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THE RECOLLECTIONS OF A GOOD MOTHER.

Today we travel back over the highway of half a century and sit as a boy again at the feet of an old-fashioned country mother. She is dressed in homespun, but her apparel fits her perfectly, and it is clean, attractive and modern for that day. She was young then, with no wrinkles in her face, no strand of white hair in her auburn locks and no stoop in her elastic form. There was sweetness in her tone of voice, an expression of hope in her gray eyes, and wonderful agility in her movements. She was well versed in all the arts of domestic industry, and her house was as tidy and well kept as a palace.

There were no evidences of wealth in that home, but there was an air of plenty and comfort from the cellar to the garret. She was a thoroughly religious mother; she loved God, made Christ her Savior, took the Bible as her guide, and she was never without the witness of the Spirit. There was not an element of skepticism in her nature, for her faith was innocent, child-like and perennial. She was not learned in the books, but she knew enough to read and to write, and she had pure and lofty ideals. Refinement and virtue were written in legible characters in the lineaments of her face, in the thoughts of her mind and in the words of her mouth. She was an absolute stranger to anything coarse or vulgar. She loved the true, the beautiful and the good. She was scarcely known beyond the limits of her neighborhood, but she was loved and esteemed by all who made up the little community of her acquaintance. She had all the elements of a genuine woman in her modest nature, and these found expression in her lovely character. All her time and her attention were given to her children and her home duties. She literally immolated herself upon the domestic altar and found pleasure in the gracious sacrifice.

In this character of service she grew aged and gray; and in the end passed out and up with a deathless hope of a brighter day. Who can ever forget the influence of such a mother? Who can estimate the debt of gratitude the world owes to such mothers? Their names are not written in history, and the world is oblivious to their memory, but God has made record of their deeds in the Lamb's book of life. Whatever their children are doing for lost humanity is the result of the home training of these old-fashioned mothers. They are living today in the life, the work and the characters of their posterity. They made for themselves an immortality without knowing it. Their lives were spent in the quietude of the home circle, far removed from the strife of public conflict, but their service and devotion have become interwoven with the records of the Church and the State. Had they not lived and wrought and reared their children in the fear and admonition of righteousness the present generation would be less virtuous and the world more impoverished.

The good old-time mother toward whom memory never ceases to revert and around whose treasured deeds and self-sacrifice filial affections will never cease to cling has long been gone to her home beyond the sky, but she lingers still as a priceless boon, through the force of an influence that will never die. There is not a day that we are not conscious of her invisible presence as a ministering spirit hovering around us; and whatever good we may be able to do human kind, or may have done in past experience and effort, it is her beautiful life speaking and working through us. How often amid the struggle and heart-hunger of this existence we long for the touch of her vanished hand and the sound of her silent voice. But that hand, hardened by toil, has long since crumbled into dust, and that voice so full of gentleness and melody in the long ago gave up its organs of articulate speech. One bright morning in the balmy springtime we stood beside her couch as an unseen hand reached forth and brushed away the mists and fogs that gathered around the outgoing of her deathless spirit; and from that far-off day until the present we have been lonely without her companionship. But amid the sunlit hills of another summer day, beneath a brighter sky and beside the crystal river, where the light never fades and the flower never withers, that gentle hand will touch us again and that voice will once more thrill us with its tenderness and song. Thou old-fashioned mother, so angelic and Christ-like, how can we ever forget thee!

THE POOR IMPOSED UPON LIQUOR DEALER.

We were looking over the Tennessee papers the other day to see what would be the expression from the liquor dealers after the passage of the State-wide prohibition bill. We were anxious to see how they would take the matter, for many of them have been in the business in that State for fifty years. They have grown gray behind the bar.

We happened to have in our hand a Chattanooga daily, a city in which we lived and wrought four long years, and where we knew a number of the liquor dealers. We found the following in an interview with one of those deposed gentlemen, Mike O'Grady, by name. Among other things he said the following: "As for the whiskey men, it is my personal opinion that after they become settled in some other field of endeavor they will bless the people who liberated them from the official tax gatherer, the extortionate landlord and the voracious political grafter. Ours is anything but a pleasant life. We are vilified by the preachers, scorned by the Church people, damned by the toper, bled by the politician, and drawn and quartered by the landlord."

These are pathetic words, and they reveal the interest that some outside people take in the welfare of this business. Why did their henchmen, in the Tennessee Legislature, fight to the bitter end for the perpetuation of the liquor man's business in that State? The answer is found in the above confession of the Chattanooga whiskey man, who talked with the padlock off his lips. The "voracious landlord" wants him to stay in his business so as to "draw and quarter" him. He wants all the money that such a tenant is forced to pay into his till, or deposit in his bank. The same may be said of the electric light men, the gas men, the ice men, the whiskey lawyer. They all get a money consideration out of the liquor business. And it is greedy avarice that inspires them.

Then, again, this revelation shows the interest that the politician has in the liquor man's business. It is "bled by the political grafter." For the help the "politician" gives the whiskey man he is, in return, paid a most extortionate price. And this explains the interest taken by the "politician" in the Tennessee Legislature in his effort to thwart the will of the people and keep the saloon in politics. There is method in the interest manifested by the "political grafter" in the further continuance of the liquor business in the community.

And this confession of the man whom the law has saved from his nefarious business in Tennessee throws a flood of light on the situation now pending in Texas. It explains those great harangues from day to day on "personal liberty, constitutional rights and local self-government." Political grafters are not confined to Tennessee. They are in Texas, and a lot of them are members of both branches of the present Legislature. Those speeches are not inspired by patriotism and a disinterested love for the poor whiskey man and his business. The "political grafters" are not tearing their hair and shedding their sweat purely for purposes of health and pleasure. The man in Tennessee gives us the reason, when his lips are unsealed. And when the better class of men, in the business in Texas, have the embargo taken off their lips by the votes of an honest people they will be able to tell some startling things. If the people of Texas could only get behind the scenes and know the real truth of the situation in Texas they would turn pale and tremble for the honor of their country. On with the battle!

THE HOUSTON POST AND ITS ALLIES.

The Houston Post is devoted to the cause of anti-prohibition. It opens its columns to the most slanderous flings of anti-prohibition writers and speakers who assail ministers of the gospel. A few nights ago there was an anti-prohibition meeting held at the City Hall in Houston, and it was addressed by two anti speakers, neither one of whom is worthy of decent consideration. Yet the Post reported parts of their harangues in its columns and dished them out to its readers. We will quote a few of their utterances as reproduced in the Post, in order that our readers may understand the relation of the Post to the question under consideration. We have seen nothing equal to it in scurrility since the negro, Rainer, was permitted to enter the Post a few years ago and empty his slush upon the ministry.

"I have no word of censure," said one of them, "for the sincere Christian who believes that the Bible teaches prohibition, though I must say that such persons know nothing about the Bible, God or Christ." Again: "I assert that the leaders of the prohibition movements are hypocrites. They say that they are opposed to the open saloon, but when you get rid of the saloon you don't drive George C. Rankin and Arthur Jones from GETTING THEIR SUPPORT FROM PERUNA, DUFFY'S MALT AND HAYNER AND THOSE OTHER VARIETIES." The Post did not hesitate to publish this libel and spread it broadcast over the country. "When a man professes to be a minister of the gospel and goes about this country, be he Bishop Ward or George C. Rankin, preaching and agitating prohibition, he is not a true minister. I have respect for the true preacher, BUT I HAVE NO RESPECT FOR HYPOCRITES, the kind who are leading in this movement." Whatever may be said of the editor of the Advocate, do the religious people who read the Post look upon Bishop Ward as a "HYPOCRITE?" That is what the Post published about him, and published it from the lips of a brazen slanderer of men and women who oppose the liquor traffic. Yet hundreds of Methodists help to support the Daily Post.

But the blasphemy of this blackguard reached its climax when he dwelt upon the use of wine by ministers at the holy sacrament: "For six hundred years wine has symbolized the sacred ceremonies of religion. THE PREACHER DOES WANT IT EXCEPTED FROM THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SO THAT HE CAN SMACK HIS LIPS OVER IT AND CALL IT THE BLOOD OF CHRIST." If the Post felt called upon to publish to the world the vile slanders of those purveyors of libels and falsehoods who spoke for the liquorites in the city of Houston, it does seem that an ordinary sense of decency would have restrained that paper from dumping into the Christian homes of its readers the horrid blasphemy and profane sacrilege contained in the above quotation. We are surprised that a paper calling itself respectable would open its columns to such vileness and profanation. It is bad enough for the Post to publish to the world that Bishop Ward IS NOT A TRUE PREACHER, THAT HE IS A "HYPOCRITE," but it is infinitely worse to publish this low and vulgar fling at the "blood of Christ."

But the conduct of the Post in this and in other instances exposes the methods employed by the defamers of ministers and the "blood of Christ" in their efforts to boost and perpetuate the liquor business in Texas. The most sacred things in their sight are common and unclean if they stand in the way of their support of the licensed saloon. Neither a high official in the Methodist Church who is revered all over Texas nor the sacred "blood of Christ" is immune from their slanders and their jibes and slurs. And the Post goes out of its way to pick up these libels and blasphemies to publish them to the world. But we need not expect anything better when hired advocates of the saloons are turned loose either on the rostrum or in the columns of the daily papers. On with the battle!

The Italian Calamity

By James Weaver Moore.

Another great disaster has shocked the world. This time the Italian people have been called on to mourn, not hundreds slain, but tens of thousands. How many perished in the recent earthquake can never be known, but the loss of life has been estimated to be from one hundred to two hundred thousands of people. The mind is staggered by the greatness of this loss of life. No form of death brings greater horror to the mind than this. "Firm as the foundations of the earth" has passed into a proverb. But but these foundations tremble; "the mountains skip like rams and the little hills like lambs." "The fountains of the great deep are broken up," and it seems that the whole earth is about to perish in one great cataclysm. Undreamed terrors seize the soul.

But the worst is to follow. Men stand beside the eden that they called home, to find it a desolate waste. They call anxiously loved names, and the silence mocks them. They search unavailingly amid the desolate gardens or pry amid the ruins of their beloved homes, until the wearnness of a great despair numbs the body as well as soul. Some weep, and their overburdened hearts find surcease of an intolerable agony. Others curse, and standing amidst the debris say, "There is no God, and if there be, I defy him!" Tolstoi pictures one of his heroes as standing on the public square at Moscow. By his side there stood others condemned to death. Who were the doomed victims none of the prisoners knew. On one side there stood a pale faced, kindly, hopeful mechanic; on the other side of him there stood another, equally entitled to live. The command to fire is given, and as the smoke rolls away his companions lie dead in the dust. He sees t earth close over their bodies, and then he cries out: "There is no God!"

This explanation of disasters is quite simple. The moral problem involved is dismissed with a sentence. Without a personal Deity there can be no problem. But in what do we involve ourselves by this denial. There is no God! The yonder sun rises in the east by chance; mountain chains and peaks, performing such essential service for man's welfare, were lifted to their heights by chance; the rivers flow to the sea and the tides ebb and flow according to the whims of chance; the seasons come and go by chance. Laws falsely so called, according to this idea, are not the expression of mind, nor the effect of will, but they simply chanced so. But from this view the mind of man instinctively recoils. Reason's voice cries loudly against it. Both scientist and philosopher negative it. Herbert Spencer says: "But one truth must grow ever clearer—the truth that there is an Inscrutable Existence everywhere manifested, to which we can neither conceive either beginning or end. Amid the mysteries that become more mysterious the more they are thought about, there will remain the one absolute certainty that we are ever in the presence of one infinite and eternal Energy from which all things proceed."

Another simple explanation, an explanation that relieves the subject of some of the difficulties, but not all, is that God has nothing to do with this world. He has wound it up and started it, and it runs on without his superintendence. He is separate and apart from his world. But this is not the revelation made concerning God by Jesus Christ. He pictures him as immanent; as beholding the flowers caring for the sparrows. In other words, Jehovah is a God of providence. Now our difficulties begin.

Why, then, should these great disasters be? A single explanation has been offered in the statement that God is punishing men for their sins. It is pointed out with much assurance that Galveston, San Francisco, Martinique, and all of Southern Italy were given over to great wickedness. But are they sinners beyond New York, Paris, London or the cities of India? Jesus Christ had to meet this view of life with an earnest protest. Tyre and Sidon and the cities of the plain were not so wicked as Bethsaida and Chorazin. In the day of judgment the account would not be so strict with them as with those that Christ ministered to. The whole Book of Job is an indignant protest against such a view. God's sun and rain fall on the just and unjust alike.

The problem becomes simpler when we remember that God is a God of law. Immutable law is necessary to the well being of the race. To arbitrarily change laws to meet exigencies would not work to the general good nor to the good of the individual. We lay our plans for the morrow on the supposition that the law of today will be the law of tomorrow. We build our ships on the supposition that tomorrow wood will float just as it does today; we build our railroad lines upon the supposition that heat applied to water will make steam tomorrow as it does today. To rule in any other manner would work endless confusion.

Let us suppose that God intervenes to save men from their own folly. Men would refuse to plant, since they would be fed; would cease to have foresight, would cease to reason, and as a consequence would grow as helpless as babes. Suffering must come as a consequence of the disregard of these laws, or else the race will lapse into imbecility and inefficiency.

For the most part the presumption of man is largely responsible for these disasters. Galveston had had many storms before the one that swept so many thousands into eternity. Her sea wall should have been built a half of a century earlier. The inhabitants of San Francisco knew that there was a fault in the earth not far removed from their great city, and they took the risk. Just so, Italy had been visited by these disasters years previous, but men had forgotten them or had minimized the dangers. Mount Pelee had given months of notice, but to no avail.

But, after all, we place too much stress on what we call life. Most of our questionings of providence arise from that. Death is but a slight incident in a continuous existence. We are but ephemera, and what matters it whether we live the five seconds or the six allotted to us? If the silk worm be hastened into the butterfly it has no cause of complaint. The trouble we experience in constructing a theodicy would be materially lessened if it did not disappear entirely; if we would but remember that life is not of so much importance as we are prone to think.

There are some useful lessons, however, that we may learn. Who can read of such great upheavals and such destruction of life, such a play of titanic natural forces, without being impressed with the littleness and weakness of man? The aroused lion shakes himself, and the thousands of parasites that roamed at will over his great shaggy body and fed off of his life's blood are thrown upon the sand to die. The earth, grown tired of the scratching and boring and blasting, wearied of her diminutive parasites, shakes herself and the puny breed, with their miniature towns and cities, are cast into one common heap.

It seems, however, that these misfortunes give opportunities to make characters shine resplendent, and heroism is of more worth to the race than architectural wonders; stories of devotion to the common good than stories of self-aggression in the piping times of general prosperity. By every disaster the soul of the race is enriched, and its history made more lustrous.

After all, such calamities reveal the essential unity of the race. When we suffered at San Francisco, Japan offered us gold to help our starving people. The Southern Pacific alone spent three millions of dollars in rescue work, and thus demonstrated that under certain conditions even corporations can have souls. Carnegie, Rockefeller and Astor out of their millions contributed a hundred thousand each. Every city seemed eager to respond, and the whole world became suddenly akin. In the same manner private generosity as well as National sympathy have been shown to the suffering Italians. If nations thus vie with each other in mutual helpfulness it will not be long before "The battle-flag is furled in the parliament of man, the federation of the world." The brotherhood of man is no longer a figment of the imagination, but an accomplished fact.

"In the midst of life we are in death." We walk amidst forces we can not control. Surely life hangs by a thread. Today we are; tomorrow, like the grass, we are "cast into the oven." Ought we not, therefore, to walk and talk as those who must soon stand before the judgment seat of Christ? As those who know not what a day may bring forth.

THE MISSIONARY SECRETARIES' CONFERENCE.

This important conference met at Nashville, Tenn., in Methodist Mission Training School, at 9 a. m., Wednesday, December 30, 1908.

The attendance was large, almost the whole Church being represented. The interest was exceptionally good from the first. Dr. W. R. Lambuth was the Chairman throughout the sessions. Rev. E. F. Goodson, of the Louisville Conference, who has served formerly in the same capacity, was elected Secretry. The first item on the program was "Missionary Education," led by Dr. Ed. F. Cook. In his unique way Dr. Cook made a strong plea on the importance of educating the Church in missionary principle, missionary fact and missionary achievement. The Doctor inquired if the effort to inaugurate mission study in the Sunday-school had been successful, and to what extent. The inquiry drew out the conviction that the Missionary Program and the study of the missionary features of the regular lessons had been in a measure successful. An intelligent effort to find the missionary thread in every lesson practical has proven a help and often a stimulus to many teachers.

The second phase the Doctor drew out was as to how to create a missionary atmosphere. The impression of those present was that the missionary singing and the missionary prayers and the talks, with now and then a letter from a well known missionary, used in the Sunday-school had done much to create a wholesome atmosphere for missions in the Sunday-school.

The second theme was no iess interesting than the first. Dr. J. W. Perry, of the Holston Conference, gave a very helpful talk on the Conference Board, Its Organization and Its Agencies and Work. His points were as follows: First, organize thoroughly. Second, have an Executive Committee to have charge of the business of the board in the interim of the Annual and mid-year meetings. Third, have special committees to have charge of urban and rural as well as mining or factory or foreigners among us, and let these committees report at the mid-year meeting. Fourth, have a committee on the anniversaary program. Fifth, use agencies, such as books, tracts, reports of boards, etc. Sixth, let the board set the standard of adequate support for the ministry. Seventh, the board should develop self-support. Eighth, it is sometimes wise to add the mission territory to a strong charge and make the strong, experienced pastor preacher in charge of the entire work, but make the missionary, junior preacher. One Quarterly Conference serves for both. Ninth, have the Quarterly Conference make the application for aid from the board with the presiding elder's endorsement. Tenth. Adequate support often solves the problem of the pastor's efficiency. Eleventh. It is the duty of the board to give their men something of adequate equipment. To send a man out into some fields without any equipment is to make his failure inevitable. Twelfth. It is the duty of the board to provide evangelistic leadership for the conference.

One of the vital things discussed on the first day was "The Responsibility of the Presiding Elders in the Missionary Enterprises of the Church." This topic was discussed by Dr. E. H. Rawlings, of Richmond, Va. Dr. Rawlings thought that the presiding elders might relieve the dullness of their Quarterly Conferences by giving them something of a missionary turn. They could easily brighten up the occasion often by telling the bright features of some brilliant missionary occasion; bring out something of practical value in the life of a well known and popular missionary. The characterictics the Doctor gave as of value in the presiding eldership of our time were something like this:

1. The presiding elder must be a large man.

2. The presiding elder must not be a burnt-out man.

3. The presiding elder must possess the spirit of the initiative.

4. The presiding elder must have a passion for souls.

This stirring address was well received and the impression that the presiding elder held a reasonable place as well as a place of power was profound.

JOS. B. SEARS.

THE CONFERENCE SPIRIT.

What a happy time and place is the Annual Conference for the preacher. A most wonderful spirit of fellowship and love possesses everyone, the worry of the "wind-up," the tired feeling, the burdens of others, the wrinkles all laid aside, gone, swallowed up in the great spirit of the meeting. The Old Man is honored and he is bright and happy and he feels that he was mistaken; they do love him and he says surely better times will come now, and really it does seem that these strong, active men who toil and watch so constantly for the Church and for all men, do love these old, worn men and they will never forget or neglect them. They do love them and would die for them; at conference you feel certain about it. But when each man gets down to his work there are so many things demanding his attention and he becomes absorbed and shut up to his own individual toil and does neglect or forget and thus it goes. The superannuate must look to somebody, must have someone to lean on. He has no Board of Stewards or Home Mission Society, and somebody must take the place of these. Not every superannuate is broken down or is too old for work, but from one cause or another they are retired, one here and there "loses his grip; can't succeed any more; don't fit anywhere. Another loses his head and becomes cranky or sickness impairs the machinery and in sadness is retired. Active, strong men are tempted to say of such brethren, "Oh, he's a failure, or there is nothing to him," and thus pass by on the other side. What the right thing to do is for some strong, godly man to put himself along side of the man who "has lost his grip" and help him to his feet again; show him sympathy, encourage him.

Brethren of the Northwest Texas Conference, we have men who need the help of a brother. The plea I am making is this: For the pastors to get in touch and in real sympathy with our superannuates and get so interested as that you will get your people interested. I am in constant contact with this subject. I am Superannuate Home Agent and also Chairman of the Joint Board of Finance. I have received letters a number laying bare the delicate subject of need—poverty, suffering, house rent unpaid, no money for children's clothes and with scant food, sickness and got behind, etc., etc. Yes, a superannuate of our conference, and then I am urged by two claimants for a home and I have letters from at least three pastors asking me why I don't arrange for these very ones, and I feel ashamed that I have not done so. If our people were poor or were unwilling it would be different, but they have plenty and they are willing. Then why should our dependents suffer and why should they rent poor houses and live on half rations?

I desire as the appointed agent to lay this matter on you, the brethren and trustees of these old men and women, and ask you to lay it upon the heart of the Church. We have over 300 pastoral charges in the Northwest Texas Conference and over 700 Churches. I ask that 50 charges—stations, say—agree to raise this conference year, $20 each and 100 charges agree to raise $10 each and that 150 charges agree to raise $5 each. This will agregate $2750, and with that I can build three good homes. If the pastors will do that and drop me a card so stating, I will secure the homes and relieve the situation. Now, brethren, do that and do it now. Accept your amount and write me and I will list your name and amount and go ahead. Then take ten minutes and lay the whole matter before your people and maybe some man or woman will give a home or a good lot or a round sum of money, or if any brother or sister has a piece of money and wants to invest it in a superannuate who has been sick and got behind and can't pay the rent, etc., etc., send it to me and I will see that it goes into the channel of needed help.

I want to visit as many places as is possible this year and represent my work, and I desire to help in a number of meetings. I am now making up my slate for the next six months of meeting work. I have a good singer and worker that I can use as the need may be. I am expecting a great year of soul-winning service. Write me if you want me to come for a Sunday or for a meeting, that I may arrange my dates.

CHAS. E. BROWN.

Ft. Worth, Texas, Route 4.

LETTER FROM MISSISSIPPI.

By Rev. M. H. Wells.

Those who may have found any pleasure in reading "Letters from Alabama" will kindly follow me into an adjoining State. As the steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord, I must be allowed to think a hand Divine guided me hither. It may be the reader will agree with me when he has finished the reading of this letter. After the lapse of many years (the family Bible gives the exact number) and the accumulation of a large batch of experiences, I am back on my native heath. To Mississippi soil I am indigenous—to the manor born. Parleying with Paul, the centurion reminded him that his Roman citizenship had cost him a great sum, but the good Apostle told him that he was free born. I have some birthrights here. My sainted mother no doubt paid a large price in suffering in order to introduce me to the light of this fair State, and it is quite likely, after the manner of juveniles, that I made some protest in kicking and yelling. The kicking has been "cut out," but now and then a patient congregation is made to suffer from yelling.

It is a family tradition that my front name—Marshall—was given for the M. D., for whom the County of Marshall was called. While a student in the Weslyn University in the year 1860 I spent a vacation with an uncle at Hudsonville and conducted a meeting at which some fifty persons professed to be saved. The meeting house was within some hundred feet of the residence in which I was born.

Readers must excuse a pardonable pride in a State that has produced such preachers and orators as Bishops Galloway and Paine, Drs. Winans, Drake, Watkins, Marshall, Brooks, Lowry, Gilderoy and others of like fame. And of statesmen, poets and

authors it has given to the world Jefferson Davis, Prentiss, Holmes, Lamar, George, McLaurin, John Sharpe Williams and many others.

The North Mississippi Conference is at peace and in harmony with itself and "in love and charity with its neighbors." They are mercifully delivered from that naughty feeling so much complained of in other conferences called the anti-transfer prejudice. They are connectional, as all Methodists should be. Such a thing as "conference politics" is unknown among them. I meet here some preachers and many laymen from the good old State of Alabama. This gives me the home feeling and makes me the better satisfied. We have here a lovely and lovable company of saints. Friends in the other five conferences in which I have worked and suffered will rejoice that the lines have fallen to me in such a delightful section of our Zion. From preachers and laymen I have received a warm and religious welcome. For co-pastors I am favored with Dr. L. M. Lipscomb, presiding elder, and T. W. Lewis, pastor of our First Church in this city. They are big-hearted and brained men, reminding me of the old time Methodist itinerant. They are by nature and grace incapable of anything narrow or unbrotherly. If they are a fair sample of the membership of the conference, I am to thank the Lord for bringing me to an ecclesiastical paradise. As evidence of the fraternal spirit among the denominations of the city the Pastors Union elected the brother from Alabama as their President for the coming year.

This is an old and intensely Southern city, whose citizens have inherited the characteristics of that golden period of which so much has been said and written in prose and poetry. They are cultured, polite and hospitable. No where in my travels have I found the ante-bellum spirit so universally regnant. While the preachers are catholic spirited the people display the traits of the true Southern gentleman and lady.

Last year the conference had unprecedented prosperity in all departments of church work. Taking courage they are planing, hoping and praying for yet greater results. "The Lord of hosts is with us."

So far as heard from, the work of Bishop Morrison gave great satisfaction in both conferences of the State. I have not heard of a disgruntled preacher or dissatisfied charge.

As there can be but one First Church in this city, friends must look for me at the Second Methodist Church parsonage, 1402 Bell avenue; phone 595. I took part in five services last Sunday and am feeling about as young and vigorous as usual. Come and verify the above facts.

WELCOME FOR YOU.

Columbus, Miss.

Devotional—Spiritual

BLESSED MEMORIES.

They of blessed memory help us; for they make it easy for us to believe in goodness and God and eternal life and heaven. They are even our last strand in the evidence for personal immortality; for we cannot believe that all that power of loving and all that wealth of grace and all that beauty of character have ceased. He lives a poor attenuated life who has never thrilled to the mystic union, who does not know that—

"There are two societies alone on earth;
The noble living and the noble dead."

And sometimes even we see that they are not two but one great society, the one irrefragable bond of souls, the one communion of the saints. The memory of the just is blessed, a blessing to us more than we can put into words, not only in stimulating us to emulation, not only exciting and guiding us to all good, but also establishing us in faith in good and faith that we too have the same real vocation to which we are called to walk worthy.—Professor Hugh Black.

WHAT A PREACHER SHOULD PREACH ABOUT.

No doubt it is often a puzzle to a preacher to know what to preach about. His congregation, it may be, is one of culture and refinement, and he thinks he ought to select some subject of literary or scientific interest, or perhaps one of theological or psychological character in order that his congregation may be pleased and thereby induced to continue their attendance and support of the Church. But such is not the fact. Congregations of the highest culture, when they have any religion at all, and even when they have no religion, as a rule, want to hear the plain gospel story. It is that which arouses their interest and draws them nearer to the heart and life of Jesus, touching them and inspiring them to better life.

The following statement from an unknown writer, well expresses the wants of the average well-informed listener:

"I desire my minister to preach every Sunday the simple gospel. The 'old, old story' never wearies the average congregation, if it comes from a devout mind with preparation in the message. My ideal sermon is one which has an appeal to the unconverted and a spiritual uplift for the Christian. I want my minister to be abreast of the times on all new theological questions and research, but I do not want him to bring them into the pulpit. I have found certain fixed views of Christ, his gospel and the inspiration of the Bible from a careful reading of that Book of books, and of the shorter catechism, and it will not make me a better Christian or profit my spiritual life to unsettle these views by a discussion in the pulpit of new theories of Christ and the Holy Scriptures. Finally, I want my minister to act upon the belief that Christ's gospel is the surest cure of all social and political evils, and that his best method of promoting temperance, social morality and good citizenship is to bring them into the Church. In a word I want my minister to emphasize in his life-work the declaration of the most successful preacher, Paul: 'It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."—Selected.

THE PRAYER THAT BROUGHT THE RAIN.

It was a sorry time for Israel. For three years the windows of heaven had been closed. No rain had fallen upon the earth. No dews had glistened in the morning sun. No grass had covered the hillsides with its carpet of green. No flowers had bloomed in the valleys. But the promise now was of rain. The people had slain the prophets of Baal, and had cried: "The Lord, he is God."

Elijah ascended the side of Carmel. He bowed his head betwen his knees and prayed. Then he spoke to his servant, who was eagerly watching the sky. "Is the rain coming?" he asked. The reply came back: "There is nothing." Six times the question was asked, and six times the same answer was given. But when he asked for the seventh time, the young man reported that far away in the overarching heavens he had discovered a little cloud. That was enough for Elijah. The Lord had heard. The rain was coming. Soon the sky became a frowning battlement, and before the prophet had time to reach the mountain's base, every tree on Carmel was wrestling with the storm.

Is the experience of Elijah on Carmel to be repeated, in a spiritual sense, not many days hence?

How barren many Churches have grown! What a dearth of real spirituality! How formal and lifeless our worship! How many pulpits lack a real message! How the spirit of compromise has invaded both pulpit and pew! What amazing indifference to the cry of the outcast and the lost! The attack upon evangelical truth—how subtle and determined! Intensity in the spiritual life is rated as uncultured fanaticism. We take our ease while our cities are overwhelmed with the ignorant and superstitious from many shores, and the whole land trembles in the grasp of industrial agitations which mean ruin. The rum traffic, checked for a season in its career of diabolical tyranny, gathers itself for a battle more desperate than has ever yet been known. You say I am writing with a pessimistic pen. Nay, nay, my brother, this pen is writing nothing but the truth.

Have not the modern prophets of Baal held sway too long? Have we not grown weary of the spiritual drought? Do we not need rain? Is not our need really very great? Let us note some things about the prayer that brought rain in Elijah's day, and inquire if the same conditions will not now bring a spiritual deluge from the sky.

1. Elijah went *alone* to talk with God. When God's servants commune with Him face to face, undisturbed by the presence of others, prayer reaches its highest plane. The men of might in all the Church's history have been men who spent much time in the secret place. There they have heard God's voice. There they have received the royal commission. There spiritual vision has been made clear. There lips have been touched with flame. There the enduement of power has come down. There hearts have been surcharged with boundless compassion for the lost. There the Church's thirst has been revealed, and the promise has been given for an abundance of rain.

2. The prophet's prayer was *definite*. Many things were needed. Many things he could have asked. But he had one supreme desire. Upon that, petition and faith were ocused. He *wanted rain*. He wanted it with all his soul. He could think of nothing else. He could ask for nothing else. *Rain, rain, rain!* He must have rain. And he got it. Many incidental things there are of which our Churches have need. But there is one supreme want—a want which, for the time being, swallows up every other. It is spiritual rain for the thirsty land—a revival of religion that will mightily arouse the Churches, and shake the nation in a moral earthquake.

3. Elijah had *faith*. While he prayed he sent the young man to watch for the answer. He fully expected the sign of the coming storm. If it had been withheld, he would have been amazed and bewildered. Look again! Look again! That was the triumph of faith.

4. Elijah *held on until the answer came*. Six times the servant reported: "There is nothing." Nothing! The prophet knew better. There must be something—something for the land parched and cracked by the terrible drouth, something for suffering Israel. So, with head bowed between his knees in token of humiliation and entreaty, *he resolutely held on*. God *must* hear. His arm of deliverance *must* be stretched out. The windows of heaven *must* be opened. The pent-up floods *must* be poured forth.

Oh, district superintendents, pastors official members, sunday-school workers, and Epworth League leaders, let us go to the secret place where Elijah was! Let us pray as we have never prayed before. Let us plead because of the unmeasured need. Let us plead with a sense of sorrow because of past unfaithfullness.

Roll upon us, O God, the burden of the Church's awful need! Give us the vision to see that we approach a crisis unparalleled in Thy kingdom for many years. Make us to travail in pain. Take sleep from our eyes. Take joy from our hearts. Give to us an agony of desire. May we wrestle, wrestle, wrestle, until the cloud of promise appears in the sky.

That is the kind of praying that brought rain in the days of Israel's distress. That is the kind of praying that will bring to the Church of God the mightiest revival of modern times, and inundate the whole land with a sweeping deluge of grace.—Bishop Joseph F. Berry, in Zion's Herald.

THE SECRET OF DAVID'S SELF-CONTROL.

It is shown that self-control is in proportion to the estimate formed of the Divine element that is in man. How was it that David withheld his hand when Saul was delivered over to him as lawful prey? Human nature said, "Strike!" another voice said, "Forbear." Twice David might have slain Saul, and twice he spared his life. We want to know the secret of this most marvelous self-control. We find it pithily stated in the interview between Abishai and David. Abishai said, "Thine enemy;" David said, "The Lord's anointed." Two different views of the same man: the one narrow, selfish, superficial; the other profound and true. So it is with every man: he is not to be measured merely by his personal relations to ourselves. True, he may be our enemy, yet he may bear another aspect. Pray to see the highest and divinest aspect of every man's character. We shall thus be enabled, first, to hope something even of the worst, and, second, to do something in the negative work of sparing, even when we can not do anything in the positive work of reclaiming.

THE THREE PRAYERS.

He was young, with the world before him. Ambition urged him on with alluring promises. He was not especially religious, but his desire was so insistent that he felt he must take no chances. Unconsciously the fords of the Psalmist echoed in his brain: "The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" His thoughts became words: "O Lord, grant me my desire! Let me have power, talent, position, in this world of men. It is not only for myself that I ask it. The three gifts mean influence for good or evil. Let me wield them to benefit my race."

The prayer was answered. Wealth—moderate in comparison to many—was added. They did not come easily or quickly, but they came. Success that elusive sprite, made her abode with him. * * *

He was past middle age when the fullness of his power came. But to his surprise he was not content. He wanted another gift. Again he prayed: "O Lord, give me, I beseech Thee, happiness! Show me how to gain this great gift."

He did not realize that the gift was close beside him, for his eyes were holden. Like a child chasing a gorgeous butterfly, ever just within reach, yet never his own, so the man hunted for happiness. A child, weeping, threw his arms about his neck one day.

"You can do anything, you are so great and gifted. Save my brother. He needs care and treatment, or he will die."

The man, touched, responded to the cry for help. The boy's life was given back to him because of the man's response. Again and again was the experiment repeated. Once it was a mother restored to her children; again, an erring but repentant man was given another chance to balk despair; an old man's last days were smoothed, and fear hid its head before the man of wealth and power. And suddenly the gift was his. Wondering, he recognized happiness in service. * * *

The years multiplied, and the man wakened to facts hitherto obscured or ignored. The giants of his world now seemed to him the pigmies of reality. The hitherto unimportant assumed formidable proportions. He found himself face to face with the unknown. Across the vail man passed but once. Beyond it loomed—what? Power, wealth, talent—all fell back before the victor, Death. Success meant little before eternity. Even happiness did not meet the new demand. The man craved a gift, the greatest of all he had hitherto desired. Again he prayed with fervor which far exceeded the prayer of his youthful manhood: "Give me, O God, the gift of faith! What will become of me without trust, belief?" He remembered with a sense of novelty that the Great Teacher had said that faith as the tiny mustard seed would remove mountains. But he found that this gift, unsought so long, must come by wrestling and struggle. Again and again, humbly and eagerly, the gift was sought, and victory was at last his own. * * *

Those who saw him after his soul had passed the invincible boundary noticed the look of triumph which he wore. Some one said that it seemed as if the freed spirit paused before the dawn of revelation and gave back the result as a last boon to the insensate clay.—Zion's Herald.

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HE THAT SPEAKS NO ILL.

Do you recall a single person in all your acquaintance whom you never heard speak an ill word of any one? If so, weigh right now the impression which that person's life has upon yours. Is it not a very pleasing influence?

The greatest social compliment that can be paid to any man is the true statement that he was never known to speak ill of any human being. If you know such a person, cultivate him or her thoroughly. Observe how refreshing it is to be in the presence of such an individual.

Usually the self-constituted critic of other persons is the man or woman who has signally failed in the excellencies of character, and in seeking company for his or her own deficiencies and blemishes. Make a study of this statement and watch how often it comes true, but be sure you do not talk about the discoveries you make, for if you do you will become like-minded with that other.

Perhaps the most unprofitable mental exercise in all of our social life is the discussion of other people's faults. It is a poor subject for an intelligent person to waste his or her time on. The habit shows great poverty of character. Great men and women do not deal out their criticism in harsh terms, but spend themselves in engaging people in better things. The perfections of character are far better topics of conversation than the foibles of men. We actually grow stronger in the better elements of character by speaking only of the better things in men and women. We actually descend to the gossip's level when we indulge our minds in slur and slander. Suppose your neighbor is very vicious. What value can come to your life by dwelling on his viciousness? Is it not weakness of character in those who thus spend their time in evil speaking, even where all they say is true?

Your soul is deeply affected by your spoken words. The reflexive influence of your conversation cannot be overestimated. If you want to feel refreshed and to give refreshing wherever you go, make up your mind now never again to say one harsh word of any person and never again to take part in conversation where other people's blemishes are being ventilated. Do not wait till to-morrow. Quit it now. You rob yourself of joy by waiting. You lose the privilege of giving joy by postponing. Make a clean breast of it. Do it entirely. Your popularity will increase, your character will grow in strength and majesty, all your being will adjust itself to a new symmetry and beauty, and your life will mean more to you and to everybody else than it ever meant before.

WHITTLING.

I have taken this subject for this paragraph because of the illustrious example which I find in history on the subject. Did you ever undertake to gauge human character by the manner in which the person does things? The boy who takes up a piece of pine and just whittles it away, just to see the shavings fly, has not an orderly or productive mind. The promise to his life is that he will never amount to much. You may think this a strained conclusion, but if you will observe through half a century as closely as I have done you will agree with me.

The boy who, whenever he whittles at all, fashions something out of board he cuts is very apt to be a boy with a definite, growing life purpose. He has a better promise, all things thereafter being equal, than the boy who just cuts away the board for the sake of seeing the knife cut. It is interesting to know that many of our great men have been great whittlers. One instance here is all that we can note.

Gen. Sam Houston rarely got into a desultory conversation without getting out his knife, picking up a stick and whittling while he talked, but he never was known to whittle away a stick just to see the chips fall. Whenever he cut he cut into definite form. A horse's head, a basket from a peach seed, two links in or from a piece of pine, a human face or figure from a shingle, an open book from a piece of limestone, always some definite mental picture of the object in his mind. His life was a demonstration of the doctrine herein suggested that what is in the mind will take external form and becomes prophecy of what shall yet materialize in the individual's character, even when whittling is the illustration.

YOU ARE IT.

This expression sounds slangy, and yet it grew out of a perfectly proper idiom in another language. The Germans say: "Sie zint es," and it means, literaly, taken word for word in the order given, "you are it." But the meaning is not slangy. Some college boys gave the expression popularity because it speaks in a reverse order from our way of saying the same thing, and because "it" is of the neuter gender it afforded some fun. We say "It is you." The expressions are identical. The original is no more slangy than to say: "Is that you?"

THE WORD DEBT.

"Debt" in Latin had a very forceful meaning. It ought yet to retain its classic signification, and men ought still to revere the first idea that gave birth and life to the word. In the Latin it is strictly "another's money." How much stronger the word would be if every one could realize that in truth what he owes to another is that other's money.

THIMBLE AND COTTON.

In German the word thimble did not owe its origin to the idea of its service in pushing a needle, but to the appearance, sitting on the finger like a little hat. Hence, in German, thimble is "finger-hut," that is, finger-hat. Take a thimble with a little brim to it and put it on your finger end and look at it, and you will see the reason for this.

In German, also, our word "cotton" has a laughable form to us. Cotton is the final product of the cotton stalk, but the stalk is like a little tree, and the lint is like wool, hence in German the word for cotton is "Baum-wollen," that is, "tree-wool."

FROM OUR FIELD EDITOR.

The first Sunday in new year found me in the far West, and quite fortunate was I in coming to this most pleasant place for winter work. This climate, which is simply ideal, makes a Southeast Texas citizen "rejoice as a strong man to run a race." This lovely section of country is outside the blizzard belt and tornado path, and the oldest settlers say cyclones are unknown. With an altitude of about 4500 feet, the people are free from many little troubles—mosquitoes and other insect pests. Not only is this country delightsome to one well and strong, but there are panacias for people in pain and poor health. For throat and lung trouble there is hardly a better place on "this terrestrial ball." The freestone wells and mountain springs remind one of the pure waters of North Alabama and Georgia. This western country is attracting immigration and a good class of settlers is coming in.

My first meeting was held in Valentine, a town near the center of the beautiful Van Horn Valley, in the County of Jeff Davis. (I certainly love that name.) Valentine is a division point on the Southern Pacific Railroad. Many of the railroad men off of their "oil burners" mixed and mingled amicably with ranchmen and cowboys off their "hay burners," and these with clever people of the town made up a charming congregation of more than ordinary intelligence. Our Church there had been organized only a short time and had but 17 members when the meeting began. With this "Gideon band" and their faithful young pastor, we gained signal victory—the greatest the town has known. Of the conversions and reclamations 21 were added to our membership and some will go to other Churches. A mid-week prayer-meeting was started, also a ladies' prayer-meeting. Four subscriptions to the Advocate were secured. Bro. Dewelling, a consecrated young man, who has labored faithfully and effectively in this new field, is greatly encouraged and is determined to press the battle on to further conquests. After leaving Valentine I came over to Fort Davis with Rev. B. W. Allen, an old Texas Conference man, son of our late "Uncle Fred Allen," of blessed memory. We began here last night with favorable indications and hope to report another victory in the West, or, at least, to "hold the fort." If I were not tied up with previous engagements in the East I would continue to work in this section and gladly winter in the West. I go from here to Hempstead, where we begin a meeting first Sunday in February. A good start has been made in this new year. I hope to continue and end it in the fear and love of God, making it my best year.

JOHN E. GREEN.

DALLAS METHODIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE.

The Conference met in regular session Feb. 1, with the President, Dr. W. D. Bradfield, in the chair. The reports from the several churches in the city showed fair progress, with five conversions and ten accessions as the net result for the week.

Bro. B. M. Burgher, lay member of the Sunday School Board of the North Texas Conference, spoke before the Conference with regard to the Sunday schools in Dallas District, raising as a "Special for Missions" over and above all other assessments made by the Annual Conference, $1,000.00. This idea met with favor and the brethren have promised to try and do this by applying the collections of the Sunday school of the first Sunday in each month to this "special."

Dr. A. L. Andrews reports that Grace Sunday School has assumed the support of one foreign missionary.

Dr. J. W. Hill discussed with profit to the Conference the Book of Jonah and brought out some very interesting facts. Next Monday morning Rev. Jas. H. Griffin will read a paper on a "Study in Homiletics."

LAWRENCE L. COHEN, JR.
Secretary.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The Missionary Institute for the Brenham District will be held at Chappell Hill, Texas, Feb. 23, 24. We are hoping to have Bishop Ward with us.

A. A. WAGNON, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round.

Belton Cir., at New hope, Feb. 13, 14.
Bruceville and Eddy, B., Feb. 20, 21.
Glorietta Mis., Heidenheimer, 3 p. m., Feb. 24.
Troy, at Pendleton, Feb. 27, 28.
Salado, at Bell Plains, March 6, 7.
North Georgia, Goodville, Mar. 13, 14.
Holland, Wilson Valley, 3 p. m., Mar. 17.
Belton Sta., March 20, 21.
Taylor Sta., March 27, 28.
Hutto, Robinson Ch., March 28, 29.
Temple, 7th St., April 3, 4.
Temple Sta., April 4, 5.
Moody Sta., Apr. 6, 7.
Granger, Jonah, April 10, 11.
Georgetown Sta., April 11, 12.
Bartlett Sta., April 14, 15.
Florence Cir., Wesley Ch., April 18, 19.
District Conference at Rogers, April 21-23.
Rogers Sta., April 24, 25.

W. H. VAUGHAN, P. E.

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Dr. J. R. Willis, of Crawfordsville, Ind., will mail free to all sending him their addresses a package of PANSY COMPOUND, a pure vegetable remedy which is a positive relief for constipation, indigestion, dyspepsia, rheumatism and la grippe.

AUSTIN PASTORS' CONFERENCE.

The Methodist Preachers Conference met at the study of the Tenth Street parsonage, January 25, 10:30 a. m., Rev. H. M. Sears in the chair.

Rev. R. E. Holloway led in prayer. Members present: Sears, Godbey, Booth, Hocutt, Holloway, H. L. Booth.

Tenth Street—Dr. Godbey reports Dr. Bradfield preached Jan. 17, morning and evening, to packed house. Morning theme, Race Track Gambling; in the evening his theme was the Glory of a Nation. The submission question discussed in this connection. Dr. Mouzon preached January 24, morning and evening, to packed house. His theme in the evening was the Liquor Topic. Eight accessions and two children baptized.

University Church—Bro. Booth: House full morning and evening; two accessions; one child baptized; 256 present in Sunday-school; collected $7.70.

South Austin.—E. G. Hocutt: Good congregations; one accession; 80 present in Sunday-school.

Manchaca.—R. A. Holloway: Filled all appointments but Thomas Springs; good congregations; three Sunday-schools have been organized; home department at Manchaca; have two W. H. M. Societies.

E. G. HOCUTT, Sec. Pro Tem.

FT. WORTH PASTORS' ASSOCIATION.

The Ft. Worth Pastors' Association met in Dr. Knickerbocker's study, First Church.

Present: Hay, Boaz, Morris, McGuire, Bickley, Cartwright, Knickerbocker, Hamilton, Wallace, Chappell, Webb, Lang.

Dr. Hay preached at Riverside for Bickley and for Cartwright at evening. Both places are in fine condition under present leaderships. Twenty conversions and additions were reported. About 4800 attended Church.

Dr. E. D. Mouzon, of Southwestern, was present and gave us his plans and ideals as regards his work. We are certainly fortunate in securing Dr. Mouzon for this work. His work there will surely be felt all over Texas Methodism and Southern Methodism as a whole.

ASHLEY CHAPPELL, Sec.
107 Pecan St., Ft. Worth, Texas.

MARRIED.

Edmiston-Tinnin.—In Glen Rose, Texas, Dec. 23, 1908, Mr. Wm. E. Edmiston and Miss Blanche Tinnin, Rev. F. M. Winburne officiating.

Nixon-Newton.—At the home of the bride's father, Mr. W. E. Newton, Yancey, Texas, December 30, 1908, Mr. J. P. Nixon and Miss Lula Newton, Rev. J. E. Harrison officiating.

THE BURNING QUESTION.

In the Northwest Texas Conference there are more than one-third of the congregations without a shelter over their heads, except as they may be able to borrow. This increase has been so steady the past fifteen years that it has failed to stir us as it should. The past five years the increase has been rapid. The Northwest Texas Conference is forty-three years old, and yet more than one third of our congregations are shelterless! Brethren, is not this the "burning question?" Can we not this year turn the tide and give permanent shelter to at least one hundred of these congregations? Since no Church work is permanent until a congregation has a house of its own, does not the housing of these 350 congregations become the greatest question before us?

W. B. ANDREWS.

TO THE PASTORS OF TEXAS METHODISM.

A. K. Ragsdale is being forced to carry a very heavy burden which, if divided up properly, would become very light. He put up that nice hotel and made the grounds at Epworth worthy of the cause. He needs five thousand dollars to put everything in good shape. Encourage your League to take one bond or more; get some man to lend them the money, if they haven't it, and show them how to make the money. S. A. Female College League takes four bonds. What Leagues will join us? Send name to Advocate.

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Brownwood District—Second Round.

Ballinger Sta., Feb. 6-7.
Winchell Cir., at Rice, 10 a. m., Wednesday, Feb. 10.
Coleman Sta., Feb. 20-21
Winter's Cir., at Pumphrey, 10 a. m. Friday, March 5.
Wingate Cir., at Spring Creek, March 6-7.
Blackwell Cir., at Slater's Chapel, 10 a. m., Tuesday, March 9.
Robert Lee Cir., at Sanco, 10 a. m., Thursday, March 11.
Bronte Cir., at Norton, March 13-14.
May Cir., at Green's Ch., 10 a. m., Thursday, March 18.
Pioneer Cir., at Pleasant Valley, March 20-21.
Rising Star Sta., March 21-22.
Sipe Springs Cir., at Beattie, 10 a. m., Wednesday, March 24.
Talpa Cir., at Norwood, March 27-28.
Indian Creek Cir., at Zephyr, 10 a. m., Wednesday, March 31.
Comanche Cir., at Indian Creek, 10 a. m., Friday, April 2, and 11 a. m., Sunday, April 4.
Gustine Cir., at Hebron, 10 a. m., Saturday, April 3.
Comanche Sta., 8 p. m., Monday, April 5.
Blanket Sta., 8 p. m., Tuesday, April 6.
Coleman Cir., at Blanket, 10 a. m., April 10-11.
Valera Cir., at Milligan, 10 a. m., Saturday, April 17.
Santa Anna Cir., at Santa Anna, April 18-19.
Bangs Cir., at Salt Branch, April 24-25.
Brownwood Sta., April 25-26.

J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

TO OUR LARGE STATIONS.

Many of our large stations have laid aside Young People's Hymnal, No. 1 and 2. Would be glad indeed to get them for Sunday-schools unprovided with song books, and will pay all charges of transportation. Would need as many as fifty copies for each school. This will greatly help some Mission Sunday-schools, I know.

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Notes From the Field

Winfield.

The first quarterly meeting for this circuit is a thing of the past. What of it? Much every way. It was the best quarterly meeting I ever attended. I think that every member of the conference was present. The stewards made a good report for the first quarter. Our beloved was on hand in the person of Rev. R. A. Burroughs, and preached three fine sermons—the best I ever heard. We have the best beloved in Texas. Our meeting was religious from start to finish. May the Lord bless us and help us to do our duty. Amen.—W. J. McCrary.

Vera.

Many are the tokens of kindness and appreciation which we have received on our return to this charge. Through the faith and loyalty of these noble people (of whom none are better) we had a gracious year last year, and everything now encourages us to expect greater things this year. On the first Sunday in December I had Rev. S. P. Brown, of Millsap, to meet with us at Truscott, where we had talked church building for a year, and we raised Sunday and Monday thirteen hundred dollars, and we secured a lot, and now within ten days we shall have one of the most beautiful little churches, and it will cost us eighteen hundred dollars. We grew last year till we were able to give two of our appointments to the new "Seymour Mission," but that was not all that was done for us; we were taken off of the mission board and made to stand alone. This is felt by the pastor, since the salary is reduced from seven hundred and thirty-six to six hundred dollars. But my people will do better than they have agreed to. Our first Quarterly Conference passed into history the 26th inst., and was a delightful occasion. The three appointments were represented, and our new P. E., Bro. Stewart, was with us, and preached a magnificent sermon, which made us glad, and will bring forth fruit to the glory of God our Father. He already lives in our hearts, and our prayers go with him in his arduous labors for the Master. We are praying and planning for a gracious revival throughout the charge and great victory all over our district. The brethren may expect to hear great things from the Vernon District, with such a leader as ours is proving himself to be. By God's grace we shall abundantly succeed, and let everybody say Amen.—M. D. Hill, Jan. 28.

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Navasota.

The people of Navasota have given me a delightful reception. They have extended to me every evidence of kindness, and their splendid co-operation in the work of the church already declares a successful year. The attendance at Sunday-school has increased more than one-third. A newly organized teachers' meeting has added much life to the school. We plan for a home department in the near future. Instead of having a Christmas tree, the school had a Christmas giving which resulted in sending a box of $40 value to our orphans' home. The ladies have spent $50 in freshening up the parsonage on the inside, and they plan to add much more to this before they finish with present plans. The stewards have very kindly raised the salary $200 above what it has been in the past, and we are paying promptly and in full at the end of each month. We are blessed with a board of splendid men. We have organized the children into a Junior League. We began a few weeks ago with fourteen members. Each week adds new names to the roll. It already numbers forty-six, with no indication of a let up. The enthusiasm of this body of young life would be an inspiration to any pastor. We plan for a Senior League at an early date. We took our conference collections last week and now have all but a few dollars in cash and subscriptions. The cash has enabled us to pay all the assessments for domestic missions, foreign missions, orphans and others. Our house is full at every service, and pastor and people are happy and busy.—Claude M. Simpson.

Albany.

We are still moving on smoothly. Congregations, prayer-meeting, Sunday-school, doing very well. The Home Mission Society in fine condition and active. They have just finished a thorough renovation of the parsonage, papering it throughout; also having some needed painting done. We have had a feast of good things this week. Mrs. Zehner at the Methodist Church Tuesday night gave us one of the grandest lectures I ever heard from a lady. Let the men look to their laurels. Bro. W. E. Hawkins at the Baptist Church Wednesday did some very fine work on his line. I believe his visit will be the cause of our Sunday-schools taking on new life. We are looking forward to a revival soon.—J. H. Chambliss, Jan. 28.

Lovelace.

We held our first Quarterly Conference Jan. 22, 23. Rev. T. S. Armstrong, our presiding elder, was present and preached Saturday at 11 o'clock a very spiritual sermon. The conference opened with the very best of feeling. Every Church was well represented. Just as we were dismissed the good ladies had their boxes, buckets and baskets brought in and they were well filled with eatables. Everybody was at home. It made us all think of years gone by to see dinner on the ground at a Quarterly Conference. It was agreed between the different Churches that not a single conference should pass this year without dinner on the ground, and everybody feel welcome. The conference was called in session at 1:30 p. m. It was agreed among the officials, preacher and the presiding elder that we would form a union to try to make this the best year that has ever been known in or around this charge. At 11 o'clock our presiding elder preached a very spiritual sermon. The preacher's face shone with a glow of spiritual light, indicating he had been with God; hence all felt the power of God as of old. At the close of the service there could not be seen a dry eye in the house. We received three into the Church. In the afternoon we drove some four miles in the country to fill an evening appointment. Received two into the Church. The people were simply delighted with our great preacher. At 7:30 p. m. we came to the close of the conference. We were drawn nearer God seemingly than ever before by having the pleasure of hearing the word of God so beautifully and spiritually propounded. The service was concluded by the pastor in a proposition to all who would offer themselves as a sacrifice to come forward. Scores came. The proposition was extended to those who desired an interest in the prayers of all those who came. Some fifteen or twenty came with words, "Pray for me. I know if I die like I am I will be lost." All were so dead in earnest the fire broke out. We had an old-fashion altar of prayer. Just before we were dismissed our good presiding elder made all feel good by words of his appreciation of having the great pleasure of laboring with such people. All went away rejoicing in their hearts and thanking God and wondering how long before the next conference would be at the Lovelace Church.—W. T. Singley.

Madisonville.

We are starting well on our fourth year in this pleasant charge. We have a loyal and devoted membership. The stewards are true and faithful. The W. H. M. Society is one of the best in the district. The ladies of the society are constantly on the alert to see that things about the parsonage are kept in good shape. Since I came here they have added two nice rooms to the parsonage, papered one room, put in needed furniture, new cook stove, built a nice picket fence around the yard and a wire netting fence around the garden, papered the church inside and have just had a nice picket fence put around the church lot and are now preparing to have the parsonage repainted. Besides this they and others have planned and executed five poundings for this preacher and family in three years. Well, I guess they think I need a good deal of pounding and they proceed to lay it on in good fashion. At the end of this year some other preacher will become the "victim" of these helping hands and generous hearts as the law of limitation will necessitate my removal from this excellent and considerate band of faithful women and liberal men. During my pastorate here I have received into the Church two hundred and twelve members, mostly on profession of faith. Every assessment against the charge has been paid in full and the salary of the pastor advanced $400. This is one of the best small stations in the Texas Conference and bids fair to become still better in the near future. Our presiding elder, H. C. Willis, is in great favor here. We are all delighted when he visits us, counseling and preaching in his unique and pleasant way. The Texas Christian Advocate is highly esteemed by all who read it here and especially are we pleased with the noble fight the editor is making for civic righteousness and State-wide prohibition. The time has come when the people of this great State are tired of rum rule and they are going to rise up as a mighty giant and shake off this incubus of iniquity. And the men in our law-making bodies who are endeavoring to block the progress of this mighty and much needed reform are going to hear a voice in the near future that will sound to them like the pent-up billows of an angry flood. On with the battle!—J. C. Carr, Jan. 28.

Cleveland.

Our reception on this charge has been most cordial and kindly. Being met at the train on our arrival here by Bro. and Sister Henderson we were made to feel very much at home and not among strangers. Then the house was clean swept and furnished, and the pounding here waiting for us. Some one pounded us with a load of wood, cut in stove length (repeat the dose). The good people of Cleveland have shown us every kindness. Kind friends at Lamb remembered us with a wagon load of good things to eat. And last, but not least, two frying-sized chickens (Bro. Ritchie, keep quiet). But the grand climax was reached on last Friday night, when the most estimable people of Fostoria "landed" on us with their pounding. Said they were looking for a hotel. We finally let them in the house. They brought everything from chewing gum and tooth picks on up. The whole catalogue of things good to eat. Will let have any groceries to buy for many moons. We appreciate this act of kindness from each and all of the kind donors. Have organized one prayer-meeting since we took charge of the work. Our congregations are large and attentive. Have four interesting Sunday-schools. The Sunday-school at Shepherd deserves special mention on account of large attendance and method of management. The loyal band of Methodists at Shepherd have remembered us in a way very substantial as well as a financial way. May God bless all of these good folks. The outlook is very hopeful. We thank God and take courage.—Pierce S. Wilson, Jan. 25.

Elkhart.

We are one of the number who are well pleased with their appointments. We have made the first round on our new charge, and have been very kindly received at each of the eight appointments. The pounding began at the first and has not ceased yet. Many good things to eat have found their way to the parsonage. To say we are thankful, is to express our feelings mildly. Indeed, we serve a good people. The good women, with the aid of the men, have put some new furnishings in the parsonage, to the amount of $35. Our first Quarterly Conference convened Jan. 2, with our good presiding elder, Ellis Smith, in the chair. The conference was well attended. Steps were taken toward building a new parsonage. Bro. Smith preached two very helpful sermons, to the delight of all who heard him. We are proud to note the presence of Rev. J. P. Huddleston, Uncle Johnnie, as everybody calls him. He is truly a father in Israel, loved and esteemed by all who know him. He is father of Rev. J. C. Huddleston, of the Texas Conference. Well, we feel like we are making a very good start. With the help of God we hope to have a good year, and reach Jacksonville with a good report. —L. E. Green, P. C., Jan. 27

Petty Mission.

We are supplying the Petty Mission this year. Almost immediately upon our arrival here two men pounded our pony and cow with hay and corn. Not long after this the good people of Forest Hill pounded us with a lot of things that we find very useful at every meal. Well, we appreciate these things very highly, and told those people so, and will tell them so again when we get a chance. We are very proud of our work and have already fallen in love with our people and intend to do our living level best for them this year. We find many promising young people in our charge and hope to see many of them saved before the year is out. We have a magnificent work in some respects. Geographically, it extends from North Texas to Red River. But if that seems indefinite, I will say that it is in that part of North Texas where there is not a single church building of any kind in the whole county, three little towns of considerable age included. So you see we have a magnificent opportunity for doing something. If this year ends without one or more churches being built in our charge it will not be the fault of this scribe. We are sadly in need of local help. Not a single local preacher of any kind in this charge. Much can be done for God and the church here if the right influences are brought to bear. We are going to do our best, but we need help. If any true man of God wants to help us in our meetings this year for his feed we will see that he gets all of that he can use while here, but we are not ready to promise anything else now. We expect to hold at least five meetings in our charge and we are making our slate now. So if you want to help us on the terms mentioned above let us know soon. We expect to come up with a full report. —C. N. Jones, Jan. 25.

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Fluvanna.

West Texas has been my home the greater part of my time and the most of this time has been spent in the Abilene District. This is my third charge and all of the work that I have done has been in the Colorado District. I have not been in the work or the conference as long as Brother Ledger has, but I would have him note the fact it was during our beloved J. T. Griswold's administration that a part of the Plainview District was formed from a part of the Colorado, and in the forming of the Stamford District at the last conference (the close of Bro. Griswold's quadrennium), he also furnished several appoint-

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The Home Circle

BENNY'S LESSON.

Benny and Jimmie had good times playing beneath the shady trees with their dog and cart. Benny was the older, and his papa had made it his duty to carry in the cook wood for his mother, and Jimmie was asked to keep the water bucket filled. Benny did not like to do his work, and sometimes his mother would have to call and call before he would come and fill the box with wood. But Jimmie took great pride in his task.

One day their mother was getting dinner when the wood box became empty. She had company, too. Her sister from the city was visiting her, and dinner must be on time so that she could catch the one o'clock train. The mother hurried to the door and called for Benny, but he did not answer. He was very busy playing down by the brook, and when he heard his mother's call he tumbled himself into an empty wagon box and lay quite still.

"Where's Benny?" his mother asked.

"He fell over in the wagon ned," replied Jimmie, "and says he don't want to bring any wood."

"Well, my little boy will get me a few sticks, won't he?" smiled his mother.

"Yes, ma'am," said Jimmie.

A few minutes later dinner was ready and all ate except Benny, who had not ventured from his hiding place. When the meal was over the aunt begged that Benny and Jimmie might go home with her. There they could visit the city parks, see the beautiful flowers, trees, and all kinds of wild animals. The mother got Jimmie's things together and sent him off with his aunt, but Benny was left alone in the wagon box.

That afternoon about half-past two o'clock Benny, aroused from a nap, climbed out of his hiding place and came up to the house

"I'm hungry," he snapped. "Where's Jimmy?"

"Oh, you're too late for dinner," his mother declared, "and Jimmie has gone to the city with his aunt. You might have gone, too, if you had answered when I called."

Then Benny began to cry. He had wanted to go to the city for a long time, and now he had missed his chance; so he was miserable the remainder of the day. When his father came back from the station he sent him on an errand, but his heart was heavy all the time he was gone.

That night before he went to bed he climbed up into his mother's lap, put his arms about her neck and said: "Mamma, I'm going to answer when you call."

"I am so glad you have made that resolution, my boy," she replied, kissing him. "And now, as your papa is going to the city in a few days to bring Jimmie home, you may go along with him."—W. D. Neale in S. S. Advocate.

HIS ONE TALENT.

By the time this article is printed the man whose story it relates may have gone to his reward. Already he has exceeded the space of time allotted him by the physicians, and has added a few more painful months to those that had gone before. That he can live another year, or even half that time, seems now all but impossible, and almost any morning may witness for him the daybreak of the life of which it is written that there shall be no more pain.

When the terrible accident was over, and they uncovered his mangled body, so little of life was left in it that they thought him dead. And when the surgeons had finished their work, there remained but the physical wreck of a man.

Both legs were gone; the left arm was missing, and had taken with it the greater part of the collar-bone. Of the right hand, only a finger and the thumb remained. There was only enough left of the man that had been to suffer and remember.

But he still possessed a brilliant mind, stored with the rich fruitage of a college training, and enriched by travel in every part of the world. And it was all wasted, wasted, wasted! There was nothing he could do but to remain a helpless sufferer.

So he thought as he sat by the window in the Home for Incurables, and looked out on a world of which he had ceased to be a part. Before him lay his Bible, and he read the parable of the talents, and reflected bitterly that he had not one talent to bury; he himself was as good as buried, and his talents, which had been many, were buried already.

An old lady wheeled her chair beside his, and read a letter which had been sent her. It was from a stranger, but it did her good.

He was interested, and asked her about it, and learned that there was a kind of organization that furnished addresses of invalids and shut-in folk to persons who were willing to write them cheerful letters. She had sent her name as one who would be glad of an occasional letter, and this unknown correspondent wrote her regularly, and the letters comforted her.

A sudden thought came to him. To receive letters would be little comfort to him, but why should he not write them? But to whom? Could there be any persons so shut in as he who could be cheered by his letters? Possibly the men in prison were a trifle more to be pitied; yet even they had hope of release, and he had none. But it

So he wrote to the Secretary of the organization for the names of some prisoners. He was informed that his letters could not be answered; the rules of the prison would not permit. But he understook the one-sided correspondence.

was worth trying.

Twice a week he wrote, and the letters taxed his strength to its limit. But into those letters he put his whole soul, all his experience, all his faith, all his bright wit, all his Christian optimism.

It is hard to continue writing when writing costs labor and pain, and especially hard when there is no reply. There were times when he grew discouraged, and was tempted to give it up. But it was his one remaining talent, and he resolved to use it as long as it lasted. At length he got a letter. It was very short, and written on the stationery of the prison by the officers whose duty it was to read the letters of the convicts. All it said was this:

"Please write on as good paper as you can afford, for your letters are passed from cell to cell till they literally drop to pieces."—Youth's Companion.

THE ROBIN'S FRIEND.

"Dear me!" said Mr. Fowler, awaking early one Sunday morning; "something is wrong with the robins." And springing out of bed, he went to the window.

It was about half past three, but it was quite light. Across the street the hill went steeply down to the street below, and the slope was wooded with tall maples.

Above one of these trees a large number of robins were flying frantically about, diving down at some object in the tree, then flying back, all the time screaming as if in great distress.

Mr. Fowler looked, and there in the crotch of the tree stood a crow. But it was not simply the crow that alarmed the robins; for right in that very crotch was a robin's nest, and the crow was eating either the eggs or the little ones—Mr. Fowler could not make out which. He would take a mouthful and as the robins screamed he would look up at them as much as to say, "Well, what are you going to do about it? Do you suppose a crow is afraid of robins?"

Presently about half a dozen robins flew screaming away together, and after a few minutes' absence came back, still screaming, and with them came a kingbird. Now, you must know, crows are very much afraid of kingbirds; they are fierce little fellows.

These robins came back screaming just as when they went away, and the crow paid no attention to them, but kept on eating, while the other birds were still scolding him. The kingbird made no sound and the crow did not know he was coming.

All the robins flew at the crow more furiously than ever, but the king-bird dropped right down on the crow's back.

You should have seen the crow's surprise. How he hurried to get away from that tree! The king-bird drove him furiously, the robins following screaming until they were well out of the grove. Then they left the kingbird to drive the crow wherever he chose, while they returned to the ruined nest. After a time they became quiet, and Mr. Fowler went back to bed.

Now how do you suppose those robins made the king-bird understand their trouble, and persuaded him to come and drive away the robber-crow? —Edward M. Fuller, in S. S. Times.

A LESSON FOR LOUIE.

Uncle Jack came in one cold morning looking for all the world like a bear, Louie thought, in his big shaggy overcoat. He caught Louie up and gave her a real bear hug, too.

"Hello, Mopsey! where's Popsey?" he asked.

Popsey was Louie's baby-sister, two years old, and her name wasn't Popsey any more than Louie's was Mopsey. But Uncle Jack was all the time calling folks funny names, Louie thought.

"Her gone to sleep," she said.

Then Uncle Jack put his hand in his pocket and made a great rustling with paper for a minute, before he pulled out two sticks of red-and-white candy and gave them to Louie.

"Too bad Popsey's asleep," said he. But I'm afraid Louie was rather glad of it. She took her little rocking-chair and sat down by the window to eat her candy.

"Aren't you going to save one stick for Gracie?" asked mamma. Popsey's real name was Gracie.

"I guess I won't," said Louie, speaking low. "I don't believe candy's good for little mites o' bits of girls. 'Sides I want it myself."

Just as she swallowed the last bit there came a little call from the bedroom: "Mamma!"

"Hello," said Uncle Jack, "Popsey's awake!"

And in a minute out she came in mamma's arms, rosy and smiling and dimpled.

Then there was another great rustling in Uncle Jack's pocket, and pretty soon—

"Here's for Popsey!" said Uncle Jack.

She took two sticks of candy in her dimpled hands and looked at them a second—dear little Popsey! and then she held out the one that was a little longer than the other to Louie.

"Dis for 'ou," she cooed, "and dis for me."

Poor Louie! the tears rushed into her eyes. She hung her head and blushed. Somehow she didn't want to look at Uncle Jack or mamma. Can you guess why?

"Dis for 'ou!" repeated Popsey, cheerfully, pushing the candy into her hand.

"Take it Louie," said mamma.

And Louie took it. But a little afterward mamma overheard her tell Popsey:

"I won't never be such a pig any more, Popsey Baker And I's always going to 'vide with you, all the time after this, Ion's I live."

And mamma said, "Amen."—The Youth's Companion.

THE TURKEY.

That popular fowl, the turkey, which is mistakenly supposed to have been brought to this country from the Orient, is really a native American product. It is said to have been William Strickland, a Lieutenant of Sebastian Cabot, who, in the sixteenth century, transported the turkey from America to the Old World. Since then nearly all nations have welcomed and adopted that famous fowl, so that the question now is, shall the turkey be regarded as the American or as the international bird? Perhaps the time will come when, if the eagle's image is placed on the coins of higher worth, that of the humble but succulent turkey will be put upon the nickels and the pennies.—Ex.

LIVING IN AN UNREAL WORLD.

It was on a Pullman car between Boston and New York that a father asked his daughter the name of the river near which they were running. "I'm sure I don't know," was the indifferent answer of the stylishly-dressed girl of eighteen or twenty who had been spending her time over a magazine.

"Pshaw, Marion! you must know," the father insisted with something of irritation in his tone, "after all the money I've spent on your education. Didn't you ever study geography?"

"O, of course!" said Marion, endeavoring to rise to the occasion; "it's the Hudson." Then seeing from her father's face that she had blundered, she continued: "Of course we studied geography, but it was so stupid that I never remembered any of it.'

"Well," said the father, "considering that you have been abroad twice and are just starting for a winter on the Nile, I think it's about time that you knew something of your native land." And with the help of the map in his time table, he proceeded to give his daughter a practical lesson in geography.

A mother who had overheard the conversation turned to her daughter, a bright-looking girl of about sixteen, and asked the same question. "O mother darling," was the response as the girl glanced up from the novel in which she had been absorbed, "I haven't the vaguest idea. That sort of thing never interests me."

"But don't you know what State you are in?" continued the mother.

"Why, Massachusetts, of course," was the reply, "for it can't be New York yet."

"And do you think our whole route is in those two States?" persisted the mother.

"Why, yes. Or, at least, I never thought anything about it," and she returned to her novel and the mother said no more.

The observer who had listened to these bits of conversation in surprise, fell to wondering whether such indiffence to rivers, lakes and mountains along their route is general among the bright girls who travel so freely over our beautiful land. Are these two girls exceptional? When all is said, is not their ignorance and indifference really more reprehensible than that of the poor who have had no opportunities of travel? Let us take two contrasted lives and see how they compare. One belongs to the class which in the South used to be called "poor whites," the other to the class of many opportunities and abundant means which was represented by the two ignorant and uninterested travelers whom I have already pictured.

Not a hundred miles from New York there lives a poor woman whose front door looks out upon the main line of one of the greatest railroads in the country. She has lived there and seen the passing trains for more than fifty years and yet has never been on board of one of them. Just beyond her home the scenery is of wonderful variety and beauty, but she has never had more than a glimpse of it. Extreme poverty has been her unfailing portion.

As a child she never went to school because she had to take care of the younger children while the mother was away at work. As a woman she has had to care for her own children. She can neither read nor write and cannot even tell the time. She sometimes gets up on summer mornings two or three hours too early, in her fear she shall be late in reaching her employer's house, where she goes for "days' work." Living in two rooms bare of everything but the merest necessities, knowing nothing but hard manual labor, her existence seems meager and pitiful indeed.

Her only recreation is a walk to the neighboring village to do her "trading," her only outing the rare occasion when the death of a relative gives her a carriage ride to the cemetery. Yet in spite of her dull, uninterested, vacant face, she does enjoy, in an unconscious sort of way, the mountains and the rivers which she sees as she comes and goes, and would miss them sadly if she moved away. Her life is bare enough, but its bareness is the direct result of poverty and ignorance.

The other is a young woman whose experiences of life have been entirely those of wealth and luxury. She never earned a dollar in her life, and would, I fear, consider the suggestion that she should as an indignity. She would look upon this other poor woman with disgust and a lurking wonder whether there was anything in common between them save a bare humanity. Brought up in a beautiful city home (with a summer cottage at the seashore for variety), she has had every advantage of education and culture and is familiar with many of the large cities of this and other countries.

Not long ago she might have been seen, dressed with the perfect taste of costly simplicity, seated in a parlor car absorbed in the latest "best seller." It was autumn, and she was traveling by the side of one of the most beautiful rivers in the world, in a year and week when the foliage was of unusual brilliance and variety. Arrived at her destination, her hostess asked if she had not enjoyed the river.

"River," she answered somewhat vaguely. "Was there a river? Do you know, I never see a thing when I travel. I just read the whole time. I never think of it, don't you know, because I'm always so excited over my story and so crazy to know how everything's coming out."

Are many of our modern girls so absorbed in the unreal world of fiction that they have lost interest in the real world in which they live? Are Pullman car girls, with their novels, their magazines, and their general air of high bred indifference, more ignorant in these respects than their less wealthy sisters?

The observer would really like to know.—Exchange.

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THE MISSIONARY WORKERS' CONFERENCE.

By Prof. H. L. Gray.

The Midwinter Institute of the Methodist Training School, which has just come to a close in Nashville, was the best attended and the most interesting of any as yet held. About seventy students were in attendence, and the program was an unusually rich one. Many pronounced it the greatest thing of the sort they had ever attended.

The Secretaries of the General Board of Missions were chairmen of the different meetings, corresponding to their several departments of work, and they ably conducted the discussions, which were heartily participated in by those in attendance. There were many other skilled workmen present who gave of the stores of their experience for the inspiration and help of their brethren.

Bishop James Atkins delivered a strong message on the work of the church in the West. Dr. W. F. McMurry also spoke on the development of our church in the Far West, emphasizing the necessity of prompt and wise leadership in the most promising field of America. It is the declared policy of these leaders to do all they can to put representative men and church buildings in the great cities of the West whose religious needs are still so inadequately met. The paper read by Rev. D. E. Camack on the Cotton Mill Problem in South Carolina was a thoughtful presentation of this vital subject.

Miss Mary Moore, President of the Woman's College at Athens, Alabama, a representative Southern woman of the highest type, made a strong appeal for the Negro, based upon her own experience and knowledge of him and of Southern conditions.

Rev. Geo. R. Stuart, the well known evangelist and temperance orator, and Dr. W. N. Ainsworth, a remarkably successful pastor-evangelist of the South Georgia Conference, presented the evangelistic side of the church's work in able addresses and a Round Table Discussion.

Prof. E. A. Fox of Louisville, Ky., gave two very interesting and instructive Studies of Child Nature.

Prof. G. W. Dyer in his forceful style presented the subject of "The Modern Tendencies of the South." Dr. Collins Denny gave a very impressive discussion of "The Leadership of the Pastor in Missionary Education." Dean W. F. Tillett led two Consecration Services which were seasons of great spiritual uplift. Dr. O. E. Brown for four days gave some of his peerless Bible Studies, which very deeply impressed the conference.

W. D. Weatherford, Southern Student Secretary of the International Y. M. C. A. Committee, in a carefully prepared paper on "How to Reach Men" very earnestly advocated thorough organization of the forces of the church with the purpose in view of saving men. Mr. W. B. Stubbs, formerly a prominent lawyer of Savannah, Ga., and now General Secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in our Church, made an address which was very helpful and spiritually suggestive.

From beyond our own borders and yet belonging to us, because "all things are ours," came Dr. Ira Landrith, a prominent Presbyterian minister and temperance worker, speaking with no uncertain sound of "The Pulpit and Social Reform." Dr. D. D. Vaughan, pastor of Halstead Street Institutional Church, Chicago, told of the spirit and methods of the Institutional Church work. Bishop W. F. McDowell, in three great addresses discussed "The Missionary Motive," "The Missionary Privilege," and "The Missionary Message." And Prof. John E. McFadyen, of Toronto University, gave four remarkable Bible studies, illustrating the reading or study of the Psalms, the Prophets, the Epistles, and the Gospels—studies which showed the most accurate and sympathetic knowledge of the Word and great skill in communicating this knowledge to others. His exposition of the Parable of the Prodigal Son was a marvel of simplicity and clearness and profound insight.

The following are some of the inspiring thoughts gathered from the different speakers:

Dr. Ainsworth:

"The church is the continuous organ of the passion of Jesus."

"The secret of success in every work God gives us to accomplish is in remembering that God Himself is the Source of His people's strength."

"Prayer is the gateway into the Christian's armory in which he is clothed upon with power."

"The evangelistic pastor is the secret of the evangelism we need."

"The pastor who is not evangelistic is dead."

"Set all the institutions of the church in the key of evangelism."

Dr. Brown:

"The central certainty in Jesus' life was the certainty that God was His Father."

"'Ye therefore shall be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect' is the most magnificent utterance that has fallen on the ears of man."

"Miracles are not the credentials of an extraordinary person, but a revelation or natural expression of a life living out the great fact of the Fatherhood of God."

"God is not a paternal King, but a royal Father."

"The greatest thing I can do for missions is to live the life of a son of God."

"Nothing so much cuts the nerve of missionary activity as correct formalism."

"If at any one place Jesus' sympathy broke down, it was in the face of correct officialism."

"No one can be a real son of God who is not a real brother of every other man in need."

"It is a great thing to be a son of God; it is an awful thing to be a son of God in a sin-cursed world."

"The first great nerve of missions is faith in God; the second is trust in man."

"The last great victory Jesus will win will be that over race prejudice."

"No man gains in world sympathy by loss of local devotion."

"The greatest task is to take hold of a hypocritical religion, of a self-satisfied religionist, to make a Church truly missionary, to Christianize the Christian Church."

"It is an immensely costly thing to live a life of love in a world swayed by a spirit of selfishness and sin."

"Love in a world of sin and sordidness must have agony."

"A love that is not restless under the physical limitations has not reached the level of missionary love."

"There is no greater cost than the loneliness of a missionaryy worker at home or abroad."

"To be identified with the lost and with the Father of the lost is the work of the missionary."

"Life is not one under the great Taskmaster's eye, but one in which we and the Lord work our tasks together."

"The gift of the Holy Spirit is the gift of a Holy Person to abide in me and be all that Christ was or could be in his physical presence and more available than the Christ in his earthly ministry."

"We are shorn of power because of our unlikeness to Christ."

"If all I have is not absolutely put at Christ's disposal, all He has can not be put at my disposal."

"Get the character of absolute devotion and the power will take care of itself."

"We are praying too much for things, not for the Master Himself."

"You are clothed with power for any task if you have unity with Him in heart and in prayer."

"God never gave His Spirit to any man for a smaller than a world-ministry."

"What we are willing to undertake is the measure of what Christ is willing to do for us."

"We are limited not in our divine resources, but in our purpose and consent to serve."

Bishop McDowell:

"It is required of the missionary motive in order for it to be effective that it have purity, size, and loftiness—that it be pure enough to see through, large enough to move in, and high enough to rise in."

"'If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.' The promise is God's love for man; the conclusion, man's love for man."

"Some people whom God loves love all men whom God also loves."

"It takes an ocean to make a great navy; it takes a tremendously big motive to float a big life."

"Other motives are pure and others are large, but only one is redemptive and only in redemption does man rise."

"The great motive of missions is not the command, but the Christ."

"Participation in missions is sharing in the very best, and pretty nearly the only commanding thing that's going on in the world just now."

"This is the shame of sin that it keeps you from helping all that is good."

"The missionary movement is the only thing to save the Church from a deadly dullness.'

"The attitude which makes 'everything an open question' cuts the nerve of endeavor."

"The message had a compelling and masterful urgency for the early disciples. But we have no Pentecosts, no 'turning the world upside down.' Our fanaticisms are small, therefore pestiferous."

"Redemption is Christianity's message because the Redeemer is Christianity's gift to mankind.'

"We offer our gifts for the dear Redeemer's sake; we take up our task in the Redeemer's strength."

"Jesus does not lead a procession of the world's great men. He is other than they. Nobody speaks of Jesus the Great."

"Christianity is final because it has Christ."

"Humanity is morally wrecked, and the heathen religions morally impotent.

"Christianity is absolute, not because wholly unlike, but because wholly superior to other religions."

"There are two subjects on which the New Testament nearly runs riot; the new Christ and the new life in Christ."

"This is Christianity's last answer to heathenism—that it has the only Christ and it produces the best life."

"We can't stop with 'There was'; a history this would be, but not a gospel. The Church believes in a past gospel; we need to believe in the living God and the living Christ."

"We have lost the sense of the urgency of Christ, because we have lost the sense of His presence."

These quotations will indicate the tone and spirit and power of this Midwinter Institute, which the Methodist Training School will repeat from year to year as a resort for intellectual and spiritual recreation of ministers and other Christian workers.

ROSENBERG AND WALLIS.

We are here, happily domiciled in Rosenberg. Warm reception, good pounding and else. Good people; good congregations; fine Board of Stewards thoroughly organized and at work. Excellent Woman's Home Mission Society. Sunday-school healthy and growing. I serve Wallis half time; was there last year. Too much could hardly be said in favor of those good people. Pastors who know will bear me out in this statement. Religious, cultured and liberal, could Methodism ask more of her children, or could the world as other credentials of a Church?

But it was of the Rosenberg Sunday-school I started to write. Brothers W. L. Nesbitt, C. R. Norris, John Marshall and Miss Minnie Heard are the officers, and they are assisted by a consecrated corps of teachers. Twelve new members last Sunday meets the demand of a great man who said: "Talk not to me of the stock from whence you grew, but show me your stock by what you can do." They have recently installed a blackboard, on which the class records are made, showing members present, good lessons, Bible readers, daily prayers and amount of collection. Last Sunday night the hour was given to installation of officers and teachers. I append the program below. It was a most impressive service; the house was full, and everyone seemed delighted with it:

1. Preliminaries: 1: Song. 2: Song. 3: Prayer by superintendent. 4: Offering. 5: Song.

2. Appropriate Scripture reading by the superintendent, Brother W. L. Nesbitt.

3. Reminiscences of my Sunday-school Days, by C. R. Norris.

4. Talk: Sunday-school data, by the pastor.

5. Calling to chancel by name officers and teachers.

6. Remarks by pastor, the installing officer.

7. The obligations:

1. Do you feel called of God to a place as officer or teacher in this Sunday-school?

Answer: I do.

2. Will you endeavor to carefully fashion your life after the example of Christ, that you may be an example to others?

Ans.: I will endeavor to do so, by the help of God.

3. Will you look well after each member of your class, endeavoring to secure their regular attendance upon the Sunday school?

Ans: I will.

4. Will you try to remember to pray daily for your charge?

Ans.: I will, God being my helper.

5. Will you be regular in your attendance upon the Sunday-school, unless providentially hindered?

Ans.: I will.

8. Consecration prayer by the pastor.

9. Song: "I Will Go Where You Want Me to Go."

10. Benediction.

I. E. THOMAS.

January 26, 1909.

THE FIRST RESPONSE.

The first response to the "Appeal to Methodists of Texas," which appeared in the Texas Advocate, for much-needed assistance, was made by Mrs. A. M. Ireland of Georgetown, who says: "I am fully persuaded that your work is the most important in the West Texas Conference, and that now is the time for Methodism to unite in building a church in Brownsville."

Methodists of Texas have an enviable reputation in Missouri for largeness of heart, loyalty to the Church, and readiness to respond to her call, all of which is certainly true.

I again call you to think of the county seat of ten thousand without a Methodist Church. The city which is and will be the distributing point of this great valley. The city in which there are few of Protestant training, but to which they are coming. The city in which Methodism ought to have a neat, attractive, well located church, to give a home to the young men who will find business and homes in the hotels. Think of sixty-three members of the great Church which you love with yearning, aching, pleading hearts for a house in which to have Sunday-school, to which we can call the strangers.

In your towns and cities there are hundreds and thousands who are your friends, and when you would undertake an enterprise you look to them with assurance; but think of this little band of splendid men and women practically alone.

To wait till more come is only a loss, for men drop out quickly here in this rushing tide without the Church. Think of it—I have made one Sunday in the five of this month of January. The interest was good. Received eight men and women, with more in sight, but when they see these conditions, can we get them? I am here at work, but no place to preach, which explains it. Most of our men are here in business in some way, but they are not men plus money. I pray God for the twenty thousand subscribers of this paper to send us the equivalent of 20 cents each at once. I appeal to you, to the preachers, to the Leagues, to all, in Jesus' name.

A. NOBLE JAMES.

January 29, 1909.

READY TO HELP.

I notice that the Journal of the Northwest Texas Conference puts my postoffice address Sweetwater, when it should be Merkel, Texas. I am ready and anxious to help the pastors in their meetings. I am already booked for the month of August and the third and fourth Sundays of July. I would like to put in the first and second Sundays of July with some one of my brethren, and if possible hold some meetings in May and June.

Now, brethren, let me hear from you. I had many calls last year after my time was all taken up, so let's make arrangements as early in the year as we can. R. S. HEIZER.

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS FOR MISSION HOME.

First Sunday in February Rev. J. L. Morris; second Sunday in February, Rev. W. D. Bradfield; third Sunday in February, Rev. L. L. Cohen; fourth Sunday in February, Rev. J. H. Griffin. First Sunday in March, Rev. A. E. Prince; second Sunday in March, Rev. W. H. Howell; third Sunday in March, Rev. R. R. Orne; fourth Sunday in March, Rev. J. W. Hill.

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The Advocate should have stated a week or two ago that the good people of Pittsburg charge, through their pastor, Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, contributed to the Italy earthquake sufferers $34.25. The act was generous and thoughtful.

We have before us a neat, well-arranged and most convenient copy of the printed minutes of the Northwest Texas Conference, and we are much obliged to the Secretary and the editors. They have certainly put up a fine piece of work.

Our pastor and people at Terrell are making an addition to the church building sufficiently large to receive the new pipe organ, now being installed. Dr. Alderson and his congregation believe in progress, and they are keeping abreast of the enterprises of that prosperous little city.

Dr. W. D. Bradfield, of Trinity Church, this city, is leading the fight to get through a bill at Austin against race track gambling, and he is having a strenuous time with the Fair people over the State; but he has back of him the leading ministers and Church people throughout Texas, aided by many who are not Church people. He has spent some time at Austin before the committee, and last Sunday night he preached a wise and conservative sermon on the subject before a large audience. He is on the right side, and right must prevail.

We note in the press dispatches that Rev. John Anderson, the new pastor of our Church at San Marcos, recently delivered an address advocating the building of a $50,000 church edifice. The dispatch adds: "The Methodist Church building in this city is now the largest and most commodious of the numerous buildings of that kind here, but the rapid growth of the city and country, and also the Church membership, has produced a necessity for more room. How the move will be received by the membership of the Church will be determined at subsequent meetings held for that purpose."

THE DALLAS LAYMEN'S COUNCIL.

On last Thursday night the Laymen's Council of Dallas gave a public function to their members, friends and invited guests. It took place at the private dining rooms of the Southland Hotel and from sixty to one hundred of the representative Methodist laymen of the city were present. The guests of honor were Bishop Joseph S. Key, of Sherman; Bishop Seth Ward, of Houston, and the Hon. Cone Johnson, of Tyler. Among the number of members are many of the leading men in the city. The Mayor of the city is a prominent Methodist, so is Commissioner Gillespie. There are bankers, merchants, lawyers, lumbermen, real estate men, insurance men; and men, in fact, in all the vocations of life. Dallas Methodist laymen rank high in the citizenship of the city, and the council is an honor to any community. Some time back we outlined the origin, the progress and the purpose of this organization, and we will not repeat those facts in this article.

Judge W. N. Finley was chairman of the gathering. A fine spread was placed before the body. Everything the taste could call for or the palate relish was supplied. It was beautifully served. All the pastors were special guests, though not members. The object of this function was for social enjoyment, and to become better acquainted, but more especially to hear important addresses by the three distinguished visitors mentioned. After the repast was over Bishop Key was introduced and his subject was "The Laymen's Place in the Church." It was just such a deliverance as might be expected of a man of his age, experience and practical wisdom. He pointed out the many obligations resting upon the laity and the doors of opportunity now open to them in the modern demands of the Church. It was wise, to the point, and greatly beneficial. Next followed Bishop Ward on "Cities and City Churches." It was a most happy address, full of facts, statistics and argument, showing the growth of our cities, their influence and the importance of taking care of their morals and religion. After this came the Hon. Cone Johnson, who spoke for an hour on "The Laymen's Movement." He is a man of commanding presence, a distinguished lawyer, and a born orator. He is also very active as a lay Church worker, often filling our pulpits and speaking with power. His address was one of deep insight into the duties of the layman, often drawing happily upon his own experience, and wonderfully forceful. At no time did his audience show sign of weariness, though it was far into the night when he finished. All in all, the laymen of Dallas have never heard three addresses of more importance, and out of which larger results in the way of suggestion and helpfulness will follow.

Mr. Rowland Stokey, who is himself a prominent young layman in the Church, and one of the most faithful and popular reporters on the staff of the Dallas Daily News, was present as a member, and reported the proceedings for his paper. A good synopsis of the addresses appeared in last Friday's News, but he took down the address in full, and has promised to furnish them to us for publication in the Advocate. We hope, therefore, to be able to lay them before our readers in succeeding issues, so that all our laymen may have the benefit of them. For this reason we are not trying to give the substance of the addresses in this notice of the meeting.

"BLUE LAWS."

The Daily News of last Sunday, and no one esteems the News more highly than the Advocate, showed signs of solicitude concerning the action of the present Legislature touching its relation to the question of "blue" laws. It had a lengthy editorial, bewailing the tendency of the times toward the stringy of drastic laws on questions of morals. It pointed out several of this sort, and condemned especially the one contemplating the prohibition of the Sunday excursion. It thinks that all such bills as this one ought to be promptly defeated. And, just like all the "personal liberty" disciples, the News bases its opposition to the measure on the ground that Sunday is about the only day the "poor working people" can go on such trips of recreation, and that they ought not to be deprived of this great privilege.

As good a paper as the News is, it rarely ever comes out in advocacy of any move for the protection of public morals. While in its columns it is fair to all classes of people, yet editorially we have never known the News to condemn the liquor traffic, or its flagrant abuses of the law. Neither have we ever known the News to come out boldly against the evils of gambling. No one knows better than the News the gross evils of pool room gambling and book making at the fairs, but not one word editorially does the News offer in condemnation of these things. But when the Legislature proposes to pass a bill to discourage the Sunday excursion, the News hastens to write a long editorial in condemnation of it, and to point out how such legislation will militate against the good of the country in general, and the common people in particular. As a matter of fact, were it not for the efforts of the Protestant Churches to preserve and maintain our Sunday, we would have no Sunday at all today. Corporations like the News would force the "poor working people" to labor seven days in the week without cessation from their grinding drudgery. The "poor working people" owe what little of Sunday is still left to them to the effort we are constantly putting forth to prevent the liquor business and the corporations of the country from destroying it. The Sunday excursion robs thousands of hard worked railroad men of their rightful rest and recreation on Sunday. Yet the News is greatly disturbed, lest the "working people" will be injured if the anti-excursion bill should become a law. Really the News ought to discontinue its crocodile tears over the evils of legislation of this sort, and once in awhile lend its editorial help to us in trying to give some sort of wholesome protection to public morals.

THE DEATH OF THE GOVERNOR'S FATHER.

Thomas D. Campbell, father of Gov. Thomas M. Campbell, died in Dallas on the early morning of the 29th ult., after an illness of less than twenty-four hours. He has lived for several years in the town of Greenville, but was visiting in the city at the time he was attacked by a severe spell of pneumonia. His several sons hastened to his bed-side and they all reached him before death except the Governor, who arrived too late to see the aged father before his demise. Mr. Campbell was far advanced in life, had been a citizen of the State for more than half a century, living the most of his active life in East Texas. It was one of the joys of his life to live to see his son elevated to the highest gift within the State of Texas. His remains were taken to Longview for interment, after a short service, conducted by Rev J. W. Hill, pastor of our First Methodist Church. Gov. Campbell has the sympathy of the people of Texas in this bereavement, and Christian people will remember him at a throne of grace.

A SUNDAY IN RED OAK.

We had the pleasure of spending last Sunday with Rev. C. E. Lindsey and his people at Red Oak, a small but prosperous town on the M. K. & T. Road between Dallas and Waxahachie. About three hundred people make up its citizenship, but it is a delightful community, moral and law-abiding. This is Bro. Lindsey's second year with them. He has three other appointments, giving him a fine substantial membership of six hundred. It is one of the best circuits in the State, furnishing its pastor a good parsonage and paying him a salary of $1,300. And he has many other things in the way of perquisites. The circuit is situated in one of the finest sections of Ellis County, fertile and very productive. The people are very much attached to their pastor and his family, and the work is succeeding. Bro. Lindsey is an earnest preacher and painstaking pastor, a man of sympathy and thoughtfulness.

On Sunday morning we had a packed house; and, by the way, they have a good, comfortable framed church. We have never preached to a more appreciative and attentive audience. The service was delightful, at least to the preacher. In the afternoon we met another full house and spoke to them on the temperance question, and had an undivided attention. Those people are right on this as well as on other moral questions. We shared the hospitality of the parsonage and also delightful communion in the home of Bro. Haynes, who lives in the county near by. We met a goodly number of the readers of the Advocate and that fact made us feel very much at home. Among the many workers in the Church, we had goodly fellowship with Bro. Harrison, a merchant of the town. We heard fine reports of the work of Rev. T. S. Armstrong, the presiding elder. He had already been at Red Oak and preached for them, greatly to the edification and delight of the people.

OUR CHURCH AT MARLIN.

After much preliminary work and discussion running through two or three years, our people at Marlin have finally determined to build a handsome church edifice, and do it at once. Heretofore the matter of location has been an unsettled question with them; but they have permanently agreed upon this, having purchased a beautiful and prominent lot on Coleman Street, with a frontage of 106 feet, extending back 208 feet. It is central and has a southern front. Plans are now under special work, and they will soon be perfected, and then bids for the building will be submitted. Rev. I. F. Betts, the pastor, is greatly encouraged and feels sure that the enterprise will go right through to completion. His people have advanced his salary three hundred dollars over previous years, now fixing it at $1800. We congratulate the pastor and his people on their purpose to go forward in that important community, and Marlin will take her place as one of the best Churches in the Texas Conference.

THE BRAZEN EFFRONTERY OF THE LIQUOR PEOPLE.

"The Small Grain Distilling Company, Louisville, Ky.," is sending its special appeals to the ministers of the gospel in Texas generally, we presume, since more than a score of these good men have forwarded to our address the matter thus sent to them by mail. Inclosed is a letter directed personally to the one receiving it, with directions how to make the order, and setting forth the quality of whiskey kept in stock. Also an addressed envelope. Also a card with the following printed on it: "Pique the appetite with a distinctive flavor in whiskey and you have a successful whiskey. Age—twelve or fourteen years—is the only method—the secret of that distinctive flavor."

What could have prompted this firm in Kentucky to mail to all our Texas ministers these cards and self-addressed envelopes, we are at a loss to know; unless it was to insult them. The gall of the liquor business is unmixed and the embodiment of insolence. This concern, of course, is sending its addressed envelopes and matter to thousands of people in Texas, since their business is being cut into by prohibition all over the country. They have to seek patronage elsewhere, and in their greed and deviltry, they insult ministers of the gospel through the mail.

DR. CARROLL'S CHURCH STATISTICS.

Dr. H. K. Carroll has become the recognized authority on Church statistics, and his annual presentation, which has appeared for many years in the New York Christian Advocate, is most important and permanently valuable. The issue of the Advocate of last week contains the "Statistics of the Churches of the United States, 1908." Methodism still holds the lead among Protestant bodies, having in all its branches 6,838,779 communicants; the Baptist is a close second with 5,413,945; Lutheran, 2,082,766; Presbyterian, 1,831,854. Disciples of Christ, 1,295,423; Protestant Episcopal, 893,972; Congregationalists, 721,553. There were 217,695 baptisms in Methodist Churches during the year, 115,693 of the number being adults. In this connection we note that a Boston daily paper stated last week that all the Annual Conferences in New England showed a gain for the year except the New England Conference. This was an error, as the following facts attest: This conference shows a membership in 1906 of 42,666; 1907, 43,475; 1908, 44,187. Gain in 1907 of 809; gain in 1908 of 712; in two years, a gain of 1,521.

The following note from the Nashville Christian Advocate will be read with sad interest by thousands of our Texas people, who fondly remember Dr. Heidt as former Regent of Southwestern University:

Rev. J. W. Heidt, D.D., one of the leading members of the North Georgia Conference and for many years its Secretary, died at his home, near Atlanta, on January 23, after a brief illness. Dr. Heidt was at the time of his death the presiding elder of the Augusta District. He was about sixty-seven years old, and had been an active itinerant since 1866. He gave some years of service to school work in Georgia and later in Texas where he was Regent of Southwestern University. He had been at different times one of the Assistant Secretaries of the General Conference. His was a large and generous nature. His face disclosed a sunny view of life, and, his hearty laugh was always infectious. Several of his sons have made places for themselves in the military service of the United States. They, with one daughter and their mother, survive to mourn their loss. We shall be glad to have further details of the life of this good man furnished by some of his friends.

The following is a "clarion note" from one of our Western Districts. They are alive out there. They "mean business in Church as well as temporal affairs. The note is from Rev. Simeon Shaw, presiding elder of Colorado District: "Every charge has raised its assessment. Every heart is hopeful for great things. Am pushing the Advocate. It is the best paper I read. Have not a barroom in my district. We are solid white. You may expect great things from the Colorado District."

We have read with pleasure the special edition, just issued, of the Tucumcari News, published in Tucumcari, N. M. It gives a splendid presentation of the natural resources of that section and of the improvements that have taken place in that enterprising Western town. It also gives a good account of the beginning and progress of our Church there, and speaks in high terms of the present pastor, Rev. C. L. Brooks.

The Missionary Institute for the Dallas, the McKinney and the Terrell Districts is in session in this city at Grace Church. The three presiding elders, with most of the preachers, are attending it. They have a good program and the discussions and papers are of the most interesting nature. The Secretary will furnish our next issue with a report of the proceedings.

Rev. W. H. Crum and his good people at the Tabernacle Church, Houston, are in good heart and working with might and main to meet the demands of their location. When the Shearn Church people located near them some time back it looked like the Tabernacle people would be crowded somewhat, but they are holding their forces intact, and whether they remain where they are or move further out they have a great work to accomplish, and they are working to that end.

PUBLISHERS' DEPARTMENT

The following words were not written for publication, and as we have no request not to print them we can see no reason why Bro. H. L. Piner should not receive a compliment in public. The note was written by Mrs. Elsie Malone McCollum, who has been a contributor to these columns for a number of years, and who is thoroughly qualified to judge a good article when she reads it:

I am glad Mr. H. L. Piner is now a regular contributor to the Advocate. His writings are both interesting and helpful.—Mrs. Elsie Malone McCollum.

This makes five new subscribers I have sent. All of my list want their Advocate continued and will be renewed as subscriptions expire. If all the agents would do even as well the Advocate would be o. k. J. B. PARR.
Holliday, Texas.

Send my Advocate on another year. I can hardly do without it.
W. D. ALLEN.
Dean, Texas.

Will do my best to get the five new subscribers. Above are two of them.
J. W. CULLEN.
Cedar Bayou, Texas.

I send three new subscribers and hope to send you quite a few in the next month. D. S. BURKE.
Canton, Texas.

I send three new subscribers. Took them yesterday. S. Q. BASS.
Glazier, Texas.

I take pleasure in saying you have my guarantee for five new subscribers and more. J. F. Tyson.
Oglesby, Texas.

I send a new subscriber. Look for more. J. F. CARTER.
Trinity, Texas.

I am doing all I can for the Advocate and will continue to do so.
J. B. DODSON.
Sweetwater, Texas.

I am doing my best to get my five subs. at Diamond Hill. I was able to get two for the six samples you sent me. You might try it again.
W. B. VAUGHAN.
Ft. Worth, Texas.
And we did.—Pubs.

I could not do without the Advocate. It is like a friendly visitor coming into the home every week, whose visits do us good. MRS. EVA COX.
Houston, Texas.

I do appreciate your sending the Advocate. Don't think I could get along without it. MRS. E. H. MAYS.
Brady, Texas.

I have been reading the Advocate for fourteen years, so cannot get along without it. L. W. WOMACK.
Tenaha, Texas.

The inclosed subscription makes five new cash subscribers besides renewals since Christmas, and my motto this year is an Advocate in every Methodist home, if possible.
W. C. MARTIN.
Mt. Vernon, Texas.

I derive a great deal of pleasure from the Advocate.
MRS. N. D. PORTER.
Wichita Falls, Texas.

TO THE EPWORTH LEAGUERS OF TEXAS.

Dear Fellow Leaguers:

We have the greatest Encampment in our Church. It is Beautiful Epworth-by-the-Sea. We have the greatest and most self-sacrificing State President, A. K. Ragsdale. He has great burdens to bear for the Encampment.

The Encampment is in better fix than ever before, but there are some pressing claims for lumber used in building the hotel. We must not desert our President, who gave up a good position with good salary and no worry, to take up our work and worry with comparatively no pay.

I am taking it upon myself to ask the Epworth Leaguers of the State to purchase or get others to purchase five thousand dollars worth of bonds. Let us do it without delay. S. A. Female College League four bonds $100. Let the Advocate hear from you.

J. E. HARRISON.

OPENING OF ST. PAUL'S, HOUSTON.

The opening of St. Papl's M. E. Church, South, in Houston on Sunday, January 31, marked an epoch in Texas Methodism. The people began to gather at the church by 9:30 and stood in the cold until 10:45, when the doors swung open and the crowd surged in. It required only a few moments to fill the immense auditorium to its utmost capacity. Chairs were placed in the aisles and every available inch of space was pressed into service. It has been incorrectly reported that the church would not seat over 700 people, and yet by actual count 1850 people found comfortable seats and standing room in the immense auditorium. Quite a number of preachers from different sections of the State were present, as well as a number of laymen. Five or six officials of First Methodist Church, Dallas, who sooner or later will be confronted with the task of building a church in their city, went to Houston and were given personal consideration by the preacher in charge and the officials of St. Paul's Church. They were given the opportunity of thoroughly inspecting the edifice, and gained much information, which will be of invaluable service to them when they enterprise their new church.

Bishops Candler, Key and Ward were present. Bishop Candler preached at 11 o'clock. He was suffering from a severe cold, and it was feared that he would be unable to make his voice reach the auditors, but he soon warmed up, when he could be heard distinctly from the remotest parts of the house, thus proving that the acoustic properties of the auditorium are as near perfect as it is possible to make them. A church may cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and be equipped with all the paraphernalia that money will purchase, but after all, the most essential feature of all public halls is the ability of the listeners to hear the speaker. Mr. R. D. Steele, who was the architect of this magnificent structure, visited the leading cities of the North and East, and found that 75 per cent of the large church structures were sadly deficient in this respect. And, profiting by his observation and experience, he placed especial stress on this feature of the auditorium, and he is to be congratulated on the eminent success attained. I may digress a little here to say that the architect springs from good Methodist stock. His grandfather, Noah John, was a prominent Methodist, spending practically all his life in Galveston, and was a brother of the late Dr. I. G. John, who was for many years editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, and at his death Missionary Secretary, and was perhaps one of the best known and best loved men in Texas Methodism.

Bishop Candler may "fall down" occasionally when he preaches outside of Texas, but he has managed on every occasion when filling Texas pulpits to keep out of the "brush." He read Revelation 21:2-5, to-wit:

"And I, John, saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new."—Revelation, 21:2-5.

I would be glad to give a synopsis of his sermon if time and space permitted. His sermon occupied more than an hour of time, and was appropriate to the occasion. He believes in the eternal fitness of things, and never makes any mistakes in selecting his text or delivering his sermon on an occasion of this kind. He had rapt attention from start to finish.

After the sermon he adopted the usual Methodist custom of "lifting a collection." The membership had contributed liberally, but they still lacked $36,000 of paying out. They raised on Sunday morning $23,000 of this amount. This leaves a deficit of $13,000, which the membership will have little trouble in raising later on. There have been some very generous contributions to this enterprise. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Ross originally gave $40,000. They gave an additional $5000 on Sunday morning, thus bringing their contribution up to $45,000. Mrs. M. T. Jones had given $25,000, and raised her subscription $5000 more, making $30,000. Mr. Jesse H. Jones gave $15,000. In the list of original contributors we found many amounts as low as $5, thus showing that while the wealth of the Church contributed liberally, those not so fortunate in money matters gave their mite cheerfully. In congratulating one of the larger contributors, his reply was that he had made no sacrifice in making his contribution: that the true heroism and self-sacrificing spirit was shown by those who were less fortunate in worldly affairs.

The afternoon service was devoted to greetings and congratulations, and was presided over by Bishop Seth Ward, who introduced the service with a few remarks on the spirit of brotherhood existing between the Churches in Houston. There were present on that occasion the pastors of all the leading Churches of the city, including the Episcopalian minister and the Jewish rabbi, and they all delivered addresses. Rev. W. W. Pinson, one of the Secretaries of our Board of Missions, took an active part in this service. So many good things were said about the pastor, Rev. George S. Sexton, that he for one time in his life was made to blush. The speeches warmed up to such an extent along this line that he was finally compelled to arise and put on the brakes, and very gracefully did he do it. In doing so he alluded to the heroic efforts put forth by his Building Committee, and paid them a handsome compliment. No doubt great praise is due to every individual connected with this magnificent enterprise. I would be glad to name each one individually. It is sufficient to say that they have laid up treasures which moth and rust will not corrupt.

The organ was presided over by Mr. Huffmaster, a native Texan, born and reared in Galveston and of good Methodist stock. His father is a local Methodist preacher, and in his quiet, unobtrusive way has done as much for Methodism on Galveston Island as any man in that city. His son is a skilled organist, but does not confine his usefulness to the touch of the keys of the organ, but is useful in many ways in the Church. The pastor speaks very highly of him. The instrument cost about $10,000. It has upwards of 25,000 individual pipes, measuring in length from 16 feet to 2 feet; diameters from 2 feet to 1-8 inch. It is said that the instrument produces the same magnificent results as the famous Chicago World's Fair organ in the Liberal Arts Building, made by the same builders, and which received the highest award. But it is claimed the St. Paul organ is even more complete in variety and resources than that world-renowned instrument.

The chimes are a memorial gift from Mrs. M. T. Jones. There are ten bells, weighing in all, 22,036 pounds. The chimes are placed in a tower constructed especially forthem. Five of the bells, beginning with the least, bear the following inscription:

1. These bells are the gift of Mrs. M. T. Jones, in memory of her husband, Martin Tilford Jones, who departed this life in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, the twenty-second day of the sixth month. They are given in devotion to the memory of her husband, and are expressive of her love for Jesus Christ, whom she trusts for salvation.
2. May These Bells Ever Ring—"To show forth Thy loving kindness in the morning and Thy faithfulness every night."—92d Psalm.
3. "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing."—100th Psalm.
4. Ring, Ye Bells of Heaven, Ring!—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."—Luke 2:14.
5. "O, come let us sing unto the Lord; let us make joyful noise to the rock of our salvation."—95th Psalm.

At the evening service the sweet-spirited Bishop Key filled the pulpit, and right well did he do it. He wove into novel form the story of Christ, his betrayal, his suffering, his crucifixion and his resurrection from the dead in such way as to intensely interest his auditors. Those present were familiar with the incidents, yet the pathetic and touching way in which the Bishop handled the subject put a new light on them and went home to the hearers.

The pastors of the different Methodist congregations in Houston omitted their 11 o'clock service and attended, with their congregations, as far as they could find seats, the services at St. Paul's. Rev. J. E. Wray was intensely interested, for he will soon be in the midst of a like enterprise for Shearn Church. He is a live wire, and is laying his plans wisely and well. He realizes that Shearn is the mother Church of them all, and it is but natural that all South Texas will expect her not to be satisfied with doing as well as has St. Paul, but must go her one better. And, if we read the signs of the times correctly, St. Paul's will not long remain the center of Methodist attraction in that great city.

On Monday morning the Dallas delegation had the pleasure of attending the preachers' meeting. A number of visiting preachers were present. The regular order of business was suspended, and the visitors were heard from. Bishop Candler for fifteen or twenty minutes entertained the little assembly delightfully.

Dr. Everett, of the Branch Publishing House, had something to say of the new building soon to be erected in this city, as well as giving the brethren a list of most excellent books which he thought it would pay them to buy.

Of course, the Advocate representative had something to say about the "greatest paper in America." Altogether it was a most delightful occasion.

The officials of St. Paul's very gracefully tendered a banquet at the Rice Hotel to the visiting preachers and laymen. And this, too, was an occasion long to be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present.

The preachers of the different Methodist Churches in Houston reported a forward improvement all along the line, and as that city progresses materially they hope to make Methodism keep pace with it spiritually. The Bishop and his cabinet seem to have placed the right men in the right places, and altogether Methodism may congratulate herself on the success she has attained, and can well afford to take courage and press on.

L. B.

ATTENTION, MEMBERS OF THE NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren: The Superannuate Endowment Fund notes are in my hands for the next two months. We made such a very poor showing in the amount paid on these notes at Waco that I was ashamed to send them in with so little collected. There must be a great deal of unrest among the brethren, or more of these notes would have been paid at conference. Will not every brother who can possibly do so be sure to send me money enough to pay off one or more of the notes that may be held against him on this fund? Will you not do this at once, my brethren? If you cannot send it to me immediately, please make your arrangements to send it to me within the next thirty days. Please do this if you can. We have done but little indeed on these notes within the last two years and we ought to pay more on them.

B. W. DODSON.
Cisco, Texas.

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RESOLUTIONS AND BEST WISHES.

Whereas, One of our foremost citizens and Christian workers, Bro. J. T. Wells, is soon to leave us, and

Whereas, His influence as a man and as a citizen has been a blessing and uplifting influence in our community; and whereas, His influence as a member and Superintendent of our Sunday-school for the many years has been of untold benefit to our young men and women and in general the whole Sunday-school; therefore be it

Resolved by the Sunday-school in session, That we extend him our sincere regards and appreciation for his past work, and that our best and most friendly wishes be extended to him and his family for their future welfare and happiness in their new home.

D. M. ANGLE,
J. C. POTTER,
R. G. BRANDERBURG.
Committee M. E. Church, South, Sunday-school.
Cedar Hill, Texas.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

On the eleventh page of the Advocate appears an article from Rev. C. S. Field touching the Sunday-school Convention. Since the article was put in type the date of the convention has been changed from Tuesday, April 13 to Monday, April 12, 1909. That is, it meets one day earlier than announced in Bro. Field's article.

W. C. EVERETT, Pres.

Epworth League Department

GUS W. THOMASSON.....EDITOR
Van Alstyne, Texas.

All communications intended for publication in this department and all papers with articles to be commented upon should be addressed to the League Editor.

The following rules should be observed in remitting money on account of the State Organization: Local Chapter dues should be sent to Frank L. McNeny, Dallas. Assembly funds should be sent to Theo. Bering, Jr., Houston.

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IN MINEOLA.

We are temporarily in Mineola and have been so busily employed with personal matters that this department has suffered neglect. Our mail has been somewhat delayed on account of having to be forwarded, but it has now begun to reach us regularly so that we are able to give attention to our readers. We have visited the League Chapter here and have heard Pastor McGee preach on two occasions. Methodism seems to be in the ascendency here and our Church property is a credit to the community. The preacher is a strong man, and has his forces well organized. The young people are alert and the cause of Christ is advancing. We have had the good fortune to fall in company with Bro. C. M. Porter, a member of Bro. Turrentine's Church, at Texarkana, who is sojourning here and find him a most excellent Christian gentleman. When we are better acquainted we hope to speak more specifically of the League work here. G. W. T.

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LET'S FINISH IT UP.

We have had several responses to our last call for funds with which to purchase a typewriter for Miss May Dye who is now in Brazil engaged in mission work. We are encouraged to believe that the full amount needed —$100—can be finished quickly if there is a little concerted action. We, therefore, make this request: Let everyone who has contributed to this fund write a postal card to some friend asking that $1, $2 or $5, as each case may warrant, be forwarded to us at once.

The List To Date.

Previously reported	$40 75
Mrs. Alston Duggan, Haskell	1 00
Centenary Senior League, Paris	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jackson, Renner	1 00
Annie and Iva Buie, Canyon City	2 00
E. B. Stokes, Crockett	1 00
A. K. Ragsdale, Dallas	2 00
Total	$52 75

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The Letters.

Mrs. Alston Duggan, Haskell.—"I wish I could pay it all for she is a dear, sweet woman, worthy of all and more than we can give her."

Miss Janie Webster, 4th V. P., Paris.—"Five dollars from Centenary Senior League, Paris. We read the call in the Advocate, and as we are deeply interested in Miss May and her work. We are glad to be able to respond. We hope you will soon have the $100."

Misses Annie and Iva Buie, Canyon City: "We send $2 and hope that a beautiful new typewriter will soon be speeding on its way to far-off Brazil."

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PILES CURED AT HOME BY NEW ABSORPTION METHOD.

If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind or protruding Piles, send me your address, and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new absorption treatment; and will also send some of this home treatment free for trial, with references from your own locality if requested. Immediate relief and permanent cure assured. Send no money, but tell others of this offer. Write today to Mrs. M. Summers, Box 187, South Bend, Ind.

FOR SALE—A large paying mercantile business located at Georgetown, Texas. The owner desires to retire from business. This offers a good opportunity for someone to engage in business and at same time get the advantages of this great educational center. The owner will sell for cash, or part cash and a good farm or farms. Address BOX 131, Georgetown, Texas.

AN APPEAL TO JUNIORS.

At the last cabinet meeting the minor improvements of the encampment grounds for the coming year were discussed. It was unanimously agreed that good sidewalks are now the most urgent need.

You who have been to Epworth and have had to walk through hot sand several inches deep to get from one building to another can fully realize what these walks will mean to you should you go back. All Leaguers are interested in what is being down there whether they go or not.

But they may attend the next encampment. Some of you will attend.

While we know no other one thing will be of greater use and benefit, we realize that they will also be valuable, because they will enhance the entire property.

We want our Junior Leaguers to have a part in making Epworth by-the-Sea an ideal place—a place, too, they can speak of as their own.

The superintendants of Junior Leagues know how eager boys and girls are to help and how willingly they work for the forward movement of the Junior Leagues and their interests.

I am going to ask, therefore, that each Junior League send to Mr. Ragsdale ten dollars—ten dollars is a small amount. Many can send more and doubtless will do so.

We want the walks to be put down before the next encampment, so please forward the money within the next thirty days so that the work may be begun.

ELLA MAE CHRISTOPHER.
State Supt. of Junior League.

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NEWSY NOTES FROM PARIS.

The Third Department of Centenary Senior League is indeed a live one. Formal opening of the work in this department was begun by Mr. G. W. Steeley, Third Vice-President for 1908-1909, with an entertainment at the home of Dr. Moody on November 5. A fine program was arranged and carried out, and the organization of the Study Circle was perfected, the following Thursday evening being set for time of first meeting. It was decided between the Third and Fourth Departments to combine and finish the study of the uplift of China. The meeting was held at the home of Dr. Clarke, with Miss Pinkie Clarke as hostess and leader.

The study hour was one of great instruction on missionary work in China; following was an hour spent socialy. Every one voted a pleasant and profitable evening and the meeting adjourned.

The second meeting was held in the basement of the church with Miss Mamie Howard as leader. Miss Howard is a fine instructor and a profitable evening was spent.

On Christmas night the League was entertained in the home of Prof. J. J. Richardson. Music, games and refreshments were the order of the evening, interspersed with anecdotes and stories of travel by ex-Gov. Ogleby, of Canada. Bro. G. C. Cameron, our new pastor and wife, were present and added much to the pleasure of the evening.

The elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wood was opened to the League New Year's Eve for a watch party. About twenty-five couples were present and from 9 until 12 there was a continual feast of pleasure and ere 'twas realized, Madame New Year stole upon the happy throng and was joyously greeted. But with a feeling somewhat akin to sadness we saw the old year vanish with our record of 1908.

May each Leaguer strive to do more for the Master in 1909 than ever done in the past. T. B. BUCKINGHAM,
Third V. P. N. T. C. Epworth League.
Paris, Texas.

AN INTERESTING JUNIOR LEAGUE.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Junior League of Waples Memorial Church, in Denison, Sunday, January 10. I found a live and enthusiastic band of Junior workers, with a wide-awake Junior superintendent, Mr. Nelson, a gentleman who not only knows how to win the boys and hold them, but who studies and plans out the things that tend to interest the girls and train them for usefulness in the Master's service as well.

This League was organized about two months ago and on last Sunday their membership was eighty, and seventy-five of that number present; all eager to do something for Him who said. "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not."

The devotional services of this meeting were conducted by the President, Miss White, and the First Vice-President, Miss Allen, and no experienced Senior Leaguers could have presided with less embarrassment and greater tact than did these girls. We were very much impressed with the progressive spirit in this League, and only hope that the mentioning of this meeting will arouse other Junior Leagues to greater activity. Our Annual Conference will soon be here and I am hoping and praying that we will be able to report better and more work than in years past. Let us do our best to make greater advancement along all lines this year, and strive to make North Texas Conference one of the best in the State, if not the best. Let us not forget to give liberally to the cause of missions and above all not forget our daily prayer and our daily Bible study.

Listen, Juniors, I am expecting great things of you this year; do not let me be disappointed. I can't think you will, for you have been so true in the three years past. I am expecting that each Junior Chapter give this year not less than $2.50 for the cause of missions. Our Conference Missionary Superintendent is depending on us for not less than $200 this year. Let us get busy and each send Miss Mary Ferguson, McKinney, Texas, $2.50 or even more. (The Waples Memorial Juniors are going to give $10. This is a secret, but you know a woman can't keep a secret.)

If I can be of any service to you in any way in this work, just let me know. I am at your command any time.

With much love to you all, I am,
MRS. N. R. STONE.
McKinney, Texas.

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NORTH TEXAS NOTES.

For the information of all concerned, the following are the cabinet officers of the North Texas Conference League:

President, O. L. Hamilton, Lewisville, Texas; First Vice-President, J. D. Jared, Pottsboro; Second Vice-President, Miss Lucy Davidge, Paris; Third Vice-President, T. B. Buckingham, Paris; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Mary Ferguson, McKinney; Junior Superintendent, Mrs. N. R. Stone, McKinney; Musical Director, Dr. Ben S. Brown, Lewisville.

Miss Davidge, of Paris, was recently appointed by the President to succeed Miss Florence Dial, of Greenville, who moved from the conference. Miss Dial was one of our most efficient workers, and she will be greatly missed, not only by the conference, but by her local League as well. We heartily commend her to the Leaguers at Clarendon, to which place she goes, and we pray that God's richest blessings will be upon her in her new field of labor.

Miss Davidge is not a stranger to the Leaguers of North Texas. To whatever service the Church has called her, therein she has been faithful. We are confident of her success in the second department, and we expect a great report from her at the McKinney Conference.

All Chapter and District Vice-Presidents should keep the above addresses and get in touch with the officers of the Conference League and commence at once on their reports to be made to the 1909 meeting at McKinney.

LIFE.

Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returneth,
Was not spoken of the soul.

This question of life and immortality is one that has concerned philosophers and sages throughout all ages, and we think the above words of our own Longfellow carry the full import of this problem, that confronts and includes us all.

We learn from the book that God created us, and that in his own image and for his own honor and glory, and he saw fit in his infinite wisdom to make us the highest type of his creation, and Christ says that he came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly, and that he is the resurrection and the life, and that we, as his creatures, are the temples of the living God. Must I believe that in this body, this tenement of clay, dwells the living Christ? The book says so, and I believe the book.

Do you know, my friends, why you live and breathe and have your being in the world? Do you know why and how you can taste, smell, hear, see and feel? Do you know why the engine of the body, the heart, continues to beat and send forth through every fiber of your being the life blood, the vital fluid of the body? My brother, these things are God's secrets, and he stated very plainly by one of his servants of old that the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

It is enough for me to know that he brought life and immortality to light in the gospel. I believe that God intended that we should love life and live long upon earth and enjoy everything that he has made for our comfort and satisfaction. He never intended that we should abuse these bodies by strong drink or any other thing that would make for tearing them down. So sure as we trespass upon nature's laws, that sure we suffer and pay the penalty. The same principle holds good in the spiritual laws of God. We believe that God will and does save us as by fire, but I can hardly believe that one who wanders away from God and drinks the cup of sin to its lowest depth can ever make the Christian in this world that he would otherwise have made. Do not misunderstand me on this point just here. God can save you as by fire and make you, by his grace, a great power for good in the world, but we have never seen or talked with one of these persons but would have given the world to have had the power to blot out the past. They can and do make hard workers for the Master, and many of them are the world's brightest Christian lights.

Darwin and others may spin out their theories about the evolution of man, that at one time in the dim and misty past the conditions of nature reached the point that animal life evolved in its lowest forms, and later, higher forms of life came, and finally man, in his present state. But this is a theory and we are forced back to the inspired words of Moses, who was the historian of creation, and we believe him when he says that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and that he created every other thing that was created, and last, that he created man and that he breathed into him the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

Why should we speculate on the hidden secrets of God? It is enough for me to know that God is my Father, and that he has purchased me with the blood of his Son, and that I am an heir to a King, and that Christ is my elder brother, and that he has reserved for me an inheritance, the glory and beauty and splendor of which has never entered the heart of man. And we will never fully realize in this life the things that God hath in store for those that love him.

Lord, we are so unworthy, when we think of the martyrdom of Stephen and the apostles, and later down the centuries the persecution of such men as Jerome, Hess, Wyclif, Zwingli, Luther, and John Bunyan who gave to the world "The Pilgrim's Progress," the book next to our sacred Bible; these men, some of them, gave their life as martyrs to thy cause, and when we think of the fact that we live in this Christian land of America, where we can worship God in any way we choose, and no one dare to molest us or make us afraid, 'tis then we realize that we are so ungrateful, and we feel like one of old, we are almost too unworthy to call upon thy name.

A. E. KENNEDY.
Garden City, Texas.

THE CHRISTIAN WARRIOR'S REWARD.

In this Christian land there are few, very few, who have not at some time heard the still small voice pleading with them to put aside the lusts of the flesh; to put on the armor of God and fight the good fight of faith.

If this warning or call is heeded, the hearer will escape the defeats, the punishments, the remorse and humiliation of those who disregard it. This of itself would seem reward sufficient, but the Christian warrior, faithful to the end, receives an inheritance incorruptible and that fadeth not away. The battles fought are not with panoplied soldiers on fields which the eager historian would proudly commemorate, but they are with our own, inward selves, and each attack we make upon the enemy is rewarded from on high. Or, perhaps it were better to say that self is the stronghold of the most formidable foes we meet in the Christian warfare, and it is in breaking down this fortification that our conquests must begin.

If we sit idly down and wait for an opportunity to slay an army of giants, our strength will wane for lack of use, and the devil's hosts of pigmy sins, with self as headquarters, will then laugh to scorn any feeble resistance we might make; and each battle lost makes it more difficult for us to gain the next. But, clad in the whole armor of God—Eph. vi, 13-18—and following the leadership of Christ, our Captain, we can conquer every foe; and, marching on from victory unto victory, may each receive at last a crown of righteousness.

ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM.

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"I gave her some Grape-Nuts thus prepared and she soon became so fond of it that she would reach out her little thin hands and cry at the sight of a saucer with a spoon in it.

"She ate Grape-Nuts not only in the morning, but at night also and since the first has never missed a day. She is now, at four years, a strong, healthy child with a good straight back, fine bones, and firm muscles. Her mind is bright also.

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MISSIONARY INSTITUTE HELD JANUARY 20 AND 21,

By Gainesville, Sherman and Bonham Districts.

The presiding elders of the Gainesville, Sherman and Bonham Districts, recently held a council of war. They decided to marshal their forces and launch a campaign against missionary ignorance and apathy. A program was arranged, bills were struck, and couriers sent throughout the length and breadth of each diocese. Denison threw open her gates and Waples Memorial was officially declared the place of rendezvous. All the captains of the hosts were summoned, and the laity invited and urged to be present. January 20 and 21 was appointed opening days for the campaign: 2:30 p. m., of the former day, the moment when all forces should be marshaled into action.

Promptly at the hour the gong sounded and each gunner was immediately at his post, his features wearing the fixedness of determination, his soul radiant with anticipations of victory.

Bro. Egger's people rendered a most valuable service, establishing us in the best quarters of the city, feeding the most common soldier as though he were a king. They are delighted with the service of their pastor and even declare his efforts to be preaching. Our elders wielded the mallet by turns, while many of the brethren affirmed they wrought as those who had been long in the quarries. The great guns soon began to play upon the anti-missionary forces, and for two mortal days a terrific cannonade swept the ramparts of evil. The strongest excuse, entrenched behind the most formidable logic, and defended by the most ancient argument, was completely annihilated.

Rev. L. S. Barton, of Decatur District, smelled the battle afar off, and brought his modern missionary machine gun of the latest stereopticon type. He fired by companies, by brigades, and by regiments. He gave the enemy no rest. When somber night spread her sable pinions over the scene of carnage, no enemy dared to lift his head. One Japanese was yet descried, and he came forward renouncing his heathen deities and swearing allegiance to the King of kings.

Stuckey was there and Binkley, their sabers gleaming in the sunlight, their speeches quivering upon their lips. Thomas was there with his statistics, and Whitesides with his eloqence. Old was there firing a thirteen-inch Mauser. It was mentioned, however, that he failed to strike the fort at which he aimed, but totally demolished several of the bristling batteries of paganism. Time would fail me to tell you of Rosser and Clifton and Williams and Fuller and all the prophets, who, through eloquence, subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, made promises, stopped the mouths of critics, quenched the violence of apparition, escaped the edge of the sword, and waxed mighty in the battle. When the field had been swept and the victory pronounced complete, Rev. J. B. Gober led one of Zion's songs of praise and the mighty host responded.

Resolutions were then paassed preliminary to following up the victory. It is to be a forward movement of all our forces along the line of missionary enterprise.

The institute had a quickening influence upon all present, and we believe the Lord's cause was advanced.

As a summary of the work the following resolutions were adopted:

1. We believe that each pastoraal charge should be an evangelistic center from which effort should be made to evangelize all territory within its reach.

2. We recommend that our pastors organize and prosecute a systematic and vigourous campaign for the circulation of our missionary literature with especial reference to the distribution of the free tracts, and the circulation of the "Go Forward."

3. That each Sunday-school be organized into a missionary society, and that a program he rendered and collection taken at least once during each month.

4. That a strong effort be made to get the Leagues to study the reading course and our missionary literature, and in every possible way to assist the pastor in raising the assessments ordered by the Annual Conference.

5. That we recognize the layman's missionary movement as a most efficient agency for the adequate enlistment and inspiration of our people in the extension of the gospel and that an effort be made to perfect the organization in each charge.

6. In view of the fact that "cash collections usually mean full collections," and in view of the fact that our General Board is forced to borrow money, entailing an expense equal to the support of ten missionaries, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we raise, if possible, by March 15, our full assessments for foreign missions, Orphanage and Bishops' fund.

WALTER DOUGLASS.
Secretary of Institute.

ABILENE MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

At the call of our young and enthusiastic presiding elder, Brother S. A. Barnes, about twenty-five preachers and laymen of Abilene District met in Abilene Methodist Church on Tuesday, January 19-20, inst., to plan a co-operative and aggressive campaign for the year.

Many of us went on Monday afternoon, so as to hear Bishop Key preach in the evening. His sermon was addressed to the laymen and their place in the church in conjunction with the pastor. He had a good and attentive hearing. A more timely subject could not have been chosen. His sermon better prepared us for the two following days of district planning.

Promptly at 9 a. m. Tuesday, Bro. Barnes opened the Institute by reading, song and prayer. He gave a brief yet a very lucid presentation of "Our Plans of the New Year." His address assured us that he was not blind to the best interests of his district, nor forgetful of them. He had the work all outlined by program, and each one knew his subject, place and time, and it is enough to say that each speaker did himself well. In addition to the sermon by our venerable Bishop, Brother Terry of Anson gave us a most unique missionary sermon. Brother C. M. Shuffler gave us a forceful and Scriptural sermon on "Tithing." Brother C. W. Young did not disappoint us with his sermon on Isa. 1:18. Dr. Duncan was introduced and cheered us with the auspicious outlook of Stamford Collegiate Institute. He is in the field collecting funds for a boys' dormitory. The preachers showed their appreciation of the work by special invitation to their respective charges.

Our W. H. M. Society work, "What We Have and What We Ought to Have," was presented by Mrs. D. L. Stephens of Austin. This was one of the best papers I ever heard. The W. F. M. Society of the Abilene District was briefly and earnestly presented by Mrs. L. T. Young. There is much to be done in our district before a cheering report can be given by these good women.

The "Laymen's Missionary Movement" was not sandwiched in, but was given a full evening and was spoken upon by Judge J. H. Calhoun, Prof. J. H. Clay and E. B. Bynum. Of all the speeches and addresses given during the Institute, Judge Calhoun's deserves special mention.

We all came away with our souls filled with a desire to make this year the best. There is much already to thank God for, and we look forward to a year of progress on all lines.

W. J. L., Sec.

TEXAS METHODIST STATE SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

Waco, Texas, April 13-15, 1909—A Fine Array of Talent.

The Program Committee of the Texas Methodist State Sunday-school Conference met at Waco, Texas, on the 27th of January, and worked all day preparing the program of the great annual Sunday-school Conference at Waco April 13-15. The splendid meeting at Fort Worth last year is well remembered by all our people. Fully 2000 delegates were in attendance. A very large attendance is expected this year, and we hope our pastors and Sunday-school superintendents will begin soon to plan for it. The following are some of the men who will be on the program of the State gathering in April: Bishop Joseph S. Key, Sherman; Bishop Seth Ward, Houston; Bishop James Atkins of Asheville, N. C., and possibly Bishop Candler; Dr. E. C. Chappell, Nashville, Tenn., editor of Sunday-school literature; Dr. Ed. S. Cook, Nashville, Assistant Secretary of the Board of Missions; Judge E. B. Perkins, Dallas; E. E. French, Superintendent of Sunday-school Supplies, Nashville; Rev. J. E. Wray, Houston; Miss Frayser, Louisville, Ky.; C. J. Oxley, Houston; C. S. Field, Fort Worth, and others.

E. O. Excell of Chicago will be in charge of the music and this is expected to be one of the features of the gathering, as he is recognized as the leading man in his line in the country. The local chorus will include all the best material available, and will be made up in ample time.

Sessions of the conference will be held at Fifth Street Methodist Church, and there will be ample room there for all who may wish to attend, the galleries being available when needed.

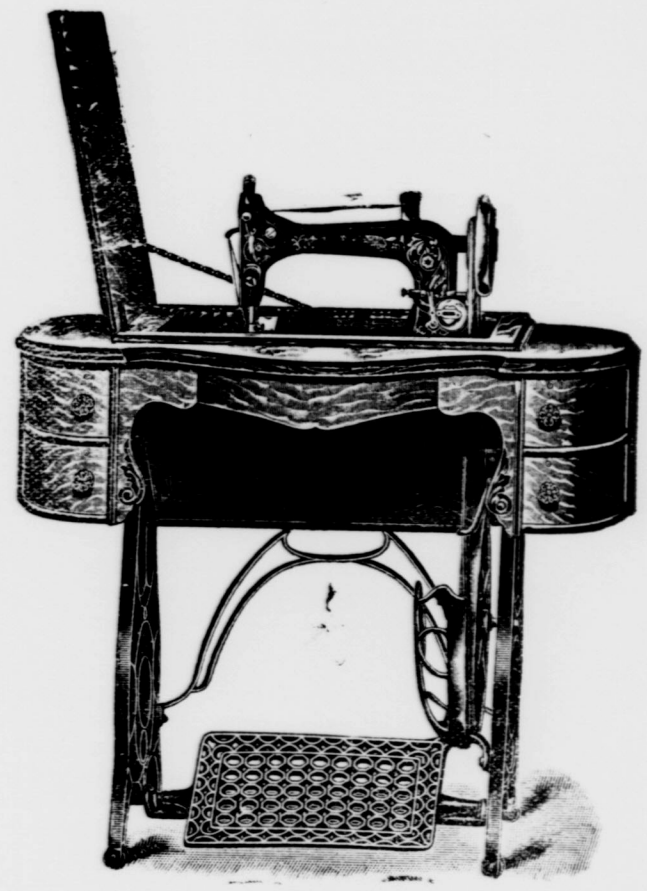
The program will soon be completed and will appear in the Advocate. Waco is already beginning to arrange for the entertainment. A great meeting is in prospect.

C. S. FIELD.

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The Woman's Department

Mrs. Florence E. Hotwell, Editor, 170 Masten St., Dallas, Texas.

All communications in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society should be sent to the address of the Editor of the Woman's Department.

"Thine is the present hour, the past is fled:
Live! Live to-day, to-morrow never yet!
On any human being rose or set."
—James Marsden.

Bishop Key was an honored guest in the home of the editor of the Woman's Department on last Thursday. In connection with this visit was the christening by the Bishop of Charles William Padgitt, the infant nephew of the host and hostess, the parents of the babe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Padgitt and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Padgitt, and several friends being present. It was a sweetly, solemn picture upon which the eye of love rested, this venerable man of God now nearing his 80th mile-stone in the journey of life, holding in his arms the little babe who has not yet reached his first mile-stone and dedicating him to the service of God, the Father, and of Christ, the Savior of all mankind. It was a gratification to have this sacred rite thus performed by one whom his friends who were present honor so highly after years of friendship, and whom they regard with such loving esteem. God bless Bishop Key, our beloved "Texas Bishop," wherever he may go in the discharge of duty and anoint him afresh for service this good year of our Lord, 1909.

We wish to call attention to the fact that we have on file several fine original papers, sent us from time to time, by our co-workers, which we hope to give to our readers as soon as space is at our command for the publication of them. The space intended for our use for the Woman's Department is one page, and if at any time our publications run over the one page, it is because of special privilege extended us by the publishers, a special courtesy extended us by them. We try to give all contributions in the order in which they are received, giving precedence, of course, to such as are announcements, or accounts of meetings, or other articles connected with the progress of the work being done by our societies in the four Texas Conferences. We are glad to get such contributions, however, as these papers to which we refer, and we are glad to give our readers the benefit of all such communications and we ask that our members continue to send them to us for publication whenever it is desired.

Editor Woman's Department.

CHANGES IN DISTRICT SECRETARIES W. F. M. SOCIETY, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

On account of having moved out of the Vernon District, Mrs. W. H. Howard has resigned her office as District Secretary, and the Executive Committee have appointed Mrs. B. M. Watts, of Vernon, to fill the office until next annual meeting of the conference society. Mrs. R. N. Saunders, on account of removal, has also resigned her office and Mrs. M. W. Hatchett, of Gatesville, is now Secretary of the Gatesville District.

At the Annual Conference held at Waco in November, some new districts were created; but in our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society the districts will remain as they have been until our next annual meeting, when we shall adapt our work to the new orrangements of the districts.

As we come to the close of our fiscal year let us bestir ourselves that none of our societies fail to pay all that has been promised for support of specials and for the pledge to carry on the general extension of the work. Let us send up reports of everything paid up in full.

MRS. M. E. BULLOCK,
Cor. Sec. Conference Society.
Hereford, Texas.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

February Bulletin.

"Our eyes have seen the glory of the breaking of the day;
Our ears have caught the bugle note that comes from far away;
We see the light on mountain heights, in beaming words that say
Prepare, prepare the way!"

Nineteen and nine! Let's all "jine!" The F. M. S. February's here! Are the books clear—of our debts? March is comin'! 'Twill keep us hummin'—Let's pay up!

Pay your "fine!"—We can't stay behind! "Arise and shine."

Finances! Finances! !

A million for missions! $300,000 for our Woman's Board! $10,000 for Northwest Texas! And the last quarter drawing to a close! Remember that March 1 closes the fiscal year.

Only a month in which to work, and we are behind! Our finances are not up! We must bend every nerve to meet our obligations within the next four weeks. We can do it if we will.

Only Listen.

Our Conference Treasurer sends us the following statement: First

Our Pledge

Will need a hearty response this quarter to complete our $7250. Amount collected so far is about $1800. (A failure on our part at this point cripples the work of the Board, and breaks the hearts of the despairing ones whose pleading hands are held out to us, and whose pitiful cry for help comes ringing across the distance. Surely we cannot afford to allow our pledge to go unpaid!) Second the

Conference Expense Fund

Is sadly in arrears. (And where is the women who cannot spare 25 cents per year? It isn't meanness, nor poverty, nor ignorance, even—it is just that old thief, Procrastination! He will steal more than a quarter, too, if you don't "watch out." Pay your 25 cents and your dues, before the old fellow winds up the scroll and you hear the sad refrain, "too late, too late!" for this year, at least.) Third the

Money for Expense for Minutes!

Is very, very much behind. (This is really a reproach since only $1.00 or 5 cents per member is required from each society. We don't realize the embarrassment this thoughtlessness brings to our beloved work. The whole machinery is clogged by one small neglect on the part of one member of our society. It costs money to publish our annual report and since all enjoy a copy of same during the whole year, all should respond without delay with this very small amount. Otherwise it must be taken out of the general funds and then—well I know you will pay it now—at once!) Fourth the

Specials

Are coming in only moderately well. Some of the specials, scholarships and Bible women funds have been due for quite a while. (Societies should understand that when a special is undertaken it should not be discontinued without due notice. Often these are allowed to go on, and no money is sent for support of same. Somebody suffers. Our missionaries should not be thus embarrassed. Notification of discontinuance should be made when money is no longer sent. Again: Money for specials should not be sent to your Conference Treasurer until the entire amount is in hand. Let us bear this item in mind, for it is only multiplying the already arduous labors of our Treasurer when the money is sent in by small amounts. And

Last, But Not Least.

What about the Birthday Plan? It is not receiving the attention it should since we have adopted it as a Conference Plan. I suggest that each Press Superintendent or the President of each society appoint a woman whose special duty shall be to develop this feature of our work. Write me for more leaflets if you need them.

Look This Way, Everybody!

In view of the foregoing statements, and in view of the fact that only a few weeks remain which we may "round-up," let us see that nothing goes unpaid. We plead for full and prompt reports. More than ever before we urge the full payment of finances.

Why?

Because appeals are coming in to us from everywhere for additional workers and better equipment. These are pitiful, urgent. The opportunity is vital, the success of our work is at stake. Will we meet these needs? We can do it if we will. May we not say, "We can do it and we will?"

It Depends

Upon the final reports which should be sent in not later than the first of March. All reports for Board and Annual Meetings are based on the March report, and exactness is absolutely necessary.

Sisters, let's meet our obligations in full, deny ourselves, increase our pledge and make an offering to the Lord that will enable us to "go up and possess the land." And auxiliary officers, consider yourselves especially set apart during this month to lay upon the hearts and conscience of your societies the necessity of full reports and be prompt.

Dots from the mid-winter session of the Executive Committee Woman's Board Foreign Missions which met in Nashville, on January 11-13:

1. There was much to encourage. The Treasurer reported collections to the amount of $145,742, an advance of $11,534, over the corresponindg quarter of last year, making it possible to meet the appropriations without borowing. If the remainder of the fiscal year meets expectation the appropriations will all be met and the debt decreased.

2. Miss Martha Nutt, whose appointment as a missionary teacher was reconsidered, was recommended as a missionary and her expenses for travel, outfit and salary to be paid.

3. Mrs. Cobb, Miss Bennett and Miss Davies were appointed as delegates to the Interdenominational Conference of Woman's Boards of Canada and the United States, which will meet in Boston, February 24, 25.

4. The time for the next annual session of the Woman's Board was fixed for Saturday, May 1; the Executive Committee to meet two days in advance. Place, by previous election, is Chattanooga, Tennessee.

5. The Missionary Advocate receipts are better than last year, but the large amount paid out to meet the debt on the Little Worker and the advance in price of paper, will prevent as large a balance as reported in May.

6. A large, interesting class of missionary candidates of the Scarritt Bible and Training School for the foreign field was reported by Miss Gibson.

Miss Mary Culler White, Miss Minnie Bomar and Miss Ida Anderson are on the steamer Manchuria for their work in China. The first for her appointment in Soochow, and the others for Huchow. There is much to be thankful for, not only in what has been done since June, but for the faith, work and prayer of our constituency.

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On the Firing Line.

Colorado, Abilene and Vernon District Secretaries have wrtten that they are pressing on to better things and greater achievements in the work. Vernon reports a live study mission class. Many of the other auxiliaries write encouragingly of their work along this line and the success that has attended the organization of these classes. Missionary reading means missionary succeeding.

Quanah reports special work undertaken and progress along all lines. May God bless them. They have, by the way, a good Press Superintendent. That always spells activity.

Bro. Hotchkiss reports a new adult society at Springtown in the Weatherford District, with twenty-three members. Good!

A new adult society was organized at China Springs, and a Y. P's. society at Dublin. Both starting out with enthusiasm.

We regret to note the death of Dr. Read, of Corsicana, the husband of our sister worker of that city. Mrs. Read served for many years as our District Secretary and did most excellent and faithful work for our conference. Our sympathy and prayers are with her in this great sorrow.

Our President, Mrs. Johnson, expresses through the Bulletin her thanks and appreciation of the many loving Christmas and New Year's greetings that came to her from the various conference officers and workers. On account of her severe attack of tonsilitis and continued illness in her own family, it has not been possible for her to acknowledge sooner the messages. The added care and responsibilities of her home life are such that every minute is occupied and it is not always easy for the hands to respond to the dictates of the heart. May God bless her, guide and keep her always—and this, too, is our wish for all the other faithful officers and co-workers.

From across the seas have come to me recent letters from our far-away "daughters," Miss Richmond and Miss Manns. Both are happy and busy in their appointed work and send greetings of love to the conference. More of this in another Bulletin.

Miss Davies says: "Texas is not to be compared with this Florida schedule for leading me a strenuous life." She is rushing from train to church and on to the next engagement. But God is giving her strength and abundantly blessing her labors.

Our dear Miss Bennett writes that she and Miss Head are visiting the H. M. School at Brevard this week. May the tenderest care of the Father be ever with this beloved member of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in the wonderfully busy life she leads in the general interest of the Church.

The host of friends of Mrs. Jno. R. Nelson, Second Vice-President of the W. B. F. M., will be glad to know that she is recovering from an attack of pneumonia, which prevented her attendance upon the executive session in Nashville. Bro and Mrs. Nelson are still "our own," and Northwest Texas is happy in claiming them as her members, and with the poet we can say of them, "Far off thou art, but ever near. We have thee still and we rejoice."

Our Third Vice-President of the Board, Mrs. Barnum, has returned from Nashville and sends us this week some very attractive "samples" of her excellent programs, but of these we will speak later under institute work.

And let us not forget, auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries, that Mrs. Bullock, our faithful Conference Secretary, is just as anxious to get prompt reports from you away out at Hereford as she was when living in Lorena. Let's make her feel that she is one mile further off (and she isn't, for everybody knows that the West is the center of civilization) by full, prompt, frequent letters and reports.

Already our message is too long, again, and so many things yet to report. We fear the quantity as well as the quality will compel our long-suffering editor to throw this Bulletin into the waste basket. But as her name is only another way of spelling "patience" and "goodness," we still presume upon it.

"And now we have passed from the old year into the new. The year 1908 was characterized by unprecedented opportunities. Every field occupied by our Church has been thrown open more widely than ever before. The year 1909 becomes one of tremendous responsibility. We must 'go forward' or lose the vantage ground now occupied. A falling off of our conferences in finance would be a calamity."—Report from General Board. May we not count on each member to do her best?—to bring up her "collections in full?" "We can do it and we will!"

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Yield yourself to the Spirit's leading;
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MRS. J. C. MIMMS,
Second Vice-President Conference Society.
Mexia, Texas.

FLOYDADA AUXILIARY.

The woman's Home Mission Society, of Floydada, is not dead, neither is it dying, but is enjoying a healthy growth. During the past year they did a noble work in improving the parsonage and church. They have begun the new conference year with new energy. We meet every Monday afternoon in the home of some one of the sisters and study the Bible as outlined in Our Homes. We also hold our business meetings once a month. Mrs. L. A. Slaughter, our efficient President, has an eye to business and presides with dignity and ease. All the other officers are good, consecrated women, and discharging their duties with zeal and energy. Our society now numbers 27, with accessions every Monday afternoon; 15 copies of Our Homes are taken. We are striving to see that no part of our Lord's work is neglected. Our pastor meets with us often, and his presence is surely much appreciated by all. And now, dear sisters, as we are enteting upon a new year, let's each one see that we make it the best year in the history of our society and of our lives, and see that the work of our hands may be strengthened of the Lord and may prosper in all things. MRS. ABBIE STEPHENS,
Auxiliary Cor. Sec'y.

STEAM AT BREVARD SCHOOL, N. C.

The steam heating plant has at last been installed at Brevard and the student body is rejoicing over the comfortable conditions. This was made possible through the legacy from Mrs. Scotia Inskeep Chenoweth and contributions from the Western North Carolina Conference.—Bulletin.

MIGHTY FINE DOCTOR

"I had a mighty fine doctor," writes Mrs. Hattie Cain, "and he advised me to take Cardui for my troubles."

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

(Continued from page 5)

ments. He surely was alive. Our first Quarterly Conference has passed and was one of great pleasure. Brother Shaw did us some fine preaching. Three soul-stirring services were held while he was here. He is also alive and I never saw a man that was more anxious to preach and see men saved than he is. He, I am sure, has not lost sight of the great purpose of the gospel. Fluvanna is a growing town in the northwest corner of Scurry County, and will soon be the terminus of the R. S. & P. railroad. We have as good people here as any preacher ever served, a splendid church building that has just been seated with nice oak pews. The Church property is worth, when all claims are released, about $5,500. This is a half station, and of course when the railroad comes will hold full time; at any rate in another year. This is a new country, comparatively speaking, and people are coming here from every part of the land and settling among us. We hope to lead them on planes that are spiritual and toward a higher life amid all the hustling for lands and homes. We are praying for great revivals and large results during the year in bringing men to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. When you have read these lines pray that the preacher of this charge may be humble, and that God's work may prosper.—W. C. Hinds, P. C., Jan. 27.

Tenaha.

We have been received kindly on this charge; pounded freely and such kindness as Methodist alone can show has been ours. We are already busy and we expect to be busy all the year. Our town is a busy one at this season, as the new railroad is nearing completion at this point. We only moved the distance of eighteen miles this year. We were on the Shelbyville charge last year, and, by the way, there is no better people on earth than those Shellyville people. We feel like we made some progress last year as the minutes will show, but we are going to try to do more this year. We have already had some glorious services and we are fixing to overhaul one of our churches, which is badly needed. We have a fine Board of Stewards. They have placed our salary in advance of that of any previous year. Our Woman's Home Mission Society is well organized and they are doing splendid work. Our Sunday-schools all over the charge are doing good work. We will entertain the District Conference here in our home town, Tenaha, before long. Of course we are all expecting a fine time. So all who would love to see a live business town, the very best one in East Texas, come along to the District Conference. We have two railroads and we will soon have several wholesale houses in our midst. We have prohibition and have had for thirty or forty years, and don't want anything else.—L. B. Saxon.

Mount Calm.

We have entered with optimism into our labors, and expect the Lord to bless us and give us a revival of religion in the Church and community, if we do our part. Let us endeavor to do this by the grace of God. We feel encouraged in that we believe the work is taking on some new life, interest and enthusiasm. We are agitating and projecting, by degrees, our plans for the erection of a new parsonage which will make a very creditable addition to our Church property at this place. We were at Mesquite on the third Sunday, and though the weather was cold and threatening, we had a fairly good congregation. On Friday night of last week we were given a very handsome and delightful pounding by the open-hearted friends of the Church. They filled the pantry with so many good things to eat. We appreciate this token of their remembrance, and are truly thankful to those who so kindly and so thoughtfully took this upon their hearts and hands to work it up. My prayer is that the Lord may help us to co-operate as pastor and Church in preparing the way for a Holy Ghost revival in the Church and town. Oh, that Zion were replete with the Spirit's power for the accomplishment of this mighty work! "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy." Hab. 3:2.—J. M. Glazier, Jan. 28.

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Blanket.

We are having a fine time here. Yesterday was a great day in this town. Quite a number were converted and many happy. The business houses are closing for the day services, and things look encouraging for a great meeting. God be praised! The Advocate is finer and finer all the time. Go on, go on!—W. H. Brown.

Leesville.

Leesville charge is coming to the front. Our first Quarterly Conference, held Jan. 9-10, resulted in a slight raise in the pastor's salary, allowing him $600 and $90 for presiding elder. About a fourth of this amount was paid at our fourth Quarterly Conference. Lately we have had two rooms of the parsonage papered. Have put in some new furniture. About $300 is on hand for repairing the church house at Leesville. We are making no mean beginning on our general collections. The spiritual outlook is encouraging. However, there is room for improvement on all lines. We are working for and expecting great things in the near future.—L. C. Lilly.

Sadler Mission.

Our Methodists here at the close of last conference year, with the advice of our presiding elder and the leadership of Prof. German, Bro. McMahan, and others, who were interested, decided to furnish a home and pay $100, and ask for the pastor here another year. So when the appointments were read out at Greenville last fall we were sent to Sadler. We were soon on the ground and the reins well in hand. For a preacher to live in Sadler (that is a Methodist preacher) was a new thing; but we were treated very kindly and furnished a nice little home, and in a few days were remembered with a nice donation, led by some of our young people—Prof. German, Miss Eppie Saunders, Miss Annie Joe Ivey and others. This was a nice affair. Following this came Gordonville with a big donation—a nice wagon load of furniture for our home and a big load of hay. Followlowing all those good things came our beloved presiding elder and the first Quarterly Conference. All of the official members were present except three. Bro. Harless complimented the conference for its spirit of promptness and liberality. Sadler now furnishes a home for the pastor and pays over $200 on the salary. The other Churches made liberal assessments. The whole charge is taking on new life and the outlook is more encouraging than at first sight. The Gordonville and Sadler Sunday-schools have just ordered 160 of our new song books. Have received 10 into the Church and have the names of 14 others who will join soon. Have our subscription in full on foreign missions and some in cash. God in his word has said, "Ask largely that your joys may be full." We are asking first of all that our Methodists will put away from them every questionable or known sin and join the pastor in the Save One Soul Club. Second, good crops, 200 conversions, 200 additions to the Church, and double all the assessments asked for, one new church and parsonage. And now may God bless the whole charge, pastor and all the people, and help every member to feel that the whole charge will fail if he or she don't do their part.—J. T. Turner, P. C.

Dalby Springs.

On our arrival at Dalby Springs we met with quite a welcome and were shown the way to the home of Bro. Dolphus Shaw. Here we met a kind reception and in a little while were invited out to dinner and as they had just been killing hogs it is needless to say we had quite a dinner. Soon after our wagons came up and soon we were domiciled in the pasonage and things have been moving on fine ever since. We have made one round on the work. Our first Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. Bro. R. A. Burroughs, our much-loved presiding elder, was on hand and preached for us three most excellent sermons and held one of the most pleasant Quarterly Conferences I ever attended. The outlook for a good year we think are flattering. I want to say for my predecessor, Bro. W. H. Summy, that he is much loved by this people. I will say as to the usual pounding we have some of that coming our way. Let us pray for and expect a good year.—J. H. Westmoreland.

Dawson.

This preacher and his wife found everything about the parsonage from the front street to the back alley swept and garnished and in a good condition when they returned from conference. This should always be the case whether the preacher expects to move or not. If he moves his successor will find everything all right, and if he returns to the charge the work is already done. Shame on the preacher and his wife who leaves the parsonage property run down, and in a filthy condition. Our reception has been everything that one could wish. The pounding came in due and ancient form. Since then we have received an abundance of fresh meats, etc., which were very acceptable. Our good presiding elder, Dr. Bishop, came to us the 24th inst., preached a great sermon for us that night, and held our first Quarterly Conference Monday afternoon. The reports showed everything to be in a good condition. Some material improvements have been made at the parsonage. The pastor's salary is paid up and a little over. The Sunday-schools and Epworth League are doing an excellent work. Our congregations at the regular services are good and the interest in all departments are very encouraging. We are hopeful and happy.—S. P. Nevill.

Randolph.

Things are moving on quite well on Randolph circuit. We were pounded last week by the people of Edhube. It was the best and most valuable pounding that has ever come to us. Edhube is one of the best village Churches in this section of the State—fine people, faithful to their Church and pastor. We have placed Revival Praises in two churches and one Baptist church. Our new Sunday-school at Randolph is making splendid progress. The people are enthusiastic under the leadership of Dr. Parrigin, Mrs. Kinslow and Burr Wright. With a stirring up of the souls of men we can easily become one of the best charges in the State. Things we believe are on the forward move all over this charge. So may it be with you all, my brethren.—M. C. Dickson.

Purley Circuit.

On last Sunday night we closed one of the greatest meetings ever held in Pickton. Rev. W. H. Brown, of Whitesboro, did the preaching. We were hindered at first by snow and sleet, but the people came and heard the simple gospel story from this consecrated man of God, and gave their hearts and lives to the service of the Master. Eternity alone will tell the good done in this meeting. Old scores were settled, sinners fell down and turned to God. The service was dismissed at the church only to be continued on the streets and in the homes of the people. Scores were converted; many backsliders reclaimed. All denominations helped and all alike received a great blessing. At the close of the meeting a great praise service was held in which hundreds took part. It was glorious to see love aboand where strife and discord had held sway. My people love Brown, and thank the Lord that he came our way. Let former pastors stand up and take notice that Pickton is on shouting ground and bless the Lord with us for we are glad. We say last, but not least, that an Advocate was put in every Methodist home save one, and we expect his subscription on the next round. We bless the Lord and press the battle in other fields.—W. B. Martin.

Claremore, Okla.

I was appointed by the conference at Oklahoma City last November to Claremore Station. Claremore is a town of 3000 or 3500. We have two railroads and natural gas. We have good Church property. Our church is the best in town, and we have a six-room parsonage. The Sunday-school has grown from 25 to 75 since conference. The congregations are also growing. Our greatest need here is a Holy Ghost revival. I am working and praying that we may have the revival and the people may be saved. We have a Texas man this year for a presiding elder in the person of Rev. J. W. Sims, and he is a good one. He is making things come to pass on the district. This is a health resort, and many people are coming here for these baths. I enjoy reading the Advocate, and especially the letters from the old Weatherford College boys.—Geo. W. Lewis, Jan. 30.

Fruitland Circuit.

Have been kindly received and pounded in good style, and almost every day since arrival some token of kindness in the way of good things to eat has come to the parsonage. These people would make anybody love them. With some change in the appointments the stewards have raised the assessment $25 over last year, making it $510. Everywhere we get words of encouragement and prayers in behalf of the preacher. We are happy on the way and hope to bring up a full report this fall.—Chas. N. Smith, Feb. 1.

Caldwell Mission.

Our first Quarterly Conference convened at Lyons January 23, 24. Bro. A. A. Wagnon, our presiding elder, came on Friday. I speak the sentiment of all when I say he did us good. His sermon Sunday was a feast to us all. After which he asked for my conference collections; and I am sure I never saw a little congregation respond more liberally; over $70 were secured. Our Sunday-school at Lyons is hard to beat. Miss Alma Keese is our Superintendent and she is managing it in a very successful way. Yesterday we organized a Woman's Home Mission Society with ten members. I am sure they will soon double their number. Considering all things, I believe we are doing well.—G. C. Cravy, Feb. 1.

Green Chapel.

Some Sunday-schools and cottage prayer-meetings often go into winter quarters, but not so with Green Chapel Sunday-school. We have a fine Superintendent, Bro. Courtright. He gives the Sunday-school so much life and that is what we need in a country Sunday-school to make a success. Our cottage prayer-meeting has some of the best Christian men and women to back it. Bro. W. R. Crockett, a local preacher of Blanket, preaches for us at Read Tank school house on the second and fourth Sundays at 3 o'clock in each month. He is a fine preacher. Our new pastor, Bro. Brandon, preaches for us at Green Chapel on the first Sunday in each month. Bro. Brandon is the very man for the work. So you see we are getting on higher ground religiously. We need a few more good, true Christian men and women to move in and help push the old ship along. Success to the Advocate and its many readers.—A. G. Bowden.

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Burleson.

Burleson has just witnessed one of the most remarkable revivals in its history. We began preaching January 24 and closed January 31. During these eight days about eighty souls were saved. All denominations attended and some of all denominations were converted. I have never seen clearer demonstrations of the presence and power of the Spirit. The people "had a mind to work" and their prayers had the ring of that victory that overcomes. Brother John Owens, of Egan, was present throughout the meeting to assist in the altar work. In this capacity I do not hesitate to say that he is the best I have ever known. Brother A. C. Fisher, the singing evangelist, of Ft. Worth, came to us Monday night and had charge of the music for the remainder of the meeting. As a helper he is simply invaluable. He is thoroughly consecrated and is a singer, not simply of ability, but of power. May his great work continue to be blessed of God.—C. G. Chappell.

Richland.

We were sent here as a supply. We have had a hearty welcome. We find many friends. While some of our people are very indifferent about Church work, the most of the people here are irreligious. They treat us very kindly. Our first Quarterly Conference was held January 27. Our presiding elder, Rev. Horace Bishop, was on hand, but, to our disappointment, could not stay over and preach. Our people all like him. We had a good attendance and a good collection—$48.45. We have been pounded. If you had seen the kitchen after they left you would have thought so; and the good things continue. May the Lord help us to render them service worthy of such kindness. What we need now is a revival, and get all of our people saved.—W. A. Neill, P. C.

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HILL.—In loving memory of Hattie Hill, eldest daughter of Mrs. Rufus A. Green, of Bastrop, Texas, and beloved wife of Mr. Wm. J. Hill, of Waco, Texas, who died December 4, 1908, aged thirty-seven years. To the thoughtful mind there is a very striking analogy between human life and a tale that is told. The lovely infant cradled upon its mother's breast, shielded from every storm, growing like a flower in the sunshine, is the beautiful opening chapter in a life's history. The next page is filled with the visions and dreams, the hopes and purposes of the glad and happy maiden as she goes singing on her way to meet the responsibilities that lie out in a golden future. Ere long new ties are formed, and hand in hand loyal hearts begin a journey whose end none can foretell. The sacred communion that makes home the paradise of fond hearts, the tender benedictions that hallow the fireside, where father, mother and children gather at morn, at noon and at night—these illumine with love's holy light another chapter of that sweet story that never grows old. How sad that Death—a mysteries visitor—should here shut the book and close its pages forever. This broken record of a short but happy life is the stainless legacy left to sorrowing hearts by the early death of our beloved friend, Mrs. Wm. J. Hill. We weep for her, but not as those who have no hope. She early gave her heart to God and he was her constant friend. Lovely in life, peaceful in the quiet sleep of death, and blessed in eternity—this is her record. As we stood beside the still form and recalled the weary days and nights of suffering, and the many virtues and graces of the young life, so soon passed into the great beyond, we could find no trace of pain on the calm, beautiful face. The roses that she loved were laid upon her gentle bosom, and she seemed wrapped in sweet repose with God's peace upon her brow. The sacred stillness of the holy Sabbath when her dear form was laid to rest beside the dust of her beloved father, in beautiful Fairview, was broken only by the subdued sobs of sorrowing friends; tears flowed not only for the beloved dead, but for the bereaved mother and sister, the sorrowing husband and children.

D. J. O.

Bastrop, Texas, Jan. 8, 1909.

ROENSCH.—Mrs. Anna Catherine Roensch (nee Grove) was born in Bremen, Germany, November 15, 1840, and died at the home of her son-in-law, J. G. Trousdale, in Smithville, Texas, December 29, 1908. Sister Roensch came to this country in 1867 and settled at Winchester, Fayette County. She was married to Julius Roensch April 18, 1869. To this union were born three sons and three daughters, who still survive her. In early life Sister Roensch was confirmed in the German Lutheran Church, but after coming to this country she found a Church home and a place of service with our Church. She fully attested her appreciation for this home by supporting the Church liberally. Her gentle ministries will be missed in many a home. She was always among the first to reach a home visited by sickness or death, and with her deeds of kindness and words of warm, heartfelt sympathy she was able to do much toward elevating the suffering or sorrow-stricken. Yes, earth is poorer, but heaven is richer, and no doubt more blessedly real to the grief-stricken family and friends. To the sons and daughters we would say follow mother's good example as she followed Christ. May we all so live that we shall see her again some day.

O. F. HATFIELD.

COOK.—Ruth Cook, daughter of A. B. and Lula Cook, was born June 1, 1903, and died September 26, 1908. Ruthie was a bright child. She loved her Sunday-school and that was all her talk. She was taken sick and lived only a few days. He that doeth all things well called her to his eternal home to live with her papa and little brother. Yes, Lula, your heart is crushed under this bereavement, but you can look up through your tears and say earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. Farewell, Ruthie, but not forever. We shall meet our loved ones some sweet day and be with them forever.

HER UNCLE CHARLEY.

VIA.—Johnnie W. Via was born in Albermarle County, Virginia, March 24, 1843, and died at his home near Campbell, Hunt County, Texas, in the early morning of January 15, 1909. "He was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost." His going away was like the gentle falling of an autumn leaf. When only a boy he gave his heart to Christ and joined the Methodist Church. During the Civil War he served in Pickett's Division of the Confederate Army. On December 19, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Corrine Sisson. Nine children were born to them, one of whom preceded the father to the heavenly home. The surviving children are all consistent members of the Methodist Church, his four sons being official members. Bro. Via was a consistent Christian man, an exemplary citizen, a thoughtful and loving husband, a kind and indulgent father. The children seem to have inherited the instinct of worship from the father and the mother. In the quiet cemetery by the beautiful church where he worshiped so long and well we laid his body to rest until the morning of the resurrection, when the trumpet shall summon his saints to meet Him in the place of his glory. His bereaved widow and children know where to find him. His pastor,

JOHN MOORE.

BIDDLE.—Mrs. Martha A. Biddle was born in Fountain County, Indiana, on the 7th day of April, 1839. She was happily married to A. J. Biddle in the same county on the 3d of December, 1862. For forty-six years this devoted couple walked together in loving unison, their joy growing with the passing years. Two children were the result of this union, one, Allie by name, having died in 1880, aged six; the other, Mrs. F. L. Sheeks, resides in Beaumont, and is a devoted member of the Church of Christ. In 1886 Sister Biddle moved to Texas and resided in Mexia and Sherman, moving to Beaumont in 1904, at which place she went to sleep on the 10th of January, 1909. Here she thoroughly identified herself with the work of the Church. The Woman's Home Mission Society was her special delight. At the eventide there was light. A perfect resignation God gave to her; even more, a holy joy in view of death. She sleeps in Jesus, having heard the voice of her Lord. It was said of the early Methodists that "they die well." Sister Biddle exemplified the comforting power of the gospel of Christ. Just a little while and then will come the happy reunion beyond the stars. J. W. MOORE.

Beaumont, Texas.

FLY.—Mrs. Eliza Fly was born in Maury County, Tenn., in 1823; came to Texas with her three children in 1874, her husband having lost his life in the Civil War in 1863. They settled near Seago where she reared her little family and taught them to be useful in their day. She professed religion and joined the Methodist Church at the age of thirteen and lived a beautiful life until God called her home, January 13, 1909. A very large crowd gathered at the church to attend her funeral service, which took place January 14, and her remains, followed by long precession, were laid away in Seago Cemetery. Grandma Fly was a consecrated Christian. Hers was a life "hidden with Christ in God." In all her suffering she was very patient, being submissive to the will of her Lord. With her to live was Christ, to die was surely gain. She is greatly missed by her two children who survive her, her grand-children and legions of riends, but we have no doubt but that He who promised never to leave nor forsake has this dear soul in His own keeping, where she is receiving reward for a life well spent upon this earth. May loved ones and friends follow her example and meet her in the haven of rest.

W. J. PALMER.

ROOTS.—If life is measured by days and years Mamie lived from September 8, 1905 to October 17, 1908. For three short years she was a constant joy to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Roots. She was one of those bright, pretty children, with a nature as sunny as her curls. She attended Sunday-school regularly and took much interest in Bible stories. A short time before her death she told her mother that she had Jesus in her heart. Mamie was never a very robust child physically; she was seriously ill for some weeks before the fragile little body finally succumbed to a stroke of paralysis. Those who witnessed her patience during her intense suffering had every evidence that she had "Jesus in her heart." Dear little Mamie, how we miss you! You are now safe from suffering and can play with the baby brother who awaited you in your heavenly home. You cannot come back to us, but we will meet you again. How great is the Christian's hope! How dark death would be without it.

MRS. E. P. W.

KING.—Mrs I. C. King (nee Howe) was born at Rock Hill, Collin County, Texas, December 10, 1857, and departed this life at Denton, Texas, January 13, 1909, age fifty-one years, one month and four days. She was married to Geo. Morrison in 1874. To this union were born three children, two of whom are still living. She was married to I C. King in 1881. To this union were born three children, two of whom are still alive. She was converted at twelve years of age and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and remained a true and loyal member until released by death. The writer preached her funeral at Pilot Point, Texas, asisted by Revs. I. W. Clark and T. J. Simmons, in the presence of a large audience of loving and sympathizing friends. I was Sister King's pastor for four years. I take pleasure in saying she was one of the truest and best Christian women I ever knew. I visited and prayed with her several times during her illness. I found her patient to the highest degree. Her Christian fortitude and resignation were indeed commendable. Sister King was carried to the Denton sanitarium for an operation to remove an internal malignent growth. She bore herself like a true Christian. She seemed to have absolutely no fear of death. She met the grim monster on his own ground, and challenged him to do his worst. Her calmness in her sickness and death seemed to defy the grave and rob death of its sting. She was indeed a truly good woman, full of energy, kindness, religious fervor, loyalty, devotion and undying faith. Born to conquer. She was pronounced in her convictions, yet possessed great womanly modesty. She demonstrated the fact that one could possess friends, character and influence without being swayed by so-called modern society. Such women as she are a stay to the State, home and Church. She was rarely gifted in prayer and in her devotion talked to God as friend to friend. She has gone to her reward, but she went not until she made her impression upon her community, her Church and her home. Her children will call her blessed in "that day." May her like continue and her mantle fall on her daughters. Peace to her sleeping form, and honor to her life. We laid her body to rest beside her buried loved ones in the beautiful Pilot Point Cemetery to await the resurrection of the just. She is gone, but not forgotten. We shall see her again. Her former pastor.

TOM J. BECKHAM.

SCHLOTTMAN.—Mrs. J. E. Schlottman (nee Allie Keith) was born in San Antonio, Texas, April 4, 1880; married at Luling, Texas, December 6, 1900, and died at Gonzales, Texas, together with her newly-born infant, January 17, 1909. For several years she made her home in Rosebud, Texas, where she was united with the Methodist Church, of which she was an active member, being for some time our faithful and efficient organist. She was possessed of a quiet mind, a meek and gentle spirit, and her life was filled with ministries of kindness. She loved her home and made it happy. She loved her Church, and joyfully gave her time and substance to its advancement. She loved her Lord, and consecrated herself to him in life, and committed her bereaved husband and sorrowing friends to his keeping in death. She leaves behind a husband, an aged father and mother, two brothers and three sisters, who mourn their loss. We laid her to rest at Luling amid the familiar scenes of her childhood. From this deep and restful slumber on that morn without clouds she will wake yet again, no more to weep, no more to sorrow, no more to die. Rest, happy spirit, in this blessed hope of a better resurrection.

(REV.) S. S. McKINNEY.

CHAMBERS—Winnie May, the beautiful little infant daughter of S. R. and Martha Chambers, was born near Blake, March 5, 1908. She took pneumonia and after fifteen days of suffering the Lord came for her spirit and her little body was laid away in the Crossecut Cemetery January 20, 1909. Winnie May was a treasure to her parents and constant joy to her little brother and sister Weep not as those who have no hope, dear friends. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

W. T. JONES, P. C.

Pioneer, Texas.

REYNOLDS.—Bro. H. H. Reynolds, the subject of this sketch, was born August 28, 1840, and died July 10, 1908. Bro. Reynolds has lived in Texas since 1870. Our dealings with him have been very pleasant. He was a good man. We were always glad to see him. To his sorrowing sons and his heartbroken widow would say, let's meet him in heaven some day. He cannot come to us, but we can go to him, thank God.

W. R. CRAWFORD.

ROBINSON.—Emily C. Robinson (nee Allphin) was born in Kentucky August 10, 1820. Her father, Shelton Allphin, fought in the famous battle of New Orleans in 1814. Her parents moved to Texas in 1834. In 1838 she was married to Geo. W. Robinson, who fought and was wounded in the battle of San Jacinto. To this union there were born nine children, all of whom lived to be adults and married; but five of them preceded her to the great beyond. Sister Robinson joined the Methodist Church early in life and was a devout and consistent member of the same until January 13, 1909, when God said to her, "It is enough, come up higher." Grandma Robinson, as she was familiarly known, was a subscriber to the Texas Christian Advocate. She and her husband commenced taking the paper it is believed by her children and grandchildren when it first began to be published, and after her husband's death November, 1887, she continued to take it until her departure from this life. Sister Robinson loved the Church and was the preacher's friend. "She is not dead, but sleepeth." We know where to find her. She lived to see more than sixty grandchildren, a great many more great grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Oh what a meeting when these shall meet on the shore of sweet deliverance, where sad partings will be no more! Look up, bereaved ones, and press on, we shall meet her by and by in our Father's house, where the bloom of youth shall rest on every cheek and the sunshine of love shall beam in every eye and dwell in every heart.

J. C. CARR.

Madisonville, Texas.

RICHARDSON.—Miss Maud W. Richardson was born at Banquette, Nueces County, Texas, October 29, 1874; died at Tilden, May 23, 1908. She was confined to her room seven months and suffered much, but her patience never failed. She never complained. She knew she could not recover, and was prepared to go. Death had no terrors for her. She said she was tired of suffering She was good and pure, and I know she is at rest. But oh! how hard it was to give her up and how lonely our home is without her. Her place can not be filled. In her home she was a devoted daughter and a kind and affectionate sister. Loved by all who knew her she had no enemies. Since her father's death five years ago she has been the head of the family, and conducted a mecantile business until her health failed. Three sisters and three brothers mourn her departure. Her youngest brother and sister, who were with her to the end, did everything for her that was in their power. They were accustomed to go to her for advice in all business affairs, and sought her sympathy in all their troubles. And when the parting came it almost broke our hearts. But we have the blessed assurance that she has gone to the God who gave her, and I know I will meet her again when the storms of life are over. My daily prayer is that her brothers and sisters may so live in this world that we may all meet in heaven, a happy family band, never more to part.

MOTHER.

DILLON.—Frances Julia Dillon (nee Brown) was born July 17, 1881, and departed this life July 28, 1908, after which her body was quietly laid to rest in the Snow Hill Cemetery. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church at the age of fourteen years, after which she lived a quiet though a consistent Christian life. Her devout Christian life was only the result of her early training, for she was reared in an old-time Methodist home. She had a profound regard for the word of God, the Church, the Christian Sabbath, and ever honored her parents. She was married to B. D. Dillon July 24, 1900. To this union was born one child, little Hora, now seven years of age. A host of relatives and friends mourn their loss; but let me say to these, weep not as those who have no hope, for some sweet day, if you are faithful to God, you will clasp hands with your departed loved ones, where parting is not known. Her pastor,

S. T. FRANCIS.

Blue Ridge, Texas.

GRANT.—Mrs. Josephine E. Grant was born in Knoxville, Tenn., July 10, 1841; was married to Mr. M. W. Grant December 16, 1862. This union was blessed with seven children—four girls and three boys, all living. Her husband preceded her to the grave twenty-six years. So she was left a widow to raise her family. This she did nobly. She was converted when seventeen years of age. She joined the Methodist Church when converted. So she was a member of the Methodist Church fifty years, all the time a faithful, true, good Christian woman. She was kind and gentle as a mother. She served her Church faithfully.

J. A. BIGGS.

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KING.—M. Texas King (nee Boulware) was born in Red River County, Texas, Jan. 10, 1889; married to L. P. King October 23, 1904; went home to heaven January 21, 1909. She joined the M. E. Church at the age of thirteen and lived a consistent Christian until God called her to that beautiful place prepared for such as she. She was loved by all who knew her. Her life was an example that any would do well to follow. Her sickness only lasted seven days, but her suffering was beyond description, yet she never murmured. She didn't try to cross the river of death alone, but reached out and caught the blessed Savior by the hand, and he lead her across, as he does all his own. Her dying words were a sweet benediction to her life on earth. All she clung to life for was the separation from her loved ones on earth, and she wanted to live to work for Christ a little longer. But God said while her life on earth was over her blessed influence would live forever. Our little home here in Mangum has been made so desolate; only those who have buried so many bright hopes for the future (earthly future) know just how to sympathize with us. She leaves a young husband, who feels there is nothing more on earth for him, two fond parents and seven brothers and sisters and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. But by the promise of our Savior we can meet her where there are no more heartaches or tears and no more good byes are said.

HER LOVING SISTER.

Mangum, Okla.

SMITH.—Little Sydney Lynn Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Smith, was born February 2, 1908, and died August 16, 1908. He was laid to rest in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery by the hands of many loving friends. He was the first and only son of his devoted parents; and, though his presence brightened their home for only a brief period of time, the hope which his coming kindled in their hearts will never lose its sweetening influence. A baby's life—too sweet, too innocent, too pure for this world— has gone to be with God. Words of sympathy can never heal the broken hearts of the bereaved ones; but to God, who knoweth all things, they may look for comfort. May the memory of little Lynn be an inspiration to the bereaved relatives and serve to draw their affections away from this earth and fix them upon the home above where sorrow and death can never come. May God's richest blessings rest upon the grief-stricken parents and friends.

HIS AUNT FANNIE.

STRACENER.—J. M. Stracener was born in Conway County, Arkansas, December 20, 1865. He joined the M. E. Church at Mustang, Denton County, Texas, in 1892. He was married to Miss Oma Hibbitt February 3, 1887, and died at Quinlan, Texas, January 14, 1909, at 11:30 p. m. Services were conducted by his pastor,

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FAMILY REUNION.

C. M. Hall, of near Argyle, has returned from a family reunion at Bangs, in Brown County, Texas, which was held during Christmas week. The brothers had not met all at the same time since August, 1882. There are four males and one female survivors of a family of ten boys and four girls, and all the male survivors were at the reunion. They were in order of age: C. M. Hall, of Argyle, Denton County, Texas, 66 years; J. D. Hall, of Petersburg, in Hale County, Texas, 62 years; A. L. Hall, of Bangs, in Brown County, Texas, 57 years, and T. W. Hall, of Dublin, in Erath County, Texas, 42 years. A sister, Mrs. Laura Willet, residing at Corinth, Miss., was not present. There were two sons of a deceased brother present—J. C. Hall, of Brady, McCulloch county, Texas, and J. W. Hall, of Justin, in Denton County, Texas.

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J. EDWARD BUTTRILL.

A man may be lowered in the opinion of men by the sins of others, but it is only his own sin that lowers him in the sight of God.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

San Marcos District—First Round.

Harwood Cir., at Harwood, Feb. 6, 7.
San Marcos, Feb. 13, 14.

D. K. PORTER, P. E.

Llano District—First Round.

Johnson City, at Round M., Feb. 4.

THEOPHILUS LEE, P. E.

Austin District—Second Round.

Manchaca, at Pleasant Hill, Feb. 6, 7.
Liberty Hill & Leander, at L. H., 2:30 p. m., Feb. 10.
Bertram, at Mount Horeb, Feb. 13, 14
Webberville, at Colorado Chapel., Feb. 20, 21.
Cedar Park, at Cedar P., Feb. 27, 28.
Manor, at Manor, March 6, 7.
West Point, at Muldoon, 2:30 p. m., March 10.
Weimar, at Weimar, Mar. 13, 14.
LaGrange, at LaGrange, Mar. 20, 21.
McDade, at Alum Creek, Mar. 27, 28.
Columbus, at Columbus, April 3, 4.
Smithville, at Smithville, Apr. 10, 11.
Walnut, at Merrilltown, Apr. 17, 18.
Eagle Lake, at Rock Island, Apr. 24, 25.
University Church, Austin, 11 a. m., May 2.
First Street, Austin 7:30 p. m., May 2.
Tenth Street, Austin, 11 a. m., May 9.
South Austin, Austin, 7:30 p. m., May 9.
District Conference at Smithville, April 6-9. N. B. READ, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round.

Mercedes Cir., at Mercedes, Feb. 5.
Brownsville, Feb. 7, 8.
Falfurrias Cir., at San Diego, Feb. 13, 14.
Alice, Feb. 19-21.
Mathis Cir., at Skidmore, Feb. 26-28.
Kenedy, at Kenedy, Mar. 4.
Goliad, at Goliad, Mar. 5-7.
Karnes City Cir., Charco, Mar. 12-14.
Kingsville Cir., at K., Mar. 19-21.
Rockport Cir., at Ingleside, Mar. 26-28.
Runge, Apr. 2-4.
Floresville, Apr. 9-11.
Pleasanton Cir., at Fairview, Apr. 16-18.
Oakville Cir., at Oakville, Apr. 23-25.
Corpus Christi, May 1, 2.
Sinton Cir., at Gregory, May 7-9.
District Conference at Kenedy, May 11-16. A. L. SCARBOROUGH, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round.

(In part.)

Laredo, Feb. 6, 7.
Uvalde, Feb. 13, 14.
Hondo, Feb. 20, 21.
Devine, at Lytle, Feb. 24.
Cotulla, Feb. 25.
Pearsall, Feb. 26.
Dilley Cir., Feb. 27, 28.
West End, March 6, 7, 11 a. m.
Government Hill, Mar. 6, 7, 7:30 p. m.
Rock Springs, March 13, 14.
Uvalde Miss., at Montell, Mar. 20, 21.
Travis Park, March 27, 28, 11 a. m.
Prospect Hill, Mar. 27, 28, 7:30 p. m.
South Heights, April 3, 4, 11 a. m.
Alamo, April 3, 4, 7:30 p. m.
Moore Cir., at Tehuacana, Apr. 10, 11.
Sabinal and Utopia, April 17, 18.
Eagle Pass, April 23.
Del Rio, April 24, 25.

A. J. WEEKS, P. E.

Llano District—Second Round.

LLlano, Feb. 6, 7.
Lampasas, Feb. 12.
Burnet, at Lake Victor, Feb. 13, 14.
Kempner, at Ogles, Feb. 20, 21.
Lometa, at Lometa, Feb. 21, 22.
Center City, at Pleasant G., Feb. 24.
Goldthwaite, Feb. 26.
Mullin, at North Brown, Feb. 27, 28.
San Saba, March 6, 7.
San Saba Cir., at Chappel, Mch. 13, 14.
Marble Falls, March 20, 21.
Center Point, March 27, 28.
Kerrville, March 28, 29.
Bandera, at Bandera, March 31.
Boerne, at Comfort, April 3, 4.
Kingsland, at Moor's, April 10, 11.
Blanco, April 17, 18.
Johnson City, April 24, 25.
Cherokee, at Salem, May 1, 2.
Willow, at Oxford, May 8, 9.

THEOPHILUS LEE, P. E.

Cuero District—Second Round.

Victoria, Feb. 6, 7.
Hallettsville, Feb. 13, 14.
Flatonia, Feb. 15.
Pandora, Feb. 20, 21.
Nixon, at Seal's Chap., Feb. 27, 28.
Lavernia, at Sutherland Springs, March 6, 7.
Ganado, March 13, 14.
Edna, March 15.
El Campo, March 20, 21
Palacious, at Midfield, March 27, 28.
Buckeye, at Markham, March 29.
Cuero, March 31.
Stockdale, at Caddo, April 3, 4.
Leesville, at Hancock's Chap., April 6.
Smiley, at Davy, April 10, 11.
Port Lavaca, April 17, 18.
Nursery, at Thomaston, April 19, 20.
Shiner, April 21.
Yoakum, April 24, 25.
Hope, at Light's Chapel, April 26.
District Conference at Hallettsville, April 27-May 3.

R. A. ROWLAND, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round.

Miles, Feb. 6, 7.
N. San Angelo, Feb. 11.
Water Valley, Feb. 12.
Sonora, Feb. 18.
Eldorado, Feb. 20, 21.
Ozona, Feb. 22.
Rochelle, March 6, 7, 11 a. m.
Brady, March 7, 7 p. m.
Milburn, March 9, 10.
Fredonia, March 13, 14.
Mason, March 15, 16.
Eden, March 20, 21.
Paint Rock, March 27, 28.
Sherwood, March 30.
Sterling City, April 3, 4.
San Angelo, First Church, Apr. 10, 11.
Garden City, April 17, 18.
Midland, April 24, 25.
Junction City, May 6.
Menardville, May 7.

W. T. RENFRO, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Georgetown District—First Round.

Granger, at Granger, Feb. 6, 7.

W. H. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Waco District—First Round.

West, at West, Feb. 7.
Axtell, at Axtell, Feb. 10.
Reisel at Battle, Feb. 13, 14.
Mt. Calm, at Mt. Calm, Feb. 20, 21.

W. L. NELMS, P. E.

Gatesville District—First Round.

Fairy and Lanham, at Fairy, Feb. 6, 7.
Copperas Cove, at Reece's Creek, Feb. 13, 14.
Evant, at Blue Ridge, Feb. 20, 21.
Hamilton Sta., Feb. 21, 22.
Pearl, Feb. 27, 28.

J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Clarendon District—First Round.

McLean Cir., at McLean, Feb. 6, 7.
Shamrock Cir., Feb. 8.
Wheeler Mis., at Wheeler, Feb. 10.
Groom Miss., at Goodnight, Feb. 13, 14.
Dumas Cir., at Middlewell, Feb. 14.
Channing Sta., Feb. 14, 15.

J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Stamford District—First Round.

Rule, at Rule, Feb. 6, 7.
Monday Sta., Feb. 13, 14.
Pinkerton, at P., Feb. 19.
Goree, at Goree, Feb. 20, 21.
Bonnerton, at B., Feb. 27, 28.

J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Vernon District—First Round.

Estelline, Feb. 6, 7.

J. H. STEWART, P. E.

Cleburne District—First Round.

Glen Rose, Feb. 6, 7.
Glen Rose Mission, Feb. 8.
Blum, Feb. 13, 14.
Burleson, Feb. 20, 21.
Godley, Feb. 27, 28.

E. A. SMITH, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round.

Kennedale, Feb. 6, 7.
Mansfield, Feb. 13, 14.
Smithfield, Feb. 20, 21.
Grapevine, Feb. 27, 28.

SAM R. HAY, P. E.

Colorado District—First Round.

Clairemont, at Clairemont, Thursday, Feb. 4.
Camp Springs, at Hobbs, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 6, 7.

SIMEON SHAW, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round.

DeLeon Miss., Feb. 6, 7.
DeLeon Sta., Feb. 7, 8.
Duffau, Feb. 13, 14.
Harbin, Feb. 14, 15.
Cisco Mis., at C., Feb. 20, at 11 a. m.
Cisco Sta., Feb. 20, 21.
Carbon, Feb. 27, 28.

J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

Plainview District—First Round.

Dimmitt, Feb. 6, 7.
Wildorado, at W., Feb. 13, 14.

G. S. HARDY, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round.

Graford, at Graford, Feb. 6, 7.
Mineral Wells, Feb. 8.
Eliasville, at Eliasville, Feb. 13, 14.
Graham Mis., at Briar Branch, Feb. 16.
Farmer, at Hawkins Ch., Feb. 17.
Graham Sta., Feb. 18.
Throckmorton, at Throckmorton, Feb. 20, 21.
Davis, Mis., Feb. 21, 22.

M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round.

Italy, 7, 8.
Waxahachie, Feb. 14.
Forreston, at Falls, Feb. 14, 15.
Palmer, at Trumble, Feb. 20, 21.
Ennis, Feb. 21, 22.
Alma, at Bardwell, Feb. 27, 28.
Hillsboro, 1st Ch., March 7, 8.
Ferris, March 13, 14.
Hillsboro, Line St., March 21, 22.
Britton, at Britton, March 27, 28.
Maypearl, at Maypearl, April 3, 4.
Lillian, at Cahill, April 10, 11.
Ovilla, at Onward, April 17, 18.
Midlothian, April 18, 19.
Venus, at Mountain Peak, Apr. 24, 25.
Bethel, April 25, 26.
Lovelace, at Berry's Chap., May 1, 2.
Milford, at Derr's Chapel, May 2, 3.
Red Oak, at Boyce, May 8, 9.

T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Colorado District—Second Round.

Roby, at El Paso, Feb. 7, 8.
Sweetwater, Feb. 14, 15.
Loraine Mis., at Champion, Feb. 18-20.
Roscoe and Loraine, at Loraine, Feb. 21, 22.
Westbrook, at Cuthbert, Feb. 26-28.
Coahoma, at Center Point, Feb. 28-March 1.
Big Springs Mis., at Moore's, Mar. 3-6.
Big Springs, March 7, 8.
Dunn, at Ira, March 12-14.
Hermleigh, at Fairview, March 14, 15.
Snyder, March 20, 21.
Snyder Mis., at Mt. Zion, March 21, 22.
Clairmont, at Elkins, March 26-28.
Camp Springs, at Camp Springs, Mar. 28, 29.
Fluvanna, at Fluvanna, April 2-4.
Gail, at Gail, April 4-6.
Stanton, April 10, 11.
Stanton Mis., at Slaughter, April 11-13.
Lamesa Mis., at Mullins, April 15-19.
Seminole Mis., at Shafter's Lake, April 23-26.
Colorado Mis., April 30, May 1.
Colorado, May 2, 3.

SIMEON SHAW, P. E.

Abilene District—Second Round.

Trent, at C. R., Feb. 6, 7.
Abilene, Feb. 17.
Putnam, at P., Feb. 20, 21.
Baird, Feb. 22.
Nugent, at Hawley, Feb. 27, 28.
Anson, March 6, 7.
Clyde, at Potosa, March 13, 14.
Truby, at Compere, March 20, 21.
Lawn, at Lemon's Gap, March 27, 28.
Albany, April 3, 4.
Caps, at Caps, April 10, 11.
Nubia, at Elm Grove, April 17, 18.
Tye, at Rock Crossing, Apr. 24, 25.
Escota, at Newman, May 1, 2.
Dudley, at Elmdale, May 8, 9.
Cross Plains, at Dressy, May 15, 16.
Sabanno, May 16, 17.
Moran, May 18, 19.
District Conference at Anson, May 28-31. GUS BARNES, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE

Sherman District—Second Round.

Key Memorial Sta., Feb. 17-21.
Howe Cir., at Gunter, Feb. 27, 28.
Van Alstyne Sta., March 3-7.
Travis Street Sta., March 10-14.
Bells Cir., at Everhart, March 20, 21.
Whitewright Sta., March 24-28.
Tom Bean Cir., at Cedar, April 2-4.
Trinity and Preston, at Trinity, April 11, 12.
Waples Memorial Sta., April 14-18.
Pottsboro Sta., April 21-25.
Southmayde Cir., at Hagarman, May 1, 2.
Whitesboro Sta., May 5-10.
Sadler Miss., at Dixie, May 15, 16.
Pecan and Friendship, at Pecan, May 22, 23.
District Conference will be held in Whitesboro, May 6-10.

C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

Sulphur Springs Dist.—Second Round.

Winnsboro Sta., Feb. 20, 21.
Como Cir., at Pine Forest, Feb. 27, 28
Brashear Cir., at Bonanza, March 6, 7.
Purley Cir., at Picton, March 13, 14.
Cumby Cir., at Cumby, March 20, 21.
Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin, at Ben Franklin, March 27, 28.
Mt. Vernon Cir., at Weaver, April 3, 4.
South Franklin Miss., at Holmes Chap., April 10, 11.
Hagansport Miss., at Prairie View April 17, 18.
Sulphur Springs Sta., April 24, 25.
Sulphur Bluff Cir., at Sulphur Bluff, May 1, 2.
Lake Creek Cir., at Brushy Mound May 8
Cooper Sta., May 9, 10.
Klondike Cir., May 15.
Yowell Cir., May 16.
Riley Springs Cir., May 22, 23.
District Conference will meet at Cooper, May 11, 7:30 p. m., to May 14.

W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round.

Vernon Station, Feb. 13, 14.
Chillicothe Mis., at Elm Grove, Feb. 17.
Chillicothe Station, Feb. 20, 21.
Tolbert, at Bells, Feb. 24.
Crowell Mission, Feb. 27, 28.
Vernon Mis., at Wesley Chapel, March 6, 7.
Quanah Station, March 10.
Kirkland, March 13, 14.
Paducah, at Dunlap, March 19.
Guthrie, at Plainview, March 20, 21.
Spring Creek, March 27, 28.
Olney, at Olney, March 29.
Quail, at Quail, April 3, 4.
Wellington Mis., at Fresno, April 10.
Wellington Station, April 10, 11.
Childress Mis., at Carey, April 17.
Childress Station, April 17, 18.
Seymour Mission, April 23.
Seymour Station, April 24, 25.
Crowell Station, April 28.
Vera, May 1, 2.
Estelline, May 4.
A District Missionary Institute and Layman's Rally will be held at Quanah February 16-18.
The District Conference will be held at Childress, May 5-9.

J. H. STEWART, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round.

Southmayde, Feb. 5, 7, at Southmayde.
Pecan and Friendship, Feb. 12, 14, at Pecan.
Sherman Mission, Jan. 6, 10, and Dec. 24, 27.

C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

Paris District—First Round.

Avery Mis., at A., Feb. 6, 7.
Paris Cir., at Hopewell, Feb. 13, 14.
Bonham Street, Feb. 14, 15.
Bagwell Mis., at Robbinsville, Feb. 20, 21.
Lamar Avenue, Feb. 27, 28.
Centenary, Feb. 28-March 1.

JNO. M. SWEETON, P. E.

Greenville District—First Round.

Kingston Circuit, at Kingston, Feb. 6, 7.
Celeste, Feb. 7, 8.
Wesley, Feb. 13, 14.
Kavanaugh, Feb. 13, 14.
Commerce Mission, Feb. 20, 21.
Commerce Station, Feb. 21, 22.

R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round.

Yowell Cir., at Massy Chaple, Feb. 6, 7.
Riley Springs Cir., at R. S., Feb. 13, 14.

W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

Bonham District—First Round.

Petty Mis., at Forest Hill, Feb. 6, 7.
Trenton Cir., at Trenton, Feb. 13, 14.
Ladonia Sta., Feb. 20, 21.
South Bonham and Savoy, Feb. 27, 28.
Dodd City Cir., Mar. 6, 7.
Honey Grove Sta., March 13, 14.

J. B. GOBER, P. E.

McKinney District—First Round.

Blue Ridge Cir., Feb. 6, 7.
Weston Cir., Feb. 13, 14.
Wylie Cir., Feb. 20, 21.

J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round.

Hutchins and Wilmer, at W., Feb. 6, 7.
Oak Cliff, Feb. 14.

J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

Decatur District—First Round.

Justin, Feb. 6, 7.
Decatur Cir., Feb. 13, 14.
Oakdale Cir., Feb. 20, 21.
Bryson, Feb. 27, 28.

L. S. BARTON, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round.

Denton Sta., Feb. 7, 8.
Pilot Point Sta., Feb. 14, 15.

D. H. ASTON, P. E.

Bowie District—First Round.

Wichita Falls Sta., Feb. 6, 7.
Holliday Mis., at Holliday, Feb. 7, 8.
Byers Cir., at Byers, Feb. 13, 14
Bonita Cir., Feb. 20, 21.
Henrietta Mis., at Willow, Feb. 27, 28.
Henrietta Sta., Feb. 28, March 1.
Bowie Mis., at Stoneburg, March 6, 7.

JNO. E. ROACH, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round.

Mabank Mis., at Mabank, Feb. 6, 7.
Royse Sta., Feb. 14, 15.
Pleasant Mound Cir., at P. M., Feb. 20, 21.
Mesquite Cir., at Mesquite, Feb. 27, 28.
Chisholm Cir., at Chisholm, Mar. 6, 7.
College Mound, at C. M., Mar. 13, 14.
Terrell Sta., Mar. 21, 22.

M. L. HAMILTON, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Pittsburg District—First Round.

Quitman, at Quitman, Feb. 6.
Winsboro, at Webster, Feb. 6, 7.
Daingerfield, at D., Feb. 13, 14.
Hughes' Springs, at H. S., Feb. 20, 21.
Naples & Omaha, at O., Feb. 27, 28.

R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

Calvert District—First Round.

Mayfield, at Mayfield, Feb. 6, 7.
Rosebud Sta., Feb. 7, 8.
Centerville, at Redland, Feb. 13, 14.
Franklin Sta., Feb. 18.
Wheelock, at W., Feb. 19.
Jewett, at Oakwoods, Feb. 20, 21.

E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round.

Hempstead, Feb. 6, 7.
Waller, Feb. 13, 14.
Somerville, Feb. 17.
Richmond, Feb. 20, 21.
Rosenberg & Wallis, Feb. 27, 28.
Fulshear & Brookshire, March 6, 7.

A. A. WAGNON, P. E.

San Augustine District—First Round.

Geneva, at Rock Springs, Feb. 6, 7.
San Augustine Sta., Feb. 7, 8.
Gary, at Gary, Feb. 12.
Carthage Sta., Feb. 13, 14.
Garrison Sta., Feb. 19.
Melrose, at Melrose, Feb. 20, 21.
Appleby, at Smith's Ch., Feb. 26.
Burke, at Diboll, Feb. 27, 28.
Lufkin Sta., Feb. 28, March 1.
Kenn[illegible] at K. C., March 2.
Hem[illegible] B., at H., March 6, 7.

C. A. TOWER, P. E.

Beaumont District—First Round.

Burkeville, at Burkeville, Feb. 6, 7.
Call Cir., at Bessmay, Feb. 8, 9.
Dayton, Feb. 13, 14
Liberty, Feb. 14, 15.
Cedar Bayou, at C. B., Feb. 20, 21.
Saratoga and Batson, at S., Feb. 27, 28.
Aldridge Mis., at Aldridge, March 3.
Port Arthur, March 6, 7.

D. H. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round.

Harrison Cir., Feb. 6, 7.
Marshall, First Church, Feb. 7, 8.
Marshall, North Marshall, Feb. 10.
Waskom, Feb. 13, 14.
Kellyville, at Trinity, Feb. 20, 21.
Jefferson Sta., Feb. 21, 22.

H. T. CUNNINGHAM, P. E.

Huntsville District—First Round.

Cold Springs Miss., at C. S., Feb. 6, 7.
Dodge Miss., at D., Feb. 13, 14.
Huntsville Sta., Feb. 14, 15.
Willard Cir., at Carmona, Feb. 20, 21.
Groveton Sta., Feb. 21, 22.
Shepherd and Cleveland, at C., Feb. 27, 28.

H. C. WILLIS, P. E.

Tyler District—First Round.

Murchison, at Red Hill, Feb. 6, 7.
Edom, at Ben Wheeler, Feb. 13, 14.
Cedar Street, Tyler, Feb. 17.
Colfax, at Antioch, Feb. 20, 21.
Tyler Cir., at Liberty, Feb. 24.
Alba, at Golden, Feb. 27, 28.
Emory, at Emory, Feb. 28, March 1.
Marvin Church Tyler, March 3.
Whitehouse, at Whitehouse, March 6, 7.

CLYDE B. GARRETT, P. E.

Jacksonville District—First Round.

Eustace, at Eustace, Feb. 6, 7.
Athens, Feb. 7, 8.
Brushy Creek, at B. C., Feb. 13, 14.
Larue, at Larue, Feb. 14, 15.
Jacksonville Cir., Providence, Feb. 20, 21.
Jacksonville, Feb. 21, 22.
Malakoff, at Malakoff, Feb. 27, 28.

ELLIS SMITH, P. E.

Houston District—First Round.

Trinity, 11 a. m., Feb. 7.
McAshan, 8 p. m., Feb. 7.
Galveston, West End, 11 a. m., Feb. 14.
Galveston, First Church, 8 p. m., Feb. 14.
McKee, Feb. 21.
Humble, Feb. 28.

A meeting of the preachers of the district is called for January 19, 10 a. m., at St. Paul's. The District Stewards are asked to meet January 20, 12 o'clock, at same place.

CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E.

Greenville District.

Commerce Mission, Feb. 13, 14.
Commerce Station, Feb. 14, 15.
Kavanaugh, Feb. 20, 21.
Wesley, Feb. 21, 22.

The District Conference will be held at Quinlan, May 27 to 31, beginning with the opening sermon on Thursday night, May 27, which will be preached by Rev. W. T. Harris.

Committees, etc., will be announced in due time. R. G. MOOD, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

El Paso District—Second Round.

Sanderson, at Marathon, Feb. 6, 7.
Valentine, Feb. 10.
Alamogordo, Feb. 13, 14.
Tularosa, Feb. 14, 15.
Carrizzo, Feb. 20, 21.
Roswell, Mar. 6, 7.
Hagerman, Mar. 10.
Dexter, at Lake Arthur, Mar. 13, 14.
Hope, Mar. 20, 21.
Artesia, Mar. 21, 22.
Dayton & Lakewood, Mar. 27, 28.
Carlsbad, Apr. 3, 4.
Malaga, Apr. 4, 5.
El Paso, Trinity, Apr. 6.

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THE SUNDAY SERVICE.

In view of the fact that several of our Church papers directly intimate that a pastor who does not use the so-called new order of worship, including all within the brackets, is disloyal to the Church. I call attention to the charge thereby preferred against Jesse Lee and his fellow rebels against Mr. Wesley's Sunday service which Whatcoat says was adopted by the Christmas Conference.

They did not use it and later on they completely snowed it under, if you will permit the expression.

According to Whatcoat, Wesley's Sunday service entered into the organization of American Methodism, and yet the American Methodists would not have it. In our case the General Conference had the Bishops appoint a commission to meet a like commission of the M. E. Church. They met them and merely adopted the Sunday service of the M. E. Church, with the exception that our men did not make the responsive reading, the repeating of the creed and the singing of the Gloria Patri obligatory. They left the mandatory parts of the paragraph of the Discipline touching Sunday morning service just as it was heretofore, with the one exception, that the congregation must stand while singing the second hymn. Everything else adopted from the M. E. Church is put in brackets and foot-note says: "Parts inclosed in brackets may be used or omitted." Some of our preachers and some of our editors have never seen the brackets and have never read the foot-note above quoted. I am sure they have not, or they would not be continually insisting that the bracketed parts (they do not say bracketed parts. They see no brackets) be used every Sunday on the ground of loyalty to the Church.

The General Conference of 1866 said we might use the Sunday service if we wished to—and the Publishing House printed it—but the Church was too busy saving souls to take time for that ritualism. So the books remained on the shelves of the Publishing House charged up to profit and loss, with the latter word underscored. Somebody may have charged John B. McFerrin (if he failed to use the Sunday service after May, 1866) with being disloyal to the Church, but I hardly think even Dr. Summers, with his predilections for English ideals, ever made that charge against him. It was a fair proposition. Use it or not as you like.

In this third effort at liturgy in American Methodism our General Conference never adopted the conclusions of the commissioners, and the commissioners themselves plainly say: "Parts inclosed in brackets may be used or omitted."

Some of our pastors are trying to use the bracketed parts, because some editor or some older brother insists that to be a loyal Methodist preacher he must use it. He is doing it while he really believes his Church is not being spiritually benefited thereby.

Let such a brother get his Discipline and read that foot-note: "May be used or omitted," and come fully into the knowledge of the fact that he may omit the bracketed parts and be as loyal to Methodism as any other man on earth. The manner of changing paragraph 217 (1906) did not at the time seem regular to me, but it must have been or the General Conference would not have done it that way.

J. E. HARRISON.

MY FIRST VISIT TO HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.

(This is a continuation of my article in the Advocate of January 28, page seven.)

I preached in the dancing hall that night. I told them there was a hotter place than Hot Springs and many of them would go there if they didn't repent and seek God. I left an appointment for the schoolhouse, and preached every month, August of that year, 1852. I secured a preacher of the C. P. Church, a brother Coates, to assist me in a ten day's meeting, at the end which I organized a Church of twenty-seven members, the first Church in Hot Springs. After appointing a chaplain, steward and Sunday-school superintendent (I told them they would have a Sunday-school some day), I asked if anybody else had anything to say. A Dr. Bass, of N. L., said: "Seeing that the preacher has no stewards to collect or pay him anything, I have collected the small sum of $50 from the borders, with name of each on a paper, asking an interest in the prayers of the preacher."

SAM'L MORRISS.

Kerens, Texas.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Weatherford District.

The Weatherford District Conference will be held at Graham, May 27-30. The first session will be at 3 p. m. Wednesday, the 27th.

Committees:

License to Preach—C. E. Statham, Leon Henderson, R. A. Stewart.

Admissions—J. W. Downs, B. F. Alsup, K. S. Van Zandt.

Deacon's Orders—W. P. Davis, Leonard Rea, Frank Singleton.

Elder's Orders—S. P. Brown, M. L. Story, E. E. Robinson.

M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Waxahachie District.

The Waxahachie District Conference will be held at Milford, April 1 to 4. Bishop Key will hold the conference.

T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Brownwood District.

Pastors' Missionary Institute at Brownwood, Feb. 23 and 24, 7:30 p. m. Pastors will please bring leader of Layman's Modern Mission Movement to this meeting.

District Conference at Ballinger, May 25-28—Opening sermon, 8 p. m., May 25.

Committees on examination:

License to Preach and Admission on Trial—W. W. Moss, Geo. W. Harris and J. W. Holt.

Deacon's Orders—C. H. Burchanan, M. M. Smith and A. E. Turney.

Elder's Orders—J. W. Patison, C. N. Morton and S. A. Ashburn.

J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

Austin District.

The Austin District Conference will be held at Smithville, April 6-9. Rev. S. B. Johnson will preach the opening sermon April 6, 7:30 p. m. Committees ordered by Discipline:

License to Preach—Joe F. Webb, R. A. Holloway and S. B. Johnson.

Admission on Trial—V. A. Godbey, J. W. Rowland and J. D. Worrell.

Deacon's Orders—C. H. Booth, Robt. Paine and A. S. Haygood.

Elder's Orders—R. S. Pierce, E. G. Hocutt, F. J. Prince.

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PERSONALS

Rev. W. C. Wallis, an excellent local preacher of Richardson, was a brotherly visitor to this office a few days ago.

Revs. S. L. Crowson, of Renner; J. H. Overstreet, of Anna, and E. S. Hursey, of Lewisville, attending the Institute in the city, called on the Advocate this week.

Rev. C. H. Little of Santo charge, one of the young men of the Northwest Texas Conference, and son of Rev. M. K. Little, was a pleasant visitor at this office last week.

Rev. J. F. Alderson, of Royse, while in the city attending the Institute, made the Advocate a pleasant call. We have no better preacher and no more devoted Christian gentleman than Brother Alderson.

Rev. C. M. Shuffler of Baird, Tex., had an article in a recent issue of the Advocate which, through error, gave his address as Bowie, Texas. Lest there should be confusion in his mail we make the correction.

Rev. H. H. Vaughan, of Lancaster, was a member of the Institute from this district, and while in the city was a pleasant caller at this office. He is one of the successful field hands in the North Texas Conference.

In a letter to the business department, Rev. W. T. Morrow adds this note concerning Wichita Falls: "We are moving forward enthusiastically along all lines, a $30,000 church being one of the projects."

Mrs. I. M. Broyles, of Tyler, our old friend of other days back in the hill country, passed through the city this week, and called to see us. She is always a welcome visitor at this office.

Rev. J. W. Downs, of Mineral Wells, was a pleasant caller at the Advocate office this week. He and his people are having some repairs made on their church edifice, and things are moving along well.

Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, of First Church, Fort Worth, brightened up this office with a pleasant visit recently. About the first of May he contemplates starting on a long Eastern journey, taking in the Orient and the European countries.

Rev. Ben O. Hill, missionary in Cuba, was removed from Camaguey to Cienfuegos by the conference held Jan. 14 to 17. He was in the school work at Camaguey, but will now be in the pastorate. His address will be: Colegio Inglesia Metodisto, Cienfuegos, Cuba.

Rev. George R. Stuart, the evangelist, made one of the greatest prohibition speeches ever heard in this city, at the Opera House, on last Sunday afternoon, a week ago. It was a general rally day in the city for the Anti-Saloon League, and many of the pulpits were filled by league speakers.

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Colorado District—Second Round.

(Corrected.)

Roby, El Paso, Feb. 7, 8.
Dunn, at Dunn, Feb. 10, 11.
Sweetwater, Feb. 14, 15.
Roscoe and Loraine, L., Feb. 21, 22.
Loraine Mis., Champion, Feb. 20-22.
Westbrook, Cuthbert, Feb. 26-28.
Coahama, Center P., Feb. 28, March 1.
Big Springs Mis., Moores, March 3-7.
Big Springs Sta., March 7, 8.
Hermleigh, Fairview, March 12-14.
Camp Springs, C. S., March 14, 15.
Snyder Mis., Mt. Lion, March 19-21.
Snyder Sta., March 21, 22.
Clairmont, March 26-28.
Gail, Gail, April 2-4.
Fluvanna, F., April 4, 5.
Stanton, April 10, 11.
Stanton Mis., Slaughter, April 11-13.
Lamesa, Mullins, April 15-19.
Seminole, Shafter, April 23-26.
Colorado Mis., April 30-May 2.
Colorado Sta., May 2, 3.
Dunn, May 8, 9.

SIMEON SHAW, P. E.

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