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## EDITORIAL.

### THE APPARENT DECAY OF DOMESTIC RELIGION.

We do not belong to that number who deery the present times and exalt the former years. We think the old world as it is to-day is largely headed in the right direction. It is not what we want it to be by large odds, but in most things the trend is onward and upward. To assume any other position is to reflect upon the efficiency and aim of the Gospel. Christ instituted his kingdom in this world to make the world better; and for two thousand years all of his agencies and multiplied instrumentalities have been persistently at work to accomplish this beneficent end. To say that all of this prodigious outlay has been in vain is nothing short of monstrous. We do not entertain the thought for a moment. Our progress may at times be almost or quite imperceptible; but our progress is going on, despite the gloomy view taken of it by certain classes of thinkers.

Still there are some things which were quite efficient in the past which are too valuable to become obsolete. They are as necessary to-day as they were a century ago. In this age of progress and activity, we are unconsciously permitting some of the helpful practices of other days to grow into disuse. One of these is domestic religion. We honestly believe that the earlier Methodists gave more attention to duties of this character than we are doing now. We can remember some forty years ago, when most of the families of our Church conducted family worship regularly. The domestic altar was a permanent institution in the household. No minister ever spent a night in a Methodist home without being invited to conduct family worship. Now, we speak from personal experience and observation when we say that with a wide acquaintance with the family life of our Church, the home where domestic worship is maintained is the exception. We know whereof we speak when we say that ministers have been known to spend the days and nights of an entire conference session under the hospitable roofs of good Methodist homes and never, during their stay, were even invited to pray with the household. Such families were not accustomed to worship of this sort, and it did not occur to them to suggest it. Such homes were entire strangers to that sort of usage. Now it is possible that there are thousands of just such homes as these throughout our connection. If so, it is an indication that domestic religion is at a great disadvantage. A home pretending to be religious, whose heads are leading members of the Church, without the semblance of an altar, is sadly lacking in its duty to those whom God has placed in their parental keeping. A prayerless household may be religious after a fashion, but the fashion is not a very pious one for Methodists to adopt. Then again, it used to be a habit with which our early life was familiar, to read regularly some chapters of the Bible; and then on Sunday commit some verses to memory. But we be-

lieve that this is not one of the regular habits of many of our families to-day. At least in so far as our observation goes, this is our decided impression. On account of this neglect, the childhood life misses much of spiritual enrichment. We are relegating this duty too largely to the work of the Sunday-school, and the result is, the duty is left undischarged.

Now, in looking into the causes of our religious decline, if such decline is a reality, we ought to be able to locate some of the trouble right in our Methodist households. If spiritual religion is at a low ebb in the very fountain of all life, the stream can not rise very high. Hence the state of the Church as we now see it. Just here is where some of our improvement

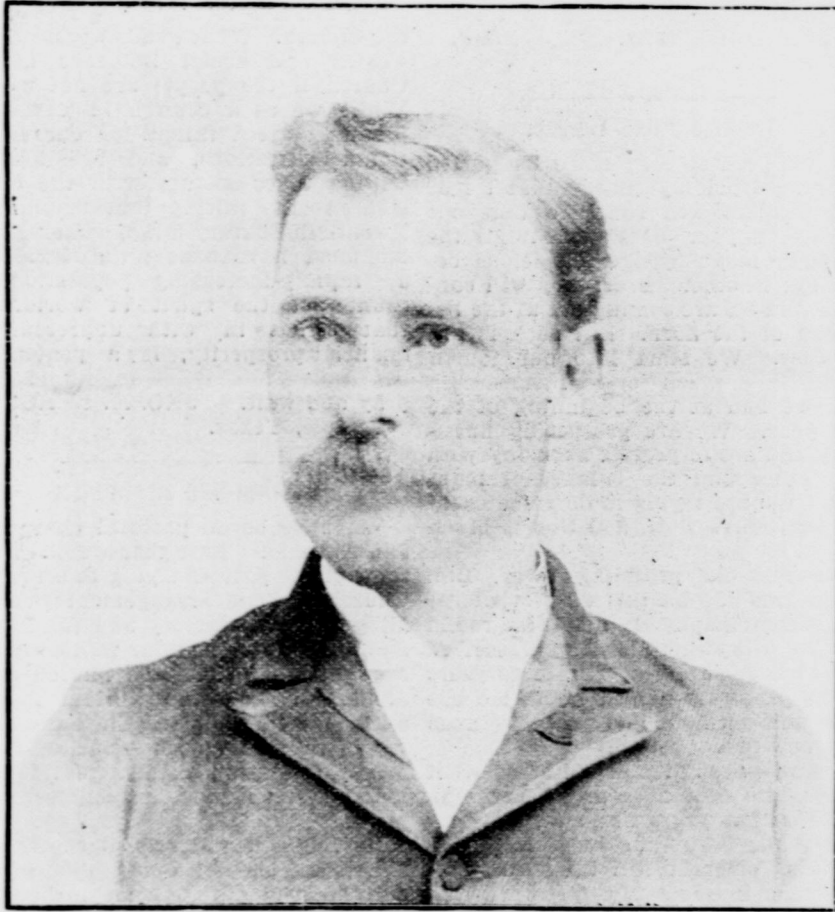
monplace exhortation is delivered. May be just here a few worn-out experiences are thrown in, which serve the purpose to increase the length of the service. The benediction is then delivered, and the preacher and these good old people believe that they have had a prayer-meeting. And so they have, but it has been a meeting without life or interest to any considerable part of the membership. Seven-tenths of them were not there; and nobody but the preacher can blame them. There is practically nothing in such a service to inspire and instruct the people. Now this is an extreme case, perhaps, but we have seen more of this sort than of the other kind. And a meeting of this character is largely the explanation of the meager attend-

some such person and take the family along with him to the service. Do something to get your people out; and when they are there make them glad that they have come. Let the songs be brief and soul-stirring. Give them the freshest and brightest truths that by faithful study you can get out of the lesson. Have as many prayers as possible, but see to it that they are short and spiritual. Have a few testimonies, but let it be understood that they must be to the point and full of snap. A dry, funereal experience ought not to be tolerated but once. Now and then add a social feature, but make it subordinate to the spiritual. Put just as many to doing something as possible, in connection with the service. If they can not do one thing, then have them do something else. Give variety to the service; and never have any two of them just alike. If you drop the prayer-meeting into a groove, then monotony will kill it. But if something akin to these suggestions is adopted, the prayer-meeting will be the best attended service and the most helpful one in the Church. We have tried it for twenty-five years in small towns and in cities, and we therefore know whereof we speak. To bring about this desired result, we need to have a baptism of good common sense to rest upon the conduct of the prayer-meeting.

### REV. O. T. HOTCHKISS.

In this number we give an excellent picture of Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, the presiding elder of the Houston District, Texas Conference. This used to be the Galveston District, and it is the oldest district in Texas Methodism. It so happens that Brother Hotchkiss, though a young man comparatively, is now serving his third year on this district. He was born of very devoted Methodist parents in Austin, Texas; was happily converted and joined the Church at about ten years of age; was educated in the public schools and at the Georgetown University; was licensed to preach December 2, 1875; and he was admitted on trial into the Texas Conference December 8-13, at Brenham, 1875. Since then he has served the Church on missions, circuits, stations and now is trying his hand on district work. In these various fields of labor he has shown himself to be a conscientious preacher, a faithful pastor and a wise executive. He is a man of clear, deliberate type of mind, a commanding presence, and true to his convictions. He is making one of the most efficient presiding elders in Texas.

In one of the Texas asylums for the insane there is an inmate of most uncommon character. She is absolutely divested of her will. If the attendant raises the patient's arm, it remains in that position until the attendant chooses to lower it. She can neither will to do nor not to do. No more than a mass of human flesh who knows no higher obedience than the will and force of another. How like this unfortunate are many of the human kind! Every soul-movement must harmonize with the dictates of another. There is too much spiritual imbecility. We fancy we are crown-heads when we are only vassals.



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ought to begin. Preachers ought to give to this subject some earnest study, and from their pulpits ought to go out no uncertain sound. Then out of this temporary spiritual lull the Church will be revived and her onward march become an assured certainty.

### A HELPFUL PRAYER-MEETING.

The prayer-meeting ought to be one of the most helpful services of the Church, but such is not always the case. To make it such requires a great deal of tact and study. And just here is where we find the trouble. Not many preachers are willing to give the attention necessary to make the prayer-meeting a spiritual success. Hence, as a rule, the prayer-meeting is dry, uninteresting and poorly attended. The preacher is there from a sense of duty, and the few faithful ones are present likewise. He introduces the service by having a hymn sung and offering a prayer of doubtful length. Then another hymn or two follow, interspersed with a long prayer or two from some good old brethren who have been repeating the same prayers for well nigh on to a quarter of a century, more or less. A lesson, oftentimes selected at random, is read and a com-

ance upon the prayer service. People will always go to a service, if there is anything of an interesting nature to attract them. But they do not go to the cemetery unless they are forced to follow the remains of a friend or a loved one to the grave, or unless they go to put flowers upon the mound underneath which the dust of a loved one is resting. Otherwise, there is nothing inviting about a graveyard. A dead prayer-meeting has about the same effect upon the membership of the Church. People avoid it as a place too solemn to be comfortable. And when this is true, it is largely the fault of the preacher. The fact is, the prayer-meeting merits more of his thought and careful preparation than any other service of the sanctuary. The lessons ought to be selected at least a quarter in advance and given to the people; and at each day service the topic for the next Wednesday night ought to be announced and stressed by the preacher. Then, throughout all of his pastoral work, he ought to emphasize the importance of the service; and once in a while drop a note of invitation to some who do not frequent the prayer-meeting. It will help if he will invite himself to an early tea at the home of



## Communicated.

### SOUTH CAROLINA LETTER.

I have just received the minutes of the one hundred and thirteenth session of our Annual Conference. The session was held in Greenwood, a very flourishing town in the upper part of the State. Rev. Marion Dargan was our host, and a right fine one was he too. He entertained us so well that the Bishop made him a presiding elder. He is one of our progressive young men and I predict for him a successful administration in the eldership.

Bishop Duncan was the President. This was the second time in succession he has presided over us and the third time altogether. The Bishop grows upon us every time. He uses the bluster sometimes, but you know this is the only remedy sometimes. I have been studying the Bishop for some years, having known him while at college, and have watched his course since he was made Bishop. He has a perfect contempt for all forms of sham and hypocrisy, whether in the Church or out of it. He often lets this contempt pour forth in torrents of sarcasm and biting ridicule. In this he is often misunderstood. He preaches a plain, straight and practical gospel, which always does good. In coming years his faithful work in South Carolina will be appreciated. The appointments, as a general thing, gave satisfaction. Three new presiding elders were made. Dr. A. J. Stokes, who had been on the Black Horse in previous years, was remounted and is my elder. He has paid us his first visit and made many friends among my people. We found him pleasant in the social circle as well as eloquent in the pulpit. As stated above, Rev. Marion Dargan was elevated to the eldership. He was sent to the Florence District, and has gone to work in such a way as to demonstrate the wisdom of the appointment. Rev. H. B. Browne was the third to experience the stroke. He was a very systematic pastor, and no doubt will keep everything in fine shape on a district. Of course, the brethren who were expecting to get in and did not were sadly disappointed, but hope, the anchor of the soul, is cast within the desired haven and they confidently expect to reach the happy place some time.

We had several connectional brethren with us. Dr. Barbee represented the Publishing House and preached an able sermon before the conference. Dr. DuBose paid us his first visit. Some of us, like the brother over in Georgia, expected the Doctor to come to us with the sun in one pocket and the moon in the other, and to play marbles with the stars; but he was arrayed in earthly apparel and dealt in mundane matters and captured everybody. Of course, he is a poet and talks poetry, but as it is so natural it is not objectionable at all. South Carolina will always be glad to see and hear him. Dr. Pritchett and Dr. Whisner ably represented their respective interests.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Dr. Coke Smith, of Virginia, and Drs. Kilgo and Chreitzberg, of North Carolina, all of whom once belonged to us, and belong to us still, for we have only loaned them for awhile.

Our financial reports were not up to the usual standard—a fact which was greatly regretted by all. But the fact that has given us more concern than any other was the small increase in membership. Who can tell us what is wrong? May the good Lord help us to prostrate ourselves in the dust and strive to find the cause of our failure, and, having found it, may he give us grace to remove it. Let every one who reads this paragraph pray for South Carolina Methodism and ask God to give us a greater victory in the year 1899.

WATSON B. DUNCAN.

St. George, S. C.

### LETTER FROM THE TERRITORY.

Duncan is in the western part of the conference, on the line of the Comanche Reservation, and has about 1,500 souls. Our Methodism is in the front, with a membership of 180. Last year we passed through a hard experience. In March we paid off the last note on our Church, and added to the parsonage to the amount of one hundred dollars. Then on the 30th of April our church was destroyed by the cyclone which swept over our town and left it in ruins.

We set to work and three months to a day we were in another as good or better than the former one, all out of debt.

We have just closed a protracted meeting of five weeks; we protracted

from the Christmas service, the meeting growing in interest each day, until the town was stirred as it had never been, the business men, without being asked, closed up for the afternoon service, and to see the congregations at night was an inspiration. The Baptist pastor with his people co-operated with us from the first. We witnessed some things in this meeting we never witnessed before—men who had not spoken for months, and who had had very serious trouble, stood up in the congregations and made their confessions, and asked pardon, then turning to their enemies, asked pardon, and going across the church they embraced each other. Much good along this line was accomplished, while many who were never active in Church work came out, made confession, and began work for Christ and the unsaved. We had some very happy conversions, and many more are interested.

We regret very much to have to report the death of Rev. M. W. Shearer, our pastor and missionary at Anadarko, Okla., which occurred on the 29th of January. He was brought here for interment. The services were held in our church here by Rev. J. J. Methvin, assisted by C. W. Myatt, of Ryan; J. G. Forester, of Marlow, and this writer. A very large congregation assembled to witness this last act of love and respect. We laid him away in the cemetery at this place to await the resurrection of the good and faithful. Brother Shearer has only been with us one year, transferring here in the fall of 1897, and stationed at Anadarko, where he did a good and faithful year's work, and was returned by Bishop Morrison. He was sick about a week; was taken with la grippe. Brother Shearer was a member of the North Texas Conference for many years, and always spoke of his brethren there with the greatest kindness. I suppose that some one else will give a more extended notice, later. W. J. SIMS.

Duncan, I. T.

### TIT-BITS FROM TEMPLE.

It has been so long since I reported anything from my charge that I fear your readers will conclude that our closing-out year does not fulfill the prophecy made by the auspicious beginning; in other words, they will conclude that we are coming out at the little end of the horn. But such is not the case. We start into our fourth year with a much larger membership than we had at the beginning of the first year. We are prospering financially and are in perfect harmony with each other and the balance of mankind. We are trying to do some earnest, aggressive work and God is blessing us.

Our new-old presiding elder, Bro. Nelms, (he was on this district before) has about completed his first round and has everywhere been well received and done good work. His three years in the pastorate helped him. He has some new sermons and preaches them with new fire.

By-the-way, is it not true that what helped him will help any other man who for four years or more, consecutively, has borne the burdens of the presiding eldership? I think so. Perhaps some one is ready to suggest that a change might work just as well on a man that has been four years in a station. Well, may be so; but they tried it on me once and for some reason let me off at the end of one year. I think that one experiment will be sufficient in my case. At least, I am satisfied. In considering this question it must be kept in mind that while every man capable of making a first-class presiding elder is capable of filling acceptably a pastorate, but every good station preacher is not capable of making a first-rate presiding elder.

Speaking of changing preachers reminds me to call attention to the fact that at our late conference sixty-five per cent of our preachers were changed, and that, too, in the face of the fact that the year before sixty per cent were changed. I raise the question as to why this is so. On what grounds can such a wholesale moving of pastors be justified? Such moving entails a great expense both of time and money and a serious curtailing of influence. Surely any preacher who is worthy to have a charge at all can do better the second year than he can the first.

But what causes this moving? Is it not an indication of restlessness on the part of preachers and people that bodes no good. Is it not largely the result of an unreasonable clamor on the part of the people for a better preacher and the preachers for a better place? And may not this restlessness account in some degree at least for the meagerness of results in the way of conversions and additions which we have had lately? The question is, I think, worthy of consideration on the part of those in

authority, and I respectfully submit it to them.

Well Bishop Galloway came and we gave him a big blow-out—fine crowd, elegant reception and a collection. Had you ever noticed how vague and uncertain preachers and editors are in making reports when they are not very good? They always speak in general terms, but can't give the exact figures. In general terms, we had a good collection.

The lecture was immense. It was the Bishop's first visit. The people were expectant, and if he had met their expectations only, he would have done well, but he did more. Everybody was delighted, and the seed sown will bear fruit for years to come.

My collaborer in the city, Bro. J. M. Armstrong, is, like myself, on his fourth year. He has kept a steady gait from the time he landed here until now. Each year has marked a decided advance in the condition of his charge. When he took charge of South Side they were very much embarrassed by debt, discouraged as to the past and disheartened for the future. When he leaves they will be out of debt, hopeful and capable of taking care of themselves. He will leave behind him the savor of a good name and it will be a fortunate Church to which he is assigned next fall.

I have secured the services of my presiding elder for a two-weeks' meeting to begin the first of March, and he in turn has ordered me to help him in two similar meetings in the district. Thus is he trying, in a practical way, to solve the vexed question of ministerial help in revival meetings. We trust that the arrangements all round will be sanctioned by the Holy Ghost and that revival fires may be kindled that will blaze all over the district. After all, this is the supreme work of the Church. What avails organization, wealth and social influence in the Church if the people are not saved? While we as a Church in Texas are planning great things for our educational institutions, and are heartily willing to co-operate with the entire Church in raising that magnificent Twentieth Century Fund, what we need and must have to meet the demands of a rapidly-increasing population, to counteract the spirit of worldliness that comes in with unprecedented financial prosperity, is a pentecostal baptism. For this let us organize and pray and wait. JNO. M. BARCUS.

Temple, Texas.

### SAN ANTONIO METHODISM.

We have seven pastoral charges in San Antonio. Last year we had five—some of the pastors trying to serve two Churches. The arrangement was not altogether satisfactory and the Bishop and cabinet at Seguin, in November, thought best to let each Church stand alone. We see the wisdom in this when we contemplate the amount of work that has been done, and the steady forward movement of Methodism in our city under this arrangement.

Rev. Buckner Harris, our presiding elder starts off well—meeting every appointment in spite of some of the worst weather West Texas has ever experienced. While in the city, which is from 3 to 4 days each week, he is very helpful to us, being ever ready with counsel, and any assistance we may require.

Rev. John M. Moore, Ph. D., our Travis Park pastor, is one of our new men—new to the conference as well as to our city. Dr. Moore has done fine work in the past three months. His congregations have filled the house with chairs in the aisles. His sermons are plain, practical, spiritual. He has visited all the members of his Church besides a large number of others, and has been successful in finding a great many "trunk" members. He has raised in the past month the parsonage debt of \$3,000, his conference collections amounting to about \$650; presiding elder paid in full to date and pastor's salary two-thirds raised and paid to date.

Rev. Sterling Fisher enters his third year at West End with a fine record for the past two years as an encouragement. West End stands alone this year and has made a brave start. Fisher is very popular with his people and is greeted with large congregations. So far he has had quite a number of accessions, money raised on parsonage debt, and every prospect of another successful year.

Rev. D. O. McAllister, a new man to our city and district, makes an encouraging start at Sherman Street. His congregations are "full houses." Brother McAllister was formerly a railroad man, and he fits Sherman Street nicely, as the membership there

is almost wholly composed of railroad men's families. They are planning and praying much about their Church debt and Brother McAllister wants to lift it this year.

Rev. R. S. Adair of Comal Street, comes back to a charge he served in former years, and received a royal welcome. An earnest, prayerful, careful worker, he has taken hold of every problem presented, and he is going to solve them. That Church debt at Comal is going to be a thing of the past.

Rev. John Williams, a supply from East Texas, is at South Heights and reports everything moving forward nicely. He has been well received and is serving a faithful Church, who will do their best for him while he does his best for them.

Rev. W. A. Bowen serves South Flores Street, and gives glowing reports from his charge. The debt of \$600 on the property has been settled and subscriptions are coming in rapidly to put the house in good order.

The writer serves Prospect Hill Church and the Rescue Home. Prospect Hill is prospering. Congregations good and praying for a soul saving revival. The pastor was unfortunate in losing by fire all his household goods, library, etc., Christmas week. The members and friends have placed him under great obligations by their prompt and cheerful help in the hour of trial. We are now comfortably settled in a good house with everything new. There has been no bounds to the kindness of these people.

The Rescue Home is still fulfilling its mission in saving the lost. We have services on Sunday at 3:30 and Thursday at 7:30 P. M. The work is a great responsibility, but the results make the burden light. Mrs. Volino, the matron, is wholly consecrated to her work, and by a godly life and prayer successfully leads the lost ones to the light.

Our German work is in charge of Rev. W. D. Wiemers, pastor; H. W. Weise, P. E., and both are workers. Brother Wiemers is very much encouraged at the outlook.

We have one Mexican Church, Brother Verducszo, pastor, and starting off well.

The Methodist Pastors' Association meets weekly at Travis Park Church. We are studying together this year, "Eldersheim's Life and Times of the Messiah," with Dr. Moore as "Professor." The outlook for Methodism here is bright. God help us all to be faithful is our prayer. F. B. BUCHANAN.

### SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Church seems to be exercised just now, not so much under revival influences, but to find how we are to bring about the conditions and circumstances of revivals. To find the cause or causes of this spiritual dearth is the absorbing theme of our people; and, probably, the most important and vital question is, How shall we remove the cause when found?

Some have placed the blame on the preachers as the recognized leaders of the people. The stream can never rise higher than its source; and as the preacher fails spiritually, so will the people. Others claim that the evangelists, so-called, have made merchandise of the gospel and used improper methods, preached unsound doctrines, have taken into the Church people who know nothing about repentance or regeneration. Others, still, say our preachers have become worldly-minded and have preached a "soft gospel" to those who have "itching ears," and have become place-seekers; that our young preachers begin to aspire to station work immediately, and complain if their appointment does not recognize the opportunities enjoyed for preparation for this work; that our ministry has been divided into classes, and that a circuit preacher is not regarded with the honor that attaches to station work.

There may be truth in some, or all of these statements, but that we are backslidden is a truth that needs no argument to establish.

Whatever may have led to this state of things may not be clearly seen, but the means to be used to get out of it are plain to any man who enjoys religion.

Prayer, supplication and restitution will mend any broken link in our religious life.

Some have objected to the forms of religion, claiming that men do not enjoy the life and power while they are required to observe so many forms. This objection has evidently set aside many time-honored forms which our fathers observed and were greatly blessed in their labors while observing them.

The old habit of fasting and prayer was often followed by revivals of the



most scriptural type, in which thousands were born of God.

The class-meetings are remembered by all older people as wonderful helps to old and young. They brought the gospel in personal appeals to the people with great power.

Secret prayer, especially just before public worship, when all the members knelt down for a season of prayer that God would bless the preaching of the word. Now we find quite a number of preachers who enter the pulpit without bowing the knee to Him whose aid they so much need.

We will review the causes enumerated above and try to find some reason for our backward movement.

The sporadic movement in some sections of our communion, expressing itself in excessive zeal and hurtful isms, is but the effort of the Church to reclaim itself from a backslidden condition. It was also the case in the history of the Mystics, and in the history of the English Church when John Wesley was heading the great movement which culminated in a genuine reformation. A dead Church is the prolific cesspool of erratic creeds which run a short course, but often indicate to us the wants of the Church.

The preachers are doubtless as much backslidden as the laymen, but this trouble did not begin with the preachers. They changed their style to suit opposing elements that threatened destruction to pastors. The General Conference of 1866 introduced into all our conferences lay delegation in equal numbers with clerical, and we believe, under proper management, in was right and proper. But there has gradually grown up in our Church a disposition to run Church matters on business methods, and laymen have been called from the banks, the car-stables, the mines, congress, etc., etc., to suggest the policy of the Church. As a result, the Church to-day is largely dominated by a worldly-minded lay membership, and many a pastor calls the official board to hear how he shall run his protracted meeting, who shall do the preaching, singing, etc. The preacher used to be the chairman of all official boards, but everything now sets aside the preacher and runs the Lord's business according to "up to date methods," many of which are very very questionable.

This pressure for "business men" has brought into our official board men who have but one qualification—to make money. Boards meet and have a good time discussing Church matters without any sense of dependence on Divine guidance, for boards spend but little time in prayer and song; even the Quarterly Conference must meet at some time when other business is off, and only a short prayer can come in as introductory.

It used to be common for the steward to advise with his pastor as to the spiritual state of the Church, but how few stewards seem to think of any duty except to collect money and economize the finances. The official members are the leaders of the Church, no matter what preacher is sent them, and the opinion of this board directs the actions of the congregation.

Often young men are made stewards to "develop them," and rich sinners are sometimes put in to encourage them to pay liberally.

Let the preacher nominate the best men he has for official members, and bring to the front our spiritual men, so that God shall be honored in the affairs of the Church.

The evangelist came in under this high official ruling, which set aside the real pastor who was called of God to direct in these holy things, and many of them have made merchandise of the gospel.

They preached to suit the taste of those who called them and made "entertainments for those who might have otherwise gone to the theatre or ball-room."

Under this regime, how can we be surprised if some preachers become worldly minded, and the Church runs off after the vain and sinful amusements of the world?

We have thus written in good faith, and hope we have not said anything that would unjustly wound the feelings of any good man. I understand we are seeking light on this vital question, and must find it at any cost.

As the Church has prospered financially we have spread out our influence in many ways. Our women have been given the "right of way," and then societies have done much to collect money for the material benefit of the

Church, but, in many instances, these societies have been occasions for doubtful methods, and sometimes the honor of the Church has been compromised to popularize the occasion.

The result of all these things is a worldly Church that can not be entertained by the plain gospel of the humble Nazarene.

We cannot correct these evils by writing or preaching about them, but, it can be corrected by a courageous ministry consecrated by prayer and fasting, preaching the pure gospel, and scorning the modern sensational methods.

I do not pretend to say the preacher is blameless, but he has been led into this indifference by yielding to pressure from a worldly membership.

Begin the revival with the official boards, and it will spread throughout the Church. Let the stewards assume the requirements of the discipline in their religious life.

Turn out all officials who do not live clean lives, forbid any doubtful methods for raising money for the Church, enforce the discipline against all violations of Church law, emphasize the social meetings of the Church, exhort to prayer and fasting, have no gospel that is not taught in our Book, sing the old songs, and where we get happy, shout and say amen!

I am delighted to see the call of Bishop Galloway for a meeting of the preachers in Fort Worth, and hope and believe that we will go up in the Spirit of the Lord. Let us fast and pray to this end.

I. W. CLARK.

#### FROM NATH.

Some folks fondly dream and beautifully talk and wonderfully write about all the different Churches uniting, or, at least, making American Methodisms one.

They mean well, but are not wise. They are sentimental, but not full of sense. They are affected much by an outward show, numbers and such like. Christianity is a cross between the human and divine. God's Kingdom is a spiritual kingdom, housed in and helped by flesh on earth.

Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord.

We want oneness of spirit, but not oneness of flesh.

There are two unholy extremes to this thing, and one "happy medium," just like there is to everything.

An animal's heart is about half way between his nose and his tail.

United Christendom, or all Christians hitched up to one gospel wagon couldn't pull as much, nor wouldn't pull as much as hitched up in smaller teams.

If God Almighty were to turn the United States over to the Methodists, the Devil would soon have the United States and the Methodists, too.

If God were to answer some Campbellite's prayer to help them proselyte everything else on earth, they would keep on till they immersed the Devil in their Church too.

American Methodism has glorified God more in these United States during the last fifty-five years by being divided than she ever could have done under the circumstances trying to hold together. She never was divided much in spirit, and some years ago that wound was healed. She is too busy now to stop and try on a skirt some few theological tailors who believe more in clothes than character want her to wear. I have known some folks too big to be any account.

I am like God Almighty in at least one thing. I believe in all the Churches who believe in him, and are trying to obey him.

NATH.

#### LEAVES OF LIFE.—CHAPTER VI.

When fifteen years old I went to board with an uncle about eight miles from home, and attend a day-school at Fairland shool-house. My teacher was H. F. Rogers. He was not a religious man. He would patch his clothes on Sunday, go hunting on Sunday, swear, and do other things that he ought not to do. But worse than that, he would make sport of the idea of getting religion. It is unfortunate for a boy or girl to be sent to school to a wicked teacher. But in this instance I was sending myself, and soon became very much disgusted with the teacher. During that winter—1854-55—the pastor of the Chillicothe Circuit held a protracted meeting at the Bedford Church, about three miles from Fairland. Bedford was the Church where my dear mother held her Church membership. The meeting resulted in a glorious revival of religion. It was a revival sent down from heaven. The Church was greatly blessed and many souls professed religion and joined the Church. It was the most ex-



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tensive revival that I had ever seen. The pastor was the Rev. Wm. F. Bell, who was then in the fourth year of his ministry, and who is still an honored member of the Missouri Conference. My mind was divided between the school and the meeting. I attended the meeting every night and every day that there was no school. My heart was at the meeting. On the night of December 31, 1854, through the influence of a young friend (who himself had professed religion during the meeting) I was persuaded to go the altar of prayer. Yes, I really went to the "mourner's bench!" as they called it. At the close of that hour's service I joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as a seeker of religion.

R. M. LEATON.

#### POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE.

It was my good fortune to spend nearly a week recently at the Polytechnic College. Without any suggestion or expectation on the part of anyone, much less Dr. Lloyd, I feel it to be a duty to commend this excellent institution of learning. The student body surprised me greatly in the number of young men and women in attendance. There are over two hundred, averaging 19 years of age. They are in earnest to acquire knowledge, and it was a pleasure to address them as with pencil and tablet they took notes on the subjects discussed. There are twenty five or six, preparing for the ministry and foreign mission work. A healthful religious glow animated their bright faces, and a refined gentility characterized their deportment. The teachers are all young, with reputations to make, and better than that, a sense of responsibility to God that makes them thorough in their departments. They are not novices either, but graduates of great universities and colleges. Dr. Lloyd is worthy of confidence and support in his great undertaking; the city should rally with money and patronage to his assistance. There is need for more schools in Texas, under Christian influences. I give no opinion on the mooted question of curriculum or grade in this brief notice, but express my profound conviction of the need of this and every such school. Our Baptist brethren are showing great wisdom in their system of federation of their colleges, and calling their most gifted preacher in this State, Dr. B. H. Carroll, from the pastorate of a large Church to lead on in the great movement of liberating from the bondage of debt their colleges and equipping them for their great work. I learned that the debt of the Polytechnic College had been reduced two-thirds, un-

der the present management. Rev. M. K. Little is working intelligently and earnestly, and with marked encouragement. My stay was made the more pleasant by having for mine host Prof. Mister and his excellent wife. With our central university endowed, and our colleges fostered, a bright future awaits our Church in Texas.

H. A. BOURLAND.

Waxahachie, Texas.

#### SHALL THE LAW BE ENFORCED?

Here is a question which concerns every good citizen. If good citizens step aside and let law-breakers have their way, giving them the right of way in all their lawlessness, we shall soon reach a state of things quite as bad as that into which France was plunged when the "reign of terror" was ushered in. When we have reached a point where men will boldly denounce the officers of the law for doing their duty in arresting and bringing to justice the law-breakers, things have certainly come to a bad pass. You will hear men say, "Oh, a negro will gamble anyway, and the officers had just as well let them alone." Friend, did you ever stop to think what awful results may grow out of establishing such a precedent as that?

If such doctrine as that is carried out, the lawbreaker will soon learn that all he will have to do when any good law is enacted is just to let the people know that he is determined not to keep it. Such principles carried out would be equivalent to overthrowing all law and adopting anarchy. The negro has the right of suffrage and the protection of the law, and I say let him observe the law like everyone else. The negro has become so bold in his gambling in many parts of the country that white boys have become corrupted by the sin of gambling. I say enforce the law if it is necessary to call out the militia to do it.

Let memorials go up from all parts of the State to the Senate and House of Representatives urging the passage of the Kittrell bill.

C. G. SHUTT.

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## SECULAR NEWS

The coldest weather known for years has prevailed for the past weeks throughout the northwest. The temperature has gone in some places from twenty to forty degrees below zero. At this writing the intense cold is still on, and many people have perished as a result. Stock all over the cold sections has suffered dreadfully and the loss will be great to cattlemen. In the northern portion of this State the weather has also been severe for our climate.

On last Thursday morning there occurred a serious fire in Belton, Texas. It consumed the large flouring mill of Grimes & Donovan. The total loss is placed at \$10,000, only partly insured. It is said that the plant will be rebuilt at once and the preoperty otherwise improved.

The President has appointed a special commission to look into the charges made against the meat furnished the army during the war with Spain. The commission is directed to go to work at once and probe the thing to the bottom. What a pity the war can not be brought to a conclusion. It seems that the newspapers and the Generals will have to fight it all over again.

Gov. Sayers has approved the act requiring the Secretary of State to execute a \$25,000 bond. The law has the approval of the Secretary, who in fact called the attention of the authorities to its necessity.

The remains of the late Cuban patriot and leader, Gen. Garcia, have arrived in Havana, and appropriate services will be held over them. His resting place will be in his native island, for which he gave his life. The generations of his people in the years to come will rise up and call him blessed. His career was one of tempest and storms, but he now has rest, and so have his struggling people.

Agoncillo, who came to Washington some weeks ago from the Philippines as the accredited representative of Aguinaldo skipped out in posthaste to Canada as soon as he got wind of the battle of Manila, which was fought between the Americans and the insurgents. Having put himself out of the reach of Washington, he is doing some foolish talking.

Some robbers made a big haul at Chandler, Texas, the 8th instant. They proceeded to go through the store of Chandler & Green and secured \$1500 from the store and \$100 from the post-office, which is in the same building. No clue has been discovered as to who the guilty parties are.

Sixteen skaters were out on Lake Forest last Sunday skating, near Chicago. The ice broke away and they drifted out on Lake Michigan and were soon beyond the reach of help. During the evening ten of them were rescued, but at this writing the others were unfound.

The seed-sowing of Col. R. G. Ingersoll is producing a harvest that he hardly dreamed of some years back. In 1896 Norman S. Mussey, once his chief clerk, broke both of his legs and died; it was suicide on a railway. Wm. S. Lawton, a law student of his, shot himself to death. Miss Hattie Cooper and her mother were suffocated to death with coal gas, thought to be intentionally. Robert J. Wilson, his clerk, tried to swallow prussic acid, but was prevented; and one of his cousins attempted the same thing. We have no reports of later years.

The City of Mexico has been fearfully afflicted with la grippe this winter. Thousands of all classes of the people have been down with it and much fatality has followed. But Mexico is no exception; all over America the disease has prevailed, but not so malignantly as several years ago. The old world is suffering likewise.

There has been further fighting in the Philippines and the insurgents have received additional punishment. Gen. Otis and Commodore Dewey have full liberty to push matters until those people realize that we mean to settle things among them according to the terms of the peace treaty, and then give them a government in keeping with a humane civilization.

Mme. Candelaria Villa Nueva, a centenarian, who claimed to be the only survivor of the Alamo massacre, died in San Antonio last Friday. She is

said to have been at least 115 years old. She was in the Alamo when the Mexicans stormed it and slaughtered the Americans. She bore a scar upon her chin which she claimed was given her by a Mexican soldier with a bayonet at the time of the butchery.

The Supreme Military Court at Madrid, which for some time has been considering the loss of the Spanish fleet at Santiago the 3d of last July, charges the blame upon Admiral Cervera and Commandant Moreau, the Captain of the Cristobal Colon, and they are to be prosecuted for the disaster. Poor old Cervera! He was forced by Blanco to rush into destruction, and now he has to bear the blame!

Col. David B. Colson and Lieut. E. D. Scott, of the Fourth Kentucky Regiment, stationed at Anniston, Ala., got into an altercation last Saturday night in a restaurant in the presence of a number of persons and a general firing of six-shooters followed. There were many narrow escapes, but the Colonel was the only one hurt. He was shot in the hip and badly injured. From the account he is the party who brought on the trouble.

Som negroes made a brutal assault upon a respectable white woman, the wife of a school teacher, near Leesburg, Ga., last December. They were not apprehended till last week, and on the 11th instant a mob of outraged men went to the jail, battered down the door, took out the three guilty negroes and shot them to death. The Governor tried to reach the scene with troops, but he was too late. When the troops arrived the parties were dead and the mob gone.

Last Saturday night fire broke out in the insane asylum at Yankton, North Dakota, and seventeen of the unfortunate inmates were cremated. There were fifty-odd of them in the building, and the temperature of the weather was away down below zero. There were many miraculous escapes, but much suffering followed on account of the cold.

The trend of English politics is toward the establishment of the Anglican Church. The reason of this is the Church party is drifting toward Roman Catholicism, while the common people of England are going closer to democracy. Sir William Harcourt has placed himself at the head of what is known as the "Protestant uprising;" and if the progress of this party continues the next fifty years as it has in the past decade, then disestablishment is bound to come.

Kaiser William, of the German Empire, is forty years old. On the 27th of January his birthday was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Berlin, the ceremonies beginning with a salute of 101 guns at sunrise. There was a long procession of nobles and the representatives of foreign powers to offer congratulations, and the Kaiser showed decorations and other honors upon his admirers and subjects.

At San Marcos last Sunday morning a coil of pipe in the residence of Mayor H. Hardy exploded, killing his son, Rufus L. Hardy. He was struck by a piece of the stove and death was instantaneous. Another fatal accident occurred on the same day and about the same hour in the home of Judge Rufus Hardy, of Corsicana. His daughter arose and was near the fire-place when her clothing caught fire and she was burned to death. Whether the families are related or not we do not know, but the coincidence is remarkable.

Cornelius Ennis, of Houston, died at the advanced age of eighty-six years last Tuesday. He came to Galveston in 1829 and opened up a drug business in Galveston. Galveston was at that time a straggling island village and he soon left there for Houston, a small town, then only two years old. He not only engaged in a general mercantile business, but also went into the railroad enterprises of the State. He was interested in the construction of the Houston Central and the town of Ennis was named for him. He was a lifelong member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and passed peacefully away in faith.

The estimated revenues of Cuba for the fiscal year 1898 was \$26,000,000, of which \$14,700,000 was derived from custom duties; \$6,000,000 from internal taxes. The expenses consumed all of this, but in these expenses were included \$10,500,000 for interest on a funding debt, \$2,000,000 for pensions and \$7,000,000 for the military and na-

val forces. The Evacuation Commission said after the departure of the Spaniards this expenditure would be reduced \$20,500,000, owing to the removal of the items just mentioned. This will show what a burden Spain has been to Cuba.

The insurgents in the city of Iloilo, the second city in size in the Philippines and next to Manila in importance, has been in a state of insurrection for some two months and giving the Government great anxiety. Soon after General Merritt arrived at Manila, he sent General Miller, with two or three regiments, to bring the insurgents to terms. This he tried to do in a pacific manner, but to no avail. So a few days ago he landed his troops and stormed the city and it soon capitulated. This is gratifying news. Iloilo is on the Island of Panay.

The temperature in Dallas last Sunday morning was ten degrees below zero. It stood about that figure and a little lower throughout North Texas. No such weather was ever known in this section of the country before. A great many deaths from exposure are being reported. In the extreme Northwest the severity has been simply fearful. Suffering among the people has surpassed previous records. The loss to stockmen will foot up a huge amount.

Paderewski, the king of pianists, is said to be loved affectionately by the tenants on his Poland estate and by the peasants far and near. His kindness and generosity are proverbial. A writer describing a village festival at the great musician's home speaks of the abundant proof of this affection upon this occasion. A long procession passed the master as he stood on the terrace before his house and kissed his hand as they moved by. He had a kind word and a smile for all.

Gen. George S. Green, who died at Morristown, N. J., on the 29th of January, was the veteran hero of the United States Army. He was born in 1801, and he was almost ninety-eight years old at his death. Until recently he walked the streets with flashing eye and erect form, an example of strength and vigor to our young men. He graduated at West Point in 1823. Not only was he a brave soldier, but he was a true Christian man and had the respect of the people where he lived and died.

Lent began last Wednesday. This is hardly a secular news item, but it runs along not very far from that department of news. It means that all religious people who have had uninterrupted access to the amusements of the world will from this time on drop them and make a pretense to spiritual religion. Therefore for forty days they will go to Church, diet themselves, read prayers and separate themselves from the world. Then at the expiration of forty days of pious observance they will be at liberty to turn themselves loose and devote the rest of the year to most anything they desire.

The amendments to the Dallas City Charter, when taken to Austin, were examined by Gov. Sayers and found to contain a section authorizing this city to license houses of immorality, and he promptly informed those having the proposed amendments in charge that if the Legislature passed the amended charter with that section in it, he would veto the whole thing. The section was promptly stricken out. Good for Gov. Sayers. We are delighted to know that we have an Executive who has this sort of nerve.

Twelve years ago Chas. Burrell, a boy living in Chicago, was struck on the head by a playmate. He became insane and was placed in an asylum. On the 1st instant the X-rays having revealed a growth on the inner surface of the skull at the point where the blow was received, Burrell was subjected to an operation, the growth was removed and he was put to bed. The next day he awoke in the full possession of his faculties and his first words were, "Who hit me?" The twelve years had been a blank, and he resumed life just where he was when the blow was given. He remembered naught of those years.

A big fire occurred at the Huntsville branch of the State penitentiary the 13th inst., and all of the cells and administration building were destroyed. The prisoners were so handled that not one of them was injured, and no one of them escaped. The confusion at one time was fearful, as the inmates thought cremation awaited them; but their fears were allayed when they were given to understand that they would be delivered without harm. The



loss is not much short of \$30,000; insurance not yet given.

The United States Battleship Texas is now in Galveston, and also Captain Philip, her former commander. He is there to receive the Bible and sword gotten up by the Sunday-school children of the State. This is a worthy token of esteem bestowed upon a worthy hero. He showed himself a brave soldier of the cross at Santiago as well as a brave seaman, fighting the battle of his country. He is entitled to such recognition.

In a great snow-slide last Sunday morning at Silver Plume, Colorado, twenty-four lives were lost. It occurred near the mines and those destroyed were mostly Italian laborers. The movement of the snow started two miles from the camp, and when it struck the spot the force was awful. Scarcely a man escaped.

The anti-pool bill reported to the State Senate awhile back, and which ought to have become a law, was killed in the committee room.

The committee having the matter in charge, have reported favorably on a bill to pay Gov. Hogg a fee of ten per cent of the money he collected for the State some time back from the National Government. So this will end a matter, out of which, some people have been trying to make a scandal.

An anti-cigarette bill has passed the Senate with practical unanimity. It is thought that the Lower House will pass the same bill without difficulty. It provides punishment of not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$100, of any person who shall barter, sell, give, or cause any one to barter, sell, or give to any person under sixteen years of age, without the written consent of the parents or guardian, of any cigarette or tobacco in any of its forms. Good for Texas.

The steamship William Lawrence, of the Mercantile and Miners' Transportation Company, running between Baltimore and Savannah, is a total wreck, on account of running ashore off Hilton Head Island on the South Carolina coast. The accident occurred the 12th inst., and the destruction of the vessel is complete. All the life boats reached shore except two with fifteen men in them. They may have escaped to one of the islands.

Capt. William Kennard died last Tuesday at his home, near Cleburne. He was 83 years of age, and a veteran of the earlier Indian wars, and also of the Mexican war. He was at the battle of San Jacinto, and worked in the trenches all night before the engagement came off the next day. He took quite a prominent part in the fight and saw victory come to Houston's little band. Capt. Kennard was also in the Confederate Army and did good service.

### FORECASTS FOR FEBRUARY.

February begins at the end of the last January storm period, hence cold, fair weather will be advancing from the west and north as the month opens. Storms may be clearing the Atlantic coast regions, but cold, fair weather will reach there by the 3d. Reactionary storm conditions will return in Western States about the 4th, and will traverse the country eastwardly during the 5th and 6th. Change to colder will follow the storms, touching most sections by the 8th. A marked storm period runs from the 8th to 12th, in which a Venus equinox will be the center of its power. Very warm days will be followed by rain and thunder, turning to snow, blizzards and a cold wave. About the 14th to 16th, cold will moderate and more storms of rain and snow will occur, followed again by change to much colder. Another Vulcan storm period extends from the 21st to 24th. Falling barometer, warmer weather and numerous storms of rain and snow may be expected, with cold following. February closes in a reactionary storm period. Heavy sleet and blizzards the last two periods in the month. Watch your stock. Many will perish.—McLean's Almanac.



## NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

## NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

## MESQUITE.

L. L. Naugle, Feb. 13: The people of this charge have shown their appreciation in many ways. Quite a lot of nice things have been brought to the parsonage. The stewards have assessed \$600 for the preacher in charge. We have two Leagues, both doing well, and two Sunday-schools progressing nicely. Large and appreciative congregations have greeted us. Twelve have joined the Church by certificate. We are praying for and expecting a revival all over the work. Hurrah for the Advocate!

## MERIT.

J. B. Adair, Feb. 13: The first Quarterly Conference for this year was held at this place the 8th inst. Bro. Ashburn was on hand, looking after all the interests of the Church. Most all of the members of the Quarterly Conference were present. The stewards made a good report. The best financial report that has been made at the first Quarterly Conference for several years. We have been remembered by the people of the charge in a nice pounding. It came December 23, 1898.

## GREENWOOD.

J. W. Tinscher, Feb. 12: On account of cold weather I have not been able to get a congregation on my work in three weeks. The thermometer registered fifteen degrees below zero this morning in Greenwood. While I have been prevented from preaching to my people, I have not been idle. If any preacher was ever among sick people, I have been for the past week. There are about seventy-five cases of measles in this community. I visited forty-three cases today. So you see our Sunday-school is suspended for the present, also our day-school, until this epidemic is over. We hope to have a better report next time. Success to the Advocate. It is taking well. People say it is better than ever. I received one of the Palmore private letters. He is fishing the wrong pond.

## KINGSTON.

T. M. Kirk, Feb. 10: At the recent session of the North Texas Conference, which met at Greenville, Texas, this writer was read out for Kingston, one of the prettiest places in all North Texas. And we are praying that ere the year shall have closed our people here may be the most religious in the district. This people has been very mindful of us, and many good things have found their way to the parsonage, for which we are grateful. Our first Quarterly Conference has been numbered with the things of the past. \$47 was reported for the support of the ministry. Our presiding elder, Rev. I. S. Ashburn, was on hand and did us some fine preaching. His presence in any home is a benediction. We hope he will come often. This writer has been down with la grippe for ten days, but now able for his rations, and we hope by the Lord's help to make some advancement in Church work this year.

## BROOKSTON.

J. F. Archer, Feb. 13: Saturday was the coldest Quarterly Conference I ever saw. The weather clerk ordered a blizzard fresh from the arctic regions, and it reached us on time. About noon the sun came out and warmed us up a little, but soon retired behind the clouds, and the mercury began to fall, and continued until it reached 14 degs. below zero. However, we had a very good attendance of official members, and a very pleasant business session. A building committee was appointed to tear down and rebuild our church at Brookston, which has been twice wrecked by cyclones, and is now condemned by the carpenters. Bro. Pierce, our new presiding elder, owing to sickness and bad weather, did not reach us in time to hold the conference, and if he had listened to the voice of prudence, would perhaps have remained at home, as he is just recovering from a severe attack of la grippe; but his love of duty and the Church prevailed, and he came late Saturday evening. Many of our people were anxious to hear him preach, but the extreme cold prevented. Bro. Pierce is not an entire stranger among us, having traveled the Paris District some twelve or fifteen years ago, when it included all this country, and his old friends are anxious to meet him again. I feel encouraged with the outlook at Brookston, and devoutly pray that the Lord will give this goodly land into our hands.

## TRENTON AND MARVIN.

Zoro B. Pirtle: On the second day of January we settled in full the \$337.50 debt which we found against the parsonage when we came to this charge. Though we count the debt settled in full, we expect a hundred dollars from the Home Mission Society to finally pay the last hundred which we borrowed. The town of Trenton has expended about six thousand dollars within the last three years on churches, schools and parsonage. Now that the parsonage is clear of debt, we can begin to

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improve the property and furnish the house. However, we do not have to wait to begin; for on last Friday evening the day drove up in front of the parsonage bearing a beautiful bedroom set. Pretty soon Sisters J. I. Dillon and Lavonia Guthrie came also—these good women being the parties who had made up the money and purchased the suit. Many thanks to these faithful sisters, and to all who contributed to this enterprise. There are a number of good, consecrated women in this Church, and, in fact, all over the work; so it will not be long, through their labor and energy, the parsonage will be well repaired and furnished. A man may buy a finger-tailed pony for twenty-five dollars; but a first-class, all-purpose, combination horse will cost him fifty dollars in clear cash; so, brethren, pay two dollars for the Texas Christian Advocate and get the home news, also next to the best paper published by the Church—the very best conference journal.

## MARVIN.

W. R. McCarter, Feb. 8: After spending one year with the good people of Fanin charge, we were sent to Marvin. We have been kindly received. These folks know how to captivate their preacher—give him a royal reception, speak encouraging words and make him feel at home among them. Already they have had a large measure of success in this direction. We have not received any severe pounding; it has come on us gradually. Many tokens of kindness and appreciation have been continually finding their way to the parsonage since our arrival. Marvin Charge consists of four appointments. Shady Grove is, or has been, the most central point in the charge. The old camp-ground is at this place. Many people in this and adjoining counties hold this place near their hearts. It was here their fathers and mothers came and worshiped God. It is here also that many of them have been quietly put away to await the glorious resurrection. Who but the Master could count the number of souls born of God during the great revivals held on these grounds? Who but him who knoweth all things, can measure the joy of fathers and mothers on seeing their children saved from sin? Then contemplate the tears of grief when these children came and buried these precious parents. Brethren, we, too, must soon be carried to this or some other quiet city. Let us be found faithful. Let all who read this pray that God may meet with us at this place in a revival of religion, a "time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." We serve a loyal, devoted, consecrated people; seem to esteem it a pleasure to render the Church any help or service in their power. Bro. Gorsline, our predecessor, and the good people of this charge completed and furnished a nice, comfortable parsonage—one of which any people might be proud; so any team that is well fed and comfortably housed ought to draw a good load—exceptions to all rules. Our first Quarterly Conference, held Thursday before Christmas, was an occasion of pleasure and profit to all present. We had a very fine service in the morning, conducted by our presiding elder, Bro. Mountcastle. He preached with power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. He is a man of affairs and looks carefully after every interest of the Church. Our stewards, notwithstanding their very short time to see their people, made encouraging reports. The stewards also made a very liberal assessment for the support of the ministry. We are busy now collecting our foreign missionary money. Expect to forward our assessment to our Board of Foreign Missions soon. With the help, sympathy, prayers and co-operation of our people, and God's blessings, we want to do a good year's work and be able to make a good report on all lines to the next Annual Conference.

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## WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

## PAINT ROCK.

N. D. Wood, Feb. 7: We reached here January 14th. Have been kindly received by our people. Good things began coming in to the parsonage from the evening of our arrival, and continued coming until Wednesday night, when we were pounded outright for the first time in our lives. May God bless each and every participant and help us to break into them the bread of life. Our first Quarterly Conference was held February 4th and 5th. Bro. Lee (our presiding elder) was with us looking well after the interests of the Church, and preaching with power, which did us all much good. I think there were seed sown on Sunday night, especially, that will take root in good ground.

## BOERNE.

W. A. Govett, Feb. 8: The last time Boerne was heard from through the Advocate our church was on wheels rolling toward the most favorable situation in town. At the beginning of last year I requested all the brethren to pray with me for the accomplishment of moving the church. Those who did so may now rejoice with us. It now stands fronting every one's view going to or coming from the depot, inviting all alike to her sacred altar and to Christ. Our first Quarterly Conference has just been held. Bro. Waller, our faithful presiding elder, came up from San Antonio facing and catching like a sail the freezing blast unwelcome and driven out from the polar icy zone. As he turned back to home, wrapped like Santa Claus, our children said, I could but look up to

God and breathe out a prayer that the Spirit's presence might so warm his heart that physical discomfort might be forgotten. He has the hardest work in this district. The stewards made an assessment of \$400 for the pastor, \$40 was reported paid from the Boerne appointment. There were no representatives from either of the other appointments. \$50 has been donated during the quarter by Bro. Sawyer (steward) to purchase a lot adjoining the church, on which we shall build a new parsonage. D. V. \$15 was also reported for fencing church, and a set of fine furniture put in the parsonage by the ladies at a cost of \$22.75. \$11 was reported raised by Sunday-school. What we need now, brethren, is conversions. You exhorted us in your last editorial to "go into an upper chamber." Mine is the lay-left over the stable. It was here last year I fought the difficulties of moving our church, loosened the strings of men's pocketbooks and won the victory. Here this year I anticipate the assurance of victory in all battles and the conversion of many souls. We talked at Quarterly Conference of the Advocate and of its secular department. Bro. Waller said: "It is the hit of the hour." I want to be a more successful agent for it.

## OZONA.

J. W. Gibbons, Feb. 3: At conference we were read out for the third time to this charge. After a long journey we arrived here on the 21st of November, 1898. Every one seemed glad of our return. The brethren having sold our parsonage so as to locate it nearer the church, we were kindly entertained in the home of Bro. L. B. Cox until we secured a room from Bro. J. W. Odum, which we occupied for nearly a month gratuitously. Soon work was begun on the parsonage, and on the 23d of December we moved in; now we are much nearer the church and comfortably located. On December 30, Sisters L. B. Cox and J. W. Merchant led in collecting and presenting to us a nice New Year's box, which contained two nice dress patterns for Mrs. G., and something for each member of the family, beside quite a number of good things for the culinary department, all of which we appreciated very much indeed. Our first Quarterly Conference was held in Sonora on the 28th and 29th of January, 1899. Bro. Theo. Lee was on hand and did well his part as presiding elder, looking after every interest of the Church. All our Methodists enjoyed Bro. Lee's stay and especially his sermons. We are planning for victory in God's name. Our League has pledged and partly paid \$50.00 toward the support of a Mexican missionary to labor among our Mexican population. Besides Ozona League has raised since conference \$114.00 for seating our church. May the Lord prosper his work everywhere.

## EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

## NAPLES.

R. J. Smith, Feb. 11: We were made very glad when Bishop Galloway read us out for Naples Circuit. We have been happy ever since. I never met a kinder, more appreciative or generous people. No general pounding has greeted us, but a continuous one. To the present our provisions have cost us but a trifle. One kind Baptist brother gives us our meal for the year. Two of our good women send butter each week. The sinners of the town are kind and thoughtful of the wants of the preacher and wife. Several sinners have told me to come and get corn by the wagon-load, and that it should cost me nothing. Well, of course I shall go. The most of the good women of the town have been to see my wife, and she's delighted to have them come. Our Quarterly Conference convened yesterday, and our good and faithful presiding elder, Bro. T. P. Smith, was on hand, but owing to the cold weather we did not get to hear him preach, but we enjoyed his social presence in our home. The stewards made a very liberal assessment of \$530 for the support of the ministry. During the quarter we have spent \$23.65 in repairing the parsonage and paid \$23.25 on the parsonage debt. I have received eleven members into the Church and baptized two infants. We have organized two Sunday-schools and two prayer-meetings and a Home Mission Society of sixteen members, and we expect others to join soon. I have received eight subscribers for the Texas Advocate. God bless this messenger of truth and light. We are praying and trusting for glorious revivals on this charge.

## ATHENS.

L. A. Webb, Feb. 7: When I returned from the conference at Beaumont and it was learned that I was sent to Athens, my friend, Judge Ingraham of Nacogdoches, said to me: "I have always heard that Athens was in Greece; but now I know that it is in the south." Well, I don't know as to that; but I do know that this preacher is "in clover." The ladies have put things in shape generally. We have a new fence, barn, buggy-shed, cow-stall and the well dug three feet deeper, with new chairs put in. In the parsonage are new dishes, a fine new Bridge, Beach & Co.'s cooking stove. As soon as the weather will permit, the house will be repaired and new shades hung. There is yet more to tell. We have had everything good for man, wife and children sent in to us, so that we could test the cooking qualities of our new stove. Now, Bro. Rankin, if you will run down to Athens, I will let you preach to one of the best people in Texas and then take you up to the parsonage and let you sample the good things spoken of. We follow W. T. Pledger, and they say that Pledger is a fine preacher. Well, I do not see how he could be anything else but a good one after living with this people four years. I believe that they can even make one of the piece of material now on hand. Of course it takes grit to undertake such a job, but then the people of Athens have more sand

than any people that I know of. The outlook for the year is good. Our first Quarterly Conference is past. The Board of Stewards increased the preacher's salary. I was able to report all collections ordered by the Annual Conference secured in cash and good subscriptions. Have paid our Foreign and Domestic Missions in full. So, with a clear deck and the year ahead of us, we are, by the help of God, going to make it our best. Our people love the Advocate, and we will place it in every home possible this year.

## ELKHART.

D. W. Towns, Feb. 6: The Bishop said for me to get off here, so on December 22 I, with the children, Ruby Carl and John Adams, also horses and household goods, arrived. We have spent some money and put some labor around the parsonage, which improves the looks and convenience. We have a good barn, stables, buggy-house, lot and garden. I have been kindly received and have preached at each Church. We have not been pounded, but some good things to eat have found their way to the parsonage. May God abundantly bless the thoughtful. Our Quarterly Conference is just over. Bro. Godbey was on hand and all who attended realized that a wise-headed and warm-hearted man was in the chair. Bishop Galloway made no mistake in appointing V. A. Godbey to Palestine District. He preached us two good sermons and made a fine talk in Quarterly Conference, and everybody felt good. One man got up and asked the prayers of Christians. I am well pleased with my presiding elder, and if his men will stand by him and push the Lord's work, you will hear from this district at Timpon. We are getting closer to God and want to lead the Church nearer and sinners to Christ, and it will be enough. We will always love the Marshall people who stood by us when the clouds were so dark. Many thanks for the paper you are sending us. You are spreading yourselves. The paper comes to us like a ball of light or a box of ointment, and when she is opened the light shines from every page and the blessings flow out to all who come in contact with the paper. I will do my best to send a long list of subscribers soon.

## NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

## GRANGER.

N. A. Keen: Our first Quarterly Conference past. Bro. Nelms present; preached like himself. Good attendance. Full assessment, \$965; presiding elder, \$90; preacher in charge, \$780. Collected \$195. The pounding has been general—not spasmodic. In the fear of God we shall do the best we can. We serve a good people. The Advocate is in splendid favor with my people.

## MILLSAP.

J. J. Harris, Feb. 12: We came very near losing our beautiful church here yesterday at 11 o'clock service. The people of Millsap made a gallant fight. God bless them. About one-fourth of the roof will have to be made new, and other injuries sustained. Our Baptist brethren were occupying the house at the time of the accident. My wife, daughter and myself are all sick. Have been for two weeks in grippe. I wish it would let loose.

## ARMOUR.

C. G. Shutt, Feb. 6: The preachers of the Corsicana District met in conference at Mexia, January 30. Rev. E. A. Bailey, presiding elder, in the chair. Brother Bailey stated that the object of the conference was to confer with each other in regard to the work which lay out before them, such as missions, Leagues, Sunday-schools and especially the work of revivals. Each preacher seemed to be burdened with the thought, "We must have a revival." If Corsicana District is not swept by revival power this year we shall all be greatly disappointed. After four interesting sessions, the conference adjourned to meet in Corsicana at the call of the presiding elder.

## WEST CLEBURNE CIRCUIT.

Sterling Richardson, Bono: We have been settled on our new work now for three weeks, and we are thoroughly in love with our people. We are all hoping, praying and working for one of the most successful years in the circuit's history. Yes, it has been snowing considerably, but when we had been settled here in the parsonage for about two days, and we sitting one evening by the fire planning our year's work, it began one of the biggest hailstorms you ever saw. It hailed flour, meat, lard, soda, hominy, potatoes, eggs, onions, nuts, cake, crackers, canned fruit and lamp oil. It was

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## Old and Young

### THE MURDER OF THE MODERN INNOCENTS.

Bethlehem was little among the thousands of Judah. We are told that probably not over thirty children fell under the order of Herod. The murder of the innocents of the nineteenth century is a march to untimely graves, not by order of a wrathful king, but under what is claimed to be the finest free school system in the world. Go into any public school and you will see girls as palid as day lilies, and boys with flat chests and the waxen skin that has been named the school complexion. Every incentive and stimulus is held out; dread of blame, love of praise, prizes, medals, badges, the coveted flourish in the newspapers—the strain never slackens. Watch the long lines filing past, each pupil carrying books—three, four, five—to be studied at night in hot rooms, by fierce, sight-destroying lights. Time was when spectacles went with age. They are no sign of age now. Many must wear glasses to help eyes worn prematurely old by night work.

Said a thoughtful father: "My children have no child life. They are straining up a grade, talking about examinations. When is their play time, if not now, and what has become of the light-hearted boys. School is never out. Even in the fields the butterfly and the tree-toad are turned into object lessons, and the grass-hopper is torn to pieces in order to be instructive. When I was a boy, and school let out, we were gay and free. We studied in school time, and in play time there was no thought of anything but play."

I do not undervalue education; it is greatly to be desired, but over-education is slaying its thousands.

The burden is books. The tasks imposed on the young are fearful. The effort seems to be to make text books as difficult and complicated as possible, instead of smoothing the hill so high and hard to climb.

Said a mother, "Two and two are what?"

The boy hesitated.

"Surely you know that two and two make four."

"Yes, mamma; but I'm trying to remember the process."

Process, indeed!

A child of nine years is required to define and understand such words as these: Aphocasis, apocope, paragoge, paraleipsis, diocasis, synocasis, tmesis. There are famous speakers and writers who never saw them.

Lest the gentle reader be as ignorant as the writer, I mention that these, and more of the same sort, may be found in many modern English grammars.

One day Mary was bending over a tablet writing words on both sides of a straight line, like multiplied numerators and denominators.

"What are you at now," asked grandma.

Mary answered with pride, "I am diagraming."

"In the name of sense, what's diagraming?"

"Its mental discipline. Miss Cram says I have a fine mind that needs developing. Look here, grandma, now this is the correct placing of elements. 'Fourscore' and 'seven' are joined by the word 'and,' a subordinate connective copulative conjunction. It modifies years, the attribute of the proposition. 'Ago' is a model adverb of past time. The root word of the first clause is—"

"Why, that's Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg. I keep it in my work basket, and know it by heart."

"Indeed! Well 'Our' is a simple personal—"

That's enough. If President Lincoln had been brought up on such stuff

that speech would never have been written. He called a noun a noun, and was done with it.

One day Mary came home at noon too sick to eat dinner. What had happened to the darling? She had seen a cat dissected in class.

Are our daughters being trained for surgeons?

Other noons she was required to find who was the author of "I sat by its cradle, I followed its hearse," and what caused the fall of the feudal system, and bring back the answers for the afternoon session. She was too hurried to eat anything but a banana while making a dive at the reference books, and I said, "I only remember these answers a few days. There's so much more coming on all the time." Of course by far the greater portion must be forgotten as the waves of yesterday.

The whole family go and laugh themselves to death at the "Milk White Flag," while Mary stays in to do her problems, her head bound with a wet cloth. Having no turn for mathematics, she will never get any sense out of it. Naturally she hates the hypotenuse (if that's the name), and its kindred torments are foreign to her as money talk. With red eyelids and nervous fingers she ciphers whole evenings over partial payments—sums not ten men could do, and for which she can never have need.

"Mental discipline." Not any more than a Chinese puzzle; merely so much rubbish under the attic. The mathematics superstition is strong in the land we love to call our own; children of thirteen are in algebra.

Undertake the tasks laid on girls in their teens for one year and then write me how you like the "system." We need no physician to tell us that the number of nervous diseases on the increase is appalling. Even paralysis has crept in on the young. A leading physician of our state had three new cases in 1896. There is too much of everything except what is contained in Judge Baldwin's admirable answer to the question, "Should manners be taught in our public schools?" Four, or at the utmost five, hours are a full day's study if one is to have health in this exhaustive climate. Under our forcing system the time demanded is nearer ten hours. Foreign children may study harder, but they do not come of fathers consumed by ambition, and mothers trying to do the impossible.

The girls break first because of greater capacity for suffering in nerves alive and quivering that with boys are insensible as telegraph wires. Besides, girls are more tractable, and take to music, embroidery and painting, while boys play ball. In sanitariums, rest cures, water cures and other refuges, forlorn wrecks of women lie on beds of pain, swallowing cod liver oil, malted milk, and beguiling "foods" and drugs in order to build up. But there are no foundations to build upon.

There are limits to geography; since literature has possessed the public mind there are no boundary lines. To be sure it is a fine thing to read Browning at sight, and to know what Carlyle means by a "hell-queller," but these delights may be reserved for mature intellects; something might be left undone in the schools. A pupil must read "Paradise Lost" and write an essay on the poem within six days; a composition for scholars and that few scholars do read. I learn with pain that Dante has been added to the course in some states. The dead cat lasted only a day; Dante goes through a whole term. Let the great poets

come in later years, royal guests, not taskmasters appointed to afflict us with burdens. Be sure if your children want Milton they will find him, and, oh, do not make a study of "Childe Harold."

Back of all, and harder than unbending rules, is the merciless ambition of parents. American children must do, be and have everything. Propose to cut down, drop the least congenial study, and there is an outcry—"Why, then Mary could not get her diploma!" What will she do with it if she does get it? Lay it away in a forgotten top drawer, or frame and hang it in the guest chamber—a costly document bought with a great price.

Said a tender mother to me, "The air of the school room is so foul that my boys' heads smell of it."

"And you continue to send them?"

"Oh, yes; you know they must pass."

They are passing.

The mother of a girl with lips colorless as her forehead declared, "I have a high standard of education for Julia."

"But health, if she leave that in the text books, though she speak with the tongues of men and of angels, it profiteth nothing."

"I mean," determinedly, "for her to have advantages, and when she gets her diploma she can rest."

So she sums along till she can multiply three figures by three figures in her head, day and night thinking and thinking. One soft Sunday afternoon, even when the day laborer was having his leisurely stroll, I asked why she was not out with the rest of the family. She was at home writing an essay on Gray's Elegy.

"Oh, its no trouble for her to do it. This is her last year; she has seven studies; then comes the finishing school at New Haven."

"Doesn't her head ache?"

"Sometimes she talks in her sleep" (again the proud look); "its Latin, I think."

She was already in the finishing school, and what she now says in her sleep we shall not know until we learn the language of the dead.

That is not the only house where there is a drawer scented with tuberoses and heliotrope, and opening it is like opening the grave.

Easy for her to have seven studies

under seven different teachers! Try it yourself.

Said one of my neighbors, "Here are two diplomas; they represent my two daughters educated to death."

Death by freezing is easier. One of the most foolish sights I have ever seen was a feeble country girl who expected to make a living, she hardly knew how, puzzling over Cicero's orations.

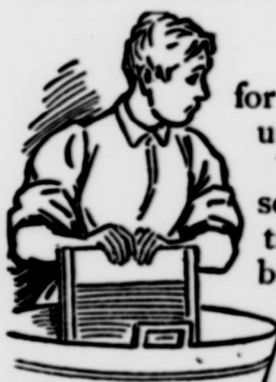
Latin is part of the treadmill stairs all must climb. Well it has been said of the Romans that had they been obliged to learn their own language they never would have been able to conquer the world. The dull girl pulls through grades high and low, and when the time comes to take a teething baby through dog days and nights how goes the battle? Down with nervous prostration, she would give the Euclid, Cicero, even the seventh book of Thucydides, for a day's release from the pangs of neuralgia. Baby is predestined, one of the never-sleeping sort, doomed to nerves tense as fiddle strings.

To get through in a given time the rate of speed is like the French woman's who, at dinner, whispered to the philosopher, "Now, while the plates are changing, be quick and tell me the history of the world."

I knew one type of a class. She mastered various sciences and languages, had seven years of music, and in mathematics went so far as to carry the surveyor's chain. She started in evanescent beauty, rose bloom and snow, and faded as certain sea shells lose color lying in the sun. The last time I saw her she said with angelic patience, "My children are wakeful at night and I suffer a good deal." She drooped without complaint, and one day the black horses came to the door and bore away the young mother to the city of the silent.

There is a school, not a thousand miles from Indianapolis, where little children go three hours in the morning and three in the afternoon, and are punished for the least restlessness. Naturally the prisoners are too exhausted to make much racket when released, so the houses where they live are "kept quiet."

Among women I have known, the one loveliest where many were lovely had little book learning. It is not



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what she knows, but what the woman is that makes her charm. This one kept household accounts with exactness, wrote pleasant letters, spelled perfectly, wrote a readable hand. She knew that the verb must agree with its nominative, and that the nose is not an organ of speech. Her voice was so sweet I hear it yet, though years have fled since it was hushed in eternal silence. She lived to old age, and to the last the banner over her was love; yet she never heard of the differential calculus, nor knew that man is a magnificent efflorescence of protoplasm.

It is urged that every American is a possible president; that he should be well equipped, a many-sided person, equal to any fortune, and so on. True, but do not forget that our greatest

—“the noblest man

That ever lived in the tide of times”—had what would now be called a meagre education, cared nothing for books, and was without a library. It is doubtful if any one of our chiefs walked through the Valley of the Shadow of Dante while a boy.

Few are born great, and if greatness is to be achieved it will not be by piling books at the top of one's head till the brains can not move.

President Lincoln taught us that if a man loves learning he will have it though he live in a wilderness.

If your boy's tastes are not scholarly you may make him miserable trying to force a love for learning. He will go through the books, and the books will go through him; there is no assimilation. You can not change his nature any more than you can make your rose of spring smile on old Croesus, instead of sighing her soul away to Romeo waiting in the shadows.

There is no reason why our little people should be bound under the same rigid rule as the heads of the Flat head Indians; why eighty should learn what perhaps six will need. As the English say in their straightforward way, if your son is to be a tradesman give him a tradesman's education. The man who under happy stars might excel as an architect or machinist may be a poor lawyer, and sentenced to it because his father was bred to the law and there was a judge somewhere among his ancestry.

The founders of our free school system (I hope they rest in peace!) little dreamed of the latitudes and longitudes that would grow out of their idea of a sound English education accessible to all; or as General Grant sensibly wrote, “Every child in the land can have the opportunity of a good common school education unmixed with sectarian, pagan or atheistical tenets.” Their idea has been elaborated into a toilsome course sapping the strength of the strongest. German, Latin, music, drawing, and studies whose names I do not know are brought in.

A girl of seventeen, who determined to do or die, said to me with effusion, “I want to know—just everything.” At last accounts she was making eyes at a handsome youth who may rescue her from impending lexicons.

After all, what are our children being educated for? The boys are to be breadwinners—that is decided. They must hurry through and “hustle for a living.” The girls—let us believe it—are the future homemakers. The word helpmeet is obsolete—left behind with the woman who made Eden Paradise.

Constantly the question is being brought up, “Shall this and that be added to our public schools?” But who asks, “Can the scholars endure any more?” They have no protest nor petition; they must stand like human vessels ready to be filled to the brim with mixtures of facts. I plead for a childhood of the soul as well as of the body, for the free air, the blessed sunshine, the moderate task ended at the

school-house. This night young heads are leaning against their mothers, tired as no young things should ever be, and it is a sorrowful sound to hear a child waking from what might be the sunny slumber of a light heart beating to healthful music to ask in a troubled voice, “Do you think I can make the pass grade?” It is said that they like to go to school. Yes, and they would like it twice as well if there were half as much to learn. Many children have I known, but not one who loved study for its own sake. Companionship is what lures them.

Instead of wandering up and down the wilderness of wintry facts let them linger awhile among the dear illusions. The Happy Valley of Childhood is but narrow, where the golden water bubbles to the talking bird and the singing tree, where the sun always shines and the years are summers. They who adjust the load that presses so heavily on the springs of life have much to account for.

Boston has been shaken by a solemn protest from the city physician against the ruinous manner in which children are overworked. Not the orphans in factories nor the poor in the tenements, but in the handsome school-house where the well-to-do send their sons and daughters.

Of the long-suffering teachers I can hardly trust myself to speak, no nobler army of martyrs ever marched to chambers of torture. Said one, “I begin the weekly reports Monday before the lessons are recited, else I should never have them ready by Friday night.”

I have seen teachers carry home piles of manuscript to be corrected, often spending Saturday and Sunday at their desks. Most dismal of tasks; no wonder the professional reader of manuscripts goes crazy.

Said another, “I am so tired I do not go to church. Unless I lie around and rest on Sunday I can not be ready for Monday. It seems that to teach anything we must know everything. We have to write essays on subjects that do not touch our studies, and there are the long meetings and the institutes.”

“What about the institutes?” I asked. It was at the close of one of the hottest days of our tropical summer.

“We must meet and hear compositions on basic thoughts, cosmic entities, the concept of ideality, and Mr. Nobody, from Nowhere, reads ‘Locksley Hall.’”

“Can't you read ‘Locksley Hall’ for yourself?”

“Yes, if I had a chance. My back ached so that I could not listen, and sometimes I am so hurried I feel as though I should lose my wits.”

At one time there was a regulation that teachers should stand during recitation. When a number had dropped on the floor the order was revoked.

After much hesitation this cry goes out—a petition to lighten the load of the overlaid that may not reach the hearing ear. I should not have the courage to send it had I not been entreated: “Speak for us; write for us; you have nothing at stake. We dare not complain; we should lose our places; there are many waiting for vacancies.” Pathetic appeals from the helpless!

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a thundering cannonade was heard from the right, and the reserve was seen bearing down upon the enemy. By sunset the Dutch fleet was scattered far and wide, and the cabin-boy, the hero of the hour, was called to receive the honor due him. His modesty and bearing so won the heart of the old Admiral that he exclaimed, “I shall live to see you have a flagship of your own.” The prediction was fulfilled when the cabin-boy, having become Admiral Cloudesley Shovel, was knighted by the king.—Lutheran World.

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We are constrained from the necessity of the case to ask brethren to be very patient with us. We have matter in sufficient quantities to run the Advocate for weeks to come. Hence you may look through the paper in vain to find your communications; but in due time your search will be rewarded. If you have not had your article returned to you, you may rest assured that it is biding its turn. Some of these articles will keep indefinitely, but others of them will grow stale if held over too long. To the latter we are giving the precedence. Again, we urge all of you to boil down. Our space is limited, and if you want a hearing, you must be reasonable in the length of your communications. Some of them are monstrously long, and if you cannot shorten them hereafter, we will have to do that little job for you—or send them back to you. Do you understand? If so, take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly.

Mrs. F. E. Barrow, a member of First Methodist Church in this city, died January 28, at Russellville, Ark., where she went to visit her daughter. Mrs. Barrow was a fine woman, and remarkably gifted in musical attainments. She was a devoted Christian, lived a good and useful life, and died in the triumphs of a living faith. She leaves a husband and a son and daughter to mourn her departure. Mrs. Barrow was by birth and training an ardent Methodist. She was the daughter of Rev. J. C. Berryman, of Missouri, who is now a very aged minister of our Church. He and Dr. Andrew Hunter, of Arkansas, are the only surviving members in the South of the famous General Conference of 1844. With such parentage, the life of Mrs. Barrow was in the true succession. She has gone to a rich reward.

Resolved, That we, the pastors of the several Methodist Churches in the city of Dallas, learning that efforts are being made to introduce a certain paper, purporting to represent the Epworth League interest of the State, we call the attention of our Leaguers to the fact, that the Epworth Era is the authorized organ of our Leagues.

W. E. BOGGS.

W. M. P. RIPPEY.

## EDITORIAL BIRD-SHOT.

Some species of the canine tribe cringe more closely about your feet the harder you kick them; but this fact does not increase your respect for them.

Birds that fly the highest and sing the sweetest, build their nests in the lowest places; so in this life, we have to come down from our highest moods to get into real service.

Scandal-mongers, like vultures, never see anything sweet or beautiful in their travels; but if an unsavory odor points the way to a carcass, they alight and begin business.

A great many people who make large pretension to piety, often court persecution as a short cut to martyrdom; but if you press them too far they will turn and rend you.

Some men are in the Church, like a tree on the inside of the fence, the most of whose boughs hang over the road-way; they mature some good fruits, but it falls where the pigs get it.

A great many widowers are like infants, in that they cry the first three weeks, then they begin to notice right early, and it is hard to pull them through the second summer.

A man can tell big yarns for the amusement of other people until he becomes a liar without a consciousness of the fact. Hence the Peter Pinders of the social circle need much charity.

You can actually think of yourself and what you endure so constantly, that you become incapable of thinking about anybody else; and this is often the genesis of refined selfishness.

You cannot please some people; and if you do, you will make them miserable and destroy your own self-respect; so it is best to please God and let him manage the snarler and the growler.

You cannot please everybody if you try the experiment, and if you could you would be no account.

## SOUTHERN METHODIST NEWS.

Dr. Hoss has returned from Cuba, and we may expect some interesting items from his facile pen on matters in that island.

Rev. Jno. H. Brown, a young preacher student at Hendrix College, died at the residence of his father in Little Rock January 30.

Rev. Dr. W. M. Leftwich and wife, of Nashville, Tenn., have gone to Florida for a month or so to recuperate. The Doctor is a fine revivalist.

Rev. G. W. Briggs, of Owensboro, Ky., recently lectured in Nashville at the Tabernacle in the lyceum course upon the "Black Sheep." Dr. Briggs is an able platform speaker.

According to the report of the last week's pastors' meeting in St. Louis thirty-three members were received into the various Churches in the city the Sunday before—our Churches.

Rev. D. W. Carter, D.D., of the Mexican Mission Conference and editor of the Evangelista Mexicano, is spending February and March in Cuba, investigating our prospect for organizing work on the island.

Col. W. A. Hemphill, managing editor of the Atlanta Constitution, has been elected President of the local Y. M. C. A. of that city. He is a leading member of one of our Methodist Churches in Atlanta.

A noble Hebrew who died recently in Atlanta, Ga., left in his will a provision for a donation to the Georgia Methodist Orphanage. This orphanage does not restrict its work to Methodists. This act ought to stimulate Methodists.

Captain Isaac E. Reeves, of Jonesboro, Tenn., died in Asheville, N. C., January 23. He was brother-in-law to Dr. D. R. McAnnally and Dr. E. E. Wiley, and cousin of Dr. E. E. Hoss. He was a prominent layman in our

Church and was noted for his piety of life and goodness of heart. He kept open house all his life and his home was the preachers' resting place. He died in great peace.

Rev. George W. Penn, of the Missouri Conference and pastor of our Church at St. Charles, was stricken with paralysis the 23d of January and died about the first of the present month. He was one of the most useful members of his conference and held in high esteem.

Rev. Zephaniah Meek, D.D., has been called to take charge of the Central Christian Advocate, vice Dr. M. B. Chapman, resigned. So Bro. Meek did not stay out very long. He has associated with him Rev. J. W. Lewis, D.D., presiding elder of the Louisville District.

In a private letter from Dr. J. E. Godbey, of the Arkansas Methodist, he says: "I have just read your notice of Dr. Palmore's effort to put his paper in your field. He deserves to feel the recoil of this." And we wish to add that he is feeling it, though he feigns to ignore it.

The New York Independent reported in its Church statistics that our Church had lost the past year 24,320 members. Now Dr. J. J. Tigert comes out and says that the figures of the seventeen conferences thus far passed upon show a loss of only a little over 500, and the Baltimore Conference is yet to hear from.

Rev. E. P. Ryland, pastor of our Church at Independence, Mo., had the pleasure of receiving into the membership of his Church a few Sundays ago Mr. Peter Day and his whole family. They had been recently converted and became religious people. The thing in this of special interest is that Mr. Day up to that time had been a leading wholesale liquor dealer.

It is going the rounds that the stewards of the Methodist Church at Albertville, Ala., finding that their revenues were behind their expenses proceeded to levy an extra assessment of \$10 upon every member given to the tobacco habit. If this were adopted and successfully worked in Texas we would have money to throw at the birds.

By a recent decision of the Supreme Court of Louisiana all property belonging to the Churches of that State not actually dedicated to worship is taxable. Parsonages, Church schools, Church hospitals, infirmaries and the like come under this ruling. As a result the New Orleans Advocate announces that the Advocate building, which has heretofore been paying good dividends into the treasury of the wornout preachers' fund from its rentals, will require all of this pay off the accumulated taxes on the property which have accrued since the lower court acted upon the matter. So this year the old preachers will get nothing from this source.

## NEWS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The International Sunday-school Convention, to which 2,000 delegates will be sent, will meet in Atlanta, Ga., April 27 to 29.

The Baptist brethren in Texas are still involved in personal controversy. Their big law suit is booked for this month in this city.

Both of the United States senators from Indiana are members of the official Board of Maridian Street Methodist Church, Indianapolis.

The aim of the Church of the Disciples this year is to add 100,000 persons to their membership. Pastors of other Churches had better watch their flocks.

The Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia received awhile back \$25,000, by request, from the estate of the late J. W. Hogg. It is to be used in the erection of a nurse's home.

The centenary of the first Methodist Sunday-school in London, was celebrated some weeks ago in the City Road Chapel. The attendants at the various departments of this school number 3,670—children, young people, and adults.

Dr. Cuyler, the famous Presbyterian minister, says of revivals: "In all my seasons of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the ingathering of souls, my Church has done its own work, except an occasional sermon from some

neighboring pastor. Brethren, if you want power, seek the power from above! Don't send for a man; go straight to God."

The Board of Foreign Missions of the Northern Presbyterian Church owe a debt of \$46,000. One layman has proffered to pay \$10,000 of the amount.

An exchange says that "Methodist ministers' salaries average \$850; Presbyterians, \$1,100; and Congregational, \$1,050." Those of the other Churches were not given.

Bishop Ninde and Dr. A. B. Leonard, of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, have been spending some time in Porto Rico and Cuba, with a view to opening up work in those islands.

The total resources of the Catholic University, at Washington, were shown by the treasurer's report at the last meeting of the trustees, to amount to \$1,809,725. This vast sum has accumulated in ten years.

Rev. Dr. Henry W. Vandike, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York, has announced that he will not accept the call to the chair of Literature in Johns Hopkins University, but will remain with his charge.

Col. Dudley Wooten, who has been acting as literary editor of the Baptist Standard, is a leading member of the State Legislature, and has therefore temporarily suspended his work on the Standard. He is a fine writer.

An exchange says: "Within our recollection, fifteen Presbyterian papers have started and failed. Some of them failed several times. The capital of one set of men being exhausted, another set would be found to take their place."

The Congregational Church in England lost its most distinguished leader recently, in the death of Rev. Chas. A. Berry. He was one of the great preachers and scholars of his Church, and a leader for all of the dissenting denominations of England.

Dr. Chas. S. Robinson, the noted hymn writer, died in New York, after a long illness, at the age of seventy. He was educated in Williams College, and in Union and Princeton Theological Seminaries; and at one time he was pastor of the American Chapel in Paris, France.

The proposition to have equal lay representation, submitted to the conferences by the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has received the vote required to make it a law. Why this has not been done before, we do not know. We have had it for years, and it works well.

Rev. Geo. W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church in this city, recently closed a very fine meeting of several days' progress. He had a number of conversions, and many who had been out of the Church for years were brought back during this service. He did all of the preaching himself.

An exchange says: "Church lotteries have not yet disappeared from New Zealand. Under the lottery act of that colony, it is said that last year sixty-seven lottery permissions were granted to religious denominations, of which twenty-four were to the Anglican Church; thirty to the Catholic; two to the Presbyterians, and one to the Jews.

The Church of the Disciples is torn almost asunder in some sections of the country over the use of instrumental music in the Churches. If the inspiration and authenticity of the Bible, or the Divinity of Christ were seriously involved, the discussions now going on in their papers on the use of instrumental music in the sanctuary, would not be more heated and exciting.

## TEXAS PERSONALS.

Bro. J. L. Durham, of Lisbon, Dallas County, called into see us Monday last, and it was pleasant to meet him. He is an old friend of the Advocate.

We are in receipt of an invitation to attend the spring opening of the present term of Whitten Institute, at Midlothian, which occurs the 16th inst.

We had a most delightful visit this week from Rev. J. M. Dunn, a local preacher in our Church at Sulphur Springs. Brother Dunn is now editor



of the Sulphur Springs Gazette. He is a fine man, and possessed of scholarly attainments.

Rev. E. V. Cox, of Arlington, in a private note to the publisher adds: "I am delighted with your management of the Advocate, as well as with the editor."

Rev. W. L. Nelms sent us his copy of the Palmore "circular," and adds: "Hurrah for your skinning job! Serves him right." And we are not done with him yet.

Rev. I. K. Walker, presiding elder of the Llano District, writes us: "Your secular news page is the happiest hit of the Advocate for years," and he is a good judge.

Rev. George B. Winton writes a kind note, in which occur these words: "I have been enjoying the Advocate." He furthermore says that we treated Palmore as he deserves.

We were pleased last Tuesday with a visit from Rev. H. B. Henry, once a member of the Northwest Texas Conference, but now a useful local preacher in our Church at Belton.

Rev. A. A. Wagon, of Mt. Pleasant, says: "Your labors on the Advocate are highly appreciated down here. You have our prayer and cordial support. You served Palmore right."

Dr. H. A. Bourland, of Waxahachie, was in the city this week and gave the Advocate a delightful call. His work is prospering, and he is arranging for a good meeting in his charge.

In a letter from Rev. J. M. Alexander he says: "I am bringing the Advocate before my Quarterly Conferences and urging its circulation." Brother Alexander is presiding elder at Beeville.

Rev. W. S. Huggett, of the New Mexico Conference, gave us a pleasant call last Monday. He had been assisting Bro. Edington back to his home in Virginia, whither he has gone on account of failing health.

In the Baltimore Advocate Dr. Whaling, of Austin, says: "I have been in Austin five Sabbaths and have received thirty-one members into the Church. The majority of them are strong men." A good record and a good man behind it.

Rev. J. L. Hollers, of Oglesby, Texas, writes kind words, and adds: "I want to thank you for turning the light on the Palmore circular. If the sending it out to Texas is not brazen effrontery, I do not know what it takes to constitute it."

In a note from Mr. W. C. Everett, now in Nashville, but who recently was here arranging to open the Branch House, he says: "We are planning to do as big a thing for Texas as they will stand out there." Well, we can stand things on a large scale.

Judge L. H. Browne, of San Marcos, sends us an admirable paper, which will appear later. He has this kind word for the Advocate: "We get your paper and love it very much. God bless you and sustain you in your great work."

Rev. J. F. Archer says: "Permit me to say that you are giving us a good paper, and my people are delighted with it. I want to say amen to that editorial on the confidential letter. I have one, too." So have lots of the brethren.

Bro. V. M. West, of Tobey, Texas, in a card, says: "We are pleased with our Advocate. I hear nothing but commendation of your work. I thank you for that editorial, 'Questionable Method of Journalism.' It was timely." Bro. West is one of the leading laymen of the West Texas Conference.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Sallie Fowler to Mr. Harry Lovelace and Miss Ethel Fowler to Mr. Will F. Woodard, Thursday evening, February 16, First Methodist Church, Palestine, Texas. These young ladies are daughters of Rev. L. M. Fowler, presiding elder of Marshall District. The Advocate tenders congratulations.

We appreciate a good brotherly letter from Rev. G. S. Wyatt, of Cleburne Station, with the request not to publish any of it; but there are some items of news too interesting to keep. For instance, he has secured in cash and good subscriptions all of his conference collections, and sent to the or-

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phanage double the amount of his assessment for that cause. And he has just come out of an eight years term of the presiding eldership, too; of course we are going to tell this much.

We appreciate some very complimentary words of Rev. I. W. Clark, presiding elder of Terrell District. Bro. Clark is pressing his work all along the line, and he helps the Advocate.

In a private note from Rev. A. W. Gibson, of Howe, he says: "Our people are pleased with the Advocate, and I think we can do better for it in the future. You have struck the key note in your editorial on 'Substitute Controversy with Prayer.'"

We appreciate a private note from Rev. Wesley Smith, a superannuate of the Texas Conference, though he lives at Abilene. He is now eighty-five years of age and has been a patron of this paper forty-seven years. We have on the "hook" an article from him on "The United States in Prophecy."

Rev. F. A. Downs says: "The Advocate is approaching the ideal Church paper—a paper for all classes." Then he adds: "I will not kick if you put my article in the waste basket." Ah, this touches us in a soft place. We love the brother who has grace enough not to "kick" the poor editor.

We have a good letter from Rev. W. J. Snow, of Houstonia, Mo., but formerly a member of the Northwest Texas Conference, in which he says: "I desire to speak in commendation of the excellent paper you are giving to your patronizing conferences. I heartily congratulate the Church in Texas."

Rev. C. M. Threadgill, of Bonham, is moving things with a vigorous hand to rebuild the church which was recently burned. He is backed by the co-operation of a good people, and the work is bound to succeed. Bro. Threadgill is one of our successful preachers, and a handsome church edifice is sure to reward his effort.

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### WORDS OF COMMENDATION.

The Advocate is pleasing my people. It is good food for Methodists. I like the paper. SAMUEL B. SAWYERS, Florence, Texas.

I am much pleased with the Advocate, and will do what I can for its circulation. P. G. HUFFMAN, Deport, Texas.

I am better pleased with the Advocate, both editorially and mechanically, than ever. W. A. PALMER, Superintendent City Public Schools, Bastrop, Texas.

Expect to make Peoria Circuit the banner circuit of Waco District, for new subscribers to the Advocate. Hope all the preachers will enter the race. G. W. KINCHELOE, Peoria, Texas.

I have done all that I can at present for our dear old paper, but I am steaming up to make another canvass. We little fellows can't preach like Paul, and fill high places, but it is so comforting to know that God honors our ministry, and you our ability to work for the paper. Little wheels are essential to any machinery, so look out for more subscribers before the year is out. J. W. CULLEN, Lott, Texas.

### NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

(CONTINUED FROM FIFTH PAGE.)

a storm which we appreciated very much as a token of the substantial love and generosity of our people. Our first Quarterly Conference was a grand success, both spiritually and financially. Our presiding elder, Bro. Bolton, preached three very strong and very spiritual sermons, which were greatly enjoyed and did much good. We have prospects for two new church houses on the work this year, and we are praying for an outpouring of the Holy Ghost all over the work.

### MAY.

R. B. Young, Feb. 6: We are at May for the second year and hope for good results. Our first Quarterly Conference has come and gone. The presiding elder, one of the best in the conference, preached some excellent sermons and looked after all the interests of the Church. The salary is as it was last year. We have been hindered from work for some time because of sickness. My wife has had a violent attack of la grippe, but we are glad to report she is better at this writing. Pray for us.

### JOTTINGS FROM KILLEEN.

W. L. Harris, Jr.: This February 11th finds me around my hearthstone enjoying the company of my wife, thinking of the many people in our beloved America who haven't the necessities of life this snowy day. And while I peruse the columns of the Advocate I can say, with a grateful heart: Our Advocate has improved wonderfully along the spiritual lines, especially for the last few months. I say amen to the sentiment in one of the editorials of the Advocate, which said: "It will be a waste of paper and stamps to send communications to us if they do not breathe a spirit of devotion." I do not pretend to say that a controversy cannot be directed by the Spirit of God; but I am satisfied that the Spirit of God has not been in all of the controversies I have read in the columns of the Advocate for two or three years past. We need spiritual reading in a religious paper. Let us confess our sins one to another, and pray for each other. Give us an educated ministry seasoned with the grace of God; then we will see a general move all along the line and hear shouts of victory on every hand. I trust the call of Bishop Galloway has made will result in much good to us all. And may our prayers for this conference which meets March 16, 17 have the same spirit of the Savior's prayer as recorded in St. John 17, and be accompanied by the heralds of the cross all over our land and country in the year 1899. And may the same result be accomplished as was accomplished in the conference we read of in Acts 2 chap. Why not have this baptism? We need it; it is for us, for I fail to find where this Holy Ghost dispensation has been abolished. Let us stand by our Advocate and read it more.

### LAMPASAS MISSION.

R. N. Dupree, Feb. 13: We think that Bro. Putman did not make any mistake when he secured Bro. Campbell to supply this mission. Bro. Campbell is a man full of the Holy Ghost, and has on his heart the salvation of souls. Although he was not here until the close of the first quarter, he seems to be well up with his work. He is visiting from house to house; talks to the people about religion, praying with them, whether he is invited or not. He says: "I want to pray with you." Some of the people who are old in life and sin are made to rise from prayer with tears in their eyes and say: "Never has a preacher prayed in our home before. Come again." We think by the second Quarterly Conference Bro. Campbell will have been in almost every home in his charge. The fifth Sunday in January was a good day at Bonner. I preached Saturday night and Bro. Campbell preached Sunday at 11 o'clock. Although the day was cold, we had a very good congregation. At the close of the sermon we received seven members. Everybody seems to be well pleased with our pastor, and we are hoping and praying for a great revival this year.

### ARLINGTON.

E. V. Cox: Yesterday at Fort Worth a Mr. Wood died of smallpox. His wife and three children live here with her father. Through a hard snow "old Bro. Steel" came after me, saying: "Mrs. Wood wants to see you." I went at once to the far side of town. After prayer, quoting Bible, speaking sympathetic words, etc., we inquired into the spiritual condition of Mrs. Wood.

In brief, a Methodist at Greenville; had letter in trunk; house burned; letter gone; with penitent heart, tearful eyes, she desires again to join the Church. Seeing conviction for sin written strongly on her mother's face, I turned to Mrs. Melton—"She gave her heart to God," and at once desired to unite with the Church. A good Baptist sister brought a glass of water; and so Mrs. Melton and her daughter, Mrs. Wood, were received into the Church. I left them happy in Christ, came away rejoicing and saying, I could do without dinner and wade waist deep in hard falling snow to have such seals to my ministry. Praise the Lord! Arlington is a pleasant place to live. Hardly a day passes but that someone brings something to the parsonage in the way of estates. Great deal of sickness. Preaching ten times a month; burying the dead; riding long miles, etc., make a busy preacher. Prayer-meeting almost double; church services better attended; a splendid League and W. H. M. Society; a thoughtful Board of Stewards, and many other encouraging signs make a preacher, wife and baby (sweetest in N. W. T. C.) quite happy. P. S.—Wife says the baby is the sweetest in the world.

### COTTON GIN.

J. D. Crockett: Our first Quarterly Conference has past and our presiding elder, E. A. Bailey, looked carefully into all the details of the work. To know him is to love him. We are making advancements, but the weather has been unfavorable. Our preachers' meeting at Mexia, January 30-31, was a success, and we trust of much profit, though only about half of the preachers of the district were present—perhaps some stayed away on account of the small-pox scare at Mexia, though we thought there was but little danger.

### TEXAS CONFERENCE.

#### LA GRANGE.

G. H. Collins, Feb. 7: We have just closed a successful revival meeting. The inclement weather perhaps interfered some in the work, but I am sure that the Lord was master both of the weather and meeting, and he did the best possible for us. Our presiding elder, Bro. LeClere, was with us on last Sunday, but the weather was too cold for preaching, and he left an appointment for the 23d inst. Rev. R. J. Briggs preached for us twice a day for three weeks. Each sermon was in the power of the Spirit. No Church can listen to such appeals of truth without great spiritual improvement. The Lord has done a great deal for Bro. Briggs in gifts and graces, and in life, spirit and speech he is demonstrating his appreciation of God's goodness to him. He is loyal, self-denying and uncomplaining, confident that God, in whom he trusts, shall make all things work together for good. LaGrange is one of the neatest little cities in the State, surrounded by good lands, and a very prosperous people. So far as this world is concerned, it seems to me they could ask for nothing more, but when we look around us for an experimental knowledge of God and his sanctifying love, we find that a large majority of the people, although members of the Churches, are absolutely ignorant of any such experience, and from all that has been said in the Advocate of late, LaGrange is not the exception. We are praying and working for an advance movement along this line, and would be glad to have the Church remember us in their prayers.

#### PLEASANT HILL CIRCUIT.

G. C. Cravy, Feb. 5: We arrived heret at the parsonage December 14. Have not been pounded, as some of the brethren, though we have been received kindly and made to feel our people love us, and surely we love them. I have preached at each appointment, being five in number. The membership in this charge is large and badly scattered; but we are finding where a great many of them live. We have moved and rebuilt our corn crib, which is much better. Have put a stove and fire in Pleasant Retreat Church. Have collected our Orphan Home money, \$7.00, and \$18.85 for foreign missions. Our first Quarterly Conference convened Feb. 3. Bro. E. W. Solomon, our presiding elder, was on hand, preaching with the power of the Holy Ghost and looking after the interests of the Church, striving to show the people how important it was to stand by the Church and support their preacher. Finances behind, all the work not being represented. We are working and praying for a great many souls to be saved this year. We are well and happy among so kind a people.

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### FIRST QUARTER, LESSON 9, FEBRUARY 26.

Christ at the Feast.—John 7:14, 28-37.

Golden Text: "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink."—John 7:37.

The time of this lesson: A. D. 30, about six months after the feeding of the five thousand, and about six months before the crucifixion.

The place is within the temple courts at Jerusalem.

The persons in the lesson are Jesus, the people, the chief priests, and the Pharisees.

The connections of the lesson are found in the facts that Jesus, after the miracle of feeding, returned to Capernaum, where he discoursed upon the miracle of feeding, returned to Capernaum from the leaders. Then for some time he wrought and taught, but John gives us no record of these things. At length he came to Jerusalem, where he attended upon the feast of tabernacles. Here it is that the lesson begins. Jesus went into the temple and taught publicly. His former visit was not forgotten, and the unfavorable impression made at time had become more intense. This visit and the boldness of his manner added greater impetus to the opposition already existing. This opposition assumed a violent form and his enemies sought to have him arrested; but he spoke the more earnestly to the people. They received him gladly and heard him with joy. His time had not yet come, and the divine hand guarded him against serious trouble. He had his work to finish. Let us notice a few points:

1. Every man has a spiritual nature, and this nature hungers and thirsts. It must be gratified. But carnal food will not suffice for this. It is eternal life for which the soul longs, and this sort of food and drink are supplied by the words of Christ: "If any man thirsts let him come unto me."

2. Spiritual water avails us but little, unless we partake of it. To do this we must repent and believe. This is our work, and Christ can not do it for us. It is an act of our own will-power. When we drink of this water we live. But we must do the drinking. Every soul that drinks is revived and strengthened for the duties of life. All can come and slake their thirst.

3. The most of the objections to Christ arise from prejudice or ignorance. The Jews were prejudiced against him, and hence refused to hear him. Such is the case with many people to-day; but many others are actually ignorant of who Christ is and what he requires. Still there are others who do not like to submit to his spiritual laws. Hence the variety of opposition.

4. Jesus is really Lord or he is less than Savior. If he is not all that he claims to be, then he is nothing. When he offers eternal life, he is able to give it. All we have to do to test this principle, is to come to the fountain and drink. We can by this act either show the falsity of his claim or make a demonstration of its verity. Suppose you try it.

5. Whatever our notions may be about Christ, he is nevertheless all that he pretends to be. Our view of the matter makes no sort of difference so far as the truth is concerned. He is the Christ, the Savior of the world.

6. The history of Christian civilization is a living demonstration of the truth that Christ taught. He stands out in public opinion to-day more generally accepted as the Messiah than at any other period of the world. He is saving from sin and making new creatures out of multiplied thousands even at the present time. We may scoff as much as we please, but Christ is the living, transforming Savior of mankind. History so records his work.

## THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

February 19, 1899: A Missionary Church.—Acts 13:1-3.

The Church at Antioch is where Paul did some of his earliest and most efficient preaching. His work soon crystallized into a strong organization. Had he been seeking ease and comfort, this was the place where he could have found them. But ease was no part of his great commission. He was in the fellowship of Christ only for service. So the Holy Ghost called unto him to move out of Antioch and take the gospel into other regions. He heeded the call and became the great apostle to the Gentile world.

In this spirit is the genesis of the missionary movement of the Church. Through its progress the gospel went everywhere and is still going. It knows

nothing of cessation in its efforts. The moment a man becomes genuinely converted he immediately wants some one else converted. A genuinely converted heart is the unit of the Church. An aggregation of converted hearts—earnest men and women—is the Church in organization. The spirit of evangelization is the dominant motive and aim of such a Church. It is missionary through and through. The Epworth League is supposed to embody the young life of the Church. In it ought to thro this vital spirit. While it is all right for the League to make all necessary provision for the legitimate recreation of its young people, yet the League members must not overlook the important fact that to help spread the truth of the gospel is a part and parcel of their duty. If they cease to be missionary in spirit, then they will cease to be earnest Methodists. Therefore, the League ought to plant little centers of evangelizing work all around about the towns and cities and country places; and also do their part in supporting the work already on foot in foreign fields.

## LEAGUERS TO THE RESCUE.

An urgent appeal is being made by our Board of Missions for funds with which to inaugurate work in Cuba. By reason of the fact that Texas Leagues are far in arrears on the support of their three missionaries in China, the Board has been compelled to apply funds needed elsewhere to pay them. Will not our Leagues begin now to raise something on this fund? Very few have paid so far, and unless all take part in this we will fail. Many Leagues have pledged definite amounts, and of course, will met their portion. Let every League, not already pledged, raise at least \$10 at once, and remit to A. K. Ragsdale, Dallas, Texas, who is Treasurer of the State Missionary Committee. He is also prepared to supply missionary literature upon request free of charge. He helps best who helps quickly. Let us pay our obligation willingly and gladly. If the small amounts asked were a burden to any of the Leaguers, there would be some palliation for our unseemly delay, but as a matter of fact there is no burden in it for any but the poor missionary who is away from home depending in good faith on our faithfulness. Often the only explanation of the delay is the neglect to call attention to the real needs of the case. The young people of our Church as a rule are big hearted and liberal, and would soon wipe out the difficulty if they were informed of the situation as it is. Will not pastors and League Presidents put the responsibility on some one else by doing all they can to clear this delay out of our way, and out of the way of the Board at Nashville? Please read this letter to the League.

Respectfully,  
JOS. B. SEARS,  
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Chairman State Missionary Committee.

## STATE LEAGUE TAX RECEIVED TO FEBRUARY 9, 1899.

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| Previously acknowledged    | \$107 20 |
| Stanford, Richie           | 1 00     |
| Lamar Avenue, Paris        | 1 50     |
| Alvin                      | 1 00     |
| Round Mountain             | 50       |
| Yoakum                     | 1 00     |
| Prospect Hill, San Antonio | 50       |
| San Angelo                 | 1 50     |
| San Angelo Junior          | 1 50     |
| Tenth Street, Austin       | 1 50     |
| Total                      | \$117 20 |

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

S. E. Burkhead.

A great American writer says: "The Lowells have always held an honored place in the local history of New England. One member of the family introduced cotton-spinning into the United States; and for him the town of Lowell, in Massachusetts, is named. Another left money to found in Boston the course of lectures known as the Lowell Institute, but the most distinguished of them all was James Russell Lowell, who was born in 1819, at Cambridge, Mass., on February 22—the birthday of the most distinguished of all Americans."

James Russell stands out above all the other Lowells "as a bright particular star" "in all his round of rays complete." Lowell lived and died at Cambridge, Mass.

We learn that Lowell as a student was a very quiet boy, and did not take much part in the rough games of the other students. He was very fond of reading, but it is said that he read without much system when he was a

school-boy. Lowell says himself that when he was a student at college he read nearly everything but the books in the college course.

Lowell was graduated at Harvard in the class of 1838, and while at Harvard he was more popular with the student body than he was with the college faculty. He was at home both in prose and in poetry. Mr. E. C. Steadman says of prose: "Lowell's prose is clear enough to those familiar with the choicest literature. In critical exploits—that bring out his resources—he is not a writer for dullards, and to read him enjoyably is a point in evidence of a liberal education. His manner, in fact, is Protean, adjusted to his topic, and has a flexibility that well expresses his racy wit and freshness."

Mr. Genung, in his "Rhetorical Analysis," says: "The most striking characteristic of Lowell's style is its suggestiveness, due to its abundance of allusion, figurative expression and the ceaseless play of fancy round every important thought."

To his first volume of poems, Mr. Lowell gave a very modest title:

"The firstlings of my muse,  
Poor windfalls of unripe experience."

This volume did not catch the public heart, but Lowell did not seem to be discouraged, and, therefore, he did not lay down his pen. The year 1848 was a red-letter day in the literary calendar of Lowell; for in this year he produced "The Vision of Sir Launfal," "The Fable for Critics," and "The Biglow Papers"—opening up, as one has said, the fields of romantic and religious sentiment, of literary criticism and of political satire. Lowell had a keen sense of beauty. A great writer says: "Lowell's sense of beauty, in nature and in art, is keen and ingrained, and has been developed by study. It gives grace to both his poetry and his prose; while his graver thoughts about life impart a spirituality of view to his descriptions and interpretations. But there is a solid basis of human earth in him; and wherever his head may be, his feet are always among the terrestrial roots of things."

Lowell's "Vision of Sir Launfal" is certainly "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." It is a beautiful landscape poem, as one has said, and contains this fine passage, which is redolent of sweet odors:

"There is no price set on the lavish summer,  
And June may be had by the poorest

comer;  
And what is so rare as a day in June?"

No one can read "The Vision of Sir Launfal" without feeling the pulsations of a higher and better life.

Brander Matthews, in his American Literature, says:

"The Biglow Papers is the firmest and finest political satire yet written in the United States, and the 'Fable for Critics' is the clearest and most truthful literary satire."

If any one wants to be filled with pleasure and delight, let him sit down and read "Among My Books" and "My Window Studies."

Reading these masterpieces will give to any person what might be properly called the aesthetic thrill.

Lowell succeeded Longfellow in the professorship of modern languages in Harvard University, and it is safe to say that Harvard has never had a professor so popular as James Russell Lowell. His lectures on Dante, Chaucer, Shakespeare and Cervantes stirred the students and fired them with enthusiasm in the reading and studying of these great masterpieces.

George William Curtis has this to say about the varied learning of Lowell: "Probably no American student was so deeply versed in the old French romance, none knew Dante and the

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Italians more profoundly; German literature was familiar to him, and, perhaps, even Tichnor in his own domain of Spanish lore was not more a master than was Lowell.

In October, 1853, Lowell was greatly bereaved, having lost his companion. It happened that a daughter was born to Longfellow on the same day of the death of Lowell's wife, and in the sweet and beautiful poem of the "Two Angels," he tried to comfort his friend:

"Angels of Life and Death alike are His;  
Without his leave they pass no threshold o'er;  
Who, then, would wish or dare, believing this,  
Against His messengers to shut the door?"

No one can read Lowell without being vertebrated intellectually and morally. His writings are full of hope and inspiration. We never tire of reading Lowell, for he is a fountain of nectared sweets. In his writings we find the pure honey of the bees of Hybla.

In the lectures given at the Lowell Institute in Boston, in the fall of 1854, we find "all the richness and strength of his culture" fully revealed, and "the full power of his critical faculty" set forth. A great writer has said that these addresses "proved that he was the American critic who had at once the keenest insight and the widest equipment," and that he was the greatest of all American critics of literature, and had knowledge and wisdom, culture and sagacity. Surely as it has been said the winged phrase was his and that no man of our time ever packed truth oftener into an epigram.

Lowell is very quotable. From "Sir Launfal:"

"The Grail in my castle here is found!  
Hang my idle armor upon the wall,  
Let it be the spider's banquet hall;  
He must be fenced with stronger mail  
Who would seek and find the Holy Grail."

From "An Incident in a Railroad Car:"

"God scatters love on every side,  
Freely among his children all,  
And always hearts are lying open wide  
Wherein some grains may fall."

From "The Bobolink:"

"And ye shall see,  
With reverent and hopeful eyes,  
Glowing with new-born energies,  
How great a thing it is to Be!"

From his "Agassiz:"

"But God to him was very God,  
And not a visionary wrath  
Skulking in murky caverns of the mind,  
And he was sure to be  
Somehow, somewhere, imperishable as  
He,  
Not with His essence mystically combined,  
As some high spirits long, but whole  
and free,  
A perfected and conscious Agassiz."

Lowell had humor in abundance. It bubbles up in nearly all his writings. He writes about "a dame school" to which he went when a boy:

"Propped on the marsh, a dwelling  
now, I see,  
The humble school-house of my A.B.C,  
Where well-drilled urchins each be-  
hind his tire,  
Waited in ranks the wished command  
to fire;  
Then all together, when the signal  
came,  
Discharged their a-b abs against the  
dome,  
She, 'mid the volleyed learning, firm  
and calm,  
Patted the furloughed ferule on her  
palm,  
And, to our wonder, could divine at  
once  
Who flashed the pan, and who was  
downright dunce."

In the "Fable for Critics," Lowell measures his own efforts in these lines:

"There is Lowell, who's striving Parnassus to climb—  
With a whole bale of isms tied together  
with rime;  
He might get on alone, spite of brambles  
and boulders,  
But he can't with that bundle he has  
on his shoulders."

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An American writer has said, and he has said truthfully:

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Americanism seen to be ingrained. With him patriotism was almost a passion."

When Lowell returned to his native land from the Court of St. James, Oliver Wendell Holmes "Greeted him with a copy of verses, in which he asked:"

"By what enchantments, what alluring arts,  
Our truthful James led captive British hearts,  
Whether his shrewdness made their statesmen halt,  
Or if his learning found their dons at fault,  
Or if his virtue was a strange surprise,  
Or if his wit flung sawdust in their eyes,  
Like honest Yankees we can simply guess;  
But that he did it, all must needs confess.  
England herself without a blush may claim  
Her only conqueror since the Norman came."

Lowell died August 12, 1891, in his seventy-second year.

#### TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

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My child, this land of liberty  
Reels 'neath a giant's tread;  
A tyrant steeped in villainy,  
Conspicuous, dire and dread.  
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High license gives him sway;  
And death, and crime, and blackest  
shame  
Are landmarks on his way.  
The Nation holds him by the hand,  
And toasts and feasts him, too,  
Because the treasury of the land  
Receives a revenue.  
"The price of blood," that is its name—  
No, that would be too mild!  
"The price of virtue, peace and fame;  
The price of souls," my child!  
O touch it not, a mother's prayer,  
Heed child, while thou art young,  
Before this serpent of despair  
Beguiles thee into wrong!  
Kneel child, thy mother knights thee  
here.  
Be valiant, brave and fight—  
God's and thy mother's cavalier;  
Do battle for the right!  
Where'er thou meetest with this foe,  
In country, city, town,  
Then with thy knightly lance let go,  
And strike the tyrant down.  
In Capitol, in Senate hall,  
Or "canteen" on the field;  
Tho, high his ramparts mount the wall  
And pierce his blood-stained shield!  
Fight hard, my knight, to free thy land  
From tyranny and shame.  
Say, wilt thou go? Give me thine hand;  
O haste, in Jesus' name!  
My young crusader, this thy might,  
God shields thee with his wings.  
God bless thee, child, a mother's knight  
Is stronger than a king's!"

MRS. MOLLIE P. WALKER.  
Perryville, Texas.

### A SERVICE OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

Thursday, February 23, 1899.

All the Woman's Home Mission organizations in the United States of America have agreed to observe the 23d inst in humble, earnest prayer for the cause of Christ in our home land. A common programme has been adopted. Should the state of the weather in any locality prevent attendance upon the public meetings, let each observe the day privately. Let united, importunate prayer ascend for the outpouring of the Spirit.

MRS. R. K. HARGROVE,  
Nashville, Tenn. Gen. Sec'y.

### SERVICE OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

Thursday, February 23, 1899.

(This programme is only suggestive, and may be changed at pleasure. It may be either Union or Denominational.)

Bible reading and practical applications.—Deut. 8.

Hymn—"My faith looks up to thee."  
Several short prayers.

#### INTRODUCTION.

(To be read by some one previously appointed.)

Never have we, as a nation, needed Divine guidance more than in this hour of victory. Many of our wisest and best men are bewildered, hesitate, and honestly differ, and we need to wait humbly on the Lord that he will direct our steps. Special prayer should be made for these millions of strange people, now become a part of us, that we may do our duty by them, and that their coming may prove a mutual blessing, and not a curse.

Humility is not natural to Americans. It is easier for us to pray with the Pharisee, "Lord, I thank thee that I am not as other men," than with the poor publican, whose prayer was accepted.

A common but mistaken notion exists among us that the United States is a special favorite of heaven, and that God will prosper and protect us regardless of conduct. But the sentence still stands, "The nation and kingdom that will not serve the Lord shall perish," and no exception has been made in favor of the United States. Calling to repentance is not so pleasant as inviting to thanksgiving and gladness, but it is quite as important. Jonah proved to be Nineveh's best friend. No greater work can be done by the Woman's Home Missionary Societies than to awaken the Church and people to consider the prevailing iniquities of the land, and incite to earnest endeavor for their suppression. Women constitute more than

two-thirds of the membership of the Church, and are largely responsible for its success or failure in bringing the world to God.

Our magnificent church edifices, costly equipments and millions of members are bringing small returns for the number of laborers and the amount of capital invested. On this day of confession and prayer we should thoughtfully inquire why these things are so.

Much is now said about the brotherhood of man. But is it not time to give special emphasis to the sisterhood of woman? Women are drifting farther apart than are men, and too often is money, and not character, made the basis of social distinction. Are Christian women always as thoughtful of the poor and neglected, the strangers, and even the bad, as we should be, not only to relieve their physical necessities, but to show little kindnesses and courtesies which cost so little and mean so much to the poor and discouraged? There is more suffering in our land to-day from want of sympathy and kindness than from hunger and cold. Woman's influence should be a power for good, and against evil, not only in the home and society and the Church, but in the press, the school and in national affairs.

Hymn—"There's a wideness in God's mercy."

#### RESPONSIVE BIBLE READING.

Leader—He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but who so confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Response—Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Leader—God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Response—If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader—If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked way,

Response—Then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land.

Leader—Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Response—Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Leader—Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Response—Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Leader—Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

Response—For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think.

All—Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Hymn—"My faith looks up to Thee." Short Talks or Papers (on any of the following subjects): Sin, the great destroyer of nations and individuals. Sabbath desecration. Intemperance and the liquor traffic. Political corruption. Oppression of the poor and helpless. Covetousness. Pride. Worldliness. Selfishness. Dishonesty. The neglect of the duties of Christian citizenship. Buried talents.

#### RESPONSIVE READING.

Leader—Humility is the guardian of all virtues.—St. Bernard.

Response—It is no great thing to be humble when you are brought low; but to be humble when you are praised is a great and rare attainment.—St. Bernard.

(The Recessional was written to turn a mighty nation from jubilation to sudden prayer and introspection, and is appropriate for us at this time of triumph.)

#### Leader—

God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine;  
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget, lest we forget.

#### Response—

The tumult and the shouting dies;  
The captains and the kings depart;  
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart;  
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget, lest we forget.

—Rudyard Kipling.

Hymn—"Just as I am."  
Prayer and testimony.

#### RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING.

Leader—Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his

thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Response—The Lord is nigh all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

Leader—The effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much.

Response—My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Leader—The young lions do lack and suffer hunger, but they that seek the Lord shall not want in any good thing.

Response—Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusted in Thee.

Leader—For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers.

Response—This is the confidence that we have in him that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us.

All—Let the words of thy mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

All—God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us.

Prayer and testimony.

Psalm 121.

Hymns—"Sun of my soul."

Benediction.

#### QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF W. H. M. SOCIETY OF N. W. TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Number of Auxiliaries, 99; number of members, 1820. Total amount of money raised \$31,471.93; total amount of membership dues, \$3,362.60; expended locally on churches, parsonages and for relief for the poor, \$26,008.97. Granted to needy parsonages in our conference \$1455, as follows: Harrold, \$140; Benjamin, \$50; Seymour, \$25; Floydada, \$50; Santo, \$50; South Temple, \$75; Wellington, \$55; Bangs, \$55; Courts Memorial, \$125; Roby, \$60; May, \$55; Vernon District parsonage, \$50; East Waco, \$100; Polytechnic, \$100; Azle, Canadian, Anson, Center City, each \$50; Claude, \$25; Channing, \$50; Memphis, 40; Carbon, \$75; Mangum, \$75. \$5254.82 have been sent to our Central Committee for disbursement to parsonages elsewhere and to our schools. We have sent boxes of supplies to needy preachers to the amount of \$1170.90, besides many to our Rescue Home and Orphan Home. In personal work we have made 25,509 visits to sick and strangers and many to connective institutions.

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W. T. SMITH.  
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The illustration on another page, from the Singer series, shows a typical man of Croatia, tall, fair and strongly built. He wears the uniform of an Austrian soldier, for the courage of the Croats is constantly exercised in repelling the invasions of the Turks.

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### INFORMATION WANTED.

Please inquire through the Advocate for North Payne. His mother lives near Ennis, Texas. The young man is about 18 or 20 years old. When last heard from was near Ardmore, I. T. Last April left Thayer for Hood county. Any information will be thankfully received. Address the writer, Breckenridge, or Mrs. M. E. Payne, Ennis, Texas. A. P. PAYNE.

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### AUSTIN DISTRICT, TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Missionary Institute for the Austin District will be held at Bastrop, March 8-10th. The following programme is to guide us in our work:

March 8-7:30 p. m., sermon, theme: "Christ Our Example in Missionary Work," by G. A. LeClere.

March 9-9 to 9:30, prayer-meeting, conducted by T. E. Graves; 9:30 to 10, "The Source of the Missionary Obligations," by C. H. Brooks; 10 to 10:30, "The Duty of Giving the Gospel to the World," by E. L. Shettles; 10:30 to 11, "A View of the Home and Foreign Field," by E. G. Hocutt; 11, sermon by G. H. Collins; 2:30 to 2:45, prayer-meeting, led by J. W. McMahon; 2:45 to 3, "Our Missionary Literature," by Nathan Powell; 3 to 3:15, "The Best Methods of Circulating Our Literature," by J. C. Cameron; 3:15 to 3:30, "Missions in Pastoral Work," by W. F. Brinson; 3:30 to 4, "Missions in Sunday-school," by J. W. Kelley; 4 to 4:15, "The Best Method of Dealing With Those Who Do Not Believe in Foreign Missions," by R. E. Nunn; 4:15 to 4:30, "Prayer in Missionary Work," by T. E. Graves; 4:30 to 5, "Missions in the Epworth League," by Prof. W. A. Palmer; 7:30, sermon by H. M. Whaling.

March 10-9 to 9:15, prayer-meeting, by W. F. Brinson; 9:15 to 9:30, "Woman's Work," by W. D. Gaskins; 9:30 to 9:45, "The Pastor's Relation to the Women's Organization," by M. E. Diehl; 9:45 to 10, "The Leadership of the Holy Spirit in Missionary Work," by D. W. Gardner; 10 to 10:30, "The World's Need of the Gospel," by I. M. Bryce and W. T. McDonald; 10:30 to 11, "The Gospel Adapted to All Conditions of Mankind," by H. M. Whaling; 11, sermon by E. L. Shettles; 2:30 to 2:45, prayer-meeting, by W. R. Campbell; 2:45 to 3, "The New Testament Idea of Collections," by Robert C. George; 3 to 3:30, "The Spirit in Which Collections Should Be Taken," by G. H. Collins; 3:30 to 4, "Public and Private Collections," by J. W. McMahon; 4 to 4:30, "A Contribution from Every Member—Why?" by F. E. Hammond; 4:30 to 5, "Why Should Assessments Be the Minimum of Collections?" by W. R. Campbell; 7:30, mass meeting addressed by C. H. Brooks.

The importance of such a meeting is apparent to every lover of our Lord. I hope all the brethren will be present. Come in the spirit of prayer and true devotion.

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### GIFT TO POLYTECHNIC LIBRARY.

Rev. Charles Davis, of the Northwest Texas Conference, has placed us under many obligations by the gift of forty-four volumes for our College Library. Among the number are such books as Jamieson, Faussett and Brown's Commentary, Nelson on Infidelity, Variations of Popery, F. W. Robertson's Sermons, Elements of Intellectual Science, and several others of nearly equal value.

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The Executive Committee of the North Texas Conference Board of Church Extension will meet in Wesley Church, Greenville, Texas, February 28th, at 2 p. m. The following are members: J. W. Hill, Geo. C. Rankin, C. H. Morris and J. A. Black. All persons desiring help from the Parent Board must have their applications made out and presented at that time. Following the example of the Parent Board, it is deemed best not to allow any applicant to appear in person before the committee.

JAS. W. HILL, Chairman.

### UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Feb. 1—R. S. Heizer, subs. Sam'l Weaver, subs. H. M. Pirtle, subs. Mrs. A. M. Ireland, change made. C. W. Perkins, subs. J. S. Barcus, trial subs.

Feb. 2—J. M. Brewer, sub. S. N. Allen, subs. Jno. Helpinstill, sub. W. W. Nunn, sub. G. S. Sandel, sub. T. J. Duncan, sub. J. C. Weaver, sub. J. F. Archer, sub. M. E. Riser, sub. C. B. Carter, change made.

Feb. 3—Chas. W. Irvin, sub. W. W. Graham, sub. S. C. Riddle, o. k. J. J. Rape, sub. C. F. Smith, sub. T. J. Duncan, subs. Feb. 4—G. W. Kinchelee, sub. J. W. Dickinson, sub. C. R. Wright, sub. T. J. Duncan, subs. J. D. Whitehead, sub. W. C. Bracewell, sub. C. F. Moore, sub. D. F. Fuller, sub.

Feb. 6—H. W. Bowman, sub. A. E. Carraway, subs. C. Bruce Meador, sub. W. J. Owens, sub. J. T. H. Miller, subs. W. F. Davis, sub. E. V. Cox, subs. G. W. Kinchelee, sub. B. L. Glazner, trial subs. H. T. Hart, sub. J. Kilgore, subs. J. C. Moore, sub.

Feb. 7—I. N. Crutchfield, change. E. V. Cox, will have attention. C. J. Oxley, has attention.

Feb. 8—J. H. Trimble, sub. W. J. Bludworth, subs. A. G. Seruggs, subs. Sam'l B. Sawyers, subs. G. M. Gardner, sub. L. W. Cain, sub and trial sub. B. J. Guess, sub. Nath Thompson, has attention.

Feb. 9—T. B. Vinson, sub. J. Sam Barcus, sub. W. W. Moss, sub. W. O. Shugart, o. k. Nath Thompson, has attention. B. H. Passmore, has attention. J. J. Canafax, sub.

Feb. 10, 11—Andrew Anderson, trial subs. J. A. Ruffner, sub. Geo. A. Nance, sub. W. L. Pate, subs. W. A. Bowen, sub. C. M. Shuffler, subs. W. S. Easterling, sub. C. L. Browning, sub. Jerome Duncan, sub. G. W. Tomplin, sub. R. B. Bonner, sub. J. L. Yeats, sub. M. S. Hotchkiss, sub. Geo. C. Cravy, trial subs. S. W. Turner, sub. J. W. Sims, has attention. J. L. Morris, sub. C. W. Glanville, sub. R. R. Raymond, sub.

Feb. 13—J. W. Dickinson, sub. L. H. McGee, sub. Jas. M. Martin, sub. M. T. Allen, sub. D. T. Brown, sub. C. S. Field, sub. A. W. Gibson, sub. Jno. W. Goodwin, sub.

Feb. 14—A. A. Wagnon, sub. A. W. Gibson, sub.

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Gatesville sta. Feb. 25, 26  
McGregor sta. March 4, 5  
Meridian sta. March 11, 12  
Valley Mills cir. at Clifton. March 18, 19  
Crawford cir. at Crawford. 1 p. m., March 20  
Oglesby cir. at Station Creek March 25, 26  
Jonesboro cir. at Jonesboro. April 1, 2  
Harmony cir. at Mt. Zion. 11 a. m., April 3  
Brookhaven mis. at Liberty. April 8, 9  
Killeen and Nolan's, at K. 11 a. m., Apr. 11  
Lampasas sta. April 12  
Coperas Cove, at Mt. Pleasant. April 15, 16  
Lampasas mis. at McCreaville. April 22, 23  
Coryell City cir. at Mosheim. April 29, 30  
Bee House cir. May 6, 8  
Evanton cir. at Shreve. 11 a. m., May 15  
Delegates to District Conference to be elected this round. J. G. Putman, P. E.

### Dallas District—Second Round.

Argyle, Clifton Chapel, 11 a. m. Feb. 25, 26  
Denton sta. 7:30 p. m., Feb. 26  
Oak Cliff. 11 a. m., March 5  
Ervay Street. 7:30 p. m., March 5  
Lancaster. 11 a. m., March 11, 12  
Haskell. 7:30 p. m., March 12  
Cedar Hill. March 18, 19  
Lewisville, Webb Chapel. March 25, 26  
Cochran. 11 a. m., April 1, 2  
Oak Lawn. 7:30 p. m., April 2  
First Church. 11 a. m., April 9  
Trinity. 7:30 p. m., April 9  
Wheatland, Wilmer. April 15, 16  
Grand Prairie, Coppell. April 22, 23  
Floyd cir. at Shreve. 11 a. m., April 30  
West Dallas. 7:30 p. m., April 30  
Delegates to the District Conference to be elected this round. Hope for good attendance and full reports. J. H. McLean, P. E.

### Bowie District—Second Round.

Iowa Park. Feb. 25, 26  
Bellevue cir. March 4, 5  
Bowie sta. March 5, 6  
Archer City. March 11, 12  
Holliday Falls. March 18, 19  
Wichita mis. March 19, 20  
Decatur cir. March 25, 26  
Alvord cir. March 26, 27  
Decatur sta. Wednesday, March 29  
Calico cir. April 1, 2  
Bryson cir. April 8, 9  
Jacksboro sta. April 9, 10  
Rhome cir. April 15, 16  
Bridgeport. April 16, 17  
Bluegrove cir. April 22, 23  
Postoak cir. April 29, 30  
Boonsville cir. May 6, 7  
Gibtown cir. May 7, 8  
Craifton. May 13, 14  
Bowie cir. May 20, 21  
F. O. Miller, P. E.

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## REV. JOHN CARPENTER.

Rev. John Carpenter was born in Brunswick County, Va., August 10, 1810, and died at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Newt, Holcomb, in Bell County, Texas, near the town of Belton, on the 21st day of December, 1898. When he was but a child his father moved from Brunswick County, Va., to Allen County, Ky., where he died in 1832. In 1852 Bro. Carpenter moved from Kentucky to Texas, and in 1854 he settled on a farm in Bell County, where he resided the greater part of the time except when in the itinerancy, and where he died and was buried. He was married in 1830 to Miss Elizabeth Horn, of Simpson County, Ky. Of the children from this union seven survive him, namely, Joe B., of Kyle, Texas; Wash. F., of Dublin; James M., of Belton; Tom F., of Belton, and Mrs. Sarah Kegley, Elizabeth Graves and Louisa Halcomb, of Belton, Texas—all of whom are good citizens and members of the Methodist Church. There are also forty-nine grandchildren and eighty-one great-grandchildren now living. In 1831 the deceased was happily converted and joined the Methodist Church. Ten years subsequent to his conversion he was licensed to preach. In 1851 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Payne, and in 1856 he was ordained elder by Bishop Payne. He joined the Texas Conference in 1855, and during his nineteen years of itinerant life served the following works: Florence Mission, Waco Circuit, Port Sullivan, Belton Circuit, Waco Station, Cameron Circuit, Martin Circuit, Waco District, Belton District, Springfield Circuit, and Gatesville Circuit. His health having failed in 1874, he was given a supernumerary relation, which he sustained for three years, and was then granted a supernumerary relation. At the next annual gathering of the Northwest Texas Conference the name of Rev. John Carpenter, which has been called from year to year since its organization, will be called for the last time. It will then take its place in the long list of names of "Our Honored Dead." For fifty-seven years he was a devoted member of the Church, and for forty-seven years a faithful preacher of the gospel. Sweet, modest and unpretentious, he always did whatever work was assigned him faithfully and did it well. He was a preacher of more than ordinary ability, though he made no pretensions to either learning or oratory. He was prudent, painstaking and conservative. Thoroughly sincere and perfectly honest, a man of guileless spirit. In the community in which he spent so much of his life no man had more friends than he. He died with the confidence and respect of all who knew him, and those who knew him best are the loudest in his praise. Six years ago his home was broken up by the death of his aged and loved companion, who had walked by his side in joy and sorrow for nearly sixty-two years. Since that time his children have ministered unto him faithfully and lovingly, doing all they could to make his last days peaceful and happy, but despite all this there has been a feeling of loneliness and longing to depart. There was a holy peace that filled his last days, and he died as a weary child falls asleep upon his mother's bosom. Not a struggle nor a contortion of muscle, but quietly sitting in his chair he grew tired, closed his eyes and loving hands laid him down to rest. Now, like Abraham of old beside his loved Sarah in the care of Machpelah, he reposes beside his loved Elizabeth on the peaceful plot of ground selected by himself years ago for their last resting place. After a life of long sustained usefulness he has entered upon his reward. C. R. WRIGHT.

DARBEY.—Little Leo Darbey, son of Bro. and Sister C. T. Darbey, was born March, 1895, and was carried to the mansions above January 8, 1899. Little Leo was a twin boy. I could not tell the one from the other; they were always in the front yard or in the street playing when I would pass, and always spoke to me so sweetly. I shall miss Leo so much. Little Leo was a handsome, bright, lovely child, the pride of the home, and the pet of the community. O how we were hurt to see the chain broken; but, lo, children are an heritage of the Lord; they are his, and we must submit. How dark the home, but how bright the promises of the blessed Savior. As the smallest planets are nearest the sun, so little children are nearest to God. Look up, dear mother, the magnet is above. Listen, kind father, the voice from on high rings out. "Come this way, father; come this way, mother." May they all meet again. A. J. ANDERSON.

BROWNING.—Wm. Frederick Browning, son of Hon. James N. Browning and his wife, Cornelia E. Browning (nee Beckham), was born at Fort Griffin, Texas, June 21, 1878, died at Fort Worth, Texas, November 29, 1898, and was buried at Clarendon, Texas, where part of his childhood had been passed. On May 14 preceding his death he was very seriously injured by the fall of a horse he was riding, which resulted in a fracture of the spinal column and partial paralysis, and from this injury he never recovered, although he was removed to the St. Joseph Infirmary at Fort Worth, where he received every aid that medical and surgical skill could afford. Fred was a noble boy, a dutiful son, a devoted brother, honorable, manly and loved by all who knew him. At the time of his death he was a member of the Methodist Church, and died in the confident assurance of a glorious immortality such as shall more than recompense the great suffering which for six long months he endured with Christian fortitude and with a superb heroism that has but few parallels in human experience—a spirit so unconquerable that it kept the vital spark of ebullient life in its frail tenement for days after sight and voice had failed and the capacity to take nourishment was wholly gone. Why, in the pur-

poses of Divine wisdom, it was ordained that our friend and loved one should be taken from this world in the morning of life and when just at the threshold of a bright manhood we may not yet know, but we have the assurance of the eternal Word that it is well with the boy; and while we have lost him here, he has been restored to the arms and loving heart of the young mother who was early called away from her infant son. W.

FISHER.—Clarence Fisher was born September 13, 1881, and died January 13, 1899, in Millican, at the home of McDunlaps. Clarence joined the late Spanish-American war and contracted a combination of diseases while there—the worst of which was dropsy. He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in Millican in June, 1895, while District Conference was in session here; but, being young, was led off by wicked company. It was the writer's pleasure to be with him in his last sickness and to pray with him several times. One time, while praying for him, with many of the family kneeling around his bed, he seemed to become happy, shedding tears very freely, and after we arose from prayer and were seated he looked across the room to us and said, "Bro. Myers, I am happy." He leaves two brothers and one sister. His sister and one of his brothers were with him in his last sickness. The poor boy suffered untold pain, but bore it remarkably well. He did not lack for the very best of attention; tender hands and loving hearts did all they could for his ease and comfort. Weep not, dear loved ones; make your calling and election sure with God, that you may meet Clarence in heaven, where parting and tears will be over. May the blessing of God be upon the bereaved brothers and sister and on all the rest of the relatives and sympathizing friends, and may it be their lot to die as the righteous die. E. M. MYERS.

## Millican, Texas.

BURROWS.—Another landmark of Methodism is gone. October 27, 1898, Sister M. J. Burrows fell asleep. At the time of her demise she was visiting her grandson, L. C. Rigby, of Waco. She had been in ill health for quite awhile, and had suffered a great deal. For the past few years her home had been with her daughter, Mrs. Rigby, of Calvert, and I knew of her suffering and failing vitality. She sometimes spoke of her departure, and did so with perfect calmness and assurance. The King of Terrors could not make her tremble, for the rod and staff of the Master guided and comforted her, even into the valley and shadow of death. As her life had been one of cheerful Christian consistency, it was fitting that its close should be radiant. Just before the summons came, Sister Rigby spoke to her of the rest near at hand; she answered with a smile. Again later she was told that the end was near, and with a calm, untroubled trust in Him who said, "Lo, I am with you, even unto the end," she again smiled, and, as sweetly as a child falls asleep in its mother's lap, she closed her eyes in the "everlasting arms," leaving as a legacy to those around her bed—her daughter and grandchildren and the old colored servant, who had come a hundred miles to wait on "Ole Missus" in her last hours—a picture of how a Christian can die that will never fade from the halls of memory, and will be worth more in the days to come as a stay against temptation than all the homilies that were ever written. Her life was calm, retiring, modest, unassuming; the good she did was felt more than seen. Like the kingdom of God, it came not with observation; and now that the visible presence is gone, the life goes on, and those who knew her can yet feel that she is here. It was expedient that she go away, but, like our Master, whom she so closely followed, she left us a comforter in the person of the spirit of that beautiful life, which passed unscathed and untroubled through the gates of death into the mansion our Savior has gone to prepare. Sister Burrows began life's pilgrimage in Rapidan Parish, La., February 27, 1830; grew to young manhood in Fayette County, Ky.; was converted and joined the Methodist Church in childhood; married Rev. G. W. Burrows January 1, 1846, and came with him to Texas in 1851. He was a member of the Texas Conference, but lived only a decade in the State, passing to his reward in 1861. Sister Burrows' home for a number of years was in Freestone County, Texas, where her three daughters grew up and married. Her favorite topic was the old camp-meetings at Avant Prairie. Many will miss her there shouting and singing the praises of God on earth she will be a member of the "choir invisible," singing the song of the Lamb, around the throne of God. J. KILGORE.

RAINEY.—She was the widow of a Methodist preacher—the Rev. T. F. Rainey, once a member of the West Texas Conference. Sister Rainey was born October 4, 1838; was converted in 1858, at Sulphur Springs Campground, in DeWitt County, Texas, under the ministry of Rev. J. C. Wilson, and the next year, 1859, on September 13, was married. She died near Smiley Lake, Texas, January 12, 1899. Sister Rainey was a devoted Christian lady. She was kind and sweet-spirited. She had seen her full share of trial. The crosses she bore here rendered her mortal spirit for the crown yet yonder, she doubtless wears now in great triumph. This preacher was much impressed while visiting her about six weeks before her death in the way she brought the Bible and requested prayers. She leaves a number of children to mourn their loss. May they live as well as she lived. Then they will meet her again. Peace, peace, to the memory of Sister Francis M. Rainey. JOHN W. SIMS.

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WALKER.—Louis T. Walker was born in Hunt County, Texas, near Fairlie, January 15, 1862; born of the Spirit and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1877; departed this life in Commerce, Hunt County, Texas, October 13, 1898. Bro. Walker was a noble man, of most pleasant address and great kindness of heart and deeds. He was true in whatever he undertook; liberal in the support of the institutions of the Church, a faithful steward, an efficient Sunday-school Superintendent, a sweet singer and his pastor's constant helper and friend. In his home he met the responsible relations of husband and father with Christian courage. Though never healthy, he was constantly employed for the support and welfare for those dependent upon him. His wife is greatly bereaved on account of his absence and his children have lost their best playmate as well as a loving father. His sufferings were intense during his last sickness, which he bore without a murmur. He spoke frequently of his change with great confidence of a happy future. His last words to the writer were: "I am perfectly happy." We never witnessed a more triumphant departure. He is gone and rests securely from the invectives of the wicked, and mourned most by those who knew him best. E. B. THOMPSON, P. C.

## Celeste, Texas.

BLAYDES.—Judge R. M. Blaydes, of Atlanta, Texas, died at his home January 12, 1899, lacking but seven days being eighty years of age. He was born in Shelby County, Ky., January 19, 1819. While a young man he moved to Texas and located at San Augustine, where he assisted an older brother in teaching the Methodist college at that place. From San Augustine he moved to Harrison County, Texas, and in 1857 to Cass County, Texas, where he lived until the day of his death. Judge Blaydes possessed a good mind, was fairly well educated and took prominence in the affairs of the community in which he lived. He held a civil office in Atlanta longer than any other man in the place. Bro. Blaydes was married to Miss Sarah E. Haralson in Harrison County, Texas, September 14, 1848. To them were born ten children—four boys and six girls—all of whom survive them save one daughter, who died September 7, 1861. Both were converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life, and were faithful until death.

Sister Blaydes was stricken with paralysis September, 1894, and remained an invalid until death, September 16, 1898. She was patient and uncomplaining during four years of suffering and to no saint was death more welcome than to her. For fifty years they had walked together and death was not long to separate them. Father Blaydes felt that the time was not long, and he was ready. J. W. JOHNSON.

TURNER.—Frances Lurine, infant daughter of M. A. and S. E. Turner, ascended to her Father's home August 31, 1898, after a most painful but brief illness. She was born in the parsonage at Alice, Texas, June 29, 1897, where Bro. Turner was pastor of our Church at the time. Bro. Turner had just gone to the country for a few days' rest, after assisting me in a meeting at Waelder, when a telegram came to me conveying the sad news of the death of their baby at Georgetown—the only daughter of these two faithful children of God. A messenger brought Bro. Turner in, and it was a benediction to me to see with what resignation he could "pass under the rod," for I knew just how dear to him and his wife was the little girl whom God had committed to their love and care. He said, as a paroxysm of anguish shook his frame, "Oh, Bro. Bowen, our baby is dead—no as cended to her Father's home. It is the hardest blow of my life; but I shall honor God and my Savior by bearing it like a Christian. I shall not murmur nor complain." Loving hearts and hands did what they could to mitigate the grief and soften the blow, but only the consolation of

Christ in the comfort of the Holy Spirit sustained and soothed the mother and father in their bereavement. They know in whom they have committed their all, and are convinced that "He doeth all things well," and that "our light affliction which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory." The faith of these parents is stronger to-day than when the little sunbeam of the home played around the fireside. "Blessed be the name of the Lord." WM. A. BOWEN.

## San Antonio, Texas.

RAGAN.—Permelia Ragan, best known as Grandma Ragan, would have been eighty-two years of age at her next birthday—July 24, 1899. She was the daughter of Peter and Mary Honnoll. She was a member of the Methodist Church from her youth and died in the consolation of the Christian's hope. She spent the greater part of her life in West Tennessee. Her husband and five children preceded her across the river of death; three daughters are still living. She came to Texas, March 4, 1897. She lived with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Pollard, who administered to her wants faithfully until the last. She died without a struggle on the morning of the 14th of January, 1899, at Crandall, Texas, Kaufman County, Texas. N. C. LITTLE, P. C.

WINDHAM.—J. T. Windham, son of Rev. J. H. Windham, was born in Shelby County, Texas, June 12, 1881; was baptized in infancy by Rev. J. T. Smith; was received into the Church in 1897; and died in the town of Center January 3, 1899. Tom was a good boy at home or abroad, and had many friends who sorrow because of his sudden and untimely death. He was a boy of noble aspirations. His great desire seemed to be to prepare himself for a useful life and a better life in the beyond. Not having the means with which to educate himself, he secured a position as office boy by which he could pay his board and then arranged with the principal of the school at Center to sweep the house and do other work to pay his tuition. He was applying himself nobly to his task when death suddenly claimed him as his victim. He left no testimony as to his hopes for the future, but he left what is far better—the record of a stainless life; and while his many friends regret that he should be called away so early in life; yet it is a source of comfort to them to always think of him as a noble, pure-hearted boy, who lived above suspicion and reproach. And some sweet day beyond the river we shall meet dear Tom, where partings come no more. J. H.

CRISWELL.—Morton Criswell, youngest son of A. and Mackie Criswell, departed this life December 28, 1898, aged four years, ten months and ten days. Morton was the pet of the family; sweet in disposition and gentle manners, he was indeed a bright and lovable child. He was sick only a short while; suffered a great deal, but bore it without complaint. How strange are the ways of Providence! How sad are the hearts of loved ones! But our God does all things well. We can not call him back; but, thanks be to our God, we can go to him, for we know where to find him. Sorrow not, loved ones, but give your hearts and lives to God, and in the sweet by-and-by we shall meet our loved ones in that bright world above. ISAAC L. MILLS.

HENSON.—Robert Francis Henson—This sweet and affectionate child, ripe in his innocence for heaven, died on the 21st of January, 1899, in San Marcos, Texas. With a bright "Bye-bye" to his dear ones, at the age of seventeen months, he went to heaven. The Lord will help his deeply grieved parent, as they miss him so much. We know where he is and may go and meet him. M. S. GARDNER.

## San Marcos, Texas.



**West Texas Conference.****Llano District—Second Round.**

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

I. K. Waller, P. E.

**Cuero District—Second Round.**

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Victoria.                     | Feb. 18, 19  |
| Nursery, at Concrete.         | Feb. 25, 26  |
| Port Lavaca.                  | March 4, 5   |
| Yonkum.                       | March 11, 12 |
| Cuero.                        | March 18, 19 |
| Rancho, at Sandies Chapel.    | March 25, 26 |
| Leesville, at Floyd's Chapel. | April 1, 2   |
| Edna.                         | April 8, 9   |
| Ganado, at Ganado.            | April 15, 16 |
| Morales, at Boxville.         | April 22, 23 |
| Clear Creek, at Rocky.        | April 29, 30 |

Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

**Beeville District—Second Round.**

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Laredo sta.   | Feb. 18, 19  |
| Alice cir.    | Feb. 25, 26  |
| Corpus cir.   | March 4, 5   |
| Rockport cir. | March 11, 12 |
| Oakville cir. | March 18, 19 |
| Wade cir.     | March 25, 26 |

J. M. Alexander, P. E.

**San Angelo District—Second Round.**

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| San Angelo sta.        | 4th Sun Feb.      |
| Sterling City cir.     | at Grape Creek,   |
|                        | 1st Sun March     |
| Mason cir.             | at Mason.         |
| Pontotoc cir.          | at Pontotoc.      |
| Brady cir.             | at Rochele.       |
| Milburn cir.           | at Bethel.        |
| Paint Rock cir.        | at Kickapoo.      |
| Menardville cir.       | at Long Mountain, |
|                        | 3d Sun April      |
| Sonora, at Ozona.      | 4th Sun April     |
| Sherwood, at Sherwood. | 5th Sun April     |

Theophilus Lee, P. E.

**San Marcos District—Second Round.**

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Luling.                  | Feb. 25, 26  |
| Seguin.                  | March 4, 5   |
| San Marcos sta.          | March 11, 12 |
| Harwood.                 | March 18, 19 |
| Buda.                    | March 25, 26 |
| Belmont.                 | April 1, 2   |
| Lockhart cir.            | April 8, 9   |
| Kyle and Pleasant Grove. | April 15, 16 |
| Gonzales.                | April 22, 23 |
| Lockhart sta.            | April 29, 30 |
| San Marcos cir.          | May 6, 7     |
| Dripping Springs.        | May 13, 14   |

I. T. Morris, P. E.

**San Antonio District—Second Round.**

|                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Devine and Lytle.  | 4th Sun Feb.             |
| Hondo and Sabinal. | 1st Sun March            |
| West End.          | 11 a. m., 2d Sun March   |
| Prospect Hill.     | 7:30 p. m., 2d Sun March |
| Comal Street.      | 7:30 p. m., March 15     |
| Amphion cir.       | 3d Sun March             |
| Moore cir.         | 4th Sun March            |
| Pleasanton cir.    | 1st Sun April            |
| Pearsall.          | 2d Sun April             |
| Bexar.             | 3d Sun April             |
| Eagle Pass.        | 4th Sun April            |
| Det Rio.           | 5th Sun April            |
| Utopia cir.        | 1st Sun May              |
| Cottulla cir.      | 2d Sun May               |
| San Miguel.        | 3d Sun May               |
| Uvalde.            | 4th Sun May              |
| Sherman Street.    | May 28                   |
| Travis Park.       | May 29                   |
| South Heights.     | May 30                   |
| Flores Street.     | May 31                   |

E. Harris, P. E.

**North Texas Conference.****Terrell District—Second Round.**

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Terrell sta.                 | Feb. 12, 13  |
| Chisholm, at Bethel.         | Feb. 18, 19  |
| Roysse, at Poetry.           | Feb. 25, 26  |
| Renner, at Richardson.       | March 4, 5   |
| Plano sta.                   | March 11, 12 |
| Wylie, at St. Paul.          | March 18, 19 |
| Rockwall, at Rockwall.       | March 25, 26 |
| Mesquite, at Pleasant Ridge. | April 1, 2   |
| Forney, at Allen.            | April 8, 9   |
| Garland sta.                 | April 15, 16 |
| Reinhardt, at Reinhardt.     | April 22, 23 |
| Crandall, at Lone Elm.       | April 29, 30 |
| Kemp.                        | May 6, 7     |
| Gray's Prairie.              | May 13, 14   |

I. W. Clark, P. E.

**Paris District—Second Round.**

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

W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.

**Sherman District—First Round.**

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 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.

**Bonham District—First Round.**

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| Randolph. | 3d Sun Feb.  |
| Trenton.  | 4th Sun Feb. |
| Lannus.   | 1st Sun Mar. |
| Fannin.   | 2d Sun Mar.  |

T. R. Pierce, P. E.

**Gainesville District—First Round.**

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Dexter, at Mt. Zion.   | Feb. 18, 19 |
| Woodbine, at Woodbine. | Feb. 19, 20 |
| Aubrey cir.            | at Aubrey.  |

J. M. Binkley, P. E.

**Sulphur Springs District—First Round.**

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| County Line, at Antioch.       | 3d Sun Feb.   |
| Campbell, at Campbell.         | 4th Sun Feb.  |
| Mt. Vernon, at Sattillo.       | 1st Sun March |
| Farlie, at Farlie.             | 2d Sun March  |
| Ben Franklin, at Ben Franklin. | 3d Sun March  |

C. B. Fladger, P. E.

**Bowie District—First Round.**

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Crafton, at Crafton. | Feb. 18, 19 |
|----------------------|-------------|

F. O. Miller, P. E.

**Greenville District—First Round.**

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| Lone Oak. | 3d Sun Feb.  |
| Weston.   | 4th Sun Feb. |

I. S. Ashburn, P. E.

**Texas Conference.****Austin District—First Round.**

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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.             |
| Cypress mis.                  | at Cypress.                   |

Geo. A. LeClere, P. E.

**Huntsville District—First Round.**

|                                          |               |
|------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Willis.                                  | Feb. 15       |
| Cold Springs.                            | Feb. 18, 19   |
| Conroe.                                  | Feb. 25, 26   |
| Milican.                                 | March 4, 5    |
| Zion cir.                                | at Zion.      |
| Madisonville cir.                        | at M.         |
| Bryan.                                   | March 11, 12  |
| Courtney and Plantersville, at Stoneham. | March 25, 26  |
| Waller cir.                              | at Macedonia. |

J. C. Mickie, P. E.

**Calvert District—First Round.**

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 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.

**Houston District—First Round.**

|                                                                   |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Shearn, Dec. 11, conference Feb. 27, 7:30 p. m.                   |                     |
| Tabernacle, Dec. 11, p. m., conference Feb. 27, 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.    |                     |
| 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.

**Brenham District—First Round.**

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| Bellville. | Feb. 18, 19 |
| Sealy.     | Feb. 19, 20 |
| Patterson. | Feb. 25, 26 |

E. W. Solomon, P. E.

**Northwest Texas Conference.****Fort Worth District—Second Round.**

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Missouri Ave.                   | Feb. 18, 19       |
| Mulkey Memorial.                | Feb. 25, 26       |
| First Church.                   | March 4, 5        |
| Polytechnic.                    | March 11, 12      |
| Grapevine, at Oak Grove.        | March 18, 19      |
| Azie.                           | March 25, 26      |
| Arlington cir.                  | at Thomas Chapel. |
| Arlington sta.                  | March 25, 26      |
| Glenwood.                       | March 29          |
| Burleson, at Burleson.          | April 1, 2        |
| Mansfield.                      | April 2, 3        |
| Trinity.                        | April 6           |
| Cresson, at Bruce.              | April 8, 9        |
| Maytown and Joshua, at M.       | April 15, 16      |
| Buba, at Buba.                  | April 22, 23      |
| Cluburne sta.                   | April 25, 26      |
| West Cluburne.                  | April 28          |
| East Cluburne, at Watts Chapel. | April 29, 30      |

B. R. Bolton, P. E.

**Vernon District—Second Round.**

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Farmer, at True.             | March 3          |
| Graham cir.                  | at Centre Ridge. |
| Graham sta.                  | March 4, 5       |
| Throckmorton, at Fish Creek. | March 5          |
| Haskell cir.                 | at Haskell.      |
| Haskell sta.                 | March 11, 12     |
| Vernon sta.                  | March 18, 19     |
| Crowell, at Wesley Chapel.   | March 25, 26     |
| Harrold, at Union Point.     | April 1, 2       |
| Chillicothe, at Big Valley.  | April 5          |
| Seymour cir.                 | April 8, 9       |
| Seymour sta.                 | April 9, 10      |
| Benjamin, at Goree.          | April 12         |
| Quannah sta.                 | April 15, 16     |
| Childress sta.               | April 17         |
| Altus.                       | April 22, 23     |
| Mangum.                      | April 25         |
| Eldorado.                    | April 29, 30     |

Delegates to District Conference to be elected this round C. W. Daniel, P. E.

**Brownwood District—Second Round.**

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Blanket cir.             | at Turkey Peak.           |
| Lometa mis.              | at Long Cove.             |
| Bangs mis.               | Trickham.                 |
| Center City cir.         | at Pleasant G. Mch 11, 12 |
| Goldthwaite.             | March 12, 13              |
| Indian Creek, McAnnally. | March 18, 19              |
| Comanche cir.            | Sidney.                   |
| Comanche sta.            | March 25, 26              |
| May cir.                 | April 1, 2                |
| Glen Cove cir.           | April 8, 9                |
| Coleman sta.             | April 15, 16              |
| Decker mission.          | April 18, 19              |
| Robert Lee cir.          | April 21                  |
| Winters cir.             | April 23, 24              |
| Santa Anna cir.          | Salem.                    |
| Fleming mission.         | May 6, 7                  |
| Brownwood sta.           | May 13, 14                |

O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

**Corsicana District—Second Round.**

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Barry cir.                      | at Cook's School H. |
| Blooming Grove and Cryer Creek. |                     |
| Dawson cir.                     | at Mt. Zion.        |
| Hubbard City sta.               | at H. C.            |
| Powell mis.                     | at Hester.          |
| Wortham cir.                    | March 11, 12        |
| Cotton Gin, at Mt. Enterprise.  | March 18, 19        |
| Mexia sta.                      | at Mexia.           |
| Groesbeck sta.                  | at Groesbeck.       |
| Thornton cir.                   | April 1, 2          |
| Horn Hill cir.                  | April 8, 9          |
| Armour cir.                     | April 15, 16        |
| Corsicana cir.                  | April 20            |

E. A. Bailey, P. E.

**Dublin District—Second Round.**

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Carlton cir.  | at Fairview. |
| Dublin sta.   | Feb. 18, 19  |
| Granbury sta. | Feb. 25, 26  |

March 4, 5

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|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Morgan Mill mis.                | at P. Grove.      |
| Blundale cir.                   | at Wesley Chapel. |
| Glen Rose cir.                  | at Paluxy.        |
| Stephenville.                   | March 11, 12      |
| Iredell and Walnut, at Iredell. | March 18, 19      |
| Hico cir.                       | at Hico.          |
| Duffau cir.                     | at Skipper's.     |
| Proctor mis.                    | at Bynum.         |
| Green's Creek cir.              | April 8, 9        |
| Carbon and Gorman.              | April 22, 23      |
| Rising Star etc.                | April 29, 30      |
| Sipe Springs cir.               | May 6, 7          |
| Desdmonia mis.                  | May 13, 14        |
| DeLeon sta.                     | May 20, 21        |

E. F. Boone, P. E.

**Clarendon District—Second Round.**

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Clarendon sta.                  | Feb. 18, 19  |
| Amario sta.                     | Feb. 25, 26  |
| Claude, at Washburn.            | Feb. 27      |
| Memphis, at Memphis.            | March 11, 12 |
| Channing, at Channing.          | March 18, 19 |
| Childress, at Lee.              | March 25, 26 |
| Matador, at China Grove.        | March 28     |
| Silverton and Tulsa, at Wright. | April 1, 2   |
| Plainview.                      | April 3      |
| Emma, at Lubbock.               | April 5      |
| Floydada, at Hale Center.       | April 8, 9   |
| Canadian City.                  | April 15, 16 |
| Higgins.                        | April 18     |
| Clarendon cir.                  | April 20     |
| Canyon City.                    | April 22, 23 |
| Wellington, at Wellington.      | April 29, 30 |

G. S. Hardy, P. E.

**Georgetown District—Second Round.**

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Georgetown.             | March 12     |
| Round Rock.             | March 18, 19 |
| Salado.                 | March 25, 26 |
| Bartlett.               | April 1, 2   |
| Liberty Hill.           | April 8, 9   |
| Granger.                | April 12     |
| Belton.                 | April 15, 16 |
| Temple, First Church.   | April 23     |
| Moffatt.                | April 29, 30 |
| Temple, Seventh Street. | May 1        |
| Holland.                | May 6, 7     |
| Bertram.                | May 12       |
| Florence.               | May 13, 14   |
| Rodgers.                | May 27, 28   |
| Burnet.                 | May 27, 28   |

W. L. Nelms, P. E.

**Weatherford District—Second Round.**

|                                         |              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mineral Wells, at M. W.                 | Feb. 18, 19  |
| Springtown, at Walnut Creek.            | Feb. 25, 26  |
| Weatherford, 1st Church, at 1st C. Mar. | 4            |
| Ranger, at Caddo.                       | March 11, 12 |
| Gordon and Strawn, at S.                | March 18, 19 |
| Breckenridge, at Pisgah.                | March 25, 26 |
| Ellisville, at Cedar Springs.           | April 1, 2   |
| Whit, at Whit.                          | April 8, 9   |
| Thurber, at Thurber.                    | April 15, 16 |
| Huckabay, at Hannibal.                  | April 22, 23 |
| Santo, at Corinth.                      | April 29, 30 |
| Millsap, at Mt. Vernon.                 | May 6, 7     |
| Palo Pinto.                             | May 13, 14   |
| Peaster, at Carter.                     | May 20, 21   |
| Weatherford mis.                        | at Bethel.   |
| Couts Memorial, at C. M.                | June 3, 4    |

J. R. Morris, P. E.

**Abilene District—Second Round.**

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Putnam mis.            | Feb. 18, 19  |
| Big Springs sta.       | Feb. 25, 26  |
| Albany and Morau.      | March 4, 5   |
| Cisco sta.             | March 11, 12 |
| Abilene mis.           | March 18, 19 |
| Buffalo Gap sta.       | March 25, 26 |
| Cottonwood cir.        | April 1, 2   |
| Eastland cir.          | April 8, 9   |
| Merkel and Sweetwater. | April 15, 16 |
| Snyder cir.            | April 21     |
| Midland sta.           | April 22     |
| Colorado mis.          | April 22, 23 |
| Colorado sta.          | April 22, 23 |
| Clyde mis.             | April 26     |
| Clairemont cir.        | April 29, 30 |
| Roby.                  | May 3        |
| Anson.                 | May 6, 7     |
| Clear Fork mis.        | May 13, 14   |

Jas. S. Chapman, P. E.

**Waco District—First Round.**

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Lorena, at Lorena. | Feb. 18, 19 |
| Moody.             | Feb. 19, 20 |
| Troy.              | Feb. 25, 26 |

Sam'l P. Wright, P. E.

**East Texas Conference.****Pittsburg District—First Round.**

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Daingerfield cir. | at Hughes Springs. |
| Redwater mis.     | at Redwater.       |
| Quiltman cir.     | at Quiltman.       |
| Leesburg cir.     | at Reeves' Chapel. |
| Musgrave cir.     | at Earl's Chapel.  |

T. P. Smith, P. E.

**Marshall District—First Round.**

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Kilgore cir.   | Feb. 18, 19 |
| Henderson sta. | Feb. 25, 2  |



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### DISTRICT CONFERENCES NOTICES.

The Beeville District Conference will convene at Beeville on Wednesday at 9 a. m., March 29, to Sunday, April 2. Thursday will be given to the District Epworth League.

The following are the Examining Committees: For License to Preach—Joe F. Webb, Jas. Hammond and J. A. Phillips. For Admission on Trial—W. H. H. Biggs, J. D. Scott and C. W. Perkins. For Elder's and Deacon's Orders—B. H. Passmore, I. S. Napier and M. W. Francis.

J. M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

Llano District Conference will meet at San Saba, June 25, at 7:30 p. m. Opening sermon by Charles F. Annis. Faculty—License to Preach: H. T. Hill, W. A. Govett and L. B. Ellis. Admission and Readmission: Dr. M. A. Black, H. F. Harris and C. S. Mills. Deacon's Orders: T. F. Dimmitt, J. A. King and C. H. May. Elder's Orders: J. T. H. Miller, J. D. Worrell and J. M. Shuford.

I. K. WALLER, P. E.

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### MARRIAGE NOTICES.

In Mexia, Texas, February 5, 1899, by Rev. T. J. Duncan, Mr. James A. Sparks and Miss Lula Hays, both of Limestone County, Texas.

At the parsonage in Seymour, Texas, February 2, 1899, Rev. J. P. Patterson, of Eldorado Mission, and Miss Bama Wiggins of Seymour, Rev. C. L. Brown officiating.

At the home of the bride's father, in Colmesneil, Texas, on January 25, 1899, at 8 p. m., Mr. W. A. Ferguson and Miss Bonnie Stewart, Rev. James J. Rape officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, in Hawkins, Texas, January 26, 1899, Mr. B. D. Whitley, of Cass County, Texas, and Miss Ligon Nettles, Rev. Stuart Nelson officiating.

At the Hancock Hotel, Angleton, Texas, December 25, 1898, Mr. F. G. Hill and Miss Lizzie Hancock, Rev. H. G. Williams officiating.

At the residence of Mr. R. C. Duff, Angleton, Texas, February 1, 1899, Mr. J. Cochran Willis and Miss Maggie May Black, Rev. H. G. Williams officiating.

At the residence of Mr. R. A. Riche, in Wharton, Texas, January 26, 1899, Rev. Lemuel M. Neel, preacher in charge of El Campo Circuit, and Miss Emma E. Holt, of El Campo, Rev. J. R. Murray officiating.

In the parlor of the Crister Hotel, Wharton, Texas, December 7, 1898, Mr. Geo. W. Nave and Miss Bertha Smith, Rev. J. R. Murray officiating.

At Moss' Chapel on January 25, 1899, Mr. A. H. Howel and Miss Neal Moss, Rev. R. S. Heizer officiating.

At the residence of the bride's parents, January 26, 1899, Mr. J. C. Ingram and Miss Mollie Pool, all of Callahan County.

At the parsonage, January 26, 1899, Mr. Texas, Rev. R. S. Heizer officiating. H. D. Hammond and Miss Maggie Page, all of Pattonville, Texas, Rev. W. R. Carter officiating.

At the parsonage of the First M. E. Church, South, Beaumont, Texas, January 24, 1899, at 8 a. m., Mr. Ras. Landry and Miss Cora Jarrett, both of Beaumont, Rev. W. P. Pledger officiating.

### PRESIDING ELDERS' CONFERENCE.

I am greatly gratified at the hearty response to my call for a conference at Fort Worth to consider the spiritual life of the ministry and the new century educational movement. The indications are that the attendance will be large. I hope every pastor who can do so will attend. Prayers are going up all over Texas and elsewhere that it may be a gracious occasion—notable and pentecostal. Let there be earnest spiritual preparation for the meeting—deep, heart-searching and prayerful study.

The conference will begin with a great union prayer-meeting on Wednesday night, March 16th, led by Rev. E. A. Bailey, presiding elder of the Corsicana District. That, we hope, will give the key-note, joyful and powerful, to the entire conference.

The following is the programme, in part. The names of brethren to lead the discussion of the several topics will be indicated later:

Thursday, March 16—8:30 a. m., prayer and consecration meeting; 9 a. m., organization; (a) appointment of a committee to draft an address for the conference to send out to the preachers and Churches; (b) prayer and song—fifteen minutes; (c) address on "A Deeper Spiritual Life in our Preachers In Order to a Great Revival of Religion Within and Without the Church," by Bishop Chas. B. Galloway; 11 o'clock, sermon by Bishop J. S. Key. Afternoon Session—2 o'clock, (1) "A Quickened Spirituality our Greatest Need and Our Necessary Qualification for the Work of the Twentieth Century," (from 2 to 3 o'clock); (2) "The Closing of the Century An Occasion for a Great Spiritual Campaign Throughout Our Entire Church" (from 3 to 4 o'clock); (3) "How Can We Make the Quarterly and District Conferences Great Spiritual Meetings During the Present and Next Year?" (from 4 o'clock to adjournment). Evening Session—7:30 o'clock, (1) "The New Testament Standard of Brotherly Love, with Special Reference to the Co-operation of Our Preachers in Their Work." Discussion led by Rev. F. B. Carroll, D. D.

Second Day—8:30 a. m., prayer-meeting; 9 a. m., conference assemblies: Practical measures embodied in report of the committee, considered by the conference and to be sent out as an address to the Church; 11 o'clock, "Twentieth Century Educational Movement," address by Rev. J. D. Hammond, D. D., Secretary of the General Board of Education.

Further suggestions will be made in good time. I am glad to announce, also, that Dr. Walter K. Lambuth will attend the conference and deliver one or more short addresses. It is expected that Bishop Candler will speak on Education Thursday afternoon or evening.

Truly and fraternally,

CHAS. B. GALLOWAY,  
Jackson, Miss., Feb. 11, 1899.

### FROM OUR BISHOPS.

To the Ministers and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South: Dear Brethren—The General Conference, at its late session in Baltimore, Md., by a unanimous vote passed resolutions in favor of raising a Twentieth Century Education Fund to commemorate the signal blessings of God upon our Church during the past one hundred years. The minimum amount

suggested as an appropriate thank offering, on the morning of the new century, is \$1,500,000. This surely is a modest sum to be given by a million and a half Southern Methodists. We desire, as your chief pastors, to earnestly commend this most important and timely movement. It is eminently fitting that we should celebrate the birth of a new century of opportunity by generous offerings to the great educational work of our Church. The General Board of Education is perfecting plans for a thorough canvass of the connection in this interest. We would affectionately urge you to cordially co-operate with these efforts, and thereby make sure the largest success of this noble enterprise. The General Conference has placed this matter before the Church as of chief concern. It is suggested, therefore, that local or other connectional enterprises should not be allowed to give this Twentieth Century Fund a secondary or unimportant place. In addition to the regular tithes we bring to the Church, let this be a special and liberal thank offering. By a reconsecration of ourselves, soul, body, and substance, to the Lord, we may make this connectional movement monumental, and provide ampler equipment for nobler work during the next century, of wider opportunity and greater responsibility.

JOHN C. KEENER.

ROBERT K. HARGROVE,  
WILLIAM W. DUNCAN,  
CHARLES B. GALLOWAY,  
EUGENE R. HENDRIX,  
JOSEPH S. KEY,  
OSCAR P. FITZGERALD,  
WARREN A. CANDLER,  
HENRY C. MORRISON.

Owing to the absence of Bishop Wilson, from the country, his signature could not be procured.

### WHO CAN SUPPLY ME?

In preparing to have my Quarterly Reviews bound, I find I lack the copies for October, 1889, and July, 1891. I would like very much to obtain these numbers, and am willing to pay a reasonable price for them. Any one who can supply me will confer a favor by addressing me at once.

Fort Worth, Texas.

W. F. LLOYD.

### A MEETING.

Abe Mulkey will hold a meeting here, beginning February 17th, and we specially invite all the preachers near enough to attend as much as they can. We are moving along nicely; have much to encourage us this our second year on this work.

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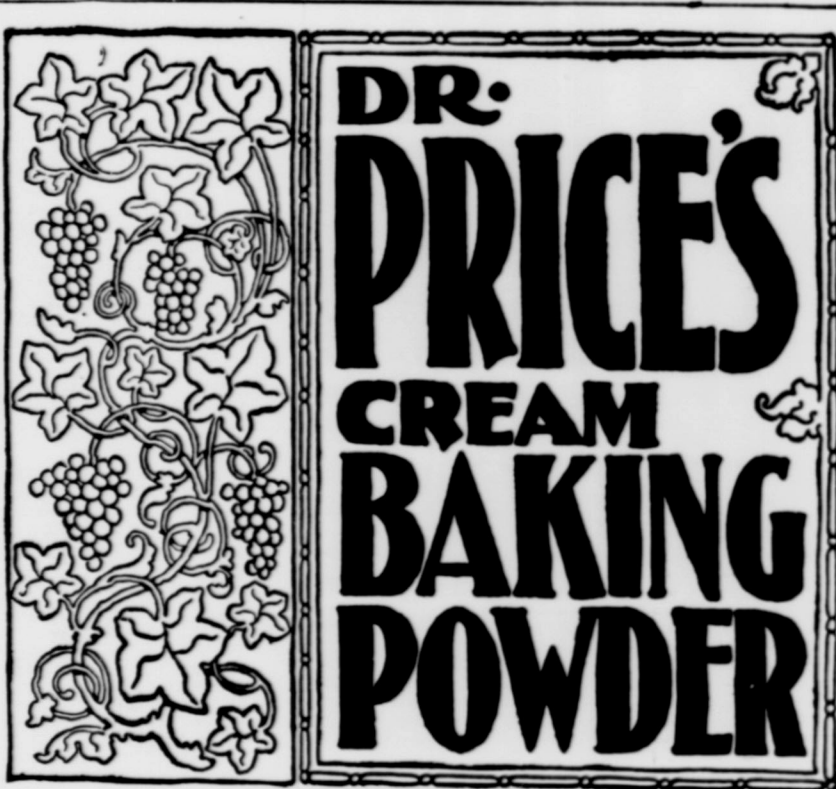
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