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EDITORIAL.

THE COMING OF BISHOP GALLOWAY.

There was special arrangement made last fall for Bishop Galloway to make a tour of Texas in the interest of Southwestern University; but the yellow fever scourge visited Mississippi, and the quarantine regulations forced the Bishop to give up the undertaking. This was a great disappointment to the friends of the University, and left them in quite a quandary. But it was soon announced that the Bishop had consented to renew the engagement, and arrangement was made for him to come about January 15, 1899, and give thirty days to this laudable undertaking. So this and the next issue of the Advocate will be devoted largely to prepare the way for the coming of Bishop Galloway and to help in the work to be done. The places to which he will go have all been agreed upon, and the dates are fixed. During these thirty days he will visit these towns and localities, meet the leading members of our Church in each place, talk over the needs of the University with them, and then follow up this private work with a public meeting, at which he will deliver a stirring address and proceed to raise money to complete the building now in process of erection at Georgetown. It is useless for us to introduce the Bishop to our Texas people. Many of them have met him personally and heard his remarkable discourses from the pulpit, and those who have not heard him, know him from character and reputation. To the many who have not met him, this will be a rare treat. It will give them the opportunity to see and to hear one of the most charming and fascinating pulpit orators in Southern Methodism—yea, one of the most gifted men in our great country. To the subject of education, he has given deep thought and earnest study. He understands the difficulties of this question, viewed from the standpoint of the Church, better, perhaps, than any man amongst us. With these problems he has grappled with the brain and heart of a consummate master, and by his marvelous effort he has pulled more than one Church school out of financial trouble and put it upon a solid basis. Therefore, to his long-promised visit we are now looking with hopeful anticipation. We bespeak for him a wide hearing and a cordial response. Give the widest publicity to his appointmments possible, that the people may have this opportunity to hear his addresses. Let us accord to him our prayers, our sympathies and our earnest co-operation, and help in every conceivable way to make this enterprise a brilliant success. Especially must we do this, since Bishop Galloway will undertake the task solely for the benefit of Texas Methodism. It will be additional work for him and a month's absence from his home and other duties, but out of his great concern for the good of our educational work in this State, he is willing to make the sacrifice. Therefore, let Texas Methodists do their duty and fall into line under his aggressive leadership, and this important work will move forward to merited success. Short of this result, we must not be satisfied. The issue is now before us, and we cannot and will not falter.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The Southwestern University is the one school that belongs to all of Texas Methodism. It is located at Georgetown—not far from the center of the State, and it is accessible by rail to all sections of the Church. For years the school has been in active operation, with a large attendance of students. It has always had a good faculty and a good course of study; and many of the members of our five Annual Conferences were educated there, to say nothing of the hundreds of young men and young women who grace the walks of all circles of business, professional and domestic life throughout Texas. The school has done a great work for Methodism and for humanity, and its value to the Church would be difficult to calculate. All of this work it has done under disadvantage. It has lacked adequate buildings and other facilities. It was seen, therefore, some few years ago that improvement in these matters would have to be made. So a Financial Agent, in the person of Rev. W. M. Hayes, was appointed to inaugurate a system of raising funds for the erection of buildings, etc. This work he prosecuted with more or less success for three or four years and he was succeeded by F. B. Sinex, the present agent. The nucleus of a fund was collected, and last summer the new University building was begun, a cut of which appears in this issue. The work progressed until the first story was completed and then the money was exhausted and work was suspended. This is the present status of the improvement now in course of construction. At this juncture, Bishop Galloway is to appear in Texas and canvass the State in the interest of this fund. It is absolutely necessary to raise several thousand dollars during the Bishop's visit, in order that the building may go forward to completion. The work must not stand still, and we do not believe that the Methodists of this State will permit such a thing. The building is absolutely essential to the success of the University, and Methodism owes it to herself to put forth extraordinary exertion to push the enterprise through to a final issue. The edifice, when finished and furnished, will be a credit to our great Church and a blessing to the State. It will place our central educational work beyond all question and give to us an advantage that will put us alongside the State schools and the schools of the other denominations in moulding the sentiment and shaping the young life of our commonwealth. That we are able to do this, is a self-evident proposition. We have the people and the wealth in our membership, and by the proper effort these can be brought into the service of this undertaking. What is it that two hundred thousand Methodists can not do, if they will make up their minds to the work? We are now without excuse; the duty is upon us; the work must go forward; and now let every one give a helping hand, and this splendid monument will rise and stand to bless the generations yet to succeed us.



OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK IN TEXAS

This subject is of prime importance at this particular time, and to it we wish to direct special attention. We have made wonderful progress in the growth of our Church membership and in the erection of elegant Church edi-

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Communicated.

OUR CUBAN MISSION.

News From the Field.

Dear Dr. Lambuth: My short letter from Caibarien was written quite hastily. I am now in this beautiful city (Cienfuegos) of 66,000 inhabitants, the fourth in population and resources. It is situated on the southern coast, having daily communication with every railroad town and bi-weekly communication by steamer with Havana, Santiago de Cuba and other important seaports on the northern as well as on the southern coast of the island. The streets are much wider than those in Havana; they are about thirty feet, not including the sidewalks, which are from five to seven feet wide. I do not think they are very substantially paved, the material used being some kind of a hard stone pounded into small pieces and mixed with dirt. Cienfuegos is the principal city in the province of Santa Clara, and owing to its geographical position, natural resources, and for other good reasons ought to be occupied by our Church as soon as possible. Of course, the main reason is that the people need the gospel. The fact is, I don't think our Church can afford to let this century close without having established herself in the six provinces into which the island is divided, viz., Pinar del Rio, Havana, Martinez, Santa Clara, Puerto Principe and Santiago. May God speed the day when our banners shall float over the whole island and Christ Jesus the Lord shall shall reign in every Cuban heart!

I suppose many of your readers know how fond Cubans are of giving a name to everything. No Cuban ever thinks of owning a store or shop of any kind without naming it. I have seen two bar-rooms in Havana bearing names which are ridiculous, and, but for the spiritual ignorance of the people, it would be considered a great sacrilege. One of the names is "Noah's Ark," and the other "The Twelve Apostles." I have no idea that such a thing would be tolerated in any town of the United States, I care not how irreligious and wicked its inhabitants might be. As my train was slowly rolling into Las Cruces (a small town near this city), I read over the door of a large building the word "Hell;" this was the name of that house. I looked in and it was full of Spanish soldiers. I was afterwards informed that the building was being used as their headquarters. Many thoughts rushed into my mind. This (that is the thoughts), added to the fact that everybody, even the soldiers themselves, seemed quite satisfied with the name, caused me to decide to heartily endorse it and take it for granted that it was all right.

As I was passing the door of the principal church yesterday, I saw a Vendedor de Santos (a saint vendor), with his images or pictures of saints spread out on the door steps. Several persons were looking at them, though no one seemed to care to buy. The prices ranged from 25 to 40 cents, according to quality of paper, and I have reason to suspect the popularity of the saint as well. A colored woman seemed quite interested, and even tickled at the sight of one of the pictures, which was intended to represent a negro saint. The price was asked, but this being too high, the purchase was not made. The photos of the Pope and Bishop were also there, and of course the highest price was asked for them. O, the sadness that came into my heart while standing there, witnessing with my own eyes one of the main causes of the unhappiness and ruin of my dear country! Had Cuba been honestly and faithfully taught to worship the only true and living God, to love and serve him with an undivided mind, how different her condition would be to-day! But blessed be God, the night of superstition and idolatry is rapidly passing away and the light of His precious Word shall speedily beam forth, giving life, joy and liberty to my benighted land! Blessed be His name forever!

I hope to leave my boat Friday, the 30th, for Santiago de Cuba. I never needed the prayers of my brethren more than I do now; no, never so much as at this time. I consider this the opportunity of my life, and the good Lord knows I want to improve it and be faithful. Am deeply conscious of weakness and utter helplessness without the grace of God being shed abroad in my heart. I want this grace to abound more and more. I desire to be filled to overflowing with the blessed Spirit who can help, guide and enlighten. I beg an interest in every true Christian's prayers.

H. B. SOMEILLAN.

Cienfuegos, Cuba.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO.

Dear Friends of the Advocate:

I have been requested by several Leagues and Missionary Societies to write a description of my new work, something of Mexican life and customs, of the many different places of interest, etc., but I have so little time I thought one general letter would do for all.

After leaving Fort Worth we came on to Austin, where I stopped over and visited the capitol and the beautiful dam on the Colorado River. At San Antonio, that interesting and historic old city, I went over to the old Mission buildings, San Juan and Conception, not forgetting to pass by and admire the old Alamo, where Col. Travis and his heroes so bravely fought.

I stopped at Laredo next and met Miss Holding, the President of the Laredo Seminary, at the depot. I was so glad of an opportunity to be with this grand and noble woman and to visit her excellent school. She is doing a wonderful work. O! would there were more like her. The next morning I took the Mexican National Railroad, coming in a direct route through Monterey and Saltillo to Mexico City. As I crossed the Rio Grande River I felt that I must bid good-bye to dear old Texas, and for ten months to employ my time with a new work in new surroundings. The last morning I rose early to watch the ascent of the mountain and view the magnificent palace of President Diaz. We were then 8000 feet high, where the atmosphere was so pure I felt lifted above everything except that which was good and enobling. The view of the Sierra Madre mountains was very interesting. The train winded around them so beautifully, and occasionally we would pass a little old Mexican or Indian village. I reached here September 16, a day in Mexican history that is looked forward to with as much interest and enthusiasm as our Fourth of July. In 1812 the priest Hidalgo, whose memory they still worship, gave up the priesthood and became instrumental in liberating Mexico. On September 16, at 11 o'clock p. m., Hidalgo gave the "Grito," i. e., the call for help, and Mexico rose in arms, and obtained their freedom. Every year the President comes out at that same hour of night and cries three times ,"Long live liberty." The thousands in the courts below and for miles down the street take up the cry, until it seems that the mountains send back the echo. Oh! 'tis grand. The parks and flower gardens are all brilliantly lighted and the Mexican bands play all night long.

The City of Mexico has nearly a half million inhabitants. Quite a large per cent of these are Americans. In our college (which was founded by Bishop Keener and also named for him) most of the students speak the English language. Some of them come from the wealthiest families in Mexico. I am so well pleased with the school and my new work is so interesting. My time is well employed, as my classes in elocution and music are both full and my leisure time is devoted to the study of Spanish. Our school pays a great deal of attention to mission work, and it is such pleasant, happy work to me. It has been my fondest ambition to be where I could do mission work, and I feel that my hopes are realized. My balcony opens on the street where at any time during the day I can see dozens of little half-starved, half-clothed children. It is to feed, clothe and train these children that the most effectual work is done. We have our own Epworth League and prayer-meeting services, and the Church isn't very far from the college building. I have had the pleasure of attending a Mexican Conference. Keener College entertained Bro. Towson, missionary from Japan, Miss Holding, Mrs. Carter and other distinguished visitors. Miss Norville, our President, is such a wonderful woman. With her the school has gone far beyond the expectations of the Woman's Board. Miss Churchhill is the helper. Their life is very beautiful, entirely given up to their work. It is not enough to give our interest and money to this work, but our time, ourselves. Nothing else is counted as a sufficient substitute by Him who called these noble women to the field.

This is certainly a city of schools; a great many denominational, mostly Catholic and secular schools. So many of our League members are children of Catholic parents. The cathedrals are said to be the finest in North America. The statuary is all of solid gold, silver, marble and jewels, images of the Virgin and Christ. The holiest shrine in Mexico is the Guadalupe. That immense cathedral, which cost millions, was built on the slender foundation of a poor Indian story. The tradition is that a virgin appeared to him and told him to build this temple to her and in proof she stamped her image on his blanket. I saw the blanket and the image that was stamped over 300 years ago, and which has inspired such false hopes in the hearts of poor Mexicans for hundreds of years. I could hardly describe my feelings, yet they were mingled with sympathy for the people that worshiped something so unreal. On the Virgin's birthday they crawl three miles on their knees to this shrine. 'Tis a dreadful sight. Thousands with knees bleeding and torn, but it seems that no sacrifice is too great for them. The first and second days in November are observed as "All Soul's and All Saints' Day." It is their custom to visit the graves of departed relatives and friends and cover them with floral offerings. They were certainly beautiful, looking more like a flower garden than a cemetery. The American, Spanish, French and English cemeteries are all in separate places. The Guadalupe cemetery, where many of Mexico's wealthiest families have their vaults, was a mass of beautiful wreaths. It is here that Santa Anna and others distinguished in Mexican history are buried. Capt. John Ayers, who is the first regularly appointed Superintendent of the United States Cemetery has held the position for five years.

The President's palace (called the Chapultepec Castle or White House) is extremely magnificent. It is on a high hill and for miles around there are large parks of cypress and olive trees covered with moss. The Paseo is the famous drive lined with statues of noted men leading to the palace. Among them are Charles IV and Columbus. The latter is the largest on the continent. Not long ago the President gave a reception to the soldiers and invited the teachers of the Keener College to furnish music. During the Christmas holidays we will visit the natural museum, the floating gardens, the snow-capped mountains and other places of interest.

Pray for our school here that we may do better and more effectual work this year than ever before, for I am realizing more and more every day "that it it isn't in our stars, but in ourselves that we are underlings."

DORA WALKUP.

Mexico City, Mexico, 2d de la Mosquita, No. 10.

EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AT EL PASO, TEXAS.

Our aim in this is to call attention to the educational needs and opportunities of our Church in this western country. Our Church has an opportunity here which in a short time from now she will not have. We are the oldest and largest Protestant organization here, and ought to take the lead in Christian education. Excepting a training school for native Mexican preachers (Congregational), there is no Christian college or academy within five hundred miles of this place. We have 18,000 inhabitants. Is there another town the size of El Paso which has not a Christian Seminary within 500 miles of it? Think a little. How many Protestant schools are there within 500 miles of your home? Suppose there were no Christian school within 500 miles of St. Louis? Then, St. Louians would be compelled to send their boys as far away as to Emory and Henry College in Virginia. There would be no Christian school in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri and Iowa. True, a large part of this broad territory contiguous to El Paso is dry, uninhabited hills and plains, Still there are scores of villages and hundreds of ranches, where mines are worked and cattle raised. This is a rich country and is rapidly increasing in population, as is illustrated by the following statement concerning the city of El Paso. In 1880 there were 5000 people in El Paso. In 1890 there were 10,000 inhabitants; at the present rate of growth we will have in 1900 20,000 resident people here.

The citizens are very anxious for a school of high grade in El Paso. They are ready to help liberally any Church or other responsible organization with such an enterprise. The majority of our moneyed men are not Christians, but they believe in education and are anxious to have a school of advanced learning among them. Most of them are not averse to Christianity, and would as readily assist a Christian educational establishment as a non-Christian plant. Their determination is ot put their money and influence into the first good, responsible move that gives reasonable assurance of success. Of course, the Christian people are decidedly in favor of a Christian school. Nothing else could do so much to establish Christianity in this hot-bed of sin as could a Christian school. Nothing else would so commend our Church and forward all its varied interests in this country, where we have spent so much and struggled so long and availed so little, as a strong Methodist school in El Paso. The door of opportunity stands wide open. The entrance should be made without delay. For us to allow another to step in and occupy this virgin soil would be upon the part of our Church a stupid blunder The little New Mexico Conference resolved to agitate the subject, and appointed a committee to secure a site and forward the enterprise in every possible way. C. C. EDINGTON,

Conference Sec. of Education.

IN EARLY DAYS.

When Wm. Capers was a young man it is said a conference probationer was complained of for wearing galluses, and forty years afterwards another probationer was complained of for not wearing them.

From 1788 to 1812 an old habit prevailed, even among rich Methodists, of giving 25 cents per quarter, and this was quarterage. The same habit is extant among some Methodists to this day, while many do not measure up to it.

Many preachers in those days, with as many as nine hundred members on the circuit, were paid only $80 and the Bishop sometimes $100—and some of these Methodists worth $50,000. So when a man married he had to locate.

Not naming the Sunday-school taught by John Wesley in Savannah in 1736, the first Methodist Sunday-school in Georgia, of which history takes note, was established in Milledgeville in 1812 by Samuel M. Meek, Dr. Lovick Pierce being presiding elder. That was the first Sunday-school this writer ever attended, in 1838, and also of which he was Superintendent many years afterwards, and during his superitendency we had in the old historic church a great Sunday-school rally of all the schools in town—500 children—over which meeting Dr. Lovick Pierce presided and delivered a grand address.

In 1812 Bishop Asbury was nearly seventy years old and very feeble. There was not a railroad in the United States. A carriage and horses were out of the question, because of his poverty and absence of roads. He rode horseback. The Bishop attended conference that year in Charleston, S. C. The one conference included North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida (only a little mission in the latter State). The Bishop's journal tells us he rode from Kentucky, through East Tennessee and North Carolina and through upper part of South Carolina to Charleston. Conference over, he starts back through the swamps of Eastern South and North Carolina. By the 8th of February he was at Norfolk, Va., thence through Eastern Maryland to Baltimore. By the 5th of April he was in Pennsylvania, and on the 1st of May in New York attending General Conference; in June he was in Connecticut, suffering from high fever. Passing into Massachusetts, he returned to New York and held conference; thence through Western New York into Pennsylvania, across into Virginia and back to Maryland by September; through Pennsylvania to Ohio, thence into Kentucky by 7th of October; southward through Kentucky, across Cumberland Gap to East Tennessee, and thence across the Carolinas down to Charleston. Take the Bishop's age, feebleness, topography and geography of the country, and it surpasses anything in human record—and his salary $80.00.

H. G. H.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

One of the most interesting events during conference at Brownwood was the report of the Committee on the State of the Church and the discussion that followed. The report was well written—manifesting a careful survey of the ground, with an honest effort to point out the difficulties in the way of advancement. The entire conference seemed to agree upon the existence of spiritual decadence in the Church. With this assured fact for a text, I desire to offer a few reflections for the consideration of those who desire the prosperity of Zion:

1. There is no lack in our Church of an educated ministry; for we now have more graduates among our preachers than ever before, and the standard for admission on trial is at leat 100 per cent higher than twenty years ago.

2. There certainly is no lack of machinery in the Church. Our sisters, as

well as the brethren, have every means afforded them for active service, and never before in the history of the Church was there such complete organization and equipment of all our forces as at the present.

3. There is no lack of wealth. Our Church is rich. We count millionaries in our membership, and for missions, education, endowment and the support of the ministry we now collect thousands where a few years ago we could not get hundreds. We, as a Church, have the money, and the fact that we do not pour it by hundreds of thousands into the treasury of the Lord emphasizes the fact of the spiritual decadence under which we labor.

4. There is no lack in the polity or doctrines of the Church. The former is most complete; the latter is in strict harmony with the Scriptures. The fact that in many places discipline is not enforced and our doctrines are not preached adds further proof of our decadence.

5. There is no real failure of interest with the masses in the matter of salvation. Where there is an apparent falling away at this point it is because the "fodder is placed too high," or science (falsely so-called) is substituted for Bible truth by the preachers. If our preachers are up to date in intellectual attainments; if the machinery of the Church is complete and in good working order; if we as a Church are rich and can build elegant temples of worship, endow colleges and support and carry forward the work of preaching the gospel to all the world; if our polity and doctrines are all that could be required; if the masses are ready to receive the gospel and will flock by thousands to hear the simple story of the cross when presented "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power"—what is the difficulty in our way?

Evidently we lack the Pentecostal power. We have largely reversed the order adopted by the Apostle Paul in preaching, viz., "Not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, but in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling; not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." We have substituted the "excellency of speech and of wisdom" for the "weakness," the "fear" and the "much trembling," which drives the preacher to his knees with unutterable groanings for Divine help; and we have chosen the "enticing words of man's wisdom" instead of the demonstration of the Spirit's power. The apostles and other disciples were all converted men when the call reached them, "Go, preach my gospel;" nevertheless the command followed, "but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." If it was essential to the success of these men that they tarry for the Spirit's baptism and power, how much more is it essential for our success in this day and time? If we will meet the conditions, we may have the "power." Fasting and prayer, consecration and faith, will produce wonderful results when properly directed. If a series of services were held in our churches with Bible readings directed to the point under discussion, with fasting and much prayer for the "enduement of power," who can calculate the results? But, alas! there are multitudes of our members who are in the condition of those disciples at Ephesus when asked by the Apostle Paul, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" and they answered, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." The supernatural in religion must be emphasized. The Holy Ghost must be honored and His baptism sought and obtained, and then—with the gospel preached in "demonstration of the Spirit and of power"—thousands will be born unto God in our meetings, the banner of the cross will no longer trail in the dust, but carried on to victory, will lead our triumphant columns as we go forth to bring the world to Christ and spread scriptural holiness over the whole earth. Shall we go into the twentieth century a triumphant, victorius Church, or with long columns of deficits and appalling losses in membership? May the God of Jacob help us! B. F. GASSAWAY.

REVELATION OF ST. JOHN.

I have been giving some thought to the Revelation of St. John. I have been reading some commentaries upon them. I have been reading some history with a view to obtaining light upon them.

While looking at these prophecies along a certain line of interpretation I find some coincidences that are curious, whether true or not, and I thought, even admitting them to be incorrect, that they might induce criticism that would be profitable.

1. Prophecy is God's forecast of his Church in the world, and not a forecast of profane history.

2. Prophecies affecting the Jewish Church must be interpreted along national lines, since the Jewish Church was a national Church.

3. Prophecies concerning the Christian Church cannot be interpreted along national lines, but are universal in their scope and are of universal application. They are characteristic. God foretells the character of his Church at certain stages of its development, and also the character of the forces that oppose it.

St. John saw two beasts rise up before him, one out of the sea, one out of the earth. Sea in prophetic language means peoples. What vile force rose up out of the people? We answer, civil government, designed primarily for the protection of society, afterwards seized by ambitious men and used for their own self-aggrandizement, and it so continues to this day—rulers rule for their own aggrandizement—hence he beastliness of civil government. The second beast rose up out of the earth. St. Paul paints its character. It is earthly, sensual, devilish. It is the power exercised by those who are greedy of wealth. For the present we will call this beast greed. It was not the choice of the people (sea) for mutual good, but was the choice of the greedy (earthly) individual to the hurt of society. The first beast received a deadly wound, which was afterwards healed. Through all ages of the world civil powers have fought each other like dogs, wolves, wild cats, hyenas and tigers. The final blow that slew the beast (civil government) was given at Waterloo. There stood on the battlefield a representative of the greedy beast—Nathan Rothchilds—who so soon as he discovered Wellington would win fled post haste to London and reported that all was lost, and that Bonaparte was ravaging Europe. English national securities went down to a song. Nathan Rothchilds bought all he could. Next day, when the truth of Wellington's victory reached London national securities went to a fanciful premium. Rothchilds made $5,000,000 out of that lie. He had English finances in his own hands and the government by the throat. Next year the London Bank was established. The power of the greedy beast was enthroned. But this money beast is cunning. He does not rule in his own name, but resurrects the dead beast of civil government and rules through his image. Political rulers have no authority. They execute the commands of the money power.

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred three score and six. (Rev. 13:18). Usury comes nearer including all forms of unjust gains than any other word in the English language; therefore we believe usury to be the rightful name of the beast. But St. John wrote in the Greek language, therefore we must appeal to the Greek language to verify our claim. Tokos in Greek corresponds to usury in English. The Greeks gave to each letter in the alphabet a number. Letters were their figures. There is one exception. Sigma had two simple forms and two simple numbers. Thus its ancient form (O) stood for 200, while its more modern form (S) stood for 6. This modern form, as best I can learn, was being introduced about the time of the Christian era, and it is only used at the end of a word. Anciently the old form was used all the time, hence was used at the end of the word Tokos; but the modern form is exclusively used at the end of words, hence it is now the final letter in Tokos. Therefore to get the full value of sigma we must count both forms.

It is characteristic of prophesy that there is always enough of obscurity for the skeptic to reject it, but enough of perspicurity for the faithful to accept it. So in this case stand the two values of sigma, all other Greek letters having but one. And, since both forms of sigma were used at the end of the word Tokos, it is necessary to take both values in order to get the number of Tokos, viz:

T, tau	300
O, omikron	70
K, kappa	20
O, omikron	70
O, sigma, old form	200
S, sigma, modern form	6
Tokos, the name	666

Six hundred, three score and six the number of the beast. This beast compelled all, both small and great, to receive a mark in their right hands or in their foreheads. All political power being in the hands of the beast, therefore all rulers, legislators, demagogues, lawyers, judges, lobbyists, corporations, trusts, clerks, laborers, merchants, bankers and what not, who obey the commands of the money beast, carry his mark in their foreheads. Those who vote for the candidate put forward by the beast carry his mark (ballot) in their right hands. And no one can buy or sell but those who carry the mark of the beast in their right hands or in their foreheads.

All forms of trade are being subjected to the dictates of corporate greed. The money power has been seeking for years to destroy all forms of money but bank bills (marks of the beast).

President McKinley's message to the present Congress recommends the retirement of the greenbacks. When all forms of money are destroyed but bank bills (marks of the beast) then no man can buy or sell without taking bank bills (marks of the beast) in his hand to traffic with. H. B. SMITH.

Stephenville, Texas.

LEAVES OF LIFE.—CHAPTER I.

My paternal grandfather's name was William Leaton. He was an Englishman and came to America when he was young and settled in Kentucky. In the year 1800 he was married to Miss Susannah Hunter. My father's name was Reuben Leaton, and was born in Kentucky. About the time Reuben was grown, his father moved to Tennessee and settled on the road, twelve miles from Nashville, leading to Franklin. Here the old gentleman spent his last days farming, keeping hotel, and died. Reuben Leaton moved from Tennessee to Missouri when he was a young man. My mother's maiden name was Miss Editha Slead. She was born in Amherst County, Va. When Editha was thirteen years old, her mother (who was a widow) moved to Kentucky. My mother was married the first time in Kentucky to William Leaton, Jr., who was an older brother of Reuben Leaton. She moved with her husband to Tennessee, and from thence to Missouri. They stopped awhile in Boone County, and then moved to Lafayette County. Here her husband died, leaving her with three little, fatherless boys—Hugh, Deel and William. I believe it was in Lafayette County, Missouri that my father and mother were married, after which they moved to North Grand River, into what was then Carroll County, but is now Livingston County. My father at that time owned one hundred and sixty acres of land on North Grand River, for which he had swapped a horse, either in Kentucky or Tennessee, to the old Revolutionary soldier who had served for it in the war of American Independence. I have the original "patent" to that peice of land in my possession now. It is the oldest document of that sort I ever saw. The name of the soldier was Ephraim Cummings. R. M. LEATON.

Brownwood, Texas.

FOR MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT.

Last January the Paris District Pastors' Reading Circle was organized for mutual improvement, and held four meetings during the year in addition to the reading. At these meetings a regular programme of subjects was discussed, each subject being treated by some member previously designated by the Programme Committee. We exchanged books each month, but found that a little heavy, so have divided our Circle into Sub-Circles of four members each, and exchange books every three months. This enables the undergraduates to take the course.

We held a called meeting in Lamar Avenue Church, December 15 and 16, to get in line for the new year. The evening of the 15th was devoted to the consideration of the spiritual interests of the district and proved a great blessing to all present.

Our presiding elder, W. D. Mountcastle, conducted the meeting, and the preachers not only spoke of needs and plans, but drew very near to God and each other, and begin the year's work in full sympathy and with oneness of purpose.

If no other good should come from our organization during the year we have already had enough to justify its existence. The new men in the district have fallen into line with a promptness and zeal characteristic of purpose and vigor, and the glowing and melting of the first meeting resulted in molding us into a closer brotherhood. We shall pray for each other more and be stronger and braver by reason of this closer fellowship and sympathy.

Our next meeting will be held in our new West Paris Church about the first of March.

We miss Crutchfield, Adams, Brown, Gorseline, Ozment and Coppedge, but welcome, as brethren beloved in the Lord, Wyatt, Bryan, Bryant, Williams, McCarter and Brown. May the Lord lead the whole conference to glorious triumphs through his grace.

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SECULAR NEWS

From the Independent we learn that the peace treaty signed at Paris between the United States and Spain we acquire more than 1500 islands, having an area of 120,000 square miles and a population of about 9,000,000, and at the same time Spain relinquishes her sovereignty over the great island of Cuba. In return Spain receives $20,000,000 for the loss of the Philippines, and both nations relinquish all present and future claims for war indemnity.

Aguinaldo, the patriot and native leader of the Philippines, has filed, through his agents, a written protest with the authorities at Washington against this government's ownership of those islands. He wants to assume the $20,000,000 which the peace commissioners agreed that this country should pay to Spain, and have the islands pass under native control. Whether the protest will amount to anything awaits to be seen. The probability is that we will continue to manage the Philippines until they have a stable government formed. Our whole interest in this newly acquired territory will hardly ever be fully surrendered.

The American Peace Commissioners, who have been in Paris the past few months adjusting our troubles with Spain, have arrived at home and delivered to the President the treaty signed by the two governments. The President gave them a warm welcome.

Judge Day, late Secretary of State, and the recent President of the Peace Commission at Paris, is now at his home in Canton, O. He makes the announcement that he is out of politics and will re-enter the practice of law with his old firm.

The Toronto Daily World is becoming alarmed at the reaching out of the United States after additional territory, in connection with England's growing friendship for this country. It says: "Unless Canadians are fully alive to the situation and speak out in no uncertain sound they will find themselves between a grasping annexation movement in the United States, having for its end the domination of the whole continent, and a great party in England is prepared to make most any sacrifices to the United States in consideration of some kind of support of England in her race with Russia, France and other European powers."

On Christmas day, in Havana, some Cubans fired into the camp of some Spanish soldiers and wounded a few. The Spaniards returned the fire with Mauser bullets, which caused great alarm for a few minutes; but order was soon restored. The presence of Spaniards in the city is quite an irritation to the natives, but the Spanish troops will soon embark for home, and this will simplify matters very much.

Admiral Dewey is now the senior officer of the American Navy, having reached that position without congressional action, through the recent retirement of Admiral Bunce. He will continue that distinction until the 26th of next December, when he will go on the retired list, unless Congress gives him special immunity from the operation of the law touching age limitation.

Admiral W. T. Sampson, of the United States Navy, is in Washington in consultation with the War Department.

Miss Mercedes Garcia, daughter of the late Gen. Garcia, the Cuban patriot, died of consumption at Thomasville, Ga., December 27. The mother and two daughters arrived there the day Gen. Garcia died in Washington, but, owing to the young lady's critical illness, she was not told of her father's death. She died without knowing that he had preceded her.

The cablegrams announce the serious illness of Senor Sagasta, the Prime Minister of Spain. It is feared by some members of his cabinet that he will not recover. He is suffering from some type of fever.

Lieut. Hobson has sailed for Manila, and it is presumed that the Philippine maidens will hardly fall into the fad of their guishing young sisters on this side of the water.

Two United States Senators stand indicted by grand juries for offenses, which, if proven, will send them to the penitentiary. One of them is Senator M. S. Quay, of Pennsylvania. He is charged with having participated in the illegal use of the funds of his State, and his trial is yet to come off. The other one is Senator Kenny, of Delaware. He is charged with having guilty knowledge of the transactions of a Dover bank teller by the name of Boggs, who looted the First National Bank of that city. Senator Kenny has been before two juries, but they both failed to agree upon a verdict. His case is still pending.

Col. W. J. Bryan has come out in a strongly prepared interview against the plan of the present administration to annex or in any way own the territory recently wrested from Spain. He sights various authorities, from Jefferson down to Blaine, in support of his position. He calls the effort to compass this end "imperialism," and stamps it as a usurpation unsupported by precedent.

Archbishop Ireland will represent the United States at the Czar's Peace Congress, having been appointed by the President to this position.

The Bishop of the Russians in America arrived in New York, December 12. He has the largest diocese of any Bishop in the world; for, while he is nominally Bishop of the Aleutian Islands and Alaska, he is also the head of all the Russian Church in North America. His unofficial name is Vasily Beliazvin. As he has but few members scattered over this vast territory, he will spend the most of his time in traveling.

Russia has arranged a loan with the Rothschilds of $150,000,000, one-half of which is to be used to reorganize and rearm her artillery. The transaction has provoked much comment, since the Czar talks and dreams of general disarmament. With one breath he talks of universal peace and with the other he borrows this large sum for purposes of possible war.

Advices from Bolivia say that the aspect of affairs there is serious. Young men belonging to the best society are giving up their positions and joining one side or the other. The banks have lost nearly all their clerks, and civil war seems inevitable. So says the Associated Press.

The Hon. Justin S. Morrill, the Senior United States Senator from Vermont, died in Washington of pneumonia December 27. He has been a member of the Lower House and of the Senate about forty-four consecutive years. His aged wife died during 1898. Thus the Senate loses its oldest member, both in point of age and service.

Sam Small is chaplain of the Third Engineers, United States Army. He arrived in Savannah, Ga., the other day and made haste to give out an interview. He seems to think that the Chaplain does not amount to much as an adjunct to the army, and he believes in either abandoning the position or overhauling it in such a way as to make it more effective.

Senor Romero, the Mexican Minister at Washington, died the 29th of December in that city from an operation by the surgeons for appendicitis. The attack from the beginning was alarming, and his strength was not sufficient to resist the shock of the operation. He was a very prominent man, and his death has called forth many expressions of regret in this country, as well as in Mexico.

The Cubans in Havana are greatly excited over an order of Gen. Brooke prohibiting them from taking part in the evacuation ceremonies to be observed at the leaving of the Spaniards in the near future. They are showing a good deal of temper over the matter.

Mr. Hawley, Congressman from the Galveston District, has introduced in Congress a bill to appropriate the money which was paid through mistake to the State some time ago by the National Government, to the construction of the mechanical department of the colored school at Prairie View, near Hempstead. The United States, in settling an old account with Texas, paid into the State treasury the sum of $101,113.27. It was afterwards discovered that the amount paid was some $45,000 in excess of the amount actually due. This will be a good work if Mr. Hawley succeeds in getting the bill through.

Gen. John R. Brooke, Military Governor of Cuba, has arrived in Havana and along with Gen. Lee will aid in giving the Cubans a stable military government until the native population is ready for something different.

Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, who stood charged at San Francisco with having caused the death of Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Dover, Del., by sending her, through the mail, a box of poisoned candy, was recently found guilty of murder in the first degree and her penalty was assessed at imprisonment for life in the penitentiary.

From an exchange we notice that more than fifty years ago Martha Little, a Scotch woman, brought to this country for the purpose, spooled the first spool of thread in the first thread factory in America. The factory was situated near what is now called Lowell, Mass. Within the last few days a great thread trust was organized, which embraces all of the manufacturing plants in this country and England. Great things grow out of small beginnings.

A disgraceful lynching occurred December 23 at Scottsburg, Ind. Marion Tyler, a white man, had attempted the life of his wife and had been put in jail and was awaiting his trial, but a mob quietly took possession of the jail and hanged him. The fellow must have been of unsound mind for at the time he attempted the crime he also made an ineffectual effort to commit suicide.

Mrs. Isabel Mallon, who writes under the pseudonim of "Bab" died this week in New York of pneumonia. She was an authoress of some note.

By the recent assignments of the Navy Department Sampson retains command of the North Atlantic Squadron, Philip is in charge of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, while Schley is assigned to sea duty.

Rev. Dr. M. D. Hoge, the eminent Presbyterian minister in Richmond, Va., is hopelessly ill.

The engagement of Miss Virginia Fair and W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., is announced in the daily press. The lady is the daughter of the late Senator Fair, of California—a millionaire politician in his day. Vanderbilt belongs to the famous Vanderbilt family of New York.

Walter M. Clark, the great Missouri cattle king, has made an assignment, with liabilities amounting to over $200,000. The failure has caused a deal of comment.

Gov. Taylor, of Tennessee, made a Christmas present to twenty-six State convicts in the form of pardons, and thereby restored them to their homes and to the privileges of citizenship. The Governor is merciful and his heart is easily touched.

The American Federation of Labor recently in session in Kansas City, among other things voted down a resolution to endorse Socialism by a vote of 1807 to 420. This is significant, and it indicates that the prevailing sentiment among our great working classes is on the right side of moral questions.

By the will of Edward Austin, who died a few weeks ago in Massachusetts, and which was offered for probate some days back, $1,000,000 was given to charitable and educational purposes.

Work has begun on the new battleship Ohio at the Union Iron Works in San Francisco. It will be the largest vessel ever built on the Pacific Coast, and one of the three largest ever built in the American Navy.

It is charged by Gen. Miles that the great packing house establishments have been putting off on the government large quantities of spoiled beef. An investigation has been ordered and a scandal is likely to develop.

Harriet O. Evans, a Christian Science "healer," was tried by a jury a few weeks ago in Cincinnati upon the charge of practicing medicine unlawfully in attending Thos. McDowell, who died of typhoid fever while she was attempting to cure him by prayer. She was convicted and fined $100. She has appealed the case, and we will soon know if the State of Ohio has any immunity from these fanatics.

Congressman-elect Roberts, the man of many wives, from Salt Lake, comes out in a labored defense of polygamy.

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and justifies himself on the ground that Joseph Smith got the right of numerous marriages from the Lord.

The largest consignment of opium that has ever been received at the port of San Francisco arrived there the past week. There were 6660 cases of the drug, valued at $5,000,000. The duty on it amounted to $162,360.

The collapse of what is said to be the largest gas tank in the world occurred a short time ago in New York, causing great destruction of property, seven deaths and the injuring of seventeen persons.

The mammoth skeleton of a pre-historic man was unearthed a few days ago by some workmen in a gravel pit near Miamisburg, O. The specimen belongs to no class of humanity known to history or to science, and it is creating a deal of speculation.

Mrs. Isbell, Mrs. Malone and an infant were cremated last week in their dwelling ten miles northeast of Hilisboro. It is supposed that one of the women tried to start the fire in the stove by the use of coal oil. The exploded can was found near the charred remains.

The Wells Fargo Express Company, at San Antonio, on the 28th of December received an express package containing a large sum of money sent by the Southern Pacific Railway Company to be used in the payment of all the employes of the road from San Antonio to El Paso. The package was placed in the hands of the driver of the financial wagon, and he was dispatched with it to the depot to meet the pay car; but he never showed up at the depot. Several hours after an old negro out hunting found the horse and wagon hitched in a thicket some five miles from the city. Officers were put upon the track of the driver, whose name is Charles A. Beeler, but at this writing he has not been found. The package is said to have contained $60,000.

Thomas E. Tinsley, principal owner of the stock in Glenwood Cemetery at Houston, was ordered more than a year ago by the court to turn over his books for official inspection, which order he refused to obey. As a result he was ordered to jail for contempt, and was kept there until he was willing to obey the court. After spending more than one year in jail he concluded the other day that it was useless to fight the inevitable. So he surrendered his books and was released.

Frank P. Noland, long the efficient Superintendent of Glenwood Cemetery at Houston, died very suddenly December 25.

Mrs. Dugal D. McAlpine of Galveston, the daughter of Mr. John Goggan, was run over by a railway train on the jetty track and killed December 29. She had been in the St. Mary's Infirmary for nervous prostraton, and on the morning of the accident she wandered from the hospital and lost her life.

Tax Collector Ford House, of this city, has been in office only seventy days and during that time he has collected taxes for the city amounting to a clear quarter of a million dollars.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

FARMERSVILLE.

S. A. Ashburn, Jan. 2: Our reception on our return was most cordial. The pounding soon followed. The ladies have been improving the parsonage—a carpet for one room, a matting for another and the hall, a stove for the dining-room, and window shades for the family room. The Senior League have put a stove in the pastor's study. The outlook for a good year is most hopeful. I shall try to make this the best year in my ministry.

PRINCETON CIRCUIT.

H. M. Pirtle: We thank the Methodists of Princeton for their kindness, and for the presents we received from their Christmas tree. We appreciate them. We were pleasantly surprised by a wagon load of good things from the Wilson Chapel Church gathered up and brought to us by Bro. Arthur Massie and wife. We thank them and these excellent people for these good things. It makes us feel like they appreciate us and had not forgotten us, and that they as a Church are not dead. May God bless them. I am going to try to do my best this year.

ALLEN.

I. A. Thomas, Dec. 31: We arrived at Allen, Friday after conference. This was my first appointment in Texas seven years ago, which proved to be one of the most pleasant years of my ministry. It seemed much like returning home to come back to Allen, so cordial was the greeting and handshaking. Before we got to Allen, at Whites' Groves we received $6 on salary (something new under the sun). At Allen the good women had a nice supper at the parsonage. About twenty women present and two or three men. After prayer by the preacher in charge, they departed, leaving a donation behind for which we tender thanks. We have received a warm welcome by all who knew us. One appointment has been added since we left. I have been here one month. There have been snow, rain and mud in abundance, but I have made one round. The people have received us kindly and treated us royally. We hope to do the best year's work of our life.

CLARKSVILLE.

J. M. Peterson, Dec. 31: There was no great demonstration of joy over our return to this place for another year. A quiet handshake and "glad to see you back," was about all. Neither did we, as did some of the good brethren, see any gathering storm which spent its force in blessings upon the preacher's family. We came home and went to work, and God has been blessing us with His gracious presence. Our presiding elder has come and gone. He left his impress upon us, and carried away evidence that the Board of Stewards of Clarksville does not believe in being in debt, either to the preacher in charge or presiding elder. Christmas came, and so did Santa, for all day Christmas eve, the delivery wagon kept coming to the parsonage, bringing useful articles until we felt that we had been kindly remembered by a kind people. Brother and Sister Lamb, of Dodd, made us happy by their cheerful presence with us during Christmas, and he preaching to us a very fine sermon Sunday night. We are hopeful. Our greatest desire is, a gracious revival and sinners converted to God.

ROYSE CITY.

J. M. Holt, Jan. 2: Well! here we are at home again under our own vine and fig-tree. We left Edna for home December 1, 1898, with old Kate between the shafts, and 35 cents of our own, and $2 of borrowed money in our pocket. We traveled 375 miles, and after twenty-eight days of hard toil, we made the trip, and neither begged nor borrowed on the way. After twelve months with the kind people of Edna Circuit as their pastor, it was hard for us to separate from them. The work paid us $222.15, and gave us $15 after conference, which enabled us to pay back the money we borrowed to go to conference. We went to Seguin to conference and saw the brethren, and enjoyed their genial smiles and hearty hand-shakes. We don't think there is more noble, social or braver set of soldiers on the earth than the preachers of the West Texas Conference. We feel that our trip to the south has done much for us in the way of health.

NEVADA.

G. F. Boyd, Dec. 27: Voices were heard, the dining room door flew open and in answer to the question, "What does this mean?" Rev. J. H. White said: "It is a breath from Yankeedom." Such a "breath" was a great surprise, as we had been received with an excellent dinner and many good things since. God bless these good people and give us a great revival. We are expecting a good meeting at our watch-night service and Quarterly Conference next Saturday and Sunday. I follow the Rev. J. M. Nichols, our Conference Secretary and future historian of Texas Methodism. I hear many good things said about him. He is a good man and a fine preacher. His present charge, Nocona, is dear to this writer. God bless every one of them.

MARYSVILLE.

E. G. Roberts: As I recast I find we are more comfortably housed, better prepared for work and, I think, this circuit in better condition than last year at this time. Tokens of kindness have been coming in since our return to the work. December 24 Bros. Kemp and Miser, representatives of the Vanslyke Church, came to the parsonage in a wagon. I looked into the wagon and saw turkeys, chickens, meat, meal, flour, etc. They said, "We are peddling; do you wish to buy?" I replied, "Yes," and took all they had plus some small change. To out with it, it was a sure-enough pounding plus some quarterage. The parsonage queen stood in the dining-room and looking at the boxes, etc., said, "This does look like Christmas." Soon I heard her singing, "Have you had a kindness shown, pass it on." I inquired, "What is the matter with you?" She replied, "I am happy." I am sure she was.

ROCKWALL.

A. R. Nash, Dec. 27: After serving the Kemp charge four years we were sent from conference to Rockwall. I shall never serve a better people than the people of Kemp charge. They are intelligent, energetic, enterprising, liberal, loyal and religious. We love them and always will. How we planned, struggled, prayed and shouted together as we labored for God and the Church. Many happy hours were spent in their homes. Often we grieved and wept together as disease and death claimed some of our loved ones. Somehow these experiences were for our good. The Master was leading the way. May his blessings still be upon that people. Monday afternoon, December 5, we said good-bye to kind friends and some of our children and started for Rockwall. Late Tuesday afternoon we arrived at the parsonage and were met by old friends to welcome us. Kind hands had already been at work to make our coming pleasant. A nice supper was in waiting and was greatly enjoyed by us after a forty-mile drive, facing a stiff norther. Much has been done to make preacher and family feel welcome. Many old friends and new acquaintances have called at the parsonage. Almost every day something nice and substantial has been sent to us, until we decided that Rockwall pounded their preachers by degrees; but last Friday a wagon was unloaded at the parsonage by the box full. It was a most generous pounding. We are grateful to the donors for their kindness and desire to administer to them abudantly in spiritual things this year. Have been embarrassed in Church work on account of our Church being in the hands of the workmen. It is being enlarged and remodeled, but will soon be completed, and will then be a large and handsome church. Rockwall will have three Sundays and Mount Zion one. Mount Zion is still more like home to me, having preached there at one time for three successive years. We are looking forward with joy to the meeting of old friends at that place next Sabbath. We are praying that this may be the best and most successful year of our lives, and that many souls may be saved. By God's grace we are determined to do our best.

ARCHER CITY.

W. M. Leatherwood, Dec. 29: Hindered by the hard weather, we did not reach Archer City, our new home, till Friday, 23d inst. We found a comfortable parsongage of five rooms, two of which are new, and a very kind people. Our reception has been most cordial and our beginning gratifying. We had good congregations last Sunday and Sunday night, and one hundred people or more at prayer-meeting last night. Last Monday night we were royally "pounded." A beautiful feature of the incident was that all denominations participated. They came with almost everything you can mention in the way of groceries, fancy and common, for the strange preacher and his family—a jolly, joyous crowd, like the happy children of a common household. Nor did the pounding cease with Monday night's happy visitation, but, every day since, nice needful things have come to the parsonage—tokens of care for the itinerants and a desire to make us comfortable and happy. Such evidences of regard touch our hearts and inspire gratitude; but far above the intrinsic worth of the gifts do we prize the spirit of the givers. How cold and ungrateful must be the heart that would not bound to meet such expressions of Christian sympathy and love. How unappreciative the minister and his family who would not strive to requite such kindness with the best return that human heart and human effort can make. We feel already assured that with the continued sympathy and co-operation of the people this will be a year of prosperity to this charge. There is much to do and we have a mind and heart to do it.. Rev. Atticus Webb, our predecessor, is well esteemed by this people, and, under God, they shall know that their present pastor is "sent" and endued of heaven for his work. Oh, for earnest, Holy Ghost ministrations in pulpit and home upon the part of all our preachers. Thus alone will the people be awakened and the "old-time" power come again. What a burning need there is all over the Church for earnest spiritual power in both pulpit and pew! An optimism that is blind to facts is as dangerous as the silent coiling of the unseen serpent at our feet. God help us to awake everywhere to the work that must be done or our crown be lost forever! Again, every heart in this parsonage feels deeply grateful for this people's care for us. The Lord help us to do them good!

PLANO.

Geo. S. Sexton: We have been most kindly received by the Plano Methodists and the people of the town as well. No preacher could be given a more cordial welcome. Many nice things have been done for the already well-fitted up parsonage. Nearly one hundred dollars have been spent in making it more comfortable. The house for the Plano preacher is in keeping with the homes of the members. Old Santa did not forget the preacher and his family. Many nice and beautiful presents found their way to the parsonage during Christmas—things good to eat and articles that will be of service through life. God's blessings upon the donors. The first Quarterly Conference was good. The new presiding elder, Bro. I. W. Clark, gave great satisfaction in his official visit.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

PEORIA.

G. W. Kincheloe, Dec. 29: I have completed my first round on the Peoria Circuit. Have met with some discouragements, but there is much to encourage. We are among a kind people and we are praying and working for a revival at each appointment.

ROUND ROCK.

J. T. Griswold, Dec. 27: We are making some very valuable improvements on our church at Hutto. Soon we are to have an exceedingly nice house at that place. In fact, I don't know of a more active, enterprising congregation than this. We are making a good start

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ECZEMA ON BABY

My little six-months old girl had Eczema. We used all kinds of remedies, but she kept getting worse. I used to wrap her hands up, and to dress her, had to put her on the table. I could not hold her, she would kick and scream, and, when she could, she would tear her face and arms almost to pieces. Four boxes of CUTICURA (ointment), two cakes of CUTICURA SOAP, and CUTICURA RESOLVENT *cured her*, and *no traces are left*.
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Old and Young

THE MOTHERS OF OUR PRESIDENTS.

Dr. Talcott Williams, of Philadelphia, has made an interesting summary of the lives of the mothers of our Presidents.

Eleven of them, or nearly half of the number, were in easy circumstances, belonging to the families of education and gentle breeding; the other half of the number struggled with poverty and hardships more or less severe. The lives barest of comfort or softness were probably those of Jackson's and Lincoln's mothers, who were pioneers in the West, and literally struggled for the necessities of life.

Some of these women were unlettered, and perhaps narrow and bigoted. Some were of the fairest fruit of American civilization. But Dr. Williams calls attention to the momentous fact that all, without exception, were godly and devout women.

"No American," he says, "has become President without the memory of the prayers he lisped at his mother's knee. Not a President but has left somewhere on record his testimony to the refining and religious influence of a Christian mother."

He notes, also, the significant fact that all the Presidents of the United States have avowedly owed more to the influence of their mothers upon their lives than to that of their fathers. More than half, indeed, were left fatherless in boyhood.

The conclusion to be drawn from these significant resemblances in the lives of the Presidents, is that the qualities given to a man by the love and daily training of a sincere, God fearing mother, are those which command the trust of other men. The nation has not, perhaps, chosen its most brilliant, or possibly, its most able men to be its chief rulers. But it has never chosen a man, from Washington to McKinley, whom the majority of the people did not believe to be honest in character.

The "higher education" which the mothers of our future Presidents are receiving to-day will enable them to give their children a broad culture along lines of mental acquirement of which Mary Washington and Nancy Lincoln never heard or dreamed. But let them not ignore the honesty and simple religious faith which these women gave to their sons, and by which they were made steadfast in principle, and held the confidence of the country in its hours of direst need.—Youth's Companion.

A BIT OF HUMAN LIFE—A TRUE INCIDENT.

We were spending our vacation away up in the mountains of Maryland, at a little hotel on the very summit of the Alleghenies, a most restful and delightful spot. There were about one hundred guests in this hotel during August, among them many charming Christian people, and the days were all poetry, song and worship; for we reveled in nature, primitive and glorious, and the carking cares of life were left behind for a time. I went to the laundry one morning to attend to the pressing of a dainty collar, and I found there, assisting the colored laundress, a slender little white woman, with pretty brown hair and eyes and attractive features. I noticed that each time, as she carried her iron back to the blazing stove, she pressed one hand wearily against her forehead. Her cheeks were flaming red. She looked so young and so tired. On the floor, on a quilt, lay a baby a few weeks old; clinging to her skirt was a little fellow about two years old, and playing about was a boy of three and a half years. I said, "My dear, are these your babies?" "Yes, ma'am, they are all mine, and I am trying so hard to finish out this week's work; but my head aches so it seems as if I shall die; I'll have to give up." As I passed at the other end of the room the negress whispered, "'Twas her man that was killed on the track a month ago, and she cries all the time." On inquiring, I learned that this unfortunate man, in pulling a spike from a railroad tie, lost his balance, fell backward heavily, and broke his neck.

The little wife, just twenty-two years of age, with her three babies, whom she "vowed she would not give away," was indeed alone to face the world.

I could not sleep that night; in vain I assured my conscience "that there were so many poor in my husband's parish, and all the year, except vacation time, I planned and worked and gave to help the suffering in my metropolis home."

Before retiring I had read the parable of the Good Samaritan, and my duty was clear. I shrank from it, but prayed for strength. The next morning I asked the ladies to gather in the parlor. I began by saying, "By chance I went to the laundry yesterday, and found 'my neighbor;'" and I told them the story of the girlish widow and the fatherless children, of the dreary mountain home, and the cold winter to come. Before I had finished speaking one lady pressed a ten-dollar bill into my hands; silver and bills followed all day; the gentlemen of the hotel heard the story and came to me with generous offerings; packages of clothing for mother and children were made up in nearly every room in that house, and many took name and address for express packages later. By nightfall there was an abundance of money and clothing to supply all their need for many months to come.

The acceptance of the gift was touching in the extreme. With tears in her eyes and a choking voice she said, "Why, I never dreamed that anybody would ever in this world do anything like this for me."

Another privilege of "visiting the widow and the fatherless in their affliction" had been been given us, and the white light of human kindness and sympathy had shone across and struck down deep into the darkness of that sorrowful young heart.

A reverential awe stole over my heart as I reflected how I might have robbed "these little ones" of the Master's by inactivity, indifference, or selfishness on my part. That evening I chose a new motto for my life: 'Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."—Mrs. J. W. Campbell, in New York Advocate.

SHE LIVED RELIGION.

Ned Fry sat in his cottage moody and dejected. He had got drunk the night before, and in a quarrel at the village inn had been knocked down violently, and had broken his arm. After enduring some hours of pain, it had been set and bound up in a sling.

Ned was a carpenter by trade, and need never have lacked work. Just now he had a job at the Upland farm. But he was thinking that he would now be unable to resume work for some weeks, and that his wife and little boy were dependent on his earnings.

The prospect was not cheerful, particularly as he knew that it was through no one's fault but his own that he was in such a bad plight. He had been married just four years. The happy young wife he had brought home had grown sad-looking, and avoided talking to her neighbors more than was necessary. They said she was fretting over the little girl she buried a year ago. But there had been times lately when Mary Fry had said to herself that she could not wish her little one had lived to grow up and know poverty and suffering, which seemed inevitable since her husband had taken to drink.

Ned's head was aching and his arm was very painful. The rain was pattering on the little casement, and a dull, smoky fire gave very little warmth. His wife was preparing a meager dinner, and his little boy was playing on the floor. Just then a tap was heard at the door and the next minute a lady came in.

Mary Fry dusted a chair for her and answered her questions about the man's broken arm as shortly as she could. The visitor was well known to them both. She was the wife of Frye's employer at the Upland farm, and often visited the villagers when she happened to have time.

"I am very sorry about your accident," she said to Frye, "but I am afraid it was your own fault. It will be a lesson to you, I hope, to think more of your wife and child. You see how they suffer for your neglect."

Fry listened with a scowl on his face and answered nothing; and soon the visitor, seeing his mood, took her departure.

"There's your good folks," snarled Ned to his wife. "Preach, preach, and show the way to be good, and let everybody else know they're bad. No religion for me or religious folks, either!"

A week went by, and then a sadder trouble came to the Fryes. The little boy fell ill with scarlet fever, a dangerous type of which had appeared in the village. As the fever ran its course, and he knew the child's life was in danger, Ned Fry became nearly distracted. His little boy was the idol of his heart.

The poor mother, weakened by anxiety and watching, took ill, and before her little boy had come to the worst, she too lay in ceaseless delirium.

Ned Fry did not know where to turn, or what to do. The neighbors, one and all, kept away from the infected dwelling and there were no hands but Ned's to minister to mother and child. Crippled as he was and ignorant of what to do, it seemed that things could scarcely be worse for them all. But just then another visitor came.

Ned opened the door and saw standing there a young woman, who had lately come to live in the village.

"We've got fever here," he said.

"I know," she answered. "That is why I come, to see if I could do anything for you. I have heard you have no one to help you, and that you can not even use your arm. May I come in?"

She spoke quietly and courteously.

"You'd better not, ma'am," said Ned, softened from his moroseness; "why should you?"

"I want to help you," the lady replied. "Please let me in; I am a good nurse, and I live alone. I came to this village just to do what I can for you all." And saying this she passed in.

"And it's my belief that from the day she came they began to get better," said Ned Fry many weeks later, to his his fellow workmen. "She knew what to do for them, and her gentle ways and touches took the fever out of them. Sometimes she sat up o' nights when I was too dead beat to hold my eyes open; and when the worst was over, she would come with her flowers and cool drinks to make a sort of heaven for them. Ah, and never a word did she preach! No talk about goin' to church and givin' up public house and doin' you duty. But I'll tell you what it is, mates, she didn't need to talk it; she lived her own religion. Says I: 'Why did you come here when you'd no call to do it and a chance of catching the fever too?' For I couldn't make it out. But she says, quite simple like: 'You were in trouble, and I knew I could help you.' And somehow, I minded all the words of the Bible about Jesus Christ and the 'heavy laden,' and I says to myself, "There's something in religion after all;' and hang me if I didn't take my Bible and read it when I sat there by myself. And now there's no public house for me, mates, but there's work to be done and an honest life to be lived, by God's help."

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Christ taught a profound truth in the parable of the talents. As seen in the figure, the basis of capacity rested solely in the mind of Christ. As many as he called, to them gave he according to their several abilities. God converts no man whom he cannot use in bringing about the redemption of at least one soul. One talent was the minimum in his divine judgment. The basis of reward was not in the differences of capacity, but in the equality of their use. He that had five, gained other five; no more, no less. He that had ten, gained other ten; no more, no less. Exhaustion of capacity is the law. For its utter disregard, the soul of him who had the one talent paid the forfeit.

The laws of grace are supplemental. God does nothing for a man that he can do for himself. The intervention of divine power calls for the exhaustion of natural agencies. Christ could not leap from the temple's pinnacle, though it was written, "He shall give his angels charge over thee, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone." The laws of the unseen universe rest on the fundamental principle that God supplements the impotency of human strength. We take our desperate plunge into the bosom of infinite power from the conscious heights of human impossibilities.

Some, by their example, would reduce the gospel to an absurdity. A saved man must be a demonstration of every law in the spirit-world. The conclusive evidence in redemption's argument is a redeemed soul. This is the parable of saving grace. The successful impeachment of salvation's plan is not the onslaughts of infidel hordes, but rather the justly challenged lives of those who espouse the cause of Christ. The Methodism of today must cling with deathless grip to the qualification of Barnabas—a good man, full of faith, and full of the Holy Ghost. That, too, must be discoverable by the masses, as it was by the people of Antioch when Barnabas went to their city girded with the glory of a Pentecostal chamber. We negative every element in the cross, save as we demonstrate its power and indite our message.

Moral cowardice is equal to the difference between creed and practice. We are shadowed by our evil deeds. The tooth that gnaws the conscience is the conviction that our inner life is less than the outer testimony. The world's ruin is that many profess too much. It matters not whether the world recognizes our faults; there are secret sins. Conscience is the tribunal in the realm of the soul. We are chased by sins, which anathematizes our claim to integrity. The field of supreme cowardice is in the sphere of morals. Right is might. Sin makes cowards of us all. Like as by a phantom form, we are disquieted by that old truism, "Physician, heal thyself."

We are giants if we but knew it. What an unthought-of reserved force is locked up in the assertion made by the Son of God! The disciples had just had an ocular demonstration of their decay. Drawing aside, they said to Jesus: "Why could not we cast him out?" speaking of the expulsion of the evil spirit. It was at the hands of the Savior, and from the son of him who came from among the multitude that awaited the return of the party from the Mount of Transfiguration. "Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you." The grain of mustard seed, the smallest in the kingdom, represents the cause; the removal of the mountain, the most stupendous in the natural world, stands for the effect. Surely the potency of faith rests in its genuineness and not in fixed degrees. There is but one solution. The power lodged in the smallest degree of genuine faith is equivalent to the most colossal attitude asumed by any form of difficulty. Oh, for the apostolic faith that laughs at impossibilities and says it shall be done!

There is a recoil in divine law to which we are too often indifferent. Religious experience may evolve itself into a reactionary influence that proves destructive. Saint Paul had his heights of holy manifestation, his visions and his dreams. In retrospect, there grew out the phrase: "For though I would desire to glory I shall not be a fool." The natural channel of intense spirituality is toward self-exaltation; its check, the ministry of sorrow. To disregard the means that seek the counteraction of self-praise is to drift unalterably into Phariaism. From such, Christ turns in righteous indignation. The higher the heights of exaltation, the greater becomes our danger. In the practical issues religion carries its own instrument of self-destruction. "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt (ye) have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It (ye) is thenceforth good for nothing." We are confronted with the possible recoil of religious exaltation. Greatness consists in the extended borders of that kingdom whose center, scepter and throne is the individual heart, and whose subjects are souls the destinies of which we fashion. The eternal law is, that we live only as we enter the lives of other men. Sinking out of self, not into self, is the supreme question of the hour.

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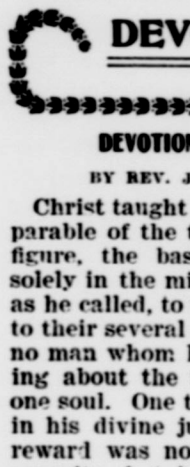
If you are abiding in Christ, you are reproducing yourself in thousands of instances when you are wholly unaware of it. Out of the personal relationship between the soul and Christ come the fruits of holy living. The vine does not bear fruit of itself; it bears its fruit through the branches. Our unconscious influence thus becomes far more fruitful than our conscious influence. In the last great day many will bewail that they have accomplished so little, and, looking at the scanty results, will say, "When saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? or athirst, and gave thee drink?" to find that unconsciously their lives had abounded in fruits well pleasing in the Master's sight. It is from such holy lives as this that is derived our Master's highest joy. It is when the whole body of Christ becomes instinct with his spirit that the world is made conscious of his divine Headship over the Church.—Bishop Hendrix.

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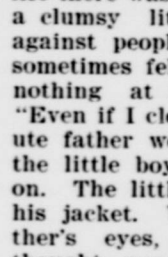
"And underneath are the everlasting arms."

When I hear those words spoken, when I think of them even, I see a little boy—a tired little boy—sitting in church, and thinking: "I'm so sleepy; but I must keep awake. Father would be cross." Then the lights in the aisle spout flame, the figures in the painted window dance, his head nods, his eyes close. A minute later they open with a start to find his father's eyes fixed upon him—that stern father, in whose strenuous life there was no place for a little boy, a clumsy little boy, who knocked against people in the streets, and sometimes fell down when there was nothing at all to make him fall "Even if I close my eyes for one minute father would be angry," thought the little boy. The preacher droned on. The little boy's chin sunk upon his jacket. When he awoke his father's eyes, angrily the little boy thought, were again fixed upon him. His father moved, the little boy trembled. Then wonder of wonders! he was lifted from his place, his father's arms were underneath him, around him. Thus, without fear—indeed, with an exquisite joy and in great confidence—the little boy fell asleep in those kind arms.

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two must go hand in hand, for the one is incomplete without the co-operation of the other. A soundly converted heart and a well trained mind ensure the development of a good character and the proper guidance of a correct life. Therefore right along with the progress of Church work must come the prosperity of our school enterprises. Our preachers all over Texas ought to prepare a compact and a strong sermon upon the subject of Church schools and deliver it with telling effect upon the consciences of our people. They need to be instructed and aroused upon this question. The present time is propitious for a work of this sort. Out recent conferences stressed the matter, and now that we are entering upon a year of bright prospect, our school work ought to be brought to the front and pushed with earnestness and vigor.

THE CORRELATION OF OUR SCHOOLS

In all of our school work throughout the State we need concert of action. Methodism is a unit, made up of a multiplicity of parts. Among all of these parts there must be harmony —a tendency toward one center. Our schools are parts of Methodism, and they ought to be so related to each other and so graded in their work as to articulate with one united whole. They all have a distinct sphere of operation, but really they have only one work to accomplish. In the accomplishment of this one work, in their given localities, they ought to have a uniform course of instruction, and restrict themselves to it. A district high school ought not to attempt to teach a college curriculum, and a college ought not to attempt university work, and a university, as soon as possible, ought to discard elementary work, and confine its effort to higher, more advanced and general teaching. By the adoption of this plan, the district academy would graduate its pupils into the college, and the college turn its work into the university. Some pupils only want a practical education of a limited kind. This they could find, under a plan of this sort, in the district school. Others want a college training, and such they could find in our colleges; but others, still, want higher advantages, and these could be met in the university. This is correlation, and something greatly to be desired. As to whether it is practicable or not just at this time is another question: for the other system has been in vogue among us so long that it is doubtful if the change could be made without hurtful friction. Some changes, in long-standing usage, can not take place suddenly without much hurt to the interests involved. They have to grow out of fixed habit somewhat gradually. But as time progresses and our school work begins to shape itself to the new conditions, we ought to govern matters of this sort in such way as to direct the trend of our educational interest toward a thorough system of correlation. It can be directed into something of this sort as the years go by. To do this will require a great deal of wisdom and grace upon the part of those who have charge of our various schools, and a great deal of patience and concession upon the part of those who co-operate in their management. But we believe it can and will be done when the conditions become ripe for that sort of result. Then the largest interests of our school and Church work will be subserved, and success in all departments of our loved Zion will mark our progress. Therefore, let harmony and co-operation among our schools be the motive and aim of all of our work in connection with their development and growth as parts of our Church life. The Advocate is the organ and the friend of all our schools, from the Church academy on up to the university, and the interests of no one of them shall suffer at its hands; on the contrary, we intend to bend every energy toward building them all up into successful enterprises, and help to make them strong in the good work they are called upon to do; but we want to see the day dawn upon Texas Methodism when our schools will be so adjusted as to make them work together with one common purpose and to one common end.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS.

We have nothing to say derogatory of our State schools. They are right and proper, and we rejoice that they exist and are prosperous. No State can maintain a high order of citizenship without a high degree of intelligence. But we cannot delegate to the State the duty and the work of educating, exclusively, our Methodist children. We want them to know some things that the State does not and cannot teach them. We want them taught not only in the ordinary branches of an education and in the sciences and the languages, and the higher mathematics, but we want them to know God, to have faith in Jesus Christ, to believe in the sufficiency of the holy Scriptures to guide them in all conduct, and to know and love the Methodist Church. While they are being trained in mind, we want them trained in heart also; and while they are coming under the influence of learning and learned men, we want them to come under the direct influence and power of practical godliness. We want them not only to have the best teachers in the land, but we want those teachers to be men and women of prayer and faith. When they return to us, we want their piety to be as simple, and their lives to be as pure as when they went from under our roofs.

To get these results we must look to our own Church schools, where we have instructors according to our own faith and practice. They are not to be obtained in any other sort of school. Hence, the importance of building up our own schools and standing by them in preference to all others. This sort of school will give us Methodist men and women to bless the Church in the years to come. We repeat that we cannot delegate to the State or any one else the duty and work of educating our children.

THE PSEUDONYM.

It is almost invariably best for a writer to sign his name in full when he writes an article and sends it to the paper for publication. Particularly is this true when the subject discussed is a delicate one; or when reference is made to anything of a personal nature. An article, as a rule, is read with more interest, if it is worth reading at all, when the reader knows the name of the author. Then again, when the name of the writer is known, he writes more carefully and guards himself more discreetly than when writing in cognito. He realizes that under such circumstances he becomes personally responsible for what he says and some degree of cautiousness enters as an element into the matter and manner of his saying it. In other words, he writes under the influence of self-restraint; otherwise, he is disposed to regard himself as a free lance, and he turns his proclivity loose to cut and slash persons and things not according to his liking, with the feeling that his identity is not known and therefore no responsibility attaches to him, personally, on account of his utterances. This is an abuse of the nom de plume that no discreet editor ought to permit. It will not be tolerated in the Advocate. About forty-nine times and a half out of fifty the article that comes to this office with a pseudonym, however well and favorably known the writer may be, will not see the light of day. The brother who writes for these columns, except in very, very rare instances, must appear over his own signature. Neither the editor nor the paper will assume responsibility for the sentiment of any person whose modesty or timidity leads him to withold his name from his communication, by publishing what he has to say, especially if he deals with matters about which there is the slightest question of delicacy involved. The time has come, really, when the pseudonym ought to be wholly eliminated from the domain of journalism. If it ever had a mission in this field of literature, that mission has long since been accomplished. The time now is when we want people to work and write under a glass hive.

DEATH OF REV. JOHN O. KEENER, D.D.

We notice in the Associated dispatch a telegram from Greensboro, Ala., announcing the death from paralysis of Rev. John O. Keener, D. D., son of Bishop Keener, and President of the Southern University at Greensboro. This is a sad event and it will find a responsive chord in many hearts. In his own gifts and strong personality Dr. Keener was a man of mark, but the fact that he was the oldest living son of Bishop Keener, now an old man, and who has already sustained severe family affliction, lends a tinge of pathos to this recent occurrence of no ordinary character. The Church throughout Texas will remember our venerable senior Bishop in this his deep sorrow.

MATTERS SPIRITUAL.

In another column will be found a communication from Rev. B. F. Gassaway on the "Spiritual State of the Church." The importance of this matter cannot be over-estimated, and after the next issue of the Advocate, which will conclude our special educational numbers, we want to give more than ordinary attention to this subject. Such was its supreme interest at the sessions of recent conferences, that Bishop Galloway gave a special hour to its consideration. We want to follow it up in the columns of the Advocate, editorially and otherwise. We therefore invite short, well-digested and well-written articles from the brethren upon this subject. In discussing the causes which have brought about the apparent decline in the membership of the Church during the past year, we ask the brethren to eschew all points of needless controversy and fault-finding and restrict themselves wholly to matters spiritual. Let us start, in the columns of our paper, a genuine revival, whose influence will reach the ministry and membership of the entire Church in Texas. O for the baptism of power from on high upon us all!

THE H. & T. C. WRECK.

Some months ago the Central Railroad had a bad wreck this side of Corsicana, in which a prominent attorney of this city was killed and several other people injured. But the largest wreck of the year occurred near McKinney last Saturday night, when the train jumped the track and every coach went down an embankment some twelve feet high with sixty-five passengers aboard. Fortunately, no one was killed, and at this writing no one has died of injuries received; but more than a score of people were hurt, and some of them seriously. A few years ago the Central was dubbed in common street parlance, as the "Angel Maker," and according to the increasing number of its casualties it is determined to maintain its title to this original cognomen. These fatalities may not amount to much in the esteem of the authorities of this road only in so far as the money feature is involved, but to the general public it is a question of some moment. Until the Central takes something more than ordinary caution to prevent these repeated mishaps, it is rather hazardous to travel over that line.

In the reports thus far made no explanation is given as to the cause of the accident. It may have been unavoidable, but the Central is somewhat prolific of disasters of this kind; more so, than any other road entering this city. It does seem that if the road were thoroughly inspected after each train passes over it, these weak places could be discovered and this loss of life and injury to passengers could be materially lessened.

THAT GRUESOME STORY.

In another column will be found a reply to the "Gruesome Story" in a former issue of the Advocate by "H. G. H." The reply is from the pen of Mrs. G. A. Brown, of Vernon, and in her request to the editor to be heard, she adds: "I shall greatly appreciate the opportunity to plead guilty and ask for the mercy of the court." We cheerfully give space to the reply and heartily recommend the culprit to the clemency of the judge. The amende honorable is couched in such beautiful words and breathes such a lovely spirit that we are sure H. G. H. will have to tip his hat and grant the request of the fair defendant. None but a bright, incisive woman knows how to do a thing of this kind so gracefully, and it makes one glad that the mistake was committed, inasmuch as it calls forth such an exquisite acknowledgment.

We are under obligations to Rev. B. T. Hayes, of the East Texas Conference, for a New Year's card. This card contains six new subscribers to the Advocate. Like cards from all the pastors would be very acceptable.

We notice in a local in the Greenville Banner that the ladies of Wesley Church in that city have purchased and put down a handsome carpet upon the floor of their beautiful house of worship. That was a cozy place before, but with this addition those people now have a sanctuary worthy of the cause they represent.

In another column will be found an announcement by Dr. Lloyd, of Polytechnic College, of the course of lectures on "Christian Evidences," to be delivered by the Rev. H. A. Bourland, D. D., before the faculty and students of the college, beginning on the 16th of this month. We are confident that these lectures will prove a rare treat to all who can hear them. Dr. Bourland is a ripe scholar, a deep thinker and a man of wide reading.

The Christmas number of the Wesleyan Advocate had a fine picture of all of our Bishops on its first age.

Rev. C. M. Shuffler, of Crafton, Texas, says he has to meet objections from some of his people on the price of the Advocate. He does not, however, let objections cripple him in his work for the paper. As evidence of this he sends in five new subscribers on one card and asks for additional sample copies for further work. He has our thanks.

The pastors of our Churches in this city are holding special services in their several places of worship this week.

The Blum Herald, a sprightly weekly of Blum, Texas, made a departure from its usual custom Christmas week, in that the editor of the paper vacated his chair and turned matters over, for that week, to the ministers of the town. They went to work and brought out a fine edition for Christ-

nas. Good for the Blum editor. Will the ministers of that town return the compliment?

CONNECTIONAL PERSONALS.

Dr. A. P. Parker and wife will return to China the 7th of January.

Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald is said to be much improved in health.

Rev. E. E. Hoss, D. D. has placed his son in the Naval Academy at Anapolis.

Rev. Julian C. Brown has been transferred from the White River to the Little Rock Conference and stationed at Hot Springs, Ark.

Bishop Candler is to deliver a series of lectures before the Department of Biblical Literature of Trinity College during the coming spring.

Rev. J. M. Lowery, of Milledgeville, and Rev. L. M. Lyle, of Hampton, both members of the North Georgia Conference, died last week.

Dr. John Matthews, at McKendree Church, Nashville, is drawing immense congregations to hear him. He is an old man, but he has young methods.

Rev. W. M. Hayes, who transferred from the Northwest Texas Conference to the Arkansas Conference last November, is stationed at Morrillton, Ark.

At the commencement at Trinity College next June Bishop W. W. Duncan will preach the commenment sermon and Bishop Jno. H. Vincent will deliver the literary address.

Rev. R. A. Young, D. D., a superannuated member of the Tennessee Conference, has completed his fifty-fourth year in the ministry. He is still a man of much vigor, mentally and physically.

Father Needham, who will be one hundred years old next May, preached the sermon before the ordination of elders at the late session of the Western North Carolina Conference. He aided in ten protracted meetings during the past year.

The Midland Methodist, under Lyons & Green, has moved up several notches under the new management. We have a liking for anything from Tennessee, and particularly if it emits an odor peculiar to old Holston. The last issue of that breezy paper is fine.

Rev. A. H. Mitchell, D. D., of the Alabama Conference, is now ninety years old and he has been an itinerant Methodist preacher for more than sixty-two years. To the recent session of his conference he submitted a sketch of his long and useful life. It will make good history.

The Associated Press reporter sent out the statement from Houston, Texas, at the recent session of the Texas Conference, that "Bishop Galloway, well-known in Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, was transferred to the Pacific Conference."

St. John's Methodist Church, Augusta, Ga., was organized in 1798. Four men who afterward became Bishops were at different times pastors of this historic Church—Jas. O. Andrew, George F. Pierce Joseph S. Key and Warren A. Candler. Rev. T. R. Kendall is the present pastor.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. R. W. Thompson is quite ill at his home on South Ervay street, in this city. This explains his failure to meet engagements. He hopes to be out soon. In the meantime, let the brethren remember Uncle Dick in their prayers.

Rev. J. B. Cox, one of our devoted missionaries in Mexico, is on a visit to Rev. J. M. Barcus, of Temple.

Rev. N. G. Ozment and Bro. Henry Diceman, of Reinhardt, gave us a pleasant call a few days ago. Bro. Ozment is starting off well in his new work.

Rev. R. T. Woolsey, who located at his own requst at the recent session of the Texas Conference, met with a serious loss at Cold Springs the other day. As he was boarding the train a pick-pocket extracted his purse containing some $80—about all that he had. Bro. Woolsey's address is now Gonzales, Texas.

Rev. Andrew P. Bennett, formerly a member of the St. Louis Conference, but a local preacher now in connection with First Church, St. Louis, gave us a call last week.

Rev. Jesse L. Smith, who is supplying Crisp Mission, gave us a pleasant call during the week. He gives a good report of his work.

Brother W. H. Atherton, of Rockwall, delighted us with a visit during the week. He is a devoted member of the Church in his town and spoke well of his preacher, Bro. Nash.

Rev. O. C. Fontain, pastor of Floyd Street Church, has returned from Tyler, whither he went to attend upon the death and burial of his aged father.

Rev. T. R. Pierce, D. D., presiding elder of the Bonham District, was kept from his appointment last Sunday on account of sickness. He is now up and will be at work from this on.

Rev. B. H. Carroll, D. D., the noted Baptist minister, of Waco, has tendered his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church in that city. The resignation has been accepted. For many years Dr. Carroll has had charge of this Church.

Bishop Joseph S. Key is again at his home in Sherman after a protracted absence with his rounds of conferences. His old Georgia friends gave him a cordial welcome to their circle as their presiding Bishop. The pleasure was mutual.

Rev. W. H. Moss and his bride, nee Miss Mary E. Jackson, made us a delightful visit the past week. The two were married at Hubbard City Dec. 29, 1898, by Rev. E. T. Caton. They were on their way to Arlington Circuit, which is Bro. Moss' work this year.

Rev. J. W. Downs, the assistant Secretary of the East Texas Conference, did some fine work at the recent session at Beaumont as one of the scribes of that body. He is capable and full of enterprise. There is no better and more devoted member of that conference than he.

It now turns out that we did not get all of the Methodist State officials in the list given in our last issue. Hon. G. W. Finger, Land Commissioner, is a staunch member of our Church, and there may still be others, for it seems that the capital is full of them this year.

Rev. James E. Cruthchfield, at the Vanderbilt University, writes a pleasant note and asks that the Advocate be sent to him at his new home and says: "I could almost as easily drop family prayer or quit asking a blessing at the table as to banish the Advocate from our home."

We have just had an appreciated note from Bro. T. C. Thomas, of Austin, in which he says: "Rev. H. M. Whaling is here and has created a most favorable impression. He is an educated, refined Christian gentleman, and meets all with a pleasant word and smile. The selection of Dr. Whaling as pastor of Tenth Street Church, will no doubt prove a wise one."

The Advocate notes with pleasure the fact that Mr. C. A. Hundley, formerly assistant ticket agent in the joint office at the Union Depot, this city, has been installed as regular ticket agent of the Texas and Pacific Railway at Union Depot. Mr. Hundley is an official member of Floyd Street Church, and has many friends in and out of Dallas. The T. & P., as usual, is fortunate in securing a good agent.

Judge E. B. Perkins, long a resident of Greenville, has moved to this city and his family are boarding for the present with Mrs. Prather on Gaston Avenue. Judge Perkins is one of the attorneys for the Cotton Belt Railroad, and his office is in rooms 1-5, 219 Commerce Street. He is an ardent member of the Methodist Church, and a friend to all of the ministers in this part of the State, with whom he is universally popular. He will be glad to see them at his office.

Rev. Geo. E. Clothier, late a member of the Texas Conference, and for the past year a local preacher in our Church, has united with the Presbyterian Church and accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church at Waxahachie. Bro. Clothier is a good man, and he leaves an unimpeachable record with us. We most heartily commend him to the love and confidence of the communion of which he is now a member.

THE GOSPEL OF MONEY.

The above is the title of a sermon preached in Cisco Oct. 23, 1898, by Rev. S. W. Turner. It is a timely deliverance of one who has given the subject much attention. The discourse is printed in neat pamphlet form, and can be gotten by writing to the author.

BISHOP CHAS. B. GALLOWAY'S DATES.

Dallas, Saturday, Sunday, Jan. 14, 15.
Paris, Monday, Tuesday, Jan. 16, 17.
Gainesville, Wed. Thurs. Jan. 18, 19.
Wichita Falls, Friday, Jan. 20.
Vernon, Saturday, Sunday, Jan. 21, 22.
Hillsboro, Tuesday, Wed. Jan. 24, 25.
Temple, Thursday, Friday, Jan. 26, 27.
Waxahachie, Saturday, Sun. Jan. 28, 29.
Mexia, Monday, Jan. 30.
Marlin, Tuesday, Jan. 31.
Georgetown, Wed., Thursday., Feb. 1, 2.
San Marcos, Friday, Feb. 3.
Cleburne, Saturday, Sunday, Jan. 4, 5.
McGregor, Monday, Feb. 6.
Gatesville, Tuesday, Wednesday Feb. 7, 8.
Waco, Thursday, Friday, Feb. 9, 10.
Brenham, Saturday, Sunday, Feb. 11, 12.

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FIRST QUARTER, LESSON 3, JANUARY 15.

CHRIST'S FIRST MIRACLE.

Jno. 2:1-11.

Golden Text: "And his disciples believed on him."—Jno. 2:11.

This is the first miracle that Christ wrought and it is therefore the very first manifestation of his divine power. Like all of the other miracles which he afterwards performed, this one was called forth, not in his own behalf, but in the interest of others. His works were wholly unselfish and he lived and labored for needy humanity.

This miracle brought him into public notice and gave to him a prominence not hitherto experienced. People began to look upon him, not simply as a great teacher, but as one who had power over nature. To his sayings and to his works they began to attach something more than ordinary importance. The miracle occurred in an humble home and in the presence of a number of guests. It was upon the occasion of a wedding and under circumstances of cheerful moods and joyous expressions. But at a certain juncture of the festivities the wine was exhausted, and either there was no more to be had or the host was too poor to make an additional purchase. So that an emergency confronted the hour. Just before the mother of Christ, who seems to have been in charge of matters, approached him and made known the difficulty. His reply seems at first blush to be somewhat curt and harsh, but when we take into consideration the fact that Christ from boyhood had been a dutiful and respectful son, we can but conclude that his words upon this occasion were not lacking in that kindness and courtesy due her whom he loved better than life. His mother so regarded the matter, for she told the servants to listen to him and heed his orders. It is possible that she had some sort of an indefinable idea that he was superhuman. She evidently expected him in some way to relieve the embarrassment. This he did by turning the water into wine. To accomplish this he did not resort to the use of any extraordinary means. He simply poured out the contents of the pots after water had been put into them, and wine came forth. No one will ever know by what process this was done. He exercised a subtle and occult power of which he was the master, and the result followed.

The effect was marvelous, for it is said that his disciples believed on him. Up to this time they had accepted him as a great teacher of high authority, but their faith had gone no further. Now they take hold upon him as one who possesses gifts of the rarest order. He becomes to them a wonder-worker, a man of supernatural power. Their faith in him is enlarged, and as they gaze upon him a sensation of reverence and awe inspires them. In that experience he begins to come into their consciousness as "The Lamb of God," whom the Baptist had announced to them. This thought has to come to them gradually, and the growth of it will be more and more apparent as we notice the development of their characters under the influence of his tuition. Therefore miracles were essential to the establishment of his truth and authority in the minds of men in that day. The wonderful appealed more strongly to them in their untutored state than the simple statement of the facts of the gospel. Miracles were the proofs of his power over nature, and they gave validity to his claims of equality with God. Men could not answer the argument of a miracle, and on account of this they believed upon him as the Christ of God.

But in this act of turning water into wine Christ in no sense purposed the encouragement of the manufactory, the sale or the use of intoxicants as a beverage. Those who make this use of the miracle pervert most grossly the work and teaching of Christ. Whtehter the wine was fermented or not is purely a speculative question; but one thing is certain: no drunken carousal followed that wedding feast. Christ would not have countenanced anything of the sort, and he does nothing of the kind now. He made this wine out of pure water, he did not permit the sale of it, and he applied it strictly to domestic uses. Further than this, he never had any connection with wine. If people who use this incident to justify the promiscuous making and drinking of intoxicants as a beverage will make the wine and other drinks they use out of pure water, as Christ did, then they are welcome to the argument.

SOME REFLECTIONS.

1. Christ is the true friend of the home. He recognized it as the unit of society and gave to it a sanctity that has fixed it in the sentiment of the world as the foremost institution of our civilization.

2. Christ sanctioned the innocent festivities and recreations of life by indulging in them himself. He knows that our natures need relaxation and he does not frown upon our harmless enjoyments.

3. Christ is prepared to meet all of our emergencies. When we do our best and fail, he comes in to help us at the point of our need.

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DAY PROGRAMME, JANUARY 15, 1899.

[By direction of the Epworth League Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the second Sunday in January of each year is to be observed as "Epworth League Day." The same body directed the General Secretary to prepare a suitable programme for use on that day. The following programme is submitted to the Leagues for the use of the Leaguers on January 15, 1899.]

I. Gloria Patri. No. 247, Young People's Hymnal.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son: ||
And | to the Holy Ghost; |
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be, ||
World | without end. Amen.

II. Leader: And it shal come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

League: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

Leader: And I will show wonders in heaven above, and in the earth beneath.

League: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Leader: Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

League: Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Leader: Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

League: And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily, I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

III. Entire Consecration. No. 139, Young People's Hymnal.

IV. Prayer by the pastor or leader, closing with

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

V. Leader: Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his ways?

League: By taking heed thereto according to thy word.

Leader: With my whole heart have I sought thee.

League: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

Leader: Hearken, O daughter, and consider and incline thine ear.

League: So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty; for he is thy Lord, and worship thou him.

VI. An open Bible for the World. No. 109, Young People's Hymnal.

VII. Leader: These things write I unto thee . . . that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

League: Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you.

VII. The leader, or one designated by him, may read this brief historical sketch of the League in our Church.

The Epworth League is a spontaneous outgrowth of the spirtual life ot the the Church. Its earliest historical model is the "Holy Club," or "The Methodist Society," of Oxford University. The Epworth League of our Church is not a transplant, but is an indigenous growth of our own Methodism, a product of the zeal, consecration, and intelligent foresight of the members of our own spiritual household. In the year 1889 a number of societies previously existing in the M. E. Church, South, were organized into a co-operative union with a distinct constitution and plan of work. This movement had its beginning in Trinity Church, in the city of Los Angeles, Cal., when the pastor and the young people of his congregation reorganized their society, already several years in existence, into more effective shape, moved to do so by the great demands of the work of that Western pastorate. Their model was the early Methodist Society. This was the real and historical beginning of the Epworth League in our Church, the life seed out of which it has sprung and grown. It became the model of many other societies organized throughout the Church, chiefly in California and the West. Other societies with similar designs existed elsewhere in the Church. In 1890 the Church Conference of Trinity Church submitted to the General Conference a memorial and a plan of organization, together with a constitution, and prayed for their adoption for the whole Church. On this memorial the General Conference authorized the formation of Leagues for the "promotion of piety and loyalty to our Church among the young people; their education in the Bible and Christian literature, and their encouragement in works of grace and charity." Certain understandings were had later on with the League leaders in the M. E. Church and the Methodist Church of Canada. Certain adaptions and modifications conformed the Southern League to the others, and co-operation was established. For purposes of fraternity, affiliation, and international intercourse, it was agreed that the Southern League should take the common name of Epworth. The Leagues are one in name, one in spirit, but they were born in different houses and under different conditions.

At this time there are 4325 chartered Senior Chapters, with a membership of 200,000; and 450 chartered Junior Chapters, with 16,000 members, making a total chartered membership of 216,000. The League is part and parcel of the Church, having its life from the Church, and is in the strictest sense under its auhority and direction. It is the Church's spiritual training school, not only in matters of personal religious experience, but also in matters of needful knowledge, and in the activities of Christian service and ministry. Every member of the Legue is either actually a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, or is for the time of his connection with the League understood to be in teachable submission to the Church's authority and message.

IX. Here should follow a brief study of the League Scripture topic for the day. See Topic Card, January 15, 1899.

X. I Love Thy Kingdom. No. 217, Young People's Hymnal.

XI. A brief address by the pastor, the leader, or some one specially appointed on the work of the three departments, the League Reading Course, and the Epworth Era. This should be made an opportunity to secure a club of subscriptions to the League organ and otherwise increase its influence and circulation. The collection of the day may be used wholly or in part in putting the Era in your own League or in the hands of others outside.

XII. Closing.

Leader: We thank thee, O God, for founding thy Church and for promising that the gates of hell shall never prevail against it.

League: We thank thee for calling us to membership in thy Church and for giving us a place amongst those who love thy name and service.

Leader: The Lord bless our lives and our labors in the new year upon which we are now entering.

League: The Lord extend his kingdom in our own and foreign lands during this year and show us how to be "workers together with him" to this end.

XIII. Praise God. No. 243, Young People's Hymnal.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

XIV. Benediction.

Leader. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

League. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

All. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.—The Epworth Era.

RICE LEAGUE.

I have kept silence long enough. I feel constrained to tell of the work of Epworth League at this place. As the time drew near to remember our Father's gift to us our hearts were filled with a desire to make an offering to Him. So we brought our offerings to the church, and after prayer-meeting we marched to the home of one of our widowed sisters who had not been able to attend Church for four months on account of sickness, and after singing softly, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," we prayed, and while our hearts were running over we sang, "Beautiful Beckoning Hand," and then we presented our gifts in Jesus' uame, amounting to about $30.00, mostly cash. You should have seen that dear woman's face and heard her as she lifted her feeble hands to heaven, pray God's blessings upon us. I tell you Jesus was there. We then bade her and her fatherless children good night while we sang, "How Firm a Foundation." Truly it is "more blessed to give than to receive. I will say further that my people received me as from the Lord, and are sustaining me with their prayers, pocket books and smokehouses. Bro. Bailey, our new presiding elder, is making a fine impression. He captured us at Rice December 14. A happy Christmas and a flaming record to you. W. H. C.

Such work as this will keep a League close to Christ. ED. ADVOCATE.

True education never induces contempt of the ignorant.—Ram's Horn.



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MISSIONARY COLUMN

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TO THE PASTORS AND LEAGUE PRESIDENTS OF THE TEXAS CONFERNCES.

The new conference year has begun. Doubtless much wise and enthusiastic planning is being projected for the new year, which we hope may prove a most successful one. Now suffer just a word on the Epworth League Missionary work. Circular letters containing explanations and leaflets and appeals have been sent out from the office of the Secretary and Treasurer at Dallas. Surely this is a serious matter when we consider that we have three missionaries in the field, and they are all at work, and they cannot live on honeyed words nor missionary sentiment. but it requires real substance just like they were in the United States. They are our missionaries, and we have pledged to support them. They are at their posts and doing the work they were sent to do. The pastors and League Presidents are their stewards. "It is expected among stewards that a man be found faithful." We give for your information a couple of extracts from one of our League missionaries, a true and useful missionary. Please read and act:

"Last Sabbath four persons were received by baptism into the Church—a mother with her two sons, ages respectively 17 and 19 years, and another young man. This mother is the wife of Mr. Saisoon, who went to the States when he was a boy, and after studying for several years, returned to China. During his sojourn in America it was his good fortune to board in a good religious family, where he had the benefit of family worship, and the result was that he was converted and joined the Congregational Church. But on his return to China, while he did not return to his former heathenism, as many would have us believe all Chinese will do, he got into bad company and soon became a backslider. He is, I am sorry to relate, still a backslider; still he was glad to have his wife and sons to profess Christ, coming himself to witness their baptism and reception into the Church. He was for some years begging his wife to give up her idolatry, making sport of her devotions to the false gods; and now that she is coming out so bravely for Christ it is to be hoped that it will not be long ere he gives up his sins and joins with his family in the worship of the living and true God. J. L. HENDRY."

"August 13, 1898."

"We are now on the eve of our conference. Bishop Wilson has been with us some two weeks. Bro. C. F. Reid came with the Bishop from Korea, and we are enjoying having him so much. Mrs. M. I. Lambuth arrived yesterday. Her attendance on the Jubilee Conference will prove to be a most interesting feature of the occasion, and will be of the greatest satisfaction to all. Words cannot express the good that her presence will render to us all. She has a paper prepared for the conference which will, no doubt, be of great historical value.

"Bro. Reed and Sister Reed, the new missionaries, have arrived. They have made a favorable impression upon the workers on the field. We gave them a warm welcome, and shall endeavor to do what we can to encourage and help them in the work. Bro. Nance. as you perhaps already know, met his intended in Japan, where they were married, and came on to China with the Reeds. Sister Nance, I may say, is a general favorite with all. She appears to have the elements of great usefulness in her; and then she has a husband that is capable and can help her much.

"You do not know how thankful we are for these recruits. Our only regret is that you could not have multiplied the number at least ten times. But the Lord of the harvest knows the needs of his harvest field. and will make it right in some way. Our blind eyes cannot see afar off, and so often we do fail to discern the signs of the times. God our Father does see, and he does know the whole matter from first to last, and is working out his will despite the power of Satan. We trust in him and take courage.

"The condition of affairs in China is of such nature at this time that you cannot be very certain as to what will be the next thing that will transpire. In fact, it is not known certainly whether the Emperor is dead or alive. Both reports have been widely circulated. One thing is clear, and that is that some great change has taken place in Pekin. and that the Emeproor has been stripped of his power, for nearly all of his measures of reform have already been repealed, and the old order re-established, and six of the Emperor's trusted reformers have been beheaded. Nobody knows who will be the next one to lay down his life for his country. These six are the first martyrs of reform. They were not ashamed to die, but told their executioners that there were hundreds who would rise to take their places. These are signs that there is yet some life in old China. The idea of reform is widespread among the more influential classes of the empire. The edicts of reform by the Emperor were well received among the majority of the people. It is to be hoped that the Empress Dowager and party will soon find that they are unable to hinder the wave of reformation that is beginning to roll over this country. Our prayer is that a grand, a mighty wave of salvation may also roll from side to side of China. O, may we pray now for China's redemption as never before! May the home Church send her earnest prayers to the throne on behalf of the Gospel among these people!

"J. L HENRY."

"October 13, 1898."

If every pastor and League President will read these extracts and present the League missionary matter to the League the next meeting, and read these extracts, there will be a response to this need in the form of a remittance soon. We earnestly desire that this matter may be laid to heart, and that early fruit may be seen.

TO THE BRETHREN OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

My postoffice address for the present is San Marcos, Texas. I give this notice that brethren who may wish to correspond with me as Secretary of the Conference Board of Missions may know where to find me. It is my present purpose to put myself as fully into this work, and into the work generally, as opportunity and the means at my command will permit; but as this new office carries nothing for either salary or traveling expenses, the sphere of my activity does not promise to be very large. This, however, is with the brethren. While I do not purpose appearing in the role of conference evangelist, I am ready to help in missionary or revival work when and where needed—the only compensation being my expenses and the happiness of helping forward the Master's work to the extent of my ability.

A word of exhortation: Brethren, begin the year's work with the determination to raise every cent, in cash, of your assessments, as the minimum, for both foreign and domestic missions, by the first day of March, at furthest. Mark my words, for they are justified by experience: The momentum you get by so doing will carry your finances through the year easily and successfully, your own salary included. A faint-hearted Methodist preacher as to his attitude towards missions, as a rule, receives, and deserves, a faint-hearted support. E. S. SMITH.

Christmas Day.

The "icy hauteur" of the Irish statesman, Charles Stuart Parnell, is well brought out in the biography of that famous leader recently issued by R. B. O'Brien. It is related that, when the £40,000 subscribed for him by the Irish people in 1883 was to be presented, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, a man of culture and an eloquent speaker, was deputed, with some other leading citizens, to wait on Parnell at Morrison's Hotel and hand him the check. His Lordship naturally prepared a few suitable observations for the occasion. At the appointed hour the deputation arrived and were ushered into a private sitting-room where stood the chief. The Lord Mayor having been announced, bowed, and began: "Mr. Parnell——." "I believe," said Parnell,, "you have got a check for me." The Lord Mayor, somewhat surprised at this interruption, said "Yes," and was about to recommence his speech, when Parnell broke in: "Is it made payable to order and crossed?" The Lord Mayor again answered in the affirmative, and was resuming the thread of his discourse when Parnell took the check, folded it neatly, and put it in his waistcoat pocket. This ended the interview.—The Voice.

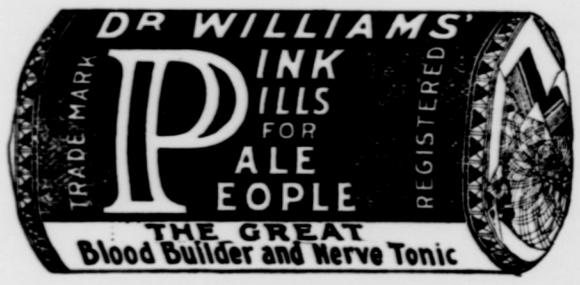
Heroes of the War with Spain



thousands of them, are suffering from lingering diseases induced by life in poisonous southern camps, the result of changes of climate, or of imperfect nutrition caused by improper and badly cooked food. Sleeping on the ground has doubtless developed rheumatism in hundreds who were predisposed to the disease. In such cases the Boys of '98 may take a lesson from the experience of the

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NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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on our second year here. God bless you and the Advocate. It is abreast of the times.

ARMOUR.

C. G. Shutt, Dec. 24: I seem to be the only one on this side of the Corsicana District, and in this southeast corner of the conference, who has been returned for the second year. I have been cordially welcomed by hosts of friends, which is very pleasant indeed. Truly I serve a clever people. One of Bro. Duncan's members of Mexia made me a present of a nice hat a few days ago for preaching on "Red Liquor." I have often heard of the drinking fraternity "cussing" about me preaching on that subject, but this is the first hat I have received. Am planning, hoping, praying and looking for a great religious upheaval.

BUFFALO GAP.

J. H. Trimble, Dec. 27: Have made nearly one round on this charge; well pleased with our appointment. First Quarterly Conference held; a liberal assessment for pastor. Presiding elder acquitted himself in his usual way—to the satisfaction of all concerned. We have been pounded by the good people of Buffalo Gap. Outlook encouraging. Shall see about the Advocate. The minutes of Annual Conference show in the roll of members that I am at Albany—a mistake.

A KIND RECEPTION.

E. F. Boone, Dec. 26: Amid some tears and a crash of feelings and relations that it was not pleasant to one, at least, to suffer, I parted with the good people of Ennis and reached Dublin, December 1. I was met at the depot by Rev. C. E. Brown and some of the elect ladies of Methodism in Dublin, and conveyed to the new district parsonage on North Main Street. Here a good dinner was in waiting for appetites prepared to relish it. Thanks to old friends everywhere for kindnesses shown and prayers offered. Thanks to new friends for a pleasant and helpful reception into this good field of labor.

GRAPEVINE.

W. N. Curry, Dec. 29: Well, we are here laying the foundation for our third year's work. We were very kindly received. Our future is promising for a good year's work. Of course, we have had the usual pounding, but did not send in a full account of it then, nor shall I, in this note—"don't think you need it in your business." Have had our first quarterly meeting—no, semi-monthly meeting. Bro. Bolton was with us and did us fine work. He has made a very fine beginning. May God give us all a great year.

DESDEMONIA.

M. H. Hudson, Dec. 26: We are settled in our new work; have been to all of our appointments. But before going further would like to put in a word or two about the people we have just left. We had many genuine tokens of love and esteem from them from the beginning of our work for them in the way of two good poundings and a continual sprinkle of nice thinks all along, but the best of the wine was reserved for the last of the feast. Just before we left them they fitted us out with new suits of clothes—wife, babies and myself—and two nice quilts for good measure. We hereby re-tender them love and thanks for same. We have been received here very kindly. There is a great deal of work before us and we hope by the grace of God to accomplish it. This work is in a fine farming section. The people are thrifty and seem to be more than ordinarily contented.

BURNET.

Jas. M. Sherman, Dec. 27: The people of Burnet and Marble Falls have received us kindly and have spoken many words of encouragement and cheer. We have a great many old acquaintances in the county, and quite a few in the charge. I am glad to say that Bro. Wm. M. Hayes did a good work here last year and the people love him very much. There has been a continual sprinkle, and at times a shower, in the way of the usual pounding. Christmas has come and gone. It was a merry, happy occasion to many of us. At Marble Falls our Sunday-school had their Christmas tree on Saturday night. The Church was beautifully decorated and the trees full of nice things for the children. We took the collection for the Orphanage Sunday at 11 a. m., and got $14.35 cash. The Sunday-school at Burnet had their entertainment last night at the church, and a delightful time it was to one and all. The children were happy and the older ones joyous and glad. A part of the programme was the collection for the Orphanage, which resulted in $9.72 cash, which we sent to Bro. Vaughan to-day. For four years past we have taken this collection during the Christmas holidays, doubling and trebling the assessment; and I can say it has never hurt my other collections.

DAWSON.

J. J. Canafax, Dec. 26: Have been on this charge nearly four weeks. Our reception was warm in more senses than one. In the first place it was cordial. Then the supper the good sisters had waiting at the parsonage was fairly smoking with warmth. The next day the brethren sent in two loads of wood to keep the rooms warm. The blizzards have blown, the snow and rain have descended, the storm king has asserted his authority, but we are still warm and comfortable. Now we intend by the help of God to make it warm for the devil in these parts this year. Though he may be a native of the regions of fire and brimstone, there is one sort of fire he can't stand and that is Holy Ghost fire. Yes, we believe it will be kindled on his charge.

MATADOR MISSION.

C. A. Clark, Dec. 27: We reached our new field of labor on December 7th. Have visited five of our seven appointments. Our work includes three counties in the beautiful "Panhandle" of Texas. A kinder people no preacher was ever appointed to serve, and a warmer reception, we are sure, no preacher ever received. We are made to acknowledge that the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places. Pounded, did you say? It began Christmas eve and has continued ever since, and we don't know how long it will continue. It commenced by two of the most loyal stewards in the Northwest Texas Conference bringing us in a wagon load of all kind of good things to eat. Thus it has continued until we have on hand more than we will be able to use for a month. We pray the blessing of God upon this kind people, and expect by God's grace to serve them, in our weakness, as best we can. Although our work is large, we are happy and contented.

THORNTON CIRCUIT.

R. V. Gallaway: We filled our appointment at this place first Sunday in December. The family came by private conveyance. They were seventeen days on the road. Wife spent a few pleasant days with relatives in Coryell County. Passing through rain, snow and mud, they were in good condition to appreciate a warm dinner prepared by kind hands on their arrival at the parsonage. The stewards met, made the assessment, and have their work well in hand. We have just completed our first round; have been well received. Good things are coming to the parsonage almost every day, for which we are thankful. We have added guttering to the parsonage. We are planning, praying and expecting a good year.

TEMPLE—FIRST CHURCH.

John W. Hennessee, Jan. 2: The members of First Church have started the new year with a good quantity and the best quality of religion. We are determined to pray more, read the Bible more and lead a better life in general. God has been good to us and we want to show our appreciation of it. We are thankful there is no Church debt hanging over us this year as was last, and we are also thankful that we have the same preacher that has been here for the last three years, and we will regret to give him up this fall—Bro. Jno. M. Bareus. We had a watch-night service Saturday night and it was a success. Sunday at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. B. Cox, one of our missionaries in Mexico, and also presiding elder on the Guadelajara District, delivered a splendid sermon on the knowledge gained by indulging in evil. He also addressed the League in the evening on the subject of Missions. Among the many good things he told us was that when a Mexican became a Protestant, he never went back to Rome. At night the pastors of the Churches in the city held a union meeting at First Church, and Rev. Dale, of the Presbyterian Church preached to us, and a spirit of unity and brotherly kindness seemed to prevail among the preachers, and also among all the members of the different Churches.

BLOOMING GROVE.

J. D. Odom, Dec. 28: At the recent Brownwood conference I was returned to this charge. My second year opens well. Our reception was all that heart could wish. Yes, they pounded us. It was most anything you might mention, from a pound of coffee to a load of corn. The storm always strikes this parsonage soon after the Annual Conference. These thoughtful kindnesses we appreciate to our utmost capacity. I was much hindered in my work here last year by sickness; however, our efforts resulted in fair success. We paid some old debts on the church and parsonage here, rebuilt the church at Cryer Creek, brought the collections out with a small excess, and received about fifty persons into the Church. In this work I had the support of as true and faithful set of men as ever composed an official board. They love God and this Church—they are loyal. Our first quarterly meeting was a delightful occasion. The attendance was large, the session was very pleasant and agreeable to all, and the sermon by Bro. Bailey was strong in thought and in spirit. Our people were delighted with the new presiding elder. It goes without saying, that Corsicana District was surprised at the removal of Rev. Jno. R. Nelson. He had wrought well for these two years—was both acceptable and successful. This, however, will not be in Bro. Bailey's way. He is being received everywhere with extended hands and open hearts. We prophesy for him a great year on this district. Great is our Methodist itinerate system! Christmas has been very pleasant with us. We wish for the Texas Christian Advocate a happy New Year. We note some improvements under the new editorship. I shall try to do more for the Advocate.

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EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

WINFIELD.

G. W. Riley, Dec. 31: After a week in the bed with a severe attack of la grippe. We packed up and moved out of the parsonage at Tyler on Tuesday, the 27th inst., and arrived at Winfield the next day. Our horses and household goods in one car had preceded us a few hours, and we were soon moved into the parsonage and set up for housekeeping for another year. We were met at the train by J. S. Hogue, steward, who carried us to his home for dinner, and in the afternoon sent his team to convey our possessions from the car to the parsonage, which we found ready furnished, and also groceries for several days' supply. The house is commodious and comfortable—needs only some finishing touches, such as paint and paper, to make it an elegant preacher's home. We are pleased with the prospect for a good year in the service of the Church.

TROUPE AND OVERTON.

W. J. Owens, Dec. 28: After a pleasant and profitable stay of three years with the good people of New Boston we sent to the Troupe and Overton work, where Rev. S. N. Allen has been pastor for four years and is still in the hearts of this people. Wife and I reached here the 23d instant, and as our household goods had preceded us we moved at once into the parsonage. Yesterday evening, after a very kind and pressing invitation, we took supper with Rev. H. B. Urquhart, one of our local preachers, and his family. After supper, which was sufficient for a king, Bro. Urquart remarked that he had an appointment which required his attention, and very politely excused himself, stating, however, that as he was going in the direction of the parsonage we could go together. When we got in sight of the parsonage we saw that it was all lighted up, rooms full of people, who were singing praises to the Lord. We were ushered in, introduced, taken to the dining room, where the table was loaded with many good things in the way of eatables too numerous to mention here. Bro. Urquhart, with well chosen words and in his princely way of doing things, made a speech of welcome. We then engaged in prayer. The affair was very social, pleasant and profitable. These are noble people. Surely our lines have fallen in pleasant places. Our reception has been hearty and cordial. May the Lord bless our labors this conference year.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

WEBBERVILLE.

R. A., Jan. 2: I am a girl from the West Texas Conference, and visiting my uncle, Rev. W. R. Campbell, who is the pastor of this place. Last Tuesday night the good people of this place "pounded" the preacher, and such a jolly time we seldom experience. The house was full to overflowing with jolly, good people—young and old. And I will assure you, that the people did not come empty handed, either. I would like to tell you a great deal more of them, but you see, I can't ask for so much room in your over-crowded paper. "Old Santa" did not forget the preacher and wife, either. They received many nice gifts from the Christmas tree.

MILLICAN.

E. M. Myers, Dec. 30: We have been here fifteen days. Cordially received. Nicely pounded with many good things which are very much appreciated by your humble servant and his family. Our congregations at this place are increasing. The work has five appointments, but we give near half our time to this place. We find here so many people who are very appreciative. They know a good thing when they see it. We love to preach to such folks. We are praying and planning for a revival from one end of the work to the other. We left some very warm friends on the Prairie Plains Circuit. I hope they will have another good year.

DEANVILLE.

Mrs. W. E. Washburn, Dec. 24: Perhaps many of the readers of the Advocate know nothing of Deanville; but it's all right. Though only a small village of Burleson County, it is surrounded by one of the prettiest prairie countries in the State; and is very healthy. On Mr. Washburn's return from conference at Houston the first question asked was, 'Where de we go?" To my joy, he answered, "Stay here." That meant no moving this year. Truly we were glad, for we love these good people. How could we do otherwise when we have received so many tokens of their good-will and esteem? In the year that we have been with them, few days have passed that something did not find its way to our home to add to our comfort or pleasure. And it will be a long time before the preacher here will be troubled to provide eatables. But stop, I think I have heard that the editor gave a gentle hint at conference not to say too much about poundings; yet I really believe if he had been at the little Deanville parsonage last Friday about 2 o'clock, he would have felt constrained to say something about it. School was dismissed for the holidays, and the pupils, headed by their noble, generous-hearted teachers, Mrs. Kittie Churchill and Miss Lena Jackson, found their way to the parsonage, and none of them came empty-handed—from the teachers to the least little tot. Those children—can I ever forget them?—seemed to have learned young (as some of them were) that it is more blessed to give than to receive. God bless them! What bright, happy faces they did wear. How it thrilled our hearts to look at them all and know that we had been remembered and loved by them. How we do feel encouraged to try harder than ever before to press on and prove more worthy of all the blesings we receive and win many souls to Christ, so that when we are called home we will not go empty-handed.

PETTEWAY.

Geo. R. Ray, Dec. 27: We reached our new work on December 13 and were kindly received. We preached to a house full on the Sunday night following in our church here. The stewards seem to be wide-awake. The crib has been supplied with corn and cotton seed, and many things good to eat have found their way to the parsonage, for which we are very grateful. The prospect seems bright for a good year. We spent Christmas at Oletha, one of our appointments, and had the pleasure of uniting in matrimony Mr. L. B. Clancy and Miss Janie Powell. We are praying that this may be the best year's work of our life.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CORPUS CHRISTI.

J. M. Linn, Dec. 30: When the Bishop read out my name in connection with Corpus Christi, our household goods were in the parsonage at Paint Rock, just as we had used them through the year; and there immediately came before my eyes the vision of a very long move, as well as a pocket-book which had taken the sweeny. What should I do? The Bishop had impressed it upon us that a Methodist preacher should never go in debt, and this trip, to be made by rail, would cost me thirty or forty dollars more than said pocket-book contained. There was but one thing to do if no debt was to be incurred, so I borrowed my father's team and farm wagon, took a good camping outfit and started on Tuesday evening after conference. We, my wife and I, traveled early and late till Saturday night when we reached our former home. My, how one can eat on such a trip! No need for an appetizer then. Sunday was spent in the different religious services, Monday the goods were boxed and

Church Debts

Very likely the Dorcas Society, The King's Daughters, or the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, want funds to carry on their work this winter. Perhaps you have in contemplation a new organ or carpet for the Sunday-school, or possibly the question of paying off the church debt is troubling you. We have a plan for making more people read THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL, and at the same time providing money for any of these objects. Write to us and we will tell you how to do it.

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put in the wagon, and Tuesday we started on the return trip, reaching my father's on the following Saturday. Sunday we spent "with the old folks at home," Monday I shipped the goods, and Tuesday we started with the horse and buggy, and reached this place on Friday, having traveled about 600 miles since conference, and, moreover, there were still three dollars remaining with wh'ch to go to housekeeping. We have been kindly received and feel encouraged. This is a delightful place to live; plenty to eat and enough work to do to keep one out of mischief.

SAN MARCOS CIRCUIT.

J. T. Graham, Jan. 2: The Christmas eve occasion at Harris Chapel under the auspices of the Sunday-school was somewhat "circular." Bro. Frank Lancaster made the Ferris Wheel, the young ladies decorated it, the community loaded it, Mr. John T. Lilly revolved this wheel, J. A. Lancaster announced the presents, and four Brownies (all expansionists) distributed them. The glad songs and appropriate recitations which preceded the eager motions of the wheel must have come up as incense before Him who was once the babe in the manger cradle. Two boxes full of good things to eat and too large for the wheel were labeled "Brother Graham and family." Next time we may go in a wagon, for these people don't do things by halves. The many tokens of appreciation which come to us from these good people all about our San Marcos Circuit endear them to our hearts and inspire the prayer: "O blessed Lord, receive it as unto thyself and anoint us for better service."

COTULLA.

M. T. Allen, Dec. 26: Yesterday was a good day in Cotulla. Rev. J. E. Harrison preached for us, morning and at night. Both sermons were grand. Rev. Harrison will always have a hearty welcome in Cotulla. Our good people did not forget the preacher's family. Many thanks to all. We love our work better every day. We will begin a protracted meeting here on Wednesday night before the third Sunday in January. Bro. Nath Thompson will assist us. We are praying for a gracious revival.

SAN SABA.

L. B. Ellis, Dec. 26: On account of the health of my wife and little daughter we transferred to the West Texas Conference. The members of this conference are a body of Christian gentlemen. They are Methodists, and recognize still that Methodism is connectional. They receive a transfer as a brother, with a cordiality that gladdens the heart. We feel at once that we were one of the boys, and not a stranger. Dr. John M. Moore and myself were the transfers from Missour—Dr. Moore from Marvin Church, St. Louis, I from the Southwest Missouri Conference. They gave Doctor and me the best appointments in the conference. The Doctor has the appointment with the biggest reputation, but I have the best appointment in fact. San Saba Station is a well-trained, consecrated, thorough-going Church. I have a Board of Stewards as good as the best. They raised the salary $100, and they always pay 100 cents on the dollar on all the collections. When we arrived here we found the good ladies of the Church had been to the parsonage, and it was clean and bright, and in the kitchen kind hearts and hands had left substantial tokens in abundance. The parsonage was partly furnished, and they gave us $50 to complete it. The furniture is ordered, and soon we will have our parsonage furnished comlete. Our first Quarterly Conference has been held. Bro. Waller, our presiding elder, has things well in hand. He is a presiding elder that helps his preachers. We are pleased and happy, expecting a prosperous year. The Advocate is popular. We shall endeaver to put it in every home.

PROHIBITION.

Will you please insert this note in the Advocate this week, as we will not now have time to address letters to the various towns and cities referred to below. We are to have a local option election here January 16, with very fair prospects of success. The antis have printed letters from the following towns, in which they claim prohibition to have been a failure and also to have reduced value of real estate, wages, rental of houses, etc. We would like to have an expression from some of our prohibition friends in each of the following places, viz.: Round Rock, San Marcos, Weatherford, Georgetown, Decatur, Greenville, Henrietta, Texarkana, Brownwood, Bonham, Denton and Benvanue. Please give us your views, and if it has failed at any place give reasons for such failure.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Dec. 27—J. W. Fort, sub. J. Marvin Nichols, sub. R. J. Smith, subs.

Dec. 28—J. T. Griswold, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, has attention. C. S. McCarver, sub. G. S. Sandel, sub. Chas. E. Brown, sub. J. A. Black, subs. A. H. Hussey, has attention. J. N. Hunter, sub.

Dec. 29—Jas Campbell, sub. C. L. Browning, subs. G. W. Templin, sub. W. Wootton, subs. Jas A. King, subs.

Dec. 30—Geo. H. Phair, sub. J. E. Walker, sub.

Dec. 31—W. T. Morrow, sub. Geo. Cravy, subs. Jno. L. Sullivan, sub. J. T. Bloodworth, subs. J. A. Ruffner, sub.

Jan. 2—C. L. Browning, sub. G. W. Templin, subs. G. S. Sandel, sub. O. A. Shook, sub. R. J. Smith, subs. G. W. Kincheloe, sub. Stuart Nelson, sub.

Jan. 3—C. G. Shutt, has attention. B. T. Hayes, subs. S. W. Turner, correction made. Sam'l Morriss, sub. E. D. Mouzon, sub. J. L. Williams, sub. W. R. Campbell, subs. E. L. Spurlock, subs. Atticus Webb, sub. W. A. Bowen, sub. L. F. Palmer, sub.

Jan. 4—M. H. Neely, sub; change will be made. C. S. Cameron, subs. Nath Thompson, sub. C. A. Tower, sub. G. F. Boyd, sub. Jno. R. Steele, subs. E. D. Mouzon, sub. F. A. Downs, has attention.

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NEAL.--A. W. Neal was born in Chattanooga County, Georgia, April 22, 1867, and departed this life at his father's, near Weatherford, Texas, December 20, 1898. Bro. Neal professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1888. Since that time he has been a faithful member of the Church. Bro. Neal was an excellent steward, magnifying his office. His brethren held him in high esteem. He suffered thirteen months intensely, and was very patient in all of his sufferings. He was a model man in every respect. The Church has lost a useful man in the death of Bro. Neal, but we bow our heads in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father. Bro. Neal was married to Miss Bettie Edleman, December 23, 1888. This union was blessed with two precious girls, ages six and eight years. He was a model Christian, a devoted husband and a loving father. May God bless and comfort those left behind.

J. B. ELDER.

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LEAZER.—Mrs. Ada Leazer, wife of W. G. Leazer, died in Moulton, Texas, August 2, 1898. Sister Leazer was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clark, of Gonzales County, Texas. At the age of twenty-one she went to Kansas and spent two years with her sister, and there being convinced of sin, five years later, and just a short time before her death, she was happily converted, and died in the triumphs of a living faith. She and W. G. Leazer were married November 10, 1893. Their home was a happy home! She was a sufferer seven months, and patiently waited for relief until the Great Physician took her. Her husband and friends did what they could. They have our heartfelt sympathy in their sore bereavement.

G. M. GARDNER.

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CATE.—Maggie, daughter of J. B. and Julia Cate, was born near Grapevine, Texas, July 4, 1887, and died November 14, 1898. She professed religion at Minter's Chapel, and joined the Church in August, 1897. She loved God and her Church; she loved her Sunday-school. She was very much devoted to her father, brother and sisters, her mother having died two years before in the faith of the gospel. Home was very sacred to her. She possessed a very gentle, loving and lovable disposition. She loved her schoolmates and teacher, and they loved her. She was truly a very high type of Christian girlhood. She is gone, but not forever. The little flower that had budded and blossomed here and had shed its fragrance all around God has taken it to himself to be forevermore. May God bless and comfort the father, sisters and brother to the end of life, then receive them in that world above, where parting shall be no more.

W. N. CURRY.

Grapevine, Texas.

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ALLEY.—Alex W. Alley, who was born May 3, 1855, was principally reared in the western part of Gonzales County, Texas. Genuine manliness characterized him from boyhood. By close application to business he accumulated a handsome property in his native vicinity. His marriage with Miss Kate Fritz, a most lovable woman, marked a happy turn in his early manhood. The beauty of the home-life of this precious family naturally intensified the conception of happiness in the home circle. This noble man, surrounded by his amiable wife and six bright children, completed a family group that would be an ornament to any community, or an inspiration of joy to any lover of home life. This impressive scene lingered in vision while through tears I recently read fro mthe pen of the now grief-stricken widow: "Oh, Bro. Graham, will there ever be any more sunshine on this earth for me? Why was he taken, my precious one? This is my first trouble. Why did it come so great?" The saying that "Death loves a shining mark' has its verification in the sudden removal by death of this lamented husband and father. In July, 1891, Mr. Alley and wife professed saving faith in Christ, and affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, during a camp-meeting held at Floyd's Chapel, under the ministry of Rev. C. H. Maloy. The writer, who assisted in this meeting, had the pleasure of consecrating by baptism this couple to the Triune God. Brother Alley soon took rank in the Church, and has filled with fidelity and efficiency the offices of Circuit Steward, District Steward, Trustee of Church Property, Sunday-school Superinendent, and was at different times a delegate to the District Conference from Lesville Circuit. A mature, good judgment made him a safe counsellor in the work of the Church. In manner he was reserved almost to a fault. Every office he filled sought him. He responded liberally to every claim of the Church and every appeal of benevolence. He was also an honored member of the Masonic fraternity. About two years ago Brother Alley's health began to fail. Finally, upon the advice of physicians, he moved last summer to the Panhandle of Texas, and settled in Lubbock County. The change seemed beneficial up to October 30 last, at which time he was attacked with pneumonia, and five days later he fell asleep in Jesus. His bereaved wife writes: "Half an hour before Alex died he called us all around him and talked so sweetly of death; asked me not to grieve for him, bade us all goodbye with a kiss and asked us all to meet him in heaven. So many times he said: 'Oh! what a victory! there is heaven all around.' He was never unconscious one moment." Thus passed away one of the best men I have known. Besides the immediate family, his aged mother, a brother and sister survive him. Robert, the oldest son, was in the graduating class at Coronal Institute, San Marcos, but was summoned home on the death of his father.

J. T. GRAHAM.

Staples, Texas.

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KEEL.—Sister Anna Keel, daughter of G. W. and F. J. Nash, was born June 19, 1871, and died March 27, 1898. Sister Keel was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in September, 1888. She lived a consistent Christian life until God called her to her reward. She was a noble woman, kind to every one and there was no sacrifice she would not make for her husband and children to make them happy. She never forgot her pastor and his family and would often express her interest in them by sending something to the parsonage. She was sick about four weeks and suffered intensely but with Christian fortitude she bore it without murmuring. She leaves three children and a sad husband to mourn their loss. May God's blessings be upon them and her father and mother and some sweet day meet her beyond the sky.

W. E. JORDAN, P. C.

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CARLTON—A messenger from heaven entered the home of E. H. and Lula Carlton, on November 28, 1898, and plucked from it one of earth's fairest flowers. Alma Cecilia was born October 18, 1895. Her stay here was short, but she had twined her little fingers tightly about our hearts, and only those who have suffered a like bereavement can understand how her sweet little face and bright, winning ways are missed. The uprooting of this tender plant was painful—heart-rending—but know she is transplanted to God's own garden to grow and bloom in his light, free from the suffering and trials that hinder growth here with us. Dear sorrowing parents, you well know the power of the Comforter, and can rejoice, knowing your precious bud is "safe in the arms of Jesus." I. H. N.

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FINLEY.—Abner Lewis, son of Bro. Edman and Sister Nannie Finley, was born December 5, 1883, and died August 11, 1898. Lewis was a devoted child to his parents and his parents were very much devoted to him, he being the only child (little Paul, his younger brother, having died April 2, 1887, at the age of two months and a half). Little Lewis made the home bright and happy with his cheerful disposition and happy songs, for he was a great lover of music; but, alas! the dark-winged messenger came and left a shadow in the home. Lewis' voice is hushed; he is gone; the angels have taken him. Ah, he's singing a far sweeter song than he ever sang on earth. Lewis loved children dearly, and he had saved one dollar and fifty-five cents of his little earnings—picking cotton—which his mother said she knew he would want to give to the Orphanage if he could have given direction to it before he died; so she gave it to me to send to the Orphanage, which I did, and received in return a sweet letter from Bro. Vaughan breathing a prayer upon this life that is now "dead, but yet speaketh." May God give great comfort to the sad and sorrowing parents and give them grace to bear up under this sad bereavement and at last bring them to join Him and their loved ones in the skies.

W. E. JORDAN, P. C.

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LANE.—Mrs. Annie Lane (nee Armstrong), wife of Rev. J. R. Lane, was born August 11, 1872, and died November 29, 1898. She professed religion when quite young and joined the Missionary Baptist Church; but after her marriage she joined the M. E. Church, South, in order to be with her husband. She lived a devoted Christian life. She loved God and his people—charitable towards all, and especially those who were cast down. The Lord was with her in her dying hours. She leaves three little children that she and her husband had dedicated to the Lord in holy baptism. May the God of all grace assist Bro. Lane in rearing these little ones to meet their mother in heaven. We commend the bereaved ones to the great Source of all comfort and strength in this their trying hour. And may all who knew Sister Lane try to emulate her life and character.

J. E. STEPHENS.

Coperas Cove, Texas.

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MILLS.—Charlie Mills, son of Jesse and M. A. Mills, was born May 8, 1866, and died September 29, 1898. He was converted August, 1893, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which he lived a consistent life until God called him home. Bro. Mills was married the second time to the daughter of Bro. and Sister L. C. Mallow (Mrs. Lottie Snider). He died in Brown County, Texas. He was a kind friend, a faithful husband, and, I am told, a Christian gentleman. The pastor, Bro. Young, in company with Bro. Templin, visited him before he died. He said he was ready to go; and during his affliction sang, "I'm Going Home to Die No More." He leaves a wife and three children to mourn their loss; but our loss is his gain. Therefore, let us weep not, but strive to meet him in the sweet by-and-by.

W. R. CROCKETT.

Blanket, Texas.

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MYRICK.—Walter, son of Bro. and Sister C. C. Myrick, was born December 21, 1876, in Southern Illinois, and departed this life November 22, 1898. He was converted at Clio, Brown County, in 1893, at a meeting held by Rev. J. W. Bowden, and joined the M. E. Church, South. At one time Bro. Myrick was not living up to his Christian duty. He seemed to be a special favorite of his kin and acquaintances. Sometime before he was taken sick he said to Rev. A. L. Bowden, "I want to live right." He seemed to realize that the end was near. Just before he passed away, he called his father to him and said, "My evil days are passed; Jesus and the angels the waiting for me." He bade all the family good-bye, and laying the baby upon his breast kissed him several times. He leaves father, mother, one sister and five brothers behind him. But he has gone where sickness, sorrow, death and separation never come. So to the bereaved ones I would say, let us all live so that when death calls us away from friends below that we'll go to join Walter Myrick and many other friends and relatives in singing the everlasting song of Zion around the throne of God forever.

W. R. CROCKETT.

Blanket, Texas.

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SANFORD.—Mrs. Susan Ellen Sanford (nee Rogers), died at her home in Rock Springs, Texas, in the early morning of December 3, 1898. For some years she had been a constant sufferer. Time after time her life was despaired of, and miraculously, it seemed, the days were added, though the painful illness abided; and yet she smiled and sang and wielded a strong influence for good in her family and in a large circle of friends. To her friends Mrs. Sanford was faithful and kind; to strangers, generous and hospitable; to the Church, liberal and loyal. Her ten children believed her a paragon of excellence and an oracle of wisdom; and in the affairs of each of them, from the business plans of the adult sons down to the exploits of the little ones at their play, she took a lively interest. It was a sad, sad day when it was realized in that home that the messengen had come in truth; and while some spoke not for grief, and while each look was a look of distress and every chamber was a chamber of mourning, it was said, by quivering lips, "A heavy stroke is this upon us, but as we lose she gains. That terrible suffering has ceased now, and she is now at peace." And other voices said, "Let us live as she has lived and we shall see her again in the by-and-by," and then from every sobbing heart there seemed to come a prayer which said, "Amen! may it so be." C. F. A.

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M'KNIGHT.—J. T. McKnight, son of J. M. and Martha McKnight, was born near Palestine, Anderson County, Texas, March 6, 1863. His mother died when he was but a small boy and his father died when he was about ten years old. Thus he was left alone in the world. He professed religion when

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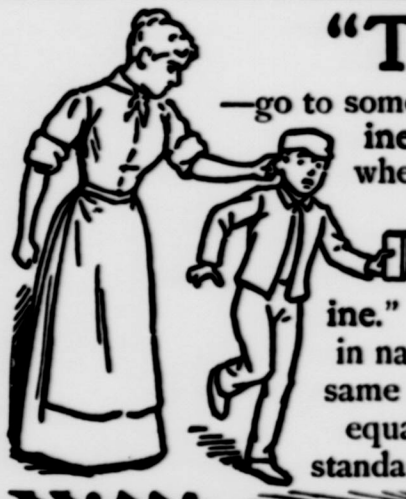
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JERE MARTIN.

East Texas Conference.

Pitsburg District—First Round.

Queen City, at Queen City.....Jan. 7, 8
Atlanta sta, at Alanta.....Jan. 8, 9
Gilmer cir, at Gilmer.....Jan. 14, 15
Winfield cir, at Bridge's Chapel..Jan. 21, 22
Mt. Pleasant sta., at Mt. Pleasant Jan. 22, 23
New Boston, at New Boston.....Jan. 26
Dalby and DeKalb, at Dalby....Jan. 28, 29
Fairview and Rose Hill, at Fairview, Feb. 4, 5
Texarkana, State Line, at State Line Feb. 5, 6
Naples cir, at Naples.....Fri. Feb. 10
Linden cir., at Douglassville....Feb. 11, 12
Daingerfield cir., at Hughes Springs Feb. 18, 19
Redwater mis.,at Redwater.....Feb. 25, 26
Quitman cir., at Quitman....Wed. March 1
Leesburg cir., at Reeves' Chapel..Mar. 4, 5
Musgrove cir., at Souls Chapel..Mar. 11, 12

T. P. Smith, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round.

Longview sta .. ..Jan. 7, 8
Marshall sta ....Jan. 14, 15
Kellyville cir, at Kellyville.....Jan. 21, 22
Jefferson sta.....Jan. 23
Hallville cir, at Winterfield.....Jan. 28, 29
Harrison cir, at Rock Springs....Feb 4, 5
North Side ....Feb 6
Beckville cir, at Beckville.....Feb 11, 12
Kilgore cir, at Kilgore .....Feb 18, 19
Henderson sta ....Feb 25, 26
Arleston cir ....March 4, 5
Henderson cir, at Stovall.....March 11, 12
Church Hill, at Pleasant Hill..March 18, 19
Coffeevile cir.....March 25, 26

District Stewards, please meet at Longview, Friday, January 6, 1899, at 2 p. m.

L. M. Fowler, P. E.

Palestine District—First Round.

Rusk sta., at Rusk.....2d Sun Jan
Jacksonville sta., at Jacksonv'e..3d Sun Jan
Palestine sta., at Palestine ...4th Sun Jan
Brushy Creek cir., at Neches .5th Sun Jan
Elkhart cir., at Corinth.....1st Sun Feb
Crockett cir., at Pleasant G....2d Sun Feb
Grapeland cir., at Grapeland ..3d Sun Feb
Alto cir., at Mt. Zion .....4th Sun Feb
Wells mis., at Wells .....1st Sun March
Holcomb cir., at Hickory C, 2d Sun March
West Palestine, at W. P. ....3d Sun March
Trinity and Lovelady, at T..4th Sun March
Groveton cir., at Groveton...1st Sun April
Jacksonville cir., ...2d Sun April

V. A. Godbey, P. E.

San Augustine District—First Round.

Nacogdoches sta.....Jan. 7, 8
Tenaha cir, at Tenaha.....Jan. 14, 15
Garrison cir, at Garrison.....Jan. 21, 22
Center cir, at New Prospect.....Jan. 28, 29
Carthage cir, at Carthage.....Feb. 4, 5
Lufkin cir, at Lufkin.....Feb. 11, 12
Homer cir, at Center.....Feb. 18, 19
Melrose cir, at Simpson's Camp-G.Feb. 25, 2
Appleby mis, at Pine Grove.....March 4, 5
Shelbyville cir, at Shelbyville....Mar. 11, 12
Minden cir, at Locklin.....Mar. 18, 19
Sexton cir, at Sexton.....Mar. 25, 26
Hemphill mis, at Hemphill.....April 1, 2
San Augustine and Chir'o, at Un'n.Apr. 8, 9

J. T. Smith, P. E.

Beaumont District—First Round.

Kountze cir., at Warren.....Jan. 7, 8
Woodville and Colmesneil cir....Jan. 14, 15
Chester mis., at Pine Grove....Jan. 21, 22
Livingston cir., at Moscow.....Jan. 28, 29
Leggett mis., at Elmwood.....Jan. 27, 28
Sabine Pass and Port Arthur, at Port Arthur, Feb. 4, 5
Orange sta .....Feb. 11, 12
Port Bolivar, at Port Bolivar.....Feb. 18, 19
Beaumont mis., at Amelia.....Feb. 25, 26
Jasper and Kirbyville, at Kirbyville March 4, 5
Jasper mis., at Magnolia.....March 11, 12
Burkeville cir., at Burkeville...March 18, 19
Newton mis., at Newton County, Tramm March 25, 26

T. J. Milam, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round.

Tyler, at Center .....Jan. 7, 8
Edom, at Holly Spring.....Jan. 14, 15
Troupe and Overton, at O.....Jan. 21, 22
New York, at Oak Grove.....Jan. 28, 29
Athens sta..... .....Jan. 29, 30
Golden mis., at Golden.....Friday, Feb. 3
Mineola, at Mineola .....Feb. 4, 5
Canton, at Canton..... .....Feb. 11, 12
Wills Point, at Clifton.....Feb. 18, 19
Wills Point sta .....Feb. 19, 20
Grand Saline, at Craigleville.....Feb. 25, 26
Whitehouse, at Chandler .....March 4, 5
Lindale, at Lindale.....March 11, 12
Tyler, Marvin .....March 19, 20
Emory, at Emory .....March 25, 26

John Adams, P. E.

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North Texas Conference.

Paris District.—First Round.

West Paris .....Jan. 7, 8
Centenary, Paris .....Jan. 8, 9
Annona cir, at Williams' chap..Jan. 14, 15
Emberson cir, at Mt. Tabor.....Jan. 21, 22
Rosalie cir, at Rosalie .....Jan. 28, 29
Roxton, at Roxton .....Feb. 4, 5
Deport, at Deport .....Feb. 11, 12
Lake Creek cir, at Brushy Mound.Feb.18,19
Maxey, at Round Prairie .....Feb. 25, 26
Powderly mis, at Palestine....March 4, 5

W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.

Dallas District.—First Round.

Louisville ....Jan. 8
First Church .....11 a. m., Jan. 15
West Dallas .....7 p. m., Jan. 15
Lancaster ....11 a. m., Jan. 22
Haskell Avenue .....7 p. m., Jan. 22
Wheatland ....Jan. 29
Trinity ....Feb. 5

John H. McLean, P. E.

Bonham District—First Round.

Dodd.... ....2d Sun Jan.
Honey Grove..... ....3d Sun Jan.
Petty ....4th Sun Jan.
White Rock.... ....5th Sun Jan.
Ladonia ....1st Sun Feb.
Brookston.... ....2d Sun Feb.
Randolph.... ....3d Sun Feb.
Trenton.... ....4th Sun Feb.
Lannius.... ....1st Sun Mar.
Fannin.... ....2d Sun Mar.

T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round.

Sherman cir.....Jan. 7, 8
Pottsboro and Preston.....Jan. 14, 15
Willow Street.....Jan. 21, 22
Travis Street.....Jan. 22, 23
Van Alstyne.....Jan. 28, 29
Howe cir.....Feb. 4, 5
Denison sta.....Feb. 11, 12
Pilot Grove.....Feb. 18, 19
Whitewright .....Feb. 25, 26
Whitesboro cir.....March 4, 5
Gordonville .....March 11, 12
Gunters mis.....March 18, 19

J. R. Wages, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round.

Forney, at Forney.... ....Jan. 8, 9
Mesquite, at Mesquite ....Jan. 11
Reinhardt, at Reinhardt ....Jan. 15, 16
Crandall, at Crandall ....Jan. 18
Kemp, at Beckers ....Jan. 22, 23
Gray's Prairie, at Jones' Chapel.Jan. 29, 30

I. W. Clark, P. E.

Gainesville District.—First Round.

Henrietta ....at night, Jan. 6
Benvanue.. ....Jan. 7
St. Jo, at St. Jo .....at night, Jan. 13
Boneta, at Boneta .....Jan. 14, 15
Belcher, at Belcher .....Jan. 15, 16
Marysville, at Elm .....Jan. 21, 22
Boston, at Hardy .....Jan. 22, 23
Greenwood, at Slidell .....Jan. 25
Roanoke and Ponde, at Ponde..Jan. 28, 29
Era and Valley View, at Valley View Feb. 4, 5
Sanger, at Sanger .....Feb. 5. 6
Dexter, at Mt. Zion .....Feb. 18, 19
Woodbine, at Woodbine .....Feb. 19, 20
Aubrey cir, at Aubrey .....Feb. 25, 26

J. M. Binkley, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round.

Celeste and Lane.....2d Sun Jan
Reiley Springs, at Reiley Spg'rs.3d Sun Jan
Winsboro sta..... ..7 p. m., Jan. 20
Como sta, at Como.....4th Sun Jan
Wolfe City sta.....7 p. m., Jan. 27
Leonard, at Leonard.....5th Sun Jan
Cooper, at Cooper.....1st Sun Feb.
Cumby, at Mt. Zion.....2d Sun Feb.
County Line, at Antioch.....3d Sun Feb.
Campbell, at Campbell.....4th Sun Feb.
Mt. Vernon, at Saltillo.....1st Sun March
Farlie, at Farlie.....2d Sun March
Ben Franklin, at Ben Franklin.3d Sun Mch.

C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Bowie District.—First Round.

Decatur cir, at Salt Hill.....Jan. 7. 8
Decatur sta..... .....Jan. 8, 9
Alvord, at Alvord..... ....Jan. 14, 15
Chico, at Chico..... .....Jan. 15, 16
Rome cir ....Jan. 21, 22
Bridgeport, at Bridgeport .....Jan. 22, 23
Blue Grove, at Fannington ....Jan. 28, 29
Post Oak, at Post Oak.....Jan. 29, 30
Bowie cir, at Fruitland .....Feb. 4, 5
Gibtown, at Gibtown .....Feb. 10, 11
Booneville, at Bethel .....Feb. 11, 12
Crafton, at Crafton .....Feb. 18, 19

F. O. Miller, P. E.

Greenville District.—First Round.

Floyd, at Caddo Mills .....2d Sun Jan.
McKinney ....3d Sun Jan.
Wesley ....Jan. 17
Kingston ....4th Sun Jan.
Allen ....5th Sun Jan.
Bethel ....1st Sun Feb
Merit ....Feb. 8
Lone Oak .....3d Sun Feb.
Weston ....4th Sun Feb.

I. S. Ashburn, P. E.

Texas Conference.

Austin District—First Round.

Webberville cir, at Webberville....Jan.7, 8
Manor sta.....Jan. 8, 9
Cedar Creek cir, at C. C.....Jan. 14, 15
Bastrop sta.....Jan. 15, 16
Flatonia sta.....Jan. 21, 22
Weimar and Osage, at Weimar...Jan. 22, 23
Columbus sta.....Jan. 28, 29
Eagle Lake and Rock I'd, at E. L.Jan. 29, 30
West Point cir, at West Point.....Feb. 4, 5
LaGrange sta.....Feb. 5, 6
Austin, Tenth Street.....Feb. 11, 12
Austin, Hotchkiss Memorial.....Feb. 12, 13
Merrilltown and Walnut, at W..Feb. 18, 19
Austin, First Street.....Feb 25, 26
South Austin.....Feb. 26, 27
Manchaca cir, at Moore's Sch'l H.Mar. 4, 5
McDade cir, at Morgan Chapel..Feb. 11, 12
Cypress mis, at Cypress.....Mar. 18, 19

Geo. A. LeClere, P. E.

Houston District—First Round.

Shearn, Dec. 11, conference Feb. 27, 7:30 p. m.
Tabernacle, Dec. 11, p. m., conference Feb. 20, 7:30 p. m.
St. John's, Dec. 18, a. m., conference Jan. 30, 7:30 p. m.
St. James, Dec. 18, night, conference Jan. 31, 7:30 p. m.
Washington Street, Dec. 25, a. m., conference Feb. 21, 7:30 p. m.
McAshan Chapel, Dec. 25, night, conference Feb 23, 7:30 p. m.
Dayton, at Dayton.....Dec. 31, Jan. 1
Bay Shore mis, at Deep Water....Jan. 7, 8
Angleton at Angleton.....Jan. 14, 15
Columbia and Brazoria at C.....Jan. 15, 16
El Campo, at El Campo.....Jan. 21, 22

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West End, Galveston....Wed, night, Feb. 1
Sanday Point, at Sandy Point.....Feb. 4, 5
Richmond .....Wed. and Thur., Feb. 8, 9
Wharton and Hungerford, at H..Feb. 11, 12
Cedar Bayou, at Alexan'r Chapel.Feb. 18, 19
McKee Street.....Wed. night, Feb. 22
Dickinson, at Dickinson.....Feb. 25, 26
Rosenberg, at Big Creek.....March 4, 5
Matagorda, at Bay City.....March 11, 12

O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.

Huntsville District—First Round.

Hempstead ....Jan. 8, 9
Anderson ....Jan. 14, 15
Huntsville ....Jan. 22, 23
Prairie Plains cir, at U. Grove..Jan. 28, 29
Dodge cir., at Black Jack.....Feb. 4, 5
Montgomery ....Feb. 12, 13
Willis ....Feb. 15
Cold Springs .....Feb. 18, 19
Conroe ....Feb. 25, 26
Millican ....March 4, 5
Zion cir., at Zion .....March 8
Madisonville cir., at M.....March 11, 12
Bryan ....March 19, 20
Courtney and Plantersville, at Stoneham March 25, 26
Waller cir, at Macedonia.....April 4, 5

The District Stewards will please meet me at Conroe, on Wednesday, February 8, 1899, at 2:30 p. m.

J. C. Mickle, P. E.

Calvert District—First Round.

Bremond and Reagan.....Jan. 7, 8
Personville cir.....Jan. 14, 15
Fairfield cir.....Jan. 15, 16
Buffalo and Oakwoods.....Jan. 21, 22
Jewett cir.....Jan. 22, 23
Centerville cir.....Jan. 28, 29
Rogers Prairie.....Jan. 29, 30
Franklin cir.....Feb. 4, 5
Franklin sta.....Feb. 5, 6
Petteway .....Feb. 11, 12
Durango cir.....Feb. 18, 19
Lott cir.....Feb. 25, 26
Rosebud cir.....Feb. 26, 27
Mt. Vernon cir.....March 4..5
Calvert sta.....March 5, 6
Hearne and Wheelock.....March 7

H. M. Sears, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round.

Lexington .....Jan. 6
Giddings .....Jan. 7, 8
Davilla .....Jan. 14, 15
Cameron cir.....Jan. 18
Ben Arnold.....Jan. 20
Cameron .....Jan. 21, 22
Maysfield .....Jan. 28, 29
Milano .....Feb. 1
Pleasant Hill .....Feb. 3
Rockdale .....Feb. 5
Brenham .....Feb. 11, 12
Chappell Hill .....Feb. 12, 13
Bellville .....Feb. 18, 19
Sealy .....Feb. 19, 20
Patterson .....Feb. 25, 26

E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Northwest Texas Conference.

Dublin District—First Round.

Morgan Mill, at Morgan Mill.....Jan. 7, 8
Iredell and Walnut, at Walnut..Jan. 14, 15
Hico, at Fairy.....Jan. 17
Duffau, at Duffau.....Jan. 21, 22
Proctor, at Proctor.....Jan. 24
Green's Creek, at Elkin .....Jan. 26
Carbon and Gorman, at C.....Jan. 28, 29
Rising Star and Pisgah, at Pisgah, Jan. 31
Sipe Springs, at Macedonia.....Feb. 4, 5
Desdimonia, at Desdimonia.....Feb. 10
DeLeon .....Feb. 11, 12

E. F. Boone, P. E.

Corsicana District—First Round.

Mexia sta, at Mexia.....Jan. 6
Cotton Gin, at Campbell's Branch..Jan. 7, 8
Groesbeck sta, at Groesbeck.....Jan. 12
Horn Hill mis, at Ben Hur.....Jan. 13
Thornton cir, at Bellview.....Jan. 14, 15
Armour cir, at Cedar.....Jan. 16

E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Abilene District—First Round.

Merkel and Sweetwater.....Jan. 7, 8
Anson cir.....Jan. 11
Cottonwood cir.....Jan. 14, 15
Clairemont cir.....Jan. 18
Roby cir.....Jan. 21, 22
Clear Fork mis.....Jan. 24

Jas. S. Chapman, P. E.

Gatesville District—First Round.

Lampasas.... ....Jan. 7, 8
Lampasas mis..... .....11 a. m., Jan. 10
Coperas Cove.... ....Jan. 14, 15
Killeen ....11 a. m., Jan. 17
Brookhaven.... ....11 a. m., Jan. 18
Coryell City ....Jan. 21, 22
Jonesboro.... ....a. m., Jan. 26
Hamilton.... ....Jan. 28, 29
Harmony.... ....Feb. 4, 5
Evant mis.... ....11 a. m., Feb. 10
Bee House.... ....Feb. 11, 12

J. G. Putman, P. E.

Waxahachie District—First Round.

Venus and St. P., at St. P.11 a.m., Jan. 7, 8
Midlothian sta.....7 p. m., Jan. 7, 8
Bardwell cir, at Oak Grove.11 a. m., Jan. 11
Grandview cir., at Grandview...Jan. 14, 15
Lovelace cir., at Woodbury.....Jan. 16
Red Oak cir, at Ovilla.....Jan. 21, 22
Mount'n Peak cir, at Oak Branch.Jan. 28, 29
Crisp cir, at Hines Chapel.11 a. m., Feb. 3
Ferris cir, at Ferris.....Feb. 4, 5
Ennis sta.....Feb. 11, 12

Horace Bishop, P. E.

Clarendon District—First Round.

Amarillo ....Jan. 7, 8
Channing ....Jan. 9
Canyon City, at C. C. .....Jan. 11
Silverton and Tulia, at Tulia.....Jan. 13

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Plainview ....Jan. 14, 15
Floyd, at Floydada.....Jan. 18
Emma, at Emma .....Jan. 21, 22
Clarendon cir., at Union Hill...Jan. 28, 29
Wellington, at Clifford.....Jan. 31
Childress mis., at Prairie Hill.....Feb. 2
Matador, at Matador.....Feb. 4, 5
Canadian cir., at Canadian.....Feb. 11, 12
Higgins, at Higgins .....Feb. 14

District Stewards meet at Clarendon, Dec. 27, at 2 o'clock p. m. All the pastors are invited.

G. S. Hardy, P. E.

Waco District—First Round.

Bruceville, at Eddy.....Jan. 7, 8
Troy, at Childress.....Jan. 8, 9
Morgan .....7 p. m., Jan. 12
Peoria, at Bethel.....Jan. 14, 15
Whitney.....Jan. 15, 16
Abbott, at Belle Springs.....Jan. 21, 22
Bosqueville, at Wesley Chapel...Jan.28, 29
Mart, at Lone Oak.....Feb. 4, 5
Mt. Calm, at Mt. Calm.....Feb. 11, 12
Lorena, at Lorena.....Feb. 18, 19
Moody .....Feb. 19, 20

Sam'l P. Wright, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round.

Ranger mis, at Mt. Zion.....Jan. 7, 8
Gordon and Strawn, at Gordon ....Jan. 10
Thurber, at Thurber ....Jan. 11
Huckabay mis, at Hannibal .....Jan. 13
Santo cir, at New Salem ....Jan. 15
Millsap cir, at Millsap ....Jan. 17
Weatherford mis, at Shady Grove ..Jan. 19
Breckenridge cir, Breckenridge..Jan. 21,22
Eliasville cir, at Smith chap.... ....Jan. 24

The District Stewards will meet at Strawn Jan. 12, 1899, at 2 p. m.

Jno. R. Morris, P. E.

Georgetown District.—First Round.

Bartlett ....Jan. 7, 8
Moffatt ....Jan. 14
South Temple .....Jan. 15
Temple, First Church .....Jan. 16
Granger ....Jan. 21, 22
Holland ....Jan. 28, 29
Rogers ....Feb. 4, 5
Salado and Corn Hill .....Feb. 11, 12
Florence ....Feb. 18, 19
Burnet and Marble Falls .....Feb. 23
Bertram and Horeb .....Feb. 25, 26

W. L. Nelms, P. E.

Vernon District—First Round.

Benjamin, at Benjamin.....Jan. 7, 8
Seymour mis, at Ogden.....Jan. 11
Seymour sta.....Jan. 14, 15
Harrold, at Union Point.....Jan. 21, 22
Chillicothe, at Chillicothe.....Jan. 28, 29
Quanah sta.....Feb. 4, 5
Childress sta.....Feb. 11, 12
Eldorado sta. at Eldorado.....Feb. 16
Mangum, at Mangum.....Feb. 18, 19
Altus, at Altus.....Feb. 21

C. W. Daniel, P. E.

Brownwood District—First Round.

Glen Cove, at Glen Cove.....Jan. 6, 7
Coleman .....Jan 7, 8
May Circuit, at Holder.....Jan. 14, 15
Robert Lee, at Hayrick.....Jan. 21, 22
Ballinger.....Jan. 24
Winters, at Bowman.....Jan. 25
Decker, at Spring Creek.....Jan. 28, 29

O. F. Sensabaugh.

West Texas Conference.

San Angelo District—First Round.

Pontotoc cir.....2d Sun Jan
Milburn cir.....3d Sun Jan
Sherwood cir.....4th Sun Jan
Sonora and Ozona.....5th Sun Jan
Paint Rock.....1st Sun Feb

Theophilus Lee, P. E.

Llano District—First Round.

Bandera and Medina, at Bandera, 2d Sun Jan
Blanco cir, at Blanco.....3d Sun Jan
Willow City cir, at Walnut..4th Sun Jan
Round Mountain cir, at Rockdale 5th Sun Jan
Boerne cir, at Boerne.....1st Sun Feb
Center Point sta.....2d Sun Feb
Ingram cir, at Ingram.....3d Sun Feb
Rock Springs sta.....4th Sun Feb
Kerrville sta.....1st Sun March

I. K. Waller, P. E.

San Marcos District—First Round.

Gonzales sta.....Jan. 7, 8
Lockhart cir, at Clark's Chapel..Jan. 14, 15
Kyle and Pleasant Grove, at P. G.Jan. 21, 22
Buda cir, at Buda.....Jan. 28, 29
Lockhart sta..... .....Feb. 4, 5
Dripping Springs, at Wimberly..Feb. 11, 12
San Marcos cir, at Center Point.Feb. 18, 19

I. T. Morris, P. E.

Cuero District—First Round.

Ganado cir.....Jan. 6
Edna cir.....Jan. 7

J. W. Stovall, P. E.

San Antonio District—First Round.

Moore cir.....Jan. 7, 8
Bexar cir.....Jan. 14, 15
Del Rio.....Jan. 21, 22
Eagle Pass.....Jan. 28, 29
Uvalde .....Feb. 4, 5
Utopia .....Feb. 11, 12
Travis Park.....7:30 p. m., Feb. 8
South Flores.....7 p. m., Feb. 9

B. Harris, P. E.

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Another blow falls upon the aged father. It is pathetic to think of him standing at the grave of his fourth child buried in less than five years. The heart of the Church will go out to him in sympathy and prayers. May supporting grace come to the bereaved family. JOSEPH S. KEY.

Sherman, Texas.

THE SPANISH WOMAN.

It has been said that every native Spanish woman is energetic; whether she be from Andalusia or Asturias, the South or the North, she has none of the creole languor of Spanish descended women of Cuba, Mexico and tropical America.

In the number, which appeared December 22, of the Singer series of national costume illustrations a typical picture was presented, showing a man and woman of Seville, where the original photograph was taken in 1891.

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2. Supernatural Evidence Necessary to Authenticate a Supernatural Religion.
3. The Divine Personality of Christ.
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5. Christ a Worker.
6. Christ a Prophet.
7. Christ the True Dynamic in the World's Progress.
8. The Resurrection.
9. Testimonies to Christianity.
10. Comparative Religions.

These subjects indicate the benefit and blessing which we expect to receive from Dr. Bourland's extensive reading and careful preparation. The lecturers are free and we cordially invite our friends generally, and the preachers in particular, to hear them. A week spent in this way will be a fine preparation for the work of the year.

W. F. LLOYD.

"A GRUESOME STORY."—CHAPTER II.

In a recent issue of the Advocate H. G. H. touches up with high lights a paragraph in a paper called "Our Texas Writers," published in the Dallas News and Houston Post of November 21, for which the Yamparika Club of Vernon stands sponsor.

The paragraph refers to the Rev. Homer S. Thrall, of sainted memory; and the writer is castigated in irreproachable English for glaring errors of tradition. Not being a Texan of the Texans, but a product of soil across the Sabine, the writer has found so much to kindle enthusiasm in the verified history of her adopted State that she claims a pardon from the veterans to the manor born for unconscious reliance upon current comment.

To the widow of Dr. Thrall an apology is due, and shall be given; and to "H. G. H." thanks are in order for the correction so graciously made.

To the confusion of the modern paragraphist, histories and reminiscences often differ; and in this case, unfortunately, the personal recollections of the writer are few; but they are brimful of enthusiam and reverence for the saintly face and magnetic manner which took firm hold upon the impressionable heart of a sympathetic hearer.

And I am loth to believe that Dr. Thrall, as an itinerant Methodist preacher, did not see all sides of that irregular polygon we may well call life in the early days of Texas.

Yet, it is indeed well that this modest paper should be called for a moment from the obscurity of an obscure town in the obscure West that possible mistakes might thus be saved from perpetuation.

Denying naught save the intention of error, may I not say that my only wish was to add fresh flowers to the garlands wreathing the memory of the distinguished Dr. Thrall?

ADELE HART BROWN.

Vernon, Texas.

REV. F. S. JACKSON.

I see in the secular papers that Rev. F. S. Jackson, Chaplain of the Texas Senate, is dead. A little less than three years ago I met him and thought in a few months consumption would complete him. He would have died years ago if his brain and heart had not been so active.

For sometime he was one of the most successful members of the West Texas Conference. When that most awful disease rendered him too weak for the itinerant service, he located and stayed death at the door and fought for an honest living for himself and family like a marvelous hero. He was always interesting. He was a stirrer from the word go and get there. He was no parrot preacher nor phongrahphic person. He was original; he caught on quick and digested well the thoughts of others; he said things with force because there was an earnest fire behind it. His prayers were so practicable, timely and unstereotyped that the members of the Senate had them printed along with their other doings. He was a Chaplain indeed, for he took an individual interest in the spiritual condition of every member. He was no notch on a stick, but a stick among notches.

I don't know where he was born; that is a minor matter. Dates are about all in some folks' lives.

It will be a great joy to meet such character as Bro. Jackson in heaven. May God's richest blessing rest upon his noble wife and two bright children, especially his boy, whom I hope will more than reproduce his father's life.

NATH THOMPSON.

A VOICE FROM INDIAN TERRITORY.

My itinerant ministry began in this conference. After spending twelve years in this difficult field, the failing health of my wife caused my transfer to the North Texas Conference five years ago. The North Texas is composed of a good and grand body of men, and I love every one of them. I did not leave Texas because I desired to sever my connection with the preachers, people, or country; far from it. But since our transfer from this conference we have been besieged with letters from the brethren every fall, urging us to return. Last fall the call was made on the ground that we were "needed" over here, and we just simply yielded, that's all. I will never forget the cordial reception given us by the North Texas Conference, nor the circumstances under which it was given. I spent five delightful years among the brethren there and will cherish their memory forever.

It will go without saying, that I have greeted many familiar faces and had a warm reception back into the conference of my boyhood.

We have a splendid pastoral charge—good enough for any man. We are about twenty-five miles north of Ardmore. This is a live, growing town, of about 2000 inhabitants with a prospect of as many more inside of two years. In fact, it is one of the best pastoral charges in the conference. We are in the Wynnewood district and have J. F. (Bud) Sherwood for presiding elder. He needs no introduction to the North Texas preachers.

Let me say to the Texas preachers and others who have accounts with me for books I have sold them during the past year, that my postoffice is Davis, I. T. I trust they will understand the suggestion and govern themselves accordingly. I did not get to attend the conference at Greenville, and hence had no opportunity for a personal settlement with the brethren.

The Texas Advocate was never better, and we hail its weekly visits with delight.

M. A. SMITH.

Davis, I. T.

AUSTIN NOTES.

We were read out for Hotchkiss Memorial at Houston, on December 5th. Arrived here in sleet and snow on the 9th. Met with a very cordial welcome.

Dr. Whaling, who was transferred from St. Paul's, Baltimore, and stationed at Tenth Street, with his family arrived on the 22d. He brought a case of the la grippe with him, which has not entirely let go since coming to Texas. He preached his first sermon Christmas day. He made a fine impression. Rev. H. M. Sears preached at night for him, Dr. Walling being very unwell.

Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss and wife, of Houston, visited his mother during the holidays. He preached us a good sermon at Hotchkiss Memorial on Sunday night—Christmas.

Dr. DuBose, of Nashville, Tenn., delivered at Tenth Street on Monday night, 26th, a very interesting lecture to the Epworth Leaguers of Austin.

Rev. B. W. Allen, of Oakwoods, visited friends in the city during the holidays.

Bro. Hocutt, of First Street, who was returned for the fourth year, has begun his work in earnest.

Bro. Diehl, of South Austin Mission, is very hopeful for the year.

Rev. Geo. A. LeClere, our presiding elder, spent two or three days with us this week.

Dr. E. S. Smith, of San Marcos, spent several days in the city. He has a host of friends in Austin. E. L. SHETTLES.

Having been appointed pastor of South Flores Street Church, San Antonio, my correspondents will please address me, No. 326 Sevallos, street. JNO. L. WILLIAMS.

Walter Baker & Co., Ltd., the well-known cocoa and chocolate manufacturers of Dorchester, Mass., have carried off the highest honors at the trans-Mississippi Exposition in Omaha. Two gold medals were awarded to them,—one for Breakfast Cocoa and one for chocolate preparations, including their Premium No. 1, Vanilla, Caracas and German Sweet. They also received a silver medal for Cocoa Butter.

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MARRIAGE NOTICES.

At the home of Jackson Brown's near Richland, Navarro County, Texas, December 26, 1898, Mr. R. J. Carter and Miss M. E. Harris, Rev. Jackson Brown officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, near New York, Texas, Sabbath, at 3 p. m., January 1, 1899, Mr. Frank Parmer and Miss Julia Turner, Rev. S. W. Turner.

At the M. E. Church, South, Cisco, Texas, December 21, 1898, Mr. J. H. Garner and Miss Julia Turner Rev. S. W. Turner, father of the bride, officiating.

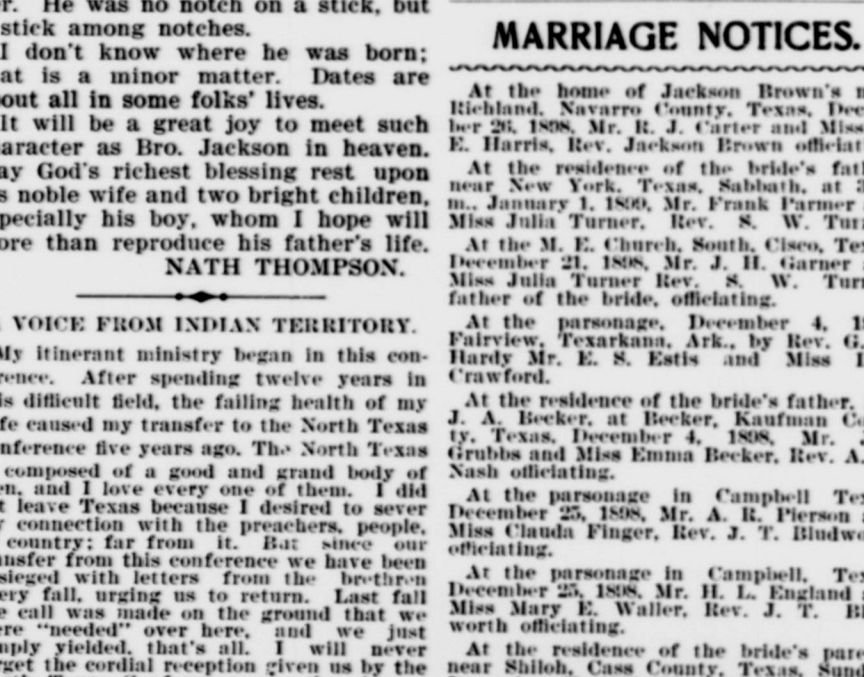
At the parsonage, December 4, 1898, Fairview, Texarkana, Ark., by Rev. G. C. Hardy Mr. E. S. Estis and Miss Lela Crawford.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. A. Becker, at Becker, Kaufman County, Texas, December 4, 1898, Mr. Jas. Grubbs and Miss Emma Becker, Rev. A. R. Nash officiating.

At the parsonage in Campbell Texas, December 25, 1898, Mr. A. R. Pierson and Miss Clauda Finger, Rev. J. T. Bludworth officiating.

At the parsonage in Campbell, Texas, December 25, 1898, Mr. H. L. England and Miss Mary E. Waller, Rev. J. T. Bludworth officiating.

At the residence of the bride's parents near Shiloh, Cass County, Texas, Sunday, December 25, 1898, Mr. Wm. H. Whitfield and Miss Ola Howard, Rev. W. W. Gollihugh officiating.



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Helena cir. at Riddleville	Feb. 11, 12
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