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Editorial.

GLEANINGS FOR THE PULPIT.

We propose to string together in this editorial some items of interest which we trust will prove acceptable, especially to the preachers.

First, we append a good definition of the different sorts of preaching by the editor of the Christian Advocate, New York:

> Expository preaching is to take a chapter, or a considerable part of one, and explain its meaning, with such applications as the preacher may think best to make. Textual preaching is to expound and apply a text. There is no radical distinction in principle between the two. Topical preaching is to discuss a subject. The ordinary method of textual preaching is to deduce a topic from the text by a slight exposition, and then proceed to the discussion of the topic. There is little real textual preaching. Many individuals get away from the text as soon as they can to a topic, and others merely use it as a motto. One sermon of every two should be expository or textual, the other may then with propriety be topical, and the effect of the whole will be systematic instruction.

We print next, from the same source, some valuable information concerning the voice. Considering how absolutely essential the voice is to the pulpit, it is a wonder that so many preachers have utterly failed to cultivate it. A first-class voice is the exception while it ought to be the rule. The preacher who develops this instrument of oratory will never regret the pains. How many preachers are handicapped by a weak, husky voice!

> Dr. William H. Furness, the oldest living graduate of Harvard, ninety-three years of age, seventy years a minister, preached in this city on Sunday last on "The Historical Christ." A common phenomenon occurred. He seemed so feeble when walking that he had to be assisted into the pulpit, but as soon as he began to preach his voice resounded through All Souls Church.
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> At the close many congratulated Dr. Furness on his voice. He replied: "When I am in the pulpit I never think of my voice, nor in what manner I shall speak. If one has the spirit of his sermon, the voice and the power to use it will come to him." This philosophy we unequivocally indorse, with an addition: that it is well for a man to ascertain the keynote of a building during the preliminary exercises.

We wonder if any of our preachers have ever played such tricks as the following with the Scriptures:

> Archdeacon Farrar, speaking of ministers who take fragments of sentences as texts, said: "A distinguished ecclesiastic, recently dead, preached a very famous sermon on the text, 'Hear the Church.' All of you are well enough instructed to know that there is no such text. It is merely a fragment of verse. When Archbishop Whatley met the dean he said: 'You might just as well have chosen, 'Hang all the law and the prophets.' "

This conversation, from Puck, is suggestive: We suppose that there never was a Methodist preacher who was not called upon sooner or later to straighten out a choir:

> Pillar: "The people complain that your sermons are too long."
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> Clergyman: "Indeed!"
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> Pillar: "Yes; only last Sunday the orchestra was compelled to omit two Chopins and an impromptu."

We commend this lesson in pronunciation:

> A professor who used to teach the grandfathers of the present generation of students, objected to the pronunciation of "wound" as if it were spelled "woond," and his students used to hunt for chances to make him explain his objections. One day he stopped a student who was reading to the class and said: "How do you pronounce that word?" "Woond, sir." The professor looked ugly and replied: "I have never foond any groond for giving it that soond. Go on."

The Richmond Christian Advocate is authority for the following statement as to the difference in pulpit preparation:

> The memory has much to do with success in preaching. Bishop Marvin learned on the frontier and on horseback to compose sermons and hold them in solution. When he was preparing for the pulpit in later years, he would lie on a bed, and mumble for twenty minutes before going into the pulpit. He was going over his sermon, and precipitating his thought into words which he could repeat before the congregation. Bishop Pierce would sit on a split-bottom chair in the shade, whittle a soft shingle, and when the last fragment went to shavings, he had finished one of his famous discourses. He could reproduce the very language as fresh as if flowing for the first time out of his mind. Bishop Wilson has at his command whatever he has once used. He can take down off the shelf of his memory while in the pulpit any sermon he owns. It comes back to him. He never seems to have leaked a thought or sentence.
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> On the other hand, there are ministers who must manufacture from the ore every sermon, which, when delivered, presently dissolves back into the crude elements. They can recall neither thought nor language. The same text may head an entirely different discourse the second time. It is probable Dr. William A. Smith forgot the things behind, and pressed forward along new paths at each service.

We have no sympathy whatever with this modern demand for short sermons. Let the preacher read widely and think long and well, and pray for the baptism of the Divine Spirit and bring to the waiting congregation a message worth listening to. The trouble with those who demand short sermons is this: they lack the capacity to follow a fine and elaborate argument, and to chamber a massive and magnificent discourse. We could lengthen the following list of preachers who take plenty of time, almost indefinitely:

> Henry Ward Beecher was anything but a twenty-minute preacher. The writer remembers timing him on one occasion, and his sermon was an hour and five minutes long. Spurgeon preached to more young men than any other pulpit orator of modern times, and his sermon as we listened to it on a July day, the season of short sermons, was fifty-three minutes long. On the afternoon of the same day we heard Canon Liddon, "the foremost preacher of England," addressing 3000 people, and he finished in forty-six minutes. The famous preacher of Paris is the Abbe Didon. Immense congregations listened to his notable discourses on the Divinity of Jesus Christ. As printed these sermons are long. The most popular preacher of this city is Dr. Gunsaulus. When his first twenty minutes are up he is just getting well into his magnificent periods. To have him stop then would be to miss the intense power and cumulative effect which so often mark his efforts.

Prof. J. O. Murray, D.D., in the Homiletic Review, makes a fine plea for the study of Coleridge on the part of the preachers. If the brethren take these hints they will soon find themselves working a vein of unsurpassed and well-nigh inexhaustible worth:

> A general reason for making the intimate acquaintance of Coleridge's writings, lies in the fact that he is in touch with so many sides of life. He belongs to the class of "myriad-minded" men—poet, metaphysician, theologian, political philosopher, editorial contributor to the London Courier, one of the three or four conversationalists who have left enduring contributions to English literature; this fact of his many-sided genius creates an interest in knowing something of such a man. His "Table Talk" is one of those suggestive books which can be taken in hand at odd moments, and which is always sure to start valuable trains of thought. Coleridge was fond of the aphorism. The aphoristic vein in him was rich, and many of its choice nuggets could be found in his "Table Talk."
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> His "Literary Remains" is a body of literary criticism which is the best text-book extant on that subject—all the better for its purpose that it is in structure so different from the ordinary text-book. If literary taste in poetry or prose is anything worth cultivating, it is well worth the while of every clergyman to master its secret as Coleridge has unveiled it. Indeed, one of the great services he rendered the world of English-speaking people, was the begetting a style of criticism remarkable at once for "fineness of insight and breadth of comprehension." Any preacher will read his Shakespeare to far better purpose, with higher discernment for the elements of dramatic power who has made himself familiar with Coleridge's way of looking at the drama, and at the drama as embodied in Shakespeare. In fact, his comments on nearly every writer of note in English literature will be found to have in them a germ of true critical perception.

We close with a beautiful tribute to our Lord Jesus Christ by Dr. N. D. Hillis, of Chicago, who is the successor of the late Dr. David Swing:

> Most wondrous, too, that the prophetic eye-searching out the candidate for universal fame should turn to a captive nation, to a degraded province, to a village into which had run all the slime of creation, to an obscure peasant's cottage, and therefrom select an unschooled youth, born into poverty, bound to coarsest labor, doomed to thirty years of obscurity, scorned by rulers, despised by priests, mobbed by common people, by all counted traitorous to his country and religion, in death stigmatized by a method of execution reserved for slaves and convicts. Our wonder grows apace when we remember that he wrote no book, no poem, no drama, no philosophy; invented no tool or instrument, fashioned no law or institution, discovered no medicine or remedy, outlined no philosophy of mind or body, contributed nothing to geology or astronomy, but stood at the end of his brief career doomed and deserted, solitary and silent, utterly helpless, fronting a shameless trial and a pitiless execution. In that hour none so poor as to do him reverence; and yet could some magican have touched men's eyes they would have seen that no power in heaven and no force on earth for majesty and productiveness could equal or match this crowned sufferer, whose name was above every man's name. The ages have come and gone; let us hasten to confess that the carpenter's son hath lifted the gates of the empires off their hinges, and turned the stream of the centuries out of its channels. By his spirit he hath leavened all literature, made laws just, governments humane, manners gentle, cold marble warm, refined art by new and divine themes, shaped those cathedrals called frozen prayers, led scientists to dedicate books and discoveries to him, so glorified an instrument of torture as that the peerless beauty seeks to enhance her loveliness of hanging his cross about her neck, while new inventions and institutions seem but letters in his storied speech.

CONNECTIONAL NEWS.

The alumni of Vanderbilt University will build a memorial to the late Dr. Landon C. Garland. The memorial will take the shape of a marble bust, and it is to be prepared by a distinguished sculptor at a cost of $1100. We are glad to note this appreciative recognition of an imperial mind and sterling character.

The "Children's Day Progamme for 1895" is now ready for delivery. It was prepared by Rev. W. D. Kirkland, Sunday-school Secretary and W. W. Smith, Educational Secretary, who, in a circular sent to this office, say:

> We desire to call especial attention to the fact that, by action of the last General Conference, the scope of Children's Day has been considerably broadened. It is no longer solely in the interest of our Sunday-schools, but in the interest of the general cause of Christian education as well. We have borne these facts in mind in the preparation of the programme, and have tried to arrange everything connected with it so as to make Children's Day, 1895, a grand and profitable occasion to every important interest of the Church.

Miss Lelia Roberts, of Saltillo, Mexico, says, in a very interesting letter, March 6, to Dr. H. C. Morrison, and published in the Christian Advocate, Nashville:

> We observed Do-Without Week, when our members gave an average of $1 each for the cause of missions. Even the poorest contributed, giving from one to four cents each night. Some literally gave their "all."
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> Again:
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> In our Normal department four professional teachers and a lawyer and a Congressman are teaching a class each for us without receiving pay. If paid their services would be worth at least $200 per month. This means that their interest in and appreciation of what we are trying to do for the benefit of their people prompts them to help us to this extent; or it means that these six Mexican gentlemen are contributing the sum of $200 per month to help carry forward the work of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in Saltillo. We think that this fact should be known to the home Church.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

In the last issue of the Northwestern all the Bishops of the M. E. Church, with one or two exceptions, expressed themselves on the "individual cup question." They were unanimous in their disapprobation of the innovation. Just such discussions though will advertize and popularize the thing.

The Young Men's Christian Association is about to erect in New York City a building to cost $350,000. The land was paid for by a bequest of the late William H. Vanderbilt, and $25,000 was added to the sum by Cornelius Vanderbilt. The entire cost of the building will be about $350,000. It will be one of the most perfect edifices of the kind in the country devoted to work among young men.

A generous contributor, not of the Methodist Church, recently sent Chaplain McCabe $1000 for the new Methodist headquarters in Rome, Italy. The Chaplain exclaims:

> This is beautiful! Other denominations helping the Methodists! In addition to the foregoing we have received $1210 more in smaller subscriptions. If anybody doubts that we are going to succeed, let him hold up his hand. I see no hands up. Everybody has faith. Now for the works.

The Epworth Herald remarks:

> The Secretary has the best of news for all who have their faces turned toward Chattanooga. Premier Bowell will be there. So will Bishop Vincent, Bishop Joyce, all of the Epworth League cabinet, and most of the members of the Board of Control from our own Church. Dr. Steel expects to outnumber us, including Canada, with Leaguers from Dixie two to one. On Saturday night the oratorio of the Messiah, with a chorus of 500 voices, will be rendered. This itself is worth the trip to Chattanooga.

The St. Louis Presbyterian, referring to the fact that the Northern Presbyterian Church has recently secured the services of several eminent ministers from the South, says:

> Within the last year they have captured from the Southern Church Rev. Jere Witherspoon, D.D., for Baltimore; Rev. W. B. Jennings, for Louisville; Rev. H. C. Evans, for Kirkwood; Rev. H. A. Hynes, for Webster; Rev. Frank W. Sneed, for Minneapolis; Rev. Prof. Hobson, for McCormick Seminary; and have been going to persuade two of our good Hebraists to come over and help them. Keep coming, brethren: here is where they grow, and maybe you need them.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Catholicism and Protestantism in Canada.

Until 1890 the Roman Catholics had separate schools in Canada. Since then a movement has been projected to have a uniform system of public schools purely unsectarian. Canada is now in a white heat of excitement, the Catholics resisting the measure and the Protestants standing by it. It is only another phase of the old fight between French and English ideas. English Protestantism will prove more than a match for the old French Catholicism. But Catholicism dies hard.

Foreign Items.

It is said that England will advance $425,000 to the Canadian sealers, the amount which Secretary Gresham promised to pay, but for which the late Congress refused to make an appropriation.—The House of Commons has voted to pay salaries to its members who, from time immemorial, have served without compensation.—The Spanish man-of-war, "Reina Regente," was lost in a storm near Gibraltar with over 400 men. When found the tops of her masts were barely above the water.—The Cuban revolt seems to grow stronger, though the general opinion is that it must inevitably succumb.

Strained Relations.

At present the United States is in trouble with England, France, Italy, Spain and Hawaii. England's aggressions in South America, notably in Venezuela, have caused our Government to reassert its intention to stand by the Monroe doctrine.

France has mistreated Ex-consul Waller in Madagascar, and the United States proposes to investigate the affair.

The Italian Embassador corresponded with the Governor of Colorado about the recent killing of some Italians in that State, instead of making complaint to the Washington Government. The Cleveland administration resented this, and some are of the opinion that the distinguished gentleman may be recalled.

The Spanish Minister talked so much and so impudently about the Allianca affair that he rendered himself obnoxious to the country. He sent in his resignation the other day, thus anticipating the inevitable.

Our Government demanded the recall of Mr. Thurston, the representative of the Hawaiian Republic, whose undiplomatic deportment made him offensive to the authorities.

These are small matters, and yet they show how easily our Republic could be entangled in a foreign war.

Football.

Harvard University has made up its mind to put a stop to the athletic craze among college boys. The faculty has positively prohibited inter-collegiate football. The game had become so brutal and had proved such a disturbing factor in college life that it was absolutely intolerable. Athletic games have been undoubtedly abused and college life and work have been much demoralized thereby.

Bound for Africa.

On the 19th of March a ship loaded with negroes, bound for Liberia, sailed from Savannah, Ga. We believe that if this movement were encouraged hundreds and thousands could be induced to emigrate. Public opinion in America seems to be against such an enterprise. We believe that the future will witness a great exodus of the negroes to Africa. We think that the colored people, under providence, should be allowed to settle this question for themselves. The sailing of the Horsa was certainly a significant event.

The Armistice.

The attempt to assassinate Li Hung Chang probably induced the Japanese Government to proclaim an unconditional armistice. This act of magnanimity will go far toward neutralizing the odium of the assault upon the Chinese plenipotentiary. Peace is evidently at hand. 'Tis a consummation most devoutly to be wished.

THE PRESS.

The New York Tribune says:

> After being suspended for the trifling space of 1500 years, the Olympic games, which figure so conspicuously in the history of the pre-Christian era of ancient Greece, are about to be revived—for the first time since the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Theodosius. A meeting has just been held at Athens under the presidency of the Duke of Sparta, the heir to the Hellenic throne, and a programme has been drawn up for a great athletic contest of an international character, which is to be held next year on the plain of Elis. It is an announcement that will interest every one possessed of any tincture of classical scholarship, or retaining any dim remembrance of school-boy study. Next to the fights in Homer, the chariot races, the boxing matches, and the athletic games of the ancient Greeks appear to many as the most human feature about a race which we are accustomed to regard as almost mythological.

The Christian Advocate, New York, desires something like uniformity in the service of song:

> In one of our congregations no one knows what hymnal will be used. There are some old hymn books, Epworth Hymnal, No. 1, and when another singing book came out the pastor, unsolicited, bought a number of these on credit, and in less than six months employed an evangelist who ran his book business for his own profit. So that in the social meetings there are three or four kinds of books, producing endless confusion, and even causing the introduction of songs that are unworthy the use of a reverent, to say nothing of a refined, congregation.

The Western Advocate very innocently admits that there is a good deal of office-seeking among the brethren, and says that the General Conference recognizes the fact and will accommodate its legislation accordingly. Referring to the contemplated consolidation of the Eastern and Western Book Concerns which would reduce the number of offices, the Western says:

> We have no thought that any consideration of office would influence the opinion or action concerning this of any Agent, East or West; but there are many able and aspiring candidates for ecclesiastical preferment whose chances would be diminished by any reduction of the number of General Conference positions. This fact will make the General Conference slow to act, and constitutes the greatest obstacle in the way of the contemplated change.

We desire to say amen to the following, from the Interior:

> Two clergymen, W. S. Rainsford, D. D., of St. George's, and J. H. Rylance, D. D., of St. Mark's, both Episcopal rectors of New York City, made addresses to a mass meeting in that city, in favor of opening the saloons on the Sabbath. These gentlemen may now be written down as "distinguished divines." There is only one step further in sensationalism that it is possible to go. If a Presbyterian minister were to do that, our people would unite in a kick, and kick him so far that he would not land for 500 years.

PERSONAL.

TEXAS.

The postoffice address of Rev. John Adams, presiding elder of Marshall District, has been changed from Longview to Tyler, Texas.

Bishop J. S. Key has written Bro. A. K. Ragsdale that he intends to be at the State Epworth League Conference in Houston in April next.

Judge F. M. Rogers, of Sulphur Springs, a devout Christian and for twenty-five years Superintendent of the Sunday-school there, was buried last Sunday. The whole community laments the sad event.

Capt. B. F. Taylor, owner and long time proprietor of the St. George Hotel, died at Monterey, Mexico, on the 29th ult., and was buried from the parlors of the hotel on April 2. He was a conscientious Methodist; a man of influence and wealth, and will be missed by a large circle of friends.

Bro. H. B. Henry writes us that his venerable father died in his eighty-fifth year at the home of his son-in-law, William Munn, in Nimrod, Eastland County, March 26. And thus another devout soldier of the cross passes to his everlasting rest. Our heart goes out in sympathy to the grief-stricken circle.

And now comes Bro. Julian Woodson stating that he went fishing the other day and caught thirty-eight white perch. Why tantalize an imprisoned publisher and editor in this way? If you don't quit talking about fishing and suggesting dog-wood blossoms you are going to get your ADVOCATE affairs in a tangle.

Rev. J. H. Collard, Sr., died in Abilene March 30, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. R. N. Graves. He was a Texas veteran and a pioneer Methodist preacher. His long, honorable and useful career was closed by a peaceful death. The surviving relatives have the sincere condolence of their numerous friends.

We had a pleasant call last week from Miss Forney White, who was accompanied by her uncle, Rev. E. A. Allday, of Alabama. We enjoyed our talk with Bro. Allday, who is a thoroughly devout and efficient preacher of the gospel. We heard a fine report of the sermon which he preached at First Church Sunday night. Miss Forney brought a bundle from her mother which contained two beautiful Easter dresses for the editor's twin daughters, Foster and Claude. Two little hearts were made happy by Sister White's beautifully thoughtful deed.

SOUTHERN METHODIST.

The other day in St. Louis, Sam Jones challenged Bob Ingersoll to a debate, proposing to discuss the Christian religion and related themes. The St. Louis Advocate says that Ingersoll "was intensely emphatic and laconic in his refusal."

Bishop Galloway is now engaged in a tour of the conferences, preaching to large and delighted congregations, and making missionary addresses full of fire and power. There is nothing about Bishop Galloway that we admire more than his deep interest in all our Church enterprises and his all-consuming zeal. This hard working and indefatigable Bishop is an example to the whole Church.

Christian Advocate, Nashville: Hon. Julian S. Carr, of North Carolina, has given $10,000 to the American University. It is the first subscription given by a Southern man for a college North of the Potomac since the war. This money is to be used in building the "Hall of History." Already there is an endowment for the chair.

Charles Foster Smith, in the Christian Advocate, Nashville, represents the late Dr. Garland as speaking thus about Dr. Stephen Olin and some others: December 6, 1891, I found the Doctor studying his Bible. He soon drifted into reminiscences of Dr. Olin. He considered him the greatest and best man he was ever intimately connected with, one of the few men—he could count all on the fingers of one hand—who did not seem smaller as he got closer to them. He had never known a man who had such power over an audience; not even Clay or Webster, or Prentiss, equaled Dr. Olin in this respect. This power, he thought, was the direct inspiration of the Holy Ghost, in which the man Olin seemed absolutely lost. He had none of the graces of oratory; was awkward in person and gesture; but there was a felicity and perspicuity of expression that Dr. Garland had never known the like of. He had never heard Dr. Olin quote from or refer to anybody's view of a question in a sermon; there was nothing to indicate that any of his ideas came from any other source than his own mind; but there was a power which made Olin forget self, and enthralled men. Bishop Pierce was more like Prentiss, he thought; more rhetorical. He could take any ordinary thought and dress it up in a style and language that made it appear beautiful. But he did not strike so deep as Olin, nor was he so original. He was handsome and gracious and graceful, a consummate orator. Of living Southern Methodist ministers, he considered Bishop Wilson the greatest preacher.

GENERAL.

Rev. Thos. Dixon has resigned his pastorate of a Baptist Church in New York in order to organize a new Church "on a broad and popular platform." It is absurd to say that our great evangelical Churches are too narrow for the accomplishment of the greatest possible good. He says: "I believe it to be a more important part of my life work to lift many men out of the ditch than to spend my time in making a few men Baptists."

Bishop R. S. Foster, of the M. E. Church, was trained for the ministry after the old style. Preaching incessantly, studying and mastering a few great books, dwelling in the solitude with God, made the giant preachers of the past. The Bishop says: "I traveled on my first circuit 300 miles every four weeks, preaching 27 times every 28 days. On my next circuit there were 13 appointments to be filled. I preached 3 times each Sunday, and traveled 10 miles between preaching places. Those were blessed and happy days. The four years I spent on that work I would not have cut out of my life and experience for any other four years in my history."

The Independent has this to say of a truly remarkable man: We hear on good authority that Count Tolstoi has a new work on hand dealing with the question of dogma in religion, and especially in the Christian religion. For some years past the great writer has been diligently studying the various religious systems of the East, and it is his intention to issue a number of little booklets dealing with these systems, and suitably and systematically arranged. It is his wish to produce these works in the simplest language, so that the peasants of Russia, for whom they are primarily intended, may read them with ease and understanding. It is generally believed in Russia that Count Tolstoi is gradually making a nearer approach to what may be called Orthodox Christianity, not of course to the orthodoxy of his own country for which he has nothing but gentle contempt. His teaching for years has been deeply impregnated with the loftiest truths of the Christian religion, and with admiration for the benign character of Christ, but the great thinker has never till now accepted the divinity of his great Master nor the truth of the miraculous manifestations by which he showed forth his divine origin.

Devotional.

PRAYER.

Pray for my soul. More things are wrought
  by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore let
  thy voice
Rise like a fountain for the night and day.
—*Alfred Tennyson.*

Dawn in the Valley of the Shadow.

Job speaks of death as the "king of terrors," the strongest expression in all literature. Aristotle approaches its intensity when he denominates it the "terrible of terribles."

To expect annihilation would be less appalling than to doubt whether we live again or not. To fear a miserable, an eternal existence is intolerable. Only the firm conviction that death ends nothing of life but its ills, and opens a painless, endless career of intellectual, spiritual and social development, occupation and enjoyment, can neutralize the sting of death and transform fear into hope.

Neither philosophy, testimony, nor a general belief that the Bible contains a revelation from God, can perfect such a conviction so as to root out the last doubt. Only "perfect love casteth out fear." There must be such a strong operation of the Holy Ghost within the heart as to supersede the necessity of asking whether one is a Christian. This is "the earnest of the Spirit."

Many Christians are "weak in the faith." They are "through fear of death all their lifetime subject to bondage," though Christ came expressly to deliver them from it. Others, who thought they were prepared for death, and have failed to sympathize with the timid, have ascertained that, with respect to the last of earth, they were only drawing conclusions from the promises of God, not really resting upon them.

No one who has never—when in unexciting circumstances—been sure that he was about to die knows how he will feel when that awful sense comes to him.

In the excitement of battle, shipwreck, fire, earthquake, and railway crash, and in the intervals in which none know what may come next, hope still springs or wild panic reigns supreme; and those in a panic never think.

As true Christians draw near to death, they may suffer from a disease which benumbs their faculties, renders them delirious, or causes such pain that they can not think of aught besides, or they may be under the power of drugs. Some are so worn by slow decay from illness or advanced years as to be but the shadow of their former selves, and incapable of thought. Others have no thought of a fatal end, and die as a candle extinguished by the sudden opening of a door.

None of these can be expected to exhibit the normal influence of the Christian faith, though often there are joyful surprises. At evening time it is light, and in a full recognition of the situation a glorious sunset is vouchsafed whose rays seem like the "beauty of the Lord our God" to those who are near.

Where the mental faculties are unimpaired, and the fact of approaching death recognized, temperament usually has much influence. The Christian whose life has been consistent, and who has been exuberant in all his manifestations of joy, may then be expected to reach the verge of ecstasy, especially if congenial Christian friends surround him; while the quiet may be expected to be silent and thoughtful, though calmly confident.

Nevertheless, reversals sometimes occur. The lifelong reserve of the self-contained may have sprung from humility, delicacy of feeling in the presence of others, or unusual conscientiousness. But now, in the crisis of existence, as the soul is absorbed in thought of the coming vision of God, the well of water springing up unto eternal life overflows in streams of love, hope and praise. Whereas the habitually jubilant—become more introspective than ever before, though in the conscious favor of God—may be sobered, and thus disappoint the expectations of those who do not look beyond the surface, or have not had opportunities to contemplate such scenes.

The ideal scene, when the passing one is aware of his state and in the full possession of his faculties, is that of an intelligent, conscientious Christian, familiar with the Scriptures, a daily student of them for purposes of personal growth in grace and preparation for usefulness, to whom is given the inestimable privilege of gliding to the end without stupefying drugs or such pain as to check the flow of thought, or to distract his attention from the tremendous fact that he is about to expire—these conditions, and these only, exhibit in its fulness, symmetry and beauty the splendid triumph over death which the grace of God achieves.

In other cases it may be just as real; in these it is visible. In some battles the victor seems almost vanquished; in others, so consummate his skill, or so favorable his circumstances, his forces environ the enemy, who flees in dismay while the triumphant host marches forward, not to the sound of cannon or musketry, but of shouts and music.

Such departures we have been permitted to see in the cottages of the poor, where the lips of the uneducated and humble were more eloquent than those of famed orators; in the comfortable homes of those whom God had prospered; and in institutions provided by the benevolent for the indigent. Amid such scenes the tongue of the pastor refuses to utter prayers for the dying, but is irresistibly attuned to praise.

There seems a growing sentiment that such triumphs over deathbeds are of the past. This insidiously suggests that perhaps the reports of them have always been exaggerated. Doubtless many have been over-stated; for love of the departed and of the religion of Christ warms the imagination and increases the strong natural tendency to exaggerate whenever the feelings are enlisted.

But they are not wholly of the past.

Whenever testimony can be obtained from cautious observers of the death of a good man; from those whose words would be believed by all who knew them, even though the fate of a man on trial for his life were involved, we deem it worth more than information concerning any fact of nature or an event bounded by the life which now is.

Accordingly, when in Baltimore attending the conference which mourned the absence of Dr. Morgan, whom we respected so highly, on meeting our former associate editor, Dr. Lucien Clark, our first question was: "How did Dr. Morgan meet his fate?" The answer was a narrative so inspiring that one might have crossed the ocean to be present at such a scene if God's grace did not shine on every land beneath the sun.—Christian Advocate, New York.

Ignorance of the Bible.

Take the matter of ignorance of the Bible. Recent statistics show that it exists to an extent inconceivable to any person a generation ago in college students. And this ignorance is disclosed, not in attempted religious instruction, but in the studay of the ordinary branches of a literary education in our universities and colleges. The pupils are entirely unable to understand a great mass of allusions in the master-pieces of English poetry and prose. Some of these pupils are victims of the idea that the Bible should not be read by the young, for fear that they will be prejudiced in a religious way before their minds are mature enough to select a religion for themselves. Now, wholly apart from its religious or from its ethical value, the Bible is the one book that no intelligent person who wishes to come into contact with the world of thought, and to share the ideas of the great minds of the Christian era, can afford to be ignorant of. All modern literature and all art are permeated with it. There is scarcely a great work in the language that can be fully understood and enjoyed without this knowledge, so full is it of allusions and illustrations from the Bible. This is true of fiction, of poetry, of economic and of philosophic works, and also of the scientific and even agnostic treatises. It is not at all a question of religion or theology, or of dogma; it is a question of general intelligence. A boy or girl at college, in the presence of the works set for either to master, without a fair knowledge of the Bible, is an ignoramus, and is disadvantaged accordingly. It is in itself almost a liberal education, as many great masters in literature have testified. It has so entered into law, literature, thought, the whole modern life of the Christian world, that ignorance of it is a most serious disadvantage to the student.

How this is to be overcome in our machine system is a grave question. It results partly from the discontinuance of the use of the Bible in the public schools, but more especially from the change in the estimation in which it is held in the family. In comparison with its position in the family a generation ago, it is now a neglected book. It is neglected as literature. There are several suggestions for reviving interest in it. One of them is already in operation in Sunday-school work. Another is its study as literature in the schools and colleges. But we believe that the change will only come effectively by attention to the fundamental cause of this ignorance, the neglect of its use in the home in childhood. If its great treasures are not a part of growing childhood, they will always be external to the late possessor. In the family is where this education must begin, and it will then be, as it used to be, an easy and unconscious education, a stimulus to the imagination, and a ready key to the great world of tradition, custom, history, literature.—Charles Dudley Warner, in Harper's Magazine.

Old and Young.

THE LITTLE FIFER.

More than a hundred years ago there lived in the town of Shirley, Mass., a bright, well-known lad named John Holden. His father was a farmer, and the little fellow trudged about the farm clad in homespun and home-made clothing, feeding calves, driving cows, and doing whatever his hands found to do "with his might."

One Saturday night John was early at the gate waiting for his father's home-coming; for Saturday was the day when John Holden went to the village and returned laden with packages and news from Boston—which to them was the center of the world. A present was an unheard-of thing in little John's life. What was his surprise, then, as his father rode up to the gate, to see him hand out a long black case, saying:

"Here, my boy, see what I've brought you for a birthday present."

And imagine his greater astonishment on opening the case to see a beautiful fife of dark wood with silver trimmings!

The boy could hardly believe his own eyes; and, as he was passionately fond of music, he lost no time in beginning to learn the use of his newly-acquired instrument.

Just before the Revolutionary War the whole country was in a state of ferment and dread. War seemed inevitable, and the oppressive rule of the English was the theme of conversation everywhere.

Little John heard much of it, and longed to be a man that he might join the "rebellious colonists." And one day he received a compliment which set him to thinking of matters in a way the older members of his family never mistrusted.

A visitor from Boston was at the farm-house, and the talk as usual ran on the prospect of war in the colonies. During a pause in the conversation, Mr. Holden asked John to play something on the fife. When he had played a stirring march or two, the stranger exclaimed: "Upon my word! But the boy has the soul of music in him! He will be ready for the British bulls and lions when it is necessary."

John sat quite still for some time. But before he went to bed he went to his father and said, "Father, if the British do come, shall I go to the war with my fife?"

"To be sure," answered his father, laughingly. "They could not get along without you."

Long after his father had forgotten this incident, John Holden took his dog Zip and his darling fife and went to a favorite hill on the place to practice. At night the dog came back alone, and going straight up to the boy's chamber began to moan and cry, and would not leave John's bed.

The family were greatly alarmed, and instantly divined that something had happened to John.

Soon the whole town was in commotion; for the news that John Holden was lost flew like wildfire. Bands of men were organized, and went searching in the woods in every direction; but no clue was obtained that threw the faintest glimmer of light on the strange disappearance.

Everybody believed him to be dead or with the cruel Indians. Everybody but one. The boy's mother never lost faith in his being safe somewhere.

"My boy is in God's hands," she would say. "In his good time he will come home."

And nothing could move her from this belief while two anxious years slipped by.

In the meantime war had broken out, and Shirley had sent her full quota of men to fight for the country's independence. It was through one of these that a rumor reached Mr. Holden that a boy of twelve was in Washington's army as a fifer.

John Holden was impressed with the certainity that the boy in Washington's army and his lost son were the same. He went home and told his wife the story, and she was certain of it. Accordingly Mr. Holden started for New York, where Gen. Washington and his army were then stationed. There were no railroads or telegraps then, remember; nothing but horses and stage-coaches. The best he could do by traveling on horseback was to reach Gen. Washington's headquarter in seven days.

Gen. Knox received the Massachusetts farmer with a cordiality that put him at ease in a moment; and Mr. Holden found no difficulty in stating his errand.

"There is your boy, sir!" exclaimed the interested General, pointing to a young fellow in a soldier's suit, gay with brass buttons, who was playing on a fife. "He is drilling some raw recruits. That boy is Captain-general of us all, sir. I have never known him to whimper or say, 'I can't,' although he is the youngest of us."

The fifer was sent for in the Colonel's name. As he drew near and, lifting his cap, asked, "Did you send for me, sir?" His eye fell on his father sitting in the corner of the tent.

In a moment the boy was in his father's arms and sobbing like a baby. The father's tears mingled with the long-lost son's, and the redoubtable General was obliged to resort to his handkerchief as he withdrew.

After the father and son had had a short visit Gen. Knox returned to conduct them to the headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief. Gen. Washington received Mr. Holden very kindly, and said, smilingly:

"I hear a story that sounds like a romance in the midst of war. Tell me, my little fifer, how you came to leave your parents without their knowledge and join my army at such a tender age? You never ran away, did you?"

"No, sir, never," answered John with spirit. "I was playing with my dog Zip, on Sorrell Hill, when a big wagon full of men came along. They stopped when they saw me, and one of them called out, 'Hullo, my little fifer! We are looking for you. Jump in.' I asked them if the British bulls and lions were here, and the said, 'Yes, hurry up!' I jumped in, sir, and that's the way it happened."

Mr. Holden remembered for the first time what he had said long ago when John asked him if he would be needed when the British bulls and lions appeared.

John's story was met by a burst of laughter quite unusual with Washington. Then patting the boy's rosy cheeks, the General said: "After this you must give us some music, my lad."

And John, quite elated, rendered a stirring march.

"I don't see how we can part with this brave boy of yours," said Gen. Washington to Mr. Holden, when the boy had finished playing; "but parents have the first claim."

John was then ordered to go and dismiss the men he had been drilling, and he departed with a martial salute to his superiors, and "I will be back in five minutes," to his father.

Mr. Holden, left alone, told the story of the mother's deep faith, and added, "John seems to be in his element here."

Then General Washington told the gratified parent an incident, showing the spirit of the lad.

"When I with a number of my suite approached the vicinity of Monmouth Court House," said he, "I was met by a little musician who archly cried out: "They are all coming this way, your honor!"

" 'Who are coming this way?' said I.

" 'Why, our boys, your honor! Our boys! and the British are right after them!'

" 'Impossible!' I cried; but spurring my horse, I found the boy's story only too true."

"He is a good boy," added Gen. Knox, "and invaluable in training raw recruits. If they are homesick he talks kindly with them, and cheers them wonderfully with his ardent patriotism."

The boy just then returned, and Gen. Knox added: "Well, what did your men say when you told them you were going home?"

John blushed and answered: "I could not tell them that, your honor. Father, let me stay another year. Then I shall be thirteen, and able to help you more on the farm. You know mother is well, and the war will soon be over."

What father in Revolutionary times could resist such an appeal?

Washington smiled, and Mr. Holden consented. And after a kind farewell from the father of his country, and a loving one from the young fifer, Jonas Holden rode away, saying to himself: "My boy could not hold a more honored position. I leave him in the hands of Gen. Washington—and of God.

When Jonas Holden reached home, and after he had told his story, he turned to his boy's mother and asked: "Have I done right in leaving him there?"

"Just right," said the mother.

John Holden returned to his parents when the war was over, and lived to a good old age. And his name may be seen, for the searching, even now, on the books at Washington, as a pensioner of 1776.—Wide Awake.

AUNT SUSAN'S PLAIN TALK.

"Hester!" exclaimed Aunt Susan, ceasing her rocking and knitting, and sitting upright, "do you know what your husband will do when you are dead?"

"What do you mean?" was the startled reply.

"He will marry the sweetest tempered girl he can find."

"Oh, auntie!" Hester began.

"Don't interrupt me until I've finished," Aunt Susan, leaning back and taking up her knitting. "She may not be as good a housekeeper as your are; in fact, I think not; but she will be good-natured."

"Why, auntie—"

"That isn't all," composedly continued Aunt Susan. "To-day your husband was half way across the kitchen floor, bringing you the first ripe peaches, and all you did was to look on and say: 'There, Will, just see your tracks on my clean floor! I won't have my floor all tracked up.' Some men would have thrown the peaches out of the window. To-day you screwed up your face when he kissed you, because his mustache was damp, and said: 'I never want you to kiss me again.' When he empties anything you tell him not to spill it; when he lifts anything you tell him not to break it. From morning till night your sharp voice is heard complaining and fault-finding. And last winter, when you were sick, you scolded him about allowing the pump to freeze, and took no notice when he said: 'I was so anxious about you that I did not think of the pump.' "

"But, auntie—"

"Hearken, child. The strongest and most intelligent of them all care more for a woman's tenderness than for anything else in the world, and without this the cleverest and most perfect housekeeper is sure to lose her husband's affection in time. There may be a few more men like Will—as gentle, as loving, as chivalrous, as forgetful of self, and so satisfied with loving that their affections will die a long, struggling death; but in most cases it takes but a few years of fretfulness and fault-finding to turn a husband's love into irritated indifference."

"But, auntie—"

Yes; well, you are not dead yet, and that sweet-natured woman has not been found; so you have time to become so serene and sweet that your husband can never imagine that there is a better-tempered woman in existence."—Selected.

HAPPY MOTHERS.

One of these says some suggestive words in Home and Farm for February, which are here quoted:

"I was raised a farmer's daughter, have been keeping house for many years, have raised three children. They were all small when I lived in Southern Arizona, exposed to frequent Indian raids, often lived in camp, moved at an hour's notice, and sometimes weeks and even months without a neighbor for miles, and no chance to visit if I had. Yet I enjoyed the beautiful mountain scenery, taught my children, and read many books and papers.

"I would suggest to the sister who feels herself growing old at so early an age to make companions of her children, share their joys, sympathize in their troubles.

"When they come around with their dolls ask for the health of the baby and ask them to be seated, and they will become dignified and act like a lady. Then call them 'mamma's little lady or little man,' and see them bring in the wood, feed the chicks, and many other things to save you steps, and they will enjoy it.

"I think, too, it is not your duty to do what you are not able to do, so let that go, and do not worry, for worry will hurt you worse than work. I am now past fifty, am stouter than I ever was, and can learn a poem by reading it over a few times; can milk the cows, keep house, wash, tend garden, and this fall I have picked cotton, but when I thought I had done enough I quit, went boat riding, and had a good time. My children are now grown, and they are all home-loving, good children, and I am a happy mother."—Christian Advocate, New York.

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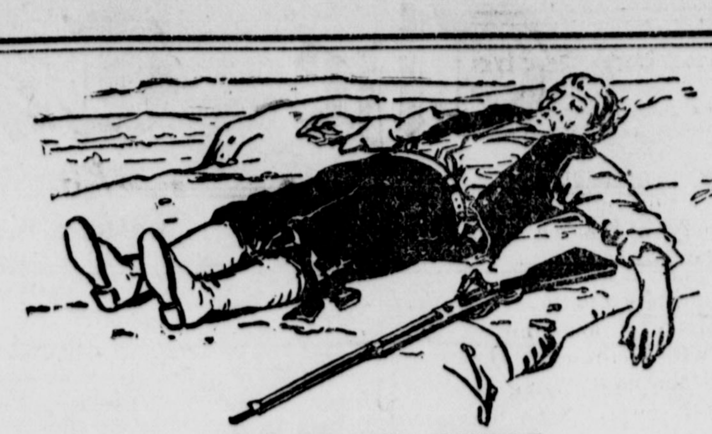

OLD RIP VAN WINKLE

went up into the Catskill mountains to take a little nap of twenty years or so, and when he wakened, he found that the "cruel war was over," the monthly magazines had "fought it over" the second time and "blown up" all the officers that had participated in it. This much is history, and it is also an *historical fact* that, during the same length of time, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery had become the most celebrated, as it is the most effective, Liver, Blood and Lung Remedy of the age. In purifying the blood and in all manner of pimples, blotches, eruptions, and other skin and scalp diseases, scrofulous sores and swellings, and kindred ailments, the "Golden Medical Discovery" manifests the most *positive* curative properties.

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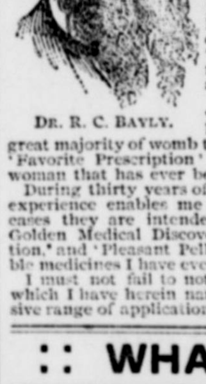

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GOD honors those who honor him: Enoch was translated for faithfulness; Noah was saved in the ark because he feared God and served him; Eber entered not into the sin of Babel, and he alone retained the language of Eden, and the Hebrew tongue carries the name of Eber down the ages. Abraham was the father of the faithful. The alabaster-box perfumed the room when it was broken, but the name of the woman who broke it has been ointment to believers in all ages since.

SECOND QUARTER—LESSON 2—APRIL 14.

THE WICKED HUSBANDMAN.—Mark 12:1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT: *They will reverence my son.*—Mark 12:6.

The ingratitude of human nature, with all of its odious attendants, is exhibited in this lesson.

Men are not aware of their real relationship to God until the light of grace reveals the hideous deformity.

Blinded by sin, we rush on to death, unless, by some providence, we are arrested and brought to consider our better and higher interests.

Parents spend their lives in labor and sacrifice for the future well-being of their children, and close life in sadness because of the manifest want of appreciation on the part of their children.

It is too common to see young men and ladies in utter forgetfulness of those who cared for them in helpless childhood, and denied themselves the common comforts of life to provide luxuries for their off-spring.

Mothers wear sad faces and furrowed cheeks for no other reason than the unkindness of daughters whose sympathy and care would make old age sweet and happy. Young men often exhibit the spirit of irreverence for parents which we fail to find in the beast of the field.

That domineering attitude assumed by grown children, and the want of kindness expressed either in words or actions are humiliating to behold, because it reminds us that we belong to a race capable of such depths of depravity, and that the virus of sin, when let alone, will so inflame our spiritual blood that the healthful pulse gives place to fevered beats, indicating the failure of vital functions, the forerunner of death.

Men do not appreciate ample supplies; the rich are as far from enjoyment as the beggar, for as the flesh is fed its appetites enlarge, and riches only make monsters, when, if left in poverty, flesh would be more easily managed, while the spiritual man would find more incentives to follow the path of virtue.

Animals have been classed by appetitite; those that eat flesh have no palate for grass. So sinners are not attracted by the grace and providence of God, because they are the children of the devil, and love the things of darkness.

Our lessons presents us a picture of human ingratitude that is really appalling.

The parable of the husbandman gives us the idea substantially. It refers to the care and providence of God toward his people, beginning with Adam and counting the varied evidences of his love through the long ages of patience under the patriarchal government; the goodness and forbearance of God to Abram and his successors, from the days of Abel, by types and shadows, by prophets and priests, by blessing and cursing, whether delivering Isaac on Mt. Moriah, and revealing to the world, through him, the doctrine of the resurrection; or blessing Jacob and leading him to a proper comprehension of duty and service, or raining fire on the cities of the plain, he is to us the same loving Father, preparing for us the opportunities of larger blessings and the acquisition of wonderful dividends of grace and glory.

"This was the last day of public teaching and final offer to the Jews to be accepted as their Messiah."—*Pel. Notes.*

The word, declared by John to be in the beginning, had walked down the ages, supervising, planning, teaching, planting and by every means calling men to God.

As the voice of God, he walked with Adam in the garden, and pointed out the path that led to death and hell, while every leaf and flower breathed the fragrance of God's presence and care; as the pillar of cloud and of fire, he walked before Israel, and sheltered them from the evils of sin.

He spoke by the mouth of the prophets, he reasoned in miracles, and taught on tables of stone the immutability of his nature.

By patience he revealed love; by swift punishment he discovered his justice; by long waiting, the world was brought to see the end and design of our creation, and in his incarnation and death, life and immortality are brought to light in the gospel.

His three years of ministry were spent in bringing in review before the world the work of all the ages past.

He demonstrated his sonship and revealed through the forces of nature the divinity he claimed.

At his baptism all the people declared the unmistakable teaching of prophecy and sealed their witness by the application of water at the hands of the priest, while the opening heavens revealed the descent of the Holy Ghost, abiding upon him.

The Mount of Transfiguration bears evidence, repeating from the mouth of Moses and Elias the law and the prophets which testify of him.

The covenant of Abraham, and the seal of circumcision have filed their testimony; the passover, a living prophecy, has walked down the ages, and halted at the cross with its hands on the dial plate, at the ninth hour of the day, and on the 14th day of Nisan, while his unbroken bones, his undivided garments, the new tomb of Joseph, the period of time marked for ages past, his nativity, his habits of life, his parentage, etc., stand ready to mark him as the seed of the woman, the Lamb of God, the Savior of the world.

He planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it.

The laws and institutions of grace are hedges about to keep off evils of sin, to shut out all but good. The Jews were God's peculiar people, and his love can not be mistaken by those who read of his dealings and providence concerning Israel.

Behold the wine-press in the vineyard, streaming with the pure juice of the grape, and say if this vineyard is not in a fruitful soil.

Are not the institutions of the Jewish Church flowing with the juice of grace and providence? What is more expressive than the tabernacle? Its altars speak, its mercy-seat shines, its cherubims raise their wings in astonishment at the wonderful things contained in the ark, above the mercy-seat; the golden candlesticks, the urim and thummim, the jewels and stones, the rings and staves all speak, and even the face of Moses, antedating the transfiguration, shines with the effulgence of divine glory—the wine-press is bursting with fullness, the vessels are full, and others are brought, and still it flows with pure wine.

2. Christ comes now at the time of the wine, to gather the fruit of these ages of sowing and cultivation, expecting to transfer the product of this vineyard into articles useful to the Master of the vineyard. He expected to find a nation ready to take the lead in bringing the nations of the earth to a saving knowledge of Christ.

He sent servants and they were evilly treated. Christ sent prophet after prophet, and servants in all forms that could bear the message, and their blood has stained every foot of the way from the transgression of Eve to this good hour.

The owner sends his only son, thinking they will honor him, but they kill him and cast him out of the vineyard.

They probably felt they had the shadow of an excuse in refusing to hear the servants by claiming that these servants might be impostors, but when the rightful owner comes and brings his deeds to the property, there is no excuse.

The prophets and priests may have been slain and yet have grounds to plead at the bar of justice; the blood martyrs may be atoned for by faith in Christ, but what is left to the man who kills the good man and takes the life of him who inherits the vineyard?

He will take his vineyard from them and give it to others, because its purposes have been turned from the original designs.

The Jews should have been prepared to the Master's hand, but he found them ready to slay the Son of God, and consume on their lusts the blessings intended for the Gentiles.

The stone which the builders rejected became the head of the corner. There is a divinity which shapes the building in spite of the blunders of the builders.

The stones, hewn out in the quarry, must be put in their proper places or there can be no finished temple. The key-stone must find its place. The figure is changed, but the truth illustrated is the same. No man can supplant the Christ. No stone can grace and support the temple walls except the one hewn out and fitted for it.

This spiritual temple was designed in the "beginning," when the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

"For whom he foreknew he predestinated to be conformed to the image of his Son." The design was shown to Moses in the Mount, and the tabernacle in the wilderness was fashioned after the pattern given in Sinai, and typified the spiritual temple and thus became prophetic of things to come.

They tried to set aside the stone and substitute another, but it was the Lord's doings, and out of confusion came the proper adjustment. The very stone that had been thrown about as useless is made the more conspicuous when found to be the key-stone.

The humiliation of Jesus proves the most effective agency for his exaltation, and his tears and sorrows become the attractive features of the gospel.

Gethsemane, once the darkest spot in the life of the Savior, is radiant with promise to the sinner, for here he first meets Christ in the open door of heartfelt repentance.

This parable bristles with condemnation to the Jews, and seeing it, they tried to take him, but they feared the multitude who had followed him on that memorable march from Jericho, and beyond the Jordan.

How strange it is that these Jews rejected Jesus, when their eyes could not fail to see the object of his love and the demonstrations of his power, everywhere.

Men and women who had been healed by his touch; miracles of his power; the living who had been raised from the dead; the startling manifestations of his glory, were all fresh in their minds.

The scenes on the Mount; the multitude eating of the loaves and fishes; the hush of the storm on the sea; the voice of God out of heaven; the chariot of clouds that passed; the transfiguration; the withering fig tree; the cowering devils; the blind seeing; the deaf hearing; the lame walking, all these, like clustering stars in the heavens, form mighty constellations in the spiritual sky whose light shall be sufficient to guide all nations to the understanding and comprehension of salvation in Christ.

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Epworth League.

[Address all communications on Epworth League to Rev. E. C. McVoy, Alvord, Texas.]

LET us take Houston by storm. If we will, we can shake the State of Texas with this conference.

2500 Leaguers at Houston! This is a big number, but we will have them. Railroad rates make it possible for almost every League in the State to be represented.

INTEREST in the State Conference is increasing all the time. Everybody wants to go, and hundreds will go. The distinguished visitors from abroad, who are on the programme, will attract our preachers especially. Let all of our preachers, if possible, make their arrangements to be present. When we get all of our preachers deeply interested in this movement, it will be a great day for the Leagues of Texas.

A NOTE from Rev. E. P. Newsom, preacher in charge at Rockdale, informs us that on March 12 a League was organized there with twenty-eight members. A number have since applied for membership. Officers: President, T. H. Rodgers; First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents, Dr. I. P. Sessions, Henry Lockwood and Miss May Donaldson, respectively; Secretary, Miss Ursula Wise; Treasurer, Preston Graves. The members are enthusiastic, and are thinking of chartering a car, bannering it and going to Houston en masse. Hurrah for Rockdale!

THE Secretary of each League should fill out the report blank and forward to the Secretary before going to the conference, so that they may be placed in the hands of the Committee on Registration and Reports.

AT Shelbyville, East Texas Conference, a League was organized January 30, 1895, and now has twenty or more members. Officers: President, W. H. Miller; First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents, Frank W. Huntington, Marshall Ervin and Miss Dell Mosely, respectively; Secretary, C. B Powell; Treasurer, Allen Anthony. Secretary Powell writes that they are taking the course in reading, and doing faithful work. Good!

HURRAH for railroad rates! We are going, going to Houston! What a meeting it will be!

JOHN R. NELSON.

REV. JOEL S. GRAVES writes that he has just organized a League at Seagoville, Pleasant Mound Circuit, with twenty-eight members. President, Mrs. Ada Andrews; Vice-Presidents, Misses Emma Ballard and Myrtle Thompson; Secretary and Treasurer, John Smith.

He also says that he has twenty-five signers at Montgomery Chapel, but the weather has prevented them from organizing. He hopes to do so the second Sunday in April. Bro. Graves says: "At Pleasant Mound the League is doing marvelous work."

REV. J. T. MCCLURE writes that he organized a League at Livingston March 25. They enrolled twenty-five charter members and are expecting a large increase. The following are the officers: President, Jas. E. Hill, Jr.; First, Second and Third Vice Presidents, Miss Nora Spratt, Mrs. Louise Simmons and Prof. A. E. Davis, respectively; Secretary, Miss Mamie Rose; Treasurer, Miss Fannie Searbrough. Bro. McClure says: "I see every prospect for a first class League. Everyone is interested. We have elected our delegates to Houston, and will try to be represented in that honorable body." This sounds like business.

REV. Z. B. PIRTLE writes that he has just organized a League at Gober with twenty members, and others to be received at the next meeting. Officers as follows: President, Prof. J. L. Lovelace; First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents, Miss Mabel Foster, Prof. U. S. Davis and C. M. London, respectively; Hunter Dizmong, Secretary, and Miss Hester Truman, Treasurer. This League is on a circuit.

ELECT your delegates to the State Conference at once and send their names to J. V. Dealy, Houston, so that homes may be assigned them. This is important.

LEAGUERS, bear in mind the Galveston excursion which closes the State Conference Friday, April 19. Special trains will be run at a low rate and will be at the disposal of the Leaguers. The Galveston Leagues will meet these trains, and various committees will conduct the visitors over the city. The ride on the gulf will be worth the trip. See the Galveston committee in Houston and procure street-car tickets and obtain all further information regarding the excursion.

THE Leagues of my circuit were given yesterday for missionary day. They held a mass-meeting, which meets the demand of the Discipline. The Leaguers gave place to the woman's work, also to the Juvenile Society, and these workers added to the interest of the occasion; Bro. C. N. N. Ferguson gave us a good sermon Sunday morning. I have set apart the fifth Sunday for this work.

J. H. WISEMAN, P. C.

Lorena, Texas, April 1, 1895.

FROM all over the State comes the report of new Leagues organized. Just watch the League movement in Texas!

NOTICE.

It was announced that Houston would entertain "all Leaguers who should come to the conference." As the crowd promises to be so large it may be impossible to do this. However, all regular delegates—three from each League and pastors—will be provided for first, and then visiting Leaguers as far as possible. Good board can be had at very low rates, and no one should stay away. Write Bro. J. V. Dealy and send him the names of those of your League, in addition to the regular delegates who wish to attend, and he will either provide them a home or secure them a good boarding place.

A. R. RAGSDALE,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

To the State Epworth League Conference in Session:

We, your Committee on Constitution and By-laws, appointed at the State League Conference held in Taylor, Texas, April, 1893, beg leave to recommend the following amended Constitution and By-laws:

Article 1. There shall be held annually, at such place as it may select, a State Epworth League Conference to convene Wednesday after the second Sunday in April, at 9 a. m., and remain in session not longer than three days.

Art. 2. It shall be composed of three delegates from each League, who shall be recognized as members upon presentation of credentials, signed by the President and Secretary of their respective Leagues; and all traveling preachers of the M. E. Church, South, within the bounds of the State of Texas.

Art. 3. Its officers shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents (representing and having in charge, respectively, the several departments of League work), Secretary and Treasurer with the usual duties of said offices; provided, that any Bishop of the M. E. Church, South, who may be present at the session, shall be ex-officio President.

Art. 4. The officers shall be elected, after nomination are closed, by ballot for the term of one year, on Thursday of each session, at 10 a. m. Their duties shall begin at the close of the session at which they were elected.

Art. 5. There shall be a committee of three on programme appointed by the chair on the first day of the session to arrange a programme for the next session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
3. To receive and dispose of communications.
4. Miscellaneous business.
5. The work of the programme.

A LETTER FROM ORPHAN'S HOME.

We are twenty strong, and all earnest workers. Though not yet three months old, we hope to do a great work in the near future.

This is our second effort. At first we met with little or no success, but all the young people of Pleasant Mound now seem to be deeply interested in this grand work.

We have cottage prayer meetings every Wednesday night, and each member shoulders all the crosses that are imposed upon them with cheerful hearts. We are marching on to victory, and hope to be among the best Leagues in the State soon.

We think it a cause in which each and every one can work for the Master, and there is a work for us all to do. So let us be up and do something for the Lord. Be it ever so small, if done in the right spirit, he will bless us in it. This being my first letter to you, I earnestly ask all young League workers to "push on."

The work may seem to be dull and hard for awhile, but after once in the harness and at work, it will be a source of great pleasure.

LULA F. UMPHRESS.

TO THE PASTORS AT THE STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

At the solicitation of many of the brethren, in response to the circular sent out concerning the Depository, I ask all the members of the conferences who will be at Houston to meet at the Tabernacle Church on Thursday, 3 p. m., during the League Conference. The object is to take steps towards placing the Depository in a condition to better serve the Church. I have asked Bishop Key to preside and Dr. John Mathews to give us an address on Christian literature.

I. Z. T. MORRIS.

MESQUITE LEAGUE

Through the ADVOCATE our Epworth League must be put in the front ranks, as it deserves to be. We have a League of more than forty members. The officers are alive to their duty, and the members, almost as a whole, unite with them in carrying on a healthy, energetic and soul-profiting League service every Sunday afternoon.

When the call was made for a contribution for $2 to aid the Houston Conference, the request was not more than made before the money was put in the Treasurer's hands.

This League, as conducted, is doing good. Bro. Calhoun, who conducts the devotional exercises, believes in active work; and before the boys and girls are aware, he has them standing and talking; and to listen at so many talks and prayers of the young people is a joy indeed. God is blessing the earnest efforts of our Leaguers.

All aboard for Houston! We send President Sam Vanston, Second Vice-President Miss Ada Callom and Miss Lettie Russell as our delegates.

IVORY SOAP
IT FLOATS
At all grocery stores east of the Rocky Mountains two sizes of Ivory Soap are sold; one that costs five cents a cake, and a larger size. The larger cake is the more convenient and economical for laundry and general household use. If your Grocer is out of it, insist on his getting it for you.
THE PROCTER & GAMBLE CO. CIN'TI.

I will be glad to correspond with any of the Secretaries for the good of the League work.

SALLIE KNOX,
Secretary Epworth League, Mesquite, Texas.

FROM PECOS—LEAGUE WORK.

Our League is one hundred strong, more than that number having joined since its organization over a year ago. In some departments we are up with the times and are doing a grand work. There is scarcely a member that will not take an active part when called upon. If they can not lead the service nor pray in public, they can read a passage of Scripture at the service or sit by the bedside of a sick one, or administer to the wants of some suffering one.

We organized January 1, 1894, with about thirty-five members. The League at once sprang into popular favor and has continued to gain the confidence of the town generally, steadily, ever since.

Our committees are wide awake, except that of the Literary Department, and are making the League a glorious success. We celebrated the anniversary of its organization the first Sunday night of the year in a suitable programme at our church, all other services giving way.

I was very anxious to have us represented at Houston, but some other expenses of a peculiar nature were to be met just at this time, and we sacrificed our desires there that we might do more good here. However, our County Judge, Jas. E. Bowen, will be in Houston at the time of the conference, and he has very kindly consented to represent us. And he is to become a member of our League, too, at our next business meeting.

We have our Charity and Help Department well systematized. We are shouting, "Loyalty to Christ!" and making the mountains of West Texas and New Mexico resound in joyous acclaim, "All hail the power of Jesus' name! Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth, good will to men!"

We are 700 miles from Houston and are too far away to ever be with you, and too weak in this conference to have a conference of our own. But we love you all and are interested in all you are doing. The present officers are as follows: Chas. B. Smith, President; Sister Saunders (our pastor's wife), First Vice President; Miss Fay Kern, Second Vice President; Miss Viola Pruett, Third Vice President; Max Krauskopf, Secretary; Miss Annie Owen, Treasurer.

CHAS. B. SMITH.

March 24, 1895

FROM ATHENS.

I am delighted to report that we have organized an Epworth League at Athens with very flattering prospects for great success. We begin with twenty-two members, most all of whom are religious and enthusiastic. The officers of our League are as follows: President, Stephen Faulk; First, Second and Third Vice Presidents, respectively, Knox Henderson, Miss Amma Powers and D. H. Grovlee; Secretary, Miss Nora Reager; Organist, Miss Bessie Morris. We have elected four delegates to the State Conference, and two of these and myself will attend. We mean business.

W. P. PLEDGER, P. C.

Delegate Certificates.

The Secretary will furnish blank certificates of election for delegates to the State League Conference. Those who have already applied for report blanks need not write, as the certificates will be mailed you.

A. K. RAGSDALE,
Secretary.

MUSIC AT LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

Prof. D. M. Doyle, of Victoria, will have charge of the music of the League Conference at Seguin. We will use in connection with our standard hymn book, "Triumphant Songs No. 2." Those delegates having this number will please bring it with them. To have Bro. Doyle at the head of our choir secures the success of this department. There will be solos and quartets, as well as choruses. Let as many as possible meet us in the church at Seguin, April 9, about 4 p. m., to organize and practice songs for the opening service at night. The tide of enthusiasm continues to rise. This conference promises to be a royal occasion. If there be any doubters let them "come and see."

J. D. SCOTT.

THESE ARE LOYAL.

I wish to express my appreciation of the editorial on "Denominationalism" in the ADVOCATE of March 21. I consider it timely, and every statement of the editor true and wholesome. Allow me to enlighten the correspondent who does not know of one Epworth League in Texas which uses our hymn book.

There are two Leagues in the bounds of Kyle Circuit, and both are using the publications of our own Church. One, the "Living Songs," the other, the hymn book, purchased by the League for its own use. Both these Leagues are composed of enthusiastic, aggressive young men and women who love the Church, and are the allies and supporters of the pastor in every enterprise.

The League in these parts is fostering an intelligent and appreciative loyalty to the Church. Now the Church must deserve the love and loyalty of her children. She must be able to say to these bright, progressive young people, "Your mother will allow no stranger to provide better things than she. She will seek in all the markets of the world, and provide for you the best and purest and most beautiful in literature and music. Her Publishing House shall exist to furnish you with popular books at lowest possible cost, and not to be a source of income." Let her do her utmost for the salvation of the souls and the formation of character of these young people, and see if in another generation we do not take this land for Christ. Amen!

We are expecting good results from the West Texas League Conference, which meets in Seguin, April 9. It is hoped that every League in the bounds of the conference will send delegates. Even those Leagues that are farthest off will be more than compensated for the cost of transportation by the fresh interest that will be given to the work on the return of a wide-awake young man or woman from such a gathering.

West Texas will also be represented at Houston and Chattanooga. Those who have the good fortune to attend these gatherings will be enriched. I have heard of one presiding elder who is suggesting to the Leagues in his district that they send their pastors to Chattanooga. The League is flourishing in that district. Let them also send the presiding elder.

STERLING FISHER.

Kyle, Texas.

RAILROAD RATES TO HOUSTON.

THE M., K. AND T. R'Y

will sell tickets to Houston, Texas, April 16 to 19, meeting of State Epworth League. Sale of tickets April 15 to 16, limited for return to April 21, 1895, at rates named below:

Rate of one fare for the round trip, with a maximum of $5 from all stations except as noted:

Muenster, $5.45; Nocona, $6.25; Henrietta, $7 10; Alba, $6.10; St. Jo, $5.75; Belcher, $6.45; Lone Oak, $5.45; Mineola, $6.50; Bonita, $5.95; Ringgold, $6 65; Emory, $5.85.

THE COTTON BELT

will concur in the above rate and sell tickets to Houston at one fare for the round trip, with a maximum rate of $5, from all points on their line via the M., K. and T.

THE GULF, COLORADO AND SANTA FE

will sell tickets to Houston to the Epworth League Conference, April 16-18, from all points on the main line at the following rate:

One fare for the round trip, with a maximum rate of $5. Tickets on sale April 15 and 16, good for return until 21st.

For stations west of Brownwood and north of Gainesville and Paris add one fare local rate to the $5 rate from those points.

THE INTERNATIONAL AND GREAT NORTHERN

has made a rate of one fare for the round trip, with a maximum rate of $5. Tickets on sale April 15 and 16, good until 21st.

They will also run a special train to Galveston on Friday, the 19th, for the accommodation of Leaguers.

Parties going over this road who desire to make the Galveston excursion can purchase through tickets to Galveston, with stopover privilege at Houston, on going trip. This will save buying tickets twice.

THE ROCK ISLAND

will sell tickets for one fare rate to Fort Worth added to the $5 rate from that point to Houston.

Ask your ticket agent whether or not he has been instructed to sell at these rates. If not, show him these notices and ask him to apply for instructions at once.

THE HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL, WACO AND NORTHWESTERN, AND HOUSTON EAST AND WEST TEXAS

have announced to sell at same rate and dates.

THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC

will sell tickets at one fare from all points, with a maximum rate of $5, for the round trip. For stations west of San Antonio, add one fare local rate to San Antonio to the $5 rate.

THE ARANSAS PASS

will sell at one fare for the round trip, with a maximum rate of $5.

THE FORT WORTH AND DENVER

will make a rate of one fare for the round trip to Fort Worth, added to the $5 rate made by lines entering Houston. From Bowie and points south, the maximum rate will be $6.70; and from Henrietta and south, $7.10.

THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC

will sell at $5 for the round trip from all points on the line east of Fort Worth. For points west of Fort Worth, add one fare to Fort Worth to the $5 rate.

A. K. RAGSDALE,
Secretary.

TOPICS FOR APRIL 14.

The Second Trial and Its Issue.—Job 2:1-10.

It seems to us that Job has already gone through with more than he can stand, and we wonder how else the poor man could be afflicted. All of his property has been taken from him, his once happy home is now sad and lonely; the crape hangs upon the door, and his neighbors have not yet quit talking of his late misfortunes.

Do you think any of us could have borne afflictions similar to these, without fainting beneath their weight? And yet this was only the beginning of Job's troubles, and now we see him again as he is brought low.

BAFFLED BUT NOT SATISFIED.

Again the day comes when the sons of God present themselves before the Lord, and Satan is there also.

The Lord asks him the same question he asked before, and receives the same reply.

Then the Lord calls his attention to Job, and reminds him of the fact that, although he had put Job to the severest test, yet "he holdeth fast his integrity."

Realizing that his purpose had been defeated, and that his charge against Job was false, he adopts another course and makes another charge: "Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face."

The Lord knows what is in Job, and he is not afraid that any trial will affect the man's integrity, and so he answers: "Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life." You may do anything to him but take his life.

A PITIABLE SIGHT.

Well did Satan use his power, determined, if possible, to wreck this man's soul. He goes forth from the presence of the Lord bent on working his last scheme for all that it was worth. He knew this was his last chance at Job; if he failed now, there was nothing else he could do.

Behold Job now! Satan has smitten him with boils from head to foot. His whole body is covered with a burning sore. The pain must be intense; the suffering almost unbearable.

Yonder in the ashes he sits, rocking to and fro in his unutterable anguish. In his hand there is a potsherd. This was an instrument made for scratching. With it he is scraping his body. This sight is too pitiable to look at, and we turn away.

WORSE THAN ALL.

Satan never said a word against Job's wife, nor did he afflict her or take her away. He had use for her, and so he lets her remain. Whether she made Job's life unhappy previous to this we do not know, but from what we here see of her disposition it is not to be supposed that she added much to his happiness.

Seeing him in his awful condition, and remembering that all he had in the world was taken away, she asks him: "Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die." That a woman—his wife—should ask him such a question, and give him such advice, is almost unthinkable, and yet it was so.

YET HE TRIUMPHED.

It is bad enough for a man's enemies to assail him; it is bad enough for a man's friends to prove false; but for a man's wife to turn against him is worse than all. Will he take his wife's advice? Most men would; would he?

She tells him he has nothing more to live for, and now he had just as well take his own life. But putting aside such sinful advice, he says: "Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?"

The effect this answer had upon his wife is not told, but a hundred generations of men congratulate the old patriarch that he did not take her advice. The more we study about Job the more we see to admire in his character. Circumstances could not so environ him as to make him untrue to God. To study about him ought to make us all better.

THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON.

1. Sometimes, in studying about Bible characters, we forget that their nature was the same as ours. Job was nothing more than a man. Remember this, and it will do you good.

2. Job was as true as steel. Some people seem to think that we have but few true men nowadays. In this they are mistaken. There are still many grand, noble men in the world.

3. The assertion that every man has his price, is from the devil. He thought Job had some motive in serving God, and that if he afflicted him, he would curse God to his face. It didn't take him long to find out his mistake.

4. God was personally interested in Job. He is no less interested in each of his children to-day. How comforting to know that God loves us, and takes care of us!

5. Worry doesn't do any good. Brother, when the clouds begin to gather, don't you begin to grumble, but try to keep sweet amidst every trial. This is the secret of a happy life.

6. It is bad enough for a religious wife to have a wicked husband; but how sad it is for a religious husband to have a worldly wife.

7. The blessings of God by far outnumber the evils of life. When we are cast down by our trials, it will be well for us to try to enumerate our blessings.

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REV. C. C. ARMSTRONG.

We regret to learn that Rev. C. C. Armstrong is at the gate of the grave. But he is strong and happy in God and calmly confident of a blessed immortality in heaven. Bro. W. P. Garvin writes as follows:

Rev. C. C. Armstrong, of the Northwest Texas Conference, has been confined to his room fince the 24th of last December. The doctor says he cannot recover. From all appearances he is near the end. He bears his sufferings like a true soldier of the cross. He says he doesn't suffer pain, for Christ is so near that he takes all the pain out of his sickness. He is patiently waiting for the end. I never saw any other person, when facing death as he is, manifest such faith and submission to the will of God. Let his brethren pray that the grace of God may continue with him to the end. Also remember his faithful companion who is watching by his bedside so anxiously. Pray that she, too, may be prepared by Divine help to bear it all with Christ-like submission. W. P. GARVIN, P. E.

Albany, Texas, March 30, 1895.

Bro. Armstrong sends also the following note. Bro. Armstrong's numerous friends sympathize profoundly with him, and rejoice that in such an hour the grace of God abounds:

I desire to answer some inquiries through your paper. I wish to say to my brethren, one and all, that I am happy in the Lord and suffer no pain. Christ is very precious and ever present with me. I have lain here in my bed and chair alternately ninety odd days in a final contest with my old disease—consumption. All indications are that the end is near. I desire an interest in the prayers of all my brethren, whom I love very tenderly.

C. C. ARMSTRONG.

Albany, Texas, March 27.

FROM INDIA TO EGYPT.

We left Bombay on the afternoon of December 12, in the French steamer "La Sayre," which plies between Bombay and Aden, connecting there with the ships from Australia to Marseilles. She was not a large vessel, but well appointed and officered. In some respects we had the best accommodation yet enjoyed in all our ocean travels. We went first up the coast five hundred miles to Kurrachee, just above the mouth of the Indus, and quite near the shores of Beloochistan. Here a day was devoted to taking on an immense cargo of grain for shipment to the West. Kurrachee is the great shipping port for the northern provinces, and has 100,000 population, but is by no means an attractive city. Some hours were spent on shore in a drive through the principal streets and short visits to the market, museum, and botanic gardens. In the gardens there is an excellent zoological collection which contains some birds and animals not found heretofore in all the Orient. I have not seen anything more beautiful than the white peafowl. About the size and shape of the species so well known in America, it is less gorgeous, but has a far more quiet and attractive beauty. Here I saw for the first time a white crow, and recalled the old negro superstition about strange happenings if any such thing should ever be seen. The Vulturine Guinea Fowl and Afghan sheep were an addition also to my knowledge of birds and animals.

From Kurrachee our course was southwest to Aden, over the Arabian Sea about fifteen hundred miles. We crossed the entrance to the Persian Gulf, and for most of the voyage were in sight of the Arabian coast. Aden was reached on the early morning of the 20th, where two days were spent awaiting the vessel from Australia, to which we transshipped for Suez. It is quite impossible to imagine a more desolate-looking place than Aden, whose bleak volcanic hills are unrelieved by a single sprig of verdure. The rain falls here not oftener than once in three or four years. But as a coaling station and great gateway between the Red and Arabian Seas, it is the most valuable British possession. During the two days spent in that large and beautiful harbor, not less than a dozen vessels, including several men-of-war, came in to coal or transfer cargo. One was loaded with Mohammedan pilgrims en route to Mecca, spending their last rupee on the journey, but perfectly happy at the thought, even though their native shores should never be seen again. What a charm that shrine of the Prophet has for the average Mussulman!

There was a war vessel quietly anchored in the Aden harbor, flying the Japanese flag. It seems that she was bought in England after war was declared between Japan and China, and is detained here by the British Government awaiting developments, fearing another international complication like the famous Alabama claims dispute.

The heat of Aden, though only thirteen degrees above the equator, was not so oppressive as was anticipated. Indeed, the decks of our vessels were delightful, cool breezes sweeping in from the sea every hour we remained. Here we read and wrote, and were entertained by the diving boys and hucksterers of ostrich feathers, shells, and precious stones. For any small coin one of those boys would leap from the top of our ship and dive under it from one side to the other. One little fellow remained so long under water I feared he would never reappear, and while congratulating myself that I had not encourage his recklessness, he popped up on the other side of the ship, and shouted for another coin and dive.

On the ship from Bombay we had for a fellow-passenger a young officer en route to England, who had been for six years in the Civil Service. He wore glasses, looked wise, talked loud, rolled his "r's," gave a few extra widths to the broad sound of his "a's," and affected omniscience on all subjects. He sneered at Christianity, lauded Hindoo philosophy, admired the Koran, and expressed himself as ready to become a Mohammedan. Speaking of Emerson, a copy of whose essays a gentleman was reading, he said "he was one American writer who tried to keep up with the times." On the moral and religious condition of India, he said "the lying stories of the missionaries" could not be accepted, and that only a civil service man could give an independent and truthful report. He announced with oracular tone that he would soon publish a volume on the religions of the world—a work to which he had devoted the past five years. And yet this young peeksniff prophet of the true religion and a larger hope, drank whisky, pitched quoits on Sunday, and was ungentlemanly enough to swear even in the presence of ladies. Referring to a few Salvation Army officers on the vessel, he said, "it was a disgrace to England that they ever came to India." Such talk we had at every meal, until at length he disgusted everybody at the table, even a Hindoo and a drunken brother officer. Another member of our ship's company was from America—a Buckeye from Ohio. He had traveled much, talked all the time, and read little, and knew almost nothing. Yet he was an ignorant skeptic, and sneered at the divine authority of the Sacred Scriptures. He said the great pyramid was built by old King Chops, that Jacob was a smart old sheik, and that the divinity of Christ was never thought of until that council at Nice, "when old Lord Constantine made them say so." Poor old man! I have pitied his stupidity and exhausted my ingenuity in trying to deflect his stream of talk into other channels.

At noon on the 22nd, having gone aboard the "Armond-Behic," a magnificent ship of the Australian line, we steamed out the harbor of Aden, and in a few hours were in the straits of Babel-Manded. The next morning we were fairly launched on the Red Sea, with the coast of Africa occasionally in full view. There is nothing in the water of this historic sea to justify its name that I could discover. It was blue as any ocean we had sailed, and as placid as a mill-pond. When glimpses could be caught of the African and Arabian coasts on either side they seemed as ashen as if recently covered with lava.

I had hoped to spend Christmas day in Jerusalem or Bethlehem; but, failing in that, was quite content to be on the sea and nearing the place where the Lord "triumphed gloriously" in the salvation of Israel—where "the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea." It was an ideal day—a cloudless sky, a gently rolling sea, and the crisp breeze sweeping down from the North, quickening step and giving joy to the heart. The passengers were glad-hearted, exchanging courtesies, and wishing each other good cheer. A French priest conducted an early mass, which I attended, more out of respect to the joyous day celebrated than any good I hoped to get from religious service in an unknown tongue. To our right were the bleak hills of Arabia, and off to the left were the mountains of Africa—all bare as if blasted by the breath of His nostrils. To our right was Mecca, the sacred shrine of Islam; to our left was the Egypt into which Joseph fled "with the young child and his mother." Late in the afternoon we saw Mt. Sinai, upon which the Lord descended in fire and where he wrote down his law in letters of lightning upon the solid rock. I went up in the pilot house, where the first officer kindly showed his chart of the sea, and with his glass and compass located the "awful mount" for me. All the passengers stood for an hour at the side of the ship and watched the shadows gather on his hoary summit as the sun went down behind the hills of Africa. Could it be true, thought I, that the bald peak on which my eyes rested was really the place where God talked with Moses? Thought ran back over the centuries to the day when "the whole mount quaked greatly," and "the people stood afar off," while Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was." What changes have been wrought since those wondrous scenes! but that law stands immutable as when first written, and is the rule by which increasing millions guide their daily steps.

At two o'clock at night we were aroused, our vessel having cast anchor in the Suez harbor. After some delay—there is need of great patience in the deliberate Orient—we boarded the steam launch, and at five o'clock in the morning stepped upon the great continent of Africa. Only a few Arabs, wrapped in white loose robes from head to foot, were at the wharf, and they looked more like ghosts than men. Guided by a self-appointed dragoman, our baggage carried by coolies, we walked through the narrow, dreary streets to a hotel, to the music of "early cock-crowing" and the braying of donkeys. It has occurred to me that the national anthem of Egypt should be the bray of a donkey, for it is the first note to greet you in the morning and the last sound to die on the ear at night.

Suez is a city of 21,000 inhabitants, and is the official residence of a Governor; but, apart from its location at one end of the great canal, and possessing a good harbor, has no commercial or political importance. A walk through the streets in the morning, however, introduced us to some distinctive features of Egyptian life. We saw the peculiar veil worn by the women, which conceals the whole of the face except the eyes. This is of white muslin if worn by a young lady, but of glossy black silk if she is married. Whether this is done to conceal the charms of the other features or to display the beauty of the eyes, it is a ridiculous custom. Among the higher classes this veil is taken off at home only in presence of the immediate family. I have been amused to see some very black women, perfect fac-similes of many I have seen on Southern plantations, walking the streets concealed by this black veil. Another thing impresses and distresses—the number of persons with diseased eyes. The whole country seemed to be going blind, or to have an epidemic of sore eyes. I am told that a very large number of Egyptians are blind in one or both eyes, and others, because of the sun's intense glare, have a habit of shutting one eye.

At 10:40 a. m. we left by train for Cairo, the beautiful and intensely interesting capital of Egypt, which was reached after six hours' weary travel. Our course was first down the great canal to Ismailia, and then across the desert to the Valley of the Nile. We saw great ships moving slowly through that immense ditch cut across the isthmus, which has revolutionized the commerce and civilization of the East. I could but recall the recent death of the great engineering genius who planned and constructed the mighty waterway—a brilliant life whose evening was clouded with shadows and sorrows.

I had but a faint conception of a desert until this trip through sandy wastes, only relieved here and there in the distance by a slow-moving camel or an occasional group of palm-trees near by a well of water. What life there is in water! I never appreciated before the force of that oft-repeated scriptural figure. Ezekiel's words in his vision of the holy waters came frequently to mind: "And everything shall live whithersover the river cometh." It produced a strange sensation to recall the fact that over that very desert Abraham came when "the famine was grievous in the land" of Canaan, and near the lines we were traveling Moses led the children of Israel in their escape from "the affliction of Egypt." We passed places that were once the sites of "treasure cities" built by the Israelites during their sojourn in this land of plenty, but now the meanest and poorest of mud villages. And when the beautiful and fertile valley of the Nile was reached, we were in the "land of Goshen" where Israel dwelt and "had possession therein, and grew and multiplied exceedingly." How rapidly did the chronicles of the centuries pass before me! Here Jacob died and was carried up to Canaan for burial. Here the plagues were visited upon the land of the Pharaoh "who knew not Joseph," and who so cruelly oppressed God's chosen people. Here the passover feast was first eaten, and from the mud villages—doubtless much like the ones I now see—the Israelites started on that memorable wilderness journey. I saw the people harvesting corn, and thought of Joseph in prison interpreting dreams, brought before Pharaoh, and becoming the foster father and provider of his brethren who had sold him into slavery. I saw others making brick, and thought of Pharaoh's infamous order, "Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, and the tale of the bricks which they did make heretofore ye shall lay upon them." All that marvelous history of providence so thrilled every fiber that I could scarcely retain my seat, and eagerly gazed upon every feature of valley and sky once associated so strangely with the life of the early Church.

You cannot imagine any scene more beautiful than the Valley of the Nile. It seems like a veritable paradise as we emerged from the dreary desert. The fields were as green as early spring. Where cotton had just been picked and corn harvested, already wheat, millet and clover had covered the earth with their rich young life. Long lines of camels were loaded with cotton stalks for market, and were lazily moving toward the metropolis. Everything possible is taken from the soil, and nothing returned. But thanks to the annual inundations of the Nile fertilization seems to be quite unnecessary. That valley has been the granary of the East for 4,000 years and more, and nearly every one has been a year of plenty.

The first sight that greets one approaching Cairo from any angle is the tall, slender minarets of the great mosque adjoining the citadel on the mountain side; and no finer view of the beautiful Egyptian metropolis—a city of ancient mosques and magnificent palaces—can be obtained than from a balcony of that splendid alabaster house of prayer. A half-million people crowd those narrow streets, wearing every conceivable dress, speaking almost every language, and engaged in every kind of employment. Some of the irregular by-streets are not more than five feet wide, and built up solidly with houses from one to four stories high. I have been much entertained in walking through these bazaars. Streets and districts are given up almost entirely to one business—hence there is the shoe bazaar, the leather bazaar, the silver bazaar, etc. With the crudest tools boys and men are busily at work on articles of rare design and exquisite taste. In the Turkish bazaar one tradesman told us he had carpets that ranged in price from a few shillings to £5,000. I wanted to see that floor covering, once the property of a king, that cost $25,000, but as it wasn't convenient to purchase, I did not feel justified in having such valuable goods unrolled merely to gratify curiosity.

The morning after our arrival in Cairo we saw and heard a funeral procession. Such wailing through the streets I never supposed possible or tolerable. The coffin, covered with a red cashmere shawl, was borne on the shoulders of men. In front were six or eight men wailing and chatting with each other by turns, while just before the corpse were several boys crying in a higher and livelier voice. These are professional mourners, I afterward learned—persons whose business is to cry at funerals. Just behind the corpse were members of the family and a number of female mourners crying and shrieking with hideous voice. These hired mourners are paid for their services at the tomb, receiving usually a piaster each. If the funeral be that of a wealthy person larger sums are given, and bread is distributed to all the assembly. The body is laid on one side so that the face will look toward Mecca, and the tomb, an oblong vault, with arched roof, is so constructed that the dead may easily sit up when visited and examined by the two angels appointed for that purpose. I am told that the men wear no badge of mourning for the dead, nor do the women on the death of an elderly man, but they do for others. The women dye their veils and handkerchiefs blue, and also stain their hands and arms the same color. They leave their hair unbraided, cease to wear ornaments, and turn upside-down the carpets, mats, etc., in the house.

The first morning we were aroused by the notes of a brass band, and the marching of soldiers through the streets. After the reveille of the donkey, this has been the most common daily sound. The Egyptian regiments—fine-looking, soldierly men—are officered by Englishmen, and besides there are several English regiments composing the "army of occupation" in Egypt. This daily display of armed battalions indicates the power by which the country is governed, and this power is controlled by the English. The Queen's ambassador, Lord Cromer, whom I had the pleasure to see, is said to be the real ruler of Egypt.

We saw the young Khedive one afternoon as he drove out from his city palace. Twelve calvalry men on gray horses were marshaled before the palace door, and when the young monarch entered his carriage, drawn by a pair of beautiful grays, four horsemen galloped in front and eight followed behind. He is a small man; wears a mustache, and the inevitable fez, and is only twenty-two years old. He rides out a great deal, and, I understand, is rather popular with his people, but as yet has evidenced no special capacity for rulership.

We visited several mosques, including the one connected with the great Mohammedan University. In this latter we were told that 10,000 students were in attendance. That number may be on the registers, but we saw not more than 1,000, from the little urchin up to the venerable man of sixty. They sat around in small groups, swaying their bodies, and repeating aloud portions of the Koran, or listening to the expositions of an aged teacher who also occupied a seat on the floor. When the hour of prayer is announced, which occurs five times a day, all drop slates and books, and perform their devotions. We arrived just before the time for afternoon prayer, and heard the muezzin chant the call from the gallery of the minaret, in loud and weird voice. This was his chant translated into English: "God is most great!" (this is said four times) "I testify that there is no deity but God!" (twice) "I testify that Mohammed is God's apostle!" (twice) "Come to prayer!" (twice) "Come to security!" (twice) "God is most great!" (twice) "There is no deity but God!" Then with frequent prostrations until his head touches the floor, and rapid repetitions of certain set phrases, he concludes his prayer in two or three minutes. But of this religion of hate, and other things, I must write in another letter.—*Bishop Chas. B. Galloway, D. D., in Nashville Christian Advocate.*

Cairo, Egypt, December 31, 1894.

MISSOURI NOTES.

You are giving us a strong and progressive paper. Texas Methodism may be justly proud of her ecclesiastical organ. I was impressed with the statement in a recent issue that "the paper would not ride any particular hobby." I suppose it is perfectly proper that a paper should be published for any particular tenet, creed or hobby, but what we need in pulpit and press is that broad-minded, liberal view of things that will, without any sacrifice of principle or conviction of the right, breathe that spirit of toleration which is so conspicuously absent in some quarters of our beloved Zion.

I heard one of our brainest Bishops say that he always *read* the TEXAS ADVOCATE, not simply scanned it, but read it, with particular stress upon the word read.

I spent nine years of my life in Texas and am well acquainted with your genial climate, your wonderful country and lovable people, and there is one spot in particular around which hallowed memories shall ever linger, and that is where I first my Savior found and felt my sins forgiven.

We have had an exceedingly cold winter in these parts; many have suffered extremely, and especially in our towns and cities, and yet not a tithe of that which has been undergone in the West and North.

The preachers of the Southwest Missouri Conference are all at work, preaching the gospel of salvation and looking after the details of the Church of our risen Lord. Many have been blessed with gracious revivals during the winter. Praise God for the hard times; they bring us nearer to him and produce a spirit of humility and dependence upon the Giver of every good gift that is productive of many blessed results. God holds in his hands the destiny of our great Republic, and if God's people will only be true to him, he will yet lead us safely on.

The cause of "temperance" has been agitated in some parts as never before, and the usual lecturer is abroad in the land, with his fund of figures and statistics, showing the appalling condition of our Government and country. It seems that no methods can be devised to prevent the manufacture and sale of intoxicants. Men make it to sell; and they sell it, not for honor and glory, but for the revenue, and as long as it is made those who desire it will get it if they can get the money, either in the open saloon or in a drug store, called in this country "blind tigers." As to the probable and final outcome of the present state of affairs no sage, prophet or seer is able to determine, but I believe that the presentation, enforcement and application of the principle of the gospel of Jesus Christ will be the solution of the problem of intemperance. Conventions may pass resolutions, law-making bodies may legislate, men may lecture, and the combined wisdom of the age may be brought to bear for a solution of the problem of the best method of exterminating the monster of drink from our land, and yet the power of the gospel of the Son of God brought to bear upon the heart and conscience will transform the worst of drunkards into respectable, law-abiding citizens; and I believe that the plain, earnest preacher of the gospel is doing as much as any other man for the annihilation of the curse that now rests upon us, and this of course resolves itself into the old question of how to reach the drinking class with the gospel. This can be done by men of good judgment, filled with the Holy Ghost, coming in personal contact and touch with the man he desires to reach, and drawing him by the power of kindness and the exhibition of a Christ-like spirit, and never by abuse and social ostracism.

Sam Jones is stirring the depths of sin and iniquity in St. Louis. God is certainly using this man and his colaborers for the propagation of his Word. Of course, it would never do for all preachers to be as Sam Jones, but he fills a place which is necessary to be filled.

Southwest Missouri is undergoing a marvelous change. A wonderful tide of immigration has set in, and people are coming for homes. In a few years the whole aspect of the country will be far improved. Our Church is keeping step with the spirit of progress. Our preachers are pushing the battle to the very gates of the enemy, and victory will be ours.

At the close of the last session of our conference many of our beloved felt that in their case the hand of God's providence was resting heavily, but, with few exceptions, it was for the glory of God and the salvation of men.

The Epworth League is growing to be a mighty power with us. Our Sunday-school and missionary interests are well in hand, while our educational institutions are doing a grand and noble work—one which will tell in the years to come. Our educational interests are demanding and receiving more attention than ever before, and notwithstanding we already stand at the very front in the great educational host, we expect in the next few years, by the assisting grace of God, to do yet grander things for Missouri Methodism and the Church of the great Redeemer.

J. E. McDONALD.

Mountain Grove, Mo.

THAT PREPARATORY SCHOOL AGAIN.

Some may think that the expenses connected with the building of a preparatory school for boys would be so great that we could not meet them just now. But let us keep constantly before our minds the fact that the building of a school of this character does not cost like building and endowing a college or university. In fitting up a first-class college we can't get along with much less than $50,000 or $100,000; then after that comes the struggle for endowment. In building a preparatory school the expenses are far less. With a few thousand dollars a house can be built sufficient to accommodate one hundred boys. Then a good man, qualified for the task, could take this building and gather unto himself a number of boys, year by year, and give them a first-class course in preparatory work.

Texas has as good system of free schools, and perhaps better, than many of her sister States; but they do not meet the demand in preparing boys and girls for higher education. This is a conceded fact by our best educators. There is a gap between the free school and college that nothing can fill except a school designed for this purpose.

The course of study in the free schools is so arranged that it does not couple into the college course. When a pupil has completed the course of study he is ahead in some things and far behind in others. In a well-regulated preparatory school all this trouble is averted.

Bro. Thomas, in his reply to my first letter, shoots wide of the mark. He ought to read the letter again. He does not catch my idea. I have no word of condemnation for any worthy institution of learning, however great or small it may be. There is no class of individuals anywhere for whom I have greater respect than the free-school teachers of our sunny Southland. Most of them are worthy young women who are trying to win their way in this world without being a burden to anyone. They are the choicest flowers from the garden of the world. They leave their influence for good wherever they touch human hearts, and are great impediments to the flood of immorality that is constantly being poured into the lives of their pupils. Yet they are not all educated, by any means. They fill their station acceptably in primary work, but when it comes to the higher grades of work in laying a deep and broad foundation for a comprehensive study of Latin, French, German or Greek, they are not equal to the task. They have never taken such a course themselves and therefore they can't give it. They make no pretensions along that line. In all the great army of free school teachers in Texas, both male and female, I would like to know how many have taken a thorough college course. How many A. B.'s and A. M.'s could we find among them. There are some who have taken three degrees by hard licks. There are others who have taken them, not by diligent application and a long, tedious course of study, but honorary.

I've had some experience in teaching in the free schools of Texas and also in the States east of the Mississippi River. The same conditions exist everywhere that exist here. I know that no good educator will discourage higher education, but some teachers do. I've had boys and girls to tell me that they did not care to take a college course. A former teacher had told them that he never took any such a course, and saw no use in their doing so. Bro. Thomas says that we have many colleges. That fact in itself ought to be and is sufficient ground for our having more preparatory schools. These colleges must have pupils before they can be self-sustaining, and the pupils must be prepared for college before they can go. Bro. Thomas claims that the schools we already have need money, and for that reason we ought not to build any more. That argument reminds me of a man arguing against foreign missions because all at home are not converted. I expected him, and others who are principals of high schools, both private and public, to object to this scheme. They are settled and don't care to be disturbed. See?

San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth or Galveston schools are out of reach of many worthy boys and young men. Expenses are too great at these places. He who can go there can go to our colleges that have preparatory departments and there prepare for college. Even if these schools were not expensive, they do not meet the demand; they do not meet the condition. Let the Leagues build a school in reach of poor boys and make the standard so high and the course so thorough that it will be counted an honor to come within its halls as a student. There is one thing I did not expect from Bro. Thomas, and that was his stamping the whole scheme out of existence in its infancy by saying that he would not pay a cent toward it. Too bad!

I bid him God-speed in the work he is doing at Coronal Institute and pray the Lord that his tribe may increase. JOHN A. LOWE.

Uvalde, Texas.

A FRONTIER CIRCUIT.

My first work lay in Erath and Eastland Counties. I went from there to conference at Waco. I felt sure that I would be returned to the same circuit. But when that last day came, and Bishop Hargrove had given his bracing advice, preparing our minds for our appointments and disappointments, he began to read them out. I had pencil and paper taking them down, until he said, "Ed. R. Wallace, Floyd and Briscoe." It struck me like a thunderbolt. I never got it down. As he had called two places, I supposed it meant half stations. But after inquiring of several I finally found a brother who said, "Your work is on the plains, Floyd and Briscoe Counties." Cold perspiration flowed freely from my face. I confess it was a shake up to me.

After a fifteen days' trip in sleet, snow, rain and some fair weather we reached our work—a distance of about 300 miles—in a buggy. Wife nursed the four-month babe all the way. You need not tell her about hardships.

I know now where "Floyd and Briscoe" is. I thought I had a large work then; but, at the next conference, they added part of five other counties. That is my present work, except "Floydada" is taken off, which has a nice parsonage.

I got two parsonages last year, and could occupy only one, which is at Silverton.

One month ago I rigged up my mule and buggy for my trip to Randal County, a distance of forty miles. My course was northwest. The sun was warm and the road good. I tied my lines and began my Bible study. My study was on "Lovest thou me more than these?" My study was interrupted by the canyons. When I got to the far side I had to walk and drive up the hill. If one should go one yard out of the way it would mean a 100-foot fall, rolling and tumbling. Not long ago a man started up here with an empty wagon. The team gave back, the wagon turned over, killing a dog, and somewhat wrecking the wagon.

When I got on the plains again I had nothing but the level prairie before me. I concluded to take a new road and look up a man that has been out of the Church for three years. I passed two houses and three dugouts, but not a human being of whom to inquire or with whom to stay. Just as I got to the last dugout I concluded that I would stay if I could get in. I went in, but found the door locked and no one at home.

It was now dark and the nearest family that I knew of was eight miles away. I took a cow trail that lead north. It gave out in about two miles. I had no moon and the stars were covered with clouds. I took my course, but could not keep it. I wandered like a lost ship at sea. I kept going until I was completely lost.

I had just passed near a canyon where two men had got lost in a snow storm and frozen to death. One was found over some grass and sticks. He had frozen in an attempt to make a fire.

It means something to get lost on the plains. It was cold and cloudy. I stopped and raised a yell. Just as I concluded that no human could hear me, and turned to get into the buggy, I heard a voice about two miles away. The good man put me into a fire-guard that lead to Bro. Hastings, five miles away. I was indeed glad to get there; that is a preacher's home. I was conducted to a table of cold victuals. I stayed with it until it looked quite dilapidated. Well, ask no more questions. I was able to meet my appointment in time.

I went to Fairview and found a good crowd. I preached at 11 a. m., and at 2 p. m., then held Church Conference.

At 11 Sunday I was in Swisher County, and then I went to "Beula," in Armstrong County, where I preached at 3 p. m. I visited the sick, etc., and never reached home until Tuesday at 5 p. m., after driving all day in the rain. When I reached home I learned that wife had had a trying time with the sick boy.

I enjoyed a stay of three days at home, then I had to leave home again for a three days' trip down in Floyd County. ("No place like home.") I left home at 6:30 and preached at Cedar at 11, where I also preached at night.

Sunday at 11 a. m. I found a good congregation at Lone Star, where we had "preaching all day, and dinner on the ground."

The second Sunday was spent at Lockney, in Floyd County; dinner and two sermons. Lockney is thirty miles from Silverton. I came in home to spend Monday night. Tuesday called me to "Wolf Flat," to preach at night; distance, thirty miles. After visiting the Methodist families

NORTH TEXAS

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AND

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SHERMAN, TEXAS.

A FORWARD MOVEMENT IN NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE.

The great growth of the College patronage makes enlargement a necessity. The building now used as a dining-room is the oldest one on the campus—more than twenty years old, and of necessity "the worse for wear." The increasing number of boarders has outgrown its capacity. WE MUST HAVE ROOM. In other words, we must put up a new building which will furnish an ample dining-hall and other accommodations to meet the need of this most prosperous and popular institution.

The building is to be placed on the College grounds and will thereby add to the value of the property of the North Texas Female College, which belongs to the North Texas Conference.

The trustees of the College have ordered it, and the last Annual Conference approved; and though the time may seem unpropitious, God and the people can bring it to pass.

A worthy cause needs no advocate. Surely this call makes its own appeal. The College is straitened for room. The growing patronage must be provided for. The girls must be comfortably housed and fed.

Public-spirited Texans should give to Texas girls facilities for the largest education on our own soil, and not send them off to be educated among strangers.

The College is now entirely unembarrassed. Thanks to the generosity of the conference at Bonham, the last dollar of indebtedness is paid.

The help we now ask is for facilities to do larger and better work for the girls of this great State. Help us and you will get your reward.

All gifts to this purpose will be acknowledged in this paper.

LUCY KIDD KEY.

SHERMAN, TEXAS.

in this neighborhood I made a sixteen-mile drive over sand hills, through mesquite flats, etc. Remember this is in the brakes that border on the plains. In all this sixteen miles there is not a house, but I saw thousands of "Goodnight" cattle. This drive was made in a cold, sleeting norther. I was warmly housed in a full-fledged dug-out—under ground head and ears.

I came in home Thursday night, cold, nervous, and completely worn out, with the privilege of enjoying the presence of wife and baby one week.

I have just merely given an outline of one round. To make it I traveled 350 miles. My territory is 40x70 miles. My worst exposure did not come in this month. If it were just a money consideration, some other man might take my place. All the hardships of the itinerancy are not in the past.

Ed R. Wallace.

Silverton, Texas.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rosston.

D. F. Fuller: Have organized a League of 35 members at Hardy, and another of 21 members at Rush Creek. We are also getting a few copies of missionary publications taken by the people. Also Texas and Nashville Advocates. Have very large audiences, and many signs of the Master's presence with us.

Pilot Grove.

W. H. Brown, April 1: We are now in a good meeting at Little Rock, three miles north of here; have been running four days, and have had twelve conversions and prospect are still good. We organized a Sunday-school at this place yesterday. We hope for better times at Pilot Grove. Our work is progressing nicely. We are expecting great things from the Lord.

Dodd.

A. W. Gibson, April 2: Our second Quarterly Conference for Dodd and Windom has passed; finances very well up; preachers very well paid; foreign mission assessment collected—$80—and sent to the Treasurer. We tried to fill the pulpit at Bonham, Sunday, for Bro. Leatherwood, who is off for his health. He has a live Church, not afraid to say amen for God and his cause.

A Great Day at Oak Ridge.

J. H. Reynolds: Last Sunday, March 24, the beautiful church built by Bro. Barton, of Denison Mission last year, was dedicated by Bishop Key, after preaching one of the best sermons ever listened to. After this service we had dinner on the ground, followed by a fine sermon by Rev. J. M. Binkley. At night Bro. S. S. Cobb gave us one of his good sermons. Bros. Barton and Simmons were with us and aided the services.

Pattonville Charge.

S. S. Crockett: Quarterly Conference at Glory, March 16 and 17; good attendance. Presiding elder, Rev. F. A. Rosser, preached Saturday and Sunday to a very appreciative audience. Bro. Rosser is earnest and very eloquent, and all like him very much. Members received during the quarter, thirteen; stewards reported for the support of the ministry $92.60, and the preacher in charge reported $52.10 for other objects. The conference licensed one exhorter. The good sisters had a very sumptuous dinner on the ground. The Rev. J. P. Powers, the preacher in charge, has his work in good shape. Bro. Powers has been kept busy visiting the sick and afflicted and dying, and administering to them such temporal and spiritual consolation as seemed best to him. Everything is moving on in harmony, and we are looking forward to a pleasant year.

Campbell.

John M. Sweeton, April 1: The second Quarterly Conference for Campbell Circuit was held at Friendship, March 30 and 31. Official attendance good. Rev. W. L. Clifton, presiding elder, was present in fine working condition, giving the various interests of the Church special attention; preached two splendid sermons in his own peculiar style. They were logical, conclusive, spiritual. Rev. W. T. Morrow, of Carrollton Circuit, was present and preached for us Saturday night. Rev. J. W. Beckham and wife, of Black Jack Grove Circuit, were present on Sunday. Amount paid for support of the ministry, $142.45. The spiritual condition of the Church in the bounds of our work is good. We expect soon to commence protracted services in the town of Campbell. I ask an interest in the prayers of all my brethren who may read these lines that God may use me as an instrument in his hands in the salvation of many souls this conference year. Our people of Jones' Bethel have completed their splendid new church at a cost of $2000. It will be dedicated by Rev. W. L. Clifton, on the fifth Sunday in June. We take this opportunity to invite all former pastors of this charge to be present on that occasion.

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EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Troupe and Overton Circuit.

S. N. Allen, March 28: We were notified this morning that there were some boxes at the depot for us. When brought to the parsonage we found they contained a "pounding" from the good people at Overton. There were two boxes filled with groceries and dress goods for wife and babes, and other valuable articles, to make the preacher's heart and his family glad. Thank God for such people as we find on Troupe and Overton Circuit. God being my helper I will do my best for them in spiritual things. God bless them. We must have a revival all around the work. We are working and praying and expecting the blessing.

Trinity.

J. Woodson, March 28: Our first Quarterly Conference for this conference year convened at Trinity, March 23, Presider Elder L. M. Fowler in the chair. The reports moderately good. Church work moving on smoothly along all lines. Bro. Fowler gave us three fine sermons and a very timely and sensible lecture to the League Sunday afternoon. The stewards have made ample provision for our support; and the people, the Lord bless them all, have been pounding us with good things from the day of our arrival among them until now. The Lord grant us the gifts and grace to minister unto them in spiritual things. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father that our lot has fallen among so kind and appreciative a people.

New York.

A. A. Kidd, April 1: Our second Quarterly Conference is over. Dispite the very hard rain we had a very good attendance. These people did not forget the preacher and wife. They remembered us kindly. We were able to report about 50 per cent of our conference assessments in sight. Our much loved presiding elder, T. P. Smith, preached us one good sermon on Saturday, at 11 a. m. The heavy rain prevented us having any service at 7:30 p. m. Bro. W. P. Pledger, of Athens and Malakoff, was with us and preached us a most excellent sermon Sunday at 11 a. m. It was highly appreciated by all. At 2:30 p. m., Bro. L. R. Parks, of Athens, who was accompanied to our Quarterly Conference by his wife, made us a most appreciative lecture on the subject, "Prayer." This lecture captured our people. Bro. Parks and wife, Bros. Smith and Pledger, also Bro. Mitchell (local) and wife are always welcome visitors in this part of the Tyler District. The Advocate is not neglected.

Leggett.

John L. Williams, April 2: The second Quarterly Conference for the Moscow Circuit has just been held. Rev. W. A. Sampey, presiding elder, was on hand. He preached two fine discourses. They say he gets better every time he comes to Moscow charge. W. A. Sampey is a popular presiding elder. We have paid our domestic missions, our Bishops' fund, our educational fund, our Church extension fund, our minutes' fund, and have also on hand our Payne and Lane Institute fund. A committee was appointed to locate a campground, and to appoint the time of holding the camp-meeting, which was located at Woods' Creek. The following persons were named by the Quarterly Conference: T. A. Kenedy, A. P. Swearengin, Wilson Hendrix, W. A. Adams, J. M. McKee, W. J. McCrainey and W. H. Harrison. This means a full report at conference. This meeting will be held in August, beginning Friday before the first Sunday.

Woodbine.

W. T. Harris, April 1: Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Callisburg on the third Saturday in March. We regretted very much that our presiding elder, Bro. Powers, could not be with us, being detained on account of sickness. Bro. G. S. Sexton, of the Broadway Church, Gainesville, presided, preached two grand sermons to an appreciative congregation, administered the Lord's Supper in the afternoon of Sunday. Bro. J. M. Mosley, of the Broadway Epworth League and his efficient corps, were on hand talking League to the young people. On last Sunday Bro. M. and his co-workers assisted us in organizing a League at Callisburg of twelve charter members, and several more will join at next business meeting. God bless the Broadway Leaguers. Bro. Powers dropped in on us Sunday night and preached a powerful sermon to an attentive house. The Woodbine Circuit is doing well.

Kountze Circuit.

H. W. Hodges, March 30: Warren is on an up grade; on the 12th of March whisky was voted out by a majority of eight. Thank God for the Christian mothers and daughters, who worked all day round the polling booth, and served coffee and light refreshments. Put Warren in your list for "keeps." On the 18th we organized a Ladies' Aid Society, with twenty-seven members, all good, consecrated women, who will wield a powerful influence for Zion here. On Wednesday night, the 27th, at Nona, we organized an Epworth League with thirty members. Mrs. Mary Chenault, President; Mrs. H. E. Bell, First Vice-President; Miss Nannie Rogers, Second Vice-President; G. R. Ferguson, Third Vice-President; E. M. Lewis, Secretary, C. B. Chenault, Treasurer; C. B. Chenault, delegate to the Houston Convention. You may expect to near of Leagues at Warren and Hyatt in the near future. We have many noble young people on this work. We hope and pray by Divine guidance to lead them into the happiness of the higher life. "Jesus only; Jesus always; all for Jesus," is our motto this year.

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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Branchville.

J. W. Kelley, March 28: After close work in preparing for a meeting, assisted by Bros. Childers and son, we commenced a meeting. Notwithstanding the busy season the people come to Church. God's Spirit is here convicting men of sin. Some have been saved. I trust great things are in reserve for us.

Angleton.

G. S. Sandel, March 27: We closed our meeting at Velasco on the 17th of March. We had 14 added to the Church. Others will come in. The meeting was conducted by Rev. R. J. Deets, of the West Texas Conference. Bro. Deets evidenced great tact and fitness for the evangelistic work. Prof. Wilcox did good service in conducting the singing.

Columbus.

J. W. Horn, April 1: Rev. J. L. Hendry, who recently returned from China, is here visiting relatives, and is improving in health very rapidly. He was barely able to walk when he came here about a month ago, and was under positive orders to rest and build up, but he is gaining strength so fast that he lectured to us on the fourth and fifth Sunday nights on China and our mission work there. Our people were delighted with his addresses giving an insight into the practical missionary work in that hard field of labor. He has sown seed here that will produce fruit. He will return to Houston this week. May the Lord restore him to perfect health.

Patterson.

J. W. Morris, March 25: Closed a protracted meeting a few days ago at Fulshear, Texas; was assisted by Bros. J. P. and T. V. Childers, and a protracted meeting never sailed out on a more stormy sea. While we shelled the sinners, they shelled us, and it looked like at one stage of the fight we would be compelled to retreat. But, preaching on the courage and faith of Joshua, we stayed on the field and had a good meeting. The last day one old man broke down and joined the Church who had stood the assaults of the gospel for years. Fulshear is a new, coming town—one of the appointments on this circuit. We have a strong Church there, an active Epworth League, and some members of our Church that can stand before the cannon's mouth in defense of the Church if necessary. The meeting was a decided success. At this place we have ordered new pews, as the congregation overflows the house. Bro. Ward, our presiding elder, has come and gone; captured the town. The people are still pounding, and I am preaching harder than ever before.

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NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Killeen.

G. D. French, March 27: Since our pastor, J. M. Bond, wrote you yesterday, I have got ten more complete returns, giving a majority for the pros of 450 in our precinct.

Eastland.

J. H. Trimble, March 27: We held a prohibition election in Eastland County Saturday, the 23d. Our county went thirty-five majority for prohibition. Prohibition is here to stay.

Silverton.

Ed R. Wallace, March 28: Our second Quarterly Conference held here. Bro. Hall preached six good sermons. This charge is looking up. We are planning for a camp-meeting to be held at Happy Tank, near the southeast corner of Randall County, to be held in July or August.

Carlton.

J. S. Moore: Quarterly Conference met at Center, March 23, Bro. E. A. Smith in the chair and pulpit, doing good work; reports good on all lines. This was the most spiritual Quarterly Conference we have ever attended. After preaching on Sunday, collection for missions—$107. Many of our people fasted on Friday. Carlton class had a public service, "washing their faces that they appear not unto men to fast." Received 6 members at Quarterly Conference. We are on the road to victory.

Cresson.

W. N. Curry, April 1: Our second Quarterly Conference was held the 30th and 31st of March. Bro. Wyatt was master of the occasion, in preaching and looking into every interest of the Church. The Board of Stewards made a most excellent report. Salary of preacher in charge, $600, nearly paid to date. Received nine into the Church this quarter; baptized four children; paid on church, $216; on district parsonage, $25; organized one League of thirty-two members. The Holy Spirit was in every service. We all left feeling that it was good to be there.

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Duffau.

Mac. M. Smith, April 1: Second Quarterly Conference convened at Union March 30 and 31. Ten official members present. Pastor reported a net gain of membership for the quarter of eighteen. We are highly favored with our new presiding officer. We are hopeful on Duffau charge. We are enterprising a big shingle arbor in Duffau community; also planning for some church buildings on the work. Have an Epworth League in progress and will organize another soon.

Weatherford.

W. K. Simpson: Our second Quarterly Conference convened at Olive Branch, March 23. All the appointments were represented except Spring Creek. Rev. E. A. Bailey, presiding elder, at his post doing his work well; preached two sermons. I organized two Epworth Leagues on my last round on the work. Bros. Hightower and Maxwell have wrought well for Methodism in this country. We have bought some three acres of land at Millsap for our church. Will commence building Monday. It is quite dry at present—need rain. We have done but little in the way of getting our conference collections as yet, but we believe we will have them by conference.

Poolville.

C. E. Henderson, March 17: Our second Quarterly Conference of Peaster Circuit was held at Poolville, the 16th and 17th of this month, with Bro. E. A. Bailey, our presiding elder, in the chair. The business of the conference was quietly dispatched. The members of the Quarterly Conference were not all present, and our collections were not full. Bro. Baley preached us a most excellent sermon on Sunday, to a large and attentive audience from the text, "A little child shall lead them," and brought out the duty of infant baptism more clearly than it has ever been preached here before. Peaster is a new circuit, with about four hundred members and with the care of our beloved pastor, B. A. Snoddy, promises to be one of the best circuits on the Weatherford District. We have built a new parsonage this year, under the supervision of Bro. Snoddy, yet we need a revival of religion in the hearts of the people, for which we are praying. We have a very good Sunday-school and there are signs of new life in it. The children are good to attend, but their parents are careless about the matter.

Covington.

Robt. B. Bonner, March 30: Our second Quarterly Conference convened March 23 and 24. Bro. Wyatt, our beloved, was on hand and preached us two good sermons. The stewards made a good report. My stewards are noble men and most of them are alive to their duty. I do love a man that loves the cause of Christ, and I thank God that I have some that do. Bro. C. L. Ballard, Agent for Polytechnic, was with us and preached us a good sermon; also looked after the interest of the college in our midst. Bro. A. Long, of the the Osceola Circuit, was a welcomed visitor. Everything is moving off nicely. We have organized two Leagues and they are doing a good work. We expect to be in Houston on 17th of April with a full delegation. We have had 22 additions up to date. We have had 3 conversions in the prayer-meeting. We will soon organize a W. F. M. and a W. P. and H. M. Society. This preacher is all dressed up. His young people at Covington presented him with a nice suit. Thanks be unto every one of them.

Meridian.

J. H. Braswell, April 2: Last Sunday was a glad day for our people. We carried out a nice and entertaining programme. It would have done your heart good to have seen and heard our Sunday-school children sing and recite. The recitations, "Have you heard of Jesus?" and the "Block Builders," were indeed an inspiration. Our wide-awake superintendent and devoted teachers deserve much praise for their untiring zeal. The object of the services was to raise our assessment for Church extension. The collection amounted to $9.35. Our choir is giving us some of their best efforts. The Epworth League is taking on new life. We expect to be represented at Houston. The "signs of the times" indicate a tide of spiritual life and power. We are endeavoring to follow very closely "Him who went about doing good." Pray for us.

Waco.

J. P. Mussett, April 2: We have just closed a gracious meeting in East Waco. Bro. C. N. N. Ferguson assisted me. The Lord was with him in power. He is all consecrated to God, and preaches the highest standard of holiness. Praise the Lord for a salvation from both outward and inward sin. The meeting lasted fifteen days. There were 14 conversions, 14 reclamations and 10 professed entire sanctification, 14 accessions, and the Church wonderfully revived. The singing was led by Prof. W. J. Wilcox, who travels with Rev. Deets in his evangelistic work. Bro. Wilcox is an excellent singer. He is a Christian gentleman. God blesses his singing. Bros. Duncan, of Morrow Street Church, and Davis, of Tenth Street, and our presiding elder, attended and each preached to our edification. These men of God always render help when opportunity is afforded. Bro. B. F. Gassaway preached us two good sermons. Family have been seriously sick recently, but are well now. Rev. H. M. Whaling is suffering from rheumatism. Measles are quite prevalent in Waco at present. We are now holding open air services at the City Hall every Sunday afternoon as a special work of the Union Epworth Leagues of Waco. May God crown the work with wonderful success in saving a class of people who do not come to Church.

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Robert Lee Mission.

George F. Fair: The first Quarterly Conference of Robert Lee Mission was held on the 23d and 24th of March at Hayrick, Coke County, Texas. The "beloved" was on hand in due time, having preached at Bronte on Friday night. He looked as pleasant as a May rose and threw sunshine into all the business of the Quarterly Conference. He looked after the business of the conference in such a way as to make us think that he was in earnest about the Master's work, and we all resolved to be more in earnest ourselves in the future. He preached us a good sermon on Sunday at 11 a. m. on Methodism, which was good to the use of edifying, after which we had a glorious communion service. More than three-score and ten persons commemorated the sufferings and death of our blessed Savior. Bro. Walter Spence, of Ballinger Station, came with the "beloved" and preached three soul-stirring sermons, and sang some very edifying songs. Bro. Spence seemed to be in a very happy mood, perhaps because our mountains reminded him of his childhood home in the mountains of the Old Dominion State. If the old Holston Conference has any more such boys as Spence, we would not object to the transferring them to our "big" conference. The stewards made a very good report. The finances are double what they were this time last year. The mission cause is on the advance of any former year. If we will just keep moving up to the step we have commenced with, this will be the best year we have ever had on Robert Lee Mission.

Granbury Circuit.

John R. Steele, March 30: Second Quarterly Conference over; midweek, yet full congregation; not many officials. We enjoy the preaching of our beloved, Rev. E. A. Smith; he is trying and succeeding well to cover the whole ground. He claims everything for Chirt. All I hate is I can not get all my people out to hear him. The collections are slightly behind; spiritual state much the same; people intensely busy, and court on hand; some improvement on material line, church houses, etc. This circuit will have to be changed some in territory which hinders parsonage enterprises; it is too large; small membership; sparsely settled, yet nearly everything that has been converted in this county for three years has been effected by Methodist people. We are up to the top of our heads in war in this (Hood) county with a horde of white-aproned gentry and unpronounceable named foreign gentlemen who run red liquor worms. Of course we expect to beat. God and all the good are on our side. I do not know but one voter that is a Methodist that will not vote prohibition, and he drinks. I have lectured on the General Rules this round and lingered for quite a while with the rule, "spirituous liquors," and doing good to bodies first, then to the souls of men. I have not turned aside from the Bible, but I am preaching from, in and around the Discipline. I found a man—good fellow, too—who did not believe or know anything of the Holy Ghost, its operation, its place in the Trinity, and did not know such a thing was in the Discipline as the articles of faith. We preachers may be blamable. Bro. Smith made as good a talk for the Advocate and Epworth League as any man could make. I have pressed the claims of the Advocate, but the people will go on taking one, two and four patent political papers. Very few take the Advocate or can be induced to do so. We have a few men that stick to the whole of Methodism, and such men are going to help me, and we will continue to work for the cause.

Good News from Italy.

Jas. A. Walkup, April 2: We have just closed a series of meetings at this place with most gratifying results. We began the meeting March 14th and closed the 31st, with victory attending every service. Bros. John S. Davis, Byron and Snow, were with me a part of the time, preaching with all the fullness of the gospel. Repentance, faith in a personal Savior, and a high standard of Christianity, was preached from beginning to end. Hence great power came down on the people—so the conversions were clear, with a bright evidence of their acceptance with God. I am constantly reminded that the condition of ministerial success is Christ's presence in and with his people. This is the sine qua non of the whole, as he said, "without me ye can do nothing." The absolute need for his presence is in human weakness and satanic power. The trinity of evils in the world is not to be overcome by any but a divinely personal power, and this power rests only in Christ, as he said, "if I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." God's word is the sword of the Spirit of Christ, because the Spirit of Christ is there in personal power. The power that exposes sin, points out the way of holiness, breaks sin's bonds from the shackeled soul, and give the believer life, is in Christ only. Christ is almighty, able to save to the uttermost; and hence he alone is our only refuge and strength. So we began this meeting, preaching old-time religion, old-time Methodism, looking to Christ and the power of the Holy Ghost. So the Church was greatly lifted up to a higher plane and penetants were most powerfully converted and have come into the Church, taken up Christian duty with a clear evidence of their acceptance with God. I am so fully pursuaded that to have the benedictions and smile of God resting upon us, we must hold our people to experimental religion and a personal Savior sought and found. That is what we tried to do all along through the ministry, and God blessed us most wonderfully. We received 25 additions, and to say the Church was greatly blessed would indeed be expressing the truth; for all of which we feel profoundly grateful, giving God all the glory.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Pearsall.

James Hammond, April 2: Our meeting here closed last night with 8 accessions. For several years our people have looked for an evangelist in order to have a revival. Our presiding elder, J. D. Scott, and after he left us, F. H. C. Elliott, of San Antonio, preached for us with above visible results. We had a Methodist meeting for the purpose of reviving the Church. This has been to a large extent accomplished. Our standard hymn book was used, and was found to be the best for revival purposes. Some months since our Sunday-school adopted "Prayer and Praise." This places our Church and Sunday-school music on a sound basis.

San Marcos Circuit.

W. A. Scott, March 25: At Pleasantridge the Church is moving on smoothly and substantially. Here we have two weekly prayer-meetings. At each of these meetings we have precious times of grace. We also have a good Sunday-school with our model Superintendent, J. H. Williams, at the head. Our pastor's (Bro. B. H. Passmore) visit are looked to with interest, for when he comes we will be profited. I want to offer my many thanks to the young ladies and Bro. Todd, of Pleasantridge, and more especially to Miss Jennie Lee Williamson, Miss Mary Oliver and Miss Eula Williams, for a nice suit of clothes, purchased by them and presented by the hand of the pastor to this unworthy local preacher.

Pearsall.

James Hammond, March 29: The second Quarterly Conference was held here this week. J. D. Scott, presiding elder, helped us in the work. All the interests of the Church were looked into. The following are the results of this Quarterly Conference: 1. The Church built up and strengthened by Bro. Scott's faithful preaching of the gospel. 2. The sum of $400 raised to be increased to $600 for purpose of completing our church and furnishing it. 3. The Sunday-school organized into a Juvenile Missionary Society. 4. Epworth League interest increasing. 5. A gracious meeting begun which is still going on, with Rev. F. H. C. Elliott preaching for us. Our business interests are also reviving in this section. With good rains and cattle at a good price, our farmers and ranchmen feel that better times are before us. With only one saloon here, in this busy Western town, with a self-imposed school-tax to run the school for ten months under the leadership of Temple G. Woolls, our public-spirited citizens rejoice in the prospect before them, and our Gideon band, who have held the fort through trying times, thank God and take courage.

REV. E. L. ARMSTRONG.

Many are looking anxiously for news from that grand, noble and good man, Rev. E. L. Armstrong. I visited him yesterday evening, and we had a most glorious season of rejoicing together. In point of experience he is on the mountain-tops, rejoicing in full assurance of faith. It was a benediction to be in his presence. He is at present confined to his bed and unable to write. His correspondents will understand his silence and not wait for him to answer their letters. Your messages of love and sympathy and news from the field give him peculiar pleasure. His heart is full of love to the brethren; his peace is complete; he looks the future in the face, having one supreme desire—"the will of the Lord be done."

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M. S. Hotchkiss.

Corsicana, Texas, March 28.

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REPORT AMENDED.

The minutes of the Texas Conference show 284 members for LaGrange Station; there are 218. The minutes show 36 added by faith; there were 12 received by faith. The minutes show 30 adults baptized; there were 11. The minutes show $1500 collected for church repairs; Bro. Bradshaw's figures, which I reported at conference, show $1150. The minutes show $75 for conference claimants; I have receipts for $85. The minutes show $68 for domestic missions; the Church paid $94. This correction has been sent to the Advocate some time since, and was referred to the Conference Secretary, who wrote me that my report corresponded with the minutes. This amendment is taken from my stubs and receipts.

W. Wimberly.

Brenham, Texas, March 18, 1895.

Referring to the above note from Bro. Wimberly, I only desire to say that, in every item mentioned, the printed minutes correspond with Bro. Wimberly's statistics as furnished to the Statistical Secretary. His reports are before me as I write. He makes one mistake in his amended report. The printed minutes show 22 adults baptized in LaGrange, not 30 as he says; and 22 is the number Bro. Wimberly gave us. Mistakes will occur now and then.

Seth Ward.

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Perhaps our paths may run apart,
In dark and stormy weather,
But at the nearing evening-time,
We'll all be home together.

O, friend of mine, I grieve to lose
The grasp of loving hands;
How much we need each other here,
Each fully understands.
But if our pathways meet no more
In meadow-land or heather,
Believe that when the night is come
We'll be at home together.

So here's a hand that's true, my friend,
And steadfast, come what may,
God grant our paths run side by side
And part not, all the way;
But if it be that part we must—
God only knoweth whether—
There's comfort in the thought that night
Will bring us home together.

E. E. REXFORD.

THE annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South, will be held May 10, 1895, at Meridian, Miss.

A LETTER from Mrs. S. Philpott, President W. F. M. S., Texas Conference, contains the following information regarding the visit of Miss Haygood to our State, and we give it for the benefit of all concerned in the work of foreign missions: "From correspondence with Miss Haygood, I learn that her stay in Texas in May can not be long, but while here she is willing to visit a number of places, and speak of our work in China, if desired."

NOTICE.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Texas Conference will hold its fifteenth annual session at the M. E. Church, South, in Navasota, Texas, commencing on Friday evening, May 24, 1895.

At that time a consecration service will be held by Mrs. J. E. Green, District Secretary of the Houston District. On Sunday, May 26, the society will be addressed by Miss Haygood, Superintendent of the work of the Woman's Board of Missions in China. It is hoped that all auxiliaries which have not elected a delegate and alternate will do so at once and send name and address to Mrs. S. S. Park, Galveston, and also to Mrs. F. A. Young, Corresponding Secretary, Navasota, Texas.

MRS. S. PHILPOTT,
President.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

From W. F. M. S., Paris, Texas, on the Death of Mrs. J. W. Fulton.

Whereas, In the providence of an all-wise God, who never errs, our beloved sister and co-worker, Mrs. J. W. Fulton, has been called from labor to reward; and,

Whereas, She, by her many expressions of love and by many years of labor in the Church, has left us the fruits of her faith and the example of a beautiful Christian character; therefore,

Resolved, That we, members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Centenary M. E. Church, Paris, Texas, do hereby express our humble resignation to the will of God, who doeth all things well; that we recognize in her death the loss of an honored and useful member of our society; that the poor have lost a friend, the sick will miss her kind ministrations, and the society will mourn the loss of a bright example of Christian womanhood; that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the city papers and TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE for publication, and that they be spread upon the minutes of the society; also that copies be sent relatives of the deceased.

MRS. J. T. WEBSTER,
MRS. W. H. WILLIAMS,
MRS. A. P. BOYD,
Committee.

THE following resolutions were adopted by the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of Centenary M. E. Church, South, Paris, Texas:

Whereas, in the providence of Almighty God our beloved sister and co-laborer, Mrs. J. W. Fulton, has been removed from our association to the fellowship of the saints in light and that her walk and conversation have been such as to mark her a child of God; therefore

Resolved, 1. That in her death we recognize the hand of a loving providence to which we humbly bow with Christian resignation.

2. That we hereby express our sorrow that the Church has lost so valuable a member, our society so useful and loved a companion and co-worker and the world so bright an example.

3. That by God's grace we will strive to gain the approbation of God and the confidence of the Church in every good word and work and thus perpetuate her memory by the achievements of this society.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our home and Church papers, and that they be spread on the minutes of this society, and that copies be sent relatives of deceased.

MRS. J. H. HANCOCK,
MRS. S. H. HANCOCK,
MRS. I. W. CLARK,
Committee.

OBSERVATIONS IN MEXICO.

The first incident of interest to the traveler after crossing the Rio Grande is the examination of baggage at the custom-house. The officers finished up the trunks, in our case, and came into the coach to look after the hand baggage and commenced to unwrap a precious bundle I had laid on the seat in front of me. At my request not to disturb my little grandbaby, they looked teased, but smiled good-humoredly, as Mr. and Mrs. Stokes joined in the laugh. I think the task is as irksome to them as it is unpleasant to the traveler, as it is seldom they find a necessity for the search.

The train started from Laredo near sunset, so we had a night travel to Monterey. The moon shone brightly, and the thought of being in Mexico was so novel "the sweet restorer" was not wooed, and throwing up the curtains I watched the phases of the country, imagining the weary march of the United States armies along those desolate, dusty plains in the invasion of Mexico—no trees nor verdure, except the cactus and chaparral bushes. None of those fine haciendas we had heard of were to be seen, only now and then a small adobe with roof of straw, or a dugout by the side of a bank, or the beds of former streams, which were dry. It is a wonder how human beings can exist in such conditions.

Upon reaching Lampazos the face of the country changes—hills range not far away, a refreshing stream is crossed, and soon trees and fertile fields greet the eye, then higher mountains encircle us, and Saddle Mountain, or La Silla, appears. Watching its outlines and the halo of light over its summit, I thought of the long extinct volcanoes, the mines worked hundreds of years ago, that satisfied even the avaricious Cortez, and those densely populated valleys, even back to the Aztecs and the more ancient Toltecs, before disturbed by the grasping hand of power and avarice. Suddenly there sprang into view, it seemed, thousands of glittering stars, which proved to be the electric lights of the historic city of Monterey. We rested quietly in the sleeper until morning, observing at early dawn the natives wrapped in the National red blanket and the women in the usually black mantillo. A lively norther had made its way even into Mexico. About 8 o'clock we took a mule-car to Topo Chico Springs, three miles away, noted for its hot springs and balmy health-giving mountain breezes.

The proprietor, Mrs. Glass, a Texan, received us kindly into her commodious marble hotel, where we found bright fires, comfortable rooms and good American fare.

It was a pleasant refuge from the cold north wind and inconvenience of a narrow-gauge sleeping-car.

We made almost daily visits into the city—the highly picturesque scenery preventing the ride from being monotonous.

The reflection of the early and setting sun on the mountains, the lifting clouds as incense to the skies, the deep, dark gulches up their sides, the verdure of the fields around us, were a constant delight. The people also were an interesting study. They seem to be a gentle, kind-hearted people, good-natured and courteous, but so many that were poor and neglected. We were not subjected to the least rudeness while in Mexico. How strange the contrast of nations in war and in peace! How different it would have been in former times. Both men and women seem fond of children, and our little ones received more than once the kindly kiss and smile of admiration. Miss Holding, of Laredo, gave me a letter of introduction to Dr. Marsh, who has in charge a Methodist school, under the patronage of the "Rose-buds" of Virginia. We called and were kindly received by the Doctor, and his excellent wife, and conducted through the school building. He has a good position and is doing a good work for Protestantism. The Doctor is highly esteemed by the Mexicans, especially in their educational councils. Monterey is built in a beautiful valley, encircled by mountains, with sparkling waters, tall trees, fragrant flowers and open plazas with many convenient resting-places for the weary.

It was refreshing, indeed, to visit the gardens, with limpid streams of water from the mountain-side flowing about you, with lofty trees shielding from the sun's rays, and to gather roses in January. Many fruit-trees were grown in them, especially the banana and orange. Monterey may well be termed "the City of Oranges." They are seen on almost every square for sale by men, women and children for 2 cents apiece, and the markets contained immense piles of them. Other fruits were numerous also. The markets in these Mexican cities are a curiosity to strangers. They contain everthing from old iron, through the mineral, vegetable and animal kingdoms, and all kinds of merchandise.

I had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Grimes preach in Spanish at the chapel in the city, and receive a Mexican girl into the Church in a solemn and impressive manner. Others were received during the "Week of Prayer."

We went from the chapel by one of the most beautiful plazas, and rested amid its flowers and fountains of water, and towering above us was the statue of Hidalgo, termed "the Father of Mexico." His statue was most prominent in all the cities we visited. We had the pleasure of meeting our missionary there, Rev. K. J. Yearwood, who was full of energy and enthusiasm for the work, and especially in his efforts to build a church. The native minister, with his accomplished wife, occupied the parsonage. Bro. Yearwood very kindly showed us many of the interesting features of the city. We visited one of the large smelters, and saw the liquid fire pouring from many furnaces, from which evolved the precious metal. The next day we climbed the hill upon which stood the Bishop's Palace, later a fortress for the defense of the city, which was taken by the Americans in 1846, thus securing an entrance and achieving a grand victory.

The structure of the houses and all their arrangements indicate a thought for safety, and their many revolutions show the need of it. The streets are crowded with ox and mule teams, loaded with wood, rock, lumber, coal, goods, etc., and trains of little burros with loads larger than themselves meet you at every turn. They were the principal means of transportation before the railroads were built, and are largely in use at the present time. We visited the cathedral and some of the churches; found but few worshipers in them, and they performing their devotions in a listless way, though it is difficult for them to separate the idea of worship from their church buildings. They say to our missionaries: "Build churches and we will attend your services; we are not used to worshiping in houses." Enlarged success certainly depends upon providing churches for that people who are incapable of separating the spiritual from the material.

I looked with deepest interest upon the passing thousands, remembering that each one had an immortal soul that must grope on in spiritual darkness and superstition to its final doom, or, accepting the light and joy imparted by "the Sun of Righteousness," enter into the courts of eternal rest and peace.

MRS. S. S. MUNGER.
Lampasas, Texas.

AN ALPENA MIRACLE.

MRS. JAS. M. TODD, OF LONG RAPIDS, DISCARDS HER CRUTCHES.

In an Interview with a Reporter She Reviews Her Experience and Tells the Real Cause of the Miracle.

(From the Argus, Alpena, Mich.)

We have long known Mrs. Jas. M. Todd, of Long Rapids, Alpena County, Mich. She has been a sad cripple. Many of her friends know the story of her recovery; for the benefit of those who do not we publish it to-day.

Eight years ago she was taken with nervous prostration, and in a few months with muscular and inflammatory rheumatism. It affected her heart, then her her head. Her feet became so swollen she could wear nothing on them; her hands were drawn all out of shape; her eyes were swollen shut more than half the time, her knee joints terribly swollen, and for eighteen months she had to be held up to be dressed. One limb became entirely helpless, and the skin was so dry and cracked that it would bleed. During these eight years she had been treated by a score of physicians, and has also spent much time at Ann Arbor under best medical advice. All said her trouble was brought on by hard work and that medicine would not cure, and that rest was the only thing which would ease her. After going to live with her daughter she became entirely helpless and could not even raise her arms to cover herself at night. The interesting part of the story follows in her own words:

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"Now, if I can say anything to induce those who have suffered as I have to try Pink Pills, I shall gladly do so. If other like sufferers will try Pink Pills according to directions, they will have reason to thank God for creating men who are able to conquer that terrible disease, rheumatism. I have in my own neighborhood recommended Pink Pills for the after effects of la grippe, and weak women with impure blood, and with good results."

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

District.	Place held.	Date.
San Antonio	Sherman Street	April 12
Terrell	Forney	May 10
Georgetown	Belton	May 16
San Marcos	Luling	May 23
Brownwood	Goldthwaite	May 23
Gatesville	Jonesboro	May 28
Cuero	Yoakum	June 6
Gainesville	Decatur	June 13
Tyler	Canton	June 26
San Augustine	Timpson	June 27
Huntsville	Huntsville	June 27
Greenville	Nevada	June 27
Paris	Clarksville	June 27
Dublin	Stephenville	July 4
Palestine	Grapeland	July 11
Marshall	Longview	July 11
Austin	Manor	July 11
Vernon	Vernon	Aug 28

Church Notices.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

Fort Worth District—Third Round.

Missouri Avenue	Apr 20, 21
Mulkey Memorial	Apr 21, 22
Trinity and Riverside	Apr 27, 28
Epworth and Foundry	Apr 27, 28
Polytechnic and Fossil, at Fossil	May 4, 5
First Church	May 5, 6
Arlington cir, at Thomas' Chapel	May 11, 12
Arlington sta	May 11, 12
Mansfield cir, at Mansfield	May 18, 19
Marystown cir, at Cahill	May 25, 26
Cleburne cir, at Robinson's Branch	June 8, 9
Cleburne sta	June 8, 9
Osceola cir, Woodbury	June 15, 16
Covington cir	June 22, 23
Cresson cir	June 29, 30
Grapevine cir	July 6, 7
Smithfield cir	July 13, 14

The pastors will notice that I have in two or three places two Quarterly Conferences for the same date. I will preach on the circuit or mission in the morning, and in the station at night, both on Saturdays and Sundays, where the two conferences are coupled.

G. S. Wyatt, P. E.

San Augustine District—Second Round.

San Augustine and Sexton, at Sexton	April 6
Hemphill, at Geneva	April 7
Attoyac, at Sharpsville	April 13, 14
Chireno, at Melrose	April 20, 21
Carthage, at Clayton	April 27, 28
Timpson and Tenaha, at Tenaha	May 4, 5
Shelbyville, at Carolis	May 11, 12
Minden, at Bethel	May 18, 19
Lynn Flat, at Wallace Grove	May 25, 26
Nacogdoches sta	June 1, 2
Concord, at Boncombe	June 8, 9
Nacogdoches ct, at Aloyan	June 15, 16
Center ct	June 22
Center sta	June 23

Charles F. Smith, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round.

May cir	April 6, 7
Indian Creek cir	April 9
Glen Cove cir	April 13, 14
Coleman sta	April 15
Thrifty cir	April 20, 21
Goldthwaite sta	April 26
Mullin cir	April 27, 28
Lometa cir	April 29
Comanche sta	May 1
Blanket cir	May 4, 5
Robert Lee cir	May 11, 12
Ballinger cir	May 18, 19

W. M. Shelton, P. E.

Abilene District—Second Round.

Sweetwater, at Merkel	Apr 5
Roby, at Avalon	Apr 6, 7
Snyder, at Browning	Apr 13, 14
Midland sta	Apr 19, 20
Big Springs sta	Apr 27, 28
Colorado sta	Apr 29
Neinda, at Angoria	May 4, 5
Nubia, at Bardus' Chapel	May 9

M. K. Little, P. E.

Waco District—Second Round.

Bosqueville, at Greenwood	April 6, 7
Aquilla at Wesley Chapel	April 13, 14
Troy cir, at Oenaville	Apr 20, 21
Lorena cir, at Oak Grove	Apr 27, 28
Moody and Eddy, at Eddy	May 4, 5
Bruceville and Mooreville, at B.	May 11, 12

Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Gatesville District—Second Round.

Lampasas cir, at McCreaville	Apr 6, 7
Lampasas sta	Apr 7, 8
Killeen, etc, at Killeen	Apr 12, [illegible]
Coperas Cove, at Reese's Creek	Apr 13, 14
Valley Mills, at Clifton	Apr 20, 21
Meridian	Apr 21, 22
Oglesby, at Tonk Creek	Apr 28, 28
Crawford, etc, at Crawford	Apr 27, 28
Coryell City, at Mosheim	May 4, 5
Harmony, at Cave Creek	May 11, 12
Hamilton, at Springdale	May 18, 19
Jonesboro, at Evergreen	May 25, 26
District Conference, at Jonesboro	May 28-30

E. F. Boone, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round.

Ranger	1st Sun in Apr
Breckenridge, at Eolian	2d Sun in Apr
Eliasville	3d Sun in Apr
Gordon and Thurber, at G.	4th Sun in Apr
Huckabay	1st Sun in May
Lipan	2d Sun in May
Santo	3d Sun in May
Mineral Wells miss	Thur, May 23
Whitt	4th Sun in May
Aledo	Thur, May 30

Delegates to the District Conference are to be elected this round. A full attendance is very much desired.

E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Dublin District—Second Round.

Rising Star and P., at Cayope Peak	April 6, 7
Sipe Springs, at Oakland	April 9, 10
Carbon cir, at Gorman	April 13, 14
Desdimonia	April 16, 17
Proctor cir	April 20, 21
Green Creek, at Green Creek	April 27, 28

E. A. Smith, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round.

Seymour sta	April 6, 7
Chillicothe, at Big Valley	April 13, 14
Crowell	April 21, 22
Mangum, at Mangum	April 27, 28
Altus, at Aaron	May 4, 5
Quanah and Childress, at Childress	May 11, 12
Eldorado, at Paradise Valley, at 2 o'clock	May 13
Navajoe, at Navajoe	May 18, 19

Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round.

Itasca sta, at Itasca	April 6, 7
Grandview cir	April 13, 14
Alvarado sta	April 16
Midlothian cir	April 20, 21
Reagor cir	April 27, 28

John S. Davis, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round.

Tulia, at Tulia	Apr 6, 7
Wellington	Apr 13, 14
Memphis, at Esteline	Apr 20, 21
Kirkland	Apr 27, 28

R. A. Hall, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Second Round.

Smithfield	April 6, 7
Grapevine	April 13, 14

G. S. Wyatt, P. E.

Corsicana District—Second Round.

Mexia cir	April 6, 7
Mexia sta	April 8
Barry	April 13, 14
East Corsicana	April 20, 21
Hubbard	April 27, 28
Blooming Grove	May 4, 5
Wortham	May 11, 12

J. T. L. Annis, P. E.

EAST TEXAS.

Palestine District—Second Round.

Homer cir, at Homer	April 6, 7
Lufkin, at Wallace Chapel	April 13, 14
Crockett cir, at Crockett	April 20
Crockett sta, at Crockett	April 22
Elkhart cir, at Elkhart	April 27, 28
Grapeland cir, at Trinity	May 4, 5
Palestine sta	May 11, 12
Holcomb cir, at Ratcliff	May 18, 19
Brushy Creek cir, at Pace's Chapel	May 25, 26
County Line cir, at Beck's Chapel	June 1, 2
Alto cir, at Lynch Chapel	June 8, 9
Rusk sta	June 11
Jacksonville sta	June 12
Jacksonville cir, at Bridges' Ch'l	June 15, 16
Trinity and Groveton, at Grove'n	June 22, 23
Saron mis	June 29, 30

The Palestine District Conference will convene in Grapeland on Thursday, July 11, at 9 a. m.

L. M. Fowler, P. E.

Beaumont District—Second Round.

Colmesneil, at Rockland	April 6, 7
Kountze, at Olive	April 13, 14
Orange, at Orange	April 20, 21
Woodville, at Spurger	April 27, 28

William A. Sampey, P. E.

Marshall District—Second Round.

Hallville, at Summerfield, Saturday,	April 13
Longview sta	April 14, 15
Northside, at Grover	Saturday, April 20
Marshall sta	April 21, 22
Beckville, at Beckville	April 27, 28
Jefferson sta	May 4, 5
Harrison, at Willie's Chapel	May 11, 12
Church Hill, at Church Hill	May 18, 19
Kellyville, at Avinger	May 25, 26
Henderson cir	June 7
Henderson sta	June 8, 9
Arleston, at Breckenridge	Wed, June 12
Centennial cir	Thurs, June 13
Kilgore, at Danville	June 15, 16
Coffeeville, at Asbury	June 22, 23
District Conference, at Longview	July 11

John Adams, P. E.

Tyler District—Second Round.

Grand Saline cir, at Antioch	April 6, 7
Edom cir, at Tunnell's Chapel	April 12
Canton cir, at Wesley Chapel	April 13, 14
Troupe and Overton cir, at London	April 18
Walton cir, at Mallard Prairie	April 20, 21
White House cir, at Liberty Hill	April 27, 28
Lindale cir, at Sabine	May 4, 5
Tyler cir, at Pleasant Grove	May 11, 12
Tyler, Marvin, at Marvin	May 12, 13

T. P. Smith, P. E.

Pittsburg District—First Round.

Quitman, at Liberty	1st Sun in Apr
Linden, at Douglasville	2d Sun in Apr

O. P. Thomas, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round.

Centennial, at Walnut Hill	April 6, 7

John Adams, P. E.

TEXAS.

Houston District—Second Round.

Richmond	March 29-31
Eagle Lake	April 6, 7
Tabernacle	April 13, 14
McKee Street	April 14, 15
St. James	April 20, 21
St. John's	April 21, 22
West End	April 25
Shearn Church	April 27, 28
Washington Street	April 28, 29
Cedar Bayou	May 4, 5
Alvin	May 11, 12
Bolivar	May 15
Columbia and Brazoria	May 18, 19
Velasco	May 25, 26
Houston City mis	May 29
Harrisburg	June 1, 2
Patterson	June 8, 9
Wharton and Hungerford	June 15, 16
Matagorda	June 22, 23
Damons Mound	June 29, 30

Seth Ward, P. E.

Austin District—Second Round.

Tenth Street, Austin	11 a. m., Apr 7
Twenty-Fourth Street, Austin	8 p. m., Apr 7
Merrilltown cir, at Walnut	Apr 13, 14
First Street, Austin	8 p. m., Apr 14
Manchaca cir, at Cari	Apr 20, 21
Webberville vir, at Cedar Creek	Apr 27, 28
Elgin	May 2, 3
Manor	May 4, 5
McDade cir, at McDade	May 11, 12
Winchester cir, at Alum Creek	May 18, 19
Bastrop	May 19, 20
Smithville cir, at Ford's Prairie	May 25, 26
LaGrange	May 28, 29
Weimar	June 1, 2
Columbus	June 3, 4
Flatonia	June 8, 9

There will be a missionary mass meeting held in connection with each Quarterly Conference on this round at some suitable hour selected by the pastor and presiding elder. Delegates will be elected to attend the District Conference at Manor, July 11.

Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

Brenham District—Second Round.

Milano ct	Tuesday, 4 o'clock p m, April 2
Giddings ct	April 6, 7
Sealy ct	Wedneday, 9 o'clock a m, April 10
Chappell Hill sta	April 13, 14
Brenham sta	April 20, 21
Bellville ct	Tuesday, 9 o'clock a m, April 23
Lyons ct	Wednesday, 3 o'clock p m, April 24
Mt Pleasant	Wed, 8 o'clock p m, April 24
Cameron sta	April 27, 28
Maysfield ct	May 4, 5
Ben Arnold	May 5, 6
Davilla ct	May 11, 12
Cameron ct	May 18, 19
Pleasant Hill ct	May 25, 26
Lexington ct	Monday, 3 p m, May 27
Caldwell sta	June 1, 2

E. H. Harman, P. E.

Huntsville District—Second Round.

Madisonville, at Madisonville	April 6, 7
Anderson cir, at Roan's Prairie	April 10, 11
Bryan sta	April 13, 14
Millican cir, at Millican	April 20, 21
Navasota sta	April 27, 28
Courtney and Stoneham	May 4, 5
Hempstead sta	May 11, 12
Montgomery and Plantersville	May 18, 19
Hockley cir	May 25, 26
Cleveland mis	May 29, 30
Conroe and Westfield	June 1, 2
Cold Springs	June 5, 6
Willis sta	June 8, 9
Prairie Plains	June 15, 16
Dodge cir	June 22, 23
Huntsville sta	June 29, 30

W. Wootton, P. E.

Calvert District—Second Round.

Alto, at Union	April 6, 7
Kosse	April 13, 14
Bremond	April 20, 21
Jewett	April 27, 28
Oakwoods	May 4, 5
Chilton	May 11, 12
Rosebud, at Cedar Springs	May 18, 19
Durango	May 25, 26
Centerville, at Leona	June 1, 2
Rogers Prairie	June 8, 9
Bald Prairie	June 15, 16
Personville, at Personville	June 22, 23
Fairfield, at Sunshine	June 29, 30
Mt. Vernon, at Una	July 2, 3

J. B. Cochran, P. E.

WEST TEXAS.

San Antonio District—Second Round.

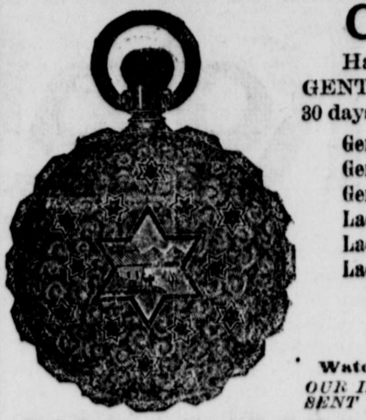
City Mission, at S. Flores	Apr 6, 7
East End and South Heights	Apr 7, 8
Sherman Street, Dist Conference	Apr 12-14
Travis Park	Apr 21-23
Benton City, at Bexar	Apr 27, 28
Pleasanton, at Fairview	May 4, 5
Amphion, at Oak Island	May 11, 12

J. D. Scott, P. E.

Cuero District—Second Round.

Victoria sta, at Victoria	Apr 6
Rancho cir, at Sandies Chapel	Apr 13
Williamsburg cir, at Shiner	Apr 20
Clear Creek cir, at Rocky	Apr 27
Yoakum sta, at Yoakum	May 4
Leesville cir	May 11
Weesatche cir	May 15
Port Lavaca cir	May 18

A. C. Biggs, P. E.



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San Marcos District—Second Round.

San Marcos	1st Sun in Apr
Gonzales	2d Sun in Apr
Lockhart cir	3d Sun in Apr
San Marcos cir	4th Sun in Apr
Harwood cir	1st Sun in May
Belmont cir	2d Sun in May
Dripping Springs	3d Sun in May

B. Harris, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round.

Pontotoc	1st Sun in Apr
Brady	2d Sun in Apr
Richland Springs	3d Sun in Apr
Junction City	4th Sun in Apr
Sonora and Ozona	1st Sun in May

Jno W. Stovall, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round.

Corpus Christi	1st Sab in Apr
Rockport	2d Sab in Apr
Lagarto cir, at Wade City	3d Sab in Apr
Oakville cir, at Mineral City	4th Sab in Apr
Floresville cir, at Floresville	1st Sab in May
Lavernia cir, at Sandy Elm	2d Sab in May
Stockdale cir, at Sutherl'd Sp'g	3d Sab in May
Helena	4th Sab in May
Runge	1st Sab in June
Skidmore	2d Sab in June
Dist Conf, at Corpus Christi	5th Sab in June

John S. Gillett, P. E.

Llano District—Second Round.

Boerne cir, at Lock Hill	1st Sun in Apr
Round Mt. cir, at Rockvale	2d Sun in Apr
Llano cir, at Sandy Mountain	3d Sun in Apr
Llano sta	4th Sun in Apr
Centre Point sta	1st Sun in May
Rock Springs and Ingram	2d Sun in May
Bandera cir, at Medina City	3d Sun in May
Kerrville sta	4th Sun in May

M. A. Black, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS.

Terrell District—Second Round.

Rockwall, at Rockwall	1st Sun in Apr
Terrell cir, at Morrows Chapel	2d Sun in Apr
Fate cir, at Royse	3d Sun in Apr
Chisholm cir, at Poetry	4th Sun in Apr
Cochran and Caruth, at C'n	1st Sun in May
Kaufman sta	2d Sun in May
Pleasant Mound, at Rylie	3d Sun in May
Mesquite, at Pleasant Ridge	4th Sun in May
Crandall	1st Sun in June
Garland, at Reinhardt	2d Sun in June
Allen	3d Sun in June
Prairieville cir	4th Sun in June

C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Bonham District—Second Round.

Honey Grove	Apr 6, 7
Lannius, at Allen's Chapel	Apr 13, 14
South Bonham	Apr 20, 21
Gober, at Gober	Apr 27, 28
Trenton, at Medlintown	May 4, 5
Fannin cir	May 11, 12
Randolph	May 18, 19
Bonham sta	May 25, 26

J. R. Wages, P. E.

Greenville District—Second Round.

Lone Oak	1st Sun in April
Kingston cir and Greenville	2d Sun in April
McKinney	3d Sun in April
Merit	4th Sun in April
Nevada	1st Sun in May
Floyd	2d Sun in May
Farmersville	3d Sun in May
Bethel	4th Sun in May

J. A. Stafford, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Second Round.

Reily Sp'gs mis, at Forest Home	Apr 6, 7
Commerce cir, at Center Chapel	Apr 13, 14
Sulphur Bluff cir, at Sulphur Bluff	Apr 20, 21
Wolfe City sta	Apr 27, 28
Mt Vernon cir, at Pine Forest	May 4, 5
Mt Vernon mis, at Hopewell	May 7
Sulphur Springs sta	May 11, 12
Fairlie cir	May 18, 19
Celeste cir, at Celeste	May 25, 26
Leonard cir, at Grove Hill	June 1, 2
Bailey cir	June 8, 9
Cooper cir	June 15, 16

W. L. Clifton, P. E.

Sherman District—Second Round.

Denison mis, at Starr	Apr 6, 7
Sherman cir, at Cedar	Apr 13, 14
Whitesboro cir, at McComb	Apr 20, 21
Whitesboro sta	Apr 21, 22
Collinsville cir, at Tioga	Apr 27, 28
Gordonville cir, at Cedar Mills	May 4, 5
Pilot Grove cir	May 11, 12
Howe cir	May 18, 19

J. M. Binkley, P. E.

Montague District—Second Round.

Blue Grove cir, at Blue Grove	Apr 6, 7
Henrietta sta	Apr 13, 14
Chico cir, at Pleasant Ridge	Apr 20
Alvord sta	Apr 21, 22
Sunset cir, at Pleasant Hill	Apr 27, 28
Crafton cir, at Willow Springs	May 4
Bowie sta	May 5, 6
Benvanue cir	May 8
Belleville cir, at Stoneburg	May 11, 12
New Hope and Christian	May 18, 19
Jacksboro and Bryson	May 25, 26
Post Oak cir	May 25, 26

W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.

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Paris District—Second Round.

Centenary, Paris	Apr 6, 7
Lamar Avenue, Paris	Apr 6, 7
Annona, at Shawnee Chapel	Apr 13, 14
White Rock, at Liberty Hill	Apr 20, 21
Clarksville	Apr 22
McKenzie, at Brewster Prairie	Apr 27, 28
Rosalie	Apr 29
Emberson, at Bethel	May 4, 5
Lake Creek, at Brushy Mound	May 11, 12
Powderly	May 18, 19
Maxey, at Post Oak	May 25, 26

F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Gainesville District—Second Round.

Marysville	1st Sun in April
Mountain Spring	2d Sun in April
Argyle	3d Sun in April
and Denton at night.	
Sanger	4th Sun in April
Boonsville	1st Sun in May
Dye Mound	2d Sun in May
Garvin	3d Sun in May
Rosston	4th Sun in May
Era	1st Sun in June
Rhome	2d Sun in June
Decatur cir	3d Sun in June
and Decatur sta at night	
Denton cir	4th Sun in June
Greenwood	5th Sun in June

R. M. Powers, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round.

West Dallas, at Haskell Avenue	Apr 6, 7
Oak Lawn	Apr 7, 8
Lewisville, at Cemetery Hill	Apr 13, 14
Aubrey, at Friendship	Apr 20, 21
Renner, at Alpha	Apr 27, 28
Ervay Street	May 5, 6
Plano	May 11, 12

E. W. Alderson, P. E.

MEXICAN BORDER.

San Antonio District—Second Round.

Cotulla, at Pearsall	Apr 6, 7
San Diego	Apr 9, 10
Corpus Christi and Alice, at C. C.	Apr 11, 12
Picoso, at Floresville	Apr 13, 14
San Antonio	Apr 20, 21
Luling, at Gonzales	Apr 27, 28
Austin and San Marcos, at A.	Apr 30, May 1
Bandera, at Polly	May 4, 5

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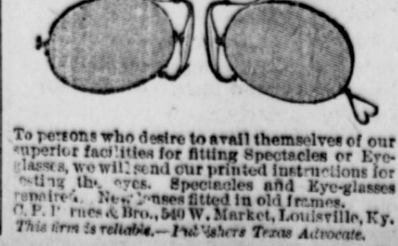

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Gideon—Miller.—At the home of the bride's mother, March 31, 1895, by Rev. Daniel Morgan, Mr. J. W. Gideon, of Coyell County, Texas, and Miss Amanda A. Miller, of Lampasas County.

Sisk—Hiler.—March 31, 1895, near Angus, Texas, Mr. Lee Sisk and Mis. Malissa Hiler, Rev. F. M. Winburne officiating.

Stokes—Davis.—At the residence of the bride's parents, March 27, 1895, Dr. Edgar B. Stokes and Miss Cora Davis, both of Elkhart, Rev. C. B. Smith officiating.

Kidd—Palmer.—At the residence of the bride's mother, in Athens, Texas, March 28, 1895, Rev. A. A. Kidd, preacher in charge of New York Circuit, and Miss Maggie Palmer, Rev. T. P. Smith officiating.

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REV. J. D. SCOGGINS.

Rev. J. D. Scoggins was born near Louisville, Ala., September 14, 1861. His parents were poor and members of the Methodist Church—both pious people. His early education was neglected, owing to the times of reconstruction and poverty of parents. He gave himself a fair education after his call to preach at the age of sixteen; moved to Texas in 1870; was converted in Panola County, Texas, six miles south of Carthage in his tenth year. His mother died when he was twelve years old. He served as housekeeper for his father, the sisters being too small. This also interfered with his education. He was licensed to preach June 29, 1879, by the Jacksonville and Rusk Quarterly Conference, East Texas Conference, John Adams, presiding elder. Taught school two short terms after leaving school; joined on trial the Northwest Texas Conference at Waco, November, 1880; remained a member of the same for three years; served one year each, Hawkins Mission, Ranger Mission and Abilene and Buffalo Gap, half-station. During the year he was at the last-named place he married Miss Katie Grant, daughter of Prof. N. W. Grant, formerly of Virginia, and an alumnus of Emory and Henry College. He was then transferred to West Texas Conference and assigned work in Mexico as a missionary; remained a member of this conference two years; then became a member of the Mexican Border Conference, at the organization, by Bishop H. N. Tyeire, in 1885. In the mission field the following appointments were served: City of Monterey, one year; Monterey District, two years; El Paso District, one year; Pacific Coast Mission, opening new fields, two years—owing to failure of his wife's health returned to the United States during the last of these years—LaPaz, Spanish work, one year. This appointment was made because of the healthful climate in order to restore the health of his wife. Being in the territory which was set up into the Northwest Mexico Conference, would have been a charter member of that, but was transferred to Central Mexico Conference, and appointed presiding elder of the Guadalajara District, which work was continued two years. When failing in health from overwork, was forced to return home. Served Oklahoma City Station three months, when health continuing to fail, was released and returned to Texas, and settled at Denton, Texas. The board returned him to Mexico at the following May meeting and granted a year's leave of absence with support. At the end of this permit he was en route to Mexico when Bishop Hendrix ordered otherwise for the present. Being turned aside from this work, he was transferred to the North Texas Conference. Served Bonita and Illinois Bend one year, and was sent to Henrietta Station for 1894–5. Ordained deacon by Bishop Linus Parker at Cleburne, Texas, November, 1882. Ordained elder by Bishop H. N. McTyeire at San Antonio, Texas, March, 1885, having been duly elected at the previous session of the West Texas Conference, but could not remain at the seat of the conference to be ordained. He said, "My wife has been a faithful companion, both at home and abroad." He attributed his success in life largely to her help. They have had six children. One died in infancy; the others still live. He had four brothers and three sisters. Two of the brothers are or were preachers. One, J. R. Scoggins, died a member of the West Texas Conference. The other, B. B. Scoggins, is a member of the New Mexico Conference. His father still lives at the goodly age of seventy years, and is still strong. The above is the life sketch prepared by Bro. Scoggins himself, in keeping with a resolution passed at Bonham, I only changing the personal pronoun from the first to the third person. Bro. Scoggins was not an ordinary man. He accomplished a great deal in a few years. Studious, consecrated, zealous—one of the most efficient pastors, going from house to house talking and praying. He was a strong preacher; was planning largely at this place, and had gotten a very strong hold on his people. Sustaining the relation of presiding elder to him, I found him one of the truest, best men, and possessed the qualities of a first-class Methodist preacher. One of our best men has gone in the morning of his usefulness. He loved God and the Church, and delighted to do good. Thank God we will see him again. His body rests in Henrietta.

W. D. Mountcastle.

McCarty.—Lula B. McCarty was born August 22, 1891, in Caldwell County, Texas, and died September 8, 1892; and William R. McCarty, brother to Lula B., was born in the above named State and county, May 1, 1894, and died January 14, 1895. These are the children of John C. and Lula B. McCarty. Their stay on earth was short—only long enough to bind the hearts of papa and mamma, dear relatives and friends to these little plants that budded here on earth and bloomed in eternal glory. We are glad to say the parents of these dear little ones are both good, true Christians, and do not mourn as those who have no hope. They know where to find them. Be faithful to the end, and in the sweet by-and-by you will meet them in those bright mansions above where parting will be known no more. May the blessing of heaven abide on these parents and the bereaved ones.

A. G. Nolen.

Vise.—A. F. Vise, the subject of the sketch, was born in Cleburne County, Alabama, February 8, 1856, and died at his home at Rockwood, Coleman County, Texas, January 3, 1895; was married to Miss Dussie Hamilton January 20, 1880; was soundly converted August 11, 1882, and joined the M. E. Church, South. Bro. Vise moved with his family to Coleman County in 1890, thinking that this climate would prove beneficial to his health, which had been bad for several years. For a time it seemed that his health improved, but that much-dreaded lung trouble soon claimed him for its victim. For several months prior to his death he was an invalid and suffered much, but he bore his affliction with Christian fortitude. A few days before his death he told his wife that his end was near, but he was ready and willing to go. A kinder father, a more devoted husband I never knew. Our dear brother was a true man; kind to all, so much so that everyone spoke well of him. He leaves a wife and three little girls to mourn their irreparable loss.

C. E. Statham, Pastor.

Santa Anna, Texas.

Carr.—Sister Maggie, daughter of Bro. and Sister Carr, of Duncanville, died in Dallas, on the night of March 9, 1895. Whenever death comes into the home, hearts are made sad. The death of Sister Maggie is of more than usual sadness. Retiring for the night apparently happy and healthy, she was found in her bed next morning, but her spirit had left the body, though it was yet quite warm. It is not known what caused her death. Miss Maggie was eighteen years of age, bright and cheerful and much beloved by all who knew her. She gave her young heart to the Savior, under the preaching of Bro. Moon, whom she loved very much for what, under God, he had done for her. She was laid in the grave in Wheatland Cemetery on Monday evening. Several hundred people attended the burial, and many mingled their tears with those who sorrowed and wept over their loved one stilled so suddenly in death. But the rainbow of hope gilds the cloud of their sorrow, and the "home over there" will be more precious to them now, since Maggie has gone "over there" to live.

J. B. Cole, Pastor.

Nolen.—Our Church at Pleasant Hill has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Sister Sarah Jane Nolen (nee Stanly), which occurred February 19, 1895. Sister Nolen was born in Tennessee, February 17, 1828, and was married to Mr. Thomas W. Nolen in Mississippi, March 17, 1846, with whom she moved to Travis County, Texas, in 1849, where she lived until she was called to her home in heaven. When only a little girl she gave her heart to God and joined the Methodist Church, and to the end of her life she was a consecrated Christian. Her zeal for the Church did not abate; her love for God did not grow cold. Her husband says that during their long married life there never was a time when she was not a consistent Christian. Her influence for good in the community in which she lived will never die. She leaves behind her an aged husband and seven children who rise up and call her blessed; and while they grieve for the dear one they have a sweet hope that in heaven they will meet her.

E. G. Hocutt, Pastor.

Manchaca, Texas.

Davenport.—Mrs. Mary C. Davenport, of Prairie Lea, Texas, the subject of this sketch, was born January 23, 1835, in Alabama, but moved early to Morehouse Parish, La. She was married to A. S. Davenport, July 13, 1853, with whom she came to Texas in 1870, where she lived until her death occurred, in Prairie Lea, February 1, 1895. Sister Davenport became a Christian when quite a young and joined the Methodist Church immediately thereafter. She was almost a perfect model Christian. All who knew her believed in her; loved and honored her because of her beautiful, cheery, Christian life. She was full of sunshine and consolation, and always so helpful to her interesting family of children and grandchildren. Her two sons, two daughters, sister, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and grandchildren were all devoted to her. She died triumphantly in the presence of them all, and was buried beside her husband, who had preceded her some years before. Sister Davenport was a true Methodist, a worthy Christian, a loving mother and helpful friend.

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King.—Renia Louisa Coffee was born in Kentucky, February 11, 1875. In 1893 she came to Texas with her widowed mother; married W. M. King November 11, 1894, and died March 8, 1895. Sister King was a member of the Christian Church. We feel sure she enjoyed the precious things of God, and that she had a bright experience. When she began to enter the valley of death she did not fear, but died in perfect peace. When passing away she called her friends and relatives, one by one, to her bedside and had them promise to meet her in the paradise of God. Then, with full assurance, and her heavenly home almost in sight, she gave her spirit to our God and fell asleep. According to her wishes we buried her Sunday, March 10.

F. L. Farrington.

Cridelle.—Sister W. A. Cridelle (nee Reno), wife of Dr. Cridelle, Commerce, Texas, was born November 29, 1860; changed her denominational relation to the Church about five years ago; joined the M. E. Church, South; died in peace March 9, 1895. Sister Cridelle was one of those excellent characters who preferred to perform her duties in life without her "right hand knowing what her left did." Her work in the Church was the most humble and arduous. Though of an unassuming disposition, she accepted, without a word of excuse or apology, the labors appointed or elected, and did the best she could. Being Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society she was faithful and efficient, modestly, yet earnestly going from house to house, pleading for the heathen and the missionary sent to sow gospel seed. In her home, amid the responsible duties of wife and mother, her life shone most beautifully. When interviewed, by request of her husband, a few hours before death as to her future, without hesitancy she expressed her faith in God and trust in the Savior, saying: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I fear no evil."

E. B. Thompson, P. C.

Duval.—V. B. Duval was born January 27, 1836, in Howard County, Maryland, and moved to Texas in 1875; joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1894 and died January 30, 1895. Bro. Duval was a steward in our Church. He was a noble-hearted man and a preacher's friend, his home was a preacher's home. Bro. Duval loved his Church and he labored hard to get his church building completed, but he did not live to see it finished. God took him. Bro. Duval's death was very unexpected to all. The last time I saw him alive he was the picture of health. He was sick but a few days. The doctor pronounced him doing well the last evening he spent with him. He rested well that night and had them all up early next morning as usual. His wife prepared his breakfast as quickly as she could, as he felt so much better and wanted something to eat. When he finished his breakfast, Sister Duval made him a lemonade and he drank it and said it was so nice. As Sister Duval turned round to put up the glass she heard a noise and looking around she quickly sprang to the bed and gave the alarm; but his spirit was gone. He passed away without a struggle. We trust he died in the faith. He had many dear friends and the writer believed him to be one of his best friends. Bro. Duval leaves a kind wife, seven children, many relatives and a host of friends to mourn for him. But what is our loss we hope is his gain. May the blessings of God rest upon them all and may they put their trust in God's promises for he has promised to be a father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow.

A. M. Eubank.

Rogers Prairie, Texas.

Thompson.—Mrs. Mollie E. Thompson, wife of W. S. Thompson, daughter of Thomas F. Stockton, departed this life in great peace on the 20th day of February, 1895, at their home in Eureka, Cal. The subject of this notice was born in Gonzales County, Texas, July 30, 1858. Experienced saving faith in Christ in early childhood. In young womanhood she was a beautiful and most lovely character—the center of attraction among all her associates. She was married December 20, 1878, to W. S. Thompson. In the year 1888 they moved to California in hope of restoring her failing health, but God had not so ordered. She continued to decline until her precious life ceased to animate its lovely tenement. She leaves her husband and four children to mourn their irreparable loss; but, as we should expect, this noble Christian woman gave appropriate admonitions to each of them, and full assurance of her readiness to depart and be with Jesus. Under the shadows of death she declared, "All is bright." To her aged father and three sisters in Bell County she sent messages of love, and requested that her uncle (the undersigned) should write her obituary. This beautiful life, so unselfih, so sacrificing, so devoted to family and friends, and so true to Christ and his Church, deserves more than a brief notice; but her record is on high, and her sacred memory is sweet to her kindred and numerous friends who will drop with us the sympathizing tear for the bereaved husband and children, while we chronicle another triumph of our holy Christianity over death, and rejoice in the blessed assurance of glory beyond its shades.

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Orton.—Willie B. Orton, born December 29, 1882; died March 4, 1895, near Holliday, Texas. Willie joined the Methodist Church at eight years of age, and when the summons came for him to go it found him ready to start. God knows best, though we can not understand his ways. To the parents I would say, though Willie can not come to you, yet you can go to him, and if faithful to God's requirements yours will be an unbroken family in the realms of eternal bliss. To the grief-stricken brother and sister, you will do well if you live as did Willie. The Lord's will be done.

A. R. Sellers.

King.—Bro. and Sister King are very much bereaved in the death of their little babe, Sarah Malinda, who died January 30, 1895, in Navarro County, Texas. The meek little sufferer only stayed with them a little more than a year—long enough, however, to win the heart's warmest affections of fond and hopeful parents for its bright, unfolding future. But we should console ourselves with the thought that it never stayed in this sinful world long enough to learn the bitter pangs of sin, and that it now sweetly rests in the bosom of our loving Father. Affectionately, her pastor,

F. M. Winburne.

Richland, Texas.

Martin.—Sister Frances A. Martin was born in Jones County, Ga., October 10, 1824, and departed this life January 23, 1895; was married to R. D. Martin January 26, 1843, and moved with her husband to Ouachita County, Ark., and in the year 1844 professed religion and joined the Methodist Church, South, of which she lived a consistent member until her death. She left an aged husband who has been blind for a number of years and seven children—four living in Arkansas and three living in Texas. She was on a visit to see her children in Texas when the death angel came and called Sister Frances Martin to her home in heaven. Her last sickness was brief and intensely painful, but not a single time did she murmur or lose her patience. Sister Martin had a sweet and gentle spirit which characterized all her actions from her childhood days; reverent to her Creator, but after having Christ enthroned in her heart and soul she became more and more Christ-like. Sister Frances Martin died as she had lived, full of faith, love and the Holy Ghost.

A. E. Marsh.

Duncan.—Sister M. M., wife of Mr. D. U. Duncan, departed this life for the home beyond March 10, 1895. Sister Duncan was born in South Carolina, September 10, 1846. She was converted when quite a child and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Providence, Ala. After coming to Texas she united with Shady Grove Class, in which she lived a consistent Christian life till the great Master called her to come up higher. She was a daughter of W. P. P. and F. C. Beard, and leaves a husband and five children to mourn the loss of wife and mother. Two of her children had preceded her to the other shore. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." We feel in this the Scripture is being fulfilled, that the ransomed of the Lord is returning and coming to Zion, there to dwell where sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

J. B. Powers, P. C.

McCulloch.—Henry Eustace McCullock was born in Rutherford County, Tenn., December 6, 1816; came to Texas in 1837, and after a short time spent on the Brazos, he settled in Gonzales County, where he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Isabella Ashby, August, 1840, with whom he lived happily until the day of his death, which occurred in the house of his son-in-law, Wm. S. Brown, Rockport, Texas, March 12, 1895. He crossed the river to meet five of his children on the other shore, leaving his aged widow with five living children to mourn their loss. Many sad hearts beat in tenderest sympathy with these loved ones. It could not be otherwise since the very name McCulloch is so interwoven with the history of the struggles, hardships and privations endured to procure for us the political and religious liberties we now enjoy. Texas, and especially West Texas, owes much to the life and labors of Gen. McCulloch. His political and civil life has gone to record in the history of his country and is finding expression in the many biographical sketches from the Texas press. What stood above all this, and gave force and worth to it was his Christian life. He was converted at a camp-meeting on Mill Creek, near Seguin, under the ministry of Rev. W. P. Read, in the year 1857. He united with the M. E. Church, South, and from that time to the close of his eventful career, Henry E. McCulloch was always found on the right side of every moral question. Those who differed from him most widely were bound to respect him because of his strict moral integrity and upright manliness. In his political aspirations—where so many have compromised and made shipwreck—he was not to be swerved from his religious duties. Being naturally of high metal, when that was toned down and tempered by the grace of God, he became as chivalrous as a soldier of the cross as he had formerly been in the service of his country in driving back Indian invaders. It may be said of him as it was of his father—from whom he inherited noble traits—"As a neighbor, he was kind; as a friend, he was sincere; as a husband, he was affectionate; as a parent, he was tender." The world is made better by the lives of such men. He passed away after an illness of about three weeks, in great peace, and without a struggle, leaving a smile of sweet resignation lingering on his face after the spirit had taken his flight to enter upon his eternal reward. We shall miss him much.

W. H. H. Biggs.

Webb.—Miss Mattie Bell, daughter of William and Nancy Webb, was born near Leesville, Gonzales County, Texas, February 3, 1874, and died in the same vicinity December 6, 1894. This young lady lingered a long while near the portals of death. The ordeal of bodily affliction was made the channel through which divine grace flowed into this soul. Those who attended Miss Mattie in her last struggles with the monster, death, believe that she sleeps in Jesus. The widowed mother, who has three children on each side of death's chilling flood, is now lonely, but lives in hope of a reunion in the land beyond.

John T. Graham.

Rancho, Texas.

Walters.—Mrs. Phœbe E. Walters, wife of R. T. Walters, who lived near Tunnell's Chapel, Van Zandt County, departed this life February 13, 1895. She was born near Rome, Ga., and when a girl was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which she lived a happy and devoted life till the day of her death. She was buried at Tunnell's Chapel, where her membership was since she has been in Texas. I heard some one say at her burial her place would be hard to fill in the Church. She leaves loved ones. Husband, children, and one sister, at least, back in Georgia. I trust all are on their way to heaven and will meet their dear one in the sweet by and by.

C. H. Smith.

Boon.—Crockett Howell, infant son of D. G. and S. S. Boon, was born August 21, 1894, and died March 6, 1895. Only six months and ten days did little Crockett live to gladden and entwine about their hearts. Thus little children die! Some in the sweet bud—some in the fuller blossom. Crockett was a sweet, bright-eyed baby. Jesus says "of such is the kingdom." He is free from a world of sin and suffering; its ministry was short but well done. We trust it has helped to sanctify and lift heavenward the heavy hearts that are almost breaking at its farewell. May you see the goodness of God in this dispensation. Your child has escaped a long life in this troublesome world. He is safe in the arms of Jesus. The stem is broken—the flower is transplanted in heaven. You loved him, I know, but he is sweetly resting at Father's house, and will greet you on the other shore. Grieve not, brother and sister, you can't bring little Crockett back, but you can go to him. May the Great Physician heal their bleeding hearts! Press on, dear brother and sister. Sweet baby is above waiting to welcome you in.

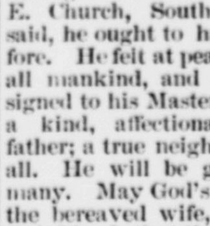
J. C. Watkins.

Pope.—John Edman Pope was born in Hinds County, Miss., August 15, 1848; come to Texas in early life; married Miss Laura W. Taylor November 21, 1868. He was converted about twelve years ago and joined the M. E. Church, South, in whose communion he lived till last Tuesday, March 12, 1895, just at noon. He went peacefully, we have no doubt, to the Church triumphant above. Just before he bade good-bye to the receding world, he said to a relative—Judge R. M. Lusk—"God is good to me: I am not afraid to die; I am at peace with him," and in few minutes swept through the gates of death and was at rest on the other side. Bro. Pope died in the midst of his family and friends, at the family residence in Bonham, Texas. He was quiet, kind, firm in his convictions, of known integrity and piety; had many friends, loved the Church, his pastor, talked much of religion, and has left an affectionate wife and noble sons and an entire community to mourn their loss.

W. M. Leatherwood, Pastor.

McCarty.—William H. McCarty was born in Alabama, Washington County, 22d of October, 1817, and was married in Mississippi to Miss Sarah E. Benthal 27th of July, 1843. The fruits of this union were nine children; two of this number have preceded him in death. He moved to Texas, Lavaca County, 1853, and in 1874 he moved to Caldwell County, near Harwood, where he lived until his death, which was the 8th of March, 1895. He was sick for several weeks, during which time he joined the M. E. Church, South, something, he said, he ought to have done long before. He felt at peace with God and all mankind, and was perfectly resigned to his Master's will. He was a kind, affectionate husband and father; a true neighbor and friend to all. He will be greatly missed by many. May God's blessings rest on the bereaved wife, mother, children and friends that they may so live by grace divine that they may meet this loved one in the home of the blest, is the prayer of your humble writer.

A. G. Nolen.



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Trantham.—Sister Mary Ann Trantham (nee Summerville) was born in South Carolina, December 18, 1832; was married to Wm. J. Trantham February 6, 1851, and died in Cherokee County, Texas, March 6, 1895, leaving behind her a grief-stricken husband, three daughters and five sons, but gone to meet the five children who preceded her. Her death was unexpected, but was a triumph. About the last word she ever uttered was "Hallelujah!" She had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, since 1881. She was the center of attraction in her home and her doors were always open to the weary itinerant. But oh how heavily falls the ruthless hand of death upon the loved ones left behind for whom she had so tenderly and lovingly cared so long. The gentle hand and the loving voice which so often ministered to the wants and cheered the hearts of husband and children are now still in death. But they mourn not as those who have no hope; then, dear loved ones, weep not, for your loved one has only gone before you to the celestial city of God and is now watching and waiting for you.

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2. I am now in the field again; was in Fort Worth a day or two; had good cheer of the brethren and the presiding elder said that I should soon have the assessment from all the pastoral charges in his district. I then went to Dallas, preached for Bros. Mood, Morris and Threadgill. They have paid their assessments. I called at the ADVOCATE office; met our editor and looked over a copy of our excellent paper. I commend Bro. Pierce to your prayers and the ADVOCATE to your patronage.

3. We have children in the Home from each of the five conferences; all now well.

4. The express companies doing business in Waco have granted the following rates to the Orphange: For money, full rate; for merchandise, half rate; for clothing, free.

5. And lastly, the money will soon be out of the hands of the people. Demands upon us are obliged to be met; so at the earliest possible date raise the amount you are going to pay the Orphanage and all amounts of subscriptions now due and send to

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Waco, Texas, April 1, 1895.

BIRTHDAY REFLECTIONS.

As "Birthday Reflections" are in order, perhaps it will not be amiss to remind you that I have this day reached the fifty-fourth year of life's eventful journey. My, my! how time flies. It seems but yesterday since I was a young boy, buoyant with hope, writing "spring poetry" and making love to every girl that would allow it; but, as I look in the glass, I see "silver threads among the gold." Why, in ten or fifteen years more I'll be getting old. Did I say old? Oh! no, we should never grow old; and, indeed, we will never seem old if the heart is kept sweet and fragrant with the pleasant aroma of God's grace. It's like the precious ointment that ran down upon the beard of Aaron, even to the skirts of his garments. No, I'm not old, especially when I'm in the full enjoyment of religion. I'm just now in the mental vigor of life, and ought to do better work for my blessed Master in the next ten years than ever before. I verily believe many of us grow prematurely old and gray from worry and fretting. It's not work that kills so many people, but worry and chafing. We ought occasionally to stop and read and preach from Isaiah 26:3. If fully accepted it is a panacea for the numerous ills to which we are incident in this life. God help me to measure up to my ideal of a high-toned Christian gentleman. Yes, so much precious time has been wasted. I ought to have been a much better man, and a more efficient preacher; but the past is forever gone, and it behooves us to forget the things behind and press towards the mark, etc. My greatest desire is to make full proof of my ministry and do better work for the Master than ever before. I trust the hand of God has led us hither for the accomplishment of his purpose. With the gracious success we've had here in building a neat little parsonage, etc., I believe God will, ere long, do a great work here. But it must have the grace of push, prudence and prayer. Hopefully,

F. M. WINBURN.

Richland, Texas, March 21, 1895.

W. M. HAYES THE MAN.

The Financial Agent of the Southwestern University has been with us. He preached at Mulkey Memorial and Missouri Avenue Churches. Monday, at 10 a. m., he met with the Methodist preachers' meeting. With characteristic modesty, he shrinks from leadership in our great educational movements, but I devoutly believe the hand of God is on W. M. Hayes for this very purpose. He has a clear grasp of the policy of our Church in Texas. He is in full sympathy with the ideas so long taught by Mood, and so faithfully adhered to by the successive administrations of the Southwestern University. He laid before our "preachers' meeting" some of his plans, and they receive our hearty commendation. He is so far from being burdensome to those he visits that we are all anxious for his return. As he goes from place to place, the Church will become familiar with his methods of work, and it will be, as it now is in Fort Worth, a joy to see him. We are looking forward to a grand time next summer when he will return to us and bring with him another of the heroes of our modern forward movements. This much is settled: the Southwestern must be endowed and equipped for her work in proportion to her opportunities and the scope of her charter. In the next place, the money to do this is in the hands of God's people in Texas. In the last place, I believe Hayes is God's chosen representative to find those people and get that money for God's cause.

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This gospel in all its parts, adaptations and fullness, together with the special relations and official functions of the parties concerned, both divine and human in its plan and execution, is presented in the epistle to the Hebrews.

God the Father, speaking to us by his Son, who is to give life and rest to those who believe by the atonement which he affected in his sacrifice for sin in our stead, and having no other offering to make, offered himself and thus became the offering and the priest in the same act.

This act presented a phase of personal and official character so peculiar as to entirely distinguish and elevate him from and above every form of priestly office and duty known to the Jews; and that too so wonderful as to become a stumbling stone, though the "schoolmaster" had taught that Christ was the end of the law for righteousness.

A revealed gospel is necessarily demonstrated, as well as written and experienced, truth.

Every phase is personified and defined—the divine and human blending in the scenes in mutual concern in the hands of a Mediator, "being reconciled" the one to the other. So that the analogy by contrast instituted in this epistle between the angels, Moses, Aaron, Abraham, Melchisadee and Christ is official and presented in order, so that the true light might appear more clearly, "being so much the more excellent than they."

The argument is concerning the priesthood in its official relations to the plan and work of salvation and not of person. Here is where the greatest difficulty rests in reference to the remarks biographical of Melchisadee in chapter 7:1-3. It had been said, "Thou art a priest forever after the order, (or manner) of Melchisadec." Psalms 110:4. The angels, Moses, Aaron and Abraham had been regarded as mediators with God for the people, and now if the mediation and priesthood of Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ could be established as being superior, and not contrary to that of the regular line, then they, the Jews, would believe on him.

This is the object of this epistle.

The conclusion of the argument was in Abraham, for they had "Abraham to their father;" he held the highest place with them, for the promise was to him and his seed; and this was proper and true because the foundation of Church matters was being laid in his day for all people, for "in thy seed shall all nations be blessed" was said to him. Consequently it was necessary under the circumstances to introduce another character into the scene. Abraham had been the highest priest of any other, in that he offered his own son in obedience to the divine command; this gave him preeminence as a priest, and in the combination of sacrifice on that occasion, the human and divine uniting, the fact of a "greater than Abraham" and Isaac as a priest and sacrifice was revealed. The human eclipsed by the divine; the excellency of grace over law; the human to the divine subordinate; lineal to a special and divine priesthood and mediation gave place.

The fact and necessity that "the high priest of our profession" was not "ordained among men," but was called of God "to offer sacrifice for sin," was illustrated in this special call and ordination of Melchisedec "without the gate" who, as a priest had neither father nor mother, beginning of days, nor end of life, to whom God caused Abraham to offer sacrifice, or pay tithes, to prove that the office of high priest unto the most high God for all was of peculiar appointment and not of man nor of the law. Thus in the analogy between Christ and Melchisedec the divine order of priest and Mediator illustrated was elevated to the true standard, so that we might come boldly (assuredly) unto the throne of mercy; not dependent upon the choice of men of succession, vicarism, but entirely of God—the only true idea of a proper mediator and priest between God and man.

The expression, "without father, without mother, without descent, or pedigree; neither beginning of days, nor end of life," will be understood when it is remembered that under the law every priest must be the son of a pure, full-blooded Jew and Jewess, of the line of Levi by descent; and must be ordained at thirty years of age, the beginning of days as a priest, and cease to be effective at fifty years, the end of life as a priest. This was the Levitical order. Melchisedec was said to be King of Salem, the same as to say of Job, a prince in the land of Uz. King, prince and priest meant then nearly the same thing. Salem, a small town, is said to be the old site of Jerusalem—the Salem of the Jews. He was prince, chief, and priest of his people, and Salem lay in the way of Abraham's return from the slaughter of the Kings to his home—a natural and simple fact—and tribute was exacted, for such was the custom. It was not accident, but of God; nor does the simple narrative justify the opinion held by some, that Melchisedec was Christ, any more than Job was, or that circumcision was regeneration. As a man he was only a type, as was Moses and others, representing other phases of the man Christ Jesus; not of Abraham, but before him, for reasons already given.

"Before Abraham was, I am," is the idea, and the "seed of the woman," the fact sought in this entire epistle. The "accomplishment," "the end of the law"—the Atoner, the Savior, "the Light of the World."

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

MARCH 27.

M B Johnston, subs. E R Large, sub. W T Morrow, sub. J D. Crockett, has attention. Geo H Adams, sub. W A Coppedge, subs. P C Archer, sub. L A Webb, sub. Geo H Phair, sub. L W Dennis, sub. Isaac L. Mills, sub. Jas D Odom, subs. W H Terry, sub. J L Yeats, subs. T B Hilburn, subs. R S Heizer, subs. G W Riley, subs. W N Bonner, sub. W F Davis, subs. D S Pearson, subs. M R T Davis, sub and change. J T Stanley, sub. A R Nash, sub. J T Gillett, subs.

MARCH 28.

A F Hendrix, sub. L F Palmer, subs. W M Robbins, sub. C W Young, subs. J A Stafford, has attention. Drury W Towns, subs. J H Trimble, sub; one stopped. S J Vaughan, sub. C G Shutt, subs. Jas P Calloway, subs. W B McKeown, sub. W N Curry, subs. J B Elder, subs: 2 cards. Thos Gregory, sub. G W Templin, subs. Sam C Vaughan, o. k. B J Guess, subs have attention. J A Baker, subs. F L Farrington, sub. G J Irvin, sub.

MARCH 29.

G S Hardy, sub. W A Coppedge, subs. J B Cochran, sub. E R Barcus, sub. Jno L Sullivan, sub. Josiah Godbey, sub. M S Gardner, sub. J J Harris, sub. J T Bludworth, sub.

MARCH 30.

J B Powers, sub. C E Statham, sub. J M McCarter, sub. B A Snoddy, sub. T J Beckham, sub stopped. R S Heizer, o k. T B Hilburn, sub. W C Bracewell, sub. B H Passmore, subs. J W Beckham, subs. Jno A Wallace, subs.

APRIL 1.

J N Hunter, subs. S H Morgan, sub. T L Miller, trial subs. B F Deaton, subs. J W Dickinson, sub. G W Harris, sub. George C Stovall, sub. D C Ellis, subs. R V Gallaway, subs. Geo M Gardner, sub. L G Rogers, sub. W L Pate, subs. C H Smith, subs. P R White, sub. W H Matthew, sub. A E Carraway, sub. J M Alexander, sub. C C Davis, sub. M S Gardner, subs. R N Brown, subs.

BISHOP HARGROVE'S APPOINTMENTS.

Please announce that I will hold the following District Conferences:

Georgetown, at Belton	May 16
Brownwood, at Goldthwaite	May 23
Gatesville, at Jonesboro	May 28

Let the presiding elders distribute at once the District Conference blanks from our Publishing House among their preachers, that the reports may be reliable and ready at the opening of the conference. R. K. HARGROVE.

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Weston, Texas, April 1, 1895.

OUT AT LAST!

West Texas Conference Minutes.

The Minutes have been mailed to all the preachers. If any fail to receive them, let them notify me, and I will send others. If the brethren will inform me of any errors, I will correct them through the ADVOCATE.

STERLING FISHER.

Kyle, Texas.

CUERO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

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The following is the District Faculty:

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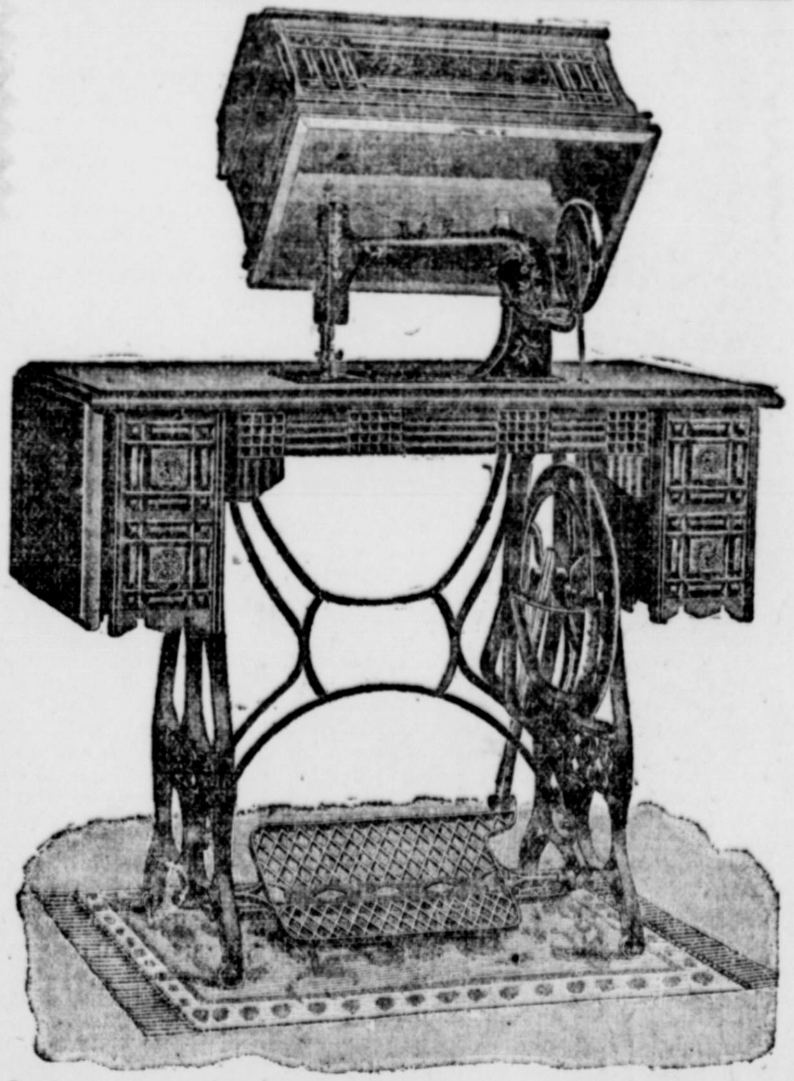

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