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Editorial.

THANKS.

The Joint Board of Publication held its annual meeting last Thursday, and transacted the usual business, which will be reported by a representative of the Board. The present editorial management was continued. We consider this an endorsement and appreciation of our work, which we in turn appreciate. The success of the ADVOCATE, together with the annual endorsement of the brethren, is truly gratifying to us. Since our entrance upon the tripod, a little more than five years since, the circulation of the paper has over doubled itself, and has been almost universally commended by our Church press as one among the foremost of our papers. To this there are perhaps one or two exceptions, which may have reasons.

It would be unfair to say that we have always had the unanimous support of the Board; but we have never been so vain as ever to expect to please everybody.

We are glad also to be able to have the services of the Rev. J. W. Hill as assistant editor for another year. Our associations have been very pleasant the past year, and Bro. Hill has done fine work on the paper.

We both will endeavor to show our appreciation by another year's hard work and effort to make the ADVOCATE better than ever.

A TREAT.

The Epworth League people of Dallas enjoyed a fine lecture by Bishop Wilson Tuesday evening at the First Methodist Church. It was strong in its simplicity, and simple in its strength. The Bishop does not know how to make a chatty talk. He has thought deeply and broadly where he has thought at all, and he talks about the subjects of which he has thought. Yet his thought, broad in scope and profound in depth, was so simply expressed that it came within the intellectual grasp of all, both young and old. He made us to see the power of childhood as we had never seen it before. Children are made the prophets of God and the depositaries of revelations which are hid from the wise and prudent, and through them the most powerful and dangerous enemies to humanity are to be conquered. "And a little child shall lead them." The Church is just now waking up to the powers of childhood, and the Epworth League is an effort to use them to conquer the world to God.

Many interesting topics were touched by the Bishop which we can not mention now. Upon the whole the lecture was not like the dead regularity of a man-planted orchard, but like the forest planted by God. There was unity in great diversity.

THEY DIE WELL.

When Mr. Wesley said our people die well, he not only spoke the truth in reference to Methodists, but of all true Christians.

In a terrible train wreck last week at Battle Creek, Michigan, caused by the collision of two passenger trains, a woman named Mrs. Van Dusen was pinned in one of the cars. She thought at first that she was safe and would be released as soon as the rescuers could reach her. But soon the alarm of fire was given and she, together with the rescuers, saw the imminent danger to which she was exposed. The men exerted themselves to the utmost to tear away the wood and iron that confined her, but soon the rapidly approaching flames took away the last hope of escape. At this awful moment "I can die; oh, yes, I can die if I must," she said soothingly to the strong men who were weeping in their impotent strength. Again they struggled breathlessly to rescue, but the flames were encircling the party and the blaze claimed the victim that the crash had spared.

"I am a Christian," she said, resignedly, and a moment later her voice was raised in prayer. The flames now completely enveloped her and the firemen were driven away. As the blaze caught her arms, and as she fought to keep the flames from her face, she told her name and address and left messages of love to her husband and family. The closing minute was a pathetic struggle against the inevitable, but it was the flesh that fought and not the spirit. The white face of the woman gazed heavenward and her lips moved in prayer. Even the fury of the

flames that wreathed her limbs and blistered and curled the white flesh of her arms were powerless to provoke a scream.

Now, we do not say that every Christian woman under such circumstances could have mastered the torture of the flames with as much resignation as did Mrs. Van Dusen, nor do we claim that no one but a Christian could have met death with fortitude, but we do claim that her Christianity was the source of her power in that awful moment. The calm serenity that rested upon her countenance, inspired by a trust in God and an assurance of entering at once into a life of happiness, while with uplifted face she talked to the Father out of the fire about her change, was a sublime spectacle which harmonizes perfectly and only with Christianity. Blessed are they who die in the Lord, whether in flood, storm, fire, or on the peaceful couch in the midst of friends and loved ones. The sunshine of God's love is always on the brow of the soul whose heart is consciously trusting him within. There is darkness only in the soul which shuts the eye of faith to the light of his grace.

PREACH THE DOCTRINE.

Methodism loses nothing by ventilation. Neither her doctrines, polity nor history has anything in it of which its members need be ashamed. It rose up in the midst of a wicked and adulterous generation and walked out in the light of God, with a Gospel of free grace to all men without reference to race, color or previous condition. Standard historians of the English-speaking race who were not themselves members of its communion have, for the sake of truth, accorded Methodism the honor of not only waking up that race from a sleep of ritualistic inactivity to a sense of its duty to God, but, as Mr. Greene, in his "History of the English People," says: "They created a political conscience in the empire of Great Britain."

Wherever Methodism has gone the masses have been lifted up; and thousands of men who seemed lost to all that was good and pure have been, through the influence of this mighty message, restored to the image of God and created anew in Christ Jesus. Her work speaks for itself. Every denomination will recognize her converts as Christians—yes, some of them will "lie in wait" for them and try to proselyte them before they are done shouting the praises of a new-found Savior. When John was in doubt as to whether Jesus were the real Christ and sent his disciples to ask the question, the Lord pointed to his work and gave the forerunner no other answer. On another occasion he said to the unbelieving multitude: "Believe me for the very work's sake." So says Methodism.

It is common all over this country among other people to ring the changes upon their peculiar doctrines, and in doing so the rule is—especially among immersionists—to give Methodism a punch in the ribs as they go along. This they have a right to do, certainly; but it is just as certain that we have the same right to contend for the truth as we understand it. Some of our people are a little tenderfooted along here. They will go and listen to a tirade of abuse heaped upon their Church, and in the presence of their children, too, but if their pastor shows a disposition to carry out his ordination vow to "drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines," they are "afraid of hurting feeling!" Poor dunces! They have no feelings to hurt, it would seem! If they did, the profane assertions of the average water ranter would make them feel like never hearing such stuff again. Feelings! If the truth hurts, just let it hurt. Let the truth be preached—preached in love, but boldly proclaimed. If the pastor is not able to do the work, let him call in a brother who can do it. But every Methodist preacher ought to be able—if he has preached any length of time—to do his own preaching along these lines. If he is a studious, wide-awake man, it will not take him long to prepare himself upon any of the doctrines of our Church. Let the doctrines be presented. Let our children know what we believe and teach, and let the world know that "this thing was not done in a corner." Preach the doctrines.

EDUCATIONAL COLLECTION.

While everything is making ready for conference and the collections are being pushed, let not the educational collection be forgotten. Our professors are doing hard work on small pay. There is no class of men in our Church who receive less financial remuneration in proportion to the amount and quality of work done than our school men. It is easy to count large salaries

from the number of students matriculated, as some of the brethren mistakenly did not long since from the number in attendance at Southwestern University. This grand institution is at the present educating, free of charge for tuition, fifty young men for the ministry. But that is not all. The children, sons and daughters of ministers, go there free of charge for tuition. At present the free class amounts to about one-fourth of all the students.

Besides this, it is a well-known fact that the higher education of young men costs largely more than their tuition fees. Bishop McTear said at one of our conferences that the cost of educating a young man at Vanderbilt was four times as much as his tuition. It is for this reason that endowment funds for institutions of high grade are necessary.

In the absence of a productive endowment for the Southwestern, therefore the Annual Conferences have generously agreed to share the financial burden with the professors by raising an educational fund to supplement their salaries. If the collections for this fund fall behind, our professors will proportionately suffer.

They are our servants and are worthy of their hire. They are doing an important work for the Church. Let the Church be careful not to forget them on pay day.

THE PREACHER'S WIFE.

Some of the conferences have already been held and their Gospels and sayings have passed into history. The members in Texas are getting ready for their annual reckoning, and there is a great stir among the people called Methodists—especially among pastors and officials.

But while this ADVOCATE is in sympathy with everyone and everything that forms a part of our great connection, its interest at this time centers in the paragon. Many changes will doubtless be made and many moves from one charge to another will consequently take place. In all this the wife and mother must bear the brunt of the worry and inconvenience. She must personally superintend all the packing—always working harder than any voluntary or hired help—and after that work is done and the journey is made to the new charge, she must toil and labor for days, and it may be for weeks, before things are put to rights.

But work is not the heaviest burden she is called on to bear. She can sing as she labors if the sky is clear, and all is well, but it is not infrequently happens that her tasks are performed without a ray of hope for a better day than that which tries her faith in God and the Church now. For years, it may be, she has undergone these annual worries, but instead of getting used to them they are breaking her down. The light is fading from her eye, the rose from her cheek, and the elasticity from her step. As she sits alone among her little ones, while the husband is off at conference, and as the night comes down, and with it the rain, sleet, or snow, that makes her shudder at the thought of moving at such a time, it is a hard heart indeed that can not feel for her! Poor little thoughtless children! They ply her with questions as to when papa will come, and where they will live next year, and will the move be a long way, and a thousand other things they ask which she can only answer with a sigh and an "I don't know, darling," while, half abstracted, she ruminates upon the past, since she can not forecast the future. Poor woman! Sister, will you not help her get ready to move? And you to whom she comes, will you not give her a warm welcome, and a "God bless you" to take the chill from her poor, anxious heart?

The ADVOCATE hopes you will, and further hopes—yes, prays, that God may guide in making the appointments, and that every change may be for God's glory and his children's good.

THEY DESERVE CONTEMPT.

The sense of decency is at this writing being shocked and outraged at the State Fair and Dallas Exposition by some of their so-called "attractions." These "attractions" are said to have been brought all the way from Chicago. Why the management sent all the way to the dens of iniquity in that city to get their "attractions" when similar ones might have been procured in the variety theaters of Dallas, is a mystery to us, unless they supposed that "brought-on" vulgarly were more attractive than the home article. The performances consist in a travesty on singing accompanied by exalting the foot into the air to a height which is sufficient to shock to indignation the modesty of every one at all acquainted with that article by a lot of so-called

women. To make the scene more effective, the dress is frequently raised by the hand. Many women have been seen to leave the music hall in disgust when this "attraction" is brought on the platform.

We have been told that their jargon is at times a ridicule of religious song—especially of the Salvation Army. This, to say the least of it, is beneath the respect of a tenth-rate circus. If the State Fair were doing one-half the good for fallen humanity that the Salvation Army is doing in Dallas, they would deserve the respect and gratitude of all mankind. But when they condescend to increase their dollars by a display of vulgar ridicule of this noble and self-denying band of men and women, they deserve both the contempt and pity of all good people.

DO YOU WANT A CHANGE?

Bro. Steward, do you need a change of pastors in your charge? Then let your presiding elder know it. Tell him the plain facts—unmixed with any personal preference or prejudice. Keep in mind the virtues as well as the imperfections of your present pastor—otherwise you might "trade the devil for a witch." Moreover, be sure that all the claims on your charge are paid in full. If you are in arrears at conference your clamor for a change will be heard with suspicion, and if heeded, nine times out of ten you will get worse, for no first-class man wants to serve such a people, and there are too many reliable charges asking for good men for the Bishop to afflict such a man by turning him over to you to starve!

NO COFFIN WANTED.

Bishop Wilson said that religion can not take away the pleasures of our youth. Every faculty for pleasure or enjoyment we have is given to us by God, and he can not seek to destroy the faculties he has given. Religion sanctifies these faculties to their proper uses. Sin destroys. The man who gives disorderly license to his powers of enjoyment in sinful gratification will soon destroy them, and instead of the joys of life will reap the miseries of death. Religion does not, therefore, carry the youth to a graveyard, but gives him the broadest freedom of life to enjoy all that God has given. Do not put your young people in a coffin, but give them the largest liberties of a buoyant and joyous childhood.

LOOKING HOMEWARD.

Rev. Joseph Cross, whose "Echoes From The Oracles" recently fell from the press of our Publishing House at Nashville, is an Episcopalian preacher at Tampa, Fla. He was once a Methodist preacher, and a sermon of his appears in the "Methodist Pulpit, South," a compilation of very able discourses from our representative men, published by William T. Smithson, of Washington, D. C., in 1859.

Dr. Cross was, at that time, a member of the South Carolina Conference, and many now living remember him as a brilliant and successful preacher in our Church.

But there came a break in his Church relations, and he has for many years been identified with the Protestant Episcopal Church, but the following excerpt, taken from his preface to the book alluded to above, seems to indicate that he has not found all the way a path of dalliance:

"Sixty-four years your comrade has been in the field. Scared and maimed, he is not weary of the service. Many a mistake he has made, and some disastrous blunders, but his brethren have been generously considerate, and his Captain kindly forbearing."

Poor old brother! We heartily wish him all the blessings of the life that now is, and of that which is to come, but can not forbear making a few observations upon the fortunes and misfortunes of those who tire of the restraints and privations of our itinerancy. Several preachers in the course of our Church history, for different reasons, have seen proper to leave the ranks of our ministry. Some have gone one way and some another. The most prominent of those who have left us have, as a rule, sought shelter in the Episcopal Church. The O'Kelly schism, out of which grew the Methodist Protestant Church, carried off a few good men; but in doctrine they still remained in harmony with us. But of all those who have changed their creed along with their Church relations, we can not mention one who was a success in the highest and best sense of that term. Some of them came back; and while others strayed away they felt, and generally acknowledged, their "disastrous blunders."

Sometimes a fiery young hot-spur is galled by the itinerant yoke and vents his resentment by a threat to discon-

tinue. It may be that some reader of these lines may have meditated such a change for his "stomach's sake," if for no other cause. Let such an one be warned in time that while Methodism may not furnish a heaven on earth, it provides more of that article for a preacher called of God than he can find elsewhere.

ADDITION BY SUBTRACTION.

Unlike most everything else, apparently religion grows by subtraction. The more it gives to others the more it grows. The more you take from it the more you add to it. It is inexhaustible because its source is in God the Infinite. By giving the capacity is enlarged to receive. Like a perpetually running fountain God never lets the vessel empty itself by overflow. The man's religion which has no power to save others will not save him, and the Church which is not a vessel conveying the glorious power of the Gospel to the nations will soon lose the grace which it seeks to monopolize. An unmissionary Church is an un-Christian Church.

IT IS TINY.

The Baptists claim about 150,000 members in Texas, and the Methodists a similar number. Yet, as Dr. Dabney says, a large proportion of the ministers of those denominations are men totally unqualified in character, literary attainments, and Scriptural knowledge, for the Gospel work; so the need of our Church work is the more pressing.—Rev. S. F. Tenney, in *Christian Observer* (Providence, R.I.).

Poor old Dr. Dabney! Once upon a time he fell into the hands of one Dr. A. T. Bledsoe, editor of "The Southern Review," as an ecclesiastical and literary prevaricator. When the editor let go, he was full of wounds, bruises and putrifying sores from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet. He rallied, however, after Bledsoe's death, and attempted to recover his abnormal condition, but Mrs. Herriek, the daughter of the reviewer, took up the father's cudgel and silenced him, as all had thought, forever. But they do say that old habits are sometimes more tenacious than life itself. Considering this fact, it is not surprising that with the force of habit, joined to a system of theology rotten at the core, the doctor should reappear again in his old character.

If it was ever predestinated that he should be the traducer and slanderer of his brethren of the Methodist and Baptist Churches, we are firmly of the belief that it was so predestinated by the devil. We know it was not done by the Lord, for whom it is impossible to lie. No grosser slander has been uttered upon a noble band of ministers than that quoted from Dr. Dabney.

The Baptist and Methodist preachers of Texas may not have vexed college professors with their dullness so much as our writer and his colleagues, but for ability to preach the Gospel intelligently, they are not one whit behind the Presbyterian ministry; and as to their character, they are equal to the best and far above the authorship of the falsehood at the top of this article.

But what shall we say of Mr. Tenney? His very name is a dodge from the truth. He is not Tenney, but tiny.

BUCKLEY ON THE HEATHEN.

The American Board has been having considerable trouble over the salvation of the heathen and the doctrine of "future probation." It is charged by some that the whole Japan mission has accepted that doctrine. A Mr. Noyes had been refused appointment on the ground that he was suspected of holding that belief. The board has disposed of his case by the following resolution:

Resolved, That this board, in response to the expressed wish of its missionaries in Japan, and in recognition of the successful labors of the Rev. William R. Noyes in that empire requests the Prudential Committee to offer to him an appointment as a missionary of the board. The board declares that this action is not to be understood as in any way modifying its former utterance on the subject of future probation.

The New York Christian Advocate, after stating the case, makes the following pertinent remarks:

Fortunately, we have no occasion to invent or conjecture "future probation." The doctrines of Methodism concerning the future of the heathen are simple, comprehensive and Scriptural. They are, that the Spirit of God enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world; that it was necessary for the ancient Jews to know the historic Christ, not even to comprehend the meaning of the prophecies relating to him. Concerning the heathen who live in harmony with the light, Methodism holds they need no future probation; that the state of their minds and hearts is such that there would be a spontaneous adaptation of their intellectual perceptions to any degree of truth that may be communicated to them in the future life;

that without a second's hesitation, if the opportunity were accorded them, they would instantly recognize Jesus Christ. We believe it compatible with their salvation through Christ, without their ever having known or seen him, even if they should be unable to discern him in the message which some of the missionaries of our own and other Churches may imperfectly deliver.

Dr. Buckley sustains his position well by the Scriptures and Methodist authorities. There is one vital question to many people, however, which he does not touch. It is, *If the heathen can be saved without the Gospel, why send it?* If they have light enough to be saved, will not the Gospel sent increase their responsibility and put those who reject it in worse condition than they were before they received it?

This question is generally pushed aside by asking another: "Whether we can be saved if we do not send it?" The answer projects some moral force upon the conscience, but is not satisfactory to the man who opposes foreign missions on the ground that there is no use to send the Gospel to those who can be saved without it.

Yet there is really no mystery here, and the answer is very simple. It will be admitted by all who believe in the moral agency of men that all who can be saved will not be saved. Then the question is not whether "the heathen can be saved without the Gospel, but whether they will be saved without it?" To this the answer is that with perhaps a few exceptions they will not.

There is no man in this Christian land who can not be saved without the preaching of a single other sermon than has been already preached. Yet we are continually preaching to men whom we know will not be saved without this means of grace. No man will be damned because he knows not, but because he will not. Now, the heathen are enlightened enough by God in various ways to be saved, provided they live in harmony with the light they have, but they are no more certain to live in harmony with that light without the preaching of the Gospel than they of Christendom. The Gospel is necessary, therefore, to the heathen on the same ground and on the same principles that it is necessary to every other man.

If the Ninevites had had the light that the Jews had in our Lord's day on earth, they would have repented in sackcloth and ashes. But they did not have that light, and did not repent, and were destroyed. Yet they did have some light, with which they did not live in harmony. They were not destroyed because they did not have the light of the Jews, which would have saved them, but because they did not live according to the light they did have.

We do not send the Gospel to the heathen merely to civilize them, or to improve their condition in this world. If they get to heaven they will have all eternity to get civilized and to learn. But we send the Gospel because without it they will be everlastingly lost. There is no other reasonable ground for mission work. Let us hold fast to that.

The actions of men are not compelled by motives. They can resist the strongest motives; yet it is a fact that they generally yield to the strongest. In the preaching of the Gospel, God puts motives for repentance, faith, and righteous living upon the hearts of men which they can get through no other channel. The Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation, exerts its most powerful influence upon the hearts of men through men. Great, therefore, are the responsibilities of those to whom the transmission of its influence is committed.

ADVERTISING A GRIEVANCE.

The Memphis Advocate quotes our editorial on "The Tramps Are Coming," and says:

There can be some excuse made for an editor who visits contiguous territory identified with his own field socially and commercially, but just why the editor and publisher of a local conference organ should either go himself or send a representative to every conference in the Church from Virginia to Texas and from Florida to Missouri we do not know, unless, like the representative of the paper mentioned by Dr. Campbell, the said editor has a cause and is determined to be heard. But what cause has a Southern Methodist editor that is not common to the whole Church? We can not imagine. Anything like a local grievance should not be thrust into the face of the whole connection. Any local paper may properly discuss issues of connective importance, but can not consistently claim patronage coextensive with the Church. To push itself into notice, to say the least, is not modest. In fact, to do so requires an amount of assurance, or "brass," that ought not to be found on the face of a Methodist; and if some of our would-be connective brethren could hear what is said about them in private, our notion is they would not be so "enterprising."

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North Texas, Wichita Falls, Nov. 20—Bishop Wilson
Texas, Navasota, Nov. 30—Bishop Hendrix
East Texas, Orange, Dec. 7—Bishop Hendrix

No CHURCH is going to be more spiritual than its pastor.

The biggest man in the Church from God's standpoint is the one whom most people believe to be sincere.

The man who cheats in a horse trade may think himself a shrewd trader, but God and angels know he is a thief.

The devil baits for men according to their several appetites and desires; but he catches the swearer with the naked hook!

EVERY three men joins the Church to help him along with his business, the devil takes down his name as it goes on the Church book.

The Southern Christian Advocate quotes and approves our editorial on preaching and business at conference, and the Arkansas Methodist the one on "Are We Better or Worse?" We are gratified to have the endorsements of such papers as these.

The Salvation Army has a big rally at the Beach Hotel, Galveston, beginning October 21 and lasting ten days. At that time the officers for the different posts in Texas will be appointed. Capt. Gerheart, commandant of the Dallas post, "farewells" to-morrow.

EDITOR HILL, of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, says that "the most beautiful is not always the most beneficial." It is astonishing the number of things from which an ugly man can draw consolation.—*Baptist Standard.*

If any man on earth knows the feelings and cogitations of an unbeautiful man, then Cranfill is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of such a character.

The Memphis Advocate says: The nearest man—the man who stays from home all the week, but stays at home all day Sunday, keeping his wife so busy looking after his comfort that she has no time for reading or meditation, or to go to Church. Such a man is mean.

What about the man who sells butter and eggs to the preacher and then puts up at the parsonage until it is all eaten up?

We learn through the Memphis Advocate that a representative of the Tennessee Methodist was refused introduction to the St. Louis Conference on the ground that he was not a member of any conference (he was a local preacher) and was representing a private enterprise. Well, well, well—my, my, my—the St. Louis Conference, whose organ has a representative at all the Annual Conferences! Did you ever?

The Tennessee Methodist is as much a conference organ and no more a

privy to enterprise than the St. Louis Advocate.

As to introductions, we can see no special reason why any one should be introduced to a conference who has no business with it. It often consumes time and makes confusion in business. If a brother visits a conference without business with the body, let him quietly shake hands with the brethren as there is opportunity, who will always make him feel at home. This is the logic of the case. However, we are not sticklers for red tape etiquette.

WELL-DRESSED.

The Florida Christian Advocate is no better now than it was before it donned its new dress, but it looks altogether like a different paper. In newspaperdom, as in France, "the dress oft proclaims the man." The size, shape, kind of type and mechanical make-up of a paper have great influence with the average reader.

AT EMORY.

Last Saturday night the junior ran down to Mineola on the T. and P. Railroad, got a train out on the Katy going north early next morning and reached Emory in time to make his toilet at Bro. Robt. Gilmour's and dedicate our church at that place at 11 o'clock. He preached also at night, met many excellent people, and left for Greenville early Monday morning. Our Church is looking up at Emory. Bro. N. C. Little has labored faithfully this year and hopes to be at conference with a good report.

NO WET LOGS.

Rev. Geo. C. Rankin, of Shearn Church, Houston, writes a breezy letter to the Raleigh Christian Advocate, from which we make the following excerpts:

Men who are tried and can not be well-pleased at home are the recruits wanted and welcomed out here. We do not want to be made a dumping ground for the driftwood from the old conferences. As big as our territory is we have no space for wet logs. That kind of lumber is not in demand. But there is always room for the wide-awake, progressive, well-rounded man who is worth something to the Church at home. Methodism in Texas is immense. We have five Annual Conferences, with a membership of 100,000, and we are constantly on the increase. * * * Texas is the home of the old-time revival. Protracted meetings and conventions are constantly going on. The TEXAS ADVOCATE is a weekly record of souls saved by the Gospel. * * *

Our TEXAS ADVOCATE has the whole empire of Texas. No paper in the connection, as a conference organ, has such a field as this. There is no other competitor in the territory. It has the whole thing to itself—I mean as a Methodist paper. We have two editors, and they are taxed to their utmost to meet the demands. * * * I began (in Houston) the 1st of last December, and since then I have taken into our membership 130 souls by certificate and profession. We have three other organizations here, doing a fine work.

PERSONALS.

—Rev. W. D. Wheeler, of Wylie, gave us a pleasant call last week.

—Bro. W. W. Adickes, of Huntsville, Texas, made us a visit last week.

—Rev. O. S. Thomas, of Plano Station, called on the ADVOCATE one day last week. He had recently heard H. M. Pirtle preach on infant baptism, and he tells some good ones on him.

—Rev. W. B. Rankin, District Superintendent of American Bible Society for Texas, called on us one day last week. He stopped in front of our sign, "Editorial Room," and pronounced it *Editorial Room*. Something in it.

—The Rev. Horace Bishop was called to this city last Saturday and Sunday to the death and funeral of Mrs. Rachel Hearne, who died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Judge Aldridge, Saturday morning. Bro. Bishop had just returned from the World's Fair, where he was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Tabbie.

—Revs. John H. McLean, R. C. Armstrong, J. T. L. Anolis, John A. Wallace, D. P. Cullen, H. M. and J. B. Sears, George S. Wyatt, J. T. Smith, B. Harris, W. J. Joyce, R. G. Putman, W. H. H. Biggs, R. M. Powers and H. O. Moore called at this office last week. Most of these brethren were in attendance upon the meeting of the Joint Board of Publication.

—Several of the brethren have made our office pleasant by their calls this week. It may be that we have missed some of their names. If so they will pardon a bad memory. We remember the following: Revs. W. K. Strother, W. M. Robbins, I. J. Coppedge, Vance Liles, R. M. Powers, T. R. Pierce, W. T. Cummings, I. S. Ashburn, Bro. C. O. Carlisle and Prof. R. O. Rounsavall.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Celeste and Merit.

J. M. Peterson, Oct. 20: Fourth Quarterly Conference passed; held Oct. 9; all the official members present, except one; presiding elder on hand; real spiritual session; finances up in full; will report every assessment ordered by the conference paid. This has been a successful year with us; have had about 140 conversions and 115 accessions. We are getting along well at present.

Van Alstyne.

J. A. Wyatt, Oct. 23: Yesterday was a glorious day for Methodism in Van Alstyne. Bishop Key was with us and at his best. His sermon Saturday night was a fit preparation for "the feast of dedication" which he gave us yesterday. The Lord acknowledged our gift of the new and beautiful house by making us happy, and by drawing

the unconverted to the church. The meeting is deepening in interest and we confidently expect a glorious revival before the close.

Pottersboro and Preston.

A. G. Noble, Oct. 17: Fourth Quarterly Conference over and very satisfactory; finances all full up; net gain of 12 members this quarter. Bro. Crutchfield waiting for a bid; could use him longer; but the Lord says nay. ADVOCATE in general favor; one member stopped the paper and repudiated one-fourth his quarter. Those who read pay and pray. Sister Ida Worbes died last Friday in great peace. We are in good shape for a new preacher.

Dye Mount Circuit.

Zoro B. Pirtle, Oct. 16: Our fourth Quarterly Conference was now past. Bro. Ballard, our elder, did us faithful work and sound preaching. He has gained the affections and confidence of all my people. Stewards reported for presiding elder and pastor this quarter \$194.15. We report results of our summer's work about 100 conversions and 60 accessions. Our conference collections full in cash and subscription. Will begin work on our church at Amo November 1. Hope to have it up by conference.

Aubrey.

C. C. Davis, Oct. 23: Our fourth Quarterly Conference will convene next Saturday. I think we will be up with our finances. The ladies of Friendship have made this preacher and his family a nice quilt, for which we are thankful to them. May God bless them. We have received 101 members this year. Our net increase will not be more than 50. We have two excellent Epworth Leagues. We are having to enforce the Discipline at some places. Many of our people are taking the ADVOCATE. Many do not.

Lewistown.

C. L. McWhirter, Oct. 21: Our fourth Quarterly Conference embraced last Saturday and Sunday. Bro. Alderson came to us on Friday and preached, while here, five sermons, good to edifying. He completely captured our people. His sermon on the mode of baptism produced quite a stir among us. The result will be for good. The report on finance showed that a strong, united pull will make the landing. Bro. Alderson on Sunday, after morning sermon, practically cleared the decks as to conference collections.

Marysville Circuit.

S. L. Ball, Oct. 17: Our fourth Quarterly Conference was a very profitable and satisfactory occasion. Our faithful presiding elder, Rev. C. L. Ballard, was at his post in his usual strength, and preached two excellent sermons. The spiritual interest was better than usual. The conference collections are already 100 per cent ahead of last year. Some presents have found their way to the parsonage. God bless the donors. These from the ladies at VanSlike. A new Church organized at Warren's Bend with 11 members, with others to follow, and with hope of still better things.

Bethright.

C. A. Tower, Oct. 23: We are on our last round; the year's work is nearly done. We have had 57 accessions to the Church, 50 conversions and quite a number of relocations; baptized 30 adults and 5 infants. We are indebted to Bro. R. C. Hicks, of Cooper, for five sermons. With that exception, we have had no help except the local brethren. We are just finishing a nice church at Lone Star, at the cost of \$1000, which we will dedicate the third Sunday in November. Our esteemed presiding elder, W. L. Clifton, will preach the dedicatory sermon. All former pastors are invited to be present.

Kildare.

J. B. Tarrentine, Oct. 20: We closed out a three days' meeting at Centre Hill Wednesday night with most glorious results: 25 accessions to the Church; prayer-meetings and Sabbath-school organized; quite a number of family altars erected and everything generally on the advance. This finishes our meetings for the year. We thank God for his gracious work in this circuit this year; have had precious meetings everywhere; results of which are 103 accessions to the Church, 87 by ritual; collections all secured in cash and subscriptions; we hope to make a full report at conference. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow;" to him be all the glory.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Robert Lee.

Geo. F. Fair, Oct. 12: Fourth Quarterly Conference passed; presiding elder sick at home. We missed him very much. Our meeting at Robert Lee embraced three Sundays; had three professions and three accessions; think much good was accomplished in revivifying the Church, etc.

Alvarado.

J. M. Armstrong, Oct. 17: Our fourth Quarterly Conference is past. We can almost see the landing on the collections after a hard pull. We have chosen to rely wholly on the Scriptural way of presenting all claims on their merits and asking for voluntary contributions. Our League is doing good work.

Abbott.

Jos. P. Callaway, Oct. 21: We have just closed a good meeting at Bell's Springs. Results: 7 conversions and 8 accessions. The Church was revived and backsliders renewed. Think that we will pay up all claims. Fourth Quarterly Conference past. Had a good meeting. The Lord has been with us this year.

Trane.

J. W. Sanson, Oct. 19: I am now winding up. I expect to report at the Annual Conference 112 net increase in membership; 39 children baptized, and with the aid of as good and faithful Board of Stewards as any preacher ever had, I will be able to report "no deficit in finances." On last Saturday Bro. Geo. S. Wyatt held my last Quarterly Conference, and on the following Sunday, after preaching about one and one-half hour dedicated our

new church at Rienzi. We have built there this year a church worth about \$1200; also moved the church house from Old to New Brandon; have a deed to a lot in Mertens, and a good subscription, due in a few days, with which to build a house.

Wheatland.

B. A. Thomasson, Oct. 20: Our fourth Quarterly Conference for Wheatland and West Dallas embraced the second Sunday in October, held at Wheatland. Bro. Davis, presiding elder, was on hand and in good trim. Reports all good, and the occasion was one of an old-time quarterly meeting. Old Wesley is again coming to the front. The preacher has been suited and strong threats of suiting the good woman at the parsonage.

Langleville.

Ed. R. Wallace, Oct. 23: Our fourth Quarterly Conference for Floyd and Briscoe was held at Silverton October 11. Bro. John M. Barcus came with the presiding elder. We had an interesting conference. Finances were up well, considering the times, but I have every cent of the conference collections up. We have learned to love this people. I have traveled 2500 miles and preached 144 times since I struck the plains. I can tell you now where Floyd and Briscoe is.

Goldthwaite.

W. C. Hilburn: Methodism is here and here to stay. We have had a steady growth. We have had about 15 conversions and something over 30 accessions to the Church. I feel sure that every cent of our assessments will be paid. Through the efforts of the ladies of the Church a nice porch has been added to the parsonage. The old dilapidated fence has yielded its place to a nice picket fence; so the preacher at Goldthwaite has a very respectable home. A few days ago some of our lady members gave the preacher and family one of the severest poundings they ever received, and he really needed it, too, and it has done him good.

Waco.

A. S. Horaback, Oct. 17: On last Wednesday night the annual election of officers took place for Fifth Street Epworth League, Waco, and the following were chosen to serve for the ensuing year: Prof. J. M. Ferguson, President; Mr. Brown, First Vice-President; Miss Etta Barrett, Second Vice-President; Miss Anna Poyas, Third Vice-President; E. J. Norris, Secretary; A. S. Hornbeck, Treasurer; Miss Mamie Warner, Organist. We have ordered five dozen new song books and are preparing for another prosperous year's work. We have 124 names enrolled and are pressing the work in earnest. Last Sunday morning we had a fine sermon from our pastor, Rev. H. M. Whaling, telling "Why I Am a Methodist."

Cisco.

H. C. Jolly: Last Wednesday we closed a gracious revival in Cisco, said by many to be the best ever held here. Rev. Chas. E. Brown came on Monday after the meeting began Friday, and remained to the close, doing nearly all the preaching and doing it well. Rev. J. C. Seward and daughter conducted the singing, which added much to the success of the meeting. Rev. E. A. Bailey was with us several days, doing valuable service. In addition to the many relocations, there were 57 conversions, bright, joyous. Nearly all professed in the altar—at the "mourner's bench." We have had 42 accessions to our Church. Others will go to other Churches. During the vacation kindly granted me Rev. R. B. Vaughan, one of my faithful local preachers, and Bro. Battman, a true local brother of Rockwell class, where I preach once a month, held a very successful meeting at Rockwell, resulting in about 30 conversions, 16 additions to our Church, and 7 infants baptized. To date there have been 74 additions to this charge since conference.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Havville.

Wm. Sprague, Oct. 23: Our meeting at Wintersville closed last Friday night, after continuing for seven days. Results: 22 conversions and relocations, 9 accessions to our Church, and the Church greatly revived. Bro. W. P. Pledger ably assisted us in the meeting for five days, and preached with power. He won the hearts of our people. We have had over 70 accessions and 100 conversions on this charge to date this year. To God be all the glory and praise for the many manifestations of his convicting and saving power.

Lindale Circuit.

W. L. Pate: Our fourth Quarterly Conference was held last Saturday. We had an interesting and profitable meeting. Our much esteemed presiding elder, T. P. Smith, delighted our people with his sound, logical and deeply-spiritual sermons, and with his impressive address to the Sabbath-school Sunday morning. Our Sunday-school at Lindale is a model one. The devoted Superintendent, Prof. D. C. Lake, with his earnest teachers, is doing a grand work for the Lord. Sunday morning the Sunday-school made an offering of \$7.50 to the Lord to be appropriated to foreign missions. Our parsonage has been nicely painted, and now Lindale Circuit has about as good a parsonage as any circuit in our conference.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Martin.

A. E. Goodwyn, Oct. 23: We had protracted services through last week. A delightful and profitable season. Visible results: four members, many blessings and the Church brought nearer to God and closer together. We thank God and take courage.

Austin.

S. W. Thomas: Rev. Sam Small closed his tabernacle meeting in this city October 8, after three weeks' hard work. Notwithstanding the fact that only a few of the city pastors cooperated in the meeting, it was a pronounced success, as may be indicated from the following: The moral sentiment of the city was toned up as it

never was before. Christian people are more highly respected than formerly. Wickedness is less tolerable, and sin greatly decreased; and there were, as nearly as we can count, 100 conversions, and about that number of additions to the various Churches—55 of whom joined the Methodist Church.

Montgomery.

S. H. Morgan, Oct. 19: We have just closed another good meeting on the Montgomery Circuit at Dacus. We began on the first Sunday in October, or rather on Friday night before, and preached just at night for about nine days. Thirteen joined the Church as the result of the meeting, besides many of the old Church members were revived. Here in Montgomery we are moving on nicely. The ladies have renovated the old church building here, and we have almost a new church—painted inside and out, putting in new seats and fixed up generally, and all paid for. The parsonage has also been repaired—given a new roof and a well, besides other fixtures. This speaks well for our noble ladies who are always ready to do any good they can for the Lord and his cause. We are also working for local opinion in our town. With Bro. John McMurrough as our leader, and the good people to back him, as he uses his skillful pen in behalf of the cause, we think the time is not distant when the wily demon will be moved from our town. We have received, 67 into the Church this year. Fifty-seven of them were received here in Montgomery. Finances, we think, will be up, or nearly so, by conference; but old Montgomery Circuit is looking up spiritually.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Uvalde.

C. C. Thompson, Oct. 18: We are getting along very well. We have had 49 accessions this year. I think we have as good people as this earth affords.

Kenedy.

E. H. Holbrook, Oct. 17: Kenedy is on the upgrade morally, although there are a few leading in the opposite direction. Those in favor of saloons called for an election September 25. It passed off quietly in favor of prohibition—101 for prohibition, 46 against. Thank God, we are free from open saloons for two years more at least. Good improvements in building and in business the past three or four months. I have preached for four of five months every fourth Sabbath. The ladies took the matter in hand, Sister Bennett, of the Baptist Church, taking the collection in hand. Bro. Hinds, with the money, purchased me a nice suit of clothes, for which I return my sincere thanks to all who contributed thus to our material interest. We pray the blessing of God to rest richly upon each. This county made good corn; cotton light.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

Roswell, N. M.

C. H. Govett, Oct. 17: Closed a ten days' meeting at this place last Sunday night. Results: 7 accessions. Bro. J. E. Savders, of Pecos City, Texas, did most of the preaching.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

News, Views and Personal.

—The delegates to the General Conference from the Pacific Conference are: Clerical—T. H. B. Anderson, R. J. Briggs, R. W. Wilson, Lay—J. S. Austin, J. P. Strather, J. H. Duncan.

—The delegates to the General Conference from the Holston Conference are: Clerical—E. E. Hoss, Frank Richardson, R. N. Price, R. G. Waterhouse, W. G. E. Cunningham, Jas. S. Kennedy. Lay—S. W. Williams, J. H. Chapman, H. B. Hall, A. L. Spears, John P. Davis, E. C. Reeves.

—Richmond Advocate: Sam Jones recently preached to the darkeys at Dyerburg, Ky. After the sermon, a good old sister came to him, and said: "Bro. Jones, God bless you; you is the preacher for me; I understands every word you say. You preaches just like a nigger; you has a white skin, but, thank God, you has a black heart." At another service held for the colored people the preacher who prayed the opening prayer asked the Lord to "bless Bro. Jones, and help him to preach; and, O Lord, when he stands before thee a wretch undone, have mercy upon him, and take his feet out of the miry clay, and place them on the Rock, where hope nor mercy can never reach him."

—Rev. C. H. Briggs, in Richmond Advocate: The Missouri Conference met at Monroe City, September 13, and the Southwest Missouri, at Booneville, September 20, under the Presidency of Bishop Haygood, and the St. Louis Conference met at West Plains, September 27, Bishop Duncan presiding. Thirty preachers were admitted on trial into these three conferences, and twenty-six into full connection. An impression seems to prevail in some quarters that Missouri is in great need of preachers, and brethren have been offering themselves from other conferences for work in this State. But our conferences are crowded, and several who had been transferred back, because they were not needed here. Young men who wish to go West and grow up with the country will do well to have an understanding with some presiding elder before asking to be transferred. Men with families who are doing well in the East will be safe in letting well enough alone. Those who are not doing well are not wanted in the West.

THE GRAB HOOKS.

The day laborer in Madagascar gets a cents a day for his work. Yet the native Christian population of that island paid last year to the London Missionary Society \$31,240.

"FINE sermon, wasn't it?" asked one of Farmer Peters' boarders, referring to a scholarly discourse with which the Meadowville meeting-house congregation had been favored that morning by a city clergyman.

"Mebbe," returned Farmer Peters, "Why," persisted the boarder; "that

man knows more about the Bible, he has made a deeper study of Biblical history and geography than almost any other minister in the country."

"Has he now?" inquired Farmer Peters, mildly. "Well, then, I reckon the trouble must've been with me. You see I'd calculated I sh'd hear somethin' about the way to heaven, an' I only learned the way from Jerusalem to Jericho."—*Youth's Companion.*

NEW YORK CITY has in her schools 289,304 pupils, occupying buildings and land valued at \$15,326,000. There are also 25,000 night pupils, making a total of 339,304, with 4092 teachers.

The following is from the New York Advocate: The Government holds in trust for the Cherokees \$11,237,000. There are but 26,257 of them, which gives them \$427.96 2/10 each. They still own more than 5,000,000 acres of land, about 2,400,000 of which are fertile. Altogether the five tribes in the Indian Territory—the Cherokees, Choctaws, Creeks, Chickasaws and Seminoles—own above 19,000,000 acres of land, much of it abundant in minerals. A small estimate of its value would be \$6 per acre. They have in the United States Treasury and other secure places about \$20,000,000. With all their property the wealth of the whole number—not far, we believe, from 75,000—averages near \$1750 per head. The 95 Delawares in Oklahoma are creditors of the Government to the amount of \$874,186. Their other property, with this, gives them an average of \$11,000. Of the Puyallups in Washington, some own land held at \$7000 or \$8000 per acre; some are said to be worth \$80,000, and before the decline in values much larger sums were popularly credited to individuals of the tribe.

It would be a serious error to represent the Indians generally in this condition—almost as great an error as to judge the condition of the Jews in Russia from that of the few bankers, physicians, large merchants, and others among them who are prosperous.

HERE IT IS AGAIN.—The world contains no shrewder men than some of those identified with the Roman Catholic Church. They know how to manipulate methods and influences so as to produce the greatest result for Romanism. Father Chiniquy, the converted priest, who has traveled so widely in our country, and made careful observation of men and methods, says that though the Roman Catholics in the United States make up not more than one-eighth of our population, they not only "rule our press, command our armies, man our navy, but they are forcing us to yield, yield, yield, day after day, till very soon the American Protestants will have to take the back ground everywhere, and let the Roman Catholics rule this country for the benefit of the Pope." The above may be considered strong language, yet there is truth enough in it to make Protestants think. That the Roman Catholics already have practical command of the secular press is too obvious a truth to require formal statement. The attention given to Roman affairs as compared to that given to Protestant Churches, is matter of frequent remark. Senator H. W. Blair, of New Hampshire, once declared upon the floor of the United States Senate that "upon the staff of every great paper of this country today is a Jesuit, and the business of that man is to see that a blow is struck whenever there is an opportunity to strike at the common school system of America; and the further investigation there is in this direction the more patent will this appear." This statement has never been denied, though published broadcast at the time. If any one of the leading dailies made any answer or denial of this charge, we have never seen it. Referring to the further ingenuity of the Jesuits, Mr. Blair said:

"Twelve years ago, when I was a member of the House of Representatives, and when we were undertaking to enact a constitutional amendment, which was to prevent the appropriation of the public money to the support of the sectarian schools in this country, a friend pointed out to me upon that floor nine Jesuits, who were there log-rolling against that proposed amendment to the Constitution. I did not know them. He claimed to know them; and he pointed them out, nine at one time.

And as Jesuits have been expelled from the Old World, let me say that the time is soon coming when the Jesuit will be looked upon as more the enemy of this country than is the anarchist to-day. And the process either of their expulsion or of their conversion will be one in which the American people will sometime be engaged, unless the order changes their program and their work."

Evidently the "order" has not yet "changed their program and their work." Unless all signs fail they are having more influence with the present administration than with any other since our Government was founded. There is more hobnobbing with Romanists, and the "sisters" of that sect are permitted more privileges in the departments of the Government in soliciting aid from employees than ever before

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.

The sessions of an Annual Conference must come closer together than they used to, for we have had two of the Louisville Conference, it seems to my mind, in the last few weeks. The calendar says they are a year apart, but my feelings say a much shorter time. At the last named session some notable things occurred. Bishop Galway seemed to dwell from the first in the hearts of the brethren, and won many a just eulogy on his management of the business of the conference. Considering the occasion, the setting of circumstances, his address to the candidates for admission was the finest I remember to have heard. A great split, like an ugly chasm, runs across the Louisville Conference on the sanctification question. Many had gone up to the seat of our convention with dreadful forebodings as to results. From the beginning, and in the address referred to, the Bishop laid a strong, steady, loving hand on everything relating to the matter, and we heard but few words on either side of the mooted point. As was wise, he denounced fanaticism in the forms in which it has appeared amongst us, and specially in the form of foisting before promiscuous audiences, on all occasions, those secrets that should be held forever sacred between the soul and God. For the opportunity that address was charged with bravery, lucidity of thought, transparency of diction, elegance and force of delivery, such as I have rarely heard in my life. At Elkton, the seat of the conference, is located the Vanderbilt Training school. Thanks to our good stars it is not a "college." With these our land has been and is cursed. Two or three colleges in a State is the widest abundance; a school in every hamlet and country-side is indispensable to the maintenance of our civil and religious institutions. There are little must-room things—Labor them, they massacre me, hobnob up all over the land and calling themselves by the name "college." In many cases I verily believe their Presidents could not, on the death penalty, define the word "college." The school at Elkton is not a college. But it would do your heart good to see the solid work of training given there to the boys and girls. They may not get a sheepskin, but they will go away from that campus with a little sense in their heads. We have a fine building crowning the summit of a noble hill. The appointments gave general satisfaction. More so perhaps than is usual. I heard of only one brother who was afflicted at all, and he received the best appointment of his life. Why he was disgruntled, I did not learn. I suspected it was because he was successor to a man many years his junior. In Louisville District only three men were returned to their former charges out of thirteen. C. O. Jones returned to Fourth Avenue, where he is doing good work. H. C. Settles, one of the leaders, was taken from the city and placed at Hopkinsville, in the western end of the State. Good appointment and much work to be done. G. W. Miller comes from Memphis to our Broadway congregation. He is about sixty-five years old, and will have the care of nearly 700 members, with their following. A heavy work for a man of that age. That is, if he is at all like most men at that period of life. He comes with the highest sort of name and record. That's the kind of men the Church (and the world) is looking for. We want, we need, and we must have, men that can do things. Brilliance of parts is good, but let a man make something happen wherever he goes. For a few, my personal acquaintance and friends, I will say that I am at the corner of Fifth and Walnut Streets. It is a membership numbering 550, an old, well-organized, well-equipped congregation. It is the people served by the Texas man, M. H. Wells, whom you sent us some years ago.

This story, or rambling, may not be "linked sweetness," but it surely may lay claim to being "long-drawn-out" and if you forgive me, I promise according to time-honored custom (after forgiveness) to torture you again when I may take up the notion.

W. K. PINER.

A BELOVED TO HIS STEWARD.

The following letter from a "beloved to a steward" some how or other fell into our hands, and we give it, to be applied wherever there is need:

DEAR BRO. R.—I write you this letter—some because I love you, and some because you have got sense—preacher sense, Hoss sense and a good deal because it's business. This by way of introduction. Now, before you read another word stop and go and kiss Sister R., so that you will have something sweet about you while you read. Now for the business part of the letter. I am uneasy about M. Church. I fear it is falling from grace. Just think of it. A Church of 150 members has gone a whole year, or nearly so, and has paid \$26 for the support of the ministry. Now I know that you are theologian enough to know that if a man stops praying he will fall from grace. Ain't that so? And I know that a man who has been as good a steward as you have been, knows that a man stops praying before he stops paying. Ain't that so, Bro. R.? Now apply that to M. Church; they have quit paying, but men don't quit paying until they quit praying, therefore it would seem they have quit praying. Ain't that so, Bro. R.? And when men cease to pray or pay they fall from grace; don't they Bro. R.? But, again, I am scared—had scared—about the stewards at M. I fear they are about to fall. I know they are staggering. Think of it: The stewards—the best men of the Church—staggering, about to fall from grace! Listen! If a man neglect his duty, a known duty, and just keeps on at it, won't he fall? Don't you, dear brother, down in the bottom of your big, honest heart, believe, yea, don't you know, that the stewards of M. Church have neglected their duty this year, and do you see how liable that neglect is to cripple the whole circuit? Yea, more, to cripple a whole district, and work a hardship on the pastor who has served you. Now ain't that all so, Bro. R.? Well,

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NOTES FROM GEORGETOWN.

If any one does not believe this is a Methodist center, just let him walk into our Church during any of our services. Of course the presence of so many young men and women at the University explains much of this; but in the summer, when the students were at home, prayer and class-meetings, Sunday-schools, Epworth League and the regular services were far better attended than usual in even so large a Church as this, and we are good strong.

I sometimes hardly feel that the Church in the State appreciates what it has here in its central institution of learning. Then I remember how she is yearly expressing that appreciation in hard cash in the collections for our benefit, and in the really immense patronage which we are receiving, and I feel sure we have a warm place in her heart.

But when I see and feel our needs, I feel like I wished I could make every other Methodist feel the same, as I am sure very few of them do. Oh! that there were some way of making all our people feel the inadequacy of our buildings, the necessity of apparatus and of an endowment. I hope Dr. McLean can put it all on the heart of the Church this fall in his trips to the conferences.

But the faculty are not waiting for these things. They are at work with such facilities as we have, and are making things tell. All agree that we not only have more than usual at the University this year, but we have as hard working set of students as ever assembled in our halls.

The new members of our faculty are fairly down to work and have won excellent opinions from faculty, pupils, and community. The infusion of so much new and young blood ought to give us an impetus forward, and I believe it will. We have drawn on Virginia, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina, and Texas for these young men and women, and I am surprised that Dr. McLean succeeded in getting a first-class one each time.

Our family at the Annex is a delightful one, and gradually growing. Most of the boarders are in the college this year—a much larger proportion than ever before. Gradually we are getting our grounds in good condition. We wish some day to have our ample lawn

"A thing of beauty [and] a joy forever." We have just received a handsome donation of bulbs from Good & Reese Company, Springfield, Ohio. Contributions of that sort will be gratefully received from any of our friends.

Bro. Nelson has been to Chicago for two weeks. We look for him home this week. He needed and deserved his rest. His report at conference will be a good one at all points.

Prohibition is helping the University greatly, and in that respect the town, too. As soon as this financial squall

blows over I expect it to give Georgetown—I started to say boom, but that is not what I mean. A boom is a curse to any town. I mean that the town will, from now on, steadily advance in population of the most desirable sort, and this will have its effect on business and property. Our people have taken a decided stand on this prohibition question. In the recent county election our majority for prohibition was as large as in the precinct election, though the vote was much lighter. However, that hand-on-majority was wiped out by Taylor's unprecedented majority for whisky. Has any other town in the State in a local option election ever voted 1100 strong for whisky and less than 300 against? However, our precinct is all right, and the abominable stuff is outlawed for several miles around our University. JOHN R. ALLEN.

"BRING IN THE TITHES."

Every modest preacher feels a natural delicacy in preaching on the duty of Christians to give, or rather to pay, of their substance some part for the furthering of the kingdom of Christ. When a preacher does awake to a sense of his duty and preach a stirring sermon on the subject, some good old brother says he thinks the preacher is "more anxious about money than he is about souls;" "should preach Christ and him crucified, and not bother with these other things," and the poor preacher has to bear all this adverse criticism, when he is only doing his duty, enjoined upon him by "the Great Shepherd."

I believe the ministers of the Gospel are to blame for this carelessness on the part of the people. This duty ought to be emphasized more; we are too modest; have too much of the fear of man in us. The Bible is not silent on this point, neither should we be. No true man will preach for money, that is, have money-making as his chief object; but still a preacher must be paid for his work if he makes a success of it. A preacher is a winner of souls, or he is nothing. Our duty is to educate the people in all things pertaining to their interests, both in time and eternity.

Not the least of these duties is that of bringing the "tithes into the storehouse." In preaching on this duty, we should emphasize the fact that all we have belongs to God. We are God's by right of creation and preservation, and hence it follows that all we have belongs to God. We are simply his stewards, entrusted with his goods, and bound to use them as seems most conducive to his glory.

Some man asks: How much should I give? What per cent of my income? Is the old Jewish law a proper criterion for me to be governed by? I answer, no. Dr. Strong, in his little book, "Our Country," (which every preacher should read and then circulate all over his work) says: "The law was given in the infancy of the Church, while it was still wrapped in its swaddling clothes," and as time passed and the Church grew stronger, and its members were strengthened in their conception of the nature of its mission, they gradually grew out of this old custom and at the time of Christ the law was, 'Give as the Lord has prospered you.'

No man has done his duty in giving to God until he feels that he is denying himself; make some sacrifice for the good of others. The man who refuses to give to God. Mal. 3:8, and a curse is pronounced upon him. Amos 4:9.

The blessings of heaven are poured out on us when we "bring the tithes into the storehouse." Mal. 3:10. Many a man who is not enjoying religion now would receive such a blessing that he would not be able to contain it if he would "loosen the string on his pocket book."

Brethren, let's do our duty in teaching the people their duty. When our people give as God commands, with hearts full of the love of God, the Church will be a power for good which nothing can resist.

R. T. BLACKBURN.

LYONS, TEXAS.

CHILDREN'S MONEY.

To the Preachers of the North Texas Conference:

If any preacher of the North Texas Conference has the money collected on Children's Day, he will please send it to me immediately.

S. A. ASHBURN.

HOME TREATMENT.

Catarrh Cures by Thousands.

Dr. Hartman.

As a result of the changeable climate catarrh has become one of the most prevalent and universal diseases known to man. Nearly one third of the people of the United States are afflicted with catarrh in some of its many phases or stages. Add to this the fact that catarrh rapidly tends to become fixed or chronic, also the further fact that it is capable of producing a great many other diseases, and we begin to realize the true nature of this dread disease. So formidable has catarrh become that in every city or town of any size numerous doctors are to be found who make the treatment of catarrh a specialty. Of course a great deal of good is accomplished in this way, but as yet a comparatively small number of the people can avail themselves of this treatment because of the great expense necessarily attached to it.

To all such people Dr. Hartman's treatment comes as a great boon. Not only is it more successful in curing catarrh than the treatment of the catarrh specialists, but it is in the reach of every person in this land. A medicine which is the principal part of Dr. Hartman's treatment, known as Peru-na, can be bought at any drug-store, and is a remedy without equal for catarrh in all forms, coughs, croup, bronchitis, consumption, and all climatic diseases of winter.

Address The Peru-na Drug Manufacturing Company of Columbus, O., for a copy of their latest book, entitled "Climatic Diseases." Sent free to any address. This book contains a full description of the treatment of catarrh, pointing out to every victim the road to a sure and permanent cure.

THE PAST—THE PRESENT.

In a recent issue of the ADVOCATE you quote Bishop Wightman as saying, "The strength of Methodism lies in its religion." This is the way he expressed himself at our District Conference in 1887: "Popery flourishes better without religion than with it. Protestantism lives or dies with its religion." At our Annual Conference the same year he prayed: "Lord, send down the Holy Spirit in such power that the devil shall be burned out of house and home in all this land."

What this good man saw so clearly twenty-six years ago we can see clearly now, to-wit: Popery is an unmitigated evil, both civil and ecclesiastical; also should Protestantism ever outlive her spirituality she will be an offense to God and a calamity to man. Speaking of our glorified Bishop, I am reminded of the first prayer I heard in Texas. Bishop Parker was opening the North Texas Conference at McKinney: "Lord bless the members of this conference collectively and individually, and in mercy forbid that one word shall be spoken or one thought entertained that shall be offensive to the Holy Spirit." He felt that it was at least possible for preachers at conference to offend the Holy Spirit and in so doing great harm would result, especially to the children.

Well, this is the home-stretch with all its fearful realities. Crops short, prices short, collections short, all short, except, as Post Oak Circuit expressed it, "the fourth quarterly meeting calls for long faces." However, there are more of us than any other class of pastors, and we all live and have our being. As to the work of the North Texas Conference, we had last December an Auditing Committee that was greatly needed, as the sequel showed. Let us hope that no more work on that line shall be needed for a thousand years. Yours truly,

W. W. GRAHAM.

VALLEY VIEW, TEXAS.

RELIGIOUS PROFANITY.

Christian swearing! A strange appellation, to be sure; but what else can we call the irreverent and oft-repeated use of our Father's name by professed Christians in our homes, on the streets, and, alas! also in our pulpits? Oh, how often is the ear of the listener pained and shocked by this thoughtless habit of using God's name actually as a by-word! It is done over and over by the ministers of various Churches. It is a habit, and, like all habits, grows unconsciously; perhaps yet I am sure some of our preachers would scarcely believe it, could they see their sermons written down word for word. We are aware of the fact that it is needful and right to repeat God's name now and then; it is not of this we are speaking; but we do feel deeply impressed with the fact that preachers should be very careful and guarded as to how and when they utter the holy and sacred name of the Lord of lords.

It does not add to the force of a Bible declaration to add, "It is a God's truth," nor does it show an humble, reverent spirit to be often saying, "Lord, God!" and such things. Only a short time ago a certain young man stood on the sidewalk listening to a conversation between a minister and others. Something remarkable was told, and the preacher exclaimed, "Good Lord!" O, what an impression was made on that boy's heart! Who can tell the evil of just a little thing like that, if you call it little? In repeating it to his mother he remarked, "He said it just like me, or any other sinner would say it—just as a by-word." Would that pastor have thought it the proper thing if one of his most devoted members had used those words in such a place, and on such an occasion? Surely not!

O, brethren, be careful! Don't let any such objectionable habits fasten themselves upon you. Even the children notice it in some instances. He that would instill reverence and deep piety into the hearts and lives of his people, must be reverent himself. C.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate

A teaspoonful added to a glass of hot or cold water, and sweetened to the taste, will be found refreshing and invigorating.

JEFFERSON DISTRICT.

Religiously, the present has been a prosperous year in the Jefferson District. We have had near 700 conversions, and probably as many accessions to the Church. Financially, we have never been so oppressed. This is largely a lumber country, and probably one-half of the people depend upon mills for employment. Some three months ago most of the mills were shut down, and many of them have not yet resumed, hence a large per cent of the laborers are still out of employment, and the end is not yet. The Church gets a large part of her financial help from these mills, so the outlook is by no means hopeful. Notwithstanding this our preachers (God bless them) are cheerful, uncomplaining and happy in their work, doing the best they can to collect the assessments ordered by the conference. We have built three new churches this year—one at Dangerfield (a thing of beauty), to be dedicated by Bishop Key the second Sabbath in November. O. P. THOMAS.

BISHOP WILSON LECTURES.

Bishop A. W. Wilson and I. Z. T. Morris will spend the evening of October 28 at this place (Cuero). They will deliver addresses in the interest of the Epworth League.

Brethren who can find it convenient to be present will be welcomed by us. Let such as can, on their way to Beeville, stop over with us.

MORRIS EVANS.

CUERO, TEXAS.

The Board of Trustees of Chappell Hill Female College will meet in Navasota, Texas, December 1, at 3 p. m. M. M. FIELDER, President.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES

(See also sixth page.)

WEST TEXAS.

A Mistake. The class of the second year will meet at the Methodist Church, Beeville, October 31, at 9 o'clock a. m., instead of November 2, as published. W. J. JOYCE, Chairman.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

Board of Missions. The Board of Missions of the Northwest Texas Conference will meet in Fort Worth, Monday evening, November 30, at 7:30, at First Church.

The class for admission on trial will meet at Mulkey Memorial Church, in Fort Worth, Texas, Monday, 8 p. m., November 13. Come prepared to stand a written examination. J. R. NELSON, Chairman Committee.

GEORGETOWN, TEXAS.

NORTH TEXAS.

All preachers coming to the North Texas Conference, to be held at Wichita Falls, who expect to bring their wives are requested to notify me at once. Those preachers or delegates who do not expect to come will please notify me of that fact. The presiding elders of the conference will please forward all names of delegates, all applicants for admission on trial, all local preachers who will be up for ordination, so that homes may be provided these parties. It is important that we get this information immediately.

The Committee on Examination of Classes will meet at the following places: Committee on Application for Admission on Trial will meet at Methodist Church.

Committee of First Year will meet at Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Committee of Second Year will meet at Old School Presbyterian Church, South.

Committee of Third Year will meet at Old School Presbyterian Church, North.

Committee of Fourth Year will meet at Methodist Church. F. O. MILLER.

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By Hood's Sarsaparilla—Blood Poisoned by Cancer.

Read the following from a grateful mother: "My little boy had Scarlet Fever when 4 years old, and it left him very weak and with blood poisoned with cancer. His eyes became so inflamed that his sufferings were intense, and for seven weeks he

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FLANNELS!

THE WATCHTOWER.

Shame on France.

The recent naval parade in which the French and Russian fleets took part at Toulon, France, ended in one of the most shameful and disgraceful carnivals since the dissolute days of Nero and Claudius. A cablegram from London says:

Chroniclers on the spot who have tried to study something besides the crowded ceremonial and routine give strange glimpses of the tremendous social upheaval involved. Robert Sherrill draws a picture of thousands of partially dressed daughters of jolly dancing en masse through the flaring midnight streets of Toulon, past tableaux vivant in the windows, of wholly Pagan freedom and vast surrounding throngs, taking a noisy and vehement part in what he describes as a saturnal, perhaps surpassing in wild eroticism and unbridled license anything seen on the shores of the Mediterranean since Nero's Neapolitan revels.

Prohibition Meeting at Rockwall.

State Chairman Judge E. C. Heath, of Rockwall, calls a meeting of the Prohibition State Executive Committee at that place on November 25. The following are the members: Chairman, Judge E. C. Heath, Rockwall; Secretary and Treasurer, B. P. Bailey, Houston. Members at Large, Dr. J. B. Cranfill, Waco; J. E. Bynton, Waco; First District, B. P. Bailey, Houston; Second District, G. W. Carroll, Beaumont; Third District, B. C. Heath, Rockwall; Fourth District, J. T. White, Sulphur Springs; Fifth District, Rev. F. L. DaPont, Pilot Point; Sixth District, J. D. Carter, Dallas; Seventh District, J. T. Jordan, Troy; Eighth District, Rev. B. W. Williams, Weatherford; Ninth District, Rev. S. E. Whippley, Taylor; Tenth District, W. T. Clayton, Galveston; Eleventh District, R. Shotts, Laredo; Twelfth District, Ad Adams, San Marcos; Thirteenth District, Rev. G. H. M. Wilson, Beeville.

Prohibition workers from all over the State are invited to attend. The aim is to have a big rally and prepare for a vigorous campaign next year.

Convicts.

The September report of Superintendent Whitley has been read and shows the following movement of convicts:

September 1, on hand 3820; received since, 56; recaptured, 6; total, 3882. Discharged, died, etc., 118. On hand October 1, 3763.

Location of convicts, on contract farms, 971; share farms, 258; Harlan State Farm, 192; on railroads, 173; at Huntsville, 1031; at Rock, 113.

October one year ago convicts were located on contract and share farms, 1039; at Harlan farm, 198; on railroads, 588; at Rock, 827; at Huntsville, 923; total, 3575.

It appears that the railroads have turned in 415 convicts, 190 have been added to farm labor and 419 have been added to Rock and Huntsville. While the profit on railroad gangs is large the reduction is probably not seriously regretted by the management or the public.

Since this report was made a considerable number of convicts have been transferred from the prisons to contract farms, and it is presumed the large surplus labor at the prisons will be utilized for the time being on these farms.

Condensed.

TUESDAY, OCT. 17.

Texas postmasters: Mary E. Wheeler, Balm, Cooke County.

Texas patents: M. R. Davis, Bells, gin-feeder; John H. Gillis, Coesfield, wire-stretcher; Isaac Hefflin, Galveston, sewer trap; M. J. Keenan, Galveston, railroad rail; Frank A. Van, Sherman, hoof pad; J. Schwartz, as signer of one-half, San Antonio, composite lamp chimney; A. P. Tenison, Dallas, riding saddle.

Colorado miners have turned their attention to getting out gold. The richest discoveries have been made in the region around and above Idaho Springs and Cripple Creek. In the former the Pioneer Melton and the Gold King, the latter an extension of the famous Alice, have shown a vein of 3000 feet and without a side foot or hanging walls, so great is the body of ore. At Cripple Creek the Anconada, Victor and a dozen others are causing much excitement. The Rio Grande is preparing to build a road into this camp. The ore in both districts runs from \$100 to \$300 per ton. The number of people needed for the gold fields is a reminder of the old excitement of Pike's Peak years ago.

Lady Somerset called to order the great audience of women at the art palace in Chicago for the second session of the Women's Christian Temperance Union Congress in memory of Mary Allen West, the round-the-world

missionary who died in Japan. Mrs. Chika Sakurida, of Japan, delivered a eulogy on her life and work. "The Press" was discussed by Mrs. Charlton Edholm, and "Sunday-school Work" by Miss Lucia E. F. Kimball. Susan B. Anthony stirred the audience up to a pitch of enthusiasm with a woman's rights and temperance speech combined. Mary H. Hunt delivered an address on "Scientific Temperance Instruction."

Fires occurred at Brenham and Huntsville. Losses light.

October 17, King & Co., Toledo, Ohio, were informed of the sinking in Gravelly bay of the 500-ton schooner, Frank C. Leighton, of Clayton, N. Y., owned and sailed by Capt. Benjamin Calhoun. All on board the Benjamin perished.

Texas pensions—Original: Joshua H. Mount, Rhine, Mexican war survivors, increase; Michael Commis, Galveston; Richard Coleman, Belcher; Dominick Mulholland, Dallas; Geo. W. Reese, Sherman. Increase and reissue: John Finch, San Antonio; James A. Stuart, Houston. Widow Indian war: Louis F. Posep, Alvarado.

A work train wrecked at Moore, Pa. Seventeen men were killed or less hurt.

The great French Marshal MacMahon died. MacMahon was born near Autun, June 13, 1809, descending from an Irish family which took refuge in France after the fall of the Stuarts. He entered in 1825 the military school of St. Cyr and served in Algeria. He was present at the siege of Antwerp. He distinguished himself as a Captain at the storming of Constantine. He became a Colonel in 1845 and a Brigadier General in 1848. In 1852 he became General of a division, and in 1855 took part in the Crimean war, distinguished himself and was created a Senator. In 1857 he fought again in Algeria, and in 1859 he made his name famous in the campaign against Austria, and on the battle field of Magenta Emperor Napoleon made him Marshal of France. In 1864 he succeeded Pelissier as Governor General of Algeria. He took a prominent part in the war against Germany in 1870. At Sedan MacMahon was severely wounded in the thigh and gave up the command. In the spring of 1871 President Thiers placed MacMahon in command of the remnant of the French army. He put down the revolution of the commune in Paris in 1871. He enjoyed the confidence of the people, and in 1873 Thiers was overthrown and MacMahon accepted the Presidency of the republic. His government was one of order, aiming at the re-establishment of the power of France. His term of office was to last seven years, but he resigned January 30, 1879, since which time he has lived in retirement.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18.

The Galveston Evening Tribune was sold under the hammer for \$5100, and was bid in by Mr. Ben. Blum.

Fire broke out in Wm. Campbell's paper factory, West Forty-first Street, New York, and consumed, before it could be extinguished, \$3,900,000.

New outbreak of yellow fever at Antwerp.

Texas Postmasters: T. J. Anderson, Gibtown, Jack County; Henry Birdside, Twin sisters, Blanco County.

The gold reserve to-day stood at \$82,966,073.

Charles Francois Gounod, the great French musical composer, died.

There was a reunion of Confederate veterans at the Dallas Fair Grounds. G. V. Hogg and Gen. Cabell made speeches.

A dispatch from Baltimore says: With all the pomp the Catholic Church can give its most solemn exercises, aided by the dignity given by the presence of thirteen Archbishops of the American hierarchy, Bishops by the score, an array of clergymen and seminarians by hundreds, the celebration of the silver jubilee of Cardinal Gibbons was begun in the cathedral this morning. There was high mass, a procession and other exercises during the day.

A dispatch from San Francisco, Cal., says: The Chinese Six Companies are now taking advantage of the Geary act to get rid of the highlanders and the worst criminal element among the Chinese in San Francisco. To this end the Six Companies are aiding the police to arrest, convict and deport the highlanders. Yesterday forty-seven were arrested and the Six Companies will furnish evidence against them. Other arrests will be made.

Advices from Guaymas report the loss of a coasting vessel owned in Mazatlan, the entire crew of eighteen being drowned.

Three persons were found asphyxiated at the Kaiser hotel at Chicago, near the World's Fair grounds. The trio, father, son and daughter, were named Sterablotch, from Hampton, O. It is supposed they blew out the gas.

The New York Staats Zeitung and the New York Evening Post severed their connection with the United and joined the Associated Press.

Re. Hon. Henry Asquith, Secretary for Home Affairs, has given it out that Irish affairs in England will take a back seat for a while.

THURSDAY, OCT. 19.

The poultry people of Texas organized a State Association at the Fair in this city.

Mr. J. T. Dargan, of this city, lost a valise on the west bound T. & P. train, in a Pullman sleeper, containing \$15,000 worth of stocks and notes. No clew to the robbery.

The Bankers' Congress met in Chicago. They passed a resolution condemning the anti-repeal men in the Senate by a unanimous vote.

Twenty thousand dollars were stolen from the American Express Company while it was en route from New York to New Orleans.

The following are some of the bills passed by the Choctaw Council now in session at Tuska Homma: A bill prohibiting the floating of logs down the streams; a bill accepting the report of the delegates sent to confer with the Chickasaw delegates in refer-

ence to the royalty money belonging jointly to the two Nations; a bill abolishing the office of coal weigher; a bill making the office of inspector elective by the people; a bill making it unlawful and illegal for the principal chief to appoint any officer without the advice and consent of the Senate, even though it be during vacation.

The following resume of the work of the American Bible Society in Texas for the past sixteen years was handed us by Rev. Dr. W. B. Rankin, State Superintendent for that society: Number of new auxiliaries and branch Bible Societies organized, 63; number of families visited by colporters, 407,491; number of families helped without the Bible, 59,126; number of destitute families supplied with the Scriptures, 50,763; number copies of Scriptures distributed, 420,169; in supervising this work traveled, 221,950 miles.

Thirty-one cases of yellow fever and one death at Brunswick, Ga.

FRIDAY, OCT. 20.

Mrs. Mary R. Clark, widow of the late Bishop Clark of the M. E. Church, was found dead in her bed in Cincinnati. Died: Robert S. Carter, at Marysville; J. W. Ragsdale, at Caldwell; Dr. G. W. McCullum, at Gainesville; J. H. Butler, at Pilot Point; Mrs. M. E. Hughes, at Terrell; Spurgeon James, at Carroll's Prairie, Hopkins County; Mrs. W. P. Danforth, at Denison, and Charlie Parnell, at Kaufman.

The Wills building, a two-story brick at the corner of Commerce and Houston streets, this city, burned to day.

The Senate confirmed the nomination of Van Allen as minister to Italy. There was much opposition to him.

The Chinese Minister told Mr. Gresham that the refusal of his countrymen to register, was according to the advice of eminent counsel, and that the Government ought to allow them a second chance to observe the law.

Mr. Kilgore secured the appointment of Mr. Crabb as postmaster of Live Oak, Hunt County, and C. L. Wilson as postmaster at Queen, Smith County. These offices pay about \$400 per annum, but the rows over them have been as great as if the salaries were \$10,000.

Senator McPherson for the Senate Committee on Coinage presented a statement from the Secretary of Treasury showing the estimated amount of public revenue as submitted to the last Congress for the present fiscal year was \$405,000,000, not including the postal service, and the estimated expenditures, also excluding the postal service, \$307,000,000, showing an estimated excess of receipts amounting to \$82,000,000 for the year. The actual receipts so far during the year have not reached the estimated figure by over \$7,000,000 per month. This makes a deficit for the first fiscal quarter of \$21,211,000 compared with the corresponding quarter of last year.

Fires occurred at Rockwall, Crawford, Athens, Brenham, Calvert, Richmond, and Lampasas. Most of these fires were in cotton yards, gin houses, and cars loaded with cotton. A block of buildings was burned at Calvert, and the Globe Hotel at Lampasas.

Sheriff W. W. Banks died at Clarksville, Red River County; Mrs. Roscoe Conkling, widow of the great statesman, died at a hotel in Uden, New York; Prof. John E. Christian, of Blackburg, Va., brother of Rev. Wm. H. Christian, died at his home in Blackburg; Judge R. B. Barnett, formerly County Judge of Kaufman County, died at Coleman, Coleman County.

SUNDAY, OCT. 22.

A collision of engines on the Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne Railroad caused the death of two women—Mrs. Anna Smith, of North Jackson, and Miss Nettie Wilson, of Allegheny, Pa. Several others were badly hurt.

Texas pensions—Original: John Brown, Mobeetie, increase; Stephen B. Wickens, Oak Cliff; Franklin Zimmerman, San Antonio. Survivors Indian war: William D. Spencer, Liberty Hill; Harry Allen, Lampasas; F. R. Clark, Hallettsville.

Died—Capt. R. E. Mims, Nacogdoches; Taylor L. McQuitt; Miss Lillie Stephens, Marshall.

Mr. J. F. Haden received notice of his appointment as postmaster at Tyler. A cotton yard burned at Austin.

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