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Editorial.

THE FATHER'S WAY OF DRAWING US.

Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father who hath sent me draw him." If these words teach that God draws men to Christ somewhat like a magnet draws steel filings to itself—by His own sovereign power—then both the doctrines of election and final perseverance logically follow. For we know (1) some are not drawn to Christ at all! Why not, if He can thus draw men? The answer inevitably is, because He does not choose to so draw all men! Then (2) having chosen to draw some men to Christ, and to let them slip away from Him, would be either to change His mind or to lose His power; and this would show God either weak or capricious, and we know that He is neither. The inevitable result, therefore, if He thus draws men to Him by sovereign power, would be the eternal salvation of all that He chose to draw! For if He has power to draw men thus to Christ, He also has power to hold and keep them there. But we can not think that God draws men to Christ in any such way as has been indicated. God has the same amount of love to prompt and as much power to draw before the Christ came to men as afterwards. Christ did not come either to increase God's love or his power. If God ever had the power to thus draw men to Christ by exercise of his sovereign will, then he is good enough and strong enough to save all men, if he chose to do so; for all men are equal in standing before him. "There is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God!" And the Universalist has a good ground of contention that the Father will draw all men unto him, as he is surely a loving and impartial God. But let us look into this text carefully and see if Christ was here talking of God's sovereignty in drawing men, independently by the sovereign exercise of his will. Is it likely that our Lord, under the circumstances in which he was preaching to the Jews, would use the transcendent truth of God's sovereignty? He was trying to bring them to himself. Would he, in such a case, tell them that they could not come unless God's sovereign power should constrain them? Would that be an argument for their coming? Would it not be to the carnal heart an argument for not coming? Would not the carnal heart naturally say, "Well, then, we will wait till God makes us come?" Jesus is showing himself as the bread of life, and urging the Jews so to consider him. He rebukes them for not believing on him. Would he be likely to put an excuse in their mouths—"the Father has not given us to thee?" Surely that grand transcendental truth of God's sovereignty would be out of place here. We must find an interpretation to these words different from the accepted interpretation, if we would harmonize all parts of our Lord's teaching. If He is urging the Jews to Himself, He will use arguments to win and not to repel. We think the key is found in verse 45: "It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught of God.' Every man therefore that hath heard and learned of the Father cometh unto me." This verse follows immediately the second verse quoted above. It evidently interprets the word "draw." And it is easy to believe that the drawing of the Father is the giving of the Father. What the Father draws to Christ, he gives to Christ: The comers to Christ from among the Jews He was addressing were those that were drawn and given by the Father. But our key passage says that the hearers and learners of the Father come to Christ, and Isaiah is quoted (with other prophets) to show the process of teaching by the Lord. Do we not see, in all this, a clear intention on our Lord's part to show the Jews that the written law which the Father had given them should have led them to Christ? Is not the teaching of that law the drawing of the Father and the giving by the Father? The Jews had refused to be thus drawn and given. And yet God had made his law to be a school-master to bring them unto Christ. (Gal. 3:24.) The scriptures testified of Him (John 5:39), and if they had searched them (instead of playing with them) they would have come readily and gladly to their Messiah. Our Lord's words to the Jews in this address, which we are considering, are, therefore, perfectly consistent with one another. He urges them to come to Him, and tells them that if they had allowed the Father to draw them by his law and so give them to him, they would have come. He shows them that his invitation was all one with the Father's teaching. Is this not a far better view of the context than to suppose that in the midst of an invitation to come to Him, Jesus had repelled them by saying (with regard to a transcendental truth): "You can not come to me, for the Father's power must be exercised for that, and he has not seen fit to exercise it?" Is not our interpretation far more in accordance with that other word of our Lord to the Jews, "Ye will not come to me that ye might have life?" (John 5:40.)

THE RAILWAY COMMISSION AND THE LIQUOR TRADE.

Why is it that our Railroad Commissioners make such glaring discriminations in favor of liquor shipments into local option territory as against the shipments of other merchandise? We were not aware of this until the other day when we were in the United States District Court room, in this city, listening to the attacks of the liquor lawyers on our C. O. D. law, and then it was we learned of this discrimination. It is as follows: "Liquor shipments of seventy-five pounds or less, such shipments to be packed in kegs sealed or boxes wired and sealed, may be granted rates as follows: When merchandise rate is $3 per one hundred pounds, twenty per cent less than merchandise pound rates. When the rate is over $3 per hundred pounds, thirty per cent less than merchandise pound rates." These statements we had given to us by the express companies. Now, when the whiskey packages are not called for, and the companies have to return them, we are told that the Commissioners have made a rate to the liquor people of fifty per cent rebate. That is, where a regular rate of three dollars per hundred is charged, the liquor people get one-fifth off, and where it is over three dollars per one hundred pounds they get nearly one-third off, and where the liquor is returned they get one-half off. Dry goods and other merchandise get no such rebate on the shipment of their goods. But liquor people are granted this discrimination, whether the liquor shipment is C. O. D. or otherwise. Why, we again ask, is this discrimination made in favor of liquor shipments? What has the liquor business of this State done to merit such a favor at the hands of our Railroad Commissioners? What has inspired these officials to make favorites out of the liquor people of Texas? Is it possible that they want to encourage the liquor trade in local option territory? Are they in such deep sympathy with these liquor folk that they want to hold out inducements to them to violate the local option sentiment of dry communities? We hope not, but the thing has a very suspicious air about it to an unsophisticated local optionist. There must be some motive back of this favoritism. We know that a majority of the Commissioners are rankly opposed to prohibition in any form, but we never dreamed that it would thus express itself. We hope that it does not, and we are not making the charge. But in the absence of an explanation, we are a trifle nonplussed. It is passing strange that our express companies are required to ship the liquor packages at this reduced rate when dry goods, hardware, flower, meal, bacon and the necessaries of life have to pay the regular scale. These Commissioners are elected by the people and they are the servants of the people, and the people have a right to know why this discrimination is being practiced by them. One thing is certain, when this fact becomes well known these Commissioners will be called to account for this apparent outrage when they come before the people again. And we are determined that the people shall know the facts. We are confident that the liquor men do take advantage of this reduced rate of shipment to fill the local express offices with C. O. D. liquor packages. They can afford to do it at so low a rate. And the people in local option territory have to suffer the consequences. It is practically overthrowing the will of the people for the benefit of the liquor dealers. And our Railroad Commissioners are responsible for it to the extent that they grant them this low rate and thus encourage them to impose upon an outraged people.

Too many so-called religious people look at God as a sort of impersonal abstraction, inhabiting a realm far removed from men; and they hope in some way that he will care for them in their struggles, but their hope is vague and their faith is weak. A religion of this sort is a poor religion indeed. To the real Christian God is a reality, a person, and very accessible to those who trust him and call upon him. In him Christ is a present helper, and when we look to him we are not disappointed.

WAITING UPON GOD.

We are impatient creatures, and the world in which we live is a restless world. We take but little time for meditation and for a patient waiting upon God. We are quick to rush to a conclusion, and we often act without due deliberation. It seems to be a difficult matter to possess our souls in patience when we face an emergency. Instead of turning aside in a moment of quiet prayer, we want to take things into our own hands and help to settle the issue on the spot. It is said to be a hard matter for soldiers, drawn up in line of battle, to stand still and receive the deadly fire of the approaching enemy. They can bear the ordeal a great deal better when they are permitted to return the fire and at once enter into the fury of the battle. But to stand still, with the bullets flying thick and fast around them, quietly waiting the command of their General, and have no opportunity to engage in the fierce struggle until the order is given, is a terrible strain on the courage of the troops. But the superior brain directing the details of the struggle knows what is best, and for the time being, he requires them to wait patiently until the word is given. He knows the situation, and there they must stand in the face of death until he gives the word of command.

So we are often situated before God. The strain is frequently terrible, our hearts grow hot within us, the darkness becomes thick and impenetrable, the strain of life seems more than we can endure; but we must wait upon God. He knows the issue of the struggle, he takes in the end from the beginning, and we are not to act or to go forward until he speaks the word to us. Out of this waiting comes patience, courage, self-sacrifice, teachableness. It fits us for prodigies of strength and valor when the time for action arrives. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up on wings as eagles; they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint." This exercise of waiting gives us strength so that we can reach the upper-air life and have communion with the King; it brings to us power to run without becoming tired, and to walk without fainting by the way. How often the Psalmist enjoins upon us the duty of waiting patiently upon God, and some of our greatest possessions of strength come to us from this sort of apparent inactivity. God never gets in a hurry and his plans never fail. It is therefore incumbent upon us to stop, to think, to ponder, to meditate, to pray, before we rush into a conflict involving our spiritual weal. Impatience is one of the striking faults of this generation, and as a result we are becoming a race of nervous men and women. We run under a heavy head of steam and our tension is keyed to the highest pitch. We are ready to go to pieces under the irritations and provocations of life. It all comes because of our inability to wait patiently upon God and to learn the indications of his Providence concerning us. Let us learn the lesson of patient waiting, and our working force will increase a hundredfold.

LETTER FROM NEW YORK

Our Special Correspondent Writes Interestingly of the Great Metropolis.

By S. J. THOMAS.

To properly describe New York, the second city of the world, would require months of steady writing and thousands of printed pages. How can I possibly condense even a meager few of its features of interest into a single short letter? I shall try.

Arriving in the city at 1 o'clock at night I expected to find it asleep and quiet; on the contrary, there were people enough on the streets, I am satisfied, to make twenty cities the size of Fort Worth or Dallas. The wheels of traffic are still, but the commerce of dissipation's shops and dives was in full swing, and society was cajoling its minions in gilded palaces and less pretentious meeting places. All this, too, in a blinding snow storm that would drive a Southern man indoors and keep him there.

A description of this great city would exhaust all the superlatives of the English language. In area, it is the largest metropolis of the world, and in population exceeded only by one. It is said here that Broadway is the longest street on the globe; that the system of parks are the largest, and the sums expended on them unapproached in America or Europe. The ancient seven wonders are eclipsed by the giant sky-scrapers of New York, the great suspension bridges and the network of underground railways that burrow into the vitals of Manhattan Island. Solomon in all his wealth was never half so rich as scores of men in this city who are reckoned as only in moderate circumstances, and his palaces and temples would have been second rate affairs on Fifth Avenue to-day.

Taking the huge business buildings into consideration first: Many of them are 300, 400, 500 and even 600 feet high. The foundations go down to bedrock, in some instances, 100 feet below the surface. If the structure happens to be an office building, it is a city within itself, with its elevators for transportation, its water system, fire extinguishing apparatus, individual light, heat and power plants, its laundry, postoffice, uniformed police, restaurant, shops and a population running into the thousands. A tenant may consult a physician, a lawyer, do his banking, buy his goods, and transact all ordinary business without leaving the building. The prevailing rent paid for ground floors in that part of the city near Wall Street is $11 per square foot, making the annual rental of a room 25x50 feet over $8,000. The price of this property—I mean the mere ground—is, so I am informed, $400 a square foot. A certain office building in this quarter has 3,500 tenants; the cost of the building and the land was $4,000,000, and there are several others that cost twice as much.

Right in the midst of this busy section, where the kings of finance are plying their trades, where the greatest buildings carry traffic into the skies, on as valuable land as there is on the continent, stands Trinity Church, mutely pointing the myriads that shuffle their busy feet around its base to the God who can, by the slightest agitation of this ball, which is His, shake their boasted structures into ruins. This church was erected in 1697, and contains the pew which Washington occupied when the headquarters of the young Republic were here. A graveyard adjoining is in strange contrast to the surging business world around it the remains of Alexander Hamilton, the strong right arm of Washington, were interred in this primitive yard after his death in a duel with Burr, and a monument stands over his grave, and beside him sleeps his wife, who survived him fifty years. Captain Lawrence, who commanded the Chesapeake, a frigate which fought the Shannon June 1, 1813, and who, as he fell, exclaimed: "Don't give up the ship," lies sleeping here. And a host of others, whose epitaphs date back to the seventeenth century.

From this church as its head, Wall Street works its narrow, sinuous way to the waters of East River. This noted street is a monotonous succession of banks and brokers' offices, relieved only by the gray pillared front of the Government Sub-Treasury, and a statue of Washington on the spot where he was inaugurated President of the United States. The street took its name from a wall built by Governor Peter Stuyvesant in 1653 to defend New Amsterdam, as the Dutch city was then called.

Just off Wall Street is the Stock Exchange. Through the kindness of a member of this body, I was admitted to the gallery, where I looked down upon a lot of lunatics howling and gesticulating in a manner that would send the whole outfit to the asylum in Texas. They were trading in stocks, it was said. Perhaps so, but it occurred to me that such a bedlam was not conducive to proper trading. It was worse than a political convention set wild by a speech, and I do not overstate the case when I liken them to lunatics. I was admitted to the main floor of the Cotton Exchange, and studied as best I could, the methods by which the price of the South's great staple is fixed. On its surface it was pandemonium, lunacy, as in the Stock Exchange. The brokers around the railing of a pit were vehemently squalling at each other, the bears at the bulls, and vice versa. "Bid May 1" yelled a bull at the top of his voice, meaning 9.41, as May futures were then bulletined at 9.40. The bear threw up his fingers and the trade was made and the price of cotton was a point higher. In the meantime a hundred others were screaming the offers to buy or sell. If such a practice does not run the brokers crazy eventually who do business in that way, then they are curiously constituted. It is savage, and unworthy of civilization.

But let's quit the financial district and go up town, say into Fifth Avenue, the thoroughfare of the Bourbons of fashion. The Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, on this street, is said to be the largest, most luxurious hotel in the entire world. Built at a cost of twelve million dollars, it was never believed that it could pay a profit on the enormous investment, and yet it does it. It is hard to imagine a house with 1,300 guests' rooms and more than 40 sumptuous public halls, filled practically all the time, but it is reputed to be even so. There are a number of regular guests who pay $100 a day for their rooms the year round. For the magnificent royal suite $500 a day is frequently paid. One of its guests pays $70,000 a year for rooms for himself and family. It is needless to say he is not a day laborer. The furniture of the hotel cost $1,000,000, and there are 1,400 employes, 730 being connected with the kitchen and dining rooms. A stock of $250,000 in wines and $300,000 in cigars is carried.

There is a long succession of palatial residences on Fifth Avenue. Here live the Goulds, Vanderbilts, Rockefeller, Havemeyer, Belmont, Carnegie, Senator Clark, and many others, in mansions built right up against each other, after the order of "flats." One of these brown stone houses has a curious history. It was built by an eccentric millionaire by the name of Pickhart, who imported the stone for the structure from Germany. After the foundation was completed at a cost of $100,000, Pickhart changed his plans and had it all torn down. Then when the walls of the first story were finished, he again changed his mind and his plans, and had the walls again torn down, at a loss of $300,000. The work then progressed until three stories had been built, when another change had been decided upon, and the disgusted architect threw up the job. Two of the stories were taken down by a new contractor. After 14 years, the house was roofed and ready for occupancy, having cost over $1,000,000. Then Pickhart decided it did not suit him and declared he would never live in it. It stood vacant for six years and was sold at auction for $400,000. A few months later Pickhart died, as was eminently the proper thing for him to do.

It is not necessary to say anything about Central Park, except that it covers nearly 900 acres of very pretty landscape. Among its treasures is the famous Cleopatra's Needle, an Egyptian obelisk presented to the United States in 1881 by the Khedive. It is a shaft 70 feet high and was erected before Moses was born, and no doubt the great Israelite read its inscriptions while he was a boy growing up in the home of Pharaoh—the Pharaoh of the Bible, who, as Rameses II, put an inscription upon the monument that can be read to-day by archeologists. The cost of transportation to this country, $100,000, was defrayed entirely by one of the Vanderbilts. Knowledge of the hieroglyphic writing was lost in the early centuries of the Christian era, and for more than a thousand years the world could not read the inscriptions on the obelisk.

In the neighborhood of this famous shaft stands the Metropolitan Museum, which contains more valuable relics of antiquity that any other in the world, barring only the British Museum and the Vatican. I confess that, as I walked through this great institution and the exhumed treasures of extinct civilizations passed in panorama before my eyes, I was startled, mystified, dazed and overwhelmed. It was as if Rome had thrown off the ashes of ages and appeared in pantomime to the startled vision of the present; as if Greece were speaking from her splendid works in marble and bronze; as if body-snatchers had been caught with the coffins of Egyptian dead and left the dried and undecayed bodies behind. Now as to the sculpture: My opinion, strictly ex-cathedra, and not binding on anyone but myself, is that the men who are chiseled in marble ought to be placed in a room by themselves and no ladies admitted. And that the marble women should be either clothed or placed in a room and none but women admitted. It is especially disgraceful to permit young girls and boys in such places. Paintings—there are 700 of them, varying in size from three feet square to ten times that dimension, and worth, in the agregate, more than a million dollars. The original of the Horse Fair, by Rose Bonheur, hangs on these walls, as do numerous works by the old masters. I do not know the fine points in a picture, and cannot understand how women and some men can stand for an hour, go into ecstacies over a picture. Drawn work that the ladies rave over is to my savage conception little more than holes artistically wrought, and that same effect might have been secured by stamping the same figure on the cloth. And paintings are pretty to look upon, but the natural, which they assume to reproduce, is more charming, and is the only thing to rave over. One picture in this gallery that attracts great attention represents John Brown, on the way to his execution, stopping to kiss a kinky-headed negro baby held out to him by its mother. I heroically refrain from any comment here upon this picture.

New York's "Subway" (a bad mixture of Latin and English) is one of the wonders of the new century. The city paid $34,000,000 for its construction, under the peculiar contract that the road is leased to a corporation for a term of fifty years, at the end of which time the city is to receive back the money paid, and the long tunnel will become its property, with additional outlay. The subway is 25 feet wide where there are two tracks and 50 feet where there are four. The total length underground is 21 miles. It was the radical product of dire necessity. The surface and overhead cars could not possibly handle the immense human traffic. A novel sight to a stranger in the city is to witness in the early mornings and late afternoons the streams of humanity that are poured upon the streets, the myriads of bobbing heads and shuffling feet in the rush for the cars. Where in Heaven or elsewhere the Almighty secured models and plans for so many faces, no two alike, is past comprehension. At such times as these the transient stranger feels a sense of utter loneliness, by the world unheeded, by the world forgotten, and he would if he could, turn his back upon this whirling, heedless maelstrom of commerce and return to his quiet country place where every face is friendly, and he knows as he is known. It is a dreary desert with the springs of sentiment gone dry, and to be alone in its shifting sands is to be lost in a Sahara.

The Pennsylvania Railroad is constructing a tunnel under the city and under the two great arms of the ocean that separate it from the land going even under the subway, at a cost of a hundred million dollars. When completed it will earn the fame of being the greatest achievement of industrial science and art, and the world will hang its hat on a peg with a whistle of wonder and gasp "What next?"

Brooklyn Bridge was long reckoned as one of the superlative wonders of modern science and skill. Begun in 1870, it was completed 13 years later, after the designer, John A. Roebling, had lost his life in its construction, and his son, taking his place, was crippled and became a permanent invalid. It has two tracks for railroads, two for trolley cars, two for teams, and a passage for foot passengers. Sixty million persons cross the bridge in a year, and 3500 trolley cars go over it daily. Late in the day the streets of the city pour their thousands on to this bridge and the glut of humanity is tremendous, resulting in almost daily loss of life.

There is, however, now a greater, costlier and longer bridge connecting the two cities, but it does not divert much of the human stream that pours as heretofore over the old bridge. And great bridge building is no longer an exceptional achievement, for there is no limit to possibilities in that line.

I wish I had the space now to speak of the many dramas, some of them tragedies, alas! acted out upon the stage of New York in the life of its people. Every note in the gamut of human sorrow is sounded deep and dolefully here every hour. Every condition of society, from the dissipations of profligate wealth to the wails of starving mouths is experienced here every moment. The Tombs, with its tenants of millionaire murderers and its Jean Val Jeans in cells for the taking of bread, the desperation of abject necessity; the tenement houses where a million pale degenerates are huddled in pitiful squalor; Castle Garden and its contributions to the city; the Bowery, reeking with the scum of vice; religion in broadcloth and religion in rags; the hospitals with their groaning tales of distress; the great helping hand of charity so manifest in many ways, but so inadequate to the demand—all these are subjects I would love to dwell upon, but lack of space forbids.

At this writing New York is shivering in the grip of a snow storm, and I have watched with much interest the fight that traffic is having with it. The sidewalks are kept clear by the building tenants and the street car tracks are swept by revolving brushes, but the result is the massing of snow on the sides of the streets, and the cars move through the space between these walls of snow like railroad cars through a cut. To-day the snowing ceased, and the evening papers say that 8,000 men are at work with shovels, and 4,000 carts are hauling the snow to the water. They will work all night and by morning the streets throughout the city will be cleared. I have seen a hundred horses, perhaps, fall prostrate on the slippery car tracks (for there is no other street room) and a long string of cars would bank up behind them until the police could with great effort restore the animals to their feet.

New York, the throbbing heart of commerce, where all the extremes of society meet, where a new life arrives every few minutes and one departs almost as often, has no peer this side of the ocean. Never sleeping, never idle, it is a poem of architecture, a symposium of industry, a continuing serial of tragedy.

To-morrow I leave for the Old World. Good-bye.

MISSOURI LETTER.

Fifteen or twenty years ago Dunklin County, in southeast Missouri, was one of the worst whiskey cursed counties in the State. The Judge now on the bench in this circuit told me today that it was no uncommon thing for case after case to be laid over because lawyers or witnesses were too drunk to do their work. That day has passed, and after one of the hottest local option fights in the history of Missouri, the county went dry by about 1000 majority nearly three years ago. A leading figure in the fight for temperance was D. R. Cox, an attorney who served several terms as Mayor of Malden and Prosecuting Attorney of Dunklin County. In his early life Mr. Cox was a drinking man, but about twelve years ago he quit drinking and has had a leading part in bringing about the reform above noted. Dr. J. W. Beall, a prominent physician and a steward in our Church, had been active in the cause of temperance. A Dr. A. L. Brannun, whose body was shipped to Texas to-day, but who once lived in the southern part of Dunklin County, recently located a distillery over the line in New Madrid County just outside the city of Malden. The demoralizing effects of his work became so serious that Judge Fort, of the Circuit Court, issued an injunction restraining Brannun from carrying on his nefarious work on the ground that it was a nuisance to the citizens of Malden. Learning that this injunction was being disregarded, Judge Fort issued a writ requiring Brannun to appear in his court next Friday to answer for his contempt of the court's order. About seven o'clock on Monday evening, Feb. 18, twenty minutes after this writ was served upon Brannun, he walked into Dr. Beall's office and killed Cox and Beall. The City Marshall arrested him as he was walking away with his empty revolver in his hand, and placed him in the city jail. Toward midnight the officers, fearing that the feeling against Brannun might lead to violence, started to take him to Kennett, the county seat, some twenty miles away, but some unknown person shot and killed him and ended the case so far as human judications are concerned. Dr. Beall was a friend of mine, and his family, knowing that I was in Kennett at the time of his death, sent for me to attend his funeral. In connection with other Methodist preachers, I took part in the double funeral at the Malden Methodist Church this afternoon. Our Church is the largest in Malden, but there were more outside the church than were able to get inside. It was the most remarkable funeral service I ever attended. The talks of the preachers were brief and calm, showing careful self-restraint. But the tragedy has moved the community as I never saw a city moved and immediately after the burial an association was formed to raise funds for a monument to be placed in the public square to record for the generations to come the story of their death. It is the judgment of intelligent men that nothing in the history of our State has ever given to the temperance cause the impetus it will gain from this foul crime. The murderer was not drunk. Every shot took effect and would have been fatal. I propose to tell the story from my pulpit next Sunday night.

C. H. BRIGGS.

Malden, Mo., Feb. 20, 1907.

There is nothing in the nature of the Christian religion to make people shy in the proclamation of it, sad in their profession of it, doubtful about its future, gloomy in their general view of life, or in any sort low-toned or depressed.—Edward Everett Hale.

FIELD NOTES.

I was standing by the side of a freight train not long since and heard the conductor say to the brakeman: "When you reach the bend, give the engineer the high-ball." I learned that this phrase meant, "Go ahead and don't stop."

As I look over my field I believe Bishop Hoss and the cabinet gave me the "high-ball" at Brownwood; and now, brethren, I am going ahead and just stopping to take on water and fuel and attend to my office work.

Plainview.

I ran in on Shuffler at Plainview and presented my work. This was my first station for stop in the year of 1907.

We held one service, then came a Panhandle January blizzard, almost strong enough to blow your boots off—a good freeze with it—and the Secretary said good-bye and promised to come back in the month of May, when the earth up there looks like an emerald sea and the air is balmy.

Shuffler is a member of the Sunday-school Board. He is a fine Sunday-school man, and has in Brother Wayland a good, live superintendent.

Plainview is going forward. People are pouring into that section from the North, and the price of land in all that section is rising like the fabled bean stalk. A facetious fellow said: "Every time it thunders out there land rises one dollar per acre."

Whitney.

My next stop was at Whitney, Texas, with Rev. A. E. Carraway and Brother McLarty, his wide-awake superintendent.

We were entertained at the hospitable home of Brother W. T. Herrick.

This is a nice town. It has developed wonderfully since I was there last—eighteen years ago. We have a splendid church. It is now a full station. I found the Sunday-school larger than the Church membership. Yes, and larger than the church building, too. They are contemplating building a primary room.

Mrs. Field presented the primary work. We gave Whitney seven services—Friday to Sunday night, February 1-3—organized a Bible Teachers' Study Circle of twelve or fifteen members, also instituted the cradle roll.

Carraway is well-nigh a model Sunday-school pastor, and the Sunday-school interest is going forward under his wise administration.

Grandview.

Last Sunday we spent at Grandview with Rev. M. A. Turner. We domiciled at the parsonage, and it was O. K. Grandview is a pleasant little city of about two thousand, situated forty miles south of Fort Worth, and in a country that for beauty and fertility is a very "garden of the Lord."

I found Brother Hayden still in charge of the Sunday-school, and a wheel-horse at the business.

The church at Grandview is a beauty, and very handsomely furnished. A new brussels carpet covers every inch of the floor.

I am glad to see our churches and parsonages in smaller places just as elegant and comfortable (if not quite as costly) as in any city.

The church is our spiritual home. Make it aesthetic, attractive and comfortable.

Brother Turner has only been there a short time, but he is determined to build up and improve the Sunday-school work. They are contemplating arranging for a separate room for their primary department—a thing that is needed in all our schools. We held three services on Sunday—with what results it would be more seemly for others to say—but we had fine audiences and earnest attention, and hope the work was greatly encouraged.

Waxahachie.

We looked in on the preachers' meeting of the Waxahachie District at Waxahachie on February 7.

Dr. Campbell "kindly entreated us," calling for a statement of our work, etc.

Here we stopped for one night at the parsonage, and enjoyed the goodly fellowship of the pastor, Brother McClure, and his elegant family. Brother McClure has an ideal situation. The new church at Waxahachie is a model. It is built, as all modern churches should be, with the need of the Sunday-school in mind.

It will pay any Building Committee that contemplates going to work to first get on the train and go and look at the Waxahachie church, and then plan their church. Money well spent, that! It is modern, convenient, modest and elegant throughout. The present pastor seems to "ye Secretary" built about like the house.

With dates ahead, and plenty of work to do, you may hear from me again. CHAS. S. FIELD, Sec.

Sta. A., Fort Worth, Texas.

CHURCH EXTENSION NOTES.

Rev. Geo. E. Eubank, Prospect, Tenn., is planning for a new church building.

Rev. N. L. Linebaugh, presiding elder of the Duncan District of the Oklahoma Conference, says: "We ought to build not less than 200 churches this year within the bounds of the Oklahoma Conference."

Rev. W. H. H. Joyce, of Blacksburg, Va., is pushing forward the work of building the "P. H. Whisner Memorial Church." He writes most hopefully of the enterprise, and doubtless before long will reach the desired haven.

Rev. T. L. Lallance, pastor of Las Cruces Church, New Mexico, is rejoicing over the release from a burdensome debt which has troubled the Church for 20 years. The General Board of Church Extension, the New Mexico Conference Board and the Methodists of Las Cruces all had a hand in this good work. Bro. Lallance and his people will proceed at once to provide a good parsonage property.

The time for the annual meeting of the General Board of Church Extension draws nigh. Indications are that a very large number of applications for aid will be presented. Last year the total amount applied for was three times as much as the funds at the disposal of the board. Conference Boards should be faithful in the work of passing upon and grading the applications before them. They should not expect the General Board to assume a responsibility which by the law of the Church is placed upon them.

The new Second M. E. Church, South, New Orleans, La., Rev. A. I. Townsley pastor, is rapidly nearing completion. The contract price of the building, without furnishings, is $10,410.

The following letter from Bishop Hoss explains itself. The Board of Church Extension will gladly receive contributions on this account. Make your check payable to W. F. McMurry, Corresponding Secretary, and send to 705 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Ky. There should be many responses to this appeal:

"My Dear Bro. McMurry:

I published in the Nashville Advocate, a few weeks ago, an article setting forth the imperative need of a new and worthy house of worship for Sao Paulo, Brazil. This is the most modern and progressive city in the great Southern Republic. It has 300,000 inhabitants and is growing with great rapidity. We have gathered there a good congregation made up largely of very poor people, but including some of wealth and influence. The chief thing in the way of further success is the lack of a church. The building that we now occupy, though situated in one of the best parts of the city, is most discreditable to us, and drives people from us. We must make a forward movement. Our friends on the ground will do what they can, but that will not be, for the present at least, a great deal. The case is urgent to the last limit. It does not admit of delay. Almost equally important is the building of a church at Porte Alegre, the capital of the State of Rio Grande du Sol, a city of 100,000 inhabitants in which our work has shown a most encouraging vitality. Nothing less than $50,000 or $75,000 will suffice. I do not expect to get it at once, but I do desire to put the whole matter on the mind and heart of the Church and to pave the way of liberal contributions. If I can secure the sum above indicated in four years, it will relieve the situation greatly. May I beg those to whom God has given money in excess of their needs to consider whether this is not a wise opportunity for using it to his glory?

"The following note has reached me from one of our best preachers, a man of high intelligence and fine character: 'I have read your article on Brazil in last week's Advocate with much interest. I enclose you a mite to aid in getting a better house of worship in Sao Paulo. I wish I could have made it a hundred times larger. But I do not have a dollar a year from any source except what I receive for my ministerial services. For the first time in twelve years I have an appointment which gives me a little margin above a bare living. It is nothing to brag of ($900), but it contributes to my pleasure in being able to send you a part of the Lord's tenth. Hope you will get a thousand others to give you as much or more.'

"This contribution touches me to the quick, for I know that it represents real self-denial. Please hold it as a nest egg. When the new church goes up, as it will, I want the good brother who made the first donation to it to have honorable mention. But for fear of offending his modesty, I should call his name here.

"Let me beg a thousand others in all parts of the Church to follow this good example. Any sum, great or small, will be most cheerfully received.

"Fraternally yours,

"E. E. HOSS."

NOTE FROM BRO. OWNBY.

After reading Bro. B. A. Snoddy's letter, I feel that I must write. Dear Bro. Snoddy, you have my prayers and sympathy, for your letter only relates the sad trials I am now undergoing, with not the faintest hope of ever enjoying the good pleasure of being the happy pastor of another flock. I realize that the greater part of my life-work is ended, but I do thank God for the many souls that have been saved under my pastorate. I expect to work for my Lord as long as I live, but I know that if my work was ended now, I hold the key that unlocks the gate into the beautiful city of God, and when I reach that place there will be no more affliction, no sorrows and trials, to mar the happiness of that blest abode.

As most of my friends know, this is the second time I have had to superannuate. While it is hard, yet if it is the Lord's will, I willingly submit. We are now domiciled in a superannuate home. We have a very good home, but it is in great need of repairs; we have no yard fence and no garden fence. We have built a small barn since we came here, but we have no lot fence around it. I am trying to work when I am able, for it took all we got at conference to buy furniture and move. The way looks dark, but I feel that the Lord will provide. We have been treated very kindly since we came here. Bro. Fred Smith sent us a half ton of coal and a half cord of wood; also gave us a sack of flour, and Bro. Malone also sent us a sack of flour for a Christmas present. We have also had some spareribs, backbone and sausage. We are greatly indebted to Bro. and Sister Biggs. We were kindly entertained by them for nearly a week before our household goods arrived.

We all are well pleased with our new pastor, Bro. W. H. Wright. He is starting off well. I predict for him a good year. Now, brethren, I would be glad to assist in some meetings in the summer. If you feel that I can be of service to you, I shall be glad to help you, for I had rather wear out than to rust out. S. M. OWNBY.

Celina, Texas.

No work is futile that is nobly planned,
No deed is little if but greatly done.

TEMPERANCE PROGRESS.

Science Has at Last Given the Temperance Advocates Something to Offer to Their Followers That Will Take the Place of Intoxicating Beverages.

The chemists of the AMERICAN FRUIT PRODUCT CO., after years of research, discovered a secret process for making a carbonated, non-alcoholic, sterilized pure apple juice which satisfies the thirst for drink and acts as a strong tonic for the system.

A discovery which will probably do more to bring about and maintain temperance in the lives of millions of erstwhile hard drinkers has been made. Like all the most remarkable discoveries of the world this substitute for liquor is a little thing that has always existed since the incident in the Garden of Eden, and has been persistently overlooked by temperance workers and scientists alike. When humanity realized that intoxicating drink was a curse to the world, thoughtful men began a campaign against it, but they forgot the one essential—to provide a substitute.

It is your nervous man or woman who takes a drink. He feels that he ought to be up and doing. There does not happen to be anything at hand that he can do to satisfy this nervous hunger for excitement and action. So he takes a drink. At first it quiets his nerves. Then he gets into the habit of taking a drink when he feels nervous—and the habit masters him. It is purely a nervous habit at first. The thing is to take something into the system as a substitute that will satisfy the craving for stimulants without really hurting. This has always been impossible because no one knew what to take.

When the heavy smoker or chewer of tobacco forswears his stimulant he feels the craving for something in its place. He takes to eating candy—and in the end if he does not stop it, it hurts him as much as the nicotine did. But what can the drinker take? There are certain drugs—but they are infinitely worse than liquor.

The chemists of the American Fruit Product Co., of Rochester, who are, by the way, most prominent throughout the entire world, have discovered that pure apple juice, sterilized and carbonated and free from the slightest particle of alcohol, will satisfy the great craving for alcoholic beverages. It is more innocent than coffee or tea, and it takes hold of the throat and the sensitive stomach with all the force and satisfying grip of whiskey or beer. It is simply apple juice unfermented and pure and unchanged as when it is squeezed from the red pippin or Northern Spy apple. Duffy's Pure Apple Juice is the only form of the pure, sweet juice of the apple, being sterilized and carbonated by a secret process so that it retains its sweetness, purity and freshness in any climate.

Of course the first thought when such a thing is mentioned is that of cider, and visions of sundry days and nights on the old farm, with access to the hard cider barrel in the cellar, yclept "stone-wall cider," because of its hardness, rise before the mental vision of convivial spirits. But the quality in father's old October cider that caused those awful "mornings after" was fermentation—which produces the alcohol—but in pure apple juice fermentation is stopped by the secret process of sterilization and carbonization the moment it comes from the apple, and alcohol cannot obtain. But all the soul-satisfying qualities without the sting remain, and Duffy's Apple Juice is daily saving thousands of men from themselves or rather from their nerves, which is quite another thing. Within the few months that Duffy's Apple Juice has been placed on the market several leading temperance people throughout the country, always jealously watching for pitfalls of the enemy, have experimented with it with the intention of denouncing it. But they have actually testified that anyone who drinks Duffy's Apple Juice has no desire for intoxicants, because it is a satisfying beverage and does not intoxicate. It tones up the entire system, and is good for old and young alike. A few glasses of Duffy's Apple Juice taken each day will save the necessity for taking medicine, since it puts the system in smoothly working order and makes one feel himself again. It acts as a tonic-stimulant and blood purifier and drives uric acid out of the system.

So confident are the manufacturers of this remarkable product that to prove its merits they willl send a large bottle free of charge to any regularly ordained minister of the gospel or the president of any temperance organization. To secure this all that is necessary is to send your name and address—if a preacher, the name of your Church; if the president of a temperance organization, the name of the society—and a bottle will be sent you absolutely free of charge by the American Fruit Product Co., 83 White St., Rochester, N. Y.

OUR SPHERE IN LIFE.

What we become in life depends largely upon ourselves. God's will concerning us is that we should cultivate and develop to the fullest extent all the faculties of our being for good. If we fail to fill an important sphere in life, we are to blame. Rank and distinction in life should be appreciated, but not to the extent that we would decline to fill some humbler sphere, when by so doing we would be enabled to more fully glorify God's name and advance his cause in the world. We should not love the praise of men more than the glory of God. Men who are able to fill the larger spheres in life should be, and are, appreciated, but is it not just as essential that the smaller spheres in life should be filled and that those who fill them should be appreciated? No individual should receive praise for doing anything less than his very best for God, himself and his fellowmen; but when he has done this he is due the encouragement and strength which appreciation on the part of his fellows always brings.

It makes no difference how small the sphere in life filled may be, if the one who fills it has made the very best that he possibly could out of the material which God gave him, he should be made to feel that he is appreciated. The sphere of the sexton is very essential, hence we should not fail to appreciate him on account of the humble place that he fills. Men sometimes begin by filling a very small sphere in life, but by studiously availing themselves of every opportunity of self-improvement they become capable of filling a larger sphere; and a larger sphere is always open to the individual who will prepare himself for it. Hence we should not be contented with anything less than preparing ourselves for some larger sphere of usefulness. We may not always be the best judges as to the sphere we should fill. Some of us may be filling a sphere that we would not have chosen if it had been left to us. But we should bear in mind that every sphere in life which honors God and makes the world better is an important sphere.

It makes no difference where our sphere in life may be, we should endeavor to fill it to the glory of God. Though our lot should be cast in the lonely hills afar off from the larger and more convenient places in life, there we would find God's stars shining just as radiantly and manifesting his glory and his love just as much as in any other part of his universe, reminding us that God is no respecter of persons and that we should not think too much about rank and distinction in this life, but praise God for a place in his kingdom to work for the salvation of souls, even in the hills afar off.

W. D. GASKINS.

Glen Rose, Texas.

"Whate'er thou lovest best
E'en that become thou must,
Christ's, if thou lovest Christ,
Dust, if thou lovest dust."

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WILSON, CONN., Feb. 18th, 1906.

DEAR SIRS:

"A man could not be in any worse condition than I was with kidney and bladder troubles. I doctored with several good doctors and one physician told me I had Bright's Disease and that I would not live over six months. Another told me it was gall stones. I had severe pains in my kidneys all the while, could not stoop over, would be dizzy, could not lie down without someone helped me up; my back was weak and pained me; urine was as thick as cream and it would scald me something dreadful. I had to get up many times in the night to urinate.

I took Swamp-Root and to-day I am a well man and never felt better. All of my troubles have gone and show no signs of returning. I take my oath that Swamp-Root put me where I am to-day and I can prove it by acquaintances."

Very truly yours,

E. H. RAND.

You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, sent absolutely free by mail, also a book telling all about Swamp-Root. If you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need, you can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles at the drug stores everywhere. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Secular News Items.

The New York Court of Appeals has decided in favor of Geo. W. Perkins, a Vice-President of the New York Life Insurance Company and a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., in the matter of a charge of grand larceny made against him in connection with the payment of funds of the New York Life to the Republican National campaign in 1904.

The decision is by a divided court, voting 4 to 3. The prevailing opinion holds that there was no larceny, owing to the absence of criminal intent. The dissenting opinion holds that larceny consists in taking property belonging to some one else, even for a commendable purpose.

Death has overtaken the oldest known Indian—Canutsky. Just how old he was no one seems to know, but it was claimed that he was more than 125 years old. His death occurred four and a half miles east of Binger, where he had long made his home. He was living with his son-in-law, Blaine Reeder.

Amid great Indian ceremonies Canutsky was buried the following day. Fires were kept burning at his head and feet and the Indians from many miles around had prepared a dance and feast over the remains of their oldest member.

The Russian Parliament, the second under the Constitution decreed by Emperor Nicholas, June 30, 1905, assembled in Tauride Palace at St. Petersburg, March 5. The Douma was called to order by one of the senior dignitaries of the Empire, but there will be no speech from the throne. When the officers of the lower house have been elected, the ministerial program, with the financial budget, will be introduced, after which the House will be given the opportunity of working out its own existence. The chief interest is centered in the budget and the question of a responsible ministry. The composition of the present Parliament is closely patterned upon that of the first body, but it lacks a number of interesting personalities who were prominent in the last, they having been eliminated on account of signing the Viborg manifesto of July 22.

The American National Red Cross has forwarded by cable to China for the relief of the famine sufferers of that country $65,000, of which amount $10,000 will be placed in the hands of the missionary relief committee at Vhin Kiang, and $25,000 will be administered by the Shanghai central relief committee.

This entire remittance was received from Dr. Lewis Klopsch, editor and proprietor of the Christian Herald.

John C. Spooner, regarded by many as the ablest lawyer of the Senate, and conceded by all to be the best debater on the Republican side, has resigned as Wisconsin's representative in the upper house of Congress.

The surveyorship of the port of Cincinnati has not been given to a negro, as was contemplated by the President, but to a white man, Amos Smith, Jr. It is thought that the President was influenced by his son-in-law, Mr. Longworth, who declared that his political life would be jeopardized by the appointment of a negro.

Under the terms of the municipal corporation provision submitted for the Oklahoma Constitution, authority to incorporate is not extended to cities of less than 3,500 inhabitants.

The method for procuring a charter is relatively the same as a State procuring a Constitution. The city is divided into wards, delegates to the city convention elected therein, who, within ninety days, must meet and prepare the city's fundamental law. The charter is given wide publicity, submitted to the voters for ratification, and in turn sent to the Governor for his approval in its conformity to the State Constitution. Amendments may be submitted by the State Legislature or proposed by the initiative referendum as it is applied to municipalities.

The summarized contents of a portion of the alleged correspondence between Cardinal Merry del Val, papal secretary of state, and Mgr. Montagnani, who was secretary of the papal nunciature at Paris, which was seized when Mgr. Mantagnani was expelled from France, has been published in Messidor.

This synopsis demonstrates the fact that the Vatican interfered in the internal politics of France, for in the correspondence in question the secretary of state congratulates Mgr. Montagnani upon the agitation in connection with the taking of inventories, which it declares is completely in accord with the views of the Pope.

Referring to the election in 1906, Cardinal Merry del Val advises Catholic candidates to call themselves republicans, saying the Church expects to obtain nothing more from the conservatives except subsidies. Mgr. Montagnani wrote to Cardinal Merry del Val, according to Messidor, describing the methods of Catholics to buy up two evening papers in order to utilize them as official organs. The secretary of the nunciature complains also to the Vatican of the appointment of Mgr. Amiette as coadjutor to Archbishop Richard, declaring him to be too liberal.

Commander Miss Booth, the head of the Salvation Army in the United States, has inaugurated anti-suicide bureaus in all the large cities of the country. The plan follows one which has been in operation in London under the direction of Gen. William Booth.

The bureaus are designed to assist and advise any person contemplating suicide.

The New York bureau will be under the charge of Col. Thomas Holland, who will handle the cases of men, while Mrs. Brigadier Bovill will take charge of the women applicants. Each will be assisted by a large staff. An announcement which has been issued says:

"The Salvation Army extends an invitation to all distressed persons who are tempted to commit suicide to call at headquarters, or, if unable to do so, write to either of the officers named."

The new Southern Pacific depot in San Antonio, used jointly by the Southern Pacific and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, was totally destroyed by fire on the afternoon of February 26.

The loss will be about $100,000, fully covered by insurance. The depot was of the mission style of architecture and was admitted to be one of the most beautiful railway edifices in the South. It was completed four years ago. The fire originated from a defective wire in the roof, and a portion of the latter fell in before the employes could get out of the building, but fortunately no one was hurt.

The offices of all the officers of the Houston division, including the superintendent, the superintendent of bridges and building, the engineer, the chief dispatcher, the claim agent and others, are situated on the second floor, while the lower floor is used as a depot.

The new Central Criminal Court, erected on the site of the historic old Newgate prison, commonly known as "Old Bailey," was opened February 21 by King Edward, who was accompanied by Queen Alexandria. The function was a semi-state affair and a considerable ceremonial was observed.

The building is an imposing structure with a frontage on the thoroughfare known as "Old Bailey" of 287 feet, and 142 feet on Newgate street. The dome is 195 feet high, and the whole building cost $1,500,000.

George W. Fitzgerald, the teller in the Subtreasury from whose cage $173,000 disappeared, has been given an indefinite leave of absence by the authorities of the Subtreasury. It is reported that Fitzgerald has worried so much since the shortage came to light that it was considered best to relieve him from work until he was in a measure recovered from the nervous strain.

Subtreasurer William Boldenweck announced that Deputy Assistant Treasurer Bantz has completed his examination of the books of Teller Fitzgerald and has proven beyond a doubt that the $173,000 which is missing was stolen. There is no mistake in Fitzgerald's accounts.

Mr. Boldenweck said: "The money stolen was in large bills and Mr. Fitzgerald was the only man in charge of these bills. We have, however, no clew to the person who took the money."

A report from Paris says: The question of the limitation of armaments will be discussed at The Hague conference. This, it says, is in accordance with the wishes of the United States and Great Britain. A committee will be chosen to consider the subject, but will not report its conclusions to the Powers. These will be submitted direct to the chancelleries of the various Nations.

The session of Congress which came to an end at noon on March 4 has been one of the most extravagant since the foundation of the government. The appropriations of the session aggregate a billion dollars.

The growth of federal expenditures during the past twenty years has been most remarkable. The gross appropriations by Congress in 1887 amounted to only $387,330,971. From this figure, which at that time was thought somewhat extravagant, the appropriations have crept up year by year until the high water mark of $820,184,624 was reached last year.

It has been only about 15 years since the first billion dollar congress came into view—when the appropriations for two sessions of a congress aggregated a billion dollars. Some conservative minded men felt then that the government was running to extravagance, but now the country has witnessed a billion dollar session—two billion dollar congress, for it is pretty safe to predict that now the billion dollar stage has been reached for a single session, succeeding sessions will find it necessary to appropriate as much as has been appropriated at any preceding session.

With the simplest ceremonies that the occasion permitted, George B. Cortelyou was sworn in as Secretary of the Treasury March 4, and James A. Garfield, late commissioner of corporations, took the oath of office and was sworn in as Secretary of the Interior on Tuesday. Von Meyer was sworn in as Postmaster General. The departure of Secretaries Shaw and Hitchcock from the departments over which they have so long presided was an occasion for many expressions of regret from their friends and associates.

The State Department has received complaints from several of the diplomatic and consular officers of the Central American Republics to the effect that arms and munitions of war were being shipped out of the United States and expeditions were forming to take part in the present war in Central America.

The Department has sent copies of these communications to the Treasury Department and the Department of Justice in order that such action may be taken as will guard against any infringement of the neutrality of the United States ports. It has also replied to the writers of the complaints advising them to confer with the local United States court officers and supply them with such information as they may have tending to show that illegal practices are going on in connection with the shipments of arms.

The Treasury Department has dispatched four experts to take charge of the recount of the money in the subtreasury there.

It has been decided to count every dollar in the subtreasury to ascertain whether there is more than $173,000 missing from the institution.

These recommendations of the President received more or less favorable consideration from the session of congress:

Authority was given to establish an agricultural bank in the Philippines.

New immigration legislation was enacted, although it was less drastic than the President desired.

Permission was given to co-operate for the prevention of atrocities in the Congo Free State, the President meantime having grown weary of waiting and taking steps without authority.

An appropriation of $2,000,000 was made to aid in repairing the Salton Lake dam.

The Santo Domingo treaty was ratified.

A bill granting the government the right of appeal on points of law in criminal cases was passed, but amended beyond all recognition.

A bill was passed limiting the hours of continuous labor for railroad employes, but an eight-hour day was not created for them.

A ship subsidy law was enacted, but in a vastly modified and reduced form.

National banks were given authority to withdraw an aggregate amount of $9,000,000 in their notes during one month, instead of $3,000,000 a month, as heretofore.

Two first-class battleships were authorized, being double what the President insisted should be allowed.

A material increase was made in the number of men for seacoast defense service.

Customs receipts may hereafter be deposited in national banks, as are internal revenue receipts now.

Some additional money was allowed for practice marches and target practice.

A reluctant, but partial, exoneration was given the President in reference to his action in discharging without honor negro soldiers of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry, this being accomplished by a coalition of Democrats and administration senators.

One of these participating in the yellow fever experiments was given reward.

A number of reasonable good fights were made by friends of the President to secure favorable action on some of his other important recommendations, but without success. Among these were measures to prevent the employment of child labor in mines and factories, to lease all coal, oil and asphalt lands and other similar bills, which furnished texts for speeches, but never approximated the point of enactment into laws.

TO PRESIDING ELDERS.

A local preacher from Tennessee Conference, 23 years of age, two years' experience as pastor, wants work in Texas. Credentials and references forwarded on request. Address

W. W. ROBINSON.

Argyle, Texas, care J. L. Carter.

TITHING.

We have been reading the discussions on Tithing with great interest. I am a believer in the system of Tithing. I believe it is a requirement, as much to-day as at any age. Referring to it Jesus said: "This ye ought to do." And again, "We know that it was the 'order of Melchisedec to receive tithes of all,' and Paul tells us plainly that Jesus was made a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec." Is it not then enjoined upon us? When has the law ever been revoked?

JOHN A. WALLACE.

REPORT OF THE FORT WORTH PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Association met in the pariors of the first Methodist Church. In the absence of the President, Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, who is confined to his room with la grippe, Rev. L. A. Webb, Vice-President, presided. The reports were made:

Brother T. W. Shearer reported the Rosen Heights work advancing.

Bro. F. E. Singleton, Glennwood, first quarter's report; 58 additions, Home Department organized with 90 members; finances in good shape; preached to large crowd at First Church Sunday night.

Bro. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E., Tuesday night at Glenwood. "Fullest reports I've ever known that Church to make."

At Central Sunday at 11: Delightful services well attended.

In the evening at Riverside: A large congregation and good service.

Bro. W. M. Lane, North Fort Worth: Good services; one addition; new church moving along.

Dr. Boaz spoke of his visit to Austin to the State Teachers' Conference. Sunday morning preached at First Church to a splendid congregation.

Bro. C. L. Browning, College: Excellent revival meeting throughout the week, concluding on Sunday with most helpful and encouraging services. Miss Zuber, of Hillsboro, sang a solo at the morning service which made a deep impression. At the evening service several forward; one conversion.

Bro. O. P. Kiker, Missouri Ave: Fine Sunday services; increased prayer meeting attendance; one addition.

Bro. G. S. Slover, Mulkey: Good services; one addition.

Bro. A. K. Ragsdale, of Dallas, was a welcome visitor. Speaking of Methodism in Dallas, he said: "We have a fine set of preachers all working in harmony. Methodism in Dallas is moving along like one great big church." In a strong, forceful way he spoke in the interest of our Epworth League Encampment at Corpus.

Fort Worth Record: The Weatherford Street Methodist Church had a very interesting and profitable service last night. Rev. Charles W. Hearon, the pastor, preached an earnest sermon on the subject "The Wages of Sin is Death." At the close of the sermon several strong men manifested an interest in their salvation from sin. It was a very powerful service. This little Church is rapidly building up a good congregation in its new location. The members are hopeful and are expecting great things this year.

A Good Appetite

An old proverb says: "Hunger is the best sauce."

Elijah's Manna starts the saliva at once because it is so crisp and has a dainty, delicate flavor.

The food is made from white corn, rolled between steel rollers into light silken flakes and then toasted to a delicate brown, which brings out the flavor and sweetness of the corn.

At grocers—pony packages 5 cents; family size 15 cents.

Elijah's Manna

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Notes From the Field

College Station.

My work continues to improve. Since I last wrote you my private Bible classes have doubled, numbering now 250 men. The general office of Y. M. C. A., New York City, has appointed me one of the General Secretaries for the Y. M. C. A., in college work in Texas. This college is the second college in Texas to have such an officer—the other being the university at Austin, which has as its Secretary, Mr. W. M. Crutchfield, a graduate of Vanderbilt University and a Methodist. In a quiet way we are in the midst of a continuous relig'ous revival. Constantly young men are coming to my study for private consultation in religious matters, under the deepest conviction. The preaching services are unusually full of interest and well attended. Let all our citizenship know that A. & M. College has begun a new epoch in her history.—Nathan Powell, Feb. 26.

Ferris.

On the third Sunday in January Bro. Jas. A. Walkup came to us and spent one week. His preaching was of a splendid type and greatly enjoyed by all who heard him. Bro. Walkup was once pastor here and many of his old parishioners remain here yet, notwithstanding 25 years have passed since then. Our Church was somewhat revived, the membership increased and our Senior League reinstated. It was indeed an enjoyable week. I hope that the brethren in the western part of the State will look out for my sheep. Many of them are headed that way. More than 30 have received letters from us since conference, and yet I do not aim to report a net loss at Amarillo next fall.—J. J. Creed.

Daingerfield.

Our first Quarterly Meeting has come and gone. It met with Hughes Springs Church, January 23 and 24, and our curiosity was gratified, as we had been looking forward to the time when we would get to hear our new presiding elder, Brother R. A. Burroughs. He was on time, but not well. The lagrippe had him, but he did us all good with two good sermons at Hughes Springs, and then we came back to Daingerfield and he gave us another Sunday night. If he can preach without the lagrippe like he can with it, he is a good one. We are well pleased, though we hated to give up our old presiding elder. We are expecting a great year. This is as good a people as any man ever served. We will hate to see the day when we will have to leave them. They raised the preacher's salary $100, and have already made a good start on all the other collections. I am looking for a great revival in every Church. Our great Texas evangelist, Abe Mukey, is to help us at Hughes Springs. Will begin June 21. May the good Lord give us a great meeting. Let us pray for and work for it, my brethren.—S. N. Allen, Feb. 26.

SKIN TORTURES AFFLICT CHILDREN

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Munday.

Munday Station is all right. Members are received almost every Sunday—some by letter and some by vows. The stewards make monthly settlements with the pastor and are, therefore, paid up. Congregations fill the house. The Sunday-school is of the best type; three times as large as it was at the beginning of the year. Between 40 and 50 in attendance in the Junior League. Will organize an Intermediate League at once. Prayer meeting is good. W. H. M. Society has greatly increased in membership and life. They are looking after the parsonage. Have lately put about $50 into furniture and finishing in the parsonage. We greatly appreciate their interest in the pastor's home. Last night was the best of all, when a host of friends came who brought visible tokens of their friendship and spent a social evening with us. May their tribe increase to cheer the busy itinerant on his way. This station fits the pastor like the shoe fits the Chinese lady's foot, but at the present growth another year it will be more comfortable. We need a new parsonage, a larger church, and a great revival of religion. —L. W. Carleton.

De Leon.

Methodism is in the ascendancy in De Leon and surrounding country and our Church is rapidly growing in numbers and working force. We are moving forward in De Leon Station. Our Leagues, Junior and Senior, have taken on new life. Our Sunday-school is doing well. We have two prayer meetings each week; our Monday night prayer meeting for men is a power for good. It has been running a dozen years or more. Then our Wednesday night prayer meeting is growing in numbers and interest. A goodly number have been added to the Church this year. The preacher in charge is well provided for; he gets his salary monthly. He has a noble Board of Stewards. These men stand for righteousness; they are the salt of the earth here. Pounded, did you say? Yes, last Wednesday night after prayer meeting they came; i.e., the men, women and children of our Church and others, and loaded us down with much that was good, which was an expression of their appreciation of this pastor in his efforts to do good here. I am inclined to believe that my W. H. M. Society, in which I have a fine band of women, was behind this splendid pounding. It is just like them to do this kind of work.—C. S. Cameron, March 1.

Rice.

I have been preaching here twice daily since February 24. A norther struck us at the first service and the weather has been unsettled ever since. So bad weather and black mud make our crowds small except one or two clear nights when we had fine crowds. I served here as pastor in 82-3-4, and under my poor ministry we built the Methodist Church. Most of my "old friends" who were leaders then have moved off or crossed the last river. I meet their widows and children left behind. The absence of so many old friends brings a feeling of sadness. The wealth of this county has greatly increased since then—sufficient now to build a fine church. I am praying that God may touch hearts here to do some liberal things for His cause. I believe He will. Bro. M. E. Gardner and his excellent family are in great favor with the Church and people of this whole community. A long, faithful persistent effort would ere long bring a great sweeping revival to this country. A great revival in the old school house "long since" enabled us to build the church here. I believe it will come again under the faithful efficient ministry of Bro. Gardner. Lord send it.—Finch M. Winburne, Mar. 1.

Josephine.

This is my second year at Josephine. The people received us kindly after conference and many tokens of kindness have found their way to the parsonage, for which we are grateful. Immediately after conference we appointed a committee which met and bought a parsonage. We are now at home in the parsonage with it nicely furnished. My Board of Stewards met and raised my salary $100 over last year, making it $600. We have a good people to serve—a people that are loyal to the Church, and the most of them are "religiously inclined." We have four appointments and give each place a full Sunday. We have the most pleasant work in the conference. Bro. J. F. Pierce, our presiding elder, came to us Feb. 15 and held our first Quarterly Conference and preached us four soul-stirring sermons, which were appreciated by all who heard them. This was his first visit to our charge. He already lives in the hearts of my people. Rev. L. A. Burk, of Nevada, was with us the second week in this month and preached us a series of doctrinal sermons at Josephine that were very much needed. He did it ably. I believe our people appreciate Methodism more than ever before. We are working and praying for and expecting great things of God this year. I think I already see signs of the revival wave in my charge. Our unsaved people are attending Church regularly and seem to be interested. May God give us such a revival of religion this year as we have never witnessed before!—S. T. Francis, Feb. 25.

Southmayd.

Having to move from Western Oklahoma after conference, through snow and mud, I was necessarily delayed some weeks. However, the people received us cordially when we arrived, and though there has not been the regular pounding, there have been various tokens of appreciation; such as gifts of butter, fresh meat, fuel, chickens, etc., etc., showing that the people have our welfare on their hearts. Our first Quarterly Conference, which convened February 16, 17, was an harmonious, and I trust, a profitable occasion. The official members of Stanfield class were all absent, which I regret very much, since they missed the spiritual uplift of such services. Do we not (all) need our spiritual vision cleared up so we can see more plainly our surroundings as they are? Then again to say from the heart, "Here am I, send me"? Bro. Alderson preached for us at Southmayd on the night of February 17. A good service it was. Then I protracted at once during the week, having night service only. Bro. Smith came over from Whitesboro and preached once. There had been one conversion when the rain forced us to close out the meeting. We are, I think, in better condition for the ordinary services, such as Sunday-school, prayer meeting and regular preaching services; and when we protract again I expect greater visible results.—J. C. Cavener.

Headrick, Okla.

I am in a region which I once imagined was almost a desert, at least, very "arid," but since I have been here, I have bogged oftener and deeper in the mud, than in the old "black waxy" down in Texas. But we are not far from the old Lone Star, in what will be Jackson County, Okla., unless Greer County wins her case against division. I find hosts of Texans here, and many of them are Methodists. I find myself on the abandoned trail of some Texas preachers and their "beloved" names are not forgotten here, either. Some will locate the place by memory as Navajoe, Union, etc. We still have a class at Navajoe. Headrick is a small town. There are two church buildings. The Baptist pastor is a "Baylor boy," I a "Southwesterner." But peace prevails. The people attend services well. We are making some improvements on the property, and the membership is growing. Have just organized a League, and have a splendid Home Mission Society at work, which was organized after we came. We expect to have the Sunday-school on the up-grade soon. We have been royally received, abundantly pounded, and are praying for a mighty revival in our midst. We are still delighted with the Advocate, and like to keep track of the "old boys" and our former pastors in Texas. Blessings upon the grand old State and her Methodism! —J. L. James, March 1.

Frisco.

We are, as we think, making some progress on this charge. Congregations large, attentive and appreciative. Our house of worship at Lebanon, with its new suit of canvas and paper, with three much needed coats of paint on outside and other improvements, is now an inviting center. Our Hill Town congregation has already put into the hands of the steward more than has been paid for support of ministry in two years past—and not yet around. Newly organized W. H. M. Society settled down to work as diligent and sweetly as a hive of bees—taking place of an Aid. With this a missionary Sunday-school, just organized, good Junior and Senior Leagues, a well attended prayer-meeting; and the aid and counsel of Rev. Wm. Allen, that prince of local preachers, and of Rev. S. W. Miller, our predecessor, now superannuated and occupying the "home" which has just been purchased here, with some outside help; and with all this, a good official board and one of the best of presiding elders to back or goad us up as the case may be, what a reflection a failure would be! The "green bug" has already harvested the large acreage of wheat and oats in addition to three short crops, but our people neither murmur nor despair, but will cultivate what they can in corn and cotton. Much "black waxy" will lie idle, however, for want of tillers. All are happy and busy, buoyant with hope.—J. L. Sullivan, March 4.

Throckmorton.

Our first Quarterly Conference has just closed. Bro. M. K. Little preached us four good, feeling sermons. We are glad of his presence and the impressions for good which he left. Our Quarterly Conference was the best in the history of this charge. We are planning great things: One church to build, parsonage to sell and a new one to build. Activity is our word, and do as well as say. To the front let us go. May the Lord bless our meetings everywhere.—W. P. Davis, Feb. 25.

Holliday.

Our first Quarterly Conference was held Feb. 16, 17. Rev. T. R. Pierce, our beloved presiding elder, was with us and preached two most excellent sermons, to the perfect delight of all who heard him. The Board of Stewards assessed for the preacher in charge $217, with an appropriation of $100 by the mission board. The District Stewards assessed the charge $216. We are happily situated, with an excellent class of people. However few in number, they are of the true type. The parsonage has been set in order by the good women, by repapering and painting inside and putting in the new furniture necessary to make everything pleasant. Many good things have found their way to the parsonage. I believe everything has been done by the good people to make us feel welcome and we are happy in this good work trying to lead souls to Christ. All of my brethren and friends who know me know that I am not here for the money there is in the work, but for the love I have for the cause. There are only three small classes on the work, but we are hoping and praying for better things in the future.—J. B. Parr.

Melrose Circuit.

The first Quarterly Conference for Melrose Circuit was held at Fairview, Saturday, February 16. Brother C. A. Tower, came down from Timpson Friday, but was taken sick Friday night and went home Saturday. Bro. Walter Mills, from Nacogdoches, held the conference. He preached a fine sermon Saturday at 11 o'clock, from Matt. 13:33. He had a fine congregation and preached to the delight and benefit of all. We had dinner on the ground and plenty of it. Bro. Walter Armstrong, of Nacogdoches Mission, was with us also. He preached a good sermon for us Saturday night. We think we have one of the best presiding elders in the State of Texas. He is not for trade; never have we seen any elder preside over a conference with as much satisfaction as Bro. Tower. Every appointment was represented and a good report was made. The stewards raised the salary over last year something over $100. We have nine appointments on the work. Finances were well up. It was one of the best conferences I ever attended. We have a fine young preacher, Bro. Frank E. Luker. He takes well on the work. This is his second year and everyone seems to be well pleased with his return. He is loyal to the Church and a promising young man. We think we have the best editor of any paper in the United States. He just fills the bill in everything he goes at, and that is good enough for us people in Nacogdoches County.—G. P. Parks, March 1.

Knox City.

I now have the great pleasure of announcing to our many, many friends that we are so pleasantly domiciled in one of the best parsonages west of Fort Worth. Have been in it nearly a week. All the people of Knox City regardless of denomination seem to be delighted with our new parsonage. When I left Anson we had plans matured to build a $2,200 nine room parsonage upon a beautiful site which we purchased over two years ago and paid for in spot cash. Am sure Bro. Biggs will report a nice new parsonage at Anson soon. We also had purchased beautiful lots at Hamlin and paid every cent cash for them, on which lots now stands a nice four room modern roof house at a cost of $710. Bro. C. H. Ledger is the popular pastor who occupies this nice parsonage. Knox City has a bright outlook as a town, being the terminus of the K. C., M. & O. railroad, and situated in one of the best large belts of farming country in the world. We need some great wholesale houses to supply the far, broad west with hundreds of tons of all kinds of goods. And they will come. Just watch Knox City grow. We have projected a fifteen thousand dollar brick school to be ready by September 1. In conclusion, we have ben pounded; the stewards made liberal provisions for our support. Bro. Howard preached two very delightful sermons for us at our first Quarterly Conference and the goose hangs high.—Zoro B. Pirtle.

Mount Pleasant.

However much had been done here by predecessors, as the case is in all pastoral charges, I have found enough to do to keep me busy, so busy that I have had no time to give even a meager report anent our arrival, reception and general treatment. We left one among the most pleasant stations, Gilmer, in the Texas Conference, turning it over to Bro. Adams with all "appertaining" thereto; and hurrying, as best we could, reached Mount Pleasant in good time to find as open-hearted a welcome as ever greeted any pastor, and one which contributed adequately to compensate us for what we left behind—and this is saying much more than words could express to any one who can read "between the lines" or build on a suggestion. A "two edged" (?), yet it cuts both ways, and so it ought. We have wise brethren at Mount Pleasant; they did not want to interfere with something on which they could offer no improvement, so our reception was graced by a "bevy" of wives and sisters, in a way to inspire gratitude better expressed by silence, than if framed in words. But

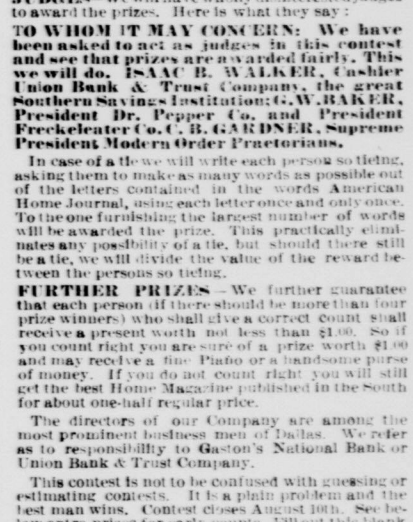
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THE LOGICAL FOOL.

A logical fool went out one day
And sat him down to cry.
An honest farmer passed that way
And asked the reason why.

"Why, don't you see," the jester sobbed,
"It is my work to play.
And so my rest must surely be
The opposite of gay.

"I love the luxury of woe,
'Tis joy to me to weep—
Fools have no other way, you know,
A holiday to keep."

—The Interior.

TONY'S RED RUG.

"Thekla has finished sweeping the play-room, children," said mamma. "Run in and dust your doll-house before Cousin Mabel comes."

The room looked bright and fresh when the children entered. The sunlight was streaming in, and Toby, the big yellow cat, was washing his face on the window-seat.

Bessie danced up to him and hugged him. "You're going to be all clean, too, aren't you, Toby?" she said.

"But look at his bed," said Edith, pointing to an old red rug in the corner. It was so thickly covered with yellow and white hairs that very little red showed. "We can't have that dirty old thing here any longer," and going to the window she threw it out.

Toby strretched out his head and looked after it as it fell. It made a soft bed in the corner, but it did not look so comfortable upside-down out of doors.

"Never mind, Toby," said Edith, "sit here in the sun, like a good cat and we'll get you another bed by and by."

For the next half-hour the children busied themselves with the doll-house. Every bit of furniture was taken out and carefully dusted, Toby watching all the while. When Edith came to the window to shake the best parlor carpet he eyed it eagerly. It was bright-red. Probaly she was going to give it to him to lie on. But no, she put it back into the house and moved in the furniture.

Next the dolls were dressed in their best and set in state on the parlor sofa. At length all was ready.

"Now, Frances and Rose," said Edith, solemnly, "your Aunt Mabel is coming, and perhaps she will bring your Cousin Clara to visit you. We are going to the train to meet them. You must sit still and keep your dresses clean while we are gone. If you don't," here Edith's voice sank to a whisper, "the Cat will come!"

This was a terrible prospect. The dolls sat as if frozen to their seats, their arms stiff at their sides. They meant to be very good indeed.

As soon as the children were out of the room Toby jumped down from the window-seat. He intended to find a good bed for his morning nap. He walked straight to the doll-house and peered into the parlor. Sure enough, there was a red rug, as comfortable looking as his own. Standing on his hind legs he worked his front paws up and down in it. It was soft. He jumped into the tiny room.

The dolls fell flat on their faces. The Cat had come!

Toby turned around three times just as he always did in his own bed. He knocked down a table, and two chairs fell out of the house onto the play-room floor. Then there was more space for Toby. Curling himself up, he purred himself to sleep.

By and by the play-room door opened.

"O, O, O!" cried Edith and Bessie and Mabel. They came across the room with a rush and Toby jumped to the floor and ran out. It was impossible to sleep in so much noise.

"You poor darlings!" cried Bessie, catching up the dolls. "The horrid Cat has frightened you 'most to death."

Mabel and Edith gathered together the scattered furniture.

"Just see the carpet," exclaimed Edith.

It was covered with yellow and white hairs. As they were brushing it they looked out. Below lay Toby on his red rug, fast asleep.—Ethel S. Young, in Congregationalist and Christian World.

IN OLDEN TIMES.

In olden times there were very few books, and no bright young peoples' papers for little folk to read. In the days of Queen Elizabeth of England scholars learned to read from a horn-book, a sort of tablet mounted on wood and covered with horn, on which were printed the alphabet and vowels, words of two letters, and the Lord's Prayer. Girls excelled in beautiful needlework, and Queen Elizabeth herself, when only six years old, made a christening shirt for her little brother, afterward Edward VI.

You will think the children of long ago had no good times, but they did, I can tell you; only their pleasures were simple, and their games merry and quaint. I wonder if you know what kind of dolls were played with then. The Roman children first used dolls which were little wooden and ivory statues, and not like the real doll babies of to-day. After the Reformation, learning became more general, and a few books were sent out. I have heard that story books were due to children. A man in Haarlem, in Holland, was walking in the woods and amused himself by cutting letters on the trees, taking off impressions of them in ink to please his children. And from this idea came the many beautiful story books which you now enjoy.—Lucile P. Burnet, in Baptist Boys and Girls.

FAMOUS BOYS.

A woman fell off the dock in Italy. She was fat and frightened. No one of the crowd of men dared to jump in after her; but a boy struck the water almost as soon as she, and managed to keep her up until stronger arms got hold of her. Everybody said the boy was very daring, very kind, very quick, but also very reckless, for he might have been drowned. The boy was Garibaldi, and, if you will read his life, you will find these were just his traits all through—that he was so alert that nobody could tell when he would make an attack with his red-shirted soldiers, so indiscreet sometimes as to make his fellow patriots wish he was in Guinea, but also so brave and magnanimous that all the world, except tyrants, loved to hear and talk about him.

A boy used to crush flowers to get their color, and painted the white side of his father's cottage in Tyrol with all sorts of pictures, which the mountaineer gazed at as wonderful. He was the great artist, Titian.

An old painter watched a little fellow who amused himself making drawings of his pots and brushes, easel and stool, and said, "That boy will beat me some day." So he did, for he was Michael Angelo.

A German boy was reading a blood-and-thunder novel. Right in the midst of it he said to himself: "Now, this will never do. I get too much excited over it; I can't study so well after it. So here goes!" And he flung the book out into the river. He was Fichte, the great German philosopher.—Our Dumb Animals.

A RECIPE FOR A PARTY.

Dorothy with radiant eyes and flushed cheeks, a very June rose of a girl, stood waiting the family's verdict. It was her first real party. Of course she had been to parties all her life, but never before to one where they had an orchestra and city caterers and florists.

"You may each," Dorothy declared, "give me a piece of advice."

"Hold up your head and remember that you're as big as any body." That was Jack of course.

"Do be careful of your sash when you sit down," Vera urged.

"Just have a happy time, that's all," mother said, with such undisguised pride in her face that Abby Ann hastened to add a wholesome bitter. Abby Ann had been with the family all her life, and had privileges.

"Pretty is that pretty does," she warned. "You just mind that, Dorothy."

But grandmother amended it instantly. "Party is that party does. You'll find plenty of times to remember that, too, dear."

The carriage came then and the little June rose was put into it and for the next two hours had no time to think. Then came a change, a few minutes when it happened that Dorothy had no partner. It felt queer to be "left out."

Of course some girls had been left out all evening, but she had no thought about it before. Then suddenly grandmother's words came to her: "Party is that party does." If the party did not come to her she would make a party herself.

She walked to the next lonesome girl and said a word or two to her, and then they went to the next and the next till there were no lonely ones any more, but a big merry group. And suddenly Dorothy, in the midst of her fun, made a discovery.

"Why it's you and not things, that make the party!"

When Dorothy was twenty-four she married. It was a happy marriage, but there were ten years when things had to be carefully contrived in the little home and luxuries were bravely denied. Yet somehow they had many good times in the small house. One day Dorothy heard the matter discussed between her little daughter and a neighbor's child.

"You don't have anything but cambric tea and gingerbread at your dolls' parties, and Lena Tolman has frosted cake; but I like yours best. Some way your mother always acts as if it is a party, and Lena's doesn't."

"My mother says it's the way you feel inside, not what you eat, that makes a party," Dorothy's daughter replied.

And Dorothy, overhearing, smiled to herself.

"Party is that party does," she murmured.—Youth's Companion.

THEY KNEW.

She was a particularly fervent specimen of kindergarten teacher, and counted as a privilege her opportunity to do a little summer work in the slums. Her first lesson, she resolved, should combine the love of our dumb friends with a suggestion for the true observing of things. She began with an engaging but earnest smile.

"Now, children, I want you to tell me what kind of clothes the kitty wears!" Dead silence.

"Why, children, don't you know what kind of clothes the kitty wears?"

The enthusiastic young woman had not anticipated such unresponsiveness, but nothing daunted by the blank faces before her, she went back to the beginning and tried the gentil art of instilling the right answer into the minds of her pupils by the method of elimination.

"Well, my dears, does the kitty wear feathers?" she asked.

Then a small boy in the front row leaned forward and inquired earnestly, but with a touch of contempt in his voice, "Say, teacher, ain't you never seen a cat?"—Youths' Companion.

THE BOY WHO TAKES PRIDE IN HIS WORK.

Don't that look just fine?"

It was no vain conceit that made a certain boy say these words one day last summer. His blue eyes were shining with honest pride because of the perfectness and trimness of the small garden he had finished weeding and hoeing. Three days before the garden had been completely over-run with weeds and grass. Some of the grass had been of the variety called "wire-grass," and if you have ever tried to hoe out or pull up grass of this kind you know as well as that boy knew, that it is mighty hard grass to tackle. But this boy had tackled it with his teeth set and a determination to rid the garden of every spear of it, and it had disappeared root and and branch. He was a small boy of French Canadian parentage whom the farmer with whom I was spending some weeks had hired for the summer, and only that day the farmer said to me, "I never saw a boy take such a pride in his work as Louis does. That boy will get along all right in the world. He is not only so very industrious, but he is so thorough. Everything I give him to do is done just as well as it is possible to do it. He never gives anything a lick and a promise."

Give me a boy noted for being industrious and who takes so much honest and manly pride in his work that nothing but perfection will suit him and I shall feel that I am safe in prophesying a successful future for that boy.

There is something fine and manly in the boy who takes pride in his work, who feels that it is a reflection on his character to be lazy and who likes to put an "A one" mark on all that he does.

I remember that I once happened to be near two boys who had each been given a certain task to do. I do not know how long they had been working on it, but presently I heard one of them say to the other,

"There, Joe, that will do. It looks good enough."

No, it doesn't," the boy called Joe replied. "I'm not going to leave mine until it looks a good deal better than it looks now. I'm no slouch."

Good for Joe! The boy who sets out in life determined that he will not be a "slouch" is on the right track. Slouchy work will not pass muster in these days. If you have slouchy tendencies, boys, you'd better get rid of them just as soon as possible. Let a man acquire the reputation of being a slouch and he is a goner. No man wants a "slouch" around, and no man with a particle of honest, manly pride will be a person of that description. Pride is one's work, no matter what that work may be, is a tremendous help to success in life.—J. L. Harbour.

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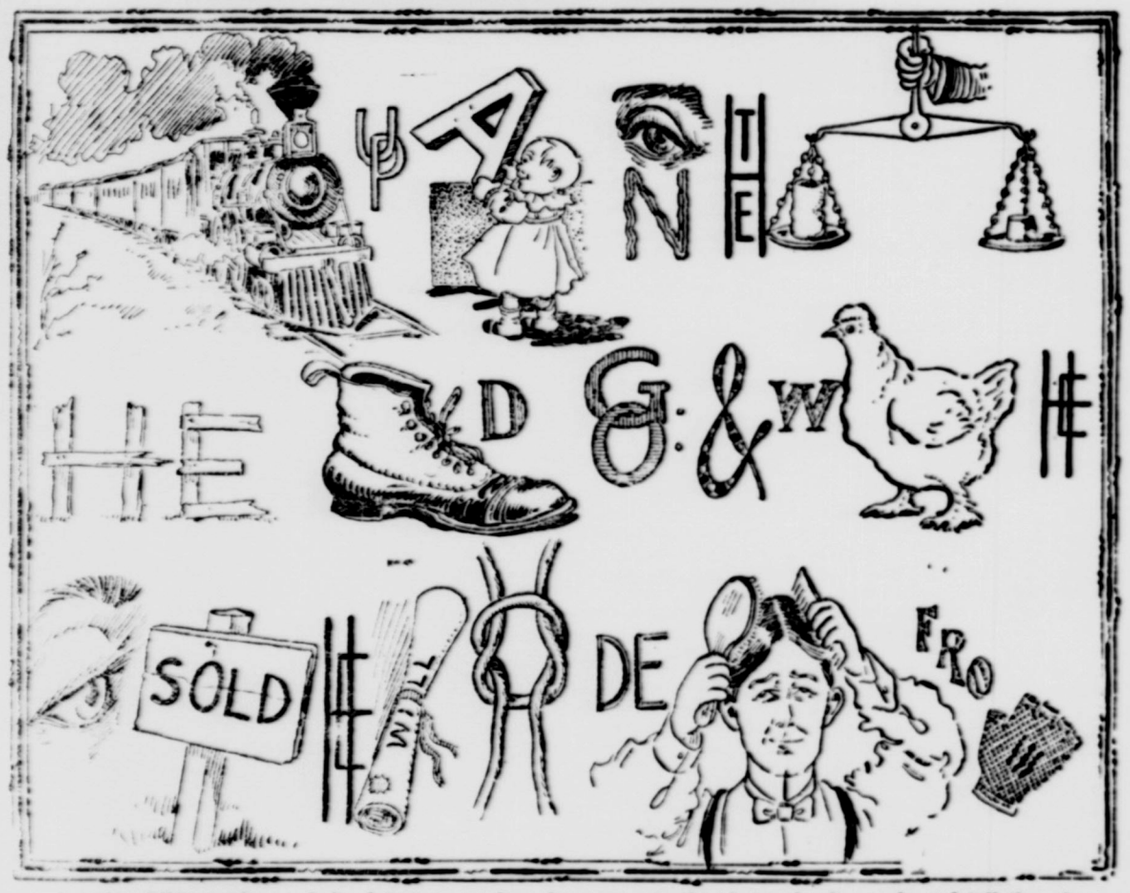
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CAN YOU AFFORD TO STAY AWAY?

The Texas Methodist Sunday-school Conference to be held at Houston, March 26-28, is an occasion of supreme importance to every Methodist in Texas, and is of no mean concern to those not Methodists. No self-denial or expenditure that may be involved ought to be considered too great, if by putting it forth one can attend. Sunday-school work is basal to all Church work, and is, therefore, a prime factor in all ultimate success in bringing about the moral redemption of the race. God has put distinguished honor upon it in the fact that about 85 per cent of our actual Church membership came through the Sunday-school. The reason for this is not hard to find, for here persons of all ages, capable of studying systematically and continuously the word of God, and hence, are in a condition of mind and heart to appreciate the messages of the gospel when brought to them by the man of God sent to minister to them in holy things. A conference, then, that will increase the efficiency of the Sunday-school cannot be over-estimated in value, and a possibility to attend makes it an obligation to do, and be wide-awake while there. That the one at Houston will be up to high water mark is an already demonstrated fact, from the two that have been held in the last two years and from the program provided by the executive committee. On its numbers are leading workers of the Church and Nation. As an official member of the North Texas Conference Board, I appeal to my conference, both the ministry and the laity, to join me in going into Houston with the largest representation we have ever had in such a conference.

J. A. WYATT, Sec-Treas.

LETTER FROM GILDEROY.

This has been a remarkable winter in Mississippi so far. We have had but little cold weather. There has been ice only a few times. At this time, February 5, we are having the coldest spell we have had since winter set in. Along in the fifties, 1853 or 1854, the winter was so mild that cotton stalks in favored spots put out sprouts from the roots, and bore cotton the second year.

Editors and correspondents all over the Church have been giving Dr. G. B. Winton a pretty good warming up on some of his editorial utterances in the Nashville Advocate. This round or bout has led me to read up on some questions where I thought my faith was pretty firmly fixed. As I grow older I am not so certain about some things as I used to be. There are two sides to most questions, and men of equal intelligence and sincerity are found on both sides. The arguments put forth are entitled to careful consideration. How do men come to have souls? Are souls generated like bodies, or are they special creations for each individual, or are they partly generated and partly created? If I say they are generated, I am making a large concession to materialism; for, if generated, then the spiritual nature must be a separable, divisible substance. The fundamental idea of a spiritual nature is an indivisible unity that can not be partitioned out and divided up. This might happen to material, but not to spirit. If I say the soul or spirit is a direct and immediate creation in each case, then how am I to account for heredity in any case?

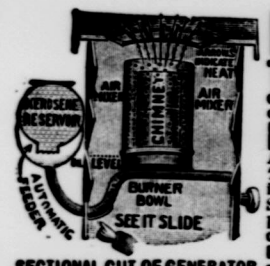
If I say the soul or spirit comes partly by generation and partly by creation, then I assert that parents are co-workers with God in the creation of a free, rational person, which seems to be among the highest acts of omnipotence.

Any way I turn I am beset by great questions that need to be pondered deeply and for a long time. This keeps me from coming to hasty conclusions, and from rushing into print with immature and hastily formed judgments.

Then I come to this question, "Is the soul or spirit naturally and inherently immortal?" It seems reasonable to say the soul was designed for endless existence. Some have supposed that this proposition can be sustained on the ground of the simplicity of the soul's essence. It is not compounded, hence it can not be dissolved, and there is no cessation of its being. This is deism pure and simple. It goes on the assumption that the circle of created things, having once been constituted, is bound to go on everlastingly, the soul among the rest. It seems to me that the continued existence of all created things, material and immaterial, compounded and uncompounded, is dependent on the will and power of God. If so, it is not inherent in itself. He can create, and he can destroy. The title to continued existence is wholly in God. I insist that it is not irreverent to think of God annihilating as well as creating, of ceasing to conserve as well as continuing to conserve. I do not know what God will do, only I am sure he will do right and what is for the best. Some of the younger men discourse to me largely and learnedly about the capacious powers and capabilities of the soul, its present and eternal progress and growth in wisdom and goodness, all of which I steadfastly believe. It is infinitely worthy of God to bestow such powers, to continue such existence, and to afford opportunities for such continued growth in wisdom and goodness. But why God should continue the existence of a soul, and afford the opportunities for growth or confirmation in badness, is utterly beyond my powers. He may do it; I do not know and dare not say. If at all consistent with his will, and in no way injurious to his government of the universe, I would be glad if the souls of the finally impenitent were blotted out of existence. God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked, and I do not either.

Now, in saying this I am not defending Dr. Winton, for he is able to take care of himself. I am not calling in question any doctrine of our Methodism, nor am I uttering any theory of scientific infidelity or of higher criticism. I write to call the attention of younger men to the largeness of this question, and to some things that are suggested and discussed by first one and then another of known and accepted writers among our own writers and preachers. This blunder of Dr. Winton—if blunder it was—sent me back to the old books that I had read and studied more than forty years ago. There is not much new under the sun—not many new things in theology, and no wonder, for men have been studying theology ever since before the fall of Adam. It is the oldest of all the sciences. It would be difficult to prove either the parental generation or the separate creation of human souls by the holy Scriptures. Let any one who thinks he can prove the essential and inherent immortality of the soul by the word of God, then try to prove the sustained immortality of the soul at the will and power of God. Think it all over, ponder in your heart and many deep questions will be suggested. I firmly believe that men have souls, but how they came by them I do not know. I believe these souls continue to exist by the will and power of God, but whether he will continue the existence of wicked souls forever, I do not know. If God did not and could not create evil, I do not see how he could continue it eternally.

Strong, Miss.



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REV. S. W. JONES.

Rev. Sam W. Jones died in Pittsburg, Texas, Feb. 14, 1907. I formed the acquaintance of this venerable man of God fourteen years ago at Cooper, Delta County, Texas. He was at that time pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at Cooper, and I pastor of the Baptist Church. I have ever been glad that it has been my privilege to know this sweet-spirited, godly man. It may be truthfully said of him, as was said of one of old, "He was a good man and many were turned unto the Lord."

When I received a 'phone message just today, saying, "Bro. Jones is dead," I at once remembered the text, "A great man hath fallen in Israel today."

I regarded Bro. Jones as being truly great. He had implicit confidence in God. He was full of faith. He had a large, tender, warm and sympathetic heart. As a preacher he was earnest, bold and courageous. He was neither ashamed nor afraid to proclaim his convictions. He believed what he preached, and preached what he believed because he believed it. He was humble and meek, unassuming and sweet-spirited. He was very reserved and seemed to delight to sit as a little child at the feet of his brethren. It seemed to be the ambition of his great heart, as well as his one purpose, to lead the lost to the Savior whom he himself had trusted and tried. I saw his manly form as he stood upon the scaffold in Cooper, Texas, by the side of a man condemned to death. Oh, how earnestly he plead with God to save the poor fellow's soul! I seem to hear his pleadings as I now write. I am truly glad that I have known this good man during his afflictions. Although I am 30 miles from him, I have nevertheless seen him about once a month for about three years, during which time he has been very sadly afflicted, but he exercised great patience. He looked upon every stroke as coming from a loving Father. It was my pleasure to go into his home two weeks ago. The first thing he said to me was, "Bro. York, I will soon be gone; but you'll know where to find me." He expressed it as going home.

He has done his work well and I am sure a rich reward was in waiting for him. May the loving heavenly Father greatly bless his devoted wife and daughter who are left so lonely in the home, and the other children as well, who are in homes of their own.

H. G. YORK.

Como, Texas.

THE PROHIBITION CAUSE.

I wish I had it in my power to destroy every drop of whisky beneath the sun. Why? Because if I could do that I could rob hell of the most of its power. If I were all-powerful it seems to me that the first act of my life would be to destroy all intoxicating liquors and make it a death penalty for any man to manufacture any more of the stuff. You may call me a fanatic if you wish, but what we need to-day is more men and women who will stand firm for the right against the wrong. Saloons have been voted out of this county. One old toper says he wants the saloons back because we have more whisky than we did when the saloons were here. Another old sot says he wants the saloons back because whisky is scarce, and when he wants a drink he wants it. A few of the liquor tribe say they want the saloons back because prohibition don't prohibit, but our prohibition laws restrain as much as any law on our statute books, and every man knows it. There is a law against stealing; but because a horse or something else is stolen every day, why not use our influence in trying to get the law repealed?

We have a law against murder, but why not work against such law because we hear of men being killed often. There is a law against seduction, but suppose I turn against that law because it doesn't prohibit entirely.

Suppose I say: "Inasmuch as I cannot keep men from murdering each other, I think they should be licensed to do so, and I'll vote for it." Prohibition does prohibit; but if it didn't I would vote against the saloon if my father were to rise from his grave and plead with me to vote for saloons. I want to say to the antis that if you think prohibition is weakening and that the pros will be defeated next time, that you have come to that conclusion from hearing only the antis talk, and from reading anti literature. You should hear and read the prohibition side and you will come to the conclusion that the saloon is going, never to return any more.

Once and a while I see a woman who is friendly to the saloons and whisky, and if there is anything that would make the devil himself weep, it would be to see a woman fix up toady for her husband and little children.

Whisky is a legalized and licensed traffic; and whisky is the arch-fiend of riots, the inciter of murder, the blight of virtue and innocence, the father of cripples and the mother of disease, the spirit of hate and the strong arm of revenge, the curse of beauty, the insidious enemy of health. Whisky turns friendship into enmity; converts affection into indifference. Tell the boys that the people in Hill County, except a few whites, the Bohemians and the "niggers" are mighty well satisfied with prohibition.

W. T. KINSLOW.

OUR MISSIONARY EVANGELIST.

It will be remembered that at the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference the Board of Missions recommended the appointment of a man to go into the field and make special effort to lay the great cause of missions upon the hearts of the people. To this new cause the Bishop took from the pastorate a man whose past record admits of no question, and wh ois well known to have been a most successful and beloved pastor.

Brother M. S. Hotchkiss, who for twenty-eight years had known an unbroken ministry in the relation of pastor and people, felt keenly the sense of the orphanage of his new relation. But as his record has always stood, so stands it in this. He is at his task to do his "dead level best."

We have just closed in Stephenville what in some respects is one of the best meetings ever had there. Brother Hotchkiss came to us fired with the zeal of a real missionary. His great earnestness and industry, together with an intense desire to see men saved, peculiarly fits him for the work in hand.

For days he stood before our people and plead with the unsaved as few men can plead, and under the resistless earnestness of his messages souls were saved. The Church was not neglected in his ministry, but throughout the meeting and in most of his sermons some allusion was made to the central theme of his labors. His special sermons on missions are new and fresh and soul-inspiring. He told of the great tide of foreign immigration to our shores, and presented so forcefully our duty to this new and strange element in our Church and National life that we have resolved, by the help of God, to seek the Christianization of the foreigner ere he alienizes us.

All told, the meeting was a great success, and Hotchkiss is the right man in the right place. If his plans are realized, and his helpers measure up to their opportunities, his report to the ensuing Annual Conference will be one of the most gratifying ever made to or by the old Northwest Texas.

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Rev. W. F. Lloyd, D. D., who for several years was a member of the Northwest Texas Conference, is now pastor of our down-town Church in Louisville, Ky. He has succeeded in uniting the two congregations known as Walnut Street and Chestnut Street Churches, and the joint congregation has bought the fine Jewish temple, the handsomest and costliest public building in the city, at the nominal price of $35,000, and after a little renovation and rearrangement it will be conveniently adapted to the use of Christian worship. They hope to be in it in the course of two or three months, and it will be one of the most valuable Church plants in Southern Methodism. The property has a frontage on Broadway of 147 feet, running back 189 feet on Sixth. The Church from this time on will be known as Union Methodist Church. We congratulate Dr. Lloyd and his people on the success of this great enterprise.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

Much inconvenience to the Advocate office and confusion and loss of time will be saved all parties interested if our correspondents will observe a few requests, to-wit:

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5. Please bear in mind that the American Home Journal and the Home and State have no connection with the Advocate. The offices of each of the three publications are in different buildings; hence a request for a change of address, or sample copies, or any other matter, should be sent direct to the respective papers.

THE CHILDREN AND THE BIBLE.

Elsewhere in this issue we begin the publication of a series of Bible Puzzles for the use of the young readers of the Advocate. Its object is to make the young readers of the paper search for the solution of the riddle by studying the characters of the puzzle and thereby become more interested in certain passages of the Bible. By close investigation they will find in the puzzle a familiar verse in one of the books of the Bible, and when discovered it will read correctly the said verse. We want them all to solve the puzzle, if possible, by the next issue, and then we will publish the verse that the characters in the riddle contain. It is not an advertising scheme; but a genuine little piece of enterprise for the benefit of the children. We hope they will find the exercise entertaining and helpful.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, of the New York Christian Advocate, has done the Christian public a vast service in his exposures of "Christian Science, with its indefinable vagaries." He is a man of great learning, as well as of wide reading, and he is possessed of high intellectual endowments, and his powers of investigation and inquiry are extraordinary. With his greatness of mind he is a man of fearless devotion to the truth as he understands it, and when he is through hammering an error there is not much life in it. Some years ago he made a thorough examination of the claims of Christian Science, and in a series of articles in his paper he threw a great deal of light on this subject. Those articles are now in pamphlet form. But of late he has reverted to this matter again, and his recent articles, all of which are not yet completed, are incisive and clear.

Rev. S. A Ashburn, of Winnsboro, furnishes testimony to what industry and frugality and consecration will do for a man in the person of Bro. N. J. Barber. Bro. Barber fought three years under Lee, is a devoted Methodist and he and his good wife make a living on six and a half acres of land near Winnsboro. He goes to town to Church, pays his preacher and often has the pastor and his family to spend the day with him. Bro. Ashburn adds: "He has money to pay for his Advocate in advance and did not say a word about it being too high. The reason is very plain—he loves his Church." May his tribe increase.

The next issue of the Advocate will be a special edition, almost wholly devoted to the various claims of the Church upon our time, talent and liberality. We have secured excellent contributions from a large number of brethren bearing upon these causes, and we hope to make them instrumental in awakening in our people a renewed interest in these great matters. There never was a time when our country was in finer condition financially than now, and there is no reason why our liberality and labor should not be greatly stimulated. We have surplus money enough in Texas Methodism to make all our interests prosperous, if we could only get our people to do their full duty to Christ's kingdom. For this reason we have gone to some trouble and expense to make the next issue of the Advocate help toward this laudable end. It will be replete with matters of large import, and we hope it will get a wide reading among all our people.

The Rev. David Sullins has begun a series of articles on his early recollections, in the Midland Methodist. The Holston Conference has produced some of the rarest and most unique men in the history of our common Methodism. Many of them stand out in bold relief as men of great ability and matchless eloquence; but that romantic hill country has never given to the Church a sweeter spirit, a more deeply consecrated soul than David Sullins. Not only this, but in the day of his prime he was one of the most gifted preachers and one of the most naturally eloquent men whom we have ever heard deliver a sermon. In person, when we first knew him, he was tall, well proportioned, had a well poised head covered with glossy auburn hair, a noble brow, a well nigh perfectly formed mouth, a face of rare beauty for a man, and a personal magnetism that was almost irresistible. He was too richly endowed for the habit of a close student, though he was well educated and a fine judge of human nature. Throughout all the hill country he was a famous preacher in that day. We have heard him preach sermons when it was almost impossible to keep our seat when he reached his peroration. Dr. Sullins is now a fully matured old man, full of delightful memories, and rich in a beautiful Christian experience. That he will give the Midland some exquisitely touching and inspiring recollections, we doubt not. We shall follow him with increasing interest. There is but one "Dave" Sullins, and it distresses us to realize that he is passing into "the sear and yellow leaf."



The above picture represents four generations of Methodists. It begins on the right with Mrs. J. P. Apperson, the mother of Mrs. George W. Owens, and she has been a reader of the Advocate for forty years. The next is Mrs. George W. Owens, the wife of Rev. George W. Owens, and she has been a Methodist all her life. Then follows Mrs. L. W. Blaylock, the daughter of Mrs. Owens and the wife of Mr. L. W. Blaylock, one of the publishers of the Advocate; and last, but not the least important, is little Miss Marianne Elizabeth Blaylock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Blaylock, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Blaylock. It is an interesting group and closely connected with the progress and status of the Texas Christian Advocate. It represents four registered Methodists, and we are glad of an opportunity to present them to the readers of this paper.

The Houston Post recently had a strong editorial in advocacy of better salaries for our preachers. It drew a contrast between the salaries paid Methodist ministers in Georgia, taking its data from an exchange of that State, and Texas, finding its data for the latter in a statement in its columns, recently furnished by Rev. Jno. E. Green. According to the showing of the post, our Texas preachers are paid on an average nearly twice as much as the average preacher in Georgia. It was magnanimous in the Post to take the side of our preachers in this matter, in urging our people to do a better part, financially, by the men who are contributing more than most any other class of men toward the moral and religious development of our great State. The Post realizes that Methodist preachers, and all other preachers for that matter, represent a strong and growing influence in Texas. And they deserve well in every way of the people whom they serve.

Mr. Rockefeller's gift of $32,000,000 for educational purposes almost staggers poor folks with its magnitude. The ordinary mind can scarcely grasp such an amount. No such a single gift to school purposes has before been recorded in the history of America. Mr. Rockefeller is to be commended for this amazing piece of generosity. But following this wonderful gift coal oil advanced a few cents on the barrel all over the country. The people have to have the oil, and it won't be long until the most of that fabulous sum will flow back into the coffers of the coal oil magnate. Still we are glad that this rich man makes good use of his money, even if he does require the people to pay it back to him in the advanced prices of his commodity. There are many other millionaires who compel the people to add to their fortunes, but never do anything much for benevolence or education. Mr. Rockefeller has the merit of liberality, even if he does make the people pay him good interest on his benevolence.

With one editor of a Church paper taking the position that the "Ten Commandments have been swept away" and another one speaking rather liberally of our Christian Sunday and the uses to which it may be put, to say nothing of raising doubts concerning the "inherent and essential immortality of the soul," surely Southern Methodism is making progress in some quarters! But it is not the progress that old fashioned Methodists look upon with pleasure. There is no doubt but that the editor of a well-read Christian paper needs to be very careful about introducing speculative theories into the columns of a Church paper. There are some things that the Church regards as settled, and to raise questions of doubt concerning them is a doubtful piece of propriety. The Ten Commandments, the immortality of the soul and our Christian Sunday are fundamental doctrines in our creed, and we are not yet ready to disparage them.

DEATH OF MISS IRBIE M. CAPERS.

In the death, last Sunday, of Miss Irbie M. Capers, the entire Advocate force feels a sense of personal loss. For quite a while she had had charge of one of the linotype machines; and such was her lady-like and quiet manner that everybody in the building held her in high esteem. She was a good, religious young woman, a member of the Tabernacle Methodist Church, and she always pursued her calling with Christian fidelity and devotion. Her immediate illness was of short duration. Just before she died she was in semi-conscious state, and she was heard to say: "Number two, upstairs." That is a common saying with the linotype operatives when anything goes wrong with the machine. Number two was her machine, and hence her expression. But she will never sit again at "number two." She has gone to the other and better life. A short time before she died, all of the members of the Advocate force sent her a letter of sympathy, and it proved to be a farewell message. We will all miss this excellent young lady: but we will remember her for her worth and excellent character.

Dr. Andrews, of Grace Church, assisted Dr. Allbritten, of Tabernacle Church, in the funeral services. The floral tributes from her friends were many and beautiful; an especially lovely one was sent by her associates, the employes of this office, bearing the words, "Our Friend." The office was closed during the funeral services that all might follow her to her long home.

The following is the message sent to Miss Capers by the Advocate force during her illness. It reached her in her last conscious moments:

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 28, 1907.

All the Advocate force inquire daily about your welfare. They are all anxious to see you return to your loved employ. They miss your genial companionship and deplore the fact that one so lovely should be called upon to endure the pain to which you have recently been subjected. They trust that but a short time will elapse before you will be able to resume your duties. The machine room looks very lonesome now, and we will be glad to have you back again.

All send their kindest regards and best wishes.

L. BLAYLOCK.
L. W. BLAYLOCK.
W. D. BLAYLOCK.
BELLE G. RAGSDALE.
EDNA FOSTER.
WILLIAM E. CAMPBELL.
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DAVID M. CROWLEY.
CHAS. ROBERTS.
LOUIS GILLMOUR.
WILLIAM LEE.
J. B. McCRAW.
TURNER A. DIAMOND.
JESSE PADON.
CHARLIE GEORGE.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Advocate force:

Whereas, In the providence of an all wise and good God, Miss Irbie M. Capers, an attache of this office, has left this cloudland and passed out into the Great Brightness, and, whereas, her association with us was a help and blessing in every way; therefore be it

Resolved, By all the members of the Texas Christian Advocate force, that by the passing of Miss Capers we are deeply grieved:

2. That while sincerely mourning our loss, we confidently believe that she is with our Lord, and that we will try to emulate her virtues and imitate her Christian character.

Judge Meek, of the United States District Court of this city, still has the anti-jug law under consideration. It was thought that he would render his decision last week, but he has not yet been heard from. We have not much hope that the decision will be favorable to local option. These United States District Courts rarely ever uphold a local option law. On the contrary, they usually declare such laws invalid. The Inter-State Commerce law is made the pretext for such decisions, and courts have but little difficulty in finding precedents for such holdings. That the present law will be rendered invalid, we have but little doubt. That is why the liquor people took the question into the United States courts instead of into our State civil courts. The liquor people are making it more and more imperative upon the part of the temperance people to bring on a State campaign. When it comes, they will have nobody but themselves to blame.

Bishop James Atkins is now on his way to the Pacific coast to hold a series of District Conferences out there. He held these conferences last fall and gave great satisfaction, and now he goes back to see how the work is progressing. Bishop Atkins is one of the hard workers in the Episcopal College, and the Church is getting fine service out of his efforts.

The wife of Dr. James A. Duncan, of the First Church in Birmingham, died the other day after a very brief illness. Many, yes, all the Texas delegates to the General Conference, will remember this admirable lady as the wife of the accomplished pastor of the Church where the late General Conference was held, and a feeling of sympathy will go out toward that stricken parsonage by those who were in attendance upon that great gathering.

Bishop Key's pamphlet on Tithing is still increasing in its popularity. Five editions have already been exhausted and another one is going through the press. Mr. Everett of the Book House has just told us that he is shipping it out at the rate of a thousand a day. Nobody is making a cent out of it. The Bishop did not produce it with that end in view. He wanted to get before the Church a systematic method of doing business with God. He had no idea that his

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little pamphlet would spring into such popularity. But it is proof positive that the preachers and the people are hungry for some sort of help to reduce our method of contributions to the Church to a real business-like basis. So he wrote this pamphlet and got it published at the cheapest price possible—just enough to cover actual expenses—and from the start it has gone like the wind. It can hardly be produced fast enough to supply the demand. When ordered by the hundred, it only costs one dollar and postage, and our preachers can afford to scatter it broadcast among their people. And they are doing it.

R. S. Munger, who lives in Birmingham the most of his time, and in Dallas the remainder of his time, has made a proposition to the Trustees of the Birmingham College to give them $25,000 on condition that the rest of the conference will raise $75,000 additional, making a clean $100,000 for that young institution. The brethren down that way are getting busy, and they hope to secure this handsome donation by complying with the condition. Brother Munger is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College.

BOOK NOTICES.

We are in receipt of a book of songs for evangelistic services, gotten out for meetings of this sort, Sunday-schools, prayer service, etc.; and it is entitled, "Gipsy Smith's Mission Hymnal." Gipsy Smith is the noted Gipsy Evangelist whose work is everywhere spoken of further north, as of a very high order. The book contains nearly four hundred hymns, many of them the old standard hymns of the Churches. Some of them are new. It is a good edition and well gotten up. It is published by the Biglow & Main Co.

The Steps of Life, by Carle Hilty, and published by the McMillan Co. It is a book of valuable essays by Professor Hilty, who is a master in this sort of literature. He treats such subjects as; "Sin and Sorrow; Comfort Ye My People; On the Knowledge of Men; What is Culture; Noble Souls," and the like.

REVIEW NOTICES.

Scribner's magazine for March is up to its usual standard of excellence. Its illustrations are exceptionally fine, its contributions of fiction are the works of artists in this line, its poems are beautiful in sentiment and its communications are the best that adepts can prepare.

The Atlantic Monthly for March serves a good table of contents to its readers. It opens with a delightful poem on Longfellow, by Aldrich, followed by a meritorious contribution by Andrew D. White on "The Statesmanship of Cavour." It is a fine historical contribution, with a splendid piece of character analysis. "The Spirit of Old West Point," by Morris Schaff, is equally good. This is the second of a series of articles on this subject. But one of the most valuable of the many articles in this number is by William H. Allen on "Efficiency of Making Bequests." This article needs to be read by those who are contemplating doing good with their money. The whole number is full of good matter, and we only mention the above few samples.

The principal features of the American Review of Reviews are a survey of the work of the Interior Department under Secretary Hitchcock, by Max West; an elaborately illustrated forecast of the Jamestown Exposition, by Plummer F. Jones; a study of the public coal land situation in the West, apropos of President Roosevelt's recent action; a presentation of some of the reasons "Why We Need the Immigrant," with many illustrative charts and diagrams, based on data gathered by the Government, by William S. Rossiter; and articles on "The Municipal Ownership of Street Railways in Germany," by Edward T. Heyn, "German Experiments with the Land Tax," by William C. Dreher, and "Why Not Savings-Bank Life Insurance for Wage-Earners?" by Louis D. Brandeis.

PERSONALS.

Rev J. R. Ray, formerly of Texas, but now stationed in Delgrade, Montana, is doing well in his work. He has recently had a good meeting, and all departments of his Church affairs are in good condition.

We recently had a delightful visit from Brother H. K. Jones and his son, Master Frank. They were in the city on business and wanted to see the Advocate tribe.

Brother J. F. Mize, of Mineola, called and had a few pleasant words with the Advocate household last week. He finds great pleasure in the paper.

Dr. J. M. Boland, a prominent minister and author, died recently at Point Pleasant, W. Va. He was born July 12th, 1835, labored a great deal in Alabama, but for some years he has been a member of the West Virginia Conference. He was still in the active service at the time of his death.

Rev. Jno. Watson, D. D., known to the world an "Ian Maclaren," will deliver the Cole lectures at the Vanderbilt this year. He will begin the last week in April, and his coming will be looked forward to with great interest. He is one of the most scholarly men in the old country, and one of its brightest and most entertaining writers.

Dr. W. F. Tillett has been forced to relinquish his work at the Vanderbilt University for the rest of the year on account of an attack of eye trouble. For a great many years he has devoted himself to the interests of this great school, and it is a painful experience to him to have to ask for a surcease of labor for a time, because of this affliction.

Miss Elise Coulter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Coulter, of this city, was married the 4th inst., to Mr. Roy M. Stocking, Dr. A. S. Andrews officiating. The happy young couple will make their home in Petaluma, Cal., after March the 10th. The bride is a cultivated Christian young woman and the groom is a fine young man of Methodist parentage, his father and mother living in Clarendon. We wish them all the happiness possible in the new relation.

We had a pleasant call this week from Whitley Reed, formerly a newspaper man in Italy, but now living in Mt. Pleasant.

Rev. J. H. Chambliss, of Haskell, did not forget the Advocate force this week, while in the city. He thinks they have a wonderful country out his way, and we are inclined to agree with him.

Rev. J. B. Andrews, of Cleburne, dropped in to see us the other day. Things are moving on all right over his way. He is a wide-awake pastor and his congregation is abreast if his city.

AT HOUSTON.

The State Methodist Sunday-school Conference will convene in the city of Houston on the 26th of March. As everyone knows who is familiar with its organization and work, it is a conference for Sunday-school workers, pastors, superintendents and teachers. That the Sunday-school is the most important adjunct of the Church, no one will deny. It os to enlarge its borders, strengthen its work and train its forces that this conference has been instituted. The former conferences, both in Dallas and Austin were very largely attended and everyone is loud in their praise of the great good accomplished. We are expecting a much larger attendance at Houston than at either of the former meetings.

The railroad rates, hotel accommodations are both excellent and cheap. Any one desiring to know anything of the rates for board can address Mr. J. A. Morris, Chairman of Entertaining Committee, at Houston. We want at least two or three thousand Sunday-school workers to be present and we feel sure if they take occasion to notice the superior program, that they will most assuredly avail themselves of the opportunity.

Bishop Ward, Dr. and Mrs. Hamill and other very fine Sunday-school workers will be on the program and will render very efficient service. The large number of preachers and laymen present last year guarantees to us a much larger attendance this year.

Houston is the place. The 26th of March the time, the crowd numbers from two to three thousand. Come and go with us. We are expecting a great meeting and we will do you good.

G. E. CAMERON.

TEXAS METHODIST STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

Program for the Third Annual Session of the Texas Methodist State Sunday-school Conference, to be held in the City of Houston, March 26, 27 and 28, 1907:

Tuesday Night, March 26.

7:30. Opening prayer by Bishop Seth Ward; Bible half hour; The Pentateuch, Dr. H. M. Hamill. 8:00. How the Sunday-school Appears, To an Epworth Leaguer, Gus W. Thomasson; To a Public School Man, Prof. P. W. Horn; To a Church Editor, Rev. J. G. M. Rabe; To a City Pastor, Rev. Glenn Flynn; To a Primary Specialist, Mrs. H. M. Hamill; Speeches limited to 20 minutes. 9:45. Enrollment, Announcements, Adjournment.

Wednesday Morning, March 27.

(Second Session.)

9:00. Opening prayer, Rev. C. F. Smith; Bible half hour; The Book of Genesis, Dr. Hamill. 9:30. Our Sunday-school Helps, Judge H. A. Tillett; What the School Needs—How to Use Them, How to Extend Them, How to Improve Them; Fifteen minutes for questions and discussion. 10:15. The Sunday-school Superintendent and His Staff—What officers are needed, The work of each officer, Good and bad management. Led by Judge N. W. Finley; fifteen minutes for questions and discussion. 11:00. How to build up the Sunday-school—By house to house visitation, by cradle roll and home department, by Young Men's Class, By Other Methods; Conference led by W. F. Woods; fifteen minutes for questions and discussion. 11:45. Question Box—Questions answered by leaders of the morning. 12:00. Announcements, adjournment.

Wednesday Afternoon.

(Third Session)

2:00. The opening prayer, Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh; Bible half hour; The Mosaic Code, Dr. H. M. Hamill. 2:30. The Sunday-school Hour—What the Program Should be, How to Make the Most of It. A Model Working Program; Fifteen minutes for Questions and Discussion. 3:15. How to Get Teachers—By Teachers' Meetings, By Supply Class, By Our Church Circle Class, led by Judge J. M. King; Fifteen minutes for Questions and Discussion. 4:00. The Adult Class Movement—Why Adult Church Members Should Attend Sunday-school, How to Secure Their Attendance, How to Maintain an Adult Department, led by Rev. C. S. Field; Fifteen minutes for Questions and Discussion. 5:00. Announcement and Adjournment.

Wednesday Night.

(Fourth Session.)

7:30. Opening prayer, by Rev. B. R. Bolton; Special music by Quartette from St. Paul's Church; Bible half hour; The Mosaic Ritual, Dr. Hamill. 8:00. The Junior Boys and Girls—As an Organized Department, How to Train and Teach Them, led by Mrs. Hamill. 8:30. The Sunday-school and Civic Righteousness, Dr. G. C. Rankin. 9:30. Announcements and Adjournment.

Thursday Morning, March 28.

(Fifth Session.)

9:00. Opening prayer, Rev. C. H. Booth; Bible half hour; The Old Testament Missionary Idea, Dr. Hamill. 9:30. The Sunday-school as a Missionary Force—In Formative Influence, In Definite Instruction, In Training to Give and to Go, led by Rev. D Knox Porter. 10:00. The Sunday-school the Foundation Builder, Dr. R. S. Hyer. 10:45. Missionary Address, The Signs of the Times, Bishop Seth Ward. 12:00. Announcements and Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon.

(Sixth Session.)

2:00. Opening prayer, Dr. V. A. Godbey; Bible half hour; The Jewish Church, Dr. Hamill. 2:30. The Primary Department—Its Relation to the Main School, How to Develop It, My Experience, led by Mrs G. E. Cameron; Fifteen minutes for Questions and Discussion. 3:15. How to Best Develop the Evangelistic Powers of the Sunday-school—By Decision Day, How to Observe It, led by Dr. A. L. Andrews; Fifteen minutes for Decision Day Experiences. Speakers limited to one minute. 4:20. Reports of Committees—On Nominations, Constitutions and By-Laws, On the Progress of the Work, On Resolutions. 5:00. Announcements and Adjournment.

Thursday Night.

(Seventh Session.)

7:30. Opening prayer, Dr. W. L. Nelms; Special music by the Choir of Shearn Church; The Easter Sermon Taught, Dr. Hamill. 8:00. How to Make the Country Sunday-school Succeed, Rev. J. Sam Barcus. 8:30. The Responsibility and Opportunity of the Sunday-school Teacher, Dr. Sam A. Steel. 9:30. Last Words—In One Minute Volunteer Speeches. 9:45. Adjournment.

Remarks.

Two successful annual sessions of the Texas Methodist State Sunday-school Conference—Dallas, 1905, and Austin, 1906—have put it beyond the experimental stage. The attendance of 1100 preachers, superintendents and other workers last year attest its usefulness.

There are over 250,000 Methodists in Texas. We do not expect to see them all at Houston, but every Sunday-school worker should try to be there.

Bishop Ward and Dr. and Mrs. Hamill and Dr. S. A. Steel will be there and that means a feast.

There will be an excursion to Galveston Friday, March 29, the day after the convention adjourns. Trolley rides, sight seeing, and surf bathing; $1.00 round trip. Go.

Mr. J. E. Morris, Houston, is chairman of the committee on entertainment. Good board will be provided at very lowest rates. Write him.

The singing will be a prominent feature. Old-time congregational singing will have right of way.

Houston is one of the biggest and best cities in the State. This will afford a fine opportunity to visit it.

B. M. Burgher and Frank Reedy, Dallas, and Rev. Geo. Sexton, Houston, are the committee on railroad transportation and have been assured that very low rates will prevail.

The best talent in the State has been drawn on liberally. Read the program.

There will be a display of Sunday-school helps, appliances, maps and everything used in the Sunday-school in charge of our Dallas Publishing House. Look through it.

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NOTICE.

I wish to say to all the dear brethren through the Advocate that owing to my having taken charge of a pastoral work I will be prevented from assisting them in their meetings as many of them have requested, and as I had fully intended to do. I am sorry of any disappointment that this may bring about, but I am subject to the powers that be who have arranged for my time to be otherwise employed. God bless all the good brethren much in their work. Your brother.

JOHN S. DAVIS.
Sta. A, Dallas, Texas.

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PRESIDENT RAGSDALE IN THE FIELD.

As announced in these columns, President Ragsdale has entered actively in the work of placing the bonds with which to improve the Assembly Grounds at Epworth by the Sea. The magnificent showing made the first week in Dallas evidences the high esteem in which Brother Ragsdale is held by his home Leaguers. We had discussed with him and estimated the number of bonds which Dallas would take at forty. But instead of forty, the number was made fifty! We were in St. Louis when we received the first press dispatch of the good news, and we hastened to congratulate President Ragsdale upon the splendid achievement. Such as auspicious beginning ought to be an encouragement to our workers who have this enterprise on their hearts, and it ought to mean that Texas Leaguers will take the initial installment ($10,000) of the improvement bonds within a very short period of time. We urge upon the young Methodists of Texas to respond to this call, promptly, and show to Methodism at large what may be accomplished with just one united effort. We have never doubted for a moment the ultimate success of this enterprise, but we realize how much it means to have the work done quickly. On with the work!

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NOTES.

President Tom C. Swope, of the Texas Conference Edworth League, is a zealous worker. Some weeks ago he conceived the idea of helping our Church in Japan by selling book mark souvenirs and he at once went to work in a canvass of his Conference to find purchasers. This week he reports a good showing, and says more orders are coming. The prices at which the book marks are being sold are 10 cents for the crepe style and 15 cents for the white silk. The book marks are made by the members of Bro. W. A. Wilson's church in Oita, Japan, and the proceeds are to be used by Brother Wilson in building a new house of worship. Write to Brother Swope, at Houston, for some of these pretty souvenirs.

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We were in St. Louis last Sunday (February 24) and had the pleasure of hearing Brother Sam R. Hay, formerly of Texas, preach at Centenary Church. Brother Hay seems as much at home in the pulpit of the largest Church in our denomination as he did in Texas pulpits, and from the reports which we had of his work from some of his leading members, we are constrained to believe that he is meeting the requirments of his new surroundings in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. His people hold him in high esteem and all departments of his work are moving forward. The membership of Centenary at this time numbers above two thousand.

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On our St. Louis trip we met with President Abernathy of the Texas State Sunday-school Association, who was in the city with his wife, buying goods for his store at Pittsburg. We found him enthusiastic over the coming State Convention, which is to be held in Houston the latter part of March. He is anxious to make this the banner meeting, and from the insight which he gave us of his program we are inclined to believe that his desire will be realized. This meeting should not be confused with the one to be held in Dallas, which is inter-denominational. The Houston meeting is a Methodist affair and represents the organized forces of our Church in this particular field of work. Our people ought to attend it from all over the State.

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Dr. Thos. N. Ivey has our thanks for a copy of the Methodist Hand-book for 1906, just issued. It is an improvement over its predecessor, which was the peer of its kind. Dr. Ivey has brought within this little volume a very great amount of information concerning our Church, every department being fully treated statistically and otherwise. The book sells at 35 cents per copy, and no one who appreciates accurate information in a concise and convenient form would take many times this amount and do without it, after once having had access to the book. For the book, address Dr. Thos. N. Ivey, Raleigh, N. C. G. W. T.

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TEXAS CONFERENCE LEAGUE NOTES.

A request for a League Hand-book reached me this week from Mrs. Ples Skeen, at Silverton, Texas, who says they desire to organize a Junior.

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The League at Lott has been reorganized through the efforts of Bro. George H. Phair, starting off with 13 new members, though this number will be increased immediately.

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Every one who knows Bro. John E. Green will sympathize with him in the loss of his father, who died last week at the ripe old age of 76. The Valentine social which was to have been given by Tabernacle League the same night was called off out of respect to Bro. Green and his family.

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Invitations for the next meeting of the Conference League are beginning to come. Port Arthur sent a most cordial invitation to Miss Eva Sanders, our Secretary, at Center this week.

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Bro. Ragsdale has asked me to endeavor to get the Leagues of the Texas Conference to take up some of the Epworth bonds. This, by all means, should be done. First Church, Galveston, is the only one which has reported to me up to date that they have taken some. Who will be next?

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Orders for the Japanese book-marks, made by our native Christians in Japan, and which I am trying to dispose of at the request of Brother W. A. Wilson, for the benefit of his churches at Oita and Kitsuki, Japan, are beginning to come in, and I have the following to report to date: Tabernacle League, Houston, $7.85; Shearn Intermediate, Houston, $2.75; Rev. C. F. Smith, Houston, 40 cents; total, $11.00.

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A NOTABLE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The following report from the Opelika Methodist Sunday-school, of which Mr. J. B. Greene is superintendent, is interesting:

The average attendance of the school for the year 1902 was 351; for 1903, 354; for 1904, 367; for 1905, 342; for 1906, 392. The lowest average for any month in 1906 was that of July, which was 348. The highest average for 1906 was 462, for May. The average fell below 315 only twice in four years, and that was for January, 1905, and February, 1905, when it was 288 and 252.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

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TEXAS CONFERENCE LEAGUE.

The following are the names and addresses of the cabinet of the Texas Conference League Conference:

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It is especially requested that officers of local Leagues will write their conference department officers at any time they need help or information. All of the officers are anxious to do the best they can and are ready and willing at all times to render any possible assisance. Pastors and Leaguers are requested to clip out this list and to file it for reference.

TOM C. SWOPE, President.

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FIELD NOTES.

It was my pleasure during the past week to visit Fort Worth, Terrell and Lancaster in the interest of our Encampment work and also to spend some time in Dallas arranging with the local committee there to place the bonds subscribed for by the Dallas Leagues, and to complete organization and plans for a "finance campaign." I met with the Preachers' Meeting Monday morning and was invited to be present Tuesday at the session of the district meeting of the preachers and laymen, by Bro. Sensabaugh. The Fort Worth District preachers are hard at work, judging from their reports, and are interested in the development of their charges in all departments.

Bro. Sensabaugh very kindly gave me sufficient time to present our Encampment bond question to the session, and I feel sure from expressions made that we can count on the cooperation of the presiding elder and all the pastors of the district. In the afternoon the District League Cabinet met with the presiding elder to arrange for the District League Conference, which will convene at Grapevine Friday, April 19. Bro. McVeigh, the District President, is one of our best League workers, and is expecting to have a great conference. He has mapped out a plan of visitation during the next four weeks and will personally attend all of his League meetings, and organize at points where there are no Leagues at present. He and Bro. Andrews assured me that the bond matter would be taken up by the Cleburne Leagues at once and we can expect that ten bonds or more will be placed there.

Wednesday I spent the day in Terrell with Rev. R. G. Mood, and we visited several of his Leaguers and laymen, and were instructed to send them ten of our Encampment bonds. Gibbs is delighted with his charge and the reception given him by the good Methodists of Terrell. They are making a special effort to raise several thousand dollars to build for the University School a building on their new location, and as is the case with most of our Methodists this year, they are busy. Brother Morgan reports a fine school, and a growing one.

Thursday, by appointment, I met the Leaguers of Fort Worth and laid before them the Encampment bond for their approval and purchase. We met with Brother Kiker in his new church, and in spite of the inclement weather, had a good representation present for a called meeting. After going thoroughly into the question, I was assured that the Epworth Leagues of Fort Worth would take at least forty of the bonds, and a central committee was appointed to take charge of the matter. This committee was called at once by Messrs. White and Dobbs, the Presidents of the First Church and Missouri Avenue Leagues, and with such young men in charge I am sure that their response will be successful and prompt. Mr. White and Brother Tudor, assistant pastor of First Church League, had already secured by subscription that day enough to cover seven bonds, and would complete their number at once. I also visited Drs. Boaz and Young at Polytechnic, and found them in the center of a "swarm" of students on the hill. The school is great; 734 students enrolled to date, which is the largest in its history. Polytechnic is to erect headquarters on the League grounds at Epworth before the summer opens.

Friday afternoon I visited the League at Lancaster, where Brother J. B. Davis, with his good wife (formerly Miss Mollie Daviss of Houston, known to all our State League workers for her long and faithful service in League and Church work at Shearn), are in charge. At a called meeting of the League, the bond matter was taken under advisement, to be considered at their business meeting, and was assured that Lancaster would not fall behind in their support of and attendance upon our great institution at Epworth-by-the-Sea.

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We are arranging a lecture course to aid our Leagues in raising funds for purchase of bonds and to encourage the operation of the Third Department. We expect to secure several first-class men and musical talent galore. Dr. Boaz and his Polytechnic Glee Club are down on the list, also Rev. George Sexton, Rev. J. D. Young, Brother Gilbreath and his moving pictures and views of the Holy Land also Dr. Steel, are possibilities. If you desire any or all of these for your League please write me at once.

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The League at First Church, Cleburne, is operating profitably all the departments of the work. If you want to know how it is done, write to Bro. A. H. McVeigh.

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The Lancaster League boasts of seven young ladies who are always present and who will do any work assigned them. Seven girls of this character can accomplish a large amount of good. We want all seven of them at Epworth next summer.

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Oak Cliff League was the first in the State to bring up money for their ten bonds. Ralph Porter and Arthur Skillern are workers, and when they decide on any work it is done.

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Miss Mattie Harris is Chairman of the Central Committee on Encampment matters at Dallas. Write her for the Dallas method of raising money for the purchase of bonds. She is also a cottage owner at Epworth and proposes to live there part of each year.

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Judge C. C. Walsh writes that they are reorganizing the League at Van Alstyne and that their first work will be the purchase of ten or more Encampment bonds.

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It is not possible or practicable, on account of the expense, for me to visit all the Leagues in the interest of the bond question. Let the President of Each League, or the pastor, call a meeting for the special purpose of purchasing bonds, and write me how many you will take. The time is short and we want to begin improvements at once.

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At the League Rally Thursday night at Missouri Avenue, Fort Worth, it was decided to organize a League Union in Fort Worth at an early date. This will be a fine thing for the local Leagues and will tend to bring the Methodist people closer together in their work. A. K. RAGSDALE.
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GEORGIA LETTER.

BY REV. GEO. G. SMITH.

Since I became an earnest Christian over fifty years ago, it has always been a joy to me to attend public worship, but I am now, while not a sufferer, so disabled that I am able to attend only one service a week, and not infrequently am prevented from attending that; but when I am at home on Sunday I always feel like doing some religious service for others. For many reasons I am greatly attached to Texas. I see in this great Western empire largely the hope of America. We on this Eastern shore are doomed to become a nation of spinners and shop-keepers, and our land is to be overrun by foreigners and their progeny. False doctrines and no doctrines will contend with our old simple faith in a pure gospel, but the great agricultural West, including Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, peopled by the descendants of the old Anglo-Saxons, are for a long time yet to be the great conservers of old time orthodox religious truth.

While I never preached but one sermon in Texas, orally, I have preached to many thousands through the Texas Advocate in all these years.

Before the present editor of the Advocate was ever heard of in Texas, where he now holds so high a place, I used to write for the Texas in Galveston, and have been writing occasionally ever since.

I have been meditating on the question that Bro. Littlepage raises in his graphic account of Father Ketron's preaching, as to why our ministry seems now to be so little effective compared to that of the preachers of that early day in securing the one great work of the ministry—winning souls—and it falls in with some thinking I have been doing on the same subject which was suggested by the failure of the disciples to cast out the devil who possessed the epileptic child whom the Lord met when he came from the Mount of Transfiguration. When they asked anxiously, "Why could we not cast him out?" the answer was, "Becauase of your unbelief." Faith in God laid at the base of every ministry which ever accomplished anything, and unbelief has been the parent of every heresy and of all religious decline.

Men like Asbury, McKendree, Alexander, Ketron, believed in God, and this faith was the inspiration which led to their exposure to danger and privation and their heroic work and their great success. They had no churches, no great culture, no wealth and no influence to back them, but they had faith in God. I can conceive of no act more heroic than that of McKendree when Asbury said in Virginia: "I want you to take charge of the Western District." The Western District swept over the whole land west of the Ohio and the Alleghanies. "When shall I start?" "As soon as you can." In an hour McKendree was at the door, and it was long years before he saw the East again. There was not a church building save of logs, and few of those; not an educated preacher and not a dollar at his command to help him in his work, but he had faith in God and the Bible. We can never cast out devils by human arts. If we save souls we must have faith in God. I read in the Southern Christian Advocate last week an extraact from another paper of the revival in Peniel Church. The night services had gone to nothing; the pastor was changed, but they did not improve. A man of advanced culture came, and for a few weeks filled the pews, and then came the reaction. They got a clerical humorist, and the church was crowded for a little while; and then, tired of his jokes, it was neglected once more. An eloquent orator came, but he froze them and they froze him out. How they brought about the change I need not detail, but it came when there was faith in God as the foundation. We can not cast out devils because of our unbelief and reliance upon men. Human means always mean unbelief. I write as one who has had experience in Christian work for fifty years, and I have seen all kinds of efforts used to revise a dead church, or to arouse sinners and secure conversions. Some of these methods could not be justified by any honest man. They were the arts of a religious trickster, and while they apparently succeeded, they were in fact sad failures. The devils were perhaps for a monment still, but they were not cast out. Then I have seen the effort made to do the work in a cold, perfunctory, regulative way—in no way deviating from prescribed methods resting on them as an end, and expecting nothing and getting what was expected; but now and then I have seen a man who exercised sound sense and used the best methods experience suggested, and then called upon God with unwavering faith. I have never known failure when that was done. To make a great blare of trumpets and advertise a great evangelist, and set apart ten days in which God must do his work, is sometimes to evince great faith in the evangelist and to show a minimum of faith in God. There ought never to be a failure in evangelistic work, and there will never be a failure if our faith does not fail. We can not bring back Father Ketron and his wierd eloquence; we can not bring back the gathering of 10,000 simple-hearted rustics at a camp-meeting; we can not bring back the jerks and have sinners to fall under our sermons; where we have preaching twice on Sunday we need not preach one hour and a half, but we can do the work we are expected to do. I make this suggestion, which it may be I have made before to young preachers and old ones on stations: On the third Sunday of every month at 11 o'clock in the morning preach a carefully prepared sermon to the children; give them exactly the same food you give the adults—only prepared differently. During the protracted meeting in April devote the afternoon services to the children, especially the little ones. Once a week open the door of the church for them to join, but have an altar hervice every day for at least two weeks. Form a boys' meeting, led once a week by one of the warm hearted men in the Church, for boys between 14 and 18. Have a general children's meeting, led by the pastor and some good sister, every Sunday afternoon. Insist on the children being brought to church. Preach on bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Pray for success, and look for it, and give thanks for whatever comes. Co-operate with big union meetings, but don't rely on them; and never suppose any permanent good results from measures opposed to the simplicity of the gospel.

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THE MISSIONARY BULLETIN FOR MARCH.

(The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, M. E. Church, South.)

Some one has said that if we work upon marble it will perish; if we work upon brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, we engrave on those tablets something for all eternity.

In traveling up the coast from Shanghai the great waterway of the Yang-tse in China, there is not now a city of any size but has its Protestant church or preaching hall. A wonderful change in fifty years! What will be the outcome in the coming fifty years if the home Church measures up to its vast possibilities and grand opportunities?

May these opportunities be gladly met! May each say for herself:

"Use me, God, in Thy great harvest field,
Which stretches far and wide, like a wide sea.
The gatherers are so few I fear the precious yield
Will suffer loss. O find a place for me!"

It is said that French, Jews, Mohammedans and English in Algeria, North Africa, alike are being touched by God's Spirit and their hearts melted. Night after night an audience of two thousand people drink in the Word with readiness.

Mohammedanism is the deadly foe of Christianity, and its influence is widespread. Every Moslem is more or less a missionary of his faith.

"The Pacific Islanders," edited by D. L. Pierson and published by Funk & Wagnalls Company, is both interesting and profitable in the study of "Christus Redemptor." The price is only one dollar. The book includes six maps.

Many study circles of "Christus Redemptor" have been formed and more intelligent ideas of the extent and needs of the island world are fixing the attention of our societies. The book in paper binding is 35 cents.

Many of our young people's societies are studying Bishop Thoburn's "Conquest of India." This book in paper binding is only 35 cents.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions will hold its next annual session in Richmond, Va. The opening services will take place May 9 at 8 p. m. The preliminary meeting, a meeting of officers and managers, will be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. On Sunday, May 11, Bishop E. E. Hoss will preach the annual sermon. More specific announcements will be found in good time in the Woman's Missionary Advocate.

An attractive leaflet for our young people, "Here Am I; Send Me," prepared by Mrs. L. W. Crawford, Secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference Society, is ready. This leaflet may be had by applying to Miss Lena Freeman, Southern Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn. Price, 3 cents; 35 cents per dozen.

The Calendar or Prayer Cycle for 1907 has been ready for some weeks. This calendar and the set of pictures issued by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions furnish pictures of all our missionaries and our schools and colleges in the six countries in which they are located.

Mrs. Cobb, our Associate Secretary, has reached her destination in the Far East. She and Miss Peacock, our outgoing missionary, who was detained by sickness last fall, reached Honolulu without suffering at all from sea sickness, although they encountered a severe storm.

Some one on board attributed the severe storm to the presence of missionaries! This interpreter of weather conditions was not going from Tarshish to Nineveh, but from Christian America with hate in his heart toward all missionaries, so he said.

The great meeting of laymen recently held in New York to consider the subject of missions is a most significant fact. Their plan to project a compaign of education among laymen, to devise a comprehensive plan to send the gospel to the non-Christian world in the next twenty-five years, to form a commission of laymen to show an interest in the subject, never manifest before, by the laymen of the Church.

The new movement is not to be independent of organized missionary agencies, but to work with them. Recognizing the fact that the women of the Church are well organized and doing successful work, the men—the business men—of the Churches would become a powerful factor in spreading the gospel abroad if they should come under definite pledges for missionary purposes.

Such a movement as this stirs the soul of one who longs for the salvation of the world, and encourages the heart to believe that perhaps in this generation the kingdoms of this world will become the Lord's, and the wilderness and solitary places will rejoice from the rivers to the ends of the earth. Pray that the glad day may soon come.

The opening of a great central station in Rio, Brazil, from which may radiate evangelistic work and Bible study classes, promises much to the upbuilding and extension of Protestant influence in the city. Some of the business men are much interested, and one, an Englishman, has pledged about $1200 annually to advance the movement. The Woman's Board employs one of the teachers, and hopes to furnish another missionary in the near future. Preparation is going forward rapidly for the great conference to be held in Shanghai, when the fiftieth anniversary of the mission will be celebrated. Mrs. J. B. Cobb will represent our board on the great occasion. The Tennessee Home, in Huchow, is now occupied, and the Virginia Home, in the same city, filling up rapidly. More missionaries are needed, and more teachers. On the lot on which the Tennessee Home and Memphis School is located an army of poor men, women and children is sifting the debris, trying to get proper soil for the yard and garden. A place for flowers and vegetables about our homes and schools will not only add to the beauty of the compounds, but add wonderfully to sanitary conditions. Vegetables planted and watered by the missionaries and under their supervision appeal to a foreigner's appetite, as Chinese gardening does not. Miss Rankin and Miss White went up to Shanghai to buy materials for equipment, and a tiresome three days they had finding "something cheap and good."

The Missionary Secretaries of the Annual Conferences of the whole Church recently held a profitable session in our Publishing House in Nashville. Missionary fires are kindling, and in some quarters they are burning brightly. The Missionary Boards of our women have helped to kindle many of these fires, and will keep them burning.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Northwest Texas Conference will be held at Fifth Street Church, Waco, Texas, June 6-10, 1907. Let auxiliaries elect delegates at March meeting, and we trust each will be represented. We expect Misses Davis and Atkinson as well as our three girls in the Training School, Misses Richmond, Blackburn and Vallma, to be at the meeting.

MRS. A. C. JOHNSON, Pres.
MRS. M. E. BULLOCH, Cor. Sec.

In a recent communication to our Woman's Department, from the Auxiliary W. F. M. Society of Corsicana, which was read with much interest by our members, telling of the fine work being done, the statement is made that this auxiliary was organized by Bishop Pierce, either in the year 1880 or 1881, showing doubt as to exact year of the organization, but showing also the just claim of this auxiliary to being one of the first organized in this State. The fact has been before stated, in connection with the history of the early organization of the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Texas, that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of North Texas Conference was the first Conference Society organized in our State. As this Conference Society was organized November 17, 1880, at Dallas, during the session of the North Texas Annual Conference, Bishop Pierce being the presiding officer, and as the statement, already mentioned, is made that Bishop Pierce organized the auxiliary in Corsicana in the month of December, we are led to conclude that said auxiliary was organized in the year 1880, following the organization of the North Texas Conference Society, in Dallas, in month of November of same year. An auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society had been organized in Lamar Street Church, Dallas, now known as the First Methodist Church, early in the year 1879, the exact month not being recalled, this auxiliary being the first one organized in Texas, or in the territory of our Church east of the Mississippi River, so far as records show, following the organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary, of the Church, by the General Conference of the Church, in Atlanta, Ga., May, 1878. In last week's issue a communication in our Woman's Department from the Auxiliary W. F. M. Society, of Pilot Point, North Texas Conference, gives the date of the organization of that auxiliary as December 14, 1879, showing that auxiliary to have been in existence almost a year before the date of organization of the W. F. M. Society, of North Texas Conference. These three auxiliaries, of First Methodist Church, Dallas, of Pilot Point and of Corsicana, are, as we thus see, among the first organizations of the work of the W. F. M. Society in Texas. The record of each has been one of usefulness and activity in this work for Christ. The auxiliary of First Methodist Church, in Dallas (then Lamar Street Church), was organized under the pastorate of Dr. H. A. Bourland, now retired from the active work of the ministry and a resident of Dallas. It was by his suggestion and assistance, and also of Rev. T. E. Sherwood, of the North Texas Conference, that the W. F. M. Society, of the North Texas Conference, was organized, this being the first Conference Society organized in the State. The society has not today a more faithful friend and loyal advocate of the work than Dr. H. A. Bourland, who still abides among us, happy in his Lord and a source of spiritual comfort and strength to his many friends and associates. This writer was elected President of that first auxiliary, in old Lamar Street Church, Dallas, and later was made President of the first Conference Society in Texas, and in the providence of God is at this time President of the same organization, the W. F. M. Society of North Texas Conference, with intervals of years in which others have so ably filled that office, and she, therefore, knows of the efforts, the disappointments and the triumphs of these years of service, covering a period of over a quarter of a century. She can testify, too, that in no work with which she has been connected has the grace of God been more sensibly felt in her own heart and more clearly demonstrated in the lives and labors of her coworkers than in this work for Christ, the blessed Savior, the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. We would be glad to hear, often and at any time, from others of the auxiliaries, for publication in our Woman's Department, telling us of plans made and work achieved by them. Let us hear from you, sisters, for it will do others good to hear of the good done in this special line of work.

Editor Woman's Department.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The Woman's Home Mission Society, of Decatur, of North Texas Conference, of the M. E. Church, South, has closed the work of another year, and honor is won. Have we worked for the Master with cheer and thankfulness, or have we grown weary and preoccupied as the days of the last year in our second decade have hurried by?

On February 11, 1907, we met in regular session (at the M. E. Church, South), and elected by ballot the following named officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. W. W. Williams; First Vice-President, Mrs. H. H. Halsell; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Steve Gose; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Sweeton; Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. A. Harding; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Baumgaertner; Connectional Treasurer, Mrs. W. L. Dallas; Local Treasurer, Mrs. Wes Helm; Agent for Our Homes and King's Messenger, Mrs. Shanks; Press Reporter, Mrs. W. S. Gilbert.

If these officers will faithfully do the work committed to their hand, with a membership of thirty-one strong, and the regular attendance and co-operation of all members and the encouragement and support of our pastor, it will be possible to even make greater achievements in this new year. I am glad to say our auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. M. A. Harding, and other efficient officers, for the past two years has done much good both in the connectional and local work.

"Yet much remains to conquer still,
Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war,
New foes arise threatening to bind
our souls with secular chain.
Help us to save free conscience from
the paw of hireling wolves,
Whose gospel is their maw."

PRESS REPORTER.

W. H. M. SOCIETY.

The Home Mission Society, of Caldwell, is seven years old, March, 1907. There has been a steady growth in numbers and interest along all lines, save that of duties of Third Vice-President. We have now thirty-one connectional members, nearly twice the beginning. Every obligation met, so we are ranked as "ideal society" this year. We observed Galveston day, at which our free-will offering was $12: the week of prayer free-will offering was $20 for Ruth Hargrove Seminary. We have also observed Tithing day, the outcome six pledged tithers. Besides we have expended locally $242.90, most of which was on our parsonage, and a box to Dallas Rescue Home. During the seven years we have had but few changes in officers, the Treasurer and the Corresponding Secretary being the same ones the entire time.

With the new year there is an entirely new corps of officers, save the Second Vice-President and the Corresponding Secretary.

Everything being in such good working order, I trust to report still greater things for the new year. Yours in the work.

(MISS) FANNIE L. STONE,
Cor. Secretary.

SICK HEADACHE.

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Philip Tronitz, our charming Norwegian pianist, has accepted an invitation to play a Grieg program at a Symphony concert at Carnegie Hall, New York, on April 21st. This recognition of his superior artisitic merit is not only gratifying to Mr. Tronitz and the North Texas College, but is a compliment to our entire State.

When Mr. Tronitz first came to America last summer he spent a week in New York. While there he was invited by the Norwegian Society to give a recital. His playing created some enthusiasm and the metropolitan papers predicted for this young artist a national recognition and appreciation. We do not doubt that in the coming concert Mr. Tronitz will win new laurels for himself and the "North Texas."

Just what numbers from Grieg will be played has not yet been determined upon except that the "Concerto" will be given.

Mis Emmie Key, of Columbus, Ga., is the guest of her grandparents, Bishop and Mrs. Key. Miss Key is an alumna of the college, and represented "Dolly Madison" at the Colonial party.

Miss Ellen Moseley, of Atoka, and Miss Susie Smith, of Kansas City, are also guests of Bishop and Mrs. Key. Miss Smith is a granddaughter of the Bishop.

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SELF-DENIAL.

When a boy I learned this sentence: "Self-denial makes the man; self-denial for others' sake makes the nobleman; self-denial for Jesus' sake makes the Christian nobleman." The first clause has restrained me from indulging in that which would impair my health; the second, from that which would endanger the physical or moral health of those I love; the third, from that which would be disloyal to the Master.—Selected.

TIME TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN.

A noted pastor once told the story of a man who used to say to his wife: "Mary, go to Church and pray for us both." But the man dreamed a dream one night that opened his eyes. He dreamed that he and his wife reached heaven's gate and Peter said: "Mary, go in for both." He awoke and made up his mind at once that it was time for him to become a Christian. That dream will be a reality to many men unless there is a great change.

WESLEY CHURCH, GREENVILLE, TEXAS.

The Home Mission Society, of Wesley Church, has just closed a splendid year's work. Most of the old officers were re-elected. We have begun another year's work with renewed zeal, higher aspirations, increasing interest and a determination to let no opportunity pass to advance the interest of our Master's kingdom.

This winter a sewing circle has been meeting twice a month in the homes of ladies who were unable to attend the weekly meetings of the society. Two busy hours were followed by a half-hour prayer-meeting. The circle has pieced and quilted five quilts and made more than one hundred garments for orphan children.

We have a membership of eighty-seven, with thirty-nine tithers. During the year have made 1411 visits to sick and strangers, distributed 1226 papers, have given 1054 garments and also sent thirteen boxes. Cash given by individual members to the needy, $260.65.

Our Third Vice-President is doing fine work. She added twenty-five names to the baby roll last year.

We have a class leader. She has a cottage prayer-meeting with some shut-in once a week. Our aged and sick who are unable to attend the services of the Church are thus not deprived of the gospel altogether.

Our society has been divided into four circles. Each division will try to raise as much money as they can during the next three months. They are to secure new members, new names for the baby roll and visit the sick and strangers. The two divisions having the least points will entertain the other two. We hope to arouse interest in home mission work by bringing all the women of the Church into the society and making of each woman an active worker.

The Foreign Missionary Society, of Wesley Church, is one of the oldest societies in North Texas. It has a long and honorable record, but our President is planning to make this year the best of all. We are supporting a scholarship in Korea—the Martha Duff scholarship—named in honor of our lamented sister, Mrs. M. A. Duff.

Our Sunday-school, with Mr. B. O. Wylie as superintendent, set a high mark at the beginning of the new year toward which we are rapidly moving. Eight hundred members as regular attendants has been our motto. We haven't quite reached our goal. During five weeks the regular membership was increased 248. This was obtained by personal effort of each member. Before we cease to work every Methodist, man, woman or child, within the limits of Wesley Church will have been invited to become a member of the Sunday-school. There are 700 names upon the regular roll, 150 in the Home Department and 160 babies on the cradle roll, a total of 1010, 950 of whom are daily studying God's Word. The Psalmist said: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." What glorious results may not our Church expect from such a united and systematic study of God's Word!

One of the most interesting features is Bro. Casey's class. He organized this class January 1, of men and women, who were not attending Sunday-school, and now has an enrollment of seventy-four. A class of thirty young men are going to support a foreign missionary scholarship in Mexico.

Every department of our Church is alive. We are expecting great things at Wesley Church this year. Our pastor, Rev. E. H. Casey, is doing a splendid work and is exceedingly popular with his people. We are praying for a great revival.

MRS. J. P. HAUK,
Press Reporter.

ANNUAL MEETING OF WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the M. E. Church, South, will hold its ninth annual session in Shearn Memorial Church, Houston, Texas, beginning Thursday, April 25, and closing Wednesday, May 1.

The names of delegates and of other persons expecting to attend the meeting should be sent promptly to Mrs. George Sexton, 3010 Milam Street, Houston, Texas.

Announcement as to railway rates will be made in April issue of Our Homes.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, Pres.
MRS. FRANK SILER, Rec. Sec.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer of the Texas Conference for February, 1907:

Beaumont District—Beaumont, First Church, J. B. Turrentine: Domestic missions, $200. China and Sour Lake, F. O. Favre: Bishops' fund, $6; foreign missions, $25; domestic missions, $25; Orphanage, $4. Silsbee, S. D. taal $285.

Horger: Domestic missions, $25. Total.

Brenham District—Caldwell Mission, E. A. Potts: Foreign missions, $27; domestic missions, $27. Cameron, J. T. Smith: Foreign missions, $100. Fulshear and Brookshire, C. M. Cagle: Bishops' fund, $14; foreign missions, $52; domestic missions, $53.50. Giddings, Stuart Nelson: Domestic missions, 45. Maysfield, G. C. Cravy: Domestic missions, $39. Sealy, Jno. W. Mayne: Foreign missions, $57; domestic missions, $52. Total $466.50.

Calvert District—Bryan, I. F. Betts: Domestic missions, $95. Calvert, W. M. Crutchfield: Domestic missions, $84. Centerville, J. W. Treadwell: Domestic Missions, $50. Hearne, J. A. Kenny: Foreign missions, $46; domestic missions, $46. Lott and Chilton, Geo. H. Phair: Foreign missions, $18; domestic missions, $34. Marlin, O. T. Hotchkiss: Foreign missions, $230; domestic missions, $230. Millican, W. M. Foster: Conference claimants, $5; domestic missions, $35; domestic missions, $35. Owensville Mission, J. R. Tidwell: Conference claimants, $6; foreign missions, $6; domestic missions, $6. Travis, J. P. Skinner: Conference claimants, $4; domestic missions, $10; foreign missions, $10; Orphanage, $15. Wheelock, W. M. Armstrong: Domestic missions, $35. Total, $1000.

Houston District—Galveston, West End, S. R. Twitty: Foreign missions, $40; domestic missions, $35. First Church, Glenn Flinn: Domestic missions, $75. Total, $150.

Huntsville District—Crockett, J. W. Downs: Foreign missions, $95; domestic missions, $95. Dodge, G. W. Henderson: Foreign missions, $3; domestic missions, $3.25. Hempstead, B. C. Ansley: Foreign missions, $30; domestic missions, $30. Kennard, W. L. Gibbons: Domestic missions, $4.80. Madisonville, J. C. Carr: Domestic missions, $55. Trinity and Onalaska, A. P. Bradford: Foreign missions, $40; domestic missions, $40. Total, $396.05.

Jacksonville District—Churchhill, H. G. Williams: Foreign missions, $20; domestic missions, $20; Orphanage, $5. Elkhart, W. W. Adams: Foreign missions, $9; domestic missions, $4.25. Henderson Station, L. B. Elrod: Foreign missions, $35. Mt. Selman and Bullard, B. W. Allen: Domestic Missions, $17. Neches, W. W. Horner: Foreign missions, $16. Troup and Overton, J. M. Smith: Foreign missions, $35.90; domestic missions, $35.90. Total, 198.05.

Pittsburg District—Daingerfield, S. N. Allen: Foreign missions, $50; domestic, missions, $50; church extension, $6; Orphanage, $612, Gilmer Circuit, I. O. Dent: Domestic missions, $35. Jefferson, A. A. Wagnon: Bishop's Fund, $12; education, $22. Kellyville, J. H. Hamblen: Foreign missions, $43; domestic missions, $17. Mt. Pleasant, G. V. Ridley: Foreign missions, $56. Naples and Omaha, J. E. Morgan: Domestic missions, $34 New Boston, W. H. Vance: Conference claimants, $45; foreign missions, $50; domestic missions, $50; church extension, $1; Orphanage, $14. Park, J. N. McCain: Bishop's fund, $7; foreign missions, $30; domestic missions, $26. Redwater, J. M. Mills: Domestic missions, $35. Texarkana, Hardy Memorial, M. F. Daniels: Domestic missions, $30; Orphanage, $4.65. Total $629.65.

San Augustine District—Beckville, C. M. Simpson: Foreign missions, $50; domestic missions, $50. Center Station, L. H. McGee: Foreign missions, $25. Keltys, B. C. Rausch: Foreign missions, $35; domestic missions, $33. Shelbyville, T. B. Vinson: Foreign missions, $25; domestic missions, $20. Tenaha, P. R. White: Foreign missions, $50; domestic missions, $50 Total $338.00

Tyler District—Chandler, Dr. T. H. Hall: Foreign missions, $15. Edom, T. C. Sharp: Foreign missions, $10. Marshall, First Church, W. F. Packard: Domestic missions, $135. Tyler, Marvin Church, New Harris: Domestic missions, $140. Wills Point, H. T. Cunningham: Bishop's fund, $15. Total $315.00.

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STEGALL.—Rev. J. H. Stegall was born Feb. 18, 1831, in Middle Tennessee. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. Moved to Clark County, Ark. Then to Texas in 1856. He was married in 1857 to Miss Mary L. Browning. To this union were born two children—W. W. and Martha Arizona. The former still survives. He served as a soldier in the Confederate Army all during the Civil War; was a prisoner six months at Rock Island, Illinois. He was licensed to preach in 1857 and was an active local preacher for 50 years. Since coming to Texas he has been on the frontier. He organized the first Southern Methodist Church in Shackelford and Stephens Counties. In 1883 he moved to Dickens County, since which time he has been an active and true advocate of Christianity. He preached one of the first sermons ever preached in this county. God saw fit to call his companion to her reward Feb. 6, 1903. Since that time he has resided with his son, W. W. Stegall, six miles north of this place. On Feb. 14, 1907, God called Bro. Stegall home. His health had not been good for some time. He ate a hearty dinner; after which he had a play with the children, stepped out and fell dead in the yard. We laid him to rest in the Cottonwood Cemetery, Feb. 15. He leaves many friends and loved ones to mourn his death, to miss his kind admonition and wise counsel. He leaves a record as a citizen and a Christian that is beyond question. After fighting many battles he has gone to the grand reunion, where trials come no more and sickness, pain and death are unknown. Like one of old, he fought a good fight and was fully ready to be offered.

O. P. CLARK, P. C.

Dickens, Texas.

CREASON.—Mrs. Dora Creason (nee Rogers) was born in Gainesville, Texas, May 24, 1887, and died at Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 21, 1907. She was a member of the M. E. Church, South, and a more consistent one I rarely ever saw. She had her share of trouble. Her husband was killed at Chickasha, I. T., by a railway accident. Soon after his death consumption began its work, undermining the health of the sorrow-stricken wife. She was not like one surprised at the coming of the king of terrors, but she knew that he would soon arrive. She saw the tide rise higher and higher until the waves swept her down. "She had a beautiful soul." All who knew her loved her well. As a member of the Church she did not resemble the rugged mountain but rather the crushed rose, filling the moral and spiritual atmosphere with the sweetest exhalations. She came to the church when hardly able to walk. She was the central figure of the home, the idol of every heart. We laid her by the side of her husband in the burying ground at Chiskasha, I. T. May nothing disturb that sacred dust until God's own good time. She leaves a father, mother and three sisters to continue the warfare. A host of friends also hold in sacred memory the life that was fraught with such blessings for us all.

G. W. SHEARER, P. C.

JOHNSON.—On Feb. 24, 1907, we buried the mortal remains of little Sammie Johnson. He was a bright little fellow, slightly more than three years old. He was not permitted to remain here very long, but it was quite long enough to become thoroughly entrenched in the affections of the family. Father, mother, brother and sister were all overcome with grief at this sad bereavement. We are reminded that Jesus said: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Weeping loved ones, we all know where to find this little one. Be faithful and you shall meet him bye and bye.

J. J. CREED.

BROWN.—W. J. F. Brown was born Oct. 19, 1859, in Rains County, Texas, and died Feb. 14, 1907, in Callahan County, Texas. Bro. Brown joined the Methodist Church August 31, 1895, and lived a devoted member until death. He leaves a wife, three sons, five daughters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. It is so hard to give up our friends and loved ones, but let us submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well. May the mantle of their father fall on his three sons, and may the God of all grace sustain his good wife and precious daughters, and may they meet him again in the city of God. His uncle.

J. A. COATS.

HOPKINS.—Rev. W. W. Hopkins, a local elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died at his home in Sweetwater, Texas, Nov. 12, 1906. He had been in feeble health for several years, but being a man of extraordinary energy, he wrestled manfully with the disease and kept up and going longer than many would under the same circumstances. Having been his pastor one year, I feel like I can truthfully say he was one of the best local preachers I ever knew. In loyalty to the Church, the ministry, his pastor, to God, his equal was rarely found anywhere. He was always ready to do anything for the Church, the good of the community, the uplift of the race, the glory of God—in fact "whatsoever his hands found to do he did it with his might." He was a man of general usefulness, serving a long time as a county officer in Milam County, and after moving to Nolan County was soon elected to the office of County Clerk, then Assessor, and remained in office as long as he would accept it. The people had such confidence in him that it was useless for others to ask for anything for which he announced himself a candidate, and it grew out of the fact that everybody recognized him as a man of God, and yet instead of making political speeches he preached the gospel which he loved and plead with men to accept Jesus Christ as a great and mighty Savior from sin. He served successfully in every official position in the Church, from lay member to local elder, not escaping that of being a steward at any time, and a better one is difficult to secure. He was converted after he had a family and at home with no one present but his wife and children. He was licensed to preach in 1874 and ordained elder in 1879 by Bishop Key in the Texas Conference. On Sunday before he died he insisted that the family attend Church and said by the next Sunday he would see his Savior "face to face." No man had a more intense interest in the salvation of his children than he, and I have no doubt but that the saddest regret of his last days was that they were not all saved. I trust his prayers and exemplary life may resullt in the salvation of every one of them. The natural closing of a life like his is that of peace, and so it was—he fell asleep like a child and doubtless now enjoys the blessedness of being "asleep in Jesus." He leaves a wife who has been a real helpmeet, standing by him all these years with her prayers and smiles and words of cheer in times of darkness, but now lingers with the sweet anticipation of being reunited in a few short years in a clime where companions are never separated by death. His children are sorely bereft in the death of one of the best fathers that ever lived. May God bless his memory and the influences which he set in motion while he lived.

C. A. EVANS.

KERTON.—William Marian Kerton was born in Hardin County, Tenn., September 11, 1822, and died in Parker County, Texas, February 20, 1907, lacking only a few months of being eighty-five years old. He did not profess conversion until he was quite old—eighty-two—something over two years ago, but since that time he has been a faithful and devoted member of the M. E. Church, South, and has lived an exemplary and consecrated Christian life. When he left Tennessee he first settled in Arkansas where he lived nine years. He then moved to Texas, where he lived in several portions of the State until he finally located in Parker County, where he has lived for twenty-one years. He was married June 15, 1847, to Miss Frances Elizabeth Russell. To this happy union were born ten children, only four of whom are left behind, with the mother and wife, to mourn the departure of a loved father and husband. Bro. Kerton was a man whom everybody loved. May the grace of our Heavenly Father strengthen and comfort the bereaved one, and may those who linger behind so live as to meet the loved in heaven.

H. BASCOM OWENS, P. C.

Weatherford, Texas.

GALDSTON.—G. T. Galdston was born Aug. 6, 1848, and died Feb. 22, 1907. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his departure. He joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at the age of 22 years. For the last four years Bro. Galdston has not had a well day. He suffered four long years, but he was patient and never lost sight of God. When he was dying he called all his family to his bedside, told them goodbye and asked all of them to meet him in heaven. He assured him that he was bound to rest; that he was not afraid to die. Dear children, weep not for your father, for he is better off. He is released from all those sufferings which have been so heavily upon him for the lost four years. He has gone from labor to rest. Your father can't come to you, dear loved ones, but you can go to him. Let us live for our Lord in this world and some sweet day we shall be with our loved ones in the better world.

M. L. STORY.

Santo, Texas.

ALEXANDER.—Mrs. Mary Alexander was born in Marshall County, Tenn., Jan. 24, 1842, and fell sweetly asleep in Jesus, Feb. 12, 1907. She was married to W. P. Alexander, Oct. 24, 1861. To this happy union were born two children, a son and daughter. The daughter died years ago. The only surviving child is Senator Alexander, of Weatherford, Texas. Sister Alexander was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early girlhood and has lived a consecrated Christian life these many years. Though old, she was one of the most faithful members of our Church. Every one who knew her unselfish spirit loved her tenderly. Her highest conception of life was to serve God and live for others. She had no enemies. No one will be missed in our midst more than she. The State Senate adjourned out of respect to her blessed memory, also the District Court of her home town, Vernon. She was truly a mother in Israel, and the fragrance of her holy life will still live. May the all watchful eye of our heavenly Father guide the steps of her noble son and good husband in the path she so faithfully trod. May God's choicest blessings remain with the mourning ones. They have our prayers and sympathy.

S. A. BARNES, Pastor.

COLE.—William Hillard Cole was born in De Soto Parish, Louisiana, September 20, 1855, and died at his home in Cedar Gap, Taylor County, Texas, January 1, 1907. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn their loss. Bro. Cole was a good husband, a good father, a good citizen, a good neighbor and a member of the M. E. Church, South. This scribe had the happy privilege of being with him while he was under conviction for sin and of witnessing his conversion to the religion of Christ. While he gave but little outward demonstration, his walk and general deportment were an honor to our Lord's cause. It makes us feel lonesome and sad to give him up, but we cherish a bright hope of meeting him in the sweet by and by, where parting will be no more. We would say to the bereaved mother and precious children, "Be faithful, trust in the Giver of all good, weep not as those who have no hope, but look up; a few more battles to fight, a few more storm clouds to blow over and we will meet our loved ones on the other shore."

T. H. DAVIS, L. D.

PRUITT.—Mrs. Missouri Pruitt was born in Georgia, Feb. 26, 1823, and died at Laneville, Rusk County, Texas, Feb. 21, 1907. She lacked five days of being 84 years old. She was united in marriage to T. F. Pruitt in 1863, to which union there were no children. "Aunt Sou," as she was familiarly known, early found her Savior precious in the forgiveness of her sins and she has often said she had no cause to regret it. All these years she has been patient in the service of her Master and it was a joy rather than a burden for her. Of late years, because of age and lameness of body, she has seldom gone to the house of God, but she longed to be there and her faith continued steadfast to the end. All that knew Aunt Sou were made the better by it. May the good Lord increase her number among us.

B. C. ANDERSON.

Minden, Texas.

WHITE.—Thos. R. White was born in McMinn County, Tenn., Nov 9, 1828; came to Texas in 1866, and died Feb. 22, 1907. He was married to Mary Lamar, April 1, 1848. To this union were born eight children, all of whom are still living and mourn the loss of their father. Bro. White's wife preceded him over the river of death. He joined the M. E. Church, South, before the war, but the Church of which he was a member having been destroyed or torn up during the war he could not get a letter and he rejoined in 1878. He was a faithful, consecrated Christian and has gone to join company with his good wife in the sweet beyond. The march of life is over with Bro. White, but his influence will live on forever. All but two of his children are religious. Bro. White was a noble, generous-hearted and sweet-spirited man. Dear loved ones, weep not for Bro. White; he is at rest. He can't come back to you, but you can go to him. Let us be faithful and we shall all be together over in the better land.

M. L. STORY.

Santo, Texas.

HOWARD.—Mrs. Arris Camelia Howard (nee Dean) was born Dec. 9, 1884, in Hunt County, Texas, and died Feb. 20, 1907. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dean. She professed religion in July, 1897, and joined the Methodist Church, in which she lived a consistent Christian life until her death. She died in the triumph of a living faith. She was married to Bro. George Howard July 12, 1906. They were happy together, and devoted to each other. Sister Howard loved the Church. She had a strict regard for the word of God. This is the fifth child that Brother and Sister Dean have buried. The other four died in infancy. They have five living. It is impossible for us to call her back to us, but by the grace of God we may go to her. May the grace of God sustain the grief-stricken loved ones in this their hour of affliction. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Her pastor.

S. T. FRANCIS.

EVANS.—Thomas Evans was born June 20, 1830, and died Feb. 1, 1907, aged 76 years, 7 months and 11 days. He was born in Monroe County, Ala.; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in Rockingham County, N. C., in 1850; was married to Miss Mary Sparger in Surry Co., N. C., Jan. 6, 1854. There were born to them 15 children—9 boys and 6 girls. His wife and 8 children survive him. His surviving children are Mrs. Kate Evans, of Denison, Texas; Mrs. Bertha Benton, of Edhube, Texas; Mrs. Joanna Fincher, of Bonham, Texas; James W. Evans, of Brenham, Texas; Emmett and Murlin, of Lake Arthur, New Mexico, and George and William, of Madill, I. T. His wife continues her residence at the old home 5 miles southwest of Bonham, Fannin County, Texas, where they have resided since coming to Texas in November, 1885. Bro. Evans lived a consistent Christian life and served the Church in the capacity of steward, superintendent of Sunday-school and trustee, and was a member of the official board of Randolph Circuit at his death. To say that Bro. Evans had some failings is no more than is implied when we admit that he was mortal, and yet if he had an enemy on earth he was not aware of it, and he enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew him. The esteem in which his friends held him can be best described by stating the fact that at his funeral on a very cold, sleety day the large church at Edhube was crowded to its utmost capacity. His noble wife, who had enjoyed his constant companionship for fifty-two years, withstood the shock with that magnanimity of spirit possessed by but few who inhabit a tabernacle of clay. How glorious the thought: "He being dead yet liveth"—in the person of each of his children. May the grace of the God he found to be a present help in every time of need be vouchsafed to the lonely wife and sorrowing children, and in the sweet by and by may they meet their loved one gone before and constitute an unbroken family in that beautiful land where there will be no more deaths. Weep not, dear bereaved friend; Bro. Evans is not dead, but having "fought a good fight and kept the faith," he laid his armor down to dwell in peace at home. His house was indeed the preachers' home, and he was loyal to his Church and ready and anxious to do whatever he conceived to be his duty. I was in his home just before Christmas and he told me that he felt that his day of usefulness was far spent and that he was ready whenever the summons should come. Though he was in very good health then, the summons soon came and he went to answer the "roll call" up yonder. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." "Peace to his ashes."

W. R. ROSSER, P. C.

CHANCELLOR.—On Dec. 23, 1906, death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Chancellor, of Gustine, Texas, and laid his icy fingers on their darling babe. Little Ida Jeanella was five years old. She had been sick only a short time. The family had been aware of her dangerous condition only a few hours, but it was God's will to make her suffering short, so he called her to live with him. Nevermore will she meet papa at the close of day as he returns from work. Nevermore on earth will the little tongue lisp the name of mamma. Nevermore will brothers and sisters take her in their arms; yet a little angel with unseen hands is beckoning them to come up higher. And though father and mother mourn their loss, God saw fit to take her from this world of sorrow, pain and sin to one of everlasting joy across the river, and some day they will meet again in that beautiful home where death and parting are no more.

HOMER T. MULKEY.

BLAKELY.—Little Howard Hicks Blakely was born July 5, 1906, in Dickens County, Texas. He was a bright, hearty, healthy child, of an exceptionally sweet disposition. He died Feb. 4, 1907. While his life was short, it was such that no one could help admiring him. He bore his sufferings manfully, but God saw fit to relieve him of suffering and took him home. Sorrowing ones, cheer up, for just a few more days and you can again take him to your own loving embrace. While we miss him here God saw fit in gathering his jewels to take the most beautiful flower to be had. We laid him to rest in Cottonwood Cemetery, Feb. 4, 1907.

O. P. CLARK, P. C.

Dickens, Texas.

GARRETT.—Mrs. Mary Jane Garrett (nee Johnson) was born August 5, 1867, and died in Rusk County, Texas, January 12, 1907. She was united in marriage to O. W. Stanford October 2, 1884, to which union two children were born. After Stanford's death she was united in marriage to Sim Garrett, August 12, 1902, to which union one child was born. She is survived by her last husband and two children. She joined the Church in her sixteenth year and continued true to the cause of her Maker until death. I don't think it was ever my privilege to meet a purer and more devoted Christian character than Sister Garrett. By faith she could see her Savior very near, ready to deliver her from that which had caused so much suffering. She could say: "I know my Redeemer lives, and because he lives I shall live with him." I feel like she has gone to occupy one of those mansions Jesus has prepared for his children and is beckoning to those left behind. May the blessing of God be upon those nearest her, and may they make an unbroken family in that brighter and happier world.

B. C. ANDERSON.

Minden, Texas.

BROWN.—Marvin Brown was born Sept. 9, 1886, and went to his reward Feb. 8, 1907. He was converted four years ago. For four years he has been a faithful member of our Church. He was one of the most cheerful young men in the whole community. With laughter and whistling and song he made merry his associates every day. He was a delightful member of our League, always at his post and the very life of it. He dared to stand on the firing line in Church work, praying in public and testifying for his Lord when occasion was offered. We were at the river fishing and swimming when Marvin dived from the bank. The water being shallow, he struck the hard bottom and injured the spinal cord, which rendered him helpless for the last eight months of his life. He was ready when the time came to depart and be with Christ. The largest funeral procession ever seen in Runge followed him to the cemetery and the grave was banked with flowers. Friends and loved ones wave to him farewell, but only till the morning dawns.

W. A. GOVETT.

CRAIN.—Little Mamie was born September 9, 1901, and departed this life September 27, 1906. She was a bright and hopeful child, and was a great favorite in the family. She often talked of God, and loved to attend Church and Sunday-school. We laid her to rest in the old Goree Cemetery, September 28. The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Dulaney, a Baptist minister, who made a most sympathetic talk, and which did every one good. Weep not, papa and mamma, but prepare to meet your darling one in heaven, where parting shall be no more, and where there will be no more suffering. We know when we looked our last time upon her face that she was better off than we.

HER AUNT.

SALTER.—Elmer, son of J. G. and Mrs. J. G. Salter, was born December 14, 1890, and died at the home of his parents, in Vernon, February 10, 1907. Elmer was the only son, and dearly loved by his parents, and all who knew him. He was a faithful scholar in our Sunday-school, and preferred the faithful teacher to administer unto him in his last illness. He was a bright boy, tender, kind and sympathetic. The home is lonely and sad without him. We will miss him in the Sunday-school. We laid him to rest in the Vernon Cemetery, February 11, surrounded by hundreds of mourning friends to await the resurrection morn. May our kind Heavenly Father comfort the bereaved and broken hearted parents and sister and may they ever remember "That there is no wound which Christ cannot heal."

S. A. BARNES, P. C.

Vernon, Texas, Feb. 25.

SHIPP.—Caroline Dickerson was born in Williamson County, Tenn., Jan. 28, 1808. She was married to Ewell Shipp in 1825. To this union twelve children were born. Two sons and two daughters survive. By the death of her husband she was left a widow 54 years ago. She joined the Christian Church and has lived a consistent member for many years. She was a good woman and loved by everybody. She has lived in this community for 30 years, where her kind deeds and loving spirit blessed humanity. She was called to her eternal reward Jan. 28, 1907, having lived 99 years. To the sorrowing ones who are left behind I would say: Have faith in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by his ever blessed Spirit he will guide you safely to that home beyond.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Beeville District—Second Round.

Kingsville Cir., March 9, 10.
Floresville, March 16, 17.
Rockport and A. P., at R., Mar. 23, 24.
Runge, March 30, 31.
Pleasanton, at Campbellton, April 6, 7
Oakville Cir., April 13, 14.
San Diego, April 20, 21.
F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

Llano District—Second Round.

San Saba cir, at China, March 9, 10.
San Saba sta, March 9, 10.
Marble Falls sta, March 16, 17.
Johnson City, at R. M., March 24, 25.
Willow, at Post Oak, March 27.
Blanco, at Flat Creek, March 30, 31.
Cherokee, at Valley Springs, April 6, 7.
Boerne, at Salado, April 13, 14.
Llano sta, April 20, 21.
Center Point sta, April 28, 29.
Bandera, at Medina, May 1.
Kerrville, May 4, 5.
THEOPHILUS LEE, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round.

Kyle and Maxwell, M., Mar. 9, 10.
Gonzales, Mar. 16, 17.
Buda Cr., Lytton Spgs., Mar. 23, 24.
Martindale Cir., M., Mar. 30, 31.
Dripping Springs Cir., at Wimberley, Apr. 6, 7.
Luling Cir., Soda Springs, Apr. 13, 14.
Belmont Cir., Belmont, Apr. 20, 21.
Lockhart, Mar. 27, 28.
Waelder and Thompsonville, W., May 4, 5.
Tilman Cir., Tilman, May 11, 12.
San Marcos, May 18, 19.
D. K. PORTER, P. E.

Cuero District—Second Round.

Edna, March 9, 10.
Pierce, March 12.
Palacios, at Ashby, March 16, 17.
Clear Creek, at Seal's Chapel, Mar. 23, 24.
Cuero, March 30, 31.
Shiner, at Sweet Home, April 3.
Stockdale, at Caddo, April 6, 7.
Port Lavaca, April 10.
Lavernia, at Elmendorf, April 13, 14.
Hope, April 15.
Nursery, at Fordtran, April 20, 21.
El Campo, April 23.
R. A. ROWLAND, P. E.

Austin District—Second Round.

Tenth Street, 11 a. m., March 10.
First Street, 7:30 p. m., March 10.
La Grange, March 16, 17.
Webberville, at Hornsby, March 23, 24.
West Point, at Winchester, Mar. 30, 31.
Smithville, April 1.
Weimer, at Oakland, April 6, 7.
Eagle Lake, at Rock Island, Apr. 13, 14.
Columbus, April 21, 22.
University Church, 11 a. m., April 28.
South Austin, 7:30 p. m., April 28.
Walnut, at Merrilltown, May 4, 5.
The District Conference will convene at Columbus, on Friday, 9 a. m., April 19.
JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round.

Mason, at Loyal V., 2nd Sab. in March.
Brady Cir., at Waldrip, 3rd Sab. in March.
Paint Rock, a. m., March 20.
Miles Sta., 4th Sab in March.
San Angelo Sta., March 27.
Water Valley, at W. V., 5th Sab. in March.
Sterling, at Sterling Creek, 1st Sab. in April.
Garden, at Plain View, 2nd Sab. in April.
Midland, 3rd Sab. in April.
Sherwood, at Knickerbocker, 4th Sab. in April.
District Conference at Eldorado, Thursday, May 20.
Ozone, 2nd Sabbath in May.
W. J. RENFRO, P. E.

San Augustine Dist.—Second Round.

Tatum, aat Chalk Hill, Fri., March 8.
Beckville, at Ebenezer, March 9, 10.
Center Cir., at Sandhill, Fri., Mar. 15.
Shelbyville, Goodhope, March 16, 17.
Center Sta., March 17, 18.
Geneva, at Milam, March 23, 24.
Hemphill and Bronson, H., Mch. 24, 25.
San Augustine, Tuesday, March 26.
Cushing, at Lynnflat, March 30, 31.
Caro, March 31, April 1.
Tenaha, at Joaquin, Wed., April 3.
Minden, at Pine Hill, April 6, 7.
Timpson, Wed., April 10.
Nachodoches Miss., Bonita, April 13, 14
Nacogdoches Sta., April 14, 15.
Garrison, at Arlam, April 20, 21.
Carthage, April 27, 28.
Gary, at Gary, Wed., May 1.
Melrose, at Simpson's, May 4, 5.
Lufkin Sta., Friday, May 10.
eltys, at Huntington, May 11, 12.
Burke Cir., May 18, 19.
C. A. TOWER, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round.

Devine, March 8.
Pearsall, March 9, 10.
Rock Springs, March 16, 17.
Uvalde, March 21.
Hondo, March 22.
Utopia, at Sabinal, March 23, 24.
Travis Park, March 30, 31, 11 a. m.
Sherman St., March 30, 31, 8 p. m.
Carrizo Spgs. and Batesville, Apr. 6, 7.
Moore Cir., at Leona, April 13, 14.
West End, April 20, 21.
Prospect Hill, April 27, 28, 11 a. m.
South Heights, April 27, 28, 8 p. m.
Del Rio, May 3.
Eagle Pass, May 4, 5.
Cotulla, at Millet, May 8.
Amphion, May 11, 12.
A. J. WEEKS, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Gatesville District—Second Round.

Gatesville, Feb. 23 24.
Hamilton, Mar. 2, 3.
Killeen and N., Nolanville, 11 a. m., Mar. 9, and 10th at Killeen
Meridian Sta., 7:30 p. m., Mar. 16, and 11 a m and at night Mar 17.
Meridian and Womack, Grapevine, 11 a. m. Mar. 16 and 3:30 p. m. Mar. 17
Jonesboro Charge, Mar. 23 24.
Brookhaven, Winfield's ch. Mar. 30, 31.
Fairy and Cranfills Gap, Fairy, April 6, 7.
Pearl, Pidcoke, Apr. 13, 14.
Valley Mills and Clifton, Clifton, Apr. 20, 21.
Turnerville Charge, Apr. 27, 28.
China Springs, Coon Creek, May 4, 5.
Crawford, Coryell City, May 11, 12.
Copperas Cove Charge, May 18, 19.
Evant Charge, May 25, 26.
The District Conference will convene at Clifton, June 28-30. Preaching on Thursday night by Rev. G. F. Boyd.
JAMES M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Wexahachie District—Second Round.

Palmer & Boyce, Palmer, Mar. 23, 24.
Ferris, 8 p. m., Mar. 24, 25.
Bristol, at Hines ch., Mar. 30, 31.
Midlothian, 8 p. m., Mar. 31, Apr. 1.
Lovelace, U. Valley, Apr. 6.
Itasca, Apr. 6, 7.
Grandview, 8 p. m., Apr. 7, 8.
Venus, at Cahill, Apr. 13, 14.
Alvarado, 8 p. m., Apr. 14, 15.
Maypearl, at Auburn, Apr. 19.
Bethel, Apr. 20, 21.
Forreston, at Falls, April 27, 28.
Bardwell, at Bird, May 11, 12.
Ovilla, at Onward, May 16.
Red Oak, at Dixon's, May 18, 19.
JAMES CAMPBELL, P. E.

Corsicana District—Second Round.

Thornton Cir., Locust Grove, Mar. 9, 10
Groesbeck Sta., Groesbeck, Mar. 10, 11.
Mexia Sta., Mexia, 8 p. m., March 13.
Blooming Grove, Blooming Grove, Mar. 16, 17.
Powell Mission, Long Prairie, 11 a. m., March 19.
Kerens Cir., Roane, 11 a. m., Mar. 19.
Rice Cir., Chatfield, 11 a. m., Mar. 21.
Barry Circuit, Love's Chapel, March 23, 24.
Kirk Cir., Prairie Hill, April 6 and 7.
Horn Hill Cir., Ben Hur, April 13, 14.
Cotton Gin Cir., Forest Glade, April 14, 15.
Irene Cir., Emmett, 11 a. m., April 17.
Alma Cir., Tupelo, April 20, 21.
Dist. Conf., Rice, 11 a. m., Fri., Apr. 26.
HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round.

Belton Cir., at New Hope, Mar. 9.
Moody, Mar. 10, 11.
Temple, Seventh Street, Mar. 16, 17.
Troy, at Pendletonville, Mar. 23, 24.
North Georgetown at Goodeville, Mar. 30, 31.
Holland, at Wilson Valley, April, 6, 7
Granger, at Granger, April 13, 14.
Salado, at Corn Hill, April 20, 21.
Florence. Wesley Chapel, Apr. 21, 22.
Hutto, at Round Rock, April 28, 29.
Bartlett, May 4, 5.
Georgetown, May 11, 12.
Rogers, at Heidenheimer, May 18, 19.
Taylor, June 1, 2.
Dist. Conf., at Hutto, Apr. 25-28.
B. R. BOLTON, P. E.

Dublin District—Second Round.

Bluffdale, Cir., March 9, 10.
Bunyan and Lingleville, March 16, 17.
Huckabay Miss., March 23, 24.
Harbin and Greens Creek, Mar. 30, 31.
Cisco Cir., April 6,7.
Cisco Sta., April 7,8.
Eastland Cir., April 13, 14.
Carlton Cir., April 20, 21.
Hico Sta., April 21, 22.
Proctor Cir., April 27, 28.
Dublin Sta., April 28, 29.
DeLeon Miss., May 4, 5.
DeLeon Sta., May 5, 6.
Desdemona Miss., May 11, 12.
Carbon Cir., May 18, 19.
Gorman Cir., May 19, 20.
Granbury, Miss., May 25, 26.
Granbury Sta., May 26, 27.
Gren Rose Miss., June 1, 2.
Duffau, Miss., June 8, 9.
Iredell Cir., June 9, 10.
J. G. PUTNAM, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round.

Rowe Circuit, Mar. 9, 10.
Clarendon Station, Mar. 16, 17.
Higgins Mission, Mar. 23.
Miami Circuit, Mar. 23, 24.
Canadian Circuit, Mar. 25.
Wheeler Mission, Mar. 26.
Panhandle Mission, Mar. 28.
McLean Circuit, Mar. 30, 31.
Dalhart Station, Apr. 6, 7.
Stratford Circuit, Apr. 8.
Hansford Mission, Apr. 10.
Plemmons Mission, Apr. 11.
Dumas Mission, Apr. 13, 14.
Channing Station, Apr. 15.
Canyon City Station, Apr. 21, 22.
Amarillo Station, May 4, 5.
J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round.

Ballinger Station, Mar. 9, 10.
Winters Cir., at Bowman, Mar. 10, 11.
Wingate Cir., Slater Chapel, Mar. 14.
Olga Cir., Rock Springs, Mar. 16, 17.
Robert Lee Cir., R. L., Mar. 17, 18.
Glen Cove Cir., at Rough Creek, Mar. 23, 24.
Talpa Circuit, Mar. 24, 25.
Blanket Cir., at Zephyr, Mar. 30, 31.
Cross Plains Cir., at Cross Cut, Apr. 6, 7.
May Cir., at Holder, April, 7, 8.
Rising Star Station, Apr. 12, 14.
Sipe Springs Cir., at S. S., Apr. 13, 14.
Pioneer Cir., at Cook, Apr. 15.
Comanche Cir., at White Point, Apr. 20, 21.
Gustine Cir., at Fleming, Apr. 21, 22.
Coleman Cir., at Rockwood, Apr. 26.
Indian Creek Cir., at Winchell, April 27, 28.
Bangs Cir., Chappell Hill, Apr. 28, 29.
Santa Anna Cir., at S. A., May 4, 5.
JAS. S. CHAPMAN, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round.

Chillicothe, at Big Valley, Mar 9, 10.
Estelline, at Newland, Mar. 16, 17.
Quail, at Lake Creek, Mar. 23, 24.
Wellington Sta., Mar. 24, 25.
Vernon Mis., at Waggoner Colony, Mar. 30, 31.
Quanah Mis., at Tenn. Val. April 6, 7.
Goree, at Hood, April 13.
Munday Sta., April 14, 15.
Vera, at Truskett, April 20, 21.
Knox City, at Gillespie, April 24.
Spring Creek, at S. C., April 27, 28.
Wellington Mis., at Buck Ck., May 4, 5.
Childress, May 9.
Paducah, at Union Corners, May 11, 12.
Crowell, at Margarett, May 15.
Seymour Sta., May 18, 19.
District Conference announced later.
W. H. HOWARD, P. E.

Colorado District—Second Round.

Claytonville, at Wheat, Mar. 23.
Roby, at Dowell, Mar. 9, 10.
Aspermont Mis., Mar. 15.
Aspermont Sta., Mar. 16, 17.
Dunn, at Champion, Mar. 23, 24.
Westbrook, at Union, Mar. 30, 31.
Gail, at Durham, Apr. 6, 7.
Roscoe and Lora, at L., Apr. 13, 14.
Seminole, at Eclipse, Apr. 20, 21.
Stanton Sta., Apr. 23.
Lamesa, at Sparenburg, Apr. 27, 28.
Big Springs Mis., Center Point, Apr. 29
Snyder Mis., at Crowder, May 4, 5.
Snyder Sta., May 11, 12.
Clairemont, at Jayton, May 14.
Big Springs, Sta., May 18, 19.
Colorado Sta., May 25, 26.
J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Ft. Worth District—Second Round.

Grapevine, at Minters, Mch. 16, 17.
Smithfield, at Oak Grove, Mch. 17, 18.
Kennedale, at Kennedale, Mch. 23, 24.
Preach at Weatherford St., 7:30 p. m. Mch, 24.
Azle, at Harwell's Chapel, Mch. 30, 31.
Preach at College, 7:30 p. m. Mch. 31.
Covington, at Covington, Apr. 6, 7.
Covington, 11:00 a. m., Parker, 3:00 p. m., Main St. Cleburne, 7:30 p. m. Apr. 7.
Blum, at Kopperl, Apr. 13, 14.
Kopperl, 11:00 a. m., Green Brier, 3:00 p. m., Blum, 7:30 p. m. Apr. 14.
Godley, at Denton's Chap., Apr. 20, 21.
Joshua, at Marystown, Apr. 21, 22.
Bono, at Lone Willow, Apr. 27, 28.
North Cleburne, Apr. 28, 29.
Arlington, May 5, 6.
Grandview, at Price's C., May 11, 12.
Main St. Cleburne, May 12, 13.
Polytechnic, May 15.
Britton St. Paul, May 18, 9.
Mansfield, May 19, 20.
Weatherford St., May 22.
North Ft. Worth, May 26, 27.
Central, June 1, 2.
First Church, June 2, 3.
Mo. Ave. June 8, 9.
Mulkey Memorial, June 9, 10.
Riverside, June 15, 16.
Glenwood, June 16, 17.
O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

Waco District—Second Round.
(In part)

Fifth Street, Mar. 9, 10.
Austin Avenue, Mar. 13.
Elm Street, Mar. 14.
Hewitt Circuit, at Hewitt, Mar. 15.
Lorena Cir., at Mooreville, Mar. 16, 17.
West Circuit, at West, Mar. 23, 24.
Aquilla, at Aquilla, Mar. 30, 31.
District Conference will be held at Mt. Calm June 28-30. Opening sermon June 28 at 8 p. m. Committees on Examination:
License to Preach—A. D. Porter, C. B. Smith, W. H. Matthews.
Admission—A. E. Carraway, S. C. Baird, J. H. Braswell.
Deacon's Orders—J. S. Tunnell, R. V. Gallaway, D. C. Stark.
Elder's Orders—J. D. Odom, R. J. Tooley, W. H. Crawford.
Let these committees meet all candidates at 9 a. m. June 27, so as to be ready to report at an early time in the conference.
W. L. NELMS, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round.

Weatherford Cir., Green'd, Mar. 9, 10.
Couts Memorial, March 10, 11.
Springtown Cir., Goshen, Mar. 16, 17.
Millsap Cir., Willow Pond, Mar. 23, 24.
Cresson Cir., at Acton, March 26.
Weatherford, First Church, Mar. 30, 31.
Aledo Cir., at Benbrook, April 2.
Santo Cir., at Tarlton, April 6, 7.
Gordon, at Mingus, April 12.
Ranger, at Mt. Zion, April 13, 14.
Wayland Mis., Cottonplant, Apr. 20, 21.
Breckenridge Cir., Eolian, Apr. 21, 22.
Crystal Falls Miss., at C. F., April 23.
Whitt and Bethesda, at W., Apr. 27, 28.
Palo Pinto Mis., at Oran, April 29.
Peaster Cir., at Poolville, April 30.
Farmer Mis., at Markly, May 4, 5.
Graham Mis., at Henry's C., May 7.
Graham Sta., May 8.
Throckmorton Mis., at Profit, May 10.
Eliasville Cir., at Fish Cr'k, May 11, 12.
The District Conference will be held at Ranger June 26-30.
M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round

Brashear cir., Arbala, 2d Sun. Mch
Purley Cir., Pleasant H., 3d Sun. Mar.
C. B. FLADGER, P. E.

McKinney District—Second Round.

Blue Ridge Cir., Hensley Ch., March 9, 10.
Farmersville Sta., March 10, 11.
Prosper Cir., Elm Ridge, Mar. 16, 17.
Frisco Cir., Lebanon, Mar. 23, 24.
Pilot Point Sta., Mar. 30, 31.
Farmers Branch Cir., Carrollton, April 6, 7.
Wylie Cir., St. Paul, April 13, 14.
Western Cir., College Hill, Apr. 20, 21.
Celina Cir., Celina, Apr. 27, 28.
Plano Sta., May 4, 5.
Princeton Cir., Blythes Ch., May 11, 12.
Renner Cir., Frankfort, May 18, 19.
Allen Cir., Whites Grove, May 25, 26.
Josephine Cir., June 1.
Nevada Sta., June 1, 2.
J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Greenville District—Second Round.

Kavanaugh Church, Mar. 9, 10.
Lee St., Jones Bethel, Mar. 9, 10.
Merit, Bethel Grove, Mar. 16, 17.
Campbell, Friendship, Mar. 23, 24.
Commerce Mis., Columbia, Mar. 30, 31.
Commerce Sta., Mar. 30, 31.
Fairlie, Wesley, April 6, 7.
Wolfe City Sta., April, 6, 7.
Floyd, Caddo Mills, April 13, 14.
Leonard, Orange Grove, Apr. 20, 21.
Lone Oak, Lone Oak, Apr. 27, 28.
Quinlan, Quinlan, May 11, 12.
JNO. H. McLEAN, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round.

Grace Sta., Feb. 24.
Ervay St. and Colonial Hill, Feb. 24.
Lancaster, Mch. 2, 3.
Wheatland, at DeSoto, Mch. 9, 10.
Denton Sta., Mch. 16, 17.
Lewisville, at Garza, Mch. 23, 24.
Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at Duncanville, Mch. 30, 31.
Argyle, at Prairie Mound, Apr. 6, 7.
Grand Prairie and West Dallas, at W. D., Apr. 13, 14.
First Church, Apr. 20, 21.
Trinity, Apr. 27, 28.
City Mission, May 4, 5.
St Marks, May 5, 6.
Oak Lawn, May 11, 12.
Cochran, and Maple, at M., May 18, 19.
Hutchins and Wilmer, at H., May 25, 26. J. L. MORRIS, P. E.

Gainsville District.—Second Round.

Bonita, at I. Bend, 2d Sunday March.
Justin, at Roanoke, 3d Sunday March
Ponder, at Krum, 4th Sunday March.
Nocona, at Ringgold, 5th Sun. March.
Nocona Sta., March 31, April 1.
Montague, 1st Sunday April.
Era, at Boliver, 2d Sunday April.
Marysville, 3d Sunday April.
Woodbine, at Callisburg, 4th Sun. Apr.
Broadway, April 28, 29.
Sanger, at Sanger, 1st Sunday May.
Denton St., May 5, 6.
Dist. Conf. at Myra, May 16-19.
Rosston, at Hardy, 4th Sunday May.
Greenwood, 1st Sunday June.
Saint Jo, 2d Sunday June.
Dexter, June 12, 13.
Aubrey, at Friendship, 3rd Sun. June.
J. A. STAFFORD, P. E.

Paris District.—Second Round.

Bossom and Sylvan, at B., Mar. 10, 11.
Lamar Ave., March 16, 17.
Detroit Sta., March 17, 18.
Centenary, March 24, 26.
Bonham St., March 24, 25.
Annona and Williams Chapel, at W. C. March 30, 31.
Whiterock Sta., March 31, April 1.
Deport Cir., at Bogata, April 6, 7.
Roxton Cir., at Elm Grove, April 13, 14.
Paris Cir., at El Bethel, April 14, 15.
Avery Miss., at Lydia, April 20, 21.
Rosalie Cir., April 27, 28.
Clarksville Cir., at McCoy, May 4, 5.
Clarksville Sta., May 5, 6.
Emberson Cir., at Round Prairie, May 11, 12.
Shady Grove and Marvin, May 18, 19.
J. F. ALDERSON, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Brenham District—Second Round.

Pleasant Hill at Retreat, 11 a. m., Mar. 23, 24.
Thorndale, Mar. 24, (8 p. m.), 25.
Milano, at Gause, 11 a. m., Mar. 30, 31.
Rockdale, Mar 31, Apr. 1.
Giddings, at Burton, 11 a. m., Apr. 6, 7.
Brenham, Apr. 7, (8 p. m.), 8.
Bellville, at Sempronius, 11 a. m., Apr. 13, 14.
Chapell Hill, 8 p. m., Apr. 14, May 13.
Other dates later.
C. R. LAMAR, P. E.

Tyler District—Second Round.

Lindale Cir., Sabine, March 9, 10.
Lindale Station, March 10, 11.
Mineola Station, March 15.
Emory Cir., Woosley, March 16, 17.
Alba Cir., Pleasant Ridge, Mar. 23, 24.
Tyler Cir., Bascom, March 30, 31.
Tyler, Cedar Street, March 31, April 1.
Marshall, North Marshall, April 7, 8.
Wills Point Cir., Burnett Chapel, April 13, 14.
Wills Point Station, April 14, 15.
Big Sandy, Gladewater, April 20, 21.
Colfax, Oakland, April 27, 28.
Grand Saline, April 28, 29.
Chandler, Chandler, May 2.
Edom, Union Grove, May 4, 5.
THOMAS H. MORRIS, P. E.

Terrell District.—Second Round.

Fate, at Mt. Zion, March 9, 10.
Garland, March 10, 11.
Mesquite, at Long Creek, March 16, 17.
Forney, Wednesday night, March 20.
Royse, March 24 25.
Rockwall, Monday night, March 25.
Kaufman, March 31.
Rosser, at Tolosa, April 6, 7.
Mabank, at Mabank, April 13, 14.
Reinhardt, at Rodgers, April 20, 21.
Crandall, at Crandall, April 26.
Kemp, at Becker, May 4, 5.
Elmo, at Able Springs, May 11, 12.
College Mound, May 18, 19.
Terrell, May 25.
Chisholm, June 15, 16.
O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Second Round.

Queen City, at Jones Ch., Mar. 9, 10.
Atlanta Sta., Mar. 10, 11.
Linden, at Union Chapel, Mar. 16, 17
Gilmer Cir., at Mt. Gillian, Mar. 23, 24.
Gilmer Sta., Mar. 24, 25.
Winfield, at New Hope, Mar. 30, 31.
Mt. Pleasant Sta., Mar. 31, April 1.
New Boston M., Hickory Grove, Apr. 4.
Dalby Spgs., at Godly Prairie, Apr. 5
New Boston Sta., Apr. 6, 7.
Park, at Red Springs, Apr. 13, 14.
Texarkana, Central, Apr. 14, 15.
Texarkana, Hardy Memorial, Apr. 16.
Redwater, at Maud, Apr. 20, 21.
Pittsburg Sta., Apr. 24.
Pittsburg Cir., Friendship, Apr. 27, 28.
Coffeeville, at Cox Chapel, May 4, 5.
Kelleyville, at Shiloh, May 10.
Jefferson Sta., May 11, 12.
Cason, May 18, 19.
Daingerfield, May 19, 20.
Naples and Omaha, May 25, 26.
Quitman, June 1, 2.
Leesburg, June 15, 16.
R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

Huntsville District, Second Round.

Madisonville, Mar. 9, 10.
Kennard, at Prairie View, Mar. 16, 17.
Crockett, Mar. 24, 25.
Willis and Conroe, at W., Mar. 30, 31.
Trinity and Onalaska, at T., Apr. 1.
Groveton, Apr 6, 7.
Augusta, at Enterprise, Apr. 13, 14.
Montgomery, at Stoneham, Apr. 17.
Iola, at Ellwood, Apr. 20, 21.
Anderson, at Roans Prairie, Apr 27, 28.
Fostoria, at Fostoria, May 3.
Grapeland & Lovelady, at L., May 4, 5.
Cold Springs, at Evergreen, May 8.
Huntsville, May 11, 12.
Waller, at Oakland, May 15.
San Jacinto, May 18, 19.
Dodge, at Black Jack, May 23.
Willard, at Saron, May 25, 26.
H. C. WILLIS, P. E.

Calvert District—Second Round.

Bremond, at Petteway, Mch. 9, 10.
Kosse, at Harmony, Mar. 16, 17.
Travis, at Wards Chapel, Mar. 23, 24.
Rosebud Sta., Mar. 24, 25.
Reagan and Stranger, at Reagan, Mar. 30, 31.
Marlin Sta., April 3.
Lott and Chilton, at Chilton, Apr. 6, 7.
Calvert Sta., Apr. 10.
Durango, at Blevins, Apr. 13, 14.
Centerville, at Pleasant Ridge, Apr. 20, 21.
Wheelock, Harris Chapel, Apr. 27, 28.
Hearne Sta., May 1.
Fairfield and Dew, at Mt. Zion, May 4, 5.
Teague Sta., May 5, 6.
Millican, at Alexander, May 11, 12.
Bryan Sta., May 12, 13.
Jewett, at Buffalo, May 18, 19.
Freestone Mis., at Personville, May 20, 21.
Owenville, at Mt. Vernon, May 25, 26.
Franklin Sta., May 26, 27.
Normangee, June 1, 2.
District Conference, at Calvert, June 25-30. E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

Albuquerque Dist.—Second Round.

Magdalena, March 9, 10.
San Marcial, March 13.
Blacktower, at Harmony, March 16, 17.
Tucumcari, March 20.
Puerto, at Quay, March 23, 24.
Melrose Circuit, Hawkins, Apr. 6, 7.
District Conference, May 8, at Melrose, N. M.
B. T. JAMES, P. E.

El Paso District—Second Round.

Pecos, March 9, 10.
Alamogordo, March 13.
Lordsburg, March 16, 17.
Las Cruces, March 20.
Deming, March 23, 24.
Marfa, March 30, 31.
Alpine, April 6, 7.
El Paso, April 13, 14.
East El Paso, April 13, 14.
J. T. FRENCH, P. E.

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this preparatory reception was only a slight earnest of what came "our way" in a few days. Brothers W. F. Fitzpatrick, R. J. Hays and a vastly increased number of excellent ladies came to the parsonage "en masse" and entered without the formality of a reception, each depositing burdens which filled the capacious pantry, and which burdens have been utilized in filling other "vacuums" ever since. The closing paragraph of this "Storm Party" was impressive to the last degree. Brother Fitzpatrick presented, on behalf of the company, an impressive speech involving delightful, desirable and devout sentiments such as would make the heart of any pastor almost cease to be solicitous. No reply was thought of, only a few rambling remarks and a prayer such as might be inspired by the heart of deepest gratitude. We are duly grateful, our congregations are increasing, all institutitions of the Church are growing. Cradle Roll and Home Department are doing well under the superintendency of Mesdames Fitzpatrick and Murphree and we expect to have a Junior and Senior League "in full swing" very soon.—G. V. Ridley, March 2.

Mineral Wells.

We have just closed a great meeting at Mineral Wells, under the leadership of that inimitable missionary evangelist of the Northwest Texas Conference, Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss. The pastor, Rev. S. J. Vaughan, had made preparation for battle, and it was evident from the first, that a great victory awaited us. His preaching was such as to arouse and quicken the Church, bringing to conviction the backslider, and make the sinner cry for mercy. What the final result will be no tongue or pen can tell. There were about sixty converts, many reclaimed, and the Church lifted to a high plane of spiritual power, and the work, under the wise management of Bro. Vaughan will continue. Yesterday at 11 a. m. Bro. Hotchkiss, at the close of that wonderful sermon on the "Coming Kingdom," called for contributions for the general collections, and for excess on missions, and the people responded with $810, and will easily make it $1,000. He secured two Living Links, $120, $160 incidentals, 50 copies of missionary books, added many members to the women's societies, greatly increased the membership of the three Leagues, paid out balance of old debt, incidental and otherwise. Then we conclude it was a great meeting. An important factor in this work was his singer for this occasion, Marvin Edwards of Polytechnic College. He has prepared himself for such work, and is a success. Bro. Vaughan has his work well in hand, and though very delicate and difficult, he is equal to the task, and has the most hearty support of his people. The Official Board has made his salary $1,800, and pay throughout in advance. Any district or charge are fortunate to secure the services of Bro. Hotchkiss. He comes and goes at his own expense, and there is no embarrassment as to his pay. Our prayers and best wishes will follow him.—M. K. Little.

Robert Lee.

This charge is very much alive and I do not have much time to fish—more work than two men can do. I am meeting new people every day. The town of Robert Lee is spreading out on the hills. Lots of good Methodists are coming to this country. New houses can be seen in all directions. Several sections of land are being sold and put into good farms. Methodism is coming to the front in Robert Lee; received 15 into the Church, with about as many more to come in. The new additions that are being made to our church here will make it look like a new church. We will have about one-third more seating room. The Woman's Home Mission Society is doing great things. They have just closed a contract for circular pews, at a cost of $600, for the church at Robert Lee. Our Sunday-school has grown to about 100. Our little Church out at Sanco is doing some nice things for the pastor in a financial way. This is a good people. Bronte, the coming town of the West, is spreading itself like a green bay tree. It is only about six months old, but there are about 1200 people in the town. The town will soon be lighted up with electric lights. Our church will soon be finished, and it is a beauty. We have contracted for nice circular pews for it at a cost of $800. I received 35 into the Church, with about 20 more to come in soon. Our Sunday-school at Bronte is growing by leaps and bounds. The Woman's Home Mission Society knows how to do things. I have never seen more faithful women than these. I could not get along without these societies. Bro. C. H. Bentley is the editor of the Bronte Enterprise. He is doing much to build up the town. He is a Methodist. The only thing we need in order to have the best town in the West is to have a revival, and I believe it is coming, for the people are doing their part and expecting it, and I am sure the Lord will do his part. If any of you good Methodists are looking for a good location, come to Coke County. God bless the Advocate.—D. A. McGuire.

Canute, Okla.

We have a good Sunday-school and can boast of one of the best Churches in the country. Our preacher, Bro. Fullingame, though a stranger to us, has, I believe, captivated us all. I attended the first Quarterly Conference and, though it was a very cold day, I felt that I was well paid. It was such a treat to hear the presiding elder, Bro. Mathews. He is an able preacher and preaches with power. Our pastor, Brother Fullingame, preaches for us every second Sunday. We love the Texas Christian Advocate and look upon it as a dear friend. We cannot afford to be without it in the home.—F. H. Pace, Feb. 28.

Colfax Circuit.

At last we are at home and comfortably domiciled and expressions of kindness continue to come in from these good people. The pounding was like a regularly ordered Woman's Home Mission Society work and the brethren are willing to move out and help the preacher. Mrs. Hooks is fast improving and will soon be able to bear her part of the pastorate. Two months are practically gone by of this new year without effect; but our Lord's Kingdom goes on in these parts. God is honored and beloved by this people, and His Spirit is moving upon Colfax Circuit to the edification of the people, conversion of sinners, and sanctifying of the saints, to the uplifting of his ministering servants and the traveling of His kingdom through His name by righteousness. This writer has been to every appointment on the charge one time.—J. T. Hooks, Mar. 1.

Gay.

The first statement to be made from this quarter is, we did not have to move. Bishop Morrison may have missed the mark like the comet misses the moon in other respects, but this is a good fit, especially as Graham did not want to move and no one this side of Mason and Dixon's line was anxious to come to Gay. Happy priest, happy people! Yes, we have had the usual pounding and it was very much enjoyed by all parties, being the most complete surprise we ever had. The first Quarterly Conference has been held and it was indeed a very profitable occasion. A good advance on last year in finances, and Bro. Tower startled the folks no little by proving that Philip and the Eunuch both came up out of the water dry shod. There was much delight over the fact that so far as the missionary collection of last year is concerned, Gay stands head and shoulders above her neighbors—to-wit: Tenaha, Minden and Beckville, as well as Longview, Carthage and Timpson. All these were in Class B, while Gay was in Class A. Don't we apples siwm?. The work on the Clayton church is done at last, and what a change for the better! Was it accomplished as a mere walk-over? Hardly. Suffice it to repeat what an observant outsider said: "I do hope I shall never have to fight that old preacher. Like Gen. Zach Taylor's undrilled troops in Mexico, I don't believe he ever seems to know when he is whipped." True, oh king; and any man that can't succeed against stray opposition in Texas had about as well quit. The next work is to fit up Bethlehem after the same fashion and paint the parsonage, and then, like Peter, go a-fishing. We are also moving out the fence and taking in some new ground down the Tojack River—Silas, Waterman and any other places, if there be any. An unsuccessful attempt was made last year because they had been burnt by the "third party Methodists," as they are called, and they did not know but the man from Gay might be one of the same gang. You see they did not read the Advocate then. They know better now, and there is an open door and a hearty welcome.—W. W. Graham, Feb. 26.

San Augustine.

These people are kind and hospitable. They received us once more with open arms, and remembered us another time with the old-fashioned "Methodist pounding." We love them and good Bishop Morrison for sending us back to them. God bless them and our Bishop. I pray that these people may be more deeply spiritual. Pray for us, brethren, and for the young men and young women who attend our services so regularly. They seem deeply concerned. Let us save them. The Board of Stewards has raised the salary of this preacher considerably over last year; and the system of monthly payment by check through the bank can not be too highly commended. I thank God for business men in the Church. May the Lord bless and prosper them. Our "good women" of the Home Mission Society have placed in the study a nice new preacher's desk. It fills a much needed place in the study. W. R. Crawford, a consecrated business man, layman and steward of Joaquin Charge and his good wife were with us last Sabbath. He conducted the eleven o'clock service. It was a great occasion, and brother Crawford was filled with the power of the Holy Ghost. "It was a talk," as one of our big-hearted business men said, "straight from the shoulder." It had God in it, and was the business side of religion. Brethren, Brother Crawford will do you good. Call him, he'll come over and help you. We are to have the next district conference at this place. We extend you the old-time Texas welcome to an abundant supply of spring chicken and dewberry pie. Near here is the first humble, but great home of Texas Methodism. Every afternoon of the first Sabbath, I go out a few miles into the country and preach at Union. We have a nice church and a fine people there. It is a real joy to be with them. I am always strengthened. They love God and serve him. The Advocate goes with us into the pulpit and into the homes. We always present its claims. We send you some new subscribers. How a loyal Methodist can deny it a place in his home is past finding out. Isn't there room to question his loyalty? He may answer the question. Bro. Tom C. Swope, of Tabernacle Church, Houston, and President Texas Conference Epworth League Conference, worshiped with us last Sabbath. May God bless him and prosper the great work in his hands.—Jas. F. Carter.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Georgetown District.

Committees of Examination:

License to Preach.—Jno. M. Bareus, Simeon Shaw, E. Hightower.

Admission on Trial.—E. F. Boone, A. W. Hall, W. J. Hearon.

Deacon's Orders.—J. H. Wiseman, J. B. Berry, J. S. Huckabee.

Elder's Orders.—J. F. Tyson, J. G. Pollard, M. M. Morphis.

B. R. BOLTON, P. E.

Corsicana District.

The District Conference for Corsicana District will convene at Rice on Friday, April 26, at 11 o'clock. The following committees are appointed:

On Examination of Candidates for License to Preach.—J. M. Wynne, R. W. Nation, J. T. McKeown.

For Deacon's Orders.—J. M. Walker, A. L. Moore, Leon Henderson.

For Elder's Orders.—J. A Whitehurst, O. C. Sweeney, J. M. Armstrong.

Public Worship and Entertainment.—N. E. Gardner, John H. Collins, R. W. McMullen.

Missions and Evangelism.—R. S. Heizer, Melvin Sharp, J. D. Whitcomb.

Music.—S. P. Neville, Z. L. Howell, C. E. Simpson.

Bishop Key is expected to preside.

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Waco District—Second Round.

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Fifth Street, March 9, 10.
Austin Avenue, March 13.
Elm Street, March 14.
Morrow Street, March 15.
Lorena Cir., March 16, 17.
Hewitt Cir., March 17, 18.
West, March 23, 24.
Aquilla Cir., March 30, 31.
Whitney, April 1.
Mt. Calm, April 6, 7.
Abbott, April 13, 14.
Peoria, April 20, 21.
Riesel, April 27, 28.
Mart, April 28, 29.
Bosqueville, May 4, 5.
Hubbard City, May 12.
Morgan, May 18, 19.
Penelope, June 8, 9.

District Conference will be held at Mt. Calm, June 28-30.

Opening sermon June 27, at 8 p. m.

Committees of Examination:

License to Preach—A. D. Porter, C. B. Smith, W. H. Matthews.

Admission—A. E. Carraway, S. C. Baird, J. H. Braswell.

Deacon's Orders—J. S. Tunnell, R. V. Gallaway, D. C. Stark.

Elder's Orders—J. D. Odom, R. J. Tooley, W. H. Crawford.

Let the applicants meet these committees at 9 a. m., June 27, so that the committees can be ready to report early in the session of the conference.

W. L. NELMS, P. E.

Bonham District—Second Round.

Honey Grove Cir., Rock Pt., Mar.16,17.
Petty and Whiterock, P., Mar 23, 24.
Lamasco Mis., at Lamaso, Mar. 30,31.
Bonham Sta., Apr. 6, 7.
South Bonham and Ravenna, at S. B., Apr. 7, 8.
Randolph Mis., Grove Hill, Apr. 13, 14.
Bailey Cir., Pleasant View, Apr. 14, 15.
Brookston Cir., Brookston, Apr. 20, 21.
Gober Mis., at Hail, Apr. 27, 28.
Ladoaia Sta., Apr. 28, 29.
Honey Grove Sta., May 4, 5.
Trenton Cir., at Marvin, May 11, 12.
Ector Cir., at Savoy, May 12, 13.
Dodd and Windom, May 18, 19.
Petty Mis., May 25, 26.

M. L. HAMILTON, P. E.

Sulphur Springs Dist.—Second Round.

Como, Harper's Chapel, 4th Sun Mar.
Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin, at B. F., 5th Sun Mar.
Sulphur Springs Sta., 1st Sun Apr.
Cumby, at Cumby, 11:00 a. m., Apr. 10.
Yowell, at Pecan, 2nd Sun Apr.
Reily Spgs, Shooks Ch., 3rd Sun Apr.
Winnsboro Sta., 4th Sun Apr.
Birthright, at Sira, 1st Sun May.
Cooper Sta., 7:30 p. m., May 10
Klondike, at Klondike, 2nd Sun May.
Mt. Vernon, Center Pt., 3rd Sun May.
Sulphur Bluff, Prarie V., 4th Sun May.
Dist. Conference, Cumby, 1st Sun June
Lake Creek, 2nd Sun June.
Brashear, 3rd Sun May.
Purley, 4th Sun June.

The District Conference will convene in Cumby, at 7:30 p. m., June 6. The opening sermon will be preached at that hour by Rev S. A. Ashburn.

C. B. FLADGER, P. E.

Plainview District—Second Round.

Hereford Sta., Mar. 9, 10.
Floydada and Lockney, L., Mar. 16, 17.
Plainview Sta., Mar. 18.
Matador, at White Flat, Mar. 23, 24.
Dickens, at Cottonwood, Mar. 26.
Turkey, at So. Quintegua, Mar. 30, 31.
Tulia, at Wright, Apr. 6, 7.
Umbarger, at Happy, Apr. 8.
Silverton, at Lakeview, Apr. 13, 14.
Plainview Mis., at Runningwater, Apr. 20, 21.
Hale Center, at Center Plains, Apr. 22.
Dimmitt, May 4, 5.
Floydada Mis., May 11, 12.
Emma, May 14.
Tahoka, at Tahoka, May 18, 19.
Gomez, at Brownfield, May 25, 26.
Lubbock Sta., May 28.

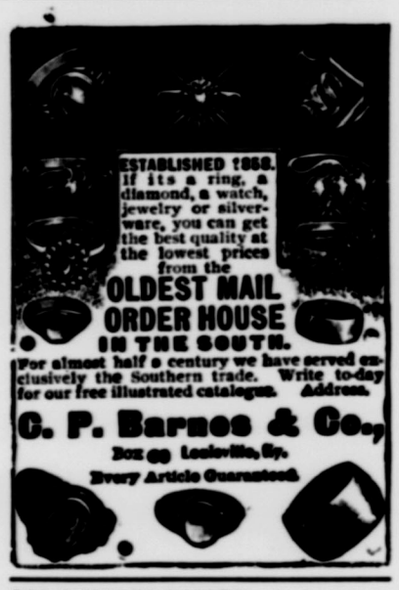
G. S. HARDY, P. E.

Abilene District—Second Round.

Anson, Mar. 2, 3.
Albany and Moran, at A., Mar. 5.
Caps, at Buffalo Gap, Mar. 8.
Merkel, Mar. 9, 10.
Nugent, at Nugent, Mar. 13.
Truby, at Truby, Mar. 16, 17.
Avoca, at Funston, Mar. 23, 24.
Sweetwater Miss., Eskota, Mar. 30, 31.
Putnam, April 4.
Clyde, at Eula, April 6, 7.
Haskell, April 13, 14.
Haskell Miss., at Sayles, April 16.
Cottonwood, Belle Plaines, Apr. 20, 21.
Baird, April 21, 22.
Hamlin and Rule, at Rule, April 25.
McCauley, at Fairview, April 27, 28.
Stamford, April 28, 29.
Pinkerton, at Rochester, May 4, 5.
Tye, at Rock Crossing, May 9.
Trent, at Cross Roads, May 11, 12.
Nubia, at Nubia, May 15.
Sweetwater, May 18, 19.
Minert, at Ample, May 25, 26.
Abilene, May 29.
Lawn, at Lemon's Gap, June 1, 2.

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