerens cir, at Kerens	Dec 14, 15
Dawson cir, at Dawson	Dec 18
Groesbeck sta, at Groesbeck	Dec 21, 22
Richland mis, at Richland	Dec 23
Irene cir, at Brandon	Dec 28, 29
Cotton Gin cir, at Cotton Gin	Jan 1
Armour cir, at Armour	Jan 4, 5
Mexia sta, at Mexia	Jan 8
Barry cir, at Barry	Jan 11, 12
Hubbard City cir, at Hubbard City	Jan 18, 19
Blooming Grove cir, at Mt. Zion	Jan 25, 26
Wortham cir, at Wortham	Feb 1, 2
Corsicana cir, at Zion's Rest	Feb 5

John S. Davis, P. E.

Clarendon District—First Round.

Floyd, at Floydada	Nov 30, Dec 1
Kirkland, at Matador	3 p m, Dec 3
Plainview, at Plainview	Dec 7, 8
Silverton, at Silverton	3 p m, Dec 10
Memphis, at Memphis	Dec 21, 22
Wellington, at Wellington	3 p m, Dec 23
Claude, at Panhandle	3 p m, Jan 3
Canadian, at Canadian	Jan 4, 5
Mobeetie, at Mobeetie	11 a m, Jan 7
Channing	Jan 15
Canyon City, at Canyon City	Jan 18, 19
Amarillo sta	7:30 p m, Jan 20
Clarendon sta	Jan 22

District Stewards are called to meet in Clarendon December 13, at 10 a. m. R. A. Hall, P. E.

Brownwood District—First Round.

Brownwood sta	Dec 1, 2
Ballinger sta	Dec 7, 8
Coleman sta	Dec 10, 11
Indian Creek cir, at Oswalt Chapel	Dec 14, 15
May cir, at Clio	Dec 21, 22
Blanket cir, at Blanket	Dec 22, 23
Comanche cir, at Mesquite	Dec 28, 29
Comanche sta	Dec 29, 30
Mullen cir, at Mullen	Jan 4, 5
Goldthwaite sta	Jan 5, 6
Goldthwaite cir, at Goldthwaite	Jan 6
Bangs cir, at Bangs	Jan 11, 12
Santa Anna cir, at Santa Anna	Jan 12, 13
Lometa cir, at Lometa	Jan 18, 19
Glen Cove cir, at Rough Creek	Jan 25, 26
Ballinger mis, at Bowman's	Feb 1, 2
Decker mis at Mt Carmel	Feb 5
Robert Lee mis, at Robert Lee	Feb 8, 9

District Stewards will meet at Brownwood December 5 at 9 a. m. That I may have ample time on the second and third rounds, the first is crowded into eleven weeks. I wish that I could give a Sunday to each charge, but with eighteen appointments this is impossible. During the year I shall try to make an equitable distribution of Sabbath appointments to the several charges in the district. Shall we not, with God's blessing, make this the best year in the history of the district? Let each one—pastors, stewards, and all—seek to know his duty, and then do it as unto the Lord. M. M. Shelton, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round.

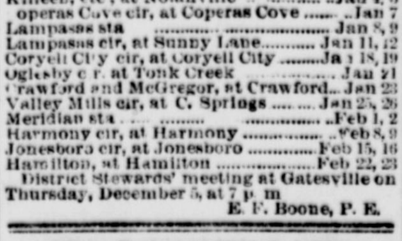
Weatherford, First Church	4th Sun in Nov
Weatherford, Couts Memorial	1st Sun in Dec
Weatherford cir, at Shady Gr.	2d Sun in Dec
Aledo cir, at Aledo	10th of Dec
Peaster cir, at Poolville	12th of Dec
Springtown cir, at Knob	3d Sun in Dec
Mineral Wells sta, at M W.	18th of Dec
Min'l Wells ch'ge, at Holder's Ch'l	19th of Dec
Whitt cir, at Whitt	4th Sun in Dec
Santo charge, at Corinth	20th of Dec
Lipan cir, at New Salem	5th Sun in Dec
Gordon and Thurber, at Thurber	10th of Dec
Huckabay charge, at Hannibal	1st of Jan
Ellasville ch'ge, at Irvin's Ch'l	1st Sun in Jan
Breckenridge cir, at Breckenridge	8th of Jan
Strawn and Ranger, at Ranger	9th of Jan

The District Stewards will meet at Gordon December 3, at 3 p. m. Matters vital to the interest of the Church demand the presence of all the officials at the first Quarterly Conference. E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Gatesville District—First Round.

Gatesville sta	Dec 1
Evant cir, at Evant	Dec 7, 8
Bee House cir, at Pidcoe	Dec 14, 15
Gatesville cir, at Rowland's	Dec 21, 22
Brookhaven cir, at Brookhaven	Dec 28, 29
Killeen, etc., at Nolanville	Jan 4, 5
Coperas Cove cir, at Coperas Cove	Jan 7
Lampasas sta	Jan 8, 9
Lampasas cir, at Sunny Lane	Jan 11, 12
Coryell City cir, at Coryell City	Jan 18, 19
Oglesby cir, at Tonk Creek	Jan 21
Crawford and McGregor, at Crawford	Jan 23
Valley Mills cir, at C. Springs	Jan 25, 26
Meridian sta	Feb 1, 2
Harmony cir, at Harmony	Feb 8, 9
Jonesboro cir, at Jonesboro	Feb 15, 16
Hamilton, at Hamilton	Feb 22, 23

District Stewards' meeting at Gatesville on Thursday, December 5, at 7 p. m. E. F. Boone, P. E.



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WEST TEXAS.

San Marcos District—First Round.

Seguin	2d Sun in Dec
Kyle	3d Sun in Dec
Luling	4th Sun in Dec
Lockhart	5th Sun in Dec
San Marcos	1st Sun in Jan
Gonzales	2d Sun in Jan
San Marcos cir	3d Sun in Jan
Lockhart cir	4th Sun in Jan
Buda cir	1st Sun in Feb
Dripping Springs	2d Sun in Feb
Belmont cir	3d Sun in Feb
Harwood cir	4th Sun in Feb

District Stewards will meet in Lockhart, Thursday, December 19, at 7:30 p. m. B. Harris, P. E.

Cuero District—First Round.

Waelder cir, at Waelder	Dec 7
Hallettsville cir, at Hallettsville	Dec 11
Yoakum sta	Dec 13
Cuero sta	Dec 14
Clear Creek cir, at Clear Creek	Dec 18
Nursery cir, at Nursery	Dec 20
Edna sta, at Edna	Dec 21
Morales cir, at Morales	Dec 25
Victoria and Port Lavaca, at Victoria	Dec 28
Sweet Home cir, at Sweet Home	Jan 4
Leesville cir, at Leesville	Jan 11
Rancho cir, at Rancho	Jan 18
Weesatche cir, at Fannin	Jan 25

The District Stewards will meet at the Methodist Church, in Cuero, December 19, at 4 p. m. A. C. Biggs, P. E.

EAST TEXAS.

San Augustine District—Fourth Round.

Lynn Flat, at Pine Grove	Nov 29
Nacogdoches cir, at Appleby	Nov 30
Nacogdoches sta	Dec 1
Carthage, at Carthage	Dec 7, 8
Concord, at Concord	Dec 8, 9

Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round.

Dalby cir, at Hudgins	Fri aft 4th Sab in Nov
New Boston, at N. B.	1st Sab in Dec
Quitman cir	Wed aft 1st Sab in Dec
Park, at Park	2d Sab in Dec

O. P. Thomas, P. E.

Palestine District—Fourth Round.

Trinity and Groveton, at G	Nov 30, Dec 1
Saron mis, at Hayes Chapel	Dec 3
Jacksonville sta	Dec 7, 8

L. M. Fowler, P. E.

Marshall District—Fourth Round.

Kellyville, at Lodi	Nov 30, Dec 1
Henderson sta	Dec 7, 8
Henderson, at Good Spring	Dec 14, 15

John Adams, P. E.

Beaumont District—Fourth Round.

Beaumont and Sabine Pass	Nov 30, Dec 1
Beaumont sta	Dec 8, 9

Wm. A. Sampey, P. E.

Tyler District—Fourth Round.

Tyler cir, at Bascom Chapel	Nov 30, Dec 1
Tyler, Marvin, at Marvin	Dec 8, 9

T. P. Smith, P. E.

TEXAS.

Calvert District—Fourth Round.

Bald Prairie, at Wesley Chapel	Nov 30, Dec 1

J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Houston District—Fourth Round.

Tabernacle	Nov 30, Dec 1
Shearn Church	Dec 1, 2

Seth Ward, P. E.

Austin District—Fourth Round.

LaGrange sta	Nov 30, Dec 1

Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

Brenham District—Fourth Round.

Giddings	Nov 30, Dec 1
Brenham sta	Dec 2

J. C. Mickle, P. E.

NEW MEXICO.

El Paso District—First Round.

Pecos, Texas	Dec 1
Alpine, Texas	Dec 8
El Paso, Texas	Dec 15

C. C. Edington, P. E.

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"Until about two months ago," she began, "I enjoyed the very best of health and could work night and day if necessary. Suddenly, and without any apparent cause, I began to suffer from intense pains in my head, in my limbs and temples. Almost distracted with this seemingly never-ending pain, I tried cure after cure, prescription after prescription, and almost a gallon of medicine of all kinds. Nothing did me any good. In fact, I became worse. The knuckles of my hands soon became cramped and the pain in my hips became more and more distressing each day. Business in the store had to be attended to, however, and so I was obliged, suffering as I was, to keep more or less on my feet, and occasionally I was forced to go out. This was the ordeal I dreaded. Each time I went out I trembled when I came near the car tracks, for my pain at times was so severe that I was obliged to stand perfectly still, no matter where I was. On one occasion I was seized in this way while I was crossing the tracks on Market Street, and there I stood perfectly rigid, unable to move hand or foot, while a trolley car came thundering along. Fortunately it was stopped before it struck me, but the dread of it all lasted as long as my pain, for I never knew when crossing the tracks whether I would not drop to the ground in my agony and be crushed to death. My anxiety to get well grew apace and I had about given up in despair when I saw in the Evening News one day an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Here was something I hadn't tried before and I lost no time in getting to the nearest drug store. There I paid fifty cents for a box of these truly wonderful, health-restoring pills. Before I had finished taking half of the pills I began to feel relieved; the pains in my hips gradually disappeared and for the first time in many days I felt as if there was some hope. I continued to take the pills, and the more I took the better I felt. I finished one box, got another and now, having taken only a few of the second fifty cents worth, I am free from all pain and as happy as the day is long. Since I began to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I have gained thirty pounds, and now when I cross the car tracks I don't care if there is a dozen vehicles near by. It is a great relief, I assure you, and suffering humanity has a never-failing friend in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I know what I am talking about. I speak from experience."

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Marriages.

Reinhardt—Bryant.—In McKinney, Texas, October 22, 1895, by Rev. J. Marvin Nichols, Mr. M. E. Reinhardt and Mrs. Sudie Bryant.

Bourn—Rector.—At the home of the bride's parents, Rockwall, Texas, November 20, 1895, Mr. R. L. Bourn and Miss Mattie E. Rector, Rev. J. Marvin Nichols officiating.

Haynes—Marshall.—November 24, 1895, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. C. L. Haynes and Miss Josie Marshall, Rev. I. J. Coppedge officiating.

Echols—Thomas.—On November 10, 1895, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. S. W. Echols and Miss Eva Thomas, Rev. J. B. Turrentine officiating.

Whitworth—Allen.—On November 24, 1895, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. W. N. Whiteworth and Miss R. M. Allen, Rev. J. B. Turrentine officiating.

Belding—Walsh.—At the parsonage, near Eliasville, Texas, November 24, 1895, Mr. W. H. Belding, of Palo Pinto County, Texas, and Miss Daisy Walsh, of McGregor, McLennan County, Texas, Rev. J. D. Hendrickson officiating.

Holcomb—McBrayer—At the home of the bride, South Bend, Texas, November 24, 1895, Mr. J. R. Holcomb and Miss Della McBrayer, Rev. J. D. Hendrickson officiating.

Tanco—Ellis.—At the Foot House in McKinney, Texas, Mr. F. C. Tanco and Miss Laura Ellis, November 21, 1895, Rev. D. J. Martin officiating.

Obituaries.

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Williams.—Little Connie, son of J. H. and Eva Williams, was born September 15, 1891; died April 3, 1895, of membranous croup. For three days and nights he suffered untold agony, but the death angel came and relieved him of all his suffering, and his little spirit took its flight and went home to God who gave it. He left a devoted mother, a kind father, one little sister, grand parents, and a host of others to mourn his death. Yes, we all loved dear little Connie, and it was hard for us to give him up, yet we know he is better off. He is done suffering and is now singing praises around the throne of God. Dear parents, live here on earth so as to meet your darling little Connie in heaven, for there he will be waiting and watching for you. His aunt,

AMERICA.

Coleman, Texas.

Nunn.—Mrs. Zoula Nunn (nee Funchess) was born at Good Hope, Miss., December 17, 1857; was married to Prof. George J. Nunn at Oskaloosa, Kansas, September 29, 1880. The next year she moved with her husband to Dallas, Texas. Her death occurred in Jacksonville, Texas, at 8 o'clock p. m., November 1, 1895. Her remains were carried to Bentonville, Ark., where they were placed to rest till Christ shall call the dead to live again. Mrs. Nunn was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Funchess, who reside at Bentonville, Ark. She was converted at the early age of ten years and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which she lived a consistant member to her death. Her conversion was bright, hence she lived a devoted Christian. She was always devoted to her parents; all her plans were open to them, always striving to please them. As a wife, she was faithful and true, always ready to share her husband's anxieties as well as his joys. In the responsibilities of the life of her husband she was ever ready to share. As a mother, kind and affectionate. She leaves two children, Paul and little Bertha Kate. These have, by her earnest motherly training, been started towards heaven and a better life, where they will again greet dear mamma, never again to see her torn from them by death's ruthless hand. Ever since her marriage she has been with her husband engaged in the education and training girls. I have been intimately acquainted for the past four years, and therefore speak whereof I know. She has been matron of the Alexander Institute for the past six years, and all this time has been endearing herself to all the people, and especially to the girls who have been placed under her charge. She was indeed a mother to them. The writer has never felt any uneasiness or anxiety about the girls who were under her care. No mother could have been more watchful and thoughtful of their care than she. In every time of need she was always ready to help and give her motherly advice. No, indeed, those girls away from home and mother can never forget dear Sister Nunn. I have just returned from the Dormitory at Jacksonville, and, indeed, the girls impressed me very much like a family of so many girls who had lost their mother—all looked and spoke sadly. She will be missed in the Church, in the Dormitory, by her husband, by her sweet children, and no less by her old parents who started her in the upward life, by her brother and sisters, and no one will miss her like her dear children. She bore her sickness patiently. She was sick about four weeks, and all that the best skill and kind hands could do could not arrest the stubborn disease. She had lived a Christian life, hence she died like a child of God. She passed away with a sweet, natural smile on her face. Her husband says, "While her death brings deep sorrow, it was a benediction to us all." We all say farewell only a little while. Wife, daughter, mother, sister and friend has only gone on before to make heaven richer for you, and soon we'll all go and join her in that land of happiness and peace. "What I do now thou knowest not, but thou shalt know hereafter."

A. J. FRICK.

Bell.—Willis Westmoreland Bell, son of A. P. and Celia O. Bell, was born February 2, 1868, in Atlanta, Ga., and died October 3, 1895, near Farmersville, Texas, having lived twenty-seven years, eight months and one day. Most of his life was spent on the farm. He had a fair English education. His health through life had been good. Dashed from a road-cart by a frightened team he received such injuries as produced death within about fifteen hours. His first impression was that he would die; and his reason was not impaired till the moment of death. His expressions of prayer for mercy were frequent. Last summer, during the protracted meetings held in the neighborhood by the writer and others, he manifested a special interest in his soul's salvation. His purpose to live a new life he revealed to intimate friends who observed distinctly the change, both in word and act, and expressed regret on his part that he had not joined the Church. His taking off was sad and shocking to the family and community. A father, brothers and sisters are much bereaved, but exhibit true Christian fortitude. Peace be to his ashes, sweet rest to his soul, and a happy meeting to father and mother, brothers and sisters!

C. I. MCWHIRTER.

Blessing.—Annie Lee, daughter of J. F. and M. E. Blessing, was born in Cherokee County, Texas, March 20, 1888, and died October 28, 1895. Annie was loved by all who knew her. She delighted in singing sweet songs of Zion. Her sunny face and gentle voice were a comfort to our home. Her untimely death is a great affliction to her parents, brothers and sisters. But we bow in meek submission to the will of Him who said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me." By his grace we will enter into the same rest, and meet the loved ones over there. Her sister,

MOLLIE BLESSING.

Rusk, Texas.

Gee.—Little Tommie Lou Gee, daughter of L. E. and S. E. Gee, was born February 25, 1893, and died of membranous croup November 21, 1895, aged two years, nine months and twenty-six days. Little Tommie was a sweet child, just beginning to talk. When her voice was almost gone she seemed to know that death was at hand, and said: "I am dying, mamma, I am going." How sad, how cruel death is! But this precious grain will lie in the earth till the resurrection, then "God will give it a body as it hath pleased him." May this blessed thought be a solace to the bereaved parents.

W. H. CRAWFORD.

Kerens, Texas.

Moore.—Leonard O., the infant son of Jesse and Dollie Moore, died November 8, 1895. Though the gift of only a few short months, it had become the object of that love known only to true parents, and when the budding life was transplanted, and earthly association was forever broken, the hearts left bleeding could be comforted only by faith in the resurrection of the dead, and a happy reunion in the city of God. This faith we commend to the bereaved, and pray that God may be to them "a very present help in trouble."

C. L. BROWNING.

Jones.—Mrs. Phœbe O. (nee Friend), wife of O. L. Jones, was born in Washita Parish, La., August, 1843; joined the Methodist Church in 1863; was united in marriage with Bro. Jones in 1873, and the year following moved to Texas, and soon after settled in Montgomery County. After a long and painful illness, Sister Jones passed away November 23, 1895. The day following her funeral service was conducted by the writer, in the Conroe Methodist Church, after which she was laid to rest in the Conroe Cemetery. Besides many friends and neighbors, Sister Jones leaves to mourn their loss, her husband and four children. Sister Jones filled well all the relations of life. To her husband and children we extend our sympathies.

J. B. NUTTER.

Conroe, Texas.

Kendall.—Mrs. Nonie M. Kendall (nee Norton) wife of D. J. Kendall, was born in Pike County, Mo., February 25, 1852. She was converted in early life; was united in marriage to D. J. Kendall in 1870. After her marriage she joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a most exemplary and consistent life until life's work was done, when God called this faithful servant to rest and reward. She suffered long, but bore he afflictions with great Christian heroism and regarded death as only the gateway to the life which lies in the blessed beyond. She was the mother of two children. Verta, her only daughter, swept through the gate into the city of God previous to her mother's departure, some two or three years, and no doubt waited and watched the coming of the mother. It is hard to conceive of a more beautiful life than Sister Kendall's, and a more triumphant death. She died in the city of Gainesville, Texas, October 11, 1895. She was brought to Pilot Point for sepulture, and was laid beside her precious Verta.

J. W. CHALK,

Pilot Point, Texas.

McBride.—Martha E. McBride (nee Sisk) was born in Alabama April 22, 1836, and moved to Tennessee when a child; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life; was married to the Rev. R. T. McBride, who was for a long time a member of the Tennessee Conference, October 3, 1855; removed to Texas in 1882, and died in Tarrant County, April 11, 1895. Thus ended the earthly career of a good woman. Sister McBride was indeed a helpmeet to her husband, encouraging him in every good word and work. While he was away preaching the gospel and looking after the interest of the Church she remained at home and cared for the little ones. When Bro. McBride was traveling large circuits she was frequently alone with the children two and three weeks. Never was she heard to murmur or complain. Once or twice he suggested that a location would be better than for her to endure such hardships, but she always protested. Sister McBride was a kind mother and faithful in all the relations of life. Truly she is one of that number to whom the text is applicable. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." A husband and five children mourn their loss, two having gone to meet her since her departure. May that gospel which Bro. McBride has preached for more than forty years sustain him in his loneliness and declining age. The separation will not be long. Children, be faithful to your mother's Redeemer and you shall see her again.

H. P. SHRADER.

Smithfield, Texas.

Crutchfield.—Samuel M. Crutchfield was born in Rutherford County, Tenn., September 6, 1832. At some period in his life he moved to Kentucky. In 1881 he moved from Kentucky to Texas and settled in Madisonville, Madison County, where he died August 8, 1895. It was my pleasure to be "Uncle Sam's" pastor and neighbor, and to have him for one of my stewards for three years. As a neighbor, his house was always opened to the preacher; as a steward, he attended the Quarterly Conferences and had a report—a good one; as a Christian, he was recognized as belonging to the Lord. I have never known a more regular attendant at Church services. His death was one of great peace. He expressed himself as being perfectly willing to go. The Church at Madsonville has lost one of her best members. May his godly life be emulated by all his loved ones and friends. To the bereaved family I will say, you know where husband, papa, and grandpa's gone. He's gone to live with Jesus. "Let not your heart be troubled."

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Hargrove.—The subject of this notice, Julie M. Hargrove, was born October 4, 1839, near Huntsville, Ala. She was the daughter of R. W. Oreal, brother of Gov. Ed Oreal, of Alabama. She professed religion and joined the Methodist Church, South, in 1863; came to Texas in 1872 and was married to J. A. Hargrove, a relative of Bishop Hargrove. Sister Hargrove lived a consistent member of the Church until death, which occurred on October 7, 1895. The writer preached her funeral on the fourth Sunday in October to a large congregation of weeping friends and relatives. She was a sweet-spirited Christian. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn their loss. May God give them grace to live in this life that they may meet her in heaven.

H. T. HART, P. C.

Davis.—Russell, son of R. M. and F. E. Davis, was born November 20, 1892; died November 14, 1895. Little Russell was only here for three short years, but long enough to entwine himself around the hearts of his sorrowing father and mother. Being an only child it was a very severe trial to part with him, but they have the consolation of knowing that he is only gone on before, and they have one more tie to bind them and beckon them to that blessed home beyond the skies. May they realize the truth uttered by Job when he said the "Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Look up, sorrowing ones, you can meet sweet little Russell again. May the God of all grace sustain and keep them both, and may they both so live that when the call comes for them to go they may be found ready, is the prayer of the writer,

E. J. HAMMOND.

Hebron, Texas.

Thompson.—Unie, daughter of Bro. H. L. and Sister F. M. Thompson, was born January 19, 1878, and fell asleep in Jesus November 4, 1895, aged seventeen years nine months and fifteen days. Unie had suffered for more than a month, growing weaker all the while, but hoped to recover. But when the last chill came which heralded black jaundice, she told her dear, precious mother that it was God's will for her to go and she must obey. The writer prayed with her, talked with her, and found her sweetly resting in Jesus. How hard to give her up at this beautiful age, but how sweet to know that she lives in glory. Dear Bro. and Sister Thompson, travel on through your pain and sorrow till the Master shall call you home. Unie is waiting for you up there. Our God will be with you, and strengthen you for the journey.

W. H. CRAWFORD.

Kerens, Texas.

Burleson.—Bro. James Burleson, Sr., was born in Tennessee March 19, 1823; came to Texas when quite young and had lived in the town of San Augustine for sixty-four or five years. It was here on the beautiful morn of October 9, 1895, he passed peacefully away, having been confined to his bed for several weeks. During his sickness he exhorted his children and loved ones to prepare for the better life and meet him in heaven. He himself was ready to go. His life for about ten years had exhibited the transforming power of the gospel, although not a member of any Church till he joined the Baptists, about one year ago. Bro. Burleson was a good neighbor and friend, charitable in his acts and forgiving in spirit. He was a highly respected citizen, and leaves behind an influence for good. He leaves a sad wife and five children who were very much attached to him. God bless them in their sorrow.

ELLIS SMITH.

San Augustine, Texas.

Ballew.—Little Willie, infant son of Johnnie and Lillian Ballew, was born February 27, 1894; died October 14, 1895. Now these fond parents have two darling angel ones in glory, with precious, beckoning hands, tenderly, sweetly waving this way papa, this way mamma. The first time death visited this home was September 7, 1891, when God sent the death-angel to bear little Roy away on his snowy white wings. The wound had scarcely healed when the blessed Savior called little Willie to come and live in heaven. Remember, father and mother, that your greatest treasures are now in heaven. Will you not take the remaining three by the hand and by God's grace lead them and yourselves to a mansion prepared for you, where as a happy and unbroken family circle, you may spend a joyous eternity. His aunt

MATTIE.

Ameron, Texas.

McInnerny.—Azlee McInnerny (nee Bragg) was born January 30, 1872; she professed a saving faith in her Savior at the age of twelve; joined the Methodist Church, South, the same year, in which she continued a consistent member until the day of her death, October 2, 1895. She was married to Mr. W. T. McInnerny June 21, 1891. Sister McInnerny was a sincere Christian; she loved her Lord, his Church and his people. She suffered much before her death, but bore it all with a meek and gentle spirit. She died in the triumph of a living faith in Christ. May the bereaved ones receive comfort from on high.

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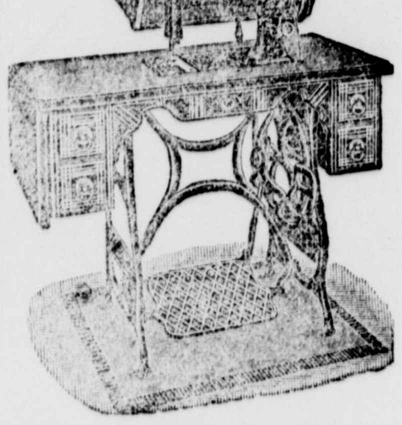

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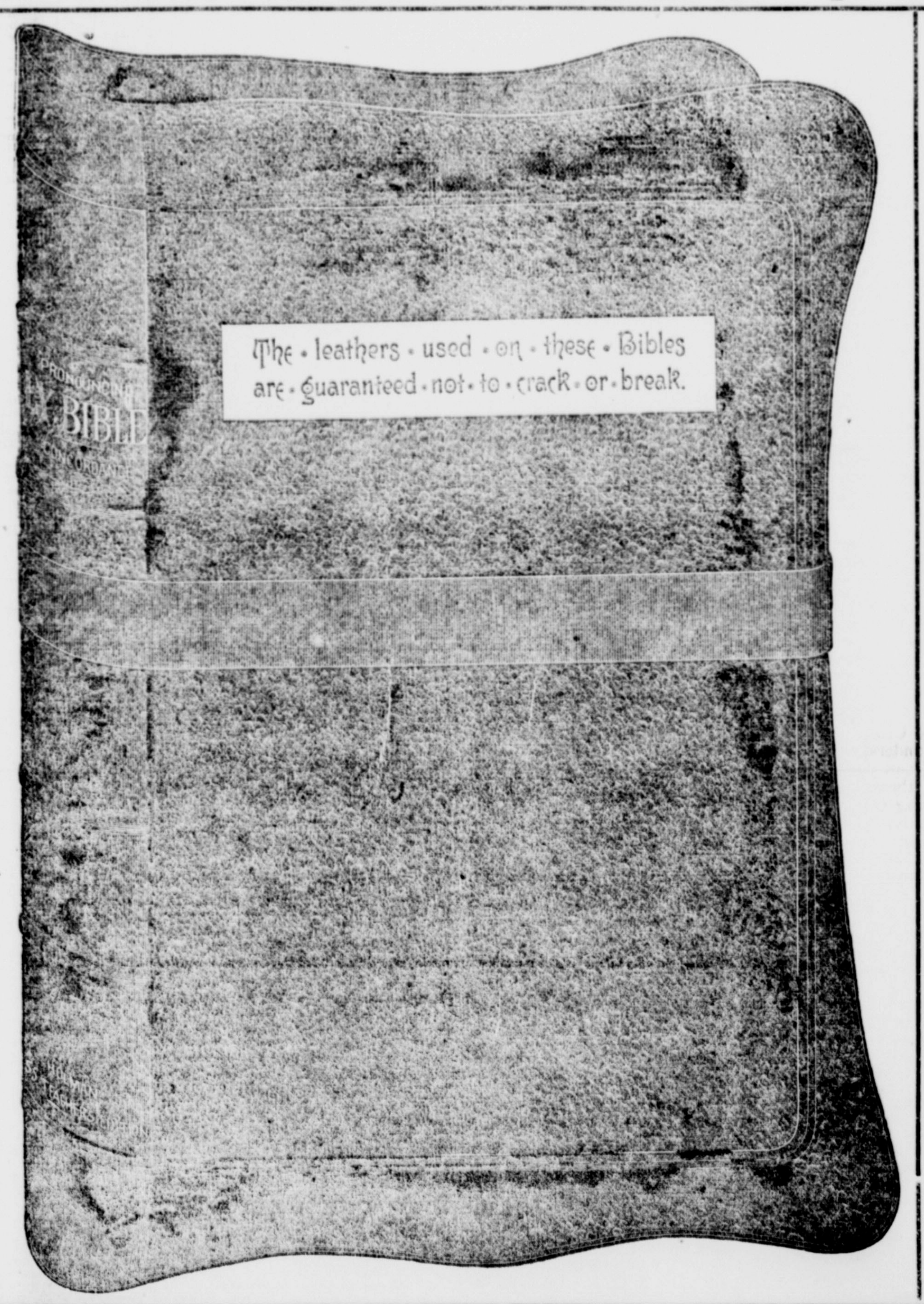

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS IN PURPOSE.

1. A blank proposed by Board of Finance, with a list of questions as to the condition of health, amount of property, income, needs, etc., of each conference claimant, to be used and filled out by claimants.

2. The Board of Missions to meet at 9 o'clock a. m., the day before each Annual Conference shall convene, with the presiding elders and Bishop; the anniversary to be on the first night of the conference session; a district anniversary to be held during District Conference; preachers in charge of missions to report quarterly through the presiding elder to the President of the Board.

3. A loan fund to be raised in the interest of church extension to be administered by the General Board, but Bishop Key and Dr. David Morton to canvass the conference for this purpose; District Conferences to be held at such times as will give opportunity for those representing this interest to attend; each Church assisted by this Board to be secured by a fire policy.

4. A sermon to be preached in the interest of Christian education, with special reference to the Southwestern University, on the first Sunday in March; the amount of $69 93 from the Sunday-school Board to be used as a loan fund for the education of young men preparing for the ministry; Dr. J. H. McLean to be Corresponding Secretary for the North Texas Conference to the General Board of Education; J. H. McLean, T. R. Pierce and I. W. Clark to be a committee to confer with a like committee from other conferences to perfect arrangements for a State Educational Conference, to be held in Dallas in March, 1896.

5. W. H. Hughes to be Colporter for the North Texas Conference, and to organize a stock company with a cash capital for the purpose of supplying our people with our books, provided no financial claim be held against the conference.

6. A week of prayer to be held Christmas week for the prosperity of the Texas Methodist Orphanage at Waco, and contributions to be made for the same.

7. The TEXAS ADVOCATE, by an earnest endeavor of every preacher, to be placed in all the homes of our people the present year.

C. I. McWHIRTER,
Secretary.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE ASSESSMENTS FOR 1895-6.

DISTRICTS.	Bishops.	Conference Claimants.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	German Mission.	Church Extension.	Southwestern University	Paine and Lane Institutes.	Orphanage.	Delegates to Gen. Conf.	Total for Districts	Total last year.	Increase.
Dallas District	$[illegible] 00	$714 00	$1260 00	$715 00	$160 00	$357 00	$214 00	$72 00	$120 00	$122 00	$2883 00	$2722 00	$161 00
Terrell District	192 00	623 00	1125 00	641 00	67 00	315 00	193 00	64 00	107 00	109 00	2480 00	2350 00	130 00
Greenville District	194 00	680 00	1187 00	678 00	113 00	334 00	204 00	68 00	113 00	116 00	2587 00	2423 00	164 00
Sulphur Springs District	172 00	609 00	1051 00	607 00	101 00	278 00	180 00	60 00	101 00	104 00	2375 00	2255 00	120 00
Paris District	194 00	680 00	1187 00	678 00	113 00	334 00	204 00	68 00	113 00	116 00	2587 00	2423 00	164 00
Bonham District	194 00	680 00	1188 00	678 00	113 00	334 00	204 00	68 00	113 00	116 00	2588 00	2423 00	165 00
Sherman District	194 00	680 00	1188 00	678 00	113 00	334 00	204 00	68 00	113 00	116 00	2588 00	2423 00	165 00
Gainesville District	194 00	680 00	1188 00	678 00	113 00	334 00	204 00	68 00	113 00	116 00	2588 00	2423 00	165 00
Bowie District	182 00	613 00	1125 00	641 00	107 00	315 00	193 00	64 00	107 00	109 00	2400 00	2523 00	....
Totals	$1740 00	$6000 00	$10,500 00	$6000 00	$1000 00	$2950 00	$1800 00	$600 00	$1000 00	$1036 00	$22,5[illegible]6 00	$21,375 00	$1211 00

C. I. McWHIRTER, Secretary.

FROM THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Name.	General Collec'n.	Calvin Fund.
Rev. O. M. Addison	....	....
" Levi F. Collins	$200 00	....
" A. Davis	350 00	....
" J. J. Davis	200 00	....
" H. M. Glass	100 00	....
" E. R. Barcus	....	....
" James Peeler	....	....
" John Powell	....	....
" W. F. Graves	200 00	....
" J. P. Hulse	100 00	....
" D. T. Holmes	150 00	....
" Daniel Morgan	200 00	....
" I. N. Reeves	100 00	....
" F. P. Ray	....	....
" T. W. Rogers	350 00	....
" W. R. D. Stockton	....	....
Rev. S. S. Scott	....	....
" H. W. South	100 00	....
" M. Yell	150 00	....
" E. W. Simmans	100 00	....
" Samuel Morriss	150 00	....
" G. W. Swofford	....	....
" G. W. Swofford for fun'l ex. Rev. J. S. McCarver	45 00	....
Rev. Wm. Price	350 00	....
" E. L. Armstrong	400 00	....
" P. W. Gravis	100 00	....
" John Carpenter	....	....
Mrs C. C. Armstrong	100 00	30
" S. D. Aiken	100 00	30
Three children of W. C. Brodie	75 00	90
Mrs. Jesse Boyd	100 00	30
Miss Grace Blackburn	50 00	30
Mrs. W. G. Connor	50 00	30
" J. Fred Cox	50 00	90
" M. C. Crawford	50 00	30
" Martha Crabb	50 00	30
" J. A. Compton	100 00	30
" Martha Gilmore	75 00	30
" James Grant	75 00	30
Miss Mattie Gaskill	150 00	30
Mrs. G. W. Graves	400 00	$1 50
" M. J. Hines	150 00	90
Five youngest chil'n of W. W. Henderson	125 00	1 50
Mrs. James Hiner	175 00	90
" J. T. Hosmer	250 00	1 20
" Thos. Stanford	50 00	30
" J. M. Johnson	50 00	30
" J. S. Lane	150 00	90
" S. A. Lamdin	50 00	30
" James Mackey	250 00	60
" Lucy Mullens	100 00	30
" G. W. McWilliams	150 00	90
Mrs. M. D. Reynolds	150 00	60
Jere Reese, Jr.	25 00	30
Mrs. Robt. H. Simpson	350 00	1 20
Mrs. J. W. Walkup	100 00	30
" F. A. Mood	100 00	90
Dr. A. A. Allison for fun'l ex. Mrs. J. B. Allison	50 00	....
Reserve fund	381 84	....
Totals	$7576 84	$18 00

The reserve fund, as provided for by this conference, is 5 per cent of the total sum for distribution, and is to be used by the Treasurer of the board in paying claimants not otherwise provided for, no one claimant to receive more than $50 during the year, to be paid upon written request of the presiding elder within whose bounds such claimant may reside. James M. Robertson, of Meridian, Bosque County, is the Secretary and Treasurer of this board.

ASSESSMENTS BY JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Districts.	Edu ation.	Bish's Fund	Conf. Cl'm'ts
Georgetown	$240	$287	$900
Waco	220	263	825
Corsicana	200	239	750
Waxahachie	200	239	750
Fort Worth	240	287	900
Weatherford	140	167	525
Vernon	120	143	450
Dublin	140	167	525
Brownwood	140	167	525
Gatesville	140	167	525
Abilene	160	192	600
Clarendon	60	72	225
Totals	$2000	$2390	$7500

Districts.	Paine & Lane.	Orph's Home.	Del. Ex.
Georgetown	$72	$156	$173
Waco	66	143	158
Corsicana	60	130	143
Waxahachie	60	130	143
Fort Worth	72	156	173
Weatherford	42	91	100
Vernon	36	78	86
Dublin	42	91	100
Brownwood	42	91	100
Gatesville	42	91	100
Abilene	48	104	115
Clarendon	18	39	43
Totals	$600	$1300	$1434

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

(West Texas Conference.)

The Joint Board of Finance submits the following annual report:

Assessed for Bishops	$810 22
Collected	753 35
Deficit	$56 87
Paid Barbee & Smith	$753 35

Assessed for conference claimants, $4500.

Collected from charges	$3289 10
Rec'd from Preach's Aid So.	300 00
Rec'd from Pub. House	330 00
Total for distribution	$3919 10

Distributed as follows:

J. P. Rogers	$200 00
J. W. Brown	160 00
E. G. Duval	80 00
Wm. Monk	120 00
H. G. Horton	180 00
A. F. Cox	140 00
J. H. Tucker	140 00
Wm. Shockley	160 00
J. F. Denton	180 00
N. W. Keith	180 00
W. J. Joyce	100 00
R. M. Leaton	180 00
S. G. Shaw	160 00
Sister Thrall	140 00
" Seale	140 00
" Graves	114 00
" Griffith	160 00
" Carl	140 00
" Walker	100 00
" Cook	60 00
" DeVilbiss	170 00
" Fisher	180 00
" Dibrell	200 00
" Williamson	220 00
" Davidson	60 00
" Shaw	130 00
" Seat	40 00
" Parker	80 00
Total distributed	$3914 00
Printing, postage, etc	4 00
Balance on hand	1 10
Total	$3919 10

Received from Calvin bequest, $3 60.

Distributed as follows:

Sister Seale	$1 00
" Griffith	1 60
" Walker	1 00
Total	$3 60

No distribution was made to Sisters Garrett and Barton.

The following amounts are assessed for the ensuing conference year:

For conference claimants	$4500 00
For Bishops' fund	764 26
For del. ex. to Gen. Conf.	458 52
For Orphan Home	500 00

These amounts are distributed to the several districts as follows:

CONFERENCE FUND.

Llano District	$668 50
Cuero District	788 10
San Antonio District	831 50
San Marcos District	1000 50
Beeville District	763 80
San Angelo District	447 60
Total	$4500 00

BISHOPS' FUND.

Llano District	$113 50
Cuero District	134 00
San Antonio District	141 26
San Marcos District	169 80
Beeville	129 70
San Angelo District	76 00
Total	$764 26

DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Llano District	$68 10
Cuero District	80 32
San Antonio District	84 70
San Marcos District	102 90
Beeville District	77 80
San Angelo District	45 60
Total	$458 52

ORPHAN HOME.

Llano District	$72 00
Cuero District	89 00
San Antonio District	91 00
San Marcos District	113 00
Beeville District	85 00
San Angelo District	50 00
Total	$500 00

The Joint Board of Finance, to whom was referred "bequest" of $100 from the estate of Elizabeth Smith for the benefit of the conference claimants of the West Texas Conference, recommends that this sum be placed in the hands of Widows', Orphans' and Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society, to be invested by said society, and that the interest accruing therefrom be used annually for the benefit of our conference claimants.

Respectfully submitted,

MORRIS EVANS,
Chairman,
M. N. SHIVE,
Secretary.

NOTICE TO THE PREACHERS OF WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I wish each preacher whose postoffice address does not correspond with the name of his pastoral charge, to send me his address for publication in the minutes. Also the address of any superannuate or supernumerary, whose address s not correctly given in the minutes of last year.

STERLING FISHER.
Kyle, Texas.

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

San Antonio District.
D. W. CARTER, P. E.

San Antonio—T. del Valle.
Austin and San Marcos—S. Tafolla.
Luling—L. S. Hernandez.
Picoso—M. D. Sanmiguel.
Bandera—J. P. Rodriguez.
Corpus Christi—G. A. Velasquez.
Cotulla—L. F. Castro.

Monterey District.
K. J. YEARWOOD, P. E.

Monterey, Spanish Congregation—A. R. Cardenas.
Monterey, English Congregation—K. J. Yearwood.
Saltillo—Andres Osuna.
Lampazos and Villaldama—Andres Sanmiguel.
Laredo and Nuevo Laredo—J. W. Grimes.

Tamaulipas District.
P. G. VERDUZCO, P. E.

Rio Grande City—Antonio Hosch.
Mier—P. M. Armendariz.
Reynosa—Felix Tavarez.
Guerrero—Matilde Trevino.
Agualeguas—Luis Gomez.
Bravo—Josue Acosta.
Cerralvo—Eulalio Chavez.

Monclova District.
BASILIO SOTO, P. E.

Monclova—Ignacio Escalante.
Nadadores—F. N. Galven.
Allende—Basilio Soto.
Porfirio Diaz—Julian Castro.
Del Rio—Santos Romo.

T. DEL VALLE,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

To the Members of the East Texas, German Mission, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Texas, and the West Texas Conferences:

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Who gets the money paid for the license? Why, this Government; then the saloon men and this Government are partners in this murderous, robbing and poverty-making business. I guess so. Shame on the Government which allies itself with saloon men to murder 100,000 of its inhabitants ever year, to make 40,000 paupers and break up 20,000 homes every year; and to be sure that it does not run out of customers, it makes 100,000 drunkards every year, thus keeping its hopper full that its mill may grind on.

But, says the Government, the laws are on the statute book, and must be kept. Who made such laws? Why the legislators; then the legislators are in partnership with saloons to murder, rob, and make paupers out of a large per cent of their constituents? Yes, but says one of the solons, we express the voice of our constituents when we license the saloon; then, if this be true, the voters are in partnership with the saloon. Now, fellow-citizens, here is where the fault lies to a large extent. Either from your love for your party (and a buzzard ought to be ashamed to feast on the carcass of a party that favors whisky) you voted for the man who helped to bind your Government in this complicity for for boodle, or you did not have manhood to vote against the saloon because you thought the whisky men might not like it, or you are indifferent about this matter. Perhaps you may like it, and hence you vote for it. If it was love of party that made you vote against prohibition when your conscience said you ought not to, then you are a political slave, with domineering saloon men and cross-road politicians as your masters.

If it is want of manhood to oppose the saloon you are to be pitied, and should have your spinal cord starched a little.

If it is indifference, then you are not true to your country, or wife or children.

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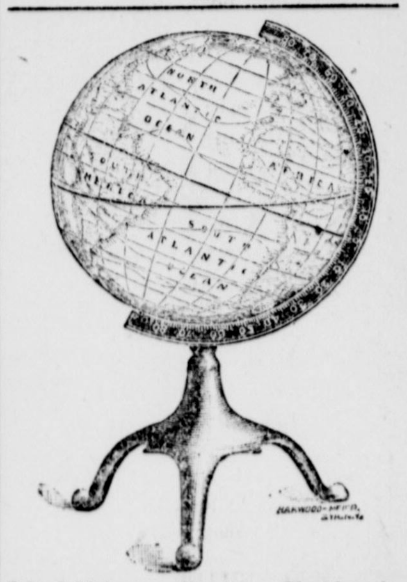

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