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AN EARLY EXPERIENCE.

Some twenty-four years ago the writer of this was junior preacher on the Marion Circuit, in Smyth County, Virginia. Back in Chilhowie Valley we had an appointment in a German settlement. At the first visit to this Church it was a night appointment and the house was full. There was responsiveness we did not anticipate upon the part of the congregation, and we invited penitents. The altar was soon crowded. Among them was a large, heavy-set man, with florid countenance and red hair. There was something very uncommon about his appearance, and the people in the congregation craned their necks and looked after him as he started forward. We had several bright conversions, and the service closed with the announcement that meeting would be resumed the next night. No one spoke to this man except the preacher, and he went immediately out after the benediction. The good brother with whom we stopped did not say anything until we got some distance up the road, and then he remarked: "Well, sir, there was a man at that altar to-night who has not been in a church in twenty years. He is a desperado and everybody is afraid of him. He lives away back up one of the gorges, and he is a drinker, a fighter, and a gambler. He follows the courts around this country, and drinks and gambles. He has a family of several children, but he has never been married. Nobody in this section has ever been to his house, and they are not going, either. He is a holy terror. If he means anything by that step to-night, it will be a blessing to this country." We went on to the brother's home and spent the night. The next morning by sun-up that man was at the gate, and said he wanted to see us. He came in and we had a private talk. We had never heard the story of such a life. Then he said: "I want religion. It's my only hope. What must I do to get forgiveness?" We told him to go to town, get a license, and get married, and then ask God to have mercy upon him, and he would find help. He said all right, and that he would be at Church, and wanted the thing attended to that night. Sure enough, at the night service he and the woman were there. After the preliminaries were over, and just before the sermon, we announced that the paper we held in our hand authorized us to celebrate the rites of matrimony between the parties, calling them by name. They came forward, and the first time we ever attended to a duty of this sort was then and there before the whole congregation. They resumed their places in the audience, and a more startled looking set of people we never saw. We preached on the "Wedding Garment," and invited penitents. Among the first to come to the altar were this man and this woman. We had a powerful service. A great many were converted, and among the number were these two people. The presence of the Holy Ghost was wonderfully manifest, and we have never wit-

nessed such time since that December night in the long ago! At the close of the service this man said, "Now you must go home with us; we've not got much, but we need you." He took his wife up behind him on horseback, and with a lantern led the way. Up a winding creek and around the foothills we went some three or four miles until we came to his house. It was the log cabin of the typical mountaineer. It had but one room and a clapboard loft. The three children, among them a ten-year-old girl, were still up and looking for us. The house was fairly well furnished and clean. Around in the surplus spaces were flasks, jugs, demijohns, and the like, in great numbers. They were the evidences of a sad story. He gathered them all up, and they looked like a wheel-barrow load, and some of them were not empty, either. Then he went to the shelf and pulled down a half-score of decks of cards, and other gaming devices. These he threw into the fire, and the other things he took out, smashed up, and threw the broken pieces into the creek. Then he had us to baptize his children, and explain the meaning of it to them. Then he said: "Parson, we want you to set this cabin aside to the service of God." So we got out our Bible, read a suitable chapter, expounding some portions of it, and then dedicated his little home. It was late by this time. But we climbed up a ladder and slept in the loft, feeling that we had done about the best service of our life. A sweeter night's sleep no Methodist circuit rider ever enjoyed. The next Sunday these two people came into the Church. He quit all of his meanness, and became one of the best members of that congregation. Twelve years after that, for we kept up with him till then, he was still a good man and had the confidence of the people all over that county. Since then we have never despaired of the salvation of any sinner. And these are the people who need salvation above all others. We expect to meet that man and his family in heaven when the battle of life is over.

SOME OBSERVATIONS IN NASHVILLE

Since my last I have been taking in the city somewhat, and as I have nothing else to do I will make a few notes for the benefit of our many readers. It has been a long time since I have had a Sunday off, so I took advantage of the opportunity to hear some new preachers speak. This was rather a novel experience, and as I sat in the pew and took in the situation I organized myself into an auditor and listened, both from the standpoint of a critic and that of a worshiper. In the morning I was in West End Church, of which Rev. E. B. Chappell is the pastor. He was at one time a Texan and he has not forgotten his first love. After the service I introduced myself to him and he made special inquiry about many of the brethren in the Texas Conferences. He has the Church nearest the Vanderbilt, and many of the students and the professors attend the services; also a number of the connectional brethren live out that way and they

and their families go there. They are a fine aggregation to preach to, and I presume that the preacher finds much inspiration in the presence of so many dignitaries. I saw in the audience Drs. Atkins, Tigert, Kirkland, Alexander, Hammond and others of that class. The church building is peculiar in its architecture, but commodious and pleasant. It will seat in the auditorium and the gallery some 700 or 800 people. The lower floor was comfortably filled with very quiet people. They evidently believe in order in the house of the Lord. The singing is mostly done by the choir. Dr. Chappell is a delicate-looking man, but he has great vitality. His voice is rather weak and his style of speaking is unimpassioned and deliberate. He is an intellectual man and quite familiar with the best literature of the times. His subject was, "The Excuses Rendered by Young Men for Not Entering the Active Christian Life." There was nothing specially original in his treatment of the subject, but he gave us a good, thoughtful sermon with many valuable suggestions of a very practical sort. He is an interesting preacher, mentally strong, with the evangelical slightly in abeyance. He has a strong hold upon his people, and they are very fond of him. Rev. R. A. Young, who is a good judge of preaching, pronounces him a very excellent preacher indeed. Socially, I found him a companionable brother. In this department of his nature is found much of the secret of his success. He has a strong hold upon the young people of his congregation, and with the Vanderbilt students he is in thorough accord. He is the right man for this place and he is giving great satisfaction.

At night I went to old McKendree to hear that rare man, the Rev. John Mathews. He is now in years an old man, but in spirit he is young and buoyant. This is the largest Church membership in the city and the leading Methodist Church in the State, if not in the connection. It will seat more than 1000 people. In architecture it is a plain, oblong room, elegantly furnished, with a somewhat worn look about it. Just in the rear is a magnificent pipe organ, handled by the widow of the late Dr. John Keener. She is the daughter of Dr. Mathews. Upon this occasion the house was well filled, but not crowded at all. The Doctor wanted me to preach for him, but I told him that I had not come all the way from Texas to disappoint 700 or 800 people. So he proceeded with the service. To describe him is next to impossible. His style is all his own, if he has any style at all. He is sublimely indifferent to homiletics, and talks as the Spirit gives him utterance. His subject was, "God's Care for His Children," and for forty minutes he held the undivided attention of his audience. You could not anticipate him. Nothing that went before gave you any idea of what was going to follow. Yet the right thing was usually thrown into your mind and heart. He is thoroughly evangelical. He has great sympathy. You feel you were listening to a man who loves you. There is tenderness in his voice. Often he bubbled over with the richest humor, and sometimes he would throw in a

very original incident. I could have listened to him an hour longer with delight. He loves God, has a strong hold upon Christ, believes that the gospel is the power of God unto the salvation of men and women, and there is a positiveness in his tone which convinces you beyond all doubt that he is under the direction of the Holy Ghost. Hence he is a marvelous success. At the close of his sermon he came down into the altar and pleaded with men to come to the mourner's bench and get religion. When I left the place I felt the glow of the divine presence. That he is a man of God his people verily believe, and they are correct. It was refreshing to hear such a man once more. G. C. R.

SOME DOCTRINAL PARAGRAPHS.

The baptism of children is objected to by some on the ground that it deprives the child of choice in the mode of baptism. But those who foster this objection do not allow their candidates—even in mature years—any choice in mode whatever. They force immersion upon them or refuse baptism to them altogether. They simply cut off all believers from choice in this matter as completely as infant baptism cuts off children from choice. So there is nothing in this objection. The fact is that baptism in either case is not a matter of choice, but of duty. Therefore parents are under obligation to have their children brought by baptism into the Church without delay; for the promises of the Scriptures are to us and our children. We have no right then to exclude our children from the blessings of this holy sacrament. We do them a hurt and ourselves a great injury.

Some who oppose infant baptism claim that it does the child no good. This is simply an assumption without proof. Those good mothers who brought their children to Christ might have said it will do them no good. What good can come from having the Savior lay his hands upon the heads of these little children? But they said nothing of the sort. All such questions are vain and foolish. These children were greatly benefited by this act of the Master; and so children are greatly blessed when we sincerely have them baptized in his dear name. By this act provision is made for the consecration of childhood to the service of Christ, and if they are properly brought up there can be no question as to the benefits which they derive from the ordinance.

When children arrive at years of maturity they simply ratify and confirm what was done for them in infancy, and thereby choose for themselves the mode of baptism. This mode then becomes their choice by their formal ratification of it before the public congregation. But it matters not what others may say about this duty, our Church believes in it and practices it; and as members of the Church we want to keep its rules. In this way we maintain our doctrinal system, as we derive it from the teachings of the Holy Scriptures. We are under obligation, therefore, to have our children baptized, and thus brought into the Church of Christ.

HINDRANCES TO CHURCH GROWTH.

Of the many articles I have seen attempting to account for the slow growth of Methodism in recent years, and for the lack of spiritual power in the Church, one have touched upon what, to my mind, is the leading cause. It is a mistake to assume that our membership is less religious and that our preachers are less consecrated than formerly, or that worldly-mindedness in pew and pulpit is on the increase. I think all the other great Churches have ground to complain, and have the same discouragement we have. The leading trouble to-day in the way of religious progress, I think, is in the unprecedented industrial situation. The same causes that stifle the spirit of enterprise and clog the wheels of industrial progress, I am sure affect injuriously the growth of Churches. It will not be denied that the people are facing new conditions, harder and with less promise in them, than they have formerly had to meet. It is yearly more and more becoming a question with laboring people: "How are we to maintain ourselves?" The great farming class are to-day unable, by the closest calculation, to defray necessary expenses, and have a comfortable life left out of their work. Our numerous artisan classes are but little, if any, better off. All property owners have suffered; prices having declined and burdens been increased, until serious discouragement has come to even this class. Certainly such a people can not be expected to push religious enterprises as they did when God smiled upon them, and the earth and the fullness thereof was theirs. It may be said that men ought to take greater concern in the life that is to be in proportion as they lose hope in this life, and this may be true in individual instances, but it is not generally true. I do not like to be the prophet of evil but I must say that the condition of the people must be to some extent relieved before there is ground for a rational hope that the present great enterprises of the Christian world can be carried forward with the success our hearts so much desire. Let us pray for consecration and more active Church work, but let us also keep constantly in mind the necessity for economic changes that will affect in the interest of the laboring classes the existing conditions. I do not propose to touch upon these economic changes; they are political problems that have been much discussed, and apparently without profit to the masses of men. All I wish to do is to call attention to the great cause, in my opinion, of the decline in Church work of this day, and barely to suggest the remedy. The situation is not remediless; and Christian people acting in harmony with other conservative forces can do much to relieve it, and ought to be and will be held responsible before God if they fail to do it. Another cause that has operated prejudicially to Church growth recently is found in the fact that revival meetings have been partially neglected. While it is true that the Methodist Church, like other Churches, has a regular growth by the ordinary methods of evangelizing, it is a fact that our revival meetings are effective beyond everything in the conversion of men and in the upbuilding the Church. This failure has a history behind it, and it will be profitable for us to keep it in mind. A few years ago a swarm of evangelists appeared in all our cities and towns and villages—devout men of new methods in the conduct of revival meetings that appeared to be successful—and our regular ministry, inspired with the prospects for great results for the Master, surrendered to them their church houses and congregations. The revivalist was in great demand, and our pastors sought them far and wide for revival work. After awhile it began to appear that the work done in those meetings was not as thorough as it should be, and besides, when the revival was over and the evangelist was gone, it was found that the bond of union and sympathy which must bind the pastor to new converts to enable him to nurse them properly was wanting. In fine, it became apparent that revival work, to be the best, must be carried on according to the approved methods in our Church, and by the minister in charge of the Church or it must be under his management. Revival work by traveling evangelists was measurably abandoned, and for want of active renewal of it by our pastors it has been as stated somewhat neglected. Happily we are waking up again to our duty in this regard. The late meeting of our leading Church-men at Ft. Worth has given a new impulse to this work, and before this conference year ends the old regime will be fully resumed, and under the blessing of God revival fires will be lighted all along

our Church lines. Other causes there are to which the Church's attention might profitably be directed, and to which I have seen little reference made which in my opinion are calculated to discourage individuals seeking Church membership. I allude to what is called Higher Criticism of the Bible by some of our divines, and the half-surrender of others to the evolution theory for the origin of man. This article is already long enough; I shall endeavor in the future to devote an article to each of those subjects.

L. H. BROWNE.

A BOUNDLESS OPPORTUNITY.

The following letter from Mr. Elmer E. Hubbard, of Matanzas, Cuba, cannot but appeal to the sympathy of our people. As we have before stated, Mr.

number will soon be that if we get the help and encouragement from America that we need. All applicants are referred to Mrs. Alfonso, who is a most valuable worker in this mission. She is well acquainted in Matanzas and knows or can find out who are most needy.

Our daily food now is about as follows: two pounds of wheat, 8 cents; four pounds of rice, 16 cents; 1½ pounds of beans, 8 cents; three pounds of sweet potatoes, 5 cents; five pounds of bread, 25 cents; tomatoes, 3 cents; ½ pound of sugar, 4 cents; ½ dozen oranges, 18 cents; lard and oil, 5 cents; one can of condensed milk, 15 cents; and coffee, 3 cents—about \$1 American money a day for thirteen. The wheat and beans I brought with me from New York. We parch the

Chaplain Sanders, of the Eighth Massachusetts Volunteers, who has taken an active interest in our work, expects to remain in Matanzas two or three weeks after his regiment leaves. With his help we expect to form an organization to have charge of our work for widows and orphans, and perhaps we shall have it incorporated. For the present contributions may be sent to Rev. H. W. Baker, 56 Contreras Street, Matanzas. United States postal money orders are cashed here, as are also drafts on New York. Care should be taken to put a 5 cent stamp upon letters, as a 2 cent stamp means an additional 6 cents here. Some of our missionaries have to pay several dollars a month for "postage due."

One of our greatest needs is more men and women. I ought to have at least one man and one woman imme-



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Hubbard is a consecrated layman working in connection with our mission in Cuba, and any assistance given this heroic worker in his noble effort to rescue the destitute and orphan children will be most worthily bestowed. Let every one give something for these little ones whose very existence is dependent upon such free-will offerings as may be sent Mr. Hubbard. Food, clothing, or money—any or all—can be used. This work has no appropriation. It is as much a work of faith as was that of George Muller. May God use us to honor this brother's faith:

212 Velarde Street, Matanzas, Cuba.

Dear Dr. Lambuth: This has been indeed a Good Friday. A widow and her four boys, another boy with no mother and with a sick father, and a little fatherless, motherless girl—all of them about as destitute as it is possible for human beings to be and live—have been given a home, and we have promised to take four more boys tomorrow. On the same day word has come that the Eighth Massachusetts Volunteers, who are getting ready to go home, are going to leave a supply of cots and other outfit sufficient for thirty or forty boys, and we can have these things if we need them. As yet we have not a chair in the house, but sit on empty boxes, and we have no table or other article of furniture, except what our own hands have made, our cots costing us about 50 cents apiece for the material. Still we are as happy and as comfortable as we would be if we had the most costly furniture. The authorities have decided to let the Catholics keep all the children they now have, so we are laying our own foundation and expect to build thereon. A week ago to-day I rented for \$12 a month a house that will accommodate twelve or fifteen and perhaps twenty, and the indications now are that before the end of the month this house will be too small for us. The opportunity for doing the Master's work in caring for the destitute women and children in this island seems almost limitless. Let us pray that the men and the means may measure up to the opportunity.

Later.—There are now thirteen of us, and we expect three more to-day. Many more have applied, but we tell them they must wait till we get a larger house. We are planning now to get a house that will accommodate at least fifty. It ought to be 100. The

wheat and grind it in a coffee mill. If I had a little time I could figure out the above bill of fare to see if it meets the scientific requirements as to the amount of the various food elements required, but I know without any computation, that our food seems to satisfy us, and that is the important thing.

It is reported that the United States Government is going to stop issuing rations, and I do not know whether we shall be able to get anything in that way or not. Any way, we shall have to depend sooner or later upon private contributions to sustain this work. There are unused articles in many American homes which would be very valuable to us if we had them here. And often people at home have an opportunity to buy remnants of cloth and other things at a reduced price while we have to buy them at a high price here. We need a large supply of light clothing for women and children and some clothing for men, a supply of blankets or something to spread on our cots, sheets, and, if we had pillows, pillow cases, towels, handkerchiefs and soap. Our supply of wheat will soon be gone and as it is not in the market here we ought to have some sent to us. We ought to have something like a coffee roaster for parching the wheat and a large mill, such as grocers use for grinding coffee, to grind the wheat. Perhaps other articles of food may as well be bought here, unless it is rice. We do not want to have to pay heavy transportation charges. Would it not be well, say, for the presiding elder of a district to appoint some one to whom contributions may be sent, and then all contributions from each district could be sent in one consignment and expense of sending would be less. Perhaps you could get reduced rates from the transportation companies. There is little danger of too much being sent, for if we receive more than we need in Matanzas the surplus can go to some of the other many needy places in the island. For our table we shall need more spoons—such as are sold in the States for 10 or 20 cents a dozen are all right. There are no doubt a number of other things that I do not think of now that we shall need—carpenters' tools, garden tools and the things needed for hair-dressing, tailoring, dressmaking, etc., besides the many little things that are needed about a home, and we shall need some money to buy the needed things that are not sent to us.

diately to help me. More would find plenty to do. Those who come must be willing to live very simply and perhaps with self-denial. I think there is little danger to health in this climate if one uses only simple, wholesome food and takes other necessary precautions. I think I am improving in health and strength each day. I know that you are praying for us and I know, too, "faith is better than funds." Very sincerely yours,

ELMER E. HUBBARD.

Having known Mr. Hubbard for over fifteen years, both in Japan and in Cuba, I can endorse him as being in every way worthy of confidence. His method of work has the cordial approval of Bishop W. A. Candler, who is in charge of the Cuba Mission, and his self-denying, devoted efforts in behalf of these destitute children should have the hearty support of the people of the United States. Funds or donations may be sent to Rev. H. W. Baker, as indicated above, or to J. D. Hamilton, Treasurer of the Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn. They will be acknowledged and forwarded at once.

WALTER R. LAMBUTH,

Secretary.

Mission Rooms, April 24, 1899.

MY EARLY RECOLLECTIONS.

Rev. Jas. T. P. Irvine was our pastor in 1850. He was a zealous, earnest, faithful expounder of the doctrines of our Church, possessing more than ordinary ability. He was received on trial at Bastrop in December, 1842, and from that time until his triumphant death in 1871 he filled the chief appointments of his conference. He was an enterprising man and filled the districts to which he was assigned with marked ability. He married a daughter of Col. Sam B. McMahon while Texas was under Mexican rule, and every marriage was solemnized by a Catholic priest. To avoid the law and to have a Protestant to officiate they repaired to the Sabine River, went aboard the ferry boat, passed beyond the middle of the stream, and as the boat floated they were joined in holy wedlock. His last words on earth were: "Mighty goodness." He sleeps in the cemetery at Kaufman, Texas. Josephus Irvine, a brother of J. T. P. Irvine, was long time a useful local preacher in Newton County, Texas. He was a Major in the Confederate Army and distinguished himself for personal bravery. His eldest son was killed in battle at his father's side in 1864. At

a camp-meeting in Newton County in 1876 Bro. Irvine said to me: "I will die next year and I want you to preach my funeral sermon at the next camp-meeting here from II Cor. 5:1. 'For we know if our earthly house,' etc. On his deathbed the request was repeated, and in October, 1877, we performed the pleasing melancholy duty to a vast congregation of friends and relatives.

Col. Sam B. McMahon was noted for intelligence, purity of life and devotedness to the right on all questions involving the well-being of men.

The first Church organized in Sabine County was at his house. For years the neighbors met and worshiped in his home. He was their honored and trusted leader. He gave three daughters to be the wives of itinerant preachers. His son, James, was not a local preacher, as stated by Dr. Thrall, but a useful, efficient layman, mighty in prayer. He often thrilled vast congregations as he sang, "The old family Bible." He has a son living in Belton and a daughter near Roby, in Fisher County, Texas.

I must mention another family of the same name and related to Sam B. McMahon. Rev. Friend McMahon was the patriarch of the family. He was among the first settlers of Hemstead County, Arkansas. He came to Texas in the thirties. He reared a large family of sons and daughters, who were all strict Methodists and excellent people. One son was for years a faithful local preacher and several of his grandsons are now in the ministry. He lived a life of purity and love. I have known many good men in my time, but never met any one who surpassed him in devotedness to God and genuine benevolence to mankind. He went about doing good. He held up Christ and the cross and bade men to look and be saved. He literally spent his life in serving and praising the Lord. At home, in the congregation, on the highways or crowded streets and in the family circle he modestly urged people to seek for grace and pardon. His home was ever open to the toil-worn traveler, and what he had of the goods of this world he held in trust. I delight to think of him as he was forty-eight years ago, and of the influence he wielded for the betterment of the world. The wavelet started by him will break upon the shores of eternity. He died in 1858, and his funeral sermon was preached by his aged friend, Rev. Frank Wilson. His dust reposes in Newton County, Texas. As I write of him the image of Rev. David Ford, M. D., comes before me. He came from Mississippi to Texas and settled at Burkeville, where he is buried. He was a man of education and possessed strong natural ability. He preached well; was an entertaining conversationalist and a generous, hospitable citizen. He had an attractive home, and reared an interesting and happy family—all strong Methodists. Three sons still live to honor the memory of their parents by living honorable, and, I trust, exemplary lives. Judge W. H. Ford, of Beaumont; Hon. T. W. Ford, of Houston, and Dr. Frank Ford, of Nacogdoches, are the sons. In the early settlement of Mississippi the Fords were prominent in Church and State. A brother of Dr. Ford was at one time Governor of that State.

Henry Stevenson, a traveling preacher, who preached in Texas on Red River in 818; was again in Texas in 1824, in 1827 and 1828, in 1833 and 1834, and was assigned by the Mississippi Conference to the Texas Mission in 1835. He lived several years in Newton County, and is buried there. I knew his two sons, Jared and Ira, both local preachers, and also knew two of his daughters, Mrs. Byerly and Joiner. I had the above statement concerning their father's early visits to Texas from them years ago.

Let it be remembered that Henry Stevenson was not a relative of Wm. Stevenson, but James P. Stevenson was a son of Wm. Stevenson, and were both members of the Mississippi Conference in 1833 and 1834, when they organized Churches in Sabine and San Augustine Counties. Wm. Stevenson was among the first Methodist preachers to plant the Church in Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. In 1817 he with others organized a society at Jonesboro, in Red River County. In 1818 he made an extensive trip through Texas, going as far west as the Brazos River. He spent his long and useful life in spreading the glad tidings of salvation on the frontier of the great West. The hard trials endured, the sufferings he encountered and the triumphs achieved will never be known in this world. As we look upon the stately churches and refined congregations of this day who gather to hear sometimes a substitute for the gospel that brought conviction for and salvation from sin as preached in the

days of our fathers, I fear we do not rightly estimate the value of these buried heroes of the past, who went from place to place without earthly compensation, like our blessed Savior, seeking to save the lost in the wilds of Texas. I was at one time the pastor of Rev. James P. Stevenson. He often assisted me in revival meetings, and I spent much time in his home. He married a Miss Roberts, in San Augustine County, in 1835; located and lived a very quiet and retired life. He died a few years ago in Hood County. These statements I heard from his own lips.

PIONEERS OF TEXAS METHODISM.

When we first came to Texas we settled in San Felipe, Austin County. It was the capital of Texas before the war and was burned in 1836 on the approach of the Mexican army. It was situated on the Brazos River, about four miles east of the present town of Sealy, on the Santa Fe Railroad. Twenty-eight miles west was the town of Columbus, and for over twenty miles there was not a residence, though hundreds of deer and cattle covered the prairies. Houston was fifty miles away, and there were but four or five houses between the two places. From the fact that the capital was located in Houston, in 1837 quite a city was laid out, and with the rush of emigration we joined in 1841, hoping with many others to succeed financially. At this time Houston had a population of 5000, being the largest town in the Republic, with San Antonio next in size. Houston was situated at the junction of Buffalo and White Oak Bayous, and was truly the head of navigation. Boats coming to Houston could only turn round by running the bow of the boat up one bayou and pulling the stern up the other, then pulling the bow back again, thus turning it in the desired direction. The point or land between the two bayous was excavated to facilitate the turning of boats. Vessels navigating the bayou followed the tortuous stream, not over forty or fifty feet wide in some places at that time. The overhanging trees raked the upper decks from bow to stern; but with these obstructions it was a pleasant trip, and the only connection with Galveston and deep water. A large business was carried on in this way for many years, both passenger and freight, before the two cities were connected by rail.

In the meantime the bayou was dredged and obstructions removed.

attended because they had been raised to do so, and others from various motives.

Rev. Thos. O. Summers came to Texas in 1840 as one of the preachers to organize a conference in Texas. Houston and Galveston were his first fields of labor in Texas. His sermons were highly interesting and instructive. The usual length from thirty to forty minutes. He was an Englishman by birth and of fine education. When he left Texas he joined the Alabama Conference, and was Secretary of the convention at Louisville, Ky., in 1845, that laid the foundation for the organization of the Methodist Church, South. He is identified with the history of the Church, a strong man and an able writer.

Houston was laid out in 1837 by the brothers John K. and A. C. Allen, and at an early day they donated to the several denominations a lot each for Church purposes. As early as 1842 or 1843 these Churches—Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and Catholics—began to build, and soon had commodious churches in which to worship.

The Methodists built of brick about the year 1845, which, several years later, collapsed, a part of the walls falling in, I think, within a very short time after the congregation had retired. This event was near the time of the breaking out of the Civil War, and the white congregation worshiped in the colored people's church until the close of the war (1865), when that house was claimed by the colored people and moved to another part of the city. The Methodists then accepted the courtesy of the Lutherans, worshipping in their church until 1866, when a frame building was erected through the efforts of Bro. Charles Shearn, and from that time was known as Shearn Church. It was used for fifteen or twenty years, when it was replaced by a fine brick structure a little removed. That not proving large enough for the growing congregations it was added to and improved, so as to satisfy the need and taste of that people. Having moved from Houston in 1843, and returning in 1866, I don't remember all the pastors nor how they came, but in addition to Bro. Summers I remember Revs. Josiah W. Whipple, Orcenith Fisher and a popular and talented young preacher died of yellow fever about 1845. In the early days of Methodism she had some hard struggles, but was backed by some faithful laymen; the most prominent was Bro. Shearn, a faithful, old-fashioned Wesleyan, English by birth, and was loved and honored by every one. Bro. Alexander Me-

went to California, remaining about twenty years, and died not very long after his return to Texas.

Houston has been favored with many talented preachers. After the forties there were Gillespie, Carnes, Phillips, Kavanaugh, Archer, Cravens. Bro. Reese, an eloquent Welshman, died with yellow fever in 1867.

Just after Bro. Littlepage came Rev. R. T. Nabors, who served the Church from 1874 to 1878. He was a young man of fine attainments, lovely in character and disposition, and his sermons were gems of oratory and power. He was transferred from Texas to Alabama, and later was appointed Chaplain of Vanderbilt University, where he passed to his reward, beloved and lamented by all who knew him.

S. S. MUNGER.

LEAVES OF LIFE. CHAPTER XV.

I went and hunted up Bro. Porter, and told him he might attend to that matter which he had spoken to me about. In those days the preachers in charge gave license to exhort. Not long after this Bro. Hatten came to see us, handed me the license and remarked pleasantly: "I want you to go to work." It was a new world of work to me. I knew not what to say, and so said nothing. But the call to preach caused me many a hard struggle at the throne of grace; and sometimes the agony would almost overwhelm me. My mother and sisters were on my hands for support, and the management of affairs at home. They could not live there without me. The home would be broken up if I left and went off to preach. Besides this, I had no education scarcely at all; had only been to school about five months in my life, and that was scattered through three sessions. It seemed to me that I did not have sense enough to preach. Others could do it easily, and it was a pleasant as well as a great work for them, as I saw it! but how could I in my mental weakness and literary ignorance preach the gospel of Christ? But the more I tried to reason out of the matter, and get rid of the impression, the deeper it was settled and seated in my heart. I could hear the words of Jesus: "Goye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned." And it would seem as if he were speaking personally and separately to me. Yes, it was a direct speaking of the Holy Spirit to my heart. And then the same idea would come up in the language of one



State House, Indianapolis—A mammoth tent with capacity of 7500 will be located on the State House grounds.

The population of Houston was made up of all classes and races of people—a real cosmopolitan city. The ruling passion was for money-making, and but little thought of religion; hence the great need was the preaching of the gospel of Christ. Many of the old citizens I then knew have passed away, but they and many incidents connected with them will ever remain impressed upon my mind.

There was not a church building in the city and no denomination had a pastor. There was a Methodist minister, Dr. Thos. O. Summers, and a Baptist, Rev. Mr. Huckins, that alternated between Houston and Galveston, giving to each a Sunday. In Houston both used the old capital building for religious services, and while there was a limited number of Church members, yet the congregations were good. Some-

Gowan was a good second to him.

Houston has seven or eight churches (Methodist), each with a good pastor at the present time. In January, 1846, the conference met in Houston, with the honored and beloved Bishop Soule presiding. I shall never forget the occasion! It was an inspiration to me. I had just a few weeks previously been converted and joined the Church. Bro. Whipple was then the pastor—a zealous, warm-hearted camp-meeting preacher. He seemed to understand the human heart and man's temptations and impressed his hearers that he meant them in his earnest, direct discourses. He also was a prominent factor in Texas Methodism. Rev. O. Fisher possessed great pulpit power and was a good theologian. He deeply impressed his congregations. About the time of the gold excitement he

of our theological poets:

"Go preach my gospel, saith the Lord;
Bid the whole earth my grace receive;
He shall be saved who trusts my word;
He shall be damned who won't believe."

About this time my health broke down, and I missed making a crop that year. I thought it was a judgment sent on me for not going to preaching as soon as the good Lord heard me.

R. M. LEATON.

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SECULAR NEWS

Moody, Texas, was visited by fire May 4. Estimated loss about \$30,000, insurance total \$12,350.

Charles Little was hanged at Greenville on the 4th for the murder of L. B. Stonelpher on last November.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Kellogg, an American Presbyterian missionary, was killed on May 4, by falling over a precipice while in the Himalayas.

From February 4 to April 28 there were 138 Americans killed and 1,111 wounded in the Philippines.

Lieutenant Gilmore, U. S. N., and the fourteen men captured with him, are alive and well, according to late reports.

Hon. Geo. W. Finger, Land Commissioner, died at Marlin last Friday, and the remains were interred at Arlington, Texas, on Saturday, May 6.

Strikers in Idaho mines blew up two mills at Wardner, killing one man, wounding several, and destroying \$250,000 worth of property. They threaten to destroy every mine where non-union miners are employed. Troops are in readiness to meet the disturbance if the local authorities require their services.

According to a statement made at London to the correspondent of the Associated Press on May 5 by the Secretary of the Wireless Telegraph Company, the first attempt to transmit Atlantic messages by the Marconi system will be made during the contests for the America's cup. Stations will be established at Sandy Hook and elsewhere along the coast laid out for the great yacht race from which the entire contest will be visible. Messages recording the progress of the races will be transmitted from these stations to a point on the Irish coast in the neighborhood of Waterford. The Secretary of the Wireless Telegraph Company added that Sir Thos. Lipton and the authorities of the United States and Great Britain had been notified of the project and that all had expressed themselves as being intensely interested.

Detailed reports of the work of Major Gen. Lawton's expedition shows that harder fighting took place during the early part of this week than the earlier accounts indicate. In his attack upon San Rafael the American forces met with a heavy fire from a large number of rebels who were concealed in the jungles on all sides. It was only the adoption of the tactics followed in Indian fighting in the United States, "every man for himself," that saved the division from a great loss. Gen. Lawton, as usual, was at the head of his line with his staff. Scott's battery demolished the stone-fronted trench at a short range. The insurgent leaders, Gregorio and Fidel Pilar, who had men at Baling, retreated when Lawton approached the town. Chief of Scouts Young, with eleven men, entered Baling ahead of the army and rang the church bell to announce that they had possession of the city. Gen. Lawton, when attacking a force outside of Baling saw women and children in the rebel trenches, and sent Capt. Case in advance with a white flag to warn the insurgents to remove the non-combatants. When within 500 yards of the trenches two volleys were fired at Capt. Case's party.

There are 2000 Spanish prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos at San Miguel. They are served five cents worth of rice daily and are compelled to work hard on the rebel defenses. Several hundred of the Filipino wounded are at San Miguel. The insurgents are sending their women and children to the Biancanabato mountains. A Bolo chief and 100 men were captured at Baling. Gen. Lawton has released many of his prisoners.

Aguinaldo, the Philippine insurgent leader, says that he will fight on unless he can obtain peace "with dignity."

At Bertram, Texas, on May 2, a horse ran away with young Dr. Charles Humphreys, causing injuries from which he died the next day.

Smallpox made its appearance in Dallas in January, and there have been about seventy cases in all, but the disease is now practically stamped out.

A beautiful granite monument erected to the memory of Kentuckians who wore both the blue and the gray was unveiled at Chickamauga Park on the 3d inst., with imposing ceremonies.

Within six years recently there have been upward of 32,000 whiskey homicides in the United States; within ten years, between 1886 and 1896, upward of 53,000.

Thomas W. Shackelford, sentenced to be hanged at St. Louis on the 4th for the murder of a man named Taylor, was given a respite of thirty days by Gov. Stephens. This action was taken because Nettie Taylor filed an affidavit with the Governor, confessing that she and not Shackelford was guilty of the murder of her husband. She asked that Shackelford be pardoned. The Taylor woman was tried and acquitted of the charge of murdering her husband. All are negroes.

Up to May 3 there had been shipped from Tyler, Texas, for the northern and western markets three solid carloads of strawberries. The berries were carefully packed in refrigerator cars and sent by passenger schedule to insure their reaching points of destination

in good order. Two more cars will leave this week, one on Thursday, the other on Saturday. Lindale, fourteen miles north of here, has also shipped one carload and will ship others before the season is out. Shippers inform the reporter that they net from \$2.75 to \$3 per crate on them.

Rev. Dr. Samuel P. Kellogg, one of the best known theologians in the country, died suddenly May 2, at Landour, India, where, with two other eminent scholars, he was engaged in translating the Scriptures into the Hindoostan language.

The people of Waco are becoming quite enthusiastic over the question of the navigation of the Brazos River. Mr. J. A. Richardson, who is much interested in the subject, says that the cost of making the Brazos River navigable for steam barges from Waco to Velasco need not exceed \$2,000,000. He thinks that storage lakes for storm water should be made as a means of controlling the river during the freshets and instituting a system of irrigation. He says: "I regard irrigation as still more important, especially with regard to the Brazos River. Sixteen quarts of Brazos River water taken out during a flood and evaporated will yield one pound of solid fertilizing matter. When such water is turned on land the result is simply wonderful. Col. Fordyce once told me that he believed it would pay to haul Brazos River flood water in tank cars 1000 miles for irrigating and at the same time fertilizing gardens. The overflowing of the river, which was once as regular an annual occurrence as is the rise once a year in the Nile, has made a narrow strip of the Brazos valley surpassingly rich. When the river, by scientific engineering, is put under absolute control its surplus wa-

ter will irrigate an area large as the State of South Carolina, and the value of land in the irrigable district will be enhanced beyond computation."

WEATHERFORD COLLEGE.

Our commencement is rapidly approaching and we hope to have one of the most pleasant and interesting commencements in the history of the college. We have never had a better student body than we have had the past year.

Weatherford College is well officered. Prof. David S. Switzer, the President, is a man of wide experience, and a man of intense religion. He is an alumnus of the University of Mississippi, and a disciple of the lamented Dr. Garland. Prof. Switzer loves his work and is very enthusiastic over every thing that pertains to Weatherford College. He certainly knows how to rear a family, for his family is one of the most consecrated ones that I have ever known, and they are among the best workers in our Church here.

Dr. Crow, the professor of Latin and modern languages, in my judgment, has no superior as a scholar in the State. He took his Ph.D. at Goettingen, and his work, "Malden and Brunenburg," has the recognition of the scholarship of this country. The Doctor's book shows the widest culture. Prof. Poston has a thorough knowledge of his chair and fills it with great acceptability. He has a good working laboratory and the best facilities for teaching astronomy, as the college has the largest telescope in the State. This Professor turns upon the heavens and shows his classes those great orbs as they float in the immensity of space, "forever singing as they shine the hand that made us is divine."

The music department, under the management of Mrs. Switzer, is all that could be wished, and it goes without the saying that Mrs. Switzer is one of the most accomplished and inspirational teachers of music in the State. Any person wanting a thorough training in music need not pass by Weatherford College to get it. We are glad to know that so many people throughout this part of Texas are recognizing the fact that Weatherford College has a department of music inferior to none in all the country. The college has had during the year one of the best Bible classes that we have ever known. The method of teaching this Bible class has been by recitations and lectures. There will be given at commencement one hundred dollars in cash to the student who gets the highest grade in the Biblical department. Nearly sixty young men and

young ladies have been studying in the Biblical department during the past year.

We have had during the year the pleasure of a visit from Dr. Halsted, of the University of Texas. The Doctor visited our recitation rooms and knows what a college should be and he knows one when he sees it, and having come and seen us, he has this to say of us: "I desire to express my sincere conviction of the high worth and efficiency of Weatherford College, the attainments of the faculty and the eminent success of the work of instruction, as well as the high and elevated tone of the institution. I desire that I may be on record as highly favoring the recognition of Weatherford College as a first-class college and its admission to all privileges attainable by such recognition." We wish to say to all young men and young ladies who desire a first-class collegiate education not to pass by Weatherford College.

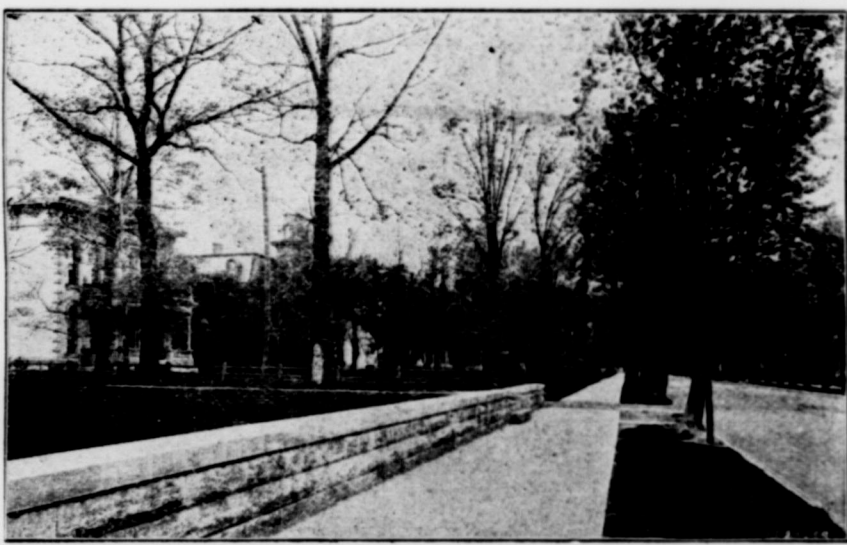
Bro. Knickerbocker has been conducting a most glorious revival in the First Church of Weatherford, and there have been up to date over one hundred conversions, and the good work is still going on. Weatherford College has been greatly blessed by the meeting, as a great number of the young men and young ladies have been converted and have connected themselves with the Church. Pray for us that we may make Weatherford College a great power for God, for this is our end and aim.

S. E. BURKHEAD,
Weatherford, Texas, May 6, 1899.

LETTER FROM MEXICO.

Perhaps you and some of your readers would like to see a line from this far-off country. Hence I write to say I left my home in Georgetown, Texas, the 12th of last September and have not been with my family since—a long time to be away from home and loved ones; worse than a presiding elder's district; equal to a Bishop in a foreign land. We get the Advocate regularly when about twelve to fifteen days old, but it is fresh to us, and how we enjoy its visits no one knows. Can you keep up the ratio of improvement in the future that you have made in the past? If so, what will the Advocate be in another year or two? It is grand now!

This is an isolated country—cut off from the more intelligent portion of the Republic by Sierra Madre Mountains—bordering on the West Gulf coast of California. The customs of the people are much the same as they were three hundred years ago.



North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

They plow with a forked stick with one handle, oxen with yoke lashed to their horns. They carry their freight on mules and burros.

I was at a burial not long ago. A little child and an old man were wrapped up and put in the grave without coffins. Their friends made crosses on their persons, sang a song, threw the dirt in, then got in and tramped and beat it down with big rocks as they filled up the grave—like we stamp a gate post. This looked cruel. My daughter, Mrs. Olive, was with me. She does not want to see any more of this custom.

This is a great mining country, and nothing holds it back but being so isolated, without railroads. Well, you know now why I am here. Nothing but the hope of a gold mine would keep me from my family. I am working our mine day and night, with good success.

I have been Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Southwestern University twenty years; missed only one commencement and annual meeting of our board during that time. I am arranging now to start home; will take boat at Agiacampo the 9th of May for Guaymas; then railroad to Nogales, Arizona, Benson, El Paso, San Antonio, and home; so I will be at commencement if no mishaps.

Where is our little Bro. Sinex? I search the Advocate for his successes. He is small in stature, but has some big ways about him in hard work for the new building. Hope he will succeed; and if the Church gets religion this year, I know he will succeed and the grand building be finished.

D. H. SNYDER,
Santiago Mine, Sinaloa, Mexico, April 23.

How They Were Routed.

Joplin, Texas, May 4, 1899.—Hugh McClellan, of this place, was seriously afflicted with chills and used the ordinary remedies without permanent relief. The chills kept returning in spite of medicines. Finally he began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which completely routed the chills, and they have never returned. He says he thinks Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine there is.

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To those kind, loving and most considerate friends, whoever they are, I beg here that you will one and all accept my most grateful thanks for that large, magnificent cook-stove, with all its nice equipments. May God's richest blessings rest on them for all such noble deeds is the sincere wish and prayer of myself and children.

MRS. R. H. SIMPSON,
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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

OZONA.

J. W. Gibbens, May 2: The second Quarterly Conference for Ozona and Sonora was held in Ozona, April 22-23. Bro. Lee, our presiding elder, was present and preached to the edification of believers and conviction of sinners, there being quite a number who bowed for prayer, and the entire membership present pledged to seek a higher life. Finances were medium. Bro. Lee did some good work out of the pulpit as he did in it, and the good results are visible. Have not held any protracted meetings yet, but are working and planning for success.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

EDOM CIRCUIT.

C. W. Graham, May 1: Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Tunnells Chapel, April 29-30. Our beloved presiding elder, Bro. John Adams, was with us, and preached us three excellent sermons. This is his last year with us. We are glad to see the interest which is taken in our Sunday-school. It is improving in interest and attendance. We hope for better times in the near future.

LEGGETT.

E. H. Lovejoy, May 2: This is the first charge I have had the pleasure of serving, and am delighted with the work, and have no desire to go back to the profession which I left to become a servant of Christ. I have the pleasure of serving a good people and God has wonderfully blessed me in trying to serve them. I have organized three Sunday-schools, one of which has only women and girls to instruct and teach the children, and to their credit I must say it is the most spirited of any of them. Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Darby, April 22-23, with but a few of the official members on account of a change to an earlier date than was at first announced, and the inclemency of the weather. Bro. Milam, our presiding elder, was on hand and preached three very interesting sermons, and I went with him to Camden, to Bro. Bailey's Quarterly Conference, and a protracted meeting at that place. There I had the pleasure of hearing many good sermons and got my pocket full of rocks to throw at Goliath, and thence with our beloved presiding elder to Livingston, to Bro. Perry's Quarterly Conference, where we had another spiritual feast.

KELLYVILLE CIRCUIT.

W. W. Goldilugh, May 2: Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Miss Chapel, April 29 and 30. Bro. Fowler, our presiding elder, was with us, preaching and presiding to the satisfaction of all present. Oh, how much good it does to a boy preacher to have a good presiding elder, who comes as a father, after we have had three months of hard work and sometimes are threadbare, physically, financially, and spiritually! But when this grace of God, the Quarterly Conference, is over, we are left standing on our feet refreshed, encouraged and determined to live better and to do more work for the Master. This circuit seems to be improving. We now have Sunday-schools at all of the appointments, and we aim to observe Children's Day at each of them. We have reorganized the Epworth League at Kellyville. Our stewards reported this quarter for the support of the preacher, \$82. The parsonage has been repaired, so we now have a good home in which to live while we are serving this people.

BRUSHY CREEK.

J. B. Luker, May 4: Our second Quarterly Conference convened at Pace's Chapel, April 29. Bro. V. A. Galtley, our new and vigorous presiding elder, came to us in the spirit of the Master. The strong tie of confidence and love is binding Bro. Galtley and my people together in a way that is bound to bring success. This is our third year with this people, and we love them more and more. They love and support their pastor, and co-operate with him in every good work. Our finances, both preacher's salary and conference collections, are in advance of any previous year at this date since we came to the charge. Our new parsonage was a great comfort to the preacher's family during the severe cold weather of the past winter. Since conference we have collected funds to put on the finishing touches. We feel that this is going to be a year of great revivals; every indication is favorable to a great spiritual uplift. Our Quarterly Conference recommended Bro. L. B. Elrod, of Brushy Creek, to the District Conference as a suitable person for license to preach, and it made no mistake. I predict for Bro. Elrod's success in the ministry. Our junior preacher, the Advocate is much appreciated by our people that read it. Methodist families that take, read and digest the Advocate never give their pastor any trouble; they will partake of the nature of the literature they read.

CHESTER MISSION.

R. O. Bailey: Well it was the will of God for the good Bishop Galloway to send this preacher back to this charge for a second term. Our second Quarterly Conference has been held; our beloved was with us in his Christlike spirit, and preaching those simple sermons that were full of the Spirit. We have not had the pounding that a great many of the brethren have been writing about, but glad to say that the preacher and his family have not been forgotten. Just closed an eleven days' meeting at Camden. Our presiding elder stayed a few days. We were also assisted by Bros. Lovejoy, of Leggett Mission, and J. M. Perry, of Livingston Circuit. Bro. Perry is a good preacher, and any people should be proud of such a servant of God to be their pastor. We had nine additions on profession of faith. We believe there will be others to follow. Closed last night with a good service. This morning my heart was made glad when Sister Lula Car-

ter handed me two bundles for the dear wife who had stayed at home. These presents consisted of a pair of slippers and dry goods to the amount of \$4.25; and Bro. Carter had just given the preacher a nice three dollar pair of shoes. These things are our pouncing. Bless the Lord! We are made to say, "The lines have fallen in pleasant places with us." All things work together for good to those that love the Lord; and thank God, I love him with all my heart, soul, mind and strength.

TYLER-CEDAR STREET.

C. H. Smith, May 8: Our meeting at Cedar Street Church closed last night, after fifteen days' continuance. The Church was greatly revived and several backsliders reclaimed. Thirty or more professed religion; twenty-six joined the Methodist Church and others will join soon. I think some few will join other Churches. We baptized eight children during the meeting and organized an Epworth League yesterday of thirty-five members. We invited penitents to the altar in the old style, and prayed with and for them, and we emphasized genuine, old-fashion religion—the knowledge of being pardoned and the witness of the Spirit. Bros. S. N. Allen, Greathouse, Adams, Booth, Ansley, White and Lackey (Cumberland Presbyterian) all assisted in preaching and some of the Church worked nobly.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

BIG SPRINGS.

C. W. Kimbark, May 3: We have a fine Sunday-school of about ninety scholars. E. W. Willis, Superintendent; Theo. Jones, Assistant Superintendent; Jesse Phillips, Treasurer; C. W. Kimbark, Secretary. Bro. Bennett is an excellent pastor. Bro. Willis makes a good Superintendent. We have a fine roll of officers and teachers.

CARBON.

R. J. Tooley, May 4: Our second Quarterly Conference was a decided success; every service was accompanied by the Holy Spirit and the people were made to rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Our presiding elder was at his best and gave us four excellent sermons, which will no doubt bear abundant fruit. Ninety-five dollars and twenty cents were raised on preacher's salary this quarter. Our only regret is that two of our appointments were not represented by our stewards. We are hopeful of good meetings.

EAST CLEBURNE CIRCUIT.

G. E. Sandel, May 1: The second Quarterly Conference for East Cleburne Circuit has just been held. It was a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Brother Bolton, our presiding elder, preached with power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit, and there were many who rejoiced in hope of the glory of God. He has made an impression upon my people for good that will abide, and has come very close to this preacher. After the sermon a collection was taken to remove a debt of \$125 on our parsonage property. Brother Bolton secured \$82.50 in a few minutes, and still the subscriptions come in, having received \$5 more this morning. Truly this is matter for great rejoicing on the part of this people, and the preacher's heart is glad. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

WEATHERFORD.

Hubert D. Knickerbocker, May 8: We closed our great meeting last night. We did not close the revival; we confidently expect that to go on, for seeds of deep conviction are in many hearts. We had great crowds out for three weeks, not to hear an evangelist, but to listen to the pastor. Sometimes the house, seating 600 or 700, could hold the crowds by several hundred. The Church worked. There were shouts and times of great rejoicing, and this in First Church! The conventionalities were laid on the shelf and we acted just like we ought to, in season and out of season. We had a men's meeting of great power; we had an effective meeting on the public square; in fact, we moved heaven and earth to save souls. God greatly blessed us. There were more than fifty hundred conversions, and more than fifty accessions to the Methodist Church; forty-six already received and a number to be received. There will be six or eight accessions to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church also. More than half the converts were men, a number of them heads of families. One stormy night there were only about twenty out; among them was an infidel about forty-eight years old. We selected a text and preached straight at him. He was converted happily and completely. We received him and his whole household and three children into the Church. The Weatherford College and the Cumberland Presbyterian Seminary were swept by the revival fire. God greatly sustained us in the fight. We preached and worked night and day for three weeks and came out fresh at the end. We are thankful for the aid and encouragement given us by the other city pastors. Bros. Hendrickson, Spurlin, Cameron and Burkhead were specially helpful. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

CAMPELLE.

J. T. Rhudworth, May 8: Our parsonage was invaded Saturday night by a large crowd of men, women and children. We surrendered unconditionally. After a short social time, we repaired to the dining-room where we found many nice things to eat and wear. For all of which we are thankful.

SANGER.

Joel S. Graves: Bro. W. A. Stuckey held our second Quarterly Conference in place of Bro. Binkley, who was unavoidably detained. As usual, we had a good conference. The brethren were in fine spirits, and the occasion was a feast throughout. With great tact Bro. Stuckey interested the conference and visitors for half an hour before

the immortal "Sth" was propounded on the subject of "Sunday-schools" and kindred topics. If Bro. Stuckey was not on dress parade last Saturday, making the best show of himself for the time, he is eminently qualified to answer for the preacher at the Annual Conference, whether there is "anything against him." He preached on, "Laying Sin on the Flesh and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost." The word powerful is not at all too strong to apply to these sermons. We reported over \$200 raised during the quarter. The prospects for the work are indeed good; and if we can only manage to "keep in line" we expect to enjoy the full fruition of a solid year's work. I have just returned from the "Cross Timbers," where I went on a mission similar to Bro. Stuckey's here. We had a fine congregation and a good time generally.

MESQUITE.

L. L. Naugle, May 8: We closed our meeting last night, which began the third Sunday in April. It was the finest revival that has ever been in Mesquite, so say many of the old settlers. We counted eighty conversions and reclamations; I believe there were one hundred. Forty-one have joined the Methodist Church, with more to follow. Many will join the other three Churches of our town. Bro. W. H. Brown, of Rosalia, was with us six days, preaching and laboring with great efficiency. I had rather have Brown than any preacher I ever saw. He is a wonder.

GREENWOOD.

J. W. Tinscher, May 6: We are in better condition than when I wrote before. We are about through with measles. We are having some good spiritual meetings; having conversions at our regular monthly meetings. Our second Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. Rev. J. M. Binkley, our presiding elder, could not come, having been exposed to smallpox. Rev. Joel S. Graves came and preached two fine sermons, one at Greenwood and one at Rush Branch. We had a fine congregation, in fact it was remarked by some that it was the best conference they ever attended in the week. We are expecting a great harvest this year.

ALLEN.

L. A. Thomas: We have just held our second quarterly meeting. It convened at Lebanon, the 29th and 30th. Reports on finance, under question 8, \$102.80, against something over \$80 last year. We have dug the well at the parsonage ten feet deeper and found water. Cost \$12.50. The good sisters of Lebanon have furnished matting enough to cover one room, and presented it to the parsonage. Cost \$5. The presiding elder, Rev. I. S. Ashburn, was present from start to finish in his best mood. He preached three grand sermons to the delight and edification of all. It is a fact admitted by everyone who met the beloved that his social faculties are well developed, and that he is a congenial gentleman. No presiding elder looks more fully to all the "interests of the Church" than I. S. Ashburn. He now has in right of way to all hearts here gained by his painstaking kindness.

ANNONA CIRCUIT.

J. P. Rodgers, May 7: Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Douglas, April 29-30; W. D. Montcastle, P. E., in the chair. Bro. Montcastle needs no words of commendation from me, as all know he is prince of presiding elders, never missing a Quarterly Conference; a preacher's friend and brother, always for the right and one of the best preachers in the conference. We had a very pleasant Quarterly Conference; finances very well up for second quarter; all points represented but Shawnee Chapel, which appointment is doing scarcely nothing for support of the ministry. We have improved the church at Annona at a cost of \$125; also are improving parsonage building, buggy shed, cow shed, etc. Most of our appointments are doing well and the prospects are good for a gracious year, for which we are praying and working.

GREAT REVIVAL IN BONHAM.

C. M. Threadgill, May 2: We have had a great revival—the greatest in the history of the Church here. George Stuart was with us two weeks, conducting all the services, and closing last Sunday night on a high tide. The various Churches co-operated, and there was a move altogether for stirring the whole town. From the first Bro. Stuart caught the ear of the public and through rain and mud, wet or dry, they crowded to hear him. And my! how he did preach! No uncertain sound about his trumpet. You are forced to hear, and you hear gladly. He is certainly one workman who needeth not to be ashamed, as Paul exhorted. He impresses you as one of

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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

ANDERSON CIRCUIT.

G. S. Sandel: "There is a sound of abundance of rain." The revival spirit is in the air. The tokens for good are manifest at every religious service. Our second Quarterly Conference for this circuit was held last Tuesday, April 25, and though it was in the week and the busy season of the year, the congregations were large at every service, and deep feeling pervaded the assemblies. Bro. Mickle, the presiding elder, was not well enough to preach, but Bro. Moore, of the Prairie Plains Circuit, did us effective service in the pulpit. There was a fair attendance of the members of the conference and the financial report was encouraging. We are expecting to have services for the children at every appointment during the month of May.

McKEE STREET-HOUSTON.

Joe, E. Green, May 14: We are having good times at McKee Street Church; have really been in a revival all the time since conference. After the preacher's return from the Fort Worth meeting the work received new impetus and we simply move, as it were, a mile a minute. Since making that sort of time everybody seems to want to go with us. Our church is crowded to its utmost capacity and then people are turned away for want of room. We have had forty-four accessions and a general quickening of the Church. Indications are very favorable. We are happy and hopeful. The brethren are taking good care of the preacher, and he in turn is undertaking "to feed the Church of God," supplying them with the "sincere milk of the word" and also with the strong meat of the gospel. Harmony prevails. We are making a strong pull altogether for a new church, which we expect to complete before the summer is ended. We have lately closed a good meeting in which Rev. A. E. Reeder rendered valuable aid. These railroad folk are simply splendid. I am glad I came to Fifth Ward.

CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICE.

To the Pastors and Sunday-school Superintendents of the Northwest Texas Conference:

Will you see to it that a Children's Day service is held in our Sunday-schools during this month? Programs can be had from Barbee & Smith, 236 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, at 75 cents per hundred, and if necessary pay for them out of the collection taken on that day. Take collections and forward to our Treasurer, Rev. C. S. Field, Alvarado, Texas.

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OLD AND YOUNG

"HAPPY LAND."

"Father, do look up, and do speak to me," said a pleading voice.

And a tiny hand was thrust between the big clasped ones on which her father's head was bowed.

He lifted up a white face, and said to his little daughter:

"What is it, darling?"

"I'm so frightened, daddie," she answered. "Do come and sit on the sofa with me. The house is so still, and I can't find mother. I've just come back from auntie's, you know. When I asked nurse where mother was, she told me to ask you. Where is she?"

"She's gone on a long journey," answered her father in a broken voice. "She's gone far away, far away from here, and—"

"Has she gone to 'Happy Land, Far, far away'?" asked his little daughter, eagerly. "to the 'Happy Land' she taught me to sing about?"

"Yes, May, that's where she's gone," said her father, relieved at her suggestion.

"O then, it's all right," answered May, "because Jesus is there. She told me that some day soon she was going, and that you and I must be sure to go there after her. We will, won't we, father?" she said, as she nestled close up to him. "It's so still and sad without her, but I know she did so want to see Jesus. Tell me more about him and 'Happy Land,' please!"

But though he kissed his child very tenderly, Hugh Carroll would say nothing on either subject, for he boasted that he was an infidel.

The solemn fact that he did not know the God his young wife in her long illness had learned to love and serve, came upon him with great force twelve months later. He had gone to South Africa for change of scene and variety, and had set off up country to see an old school-fellow, who, he heard, was at a distant store. On the way he was seized with fever, and suddenly found himself very ill in a lonely place, with only a few Kaffirs about him. Thoughts of his loved wife and child came to him, and he feared that he would never see his little daughter again.

"If I die, shall I go to my wife?" he said to himself. "No, I know nothing about that 'Happy Land' where May loves to picture her."

He grew worse and became delirious, and day and night his cry was: "How can I get to 'Happy Land'?" His Kaffir way to the 'Happy Land.' His Kaffirs, to whom he had been a kind master, did all they could for him, but that question was beyond them. At last he rallied a little, and they determined to take him to a doctor. A bullock-wagon was the only means of conveyance, and the jolting brought on intense pain. Still his cry from half-conscious lips was, "Tell me the way to 'Happy Land.'"

On the second day, the little procession halted for the night on a little plateau. Very soon afterwards, a tall Englishman on horseback, followed by several wagons, arrived at the same place, prepared to spend the night there. He dismounted, and, hearing of the sick man, was soon in the little tent where he lay, and he heard the feverish lips murmuring: "Tell me the way to 'Happy Land.'"

The speaker opened his eyes in surprise as a deep, manly voice said, quietly, "Jesus said, 'I am the Way.'"

Mechanically the invalid repeated the six words; and he did the same thing over and over again during the night. At daybreak the Englishman was again beside him, and saw that the simple remedies he had given him had greatly relieved him.

"I hear," he said, "that you are bound for Pietermaritzburg—so am I; but I am in no hurry. I propose that you rest here a day or two, and then that we travel on together. I can show your Kaffirs how make a kind of hammock in which you can ride much more comfortably."

"Why do you delay your journey and take so much trouble for a stranger?" inquired the sick man.

"Naturally one helps a fellow countryman in distress," answered James Moore, with a smile, "and your delirious questions last night showed me that you are seeking the Savior, and I thank God for the privilege of telling you about him."

"Oh, do," answered the invalid, eagerly. "I am utterly wretched. As I lie here I long to be ready to die, and to join my wife in heaven; but I see the sins of my life spread out before me. I am too sinful to hope to enter what my little daughter calls 'Happy Land.' Besides, I don't know how to get there."

"Listen to God's words about this," said the traveler, as he took a small

Bible from his pocket, and read some such texts as: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15); "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

"Sinners," "lost"—those words just fit me," murmured Hugh Carroll. "And I have thought so much about your words, 'Jesus said, I am the Way.' But can he, will he, receive such a sinner as I am? Will he be 'the Way' to me, and give me the 'eternal life' you speak of, and that my dear wife used to talk about?"

"He said: 'Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out,'" answered James Moore, as he slipped away to leave the invalid to think over God's words, and to pray that the Holy Spirit would speak them with power to his heart.

And abundantly was that prayer answered. Both travelers stayed for several days on the little plateau, and Hugh Carroll's health improved daily. But, best of all, as a little child came to the Savior. One day he said, with a glad smile, to his fellow traveler:

"God has made it all clear to me now. I see that the Lord Jesus is, indeed, 'the Way.' It is him that 'we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.' And he has redeemed and forgiven me."

"Let us praise him together," said his friend. And after prayer both sang the Magnificat, and the sleepy Kaffirs outside heard a deep bass voice and a weak tenor one chanting: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior."

Two months later, in his Master's strength, and in his Master's company, Hugh Carroll returned to England to serve and glorify his new-found Savior.

Let me pass on to you a thought about the Lord Jesus being "the Way." Without the Way, there's no going:

Without the Truth, there's no knowing:

Without the Life, there's no living:

Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth, the Life."

WHAT NOT TO DO.

My Dear Girls:—You are in the midst of one of the most troublesome problems that vex the hearts and brains of young people. I know all about it. A very limited income, a hundred calls, one-third of them unexpected. What ought such a girl to spend on dress?

The simple truth is that it is not so much. "What ought she to spend?" is, "What must she by all means avoid doing?" Let me answer from that point of view.

First and always, avoid debt as she would the plague. "What! Not even borrow a little money of a friend, if there is manifest need?" Yes, I would be as narrow as that, until it came to a question of bread, with the butter omitted. Debt of any sort is capable of becoming a monster forever shadowing his victim. I have known him to stand day and night at the elbow of a tortured soul until the poor brain was all but crazed. For an honorable girl, debt is almost the worst enemy into whose hands she can fall.

Then it follows logically that a girl's tastes and pretty fancies and her sense of the fitness of things must often be crucified in order to escape this and other dangers.

I knew a girl whose taste was naturally so good that inharmonious colors, for instance, were positive torture to her. One winter when times were unusually hard, a friend gave her a green velvet hat, but her one dress for street wear was of a decided blue! "What will you do?" asked a sympathetic friend. "You can't wear them together."

"Yes, I can. I think I should if the hat were trimmed with red and yellow. Mother has lost two nights' sleep trying to plan a hat for me. Her last idea was to do without her flannel underwear, which isn't to be if I go bear-headed!"

After I heard that story I watched the girl with deepened interest. She crucified her taste, and wore the blue dress and green bonnet until at Christmas Santa Claus sent her a lovely dress of olive-green. She has not yet ceased wondering over the fact that it exactly matched the velvet hat!

No, I know things do not always "happen" so well. Never mind; she did not take up her cross and carry it cheerfully because she knew of the green dress, but because she was brave and unselfish. I used that word "brave" thoughtfully. It requires bravery. It is not easy to shut one's eyes to a pretty trifle that is a marvel of cheapness, and would furnish up an old garment wonderfully, because of the rent, or the coal, or the board-bill.

It requires courage to be known as "the girl of one dress." Thoughtless

RAW AS BEEF FROM ECZEMA!

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Not much attention is often paid to the first symptoms of Eczema, but it is not long before the little redness begins to itch and burn. This is but the beginning, and will lead to suffering and torture almost unendurable. It is a common mistake to regard a roughness and redness of the skin as merely a local irritation; it is but an indication of a humor in the blood—of terrible

Eczema—which is more than skin-deep, and can not be reached by local applications of ointments, salves, etc., applied to the surface. The disease itself, the real cause of the trouble, is in the blood, although all suffering is produced through the skin; the only way to reach the disease, therefore, is through the blood.

Mr. Phil T. Jones, of Mixersville, Ind., writes:

"I had Eczema thirty years, and after a great deal of treatment my leg was so raw and sore that it gave me constant pain. It finally broke into a running sore, and began to spread and grow worse. For the past five or six years I have suffered untold agony and had given up all hope of ever being free from the disease, as I have been treated by some of the best physicians and have taken many blood medicines, all in vain. With little faith left I began to take S. S. S., and it apparently made the Eczema worse, but I knew that this was the way the remedy got rid of the poison. Continuing S. S. S., the sore healed up entirely, the skin became clear and smooth, and I was cured perfectly."

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people are so very thoughtless in the use of their tongues; they stab with phrases like these, when they mean nothing.

I well remember one young woman whom I met frequently on the street. She gave me the impression of being remarkably well dressed. Her gown was always black, of a good all-wool quality, carefully made and entirely free from "spots." As I came to know her better, I discovered that the girl wore always that one dress. At Church or prayer-meeting, out shopping for others, out walking with the children who were in her charge, it was forever the neat black dress.

The time came when I knew her well enough to ask questions.

"I buy one good dress," she told me, "and wear it whenever I need to be what I call 'dressed up.' At other times I wear six-cent print dresses that are made so as to be easily laundered. As soon as possible I take off my good dress, brush it thoroughly, and hang it in a way to keep its shape. Then I watch for thin places, and darn them with a thread of the goods before they become holes. In this way I keep my one dress respectable for a long time."

When I questioned why the dresses were always black, the wearer said she felt less conspicuous in black. There is a hint in this suggestion, not always for black, but for quiet colors. Many with limited purses blunder here. A showy garment is chosen, that gives pleasure for a time, and becomes glaringly, then painfully, conspicuous as the months pass. It is worth the while, merely for economy's sake, to cultivate tastes.—Pansy, in Christian Endeavor World.

ONLY A COG IN THE WHEEL.

The machinery had come to a standstill throughout the mill. Instead of the steady whirl of the wheels, the swiftly-moving shafts, and the click of belts, all was silent. Each workman raised from his bending posture, and wondered what was wrong. It was not dinner time; the hands of the clock showed that. Work was not lacking; many orders were on the files at the office. Machinists were not wanting; everyone was at his post.

What then was the trouble? The foreman hastened down to the engine-room.

"What's wrong, Joe?"

"Only a broken cog, sir. I heard a strange sound all at once; then there was a hitch as the wheel went round, and I saw that we must stop. It will take an hour to repair the damage. A new wheel must be put on."

An hour, during which all in the shop must wait. An hour's delay in filling the important orders on hand. Some one would be disappointed in not receiving the work that had been

promised him on time. All because a cog had been broken.

An old man was sweeping the steps of a state building.

"Do you not get tired of this sweeping, day after day?"

"Why, no. Some one must do it. Why not I?"

He was a cog in the machinery.

In a great steel foundry it was the duty of one man to watch the seething kettle of red-hot metal, and as the dross rose to the top, to skim it quickly away. Nothing else. And yet the value of that metal depended upon the fidelity with which this man did his work. Pure steel must contain no dross.

A railway train runs into the depot. Hardly has it come to a standstill when the sharp clang of the hammer is heard striking one after another of the wheels under each car. If the ring is clear and unmistakable, the trained workman knows that all is right. On the other hand, if the sound be dull and cracked, he is sure that here is a broken wheel. It is his duty to report the fact at once. Life depends upon the manner in which he strikes those wheels.

Call such a life narrow, dwarfed, and weak? Ever blessed of God is the work of every man, in every place, who does his simple duty.

"Only a cog in the wheel." What would the wheels be without these cogs?

It does not follow that simple duty unmans him who performs it. The consciousness that one has discharged the task assigned to him with all the faithfulness in his power brings a sense of most blessed peace. A man may sweep the street crossing like a king. He may move the ashes from your kitchen with a heart as pure as that of the most saintly priest before the altar. "God looketh on the heart."—Edgar L. Vincent, in Our Young People.

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"MAKE ME REAL."

A Christian boy was praying. His petition consisted of one sentence, and became so importunate that it was readily overheard. The prayer, repeated over and over again, was: "O God, make me real! O God, make me real!"

An appropriate prayer in these days of insincerity and deceit and falsehood. Politics and commercial life and social intercourse are full of lies. Yes, and the same may be said of much of church life. Veneer is used in wholesale ways. People are not what they seem to be. Profession points one way, and practice another. Sunday has one kind of religion, and week days another. A revival of genuineness is a crying need. O God, make us real.—The Sunday Companion.

IS IT READY?

Some day we are to go forth in our spiritual responsibility to meet the demands of our spiritual existence. The soul buried under the cares of life, thrills when it hears such tidings as that. Is it ready—is it any way getting ready—for such resurrection? See how the whole evangelical experience starts with such an intelligence! The soul brought face to face with its destiny feels its utter unfitness for it. Sin and stain are on its garments. It must have some deliverer. It must find its Deliverer there whither it is going, in that spiritual world for which it feels its unfitness, for which it must be fit. It cries out for Christ. Christ comes, and the mysterious work of pardon and regeneration passes between him and the soul; and then the soul, with a spiritual immortality now set clearly before it, goes to work to struggle with itself, to conquer down its yet remaining sin, to win Christ perfectly, to be good, pure and holy.—Bishop Phillips Brooks.

THE LOVING SPIRIT.

The Holy Ghost, a loving Spirit, would win man an alien back to God. Divine love is manifest in the breath of life given by the Holy Spirit in the restoration of life out of death, made possible through Jesus Christ. It leads us back to our Father's house, the door of which is held open by Christ's pierced hand. It has over us a special and constant care, so that we can not hide from God's presence. It is a comforter in sorrow, in dark providences when sense and reason can not clear up our skies, and we think all things are against us. This love stays the foot of the backslider upon the Rock Jesus Christ. Beyond unfilled graves on the dark mountains of sin, the Spirit of love leads us into the land of uprightness. He gives direction as we go forth into the unknown, out of nature's darkness into his marvelous light. He leads through the shadows of death, and shows us that they are, indeed, by shadows, the veils of the glory into which we are to enter.—The Presbyterian.

GOD GIVETH THE INCREASE.

Faithful preachers of the gospel of the grace of God can not possibly know the great things effected through their ministry. A single sermon may accomplish a revolution in life of a hearer through which blessing will accrue to countless generations. Possibly Dr. Lyman Beecher finished his pulpit work that Sunday morning with a feeling of discouragement. Certainly he did not of himself know that a deathless spirit, listening to his words, had been quickened into life, and had received the spirit of the glorified Savior into her heart.

Apart from the joyous fact that it was his own precious child who announced her surrender to Jesus, it must have been a wondrous satisfaction to the servant of God to be informed that his sermon had borne fruit in the conversion of a soul, although he may have had no thought of the grand work the new disciple should be the instrument of accomplishing in the world. In "Life and Letters" we have another striking illustration of what the conversion of a girl may mean to the Church and to the world.

"I met at Dayton," says Mrs. Stowe, "a woman who now has grandchildren, but who, when I first came West, was a gay, rattling girl. She was one of the first converts of my brother George's seemingly obscure ministry in the little new town of Chillicothe. Now she has one son who is a Judge of the Supreme Court and another in prosperous business. Both she and they are Christians of the primitive sort, whose religion is their all; 'glory in tribulation,' knowing that it 'worketh patience.' She told me, with a

bright, sweet calm, of her husband killed in battle the first year of the war, of her only daughter and two grandchildren dying in the faith, and of her own happy waiting on God's will in hope of a joyful reunion. Her sons are leading members of the Presbyterian Church, and active in stirring up others to make the Christian profession a reality. When I thought that all this came from the conversion of one giddy girl, when George seemed to be doing so little, I said: 'Who can measure the work of a faithful minister?'—Indian Witness.

"THINE INNER CHAMBER."

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber, and having shut thy door, pray to thy Father, which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall recompense thee" (Matt. 6:6).

There are too few who have an "inner chamber;" consequently no "open reward." This simple, yet strongly imperative instruction from the Great Teacher should be carefully heeded by every Christian.

Notice, "thine inner chamber." Shut in from the world, undisturbed, quiet. It belongs to you, be it at home or abroad. A selected place, a sacred spot, because you talk face to face with "thy Father." Shut in with God! What infinite and loving condescension on the part of God; what an exalted privilege given to his children!

"Thy door." Closed against all intruders. Entire separation from all around us. Just "thou" and "thy Father" alone. Dwelling in the secret place, listening to the secret things a loving Father has to tell his inquiring, obedient child. How many hearts would cease aching, how many lives become "all sunshine," if the "inner chamber" was only resorted to daily!

"Thy Father shall recompense thee." A definite promise, an assured blessing. "He is a rewarder of them who diligently seek him." Glory! Much secret prayer means a holy life; yea, a "life hid with Christ in God;" more, it means a fruitful life, and many gathered sheaves from the harvest-field of the world.

Christian friend, establish "thine inner chamber," speak with "thy Father" often; tell him your needs, for he has promised to supply thine, yes, every one, "according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."—C. E. Cornell, in Pittsburg Advocate.

"ACCORDING TO THY DAY."

In a peculiar manner the Christian may be fortified for what he is called upon to endure. The consciousness of reserve power is in itself a source of confidence and strength. Sailors do not fear the storm very much so long as their vessel is staunch and there are strong anchors and reliable cables on board; so the Christian enters upon the duties and responsibilities of a new day with confidence because he knows where there are unfailing resources upon which he can draw. God's promise of daily strength is like a sure anchor, which holds even in the most terrific tempests of life. That anchor never fails; that cable never parts.

The Christian must not expect exemption from the cares, burdens and disappointments of this life. They will come, and may come like an avalanche. "Many," said the Psalmist, "are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." And the way of deliverance is frequently through the acceptance of the strength which he gives to meet the daily need. In view of these things the child of God should take courage, and bear with patience whatsoever burden may be placed upon his shoulders. Bear the burden just for to-day, and let the strength which God imparts help you to bear it. Deliverance may come to-morrow. Be patient and be hopeful.—Christian Advocate.

HIDDEN JEWELS.

There is no danger that in that day anyone will be overlooked or forgotten who has been a true follower of Christ. The obscurest Christian, hidden away in the lowliest or most neglected spot, will not be passed by by the angels when they come to gather in Christ's little ones. On nearly every battlefield where the slain are buried there are many graves marked only by the sad word "unknown." They could not be identified; not even their names are known. But if, among these, there are

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any who belong to Christ, the angels will not fail to find them and bring them. Some years ago a ship went down on the British coast and all on board perished. None of the bodies of those who had been lost were found save the body of an infant, which was washed ashore among the wreckage.

The kindly people of the village who picked it up buried the body, and, having no clue to its name, put on the little stone simply, "God knows." When the angels come, they will know whose body it is and will not overlook it.

It will make no difference, either, that many have died long before Christ comes. They will miss nothing. They will be called up from their graves in time to witness all the glory and share

in all the triumph. St. Paul tells us that we should not sorrow for the Christian dead as those who have no hope, for that "them also that have fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him * * * and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." There is only one thing that we need to concern ourselves about—that we are indeed of those who have accepted Christ and have been faithful to him in this life. It will not matter in that day whether

we have been rich or poor, famous among men or unknown and overlooked; the only determining element in life will be, whether or not we have belonged to Christ.—Helpful Thoughts.

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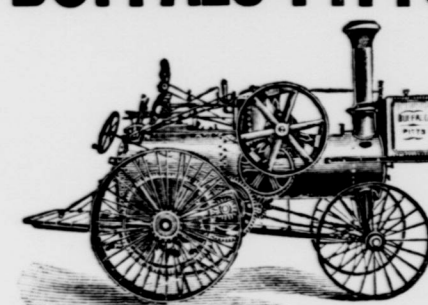
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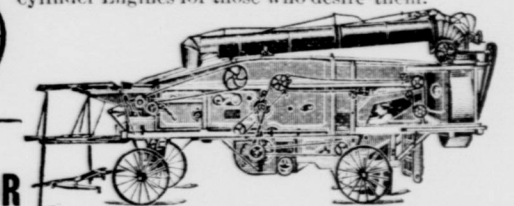
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PLAN OF EPISCOPAL VISITATION, 1899.

First District—Bishop Wilson.
Conference. Date.
Japan Mission, East OsakaSept. 24.
Korean Mission, SeoulSept. 26.
China Mission, SochowOct. 19.
Western Virginia, Ashland, Ky.Sept. 6.
Houston, Bluefield, W. Va.Oct. 11.
Virginia, Petersburg, Va.Nov. 15.
South Georgia, Dublin, Ga.Dec. 6.

Second District—Bishop Granbery.
Denver, Durango, Colo.Aug. 10.
Western, Elk City, Kans.Aug. 17.
Missouri, Fayette, Mo.Aug. 29.
St. Louis, Bonne Terre, Mo.Sept. 13.
Southwest Missouri, Neosho, Mo.Sept. 20.

Third District—Bishop Hargrove.
West Texas, San Marcos, Tex.Nov. 1.
Northwest Texas, Cleburne, Tex.Nov. 9.
North Texas, Honey Grove, Tex.Nov. 12.
Texas, Marble, Tex.Dec. 7.
East Texas, Timpson, Tex.Dec. 17.

Fourth District—Bishop Duncan.
Montana, Boulder, Mont.Aug. 23.
East Columbia, Bonanza, Oregon, Sept. 7.
Columbia, Myrtle Creek, Ore.Sept. 21.
Los Angeles, Redlands, Cal.Oct. 12.
Pacific Oakland, Cal.Oct. 23.

Fifth District—Bishop Galloway.
Tennessee, Columbia, Tenn.Oct. 18.
Arkansas, Springdale, Ark.Nov. 15.
Little Rock, Fordyce, Ark.Nov. 22.
White River, Searcy, Ark.Nov. 29.
Louisiana, Monroe, La.Dec. 6.

Sixth District—Bishop Hendrix.
Brazil Mission, Petropolis, Brazil, July 27.
North Georgia, Lagrange, Ga.Nov. 29.
North Carolina, Washington, N. C.Dec. 6.

Seventh District—Bishop Key.
Kentucky, Carlisle, Ky.Aug. 29.
Louisville, Glasgow, Ky.Sept. 6.
Indian Mission, S. McAlester, E. T.Nov. 1.
W. North Carolina, Concord, N. C.Nov. 27.
South Carolina, Orangeburg, S. C.Dec. 6.

Eighth District—Bishop Fitzgerald.
Illinois, Clay City, Ill.Sept. 13.
Memphis, Brownsville, Tenn.Nov. 15.
Mississippi, Vicksburg, Miss.Dec. 12.

Ninth District—Bishop Candler.
North Alabama, Birmingham, Ala.Nov. 29.
North Mississippi, Greenwood, Miss.Nov. 29.
Alabama, Mobile, Ala.Dec. 6.
Florida, Monticello Fla.Dec. 12.
Baltimore, Washington, D. C.April 1, 1900.

Tenth District—Bishop Morrison.
New Mexico, Albuquerque N. M.Sept. 28.
S. W. Mexican Mts., Durango, Mex.Oct. 11.
Central Mexican Mts., City of Mexico, Oct. 23.
Mexican Border Mts., Laredo, Tex.Nov. 2.
German Mission, Grassville, Tex.Nov. 9.

During the absence of the editor the present, takes the responsibility of inserting the following extract from the Nashville Banner of May 2:

This week is always a great occasion with Methodists, made so by the meeting of the connectional boards at the Methodist Publishing House. Preachers and laymen from all parts of the South usually come to look on and mingle with the brethren from other conferences. Among those in attendance this week is Dr. George C. Rankin, of Dallas, Texas. Dr. Rankin is a Tennesseean and was formerly pastor of Centenary Church at Chattanooga. His name is a household word in East Tennessee. For several years past he has been in Texas, where he ranks as one of the leading men of the five conferences. Last fall he was elected editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, and under his management it has become the most influential conference organ in the Church. It stands for connectionalism and conservatism, and illustrates and magnifies Methodism. Dr. Rankin will be here several days and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dibrell.

We publish this week some views of Indianapolis, Ind., which will no doubt be of interest to those who will attend the session of the International Epworth League Conference which assembles in that city July 20, next.

FROM NASHVILLE.

This is Thursday night and the day has been one of much interest to Texas. It marked the meeting of the committee to fix the place for holding the next session of the General Conference. A number of places applied for this privilege. Among the list were Atlanta, Richmond, St. Louis, Dallas and Houston. There were only four members of the committee present. Rev. A. C. Brown, of Virginia, was absent on account of sickness. Burgher, of Dallas; McCord, of Atlanta; Magruder, of Baltimore; and Dr. Finney, of St. Louis, constituted the number to dispose of this business. Texas had the bulge from the start. Atlanta and Richmond were withdrawn before the balloting began. Rev. Seth Ward and Rev. A. E. Rector, of Houston, represented that city; Dr. McLean and myself represented Dallas. Dr. Finney presented the claims of St. Louis. As against the latter city, all of the Texans were for Texas. They soon did up St. Louis on the ground that she had already had two sessions of the General Conference and Texas none. Then came the tug of war between the two Texas cities. Brothers Ward and Rector made a splendid showing for Houston. They were armed with facts and figures and pictures, until the thing looked a little dubious for North Texas. But we met them at every point, and made a good showing. It was a close contest, but pleasant and good natured, and when Dallas won the brethren submitted gracefully and were glad that Texas had been thus recognized. Had Houston gained the prize, we would have done likewise; and had the next General Conference gone there, it would have met with a great welcome. There is no better city in the State than Houston and, next to Dallas, I was for Houston. All Texas will rejoice that our State is to have this great gathering in her border. It is a recognition of us that is worthy of our highest appreciation. It will be a great event in Texas Methodism and we must all lend our efforts to make it the greatest General Conference in the history of Southern Methodism. Our Bishops and connectional men all wanted Texas to get this session of the General Conference and they are rejoicing with us in our success. G. C. R.

SOME OF THE EDITORS AT NASHVILLE.

A number of our Church editors are in Nashville at this writing, attending the various board meetings. Of course Dr. Boss, of the Nashville Advocate, makes this his home. He is our leading Church editor, and he gave us the right of way to everything in sight. A more genial man would be hard to find; cultured, religious and widely read, he is the peer of any man in American Methodism. By the way, he will bear our fraternal greetings to the next General Conference of the M. E. Church. He is a fit man for such a high and delicate duty.

Rev. W. F. Glenn, of the Wesleyan Advocate, is here, and I had the pleasure of renewing his acquaintance. He is the son of one of the best preachers Georgia ever produced, and he has had good training. He is a man of deep conviction, almost morbidly conscientious, and thoroughly true to what he believes to be right. He is a brotherly man.

Dr. J. O. Wilson, of the Southern Christian Advocate, is a South Carolina gentleman to the manner born. Socially, he is one of the most delightful men I ever met, and he is a gifted editor.

Dr. Hutchinson, late of the Baltimore Advocate, is as bright as a silver dollar, and when he opens his mouth, wit, wisdom and humor pour forth. He was one of the best editors in the fraternity, and ought not to have left the tripod—though I am told he has a worthy successor.

Dr. Urquhart, of the Alabama Advocate, is a new man in journalism, but he knows his business. He is getting along in years, but he is vigorous in mind and body. He is making a good paper.

Dr. Green, of the Midland Methodist, is a warm-hearted man and full of the spirit of fellowship. He has inherited many of the gifts of his great father, Dr. A. L. P. Green, and his work as an editor is making an impression.

Dr. W. B. Palmore, the only Palmore, is here moving among his brethren with the trend of leadership. He really believes that his is the only paper in Southern Methodism, and he is anxious to have it in all of the families of the Church. I met him on two or three occasions, and he looked like he had planted out a fine crop and left it long enough to look after his "avocation" as a preacher and a journalist. We are very good friends, but he did not ask me anything about the prosperity of either my soul or the Texas Christian Advocate. By the way, I am sorry that he got into some trouble in this hub of Methodism. For some time back he has been emptying his ink stand on one E. B. Stahlman, and in a few issues back he referred to him in terms more inelegant than otherwise, such as "liar" and "thief," and as soon as the Doctor set foot in this city, the said Stahlman served notice upon him to appear at the approaching term of the court and answer to a libel suit for \$50,000 damages. It was created a flurry in Methodist circles.

is to be hoped that the Doctor can show that he really did not mean to libel the name of one of the citizens of Tennessee. There was one other little thing in connection with Bro. Palmore which came out in the discussion of the subscription raised last year by our senior Secretary of Missions to pay our mission debt. In publishing to the world the names of the subscribers to this fund, Dr. Palmore's name appeared as having subscribed \$5000. It now turns out that he merely gave this as an annuity at seven per cent, interest to stop at his death. This is not a bad financial scheme. If he lives twenty years longer, a thing not improbable, his gift to the board will have netted him \$7000! This is all right, but the Church ought to have known that it was a loan and not a gift. These banks in Nashville, so I am told by one of the stockholders, are glad to loan the Church money at six per cent. So Dr. Palmore is a good financier, as well as an enterprising editor. G. C. R.

ROUND AND ABOUT THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

Since Sunday I have been taking in the Publishing House. It is located upon the banks of the Cumberland River and it is about 100 feet front by 200 back. In the front it is four stories high, but in the rear it is six stories high. Upon the ground floor are the motors which run the great machinery of the House, and there you find the presses where the publishing is done. On the second floor is where much of the business is carried on. The retail stock is here, and from this is sent out the great order business. Upon the third floor are the offices of some of the departments, such as the Sunday-school Editor and his assistant, the mission room and the office of the book editor. On the fourth floor the type setting is carried on and the proof-reading. Here are job printing machines and four linotype machines. Upon the last floor you find the editor of the Nashville Advocate, the Book Agents and the Secretary of Education. Other offices are on these different floors too numerous to mention. The whole thing is like a bee hive in its industry. Some 200 people are at work under this roof. The business of the House is flourishing. Below I will give a general inventory of the concern, so that our people can see what we have in our great book concern. Read it carefully, and you will get some idea of this great interest:

GENERAL INVENTORY.

ASSETS.	
Real Estate—	
Publishing House building and lot	\$140,000 00
The Plant—	
Machinery and fixtures in engine room	\$ 25,000 00
Machinery and fixtures in press room	55,400 00
Machinery and fixtures in bindery	20,800 00
Type and fixtures in composing room	29,518 43
Machinery in electrotpe foundry	6,200 00
Mail room fixtures and furniture	1,200 00
Machinery in job office	6,187 70
Conveyances, ledger valuation	11,802 15
Engravings, woodcuts, etc.	7,094 15
Safe and office fixtures	6,053 30
Electrotpe and stereotype plates	90,117 50
Total value of plant	\$271,881 25
Merchandise—	
Publications of the House	\$ 26,827 51
Other publications, stationery, etc.	22,613 18
Printed matter stock	9,835 60
Printed sheets in press room and bindery	14,705 17
Material in foundry	1,779 85
Stock in composing room and job office	3,546 46
Stock in mail room and office	2,402 91
Stock in bindery and press room	12,356 55
Unfinished contract work	3,167 37
Publishing House library	2,438 96
Stock in general office	232 47
Total merchandise	\$109,765 41
Notes and Accounts—	
Accounts due the House	\$188,051 20
Notes due the House	340 20
Total notes and accounts	\$189,052 40
Cash—	
Amount in three banks	\$ 25,514 41
Nashville city bonds	150,000 00
Nashville Street Railway bonds	25,000 00
Postage stamps	467 91
Total cash	\$200,986 67
Total assets	\$901,685 29
LIABILITIES.	
Accounts—	
Outstanding bonds	\$ 25 00
Amount on deposit by Sunday School Boards	3,233 42
Overpayments on the part of customers	2,557 91
On deposit	3,389 48
Total liabilities	\$ 9,195 80
Capital as per ledger	\$902,488 31

A VISIT TO VANDERBILT.

As soon as I came to Nashville I made it convenient to visit Vanderbilt University. It is an ideal spot, and it looks like Providence designed it for the location of a great school. It is in West Nashville and it comprises several acres of ground. It is dotted all over with beautiful buildings, a variety of trees, and it is intersected with winding drive ways. It represents two or three millions of dollars, one and a half of which is the gift of old Commodore Vanderbilt. Just in front of the main structure is a magnificent bronze statue of the old Commodore, standing several feet high. A few yards away and just beyond this, there sleeps some sacred dust. The marble monument over this dust is simple and unpretentious. It represents a massive pulpit, upon the top of which lie a Bible and a hymn book. On one side are the following inscriptions: "Wm. McKendree born July 6, 1757; ordained May 18, 1808; died March 5, 1835. Joshua Soule, born Aug. 1, 1781; ordained May 28, 1821; died March 6, 1893." On the other side is: "H. N. McTear, born July 28, 1824; ordained 1893; and died Feb. 18, 1889." By his name is that of his sainted wife. On either end are inscriptions to Landon Garland and T. O. Summers, D. D. For some moments I stood with uncovered head and thought of these great lives and what memories and histories came trooping up! McKendree, Soule and McTear are interwoven with the growth of our beloved Methodism. Their work and counsels have helped largely to make it what it is today, and as the years go by and the generations pass, these three great men will grow larger and larger in the esteem of posterity; and in the background of Methodist history they will continue to stand above their fellows like mountain peaks above the foot hills of earth. I turned and walked away, resolved to be a better man.

Wesley Hall is just beyond these tombs. Thither I went to meet our Texas boys. They received me gladly, and I took tea with them. Among them are Barton, Morgan, Dunkle, Rippey, Rector, Nunn and the two Crutchefts. They are our young preachers fitting themselves for the work of life. They stand well with their teachers and fellow students. They made many inquiries about Texas and Texas people. These boys ought to come back to us well prepared for the ministry, and so they will, for they are doing fine work. May the Lord bless and prosper them in my prayer. G. C. R.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY SECRETARIES.

The report of the secretaries, Drs. W. R. Lambuth and J. H. Pritchett, was read by Dr. Lambuth. It reviewed the work done in the several foreign fields during the past year. In the summary it states that Rev. H. L. Gray formerly of the China Mission, joined the Mexico Mission; Rev. H. T. Reed and wife, Rev. J. A. G. Shipley and Miss Florence Keiser were sent to China; Rev. R. A. Hardie and wife, of the Canadian Colleges Mission in Korea, were accepted in the field; Miss Anna B. Lanus was sent to the Japan Mission; Rev. G. N. MacDonald was sent to Havana; Rev. H. W. Baker and wife to Matanzas; Rev. W. E. Smith and wife to Cienfuegos; Rev. H. B. Sonellian and wife to Santiago. Besides these, Rev. Thad E. Leland, at Havana, and Messrs. C. A. Nichols and E. E. Hubbard at Matanzas are co-operating as teachers. Dr. C. A. Fulwood, superintendent, was in charge of the Cuban work on the mainland.

The Secretaries recommend the following: "In view of our depleted numbers and the providential preparation of that great field, we recommend the strengthening of our force in China at the earliest possible day."

"That a careful scrutiny be made of the new treaties which will go into effect this year in Japan, especially in so far as they relate to the tenure of property."

"That the needs of our training schools in foreign lands be laid before the Boards of Education of the Annual Conferences, with the request that a per cent of their portion of the Twentieth Century Fund be a grant in aid of those institutions in which our native converts are being prepared for the ministry."

"That suitable action be taken with reference to the approaching Ecumenical Conference on Foreign Missions, to be held in New York City Saturday, April 21, to Tuesday, May 1, 1900."

The statistics of the foreign missions in all the fields are as follows: One hundred and twenty-eight missionaries, 87 native preachers, 147 local helpers, 9,503 members—an increase of 462, 230 Sunday-school, 680 officers and teachers, 8,375 pupils, 48 Epworth Leagues, 1,699 members, 275 organized Churches, 10 self-supporting Churches, 102 church buildings with a value of \$164,165.57, parsonages with a value of \$81,671, eight boarding schools with 34 teachers and 1,000 pupils, 17 day schools with 11 teachers and 483 pupils, nine school buildings valued at \$50,824, five hospitals valued at \$14,440, patients treated, 15,988; total value of mission property, \$888,632; collections, \$13,402.88.

There was an increase of 462 members, which brings the total membership up to 9,503, with about 20,000 adherents. During the year the publication of the World for Christ was suspended. Nashville Banner.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We clip from the Nashville Banner the following items touching the work of the Board of Missions in session the past week in Nashville, Tenn.: To the China Mission \$27,162 was appro-

printed; to the Korea Mission, \$7,650; to the Japan Mission, \$31,714.

Bishop Wilson, who has only recently returned from the Asiatic field, made a statement with regard to the condition of the missions there. He said that more men and more money were needed. The work was expanding and a cry was going up for additional helpers, and the property there was needing repairs.

To the Central Mexico Mission Conference \$21,127 was appropriated and to the Mexican Border Mission Conference, \$13,850.

The question of allowing the Bishops and Secretaries to raise \$4,000 in special collections caused a strong debate. Drs. Lamar, Lambuth and Hoss, Bishop Morrison, Duncan, Hendrix and Candler and Col. E. W. Cole taking part in the discussion. The question unanimously carried.

The board appropriated \$12,650 for the Northwest Mexican Mission Conference.

For the Cuban Mission the board appropriated \$5,000. Bishop Candler, in charge of that work, made a statement with regard to the importance of that field. He asked that he be granted authority to raise money to open two additional missions in Cuba, and also \$20,000 to build a church in Havana. This was granted.

The board granted the Bishops and Secretaries authority to raise a special appropriation of not exceeding \$7,000 to supplement the work in Cuba.

The board appropriated \$10,948 for the support of the Indian Mission Conference. Dr. Gross, of Ardmore, I. T., and Bishop Morrison spoke in behalf of the work in the Indian Mission Conference.

The board appropriated \$3,400 for the support of the Brazil Mission.

Bishop C. B. Galloway made an eloquent address upon the work in that field.

Rev. M. Dickie, of San Paulo, Brazil, addressed the board, after which an adjournment was taken.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

Much routine business was transacted during the meeting. Several recommendations for the improvement of the Sunday-school department were made to the Book Committee, and Dr. Atkins, Secretary and Editor made a most encouraging report. This report showed a net gain in the circulation of Sunday-school literature of 23,200; children's day collections, \$14,219.51; profits of the department, \$29,683.53.

The Children's Prayers, a publication for primary departments and Junior Epworth Leagues, and Children's Hymnal were reported to be growing in daily favor and popularity, and in fact, there was a marked increase in the circulation of all the Sunday-school literature.

The Board appropriated \$2450 for the aid of Sunday-schools and the circulation of literature in mission fields.

The usual financial recommendations were made and steps toward improving the literature taken.

A committee, composed of Messrs. J. O. Wilson, B. M. Burgher and Robert Magruder, was appointed to prepare and issue an address to the Church upon Sunday-schools and their interests.—Nashville Banner.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.

The General Conference Committee of the M. E. Church, South, for the entertainment of the next General Conference met in the Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn., May 4, 1899, at 10 a. m. In answer to roll call the following members were found to be present: Robert Magruder, Baltimore, Md.; H. Y. McCord, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Thos. M. Finney, St. Louis, Mo.; B. M. Burgher, Dallas, Texas—the only member absent being Dr. A. G. Brown, of Ashland, Va., who was detained by sickness.

Dr. Finney was chosen chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Dr. Brown. The meeting was called to order and prayer offered by Dr. Finney.

The Secretary was requested by the committee to tender its sympathy to Dr. Brown, with its regrets for his absence; also to send him a record of the proceedings of this meeting.

For the instruction of the committee the Secretary was requested by the chairman to read the report of the Finance Committee of the General Conference entertainment of 1898.

Robert Magruder and H. Y. McCord were appointed by the chair to audit Treasurer Smith's account for the last General Conference held in Baltimore.

The place for the next meeting of the General Conference was then taken under consideration. A letter from the chairman, Dr. Brown, was read inclosing, with his regrets at being absent, the invitations of the following cities to the General Conference of 1902: Dallas, Texas, Houston, Texas, St. Louis, Mo., Richmond, Va., and Chattanooga, Tenn. Atlanta, Ga., and Charleston, S. C., were added to this list. After the reading of invitations from different cities by the Secretary, Dr. G. C. Rankin presented the invitation of Dallas, Texas, reading therewith resolutions of the Methodist Churches, the Commercial Club and City Council of that city; also a letter from Gov. Sayers of the State of Texas. Rev. Seth Ward, of Houston, presented similar resolutions from his city. The committee then adjourned until 3 p. m.

The adjourned meeting was called together at the appointed time. The Auditing Committee reported the Treasurer's account correct, showing receipts as follows:

Receipts from Annual Conference, \$23,970.46

Interest, 213.00

Credit, \$24,233.46

Paid in transportation, \$12,494.41

Hotels, etc., 9,209.41

Balance in bank, 2,538.64

\$24,233.46

The entertainment of the next General Conference was again taken under discussion. H. Y. McCord withdrew Atlanta. Speeches were made by Drs. McLean and Rankin in favor of Dallas, Texas, and by Revs. Seth Ward and A. E. Rector for Houston, Texas. Dr. Finney presented the invitation of St. Louis, Mo., and made a speech in favor of that city.

On motion of Robert Magruder, seconded by H. Y. McCord, Dallas, Texas, was nominated place for the conference of 1902. The committee acted on the motion, and Dallas, Texas, was chosen and announced

by the chair the place for the next meeting of the General Conference.

B. M. Burgher was then appointed chairman of the Transportation Committee; also chairman of the Local Board of Entertainment, with authority to appoint the other members of the latter committee.

Dr. Finney was appointed to confer with Book Agents Barbee & Smith, and make arrangements for the entertainment of the next General Conference. The Secretary was instructed to furnish Church papers with account of this meeting and action of the committee. Adjourned.

THOS. M. FINNEY, Chm.
B. M. BURGHER Sec.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

The smiling presiding elder of Fort Worth District called this week. He is much encouraged over the prospects on his district.

Rev. W. H. Brown, of Rosalie, called at the office. He has been assisting Bro. Nangle in a very successful meeting at Mesquite.

Rev. J. W. Hill, of Greenville, was in Dallas this week. We enjoyed a visit from him. We regret to learn that his wife has been in bad health for the past few months. She is now in Mineral Wells.

Rev. Jas Kilgore preached an eloquent sermon to Camp Townsend, U. V., at Calvert, on Decoration Day.

Rev. Joel S. Graves, assisted by Rev. J. G. Adams, has been holding a "temperance revival" at Sanger, Texas.

The Dallas News says that a successful revival is in progress at the Methodist Church in McKinney. Rev. E. H. Casey is being assisted by Rev. R. H. Field, of Lone Oak.

Rev. T. H. Morris, pastor of the M. E. Church at Decatur, is conducting a protracted meeting, with two services each day. Considerable interest is being manifested.

Rev. W. D. Bradfield, of St. Johns Galveston, delivered the annual address to the State Convention of the Y. M. C. A., which met last week in Wesley Church, Greenville.

Rev. George S. Wyatt, of the First Methodist Church of Cleburne, has been invited to deliver the annual missionary sermon on commencement day of Baylor University at Waco. They will hear a good sermon.

Gov. Sayers has appointed Hon. Charles Rogan, of Brownwood, as Land Commissioner, to succeed Mr. Finger, deceased, and Mr. Rogan has signified his acceptance. Mr. Rogan is a member of our Church at Brownwood.

Rev. Albert Little, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Wills Point, has just closed a successful protracted meeting. Rev. Little was assisted in these services by Rev. R. G. Mood, of Dallas, and Rev. O. S. Thomas, of Kaufman.

Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker preached a special sermon to men on the subject, "A Soldier Under Two Flags," at the First Methodist Church at Weatherford on the night of May 2. The secular press gives quite a complimentary notice of the sermon.

Rev. T. J. Beckham, of Forney, and Rev. D. J. Martin, called in this week. Bro. Martin was on his way to Pilot Point, where he was to preach the annual sermon before the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Both of these brethren are in fine health and brought good reports.

The commencement exercises of Mary Connor Female College were held May 5, in the college chapel, and a very enjoyable programme was rendered. The school being a new one, there was only one graduate, Miss Myra Shelton, who read an essay on "The Harmonies of Nature." Rev. J. A. Black, of the Centenary Methodist Church, presented the diploma.

SOUTHERN METHODIST NEWS.

Bishop W. A. Candler has bought a home in Inman Park, Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. Dr. E. E. Hoss, of the Christian Advocate, of Nashville, will make his first trip to Europe this summer.

J. W. Lee, D. D., will preach the commencement sermon for Vanderbilt University, and also for Southwestern University, and will deliver the annual address for North Texas Female College at Sherman.

Bishops Hendrix and Galloway have called two Presiding Elders' Conferences, of the three Missouri Conferences, one to meet at Kansas City on May 23 and 24, and the other at St. Louis on the 25th and 26th.

Dr. D. K. Pearsons, of Chicago, has given \$50,000 to Berea College, of the M. E. Church, in Kentucky.

Work on the new building for Southwestern University has been resumed and the building will be rapidly pushed to completion.

At the meeting of the Book Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a resolution was introduced calling for the resignation of Book Agents Barbee and Smith, which was discussed at length. The resolution was defeated by a vote of 12 to 1. It was decided to prepare a public statement to be sent to the United States Senate replying to recent strictures cast upon the Church in regard to the publishing house claim.

NEWS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

On March 1 Bishop Candler ordained a missionary in Cuba to the office of elder, the ceremony being held at Matanzas, and being the first Methodist ordination ever observed on the island.

Western Australia, with only 15,000 adherents, proposes to raise a fund of \$100,000 to be devoted to college work and paying off debts. This is nearly \$7 a piece for members and friends. The M. E. Church, South, asks only \$1 a head from members, with friends as a reserve force. May her modesty not blush at refusal.

We rejoice with our Baptist brethren in the fact that both their Home and Foreign Mission Boards are out of debt.

A new Presbyterian Church at Austin, costing \$20,000, has recently been dedicated. Rev. J. W. Lawler, D. D., is pastor.

The members of the Christian Church in Texas are working hard to save their fine Add-Ran University Church property at Waco. It has a debt of about \$22,000 resting on it.

Of the 6,000 Japanese on the Pacific coast 800 are Christians, and there are a number of regularly organized Churches among them that are entirely self-supporting. They also contribute very liberally to foreign missions.

The International Convention of Epworth Leaguers will be held in Indianapolis, July 20-23. The local authorities report there is every indication that there will be 50,000 regular Epworth League delegates present, and they are advising that persons who are certainly expecting to attend, engage accommodations at once.

The contract for laying the foundation of the new Galloway College in stone was let recently at \$2,000, and the work is now well advanced. As the foundation will not be completed before the 10th of May, action upon the bids for superstructure have been deferred until that time. The contract for building must be accepted by the Building Committee and ratified by the Executive Committee of the board.

"There Are no Birds in Last Year's Nest."

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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

NOTICE TO LOCAL LEAGUES OF NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

During the past year your Secretary has made no call upon you to defray the expenses of conference. There have been expenses, such as stationery, stamps, printing, etc., and they are not to be had for asking; somebody has to pay for them. It is your League, your conference. Now come to the rescue. We want to close the conference year with a clean balance sheet. We have put the tax at the minimum rate of 25 cents for each twenty members or fractional part, and if each League will respond with this amount, we shall be able to meet all expenses.

D. L. WILLIAMS,
Conference Sec.-Treas.
Greenville, Texas.

LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

To Local Secretaries of North Texas Epworth League Conference:

The North Texas Epworth League Annual Conference will convene in Greenville, June 14-16. An excellent program has been prepared and we expect to make this conference one of the best that we have ever had. Now, we want you to do your part to this end. Blanks for reports will be forwarded you by your District Secretaries, if they have not already done so.

Promptly fill them out and return to your District Secretary. We want every League in the conference to be reported; also elect your delegates to conference at your next business meeting. You are entitled to two delegates from each League beside pastor. Forward names of delegates to me on election. Certificates will then be sent to delegates, which will entitle them to entertainment and floor privileges.

Don't procrastinate; be prompt. The success of our conference depends largely on you. D. L. WILLIAMS,
Greenville, Texas. Con. Sec.

LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

To the Leagues of Greenville District:

We are fast approaching our District League Conference, which meets at Nevada, June 2, 3 and 4. There is much work yet to be done; let us wind up our year's work with a shout of "victory." Much has been accomplished, yet much remains for us to do; so let us bestir ourselves—push the work in every department, reorganize and where possible organize new Leagues. Ours is a noble cause; let us "push the battle to the gates."

Elect your delegates at once and report names to Miss May Lawler, Lone Oak, and send her the per capita tax. Each League is entitled to four delegates—both Senior and Junior. We expect to have reduced rates on all roads, and Nevada expects a full attendance.

Program will soon be ready. Let each one on program be ready and on hand. Let Greenville District stand at the front. WM. G. DITZLER,
President Greenville District.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE AND PREACHERS' MEETING OF WEATHERFORD DISTRICT.

This body, composed of a large number of delegates from the various Leagues, together with nearly all the pastors of the district, met in Gordon, April 18, 1899.

After a temporary organization an unusually fine program, which had been prepared by our presiding elder, was faithfully rendered.

Prior to this conference the fear that had been entertained by some that the League work in the district was not abreast with the other interests of the Church. There was certainly nothing during this entire session to confirm such an opinion.

The large number of delegates present and the lively interest manifested in the various departments of the League were sufficient evidence that this great interest of the Church was taking on new life.

The necessity of such an organization, its object, the various avenues open to it and its wide field of usefulness were ably and helpfully discussed. The papers and speeches were all good and well prepared.

One very healthful indication is that the Leagues, as a rule, are giving more attention to proper organization and definite work in their various departments.

A permanent organization was effected, a Constitution adopted and the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: D. M. Alexander, President; W. W. McCrary, Secretary; Miss Laura Bennett, First Vice-President; Miss Emma Beeler, Second Vice-President; Mr. B. W. Williams, Third Vice-President; Miss Susie Jones, Treasurer.

The second day was devoted to a

Preachers' Meeting, modeled somewhat after the Fort Worth Conference. The first service of the day was conducted by Bro. Caperton. He gave us some very instructive and inspiring thoughts on "The Personality, Office and Work of the Holy Spirit." This was followed by a service of heart-searching, in which all the brethren spoke freely of the obstacles which confronted them and of their longing to be spiritually prepared for the most effective work.

The entire session was characterized by a devotional spirit and a desire for greater power. We felt that it was "good to be there," and came away feeling that the entire district would see the fruits of our counseling and fervent prayers.

We regret not to have heard the opening sermon by Bro. White, but we heard good reports of it.

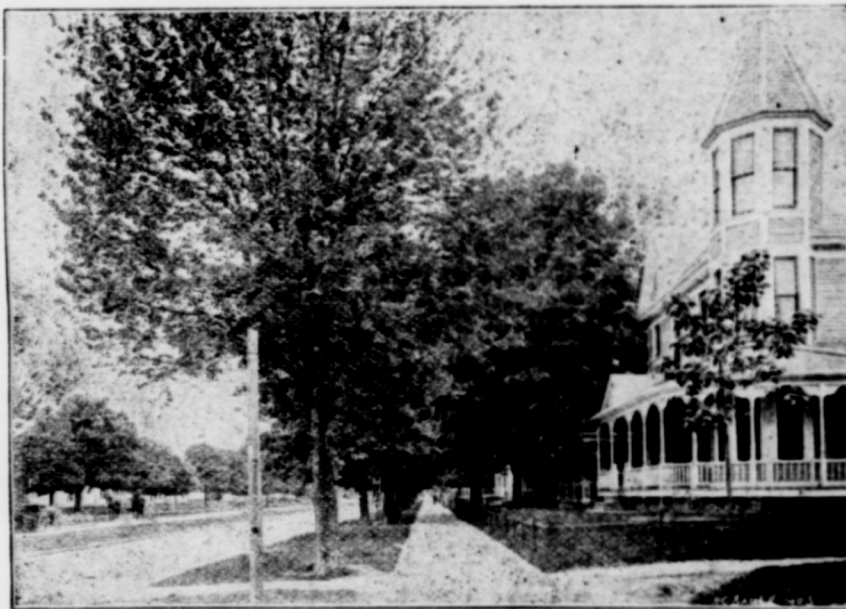
Bro. Morris, our presiding elder, is giving eminent satisfaction and all the interests of the Church are carefully guarded by him.

GRANVILLE EWEN CAMERON,
Sec. Pro Tem.

LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

The Epworth League Conference, Ft. Worth District, for 1899, is a thing of the past, so far as time is concerned, but its associations and spiritual influences remain and will remain for years to come. The conference was to meet at Arlington, April 26-27, but because of a scourge of the measles there, it was moved to Cleburne; and the Cleburne people, while they are sorry that the conditions were such that Arlington could not entertain it, rejoice that it came to Cleburne, and while the conference passed resolutions of thanks for the hospitality of Cleburne, Cleburne feels that she owes a debt of gratitude to the visiting preachers and Leaguers for the blessed social and spiritual influence which they brought with them to our midst.

At 9 o'clock Wednesday morning,



Fletcher Avenue, South Side, Indianapolis, Ind.

April 26, the President called the conference to order. After thirty minutes prayer and praise service, the President briefly stated the purpose of the conference, and proceeded to dispose of the business on hand. A motion being made, all Leagues on the floor were made delegates, and the names of all delegates were enrolled. The work of the different departments of the League was enthusiastically discussed by the Vice-Presidents and members of every League.

It was the experience of many of the First Vice-Presidents that set rules and programs would sooner or later freeze out devotional spirit at meetings; that you could hardly hope to have the Leaguers in general get up and make short talks on the subject under discussion in competition with prepared essays, etc.

The Charity and Help Department, the soul-saving, humanity-loving and self-sacrificing department of the League, developed the fact that the "livest" Leagues were those Leagues that have the most active Charity and Help Department; and that the Church is made better in proportion.

The Third Vice-Presidents, it was noticed, had less to show for their work and time than any other department. How to help the Leaguers to take hold and work in the Literary Department was an enigma to them.

The work of local Secretaries in relation to District Secretaries was discussed as follows: That to have a full report at the different conferences we must have the earnest, hearty co-operation of local Secretaries; that we urge every League in its election of officers to be as careful in the selection of its Secretary as any other officer of the League. To facilitate the work of local Secretaries, and to enable them to present reports in a tangible form to District Secretaries, conference adopted the Secretary's Report Book, as pre-

pared by Gus W. Thomasson, State League Secretary, Van Alstyne, Texas, for the ensuing year. The price of this book is 25 cents. And further, that the pastors and Secretaries promptly answer communications.

The following resolution was read before the conference and discussed: Whereas, We believe that the only object of the District Conference of the Epworth League is to train Leaguers for more efficient Christian service in the local Leagues; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Ft. Worth Epworth League, do hereby recommend that programs in the future be arranged, as far as possible, on the plan of a normal school for the accomplishment of the aforesaid purpose.

2. That this organization consist of the President, Secretary, First, Second, and Third Vice-Presidents, Chairman of Missionary Committee, and Superintendent of Junior Work as ex-officio delegates, and one elective delegate for every twenty (some suggested ten) members of each local League.

The conference was well attended. To say that it was interesting would be putting it lightly. The social feature was all that could be wished for. It was not of that gay and giddy sort which results in nothing but froth and foam, but of that higher and holier kind which lifts up, ennobles, and refines, filling the mind and heart with nobler and better aspirations and impulses. But the great influence of the gathering was felt in a spiritual way, and that was as it should have been. Even in the Missionary Institute, which met the day before the conference, the presence and power of God were apparent in the first service. The preachers and Leaguers seemed to have come with their hearts set on having a great spiritual feast, and they had it. The tide deepened and widened, and became sweeter and more impressive from the first to the last service, when it closed in a time of

STATE LEAGUE TAX RECEIVED TO MAY 4, 1899.

Previously acknowledged	\$206 13
Abbott	73
Flat Rock, at Hazel Dell	59
Vernon	1 50
Crowell	1 00
Coleman	1 25
East Bernard	55
Rockwall Junior	40
Total	\$212 63

GUS W. THOMASSON,
State Secretary.

TO THE LEAGUERS OF THE GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

Please send the names of all who expect to attend the District League, which meets here June 2, and send word how you will come to Major Dobbs, G. F. BOYD, Pastor.

Nevada, Texas.

A NEGLECTED GRACE.

Growth in grace is a common topic in reference to the Christian life. Many are eagerly seeking to know how to gain greater growth. Many books and addresses are devoted to answering the question and giving direction to the seekers.

There are many Christian graces; and, while all spring from the same source, it is sometimes recognized that there is need of giving special attention to cultivating one in particular. The Church at Corinth seems to have been marked by an abundance of spiritual gifts possessed by its members. Which of these was most important, and how to gain and use them were questions which exercised the Church. While discussion waxed warm on this point, Paul found it necessary to remind the people of one grace which seemed in danger of being forgotten. Faith and utterance, knowledge and zeal and love, were excellent; but for a complete life something more was needed as well. That lacking element Paul did not hesitate to call a "grace." It was the grace of giving.

How often do we think of counting giving among the Christian graces? We note our lacks in faith, in hope, in love, in humility, in gratitude, in courage, and we ask to supply these. How often do we take into account in our examination this other grace, and ask what progress we have made in it?

The question how to grow in this grace might not be a puzzling one to answer. The sum given would not, to be sure, be an accurate measure of one's attainments; but it is safe to say that its increase would be some gauge of progress. The same resolution, thoughtfulness and study that are of service in cultivating other virtues have place here. System is as necessary, and will yield as good fruits in this case as in others.

May it be that one reason why we are not making more rapid growth in other directions is because we have overlooked this? Are the graces which are considered inward and spiritual languishing because they do not find enough expression in a way which we have deemed lower, outward and commonplace? It is worth while to make the test. If ye already "abound in everything," see that "ye abound in this grace also."—Christian Endeavor World.

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H. R. WHYTE, Dist. Sec.
Cleburne, Texas.

STAY BY THE OLD LANDMARKS.

The preachers surrender their rights to choose their fields of labor, and the people surrender their rights to choose their pastors. In this there is perfect equality; but do preachers and Churches surrender any rights at all? We answer, no. They simply make choice (and in this there is perfect freedom) of a plan. Properly speaking, there can be no surrender of any rights so long as there is perfect freedom in the right of choice and perfect equality between the parties choosing. This the itinerant plan under the Episcopal form of Church government. As this plan has a philosophy of its own it will not allow of any admixture—partly Episcopal and partly Congregational—without a confusion of its parts, which would result finally in disruption. It must be Episcopal or Congregational or a hybridism, from which deliver us. We will take either the first or the second, pure and simple, but we do not want a Church government derived from two different species. As both preachers and members in the Methodist Church are under the same laws, and have taken the same vows, we would draw this conclusion from the above premise: That no preacher, big or little, or any Church in city, town or country, after having accepted the plan and entered the compact, can consistently and without breaking their vows and doing violence to the Church to which they belong, go into any Church politics, electioneering schemes, wire-pulling, etc., to secure this or that pastor, or this or that place, and if there be such among us they should take heed thereto and "keep the rules for conscience' sake instead of trying to mend them. Every one can see at a glance that if we would have peace and harmony in the Methodist Church we must keep our plan inviolate. We do not claim that it is perfect but we do claim that it is superior in many essential features to other systems of gospel propagation. There is less delay in getting the preachers on the field and less friction in making the necessary changes than under any other form of Church government; e. g., under the congregational form trial sermons must be preached, the local Church must meet to make the call, a stipulated price must be agreed upon, and then after all this a majority of one may either vote in or vote out a pastor. Have there been bursting bubbles on the theological and governmental surface in the past history of Methodism? We will open the door and let you take a look at the source from whence they sprang: from efforts made by would-be leaders to mix a little Calvinism with Arminian-Methodism and then tack on to the Episcopal form of government some of the differentiating features of the Congregational. This would be a double and twisted hybridism in which there could be no cohesion of its parts, and will unavoidably produce division and friction in the Church. "Let every one be fully persuaded in their own minds." J. L. HOLLERS.

Oglesby, Texas.

"THE THORN IN THE FLESH."

The Apostle Paul relates in II Cor., 12th chapter, an account of his wonderful vision, in which he is caught up into the third heaven (or Paradise, as he later expresses it) and tells us how he heard unspeakable words which it was not lawful to utter, and lest he should be exalted above measure there was given to him a thorn in the flesh. And, although he besought the Lord the third time to remove it, the only answer he vouchsafed was the simple assurance, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Paul was a "chosen vessel of the Lord." And the Father, ever watchful for the welfare of his devoted servants, was surrounding him with his providence to keep him from evil. Paul was made to see and understand this providence. He recognized and glorified the wisdom of God. God knows human nature perfectly, and set about to counteract what would have been Paul's ruin had he been left to himself. There is an element in our human nature which might properly be called self-glory or egotism, which if not watched and kept under control will most surely wreck and ruin us. We, like Paul, need this thorn in the flesh to keep us humbled in spirit. We all need to keep before us the lesson taught by Christ when he washed his disciples' feet.

We should also keep in mind the words: "He that would be greatest among you shall be servant of all." The Apostle Paul was a great man in almost every if not quite all things.

He had suffered many things already and continued on a brave soldier of the cross. Hardly any man in history endured more hardships and suffering than did this faithful man and we don't wonder that a crown was laid up for him, and we are comforted in the assurance that "not for him only," but for all who love his appearance also. I am constrained to believe that revelation to him was a great reward for his faithfulness and also to comfort him and strengthen him for the fiery ordeals through which he was to pass. No human tongue could give expression to the rapture the apostle must have felt while in this vision. Possibly he was permitted to peep for a short time into the glorious future to see perhaps the white-robed throng who had come up through great tribulation and washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. What must have been his feelings? No wonder he was in danger of thinking too highly of himself. But the All-wise Father knew how to counteract this element of human nature, hence this "thorn in the flesh." The lesson we are to learn is this: Human nature is the same to-day as in Paul's day. Many a good man and woman, too, has been hurt at least, if not ruined, by over-praise of friends and admirers. Not all of us can bear prosperity or promotion. Both have their peculiar perils. None deserve credit for duty performed. There is nothing of good or virtue in us lest it come from God. He deserves the glory. We should think on ourselves as sinners saved by grace. We may not be able to see and understand God's motives in his dealings with the children of men, but we know that behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face. Our spirits must be kept humble if it takes the thorn to do it. Let us invoke God's help to keep us humble and grateful for his blessings. Paul learned his lesson well, for we can see Father, Son and Holy Spirit only in his preaching and teaching. You never see Paul. He is simply an instrument in God's hands, doing good to all men as he finds occasion. His is a beautiful example for others to follow—diligent, faithful and fearless. He attacked sin on thrones as fearlessly and faithfully as in the humblest walks of life. God nor his true disciples attack sinners, but sin. Sinners often make the mistake of supposing that Christians attack sinners, when really and truly they are enemies of Satan. Our work is to rescue them from the dominion of Satan, to break his power and bring them into the kingdom of Christ. Christians love sinners, and every blow is directed at Satan, who is behind them dictating their every movement. Let us all be faithful and valiant soldiers of the cross, winning as many to the ranks of Christ as possible.

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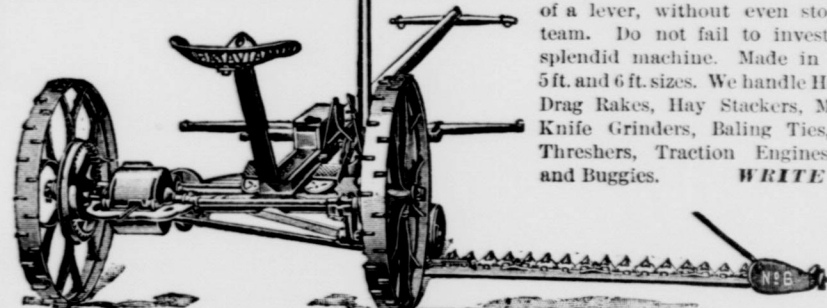
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So mirror, Lord, Thyself in me,
That those with whom I move
May find in me a helping hand—
Unselfish, moved by love.

Thrice happy, if I but may bring
A troubled heart to Thee;
Or in the light with self and sin,
May gain the victory.

Should this day hold an hour too dark
For my dimmed eyes to see,
Sufficient be the peaceful thought:
That "Thou abide'st with me."
MRS. H. GRAHAM.
Harwood, Texas.

NOTICE.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Texas Conference will meet in Richmond, Texas, on Friday, June 9, at 4 o'clock p. m. A full attendance is earnestly desired. Let all come, claiming the promise in Luke 11:13. Remember the first foreign missionary meeting ever held lasted ten days, and furnished the occasion of the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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NOTICE.

Delegates to the Annual Meeting of W. F. M. Society, Texas Conference, at Richmond, will please send names to Mrs. Walter Booth, of that place.

MRS. L. J. BLAKELY.
Richmond, Texas.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society, North Texas Conference, held last week in Pilot Point, May 3-7, was well attended, both by delegates and visitors, and was a most profitable occasion in every sense of the word. An account of the meeting in detail will be furnished by the Recording Secretary of the Conference Society for this department, according to request made at the annual meeting.

NOTICE.

Friday, the 19th, of our District Conference, will be devoted to the woman's missionary work of both boards.

M. H. NEELY.
Terrell, Texas.

The Rockport Auxiliary to the W. F. M. Society is making some progress, growing both numerically and spiritually. Several of our number are subscribers to our Home, and we hope every one may be in a few months. We have finished the payment of the hundred dollars pledged Mrs. Johnson for the Mission Home. We want to do more this year than ever before. Oh, that every woman, both young and old, would interest themselves in this work. Surely if they will listen, they will hear the call. "Go work in my vineyard today." If they will only look, they can see that "the work is great, but the laborers are few." How beautiful the yield, too, for the small sowing.

MRS. M. E. O.
Rockport, Texas.

REFLECTIONS.

To make a beautiful vase, or any useful vessel, the lump of clay out of which they are formed must pass through the process of many transformations or changes. In its earliest stages it may be neither pretty nor attractive, but the potter fully understands his business—so moulds and fashions it according to his desire and sends it forth to fulfill the mission for which it was intended. So must every Christian be moulded and fashioned by the Divine Potter, while the vessels which he sends forth must strive to fill the place for which each was intended, as we know that he never makes any mistakes. So in this labor of love and of necessity, let us not grumble and uselessly made as the most perfect, as we all have our place to fill in life's history. As each vessel sent out by the potter must be made sweet by cleansing them of every particle of the acids, which if suffered to remain, only cause and tarnish, rendering the vessel useless, so we as vessels sent out to do the work of our living Christ, should seek only to work in his Spirit, that we may always feel his penetrating influence; then all becomes sweet and pure, as we go forth rejoicing that his holy service.

Let us ever keep our lights trimmed and brightly shining, so that we may save struggling souls from eternal death. A missionary, while crossing the ocean on his way to India, was overtaken one night by a violent storm. The wind blew and the mighty waves rose so high as to threaten to engulf the straining, quivering ship. All passengers were ordered below, and for a time there was great fear and consternation for the safety of the vessel and passengers. While the tempest was at its greatest height, there was sound of rushing feet on deck and loud cries were heard: "A man overboard!" All passengers except the missionary hastened above. His seemed a providential hesitation, asking himself: of what service can I be? I shall only be in the way on deck. Just then his eye rested on the little round window in the cabin, and, seizing a lantern hanging near by, he held it so as to let its light penetrate through the little window on the raging waves, where a fellow passenger was struggling for life. Soon a shout arose: "There he is!" and quickly he was rescued and brought into the vessel. The missionary rejoiced to learn that this little light fell directly upon the drowning man, so that sailors could clearly see where to throw the line to rescue the perishing one from a watery grave. "Let the lower lights be burning," for we know not when nor where we may save some fainting, struggling soul from everlasting death.

Christians, above all others, should pledge themselves to look out for any and every one to whom they may be able to render the greatest or the least helpful service, either by word or deed. We should take this as

our motto: "As ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them." Discontent brings in its train disappointments and many heartaches, but to the trusting, unselfish heart, the world seems full of sweet and noble souls. Our life is made up of little things, just as the ocean is made up of small drops of water, and following in the footsteps of Jesus, with little deeds of love and kindness, we may finally enter the great ocean of unclouded love, where we can ever enjoy the smiles of a reconciled Father, and forever bask in the sunlight of his pure and saving love. We must not wait, to leap at once into some great deed, but do all the little deeds of love and acts of kindness, for the doing of which are opportunities so thickly scattered along life's pathway. Life for some people is filled with many trials, and we have no right to withhold from them any word, touch or act of love which will lighten the burden or cheer the grief-stricken heart of any struggling soul. The best we can make of life is to so live that we shall be a benediction to every one we meet. Then we shall make at least one little spot on this earth more sweet and beautiful, and leave when we are gone a few fragrant flowers blooming in the desert through which we have passed. Let us never fail to return thanks to our indulgent Heavenly Parent, when we are constantly permitted to find work, doing good in his name to suffering humanity. Every Christian should be always ready for duty, cheerfully entering into it, scattering sunshine wherever called to labor. Stagnation is death, whether it be in pools of water, circulation of blood or other fluids in the body, or ideas and thoughts in the brain and heart. Spontaneity of mind preserves all our faculties till we exchange the finite dwelling place for the infinite, or earthly for the spiritual habitation. We should scatter flowers all the way, and not use all for weddings and funerals, as by so doing we may cheer and comfort sad hearts that sorely need our small attentions. Let the Spirit of Jesus be the model of our benevolence. "Do thy duty, that is best; leave unto thy Lord the rest." Christ will not abide with those who shirk duty in his service. To seize each moment as a gift from heaven, to be used to make oneself, or some other mortal, worthy of immortality, should bring joy itself. Joy wells up in a well rounded life and there abides, when spent in active service in the cause of the living Christ. "Kind words never die," and by them, spoken in affectionate, pleading tones, many poor struggling souls have been snatched from ruin's brink. When our hearts are turned toward the marvelous light and beauty emanating from our reconciled Father, the lovely flowers and rich fruit of Christian character will be developed.

There is nothing so hinders the usefulness of those seeking to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, as their own selfish hearts. None have greater labor than those who try to overcome self, as it is a tyrant residing spiritual influences. Yet to walk closely with Christ our kind, unerring leader, we must strive to overcome everything that stops our progress in our Christian career. Each day we must seek to become stronger and richer in all Christian graces. We all feel and know that in this life all perfection is mixed with imperfection, while our knowledge has in it some darkness. It is good to search for knowledge, as directed by our wise Leader, but at the same time we must humble ourselves before the just and holy One, as he prefers a clean conscience and a virtuous, consecrated life. Our examination before the awful judgment bar will be: "How have you spent your life while in your probationary state?" "In the hands of Christ the five loaves grew, the fishes multiplied, as he gave to his disciples and they to the people, feeding a multitude of suffering humanity." If we would conform to the sermon on the mount, we would have a heaven on earth, while selfishness with all its attending evils would find no place in the world's history.

MRS. MARY M. DAVIDSON.
Georgetown, Texas.

MARRIAGE NOTICES.

At the home of the bride's uncle, W. C. Steele, Courtney, Texas, May 2, 1899, Mr. W. T. Stamps, of Terrell, Texas, and Miss Maggie L. Wheeler, of Hempstead, Texas; Rev. Chas. F. McLarty officiating.

At the home of the bride's parents, John McKinney Sr., three miles southwest of Stoneham, Texas, May 2, 1899, Mr. Walter Maywald and Miss Willie McAlpine McKinney; Rev. Chas. F. McLarty officiating.

Mr. I. A. Hall and Miss Lura Cashner, at the parsonage gate, in Liberty Hill, Texas, April 18, by Sam C. Vaughan.

At the residence of her father, Mr. E. M. ReCTOR, near Manor, Texas, on May 2, 1899, Mr. J. C. Leary, of Royal, Texas, and Miss Olivia ReCTOR; Rev. F. E. Hammond officiating.

In their buggy at the gate of Mr. Val Davis, Van Zandt County, Texas, April 23, 1899, Mr. Travis Lawrence and Miss Fanny Pollard, sister of J. G. Pollard, of the East Texas Conference; Rev. John F. Everitt officiating.

On the evening of April 30, at the Methodist Church, Shady Grove, Lamar County, Texas, Mr. Henry Patton and Miss Minnie Essary; Rev. W. R. McArthur officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, J. S. King, in Kilgore, Texas, April 5, 1899, Mr. J. H. Montgomery and Miss Willie May King; Rev. J. C. Carr officiating.

At York's Mill, near Gladewater, Texas, April 6, 1899, Mr. T. J. Reynolds and Miss Anna Lillian Loyd; Rev. J. C. Carr officiating.

At the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. J. T. Watson, near Monroe, Texas, April 9, 1899, Mr. H. W. Watson and Miss Paralee Hughes; Rev. J. C. Carr officiating.

At the residence of the bride's father, Fort Caddo, Texas, Mr. Gottlieb Roehrig and Miss Selma Eugenia Haynes; Rev. W. W. Graham officiating, on May 5, 1899.

May 7, 1899, at 6 p. m. at the residence of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. A. K. Brown, in Hallville, Texas, Mr. H. T. Hooker and Miss Paige Collins, both of Carthage, Texas; Rev. Gus Garrison officiating.

Near Fortresburg, Montague County, Texas, April 29, 1899, Mr. S. A. Wells and Miss Mamie Hill; Rev. J. M. Culver officiating.

Near Fortresburg, Texas, April 30, 1899, Mr. M. C. Knox and Miss Minnie Minor; Rev. J. M. Culver officiating.

At Liberty Church, Weston Circuit, Colton County Texas, May 7, 1899, Rev. G. W. Day, pastor in charge of Neola Circuit North Texas Conference, and Miss Sina V. Bright of Chambersville, Texas; Rev. A. L. Gribble officiating.

At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. A. L. Gribble, April 30, 1899, Mr.

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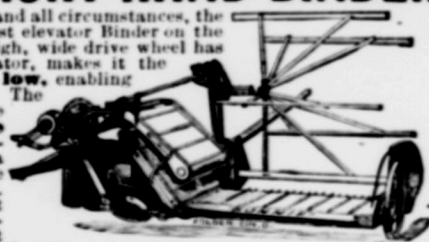
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Galveston, Henrietta.....	May 18
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San Marcos, San Marcos.....	June 14
Calvert, Bremond.....	June 14
Austin, Elgin.....	June 14
San Angelo, Ozona.....	June 15
Clarendon, Clarendon.....	June 15
Abilene, Colorado.....	June 15
San Augustine, at Chireno.....	June 20
Waxahachie, Alvarado.....	June 20
Paris, Annona.....	June 21
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Tyler, Lindale.....	June 29
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Marshall, Kilgore.....	July 6
Palestine, Grapeland.....	July 7
Brownwood, Ballinger.....	July 26

FORT WORTH DISTRICT.

Applicants for elder's orders in the Fort Worth District will meet the committee in the chapel at Polytechnic College, June 7, at 8:30 a. m. The following are the books prescribed by the Bishops: Discipline, Wesley's Standards (Vol. I), Ralston's Elements of Ministry. Please secure them at once and come prepared for the examination on these books. I. Z. T. MORRIS.

PARIS DISTRICT.

Let all the preachers in charge send me names of delegates to Paris District Conference at once; also those who expect to bring their wives or daughters; also those who expect to come by private conveyance, let me know it. We want a full delegation, but if any delegate or local preacher can not come, also let me know that. We are expecting to protract the meeting from the conference, so ask every preacher and delegate to come, praying for a revival. J. P. RODGERS, P. C.

Annona, Texas.

To the Members of the San Antonio District Conference:

All those who come on train will be conveyed to their homes by Brashier's Transfer line at one fare for round trip. A member of the entertainment committee will meet all trains, and assign homes to delegates. Trains going west reach Uvalde at 2:25 p. m. and 8:50 p. m.; trains going east arrive at 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. All officers of Woman's Home Society, or Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, who expect to come are requested to notify me by May 5. Rates on railroad will be secured. C. W. GODWIN, P. C.

Uvalde, Texas.

BEAUMONT DISTRICT.

The Beaumont District Conference meets in Orange, June 8. J. M. Perry will preach the opening sermon Wednesday, 8 p. m. Committees of Examination:

For License to Preach—W. P. Pledger, R. O. Bailey, J. G. Pollard.

For Admission on Trial—J. T. McTure, H. L. Hare, C. H. Rice.

For Deacon's and Elder's Orders—R. J. Birdwell, M. T. Brown, J. J. Rape.

Epworth League meets at same time. Will have a business meeting at a time not yet decided. Will have appropriate program Sunday, at 3 p. m., which we trust will be intensely interesting. We urge a good attendance.

W. H. M. Society will also meet with us and we expect a profitable meeting of these noble workers.

W. F. M. Society may also meet with us. T. J. MILAM, P. E.

WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT.

The Waxahachie District Conference will convene in Alvarado, June 20 at 9:30 a. m. The following brethren are appointed on Examining Committees:

For License to Preach—S. S. Littlepage, R. A. Ellis, W. A. Gilleland.

For Admission on Trial—C. R. Wright, D. C. Ellis, K. S. Vanzandt.

For Deacon's Orders—E. A. Smith, M. E. Hawkins, J. W. Dickinson.

For Elder's Orders—T. S. Armstrong, D. C. Starke, L. M. Broyles.

The Missionary Institute will be held the first day, closing with an address at night by Rev. J. T. L. Annis, representing the Northwest Texas Conference Board of Missions. HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

BROWNWOOD DISTRICT.

The Missionary Institute will convene in Ballinger July 25.

The Brownwood District Conference will convene in Ballinger July 26, at 9 a. m. Committees of Examination:

For License to Preach—B. A. Snody, E. T. Bates, R. N. Fulton.

Admission on Trial—W. C. Hilburn, C. H. Smith, R. B. Bonner.

Deacon's Orders—C. A. Evans, P. W. Graves, J. W. Fort.

Elder's Orders—W. K. Simpson, J. J. Johnson, R. D. Moon.

All pastors and delegates are expected to be present at the Missionary Institute July 25, at 8:30 a. m. O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

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To the Brethren of the West Texas Conference:

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Saturday Night, May 13—Exercises by the Primary and Intermediate Departments.
Sunday, May 14—11 a. m., Commencement Sermon, Rev. T. J. Duncan, of Mexico; 3 p. m., League Service, Address by Rev. C. E. Brown, of Dublin; 8:30 p. m., Sermon, by Rev. Jno. B. Benson, of Clarendon.
Monday, May 15—9 a. m., Elocution Contest (girls); 3 p. m., Exercises by Elocution Class (boys); 8:30 p. m., Exercises by Phaino and Adolphian Societies.
Tuesday, May 16—10 a. m., Exercises in Original Essays and Orations; 3 p. m., An Open Air Drill; 8:30 p. m., Exercises by Elocution Class.
Wednesday, May 17—10 a. m., Annual Address, Rev. E. D. Mouzon, of Fort Worth; 3 p. m., Annual Meeting Board of Trustees; 8:30 p. m., Music Entertainment.
Thursday, May 18 ("Old Students' Day")—9 a. m., Business Meeting Alumni Association; 9:30 a. m., Reunion; Paper, by Mrs. Mollie (Crites) Faulkner; Address, Rev. S. J. Vaughan. Farewell Words.

CORONAL INSTITUTE, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

May 28-30:45, Annual Commencement Sermon, by Rev. New Harris, Gonzales, Texas.
May 29-9:30 a. m., Primary and Intermediate Concert; 5:30 p. m., Music, Elocution and Calisthenics.
May 30-9:30 a. m., Prize Recitations and Declamations; 5:30 p. m., Music, Annual Literary Address, by Rev. H. M. Whaling, Austin, Texas.
May 31-9:30 a. m., Graduating Exercises, Art exhibit throughout commencement.
All friends of the school are cordially invited to attend these exercises.

The annual commencement sermon before the graduating class of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo., will be preached by Rev. E. P. Ryland at Melrose M. E. Church, South, at 11 a. m. Sunday, May 14, 1899.

The commencement exercises will be held in the First Congregational Church, Eleventh and Magee Streets, at 8 p. m. Tuesday, May 16, 1899. Ten students will receive diplomas. Rev. M. T. Hughes, pastor of Independence Avenue M. E. Church, will deliver the annual address. M. L. GIBSON, Principal.

Paris District—Third Round.

Clarksville sta.....	June 3, 4
Marvin cir. at Shady Grove.....	June 10, 11
Centenary, Paris.....	June 18, 19
Annona, cir. at Annona.....	June 24, 25
White Rock and McKenzie, at Liberty	July 1, 2
Lamar Avenue, Paris.....	July 8, 9
West Paris, Paris.....	July 8, 9
Detroit cir. at Red Oak.....	July 15, 16
Deport cir.....	July 22, 23
Rosalie cir.....	July 29, 30
Blossom and Reno.....	Aug. 5, 6
Woodland cir. at Franklin.....	Aug. 12, 13
Embersen cir.....	Aug. 19, 20
Boxton cir.....	Aug. 26, 27
Maxey cir.....	Aug. 26, 27
Lake Creek.....	Sept. 2, 3
Powderly mis.....	Sept. 8, 9

W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.

Vernon District—Third Round.

Haskel mis.....	May 27, 28
Haskel sta.....	May 28, 29
Throckmorton.....	May 31
Graham cir.....	June 2
Graham sta.....	June 3, 4
Farmer cir.....	June 5
Chillicothe cir.....	June 10, 11
Vernon sta.....	June 14
Seymour sta.....	June 17, 18
Seymour cir.....	June 24, 25
Benjamin cir.....	July 1, 2
Chillicothe.....	July 8, 9
Harold mis.....	July 15, 16
Quanah sta.....	July 22, 23
Childress sta.....	July 29, 30
Manzum mis.....	Aug. 5, 6
Altus mis.....	Aug. 9
Eldorado cir.....	Aug. 12, 13

C. W. Daniel, P. E.

Brownwood District—Third Round.

Mullin mis. at Big Valley.....	May 27, 28
Blanket cir. at Blanket.....	June 10, 11
Center City cir. at S. Bennett.....	June 17, 18
Comanche cir. at White Point.....	June 24, 25
Comanche sta.....	July 1, 2
Goldthwaite.....	July 8, 9
Lometa mis. at Grey S. H.....	July 14, 16
Santa Anna, at Rockwood.....	July 14, 16
Bangs mis. at Cleveland.....	July 19
May cir.....	July 22, 23
Ballinger sta.....	July 29, 30
Winters cir. at Wingate.....	Aug. 1
Fleming mis.....	Aug. 5, 6
Coleman sta.....	Aug. 10
Glen Cove mis. at Midway.....	Aug. 12, 13
Decker mis. at Noland.....	Aug. 19, 20
Robert Lee cir.....	Aug. 23
Indian Creek cir.....	Aug. 27, 28
Zephyr.....	Sept. 2, 3
Brownwood sta.....	Sept. 23, 24
District Conference.....	July 26

O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

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REV. AARON HENRY BREWER.

Rev. Aaron Henry Brewer, the son of Aaron G. Brewer and Martha Taylor, was born near the town of Poughkeepsie, New York, May 18, 1829. He says in his autobiography, "Northern born but Southern raised. He drank in his childhood the warm impulses and generous sentiments which characterize the chivalric sons of the Southland." His parents moved when he was but three months old to the then wilds of Georgia and settled in Newton County, near Covington. In 1835 the family moved to Charleston, South Carolina. There, under the influence of his Sunday-school teacher and Miss Charlotte Turner, his literary instructor, a deep religious impression was made upon his mind and heart, and he says "his child faith took hold on Christ with a grasp that infidelity could never uproot." His father was an itinerant preacher in the Methodist Protestant church, and in 1847 moved to Alabama, where he took charge as Principal of an Academy at Robinson Springs. It seems from Bro. Brewer's autobiography that after his youthful espousal of Christianity, in moving about from place to place, he partially lost his first love and declined spiritually. But at the last mentioned place in Alabama he was most gloriously restored to his first love. To use his own words, "There the providence of God interposed to mould the life to purposes of his own will, and checking a growing skepticism to interweave the lessons of his Son's love and sacrifice into the meshes of a philosophical and materialistic bent of mind, thus turning the whole life into new channels and filling it with the power of an endless life in Jesus Christ." In 1849 he was married to Miss Ellen A. Ford, and in 1850 was licensed to exhort in the Protestant Church, and under this license he says he began to preach, and God honored his ministry in the conversion of souls from the very beginning of his ministry. He labored in the Methodist Protestant Church for twenty years, preaching all over North Louisiana and North Arkansas, filling large circuits and serving as President of the Louisiana Annual Conference for two years. In 1868 he came to Texas and settled near Milwood, in Collin County, where for one year he preached and taught school, assisting Bro. J. L. Angel in several meetings during that year. In 1869 he joined the M. E. Church, South, taking with him his whole charge of thirty-two members. In November of 1869 he took work in the North Texas Conference, being appointed to the Kaufman Circuit. In 1870 and 1871, two years, he was principal of Johnson's Point High School. In 1872 he served the Kaufman Circuit again. Until 1888 he was faithfully employed serving various charges with acceptability. In 1888 he was compelled, by reason of feeble health, to take a superannuated relation. He has lived since then in the city of Terrell, loved and respected by all classes. He was a man of rather feeble constitution, and during the entire winter he had been rapidly failing and his death was not unexpected. The writer visited him on Wednesday before his death and found him very feeble, but cheerful and hopeful. He talked of his plans and purposes, and inquired for certain books, saying that he wished to read up with a view to writing some articles for the Advocate on some doctrinal points. Friday I visited him and saw at once that his end was near. I told him that such was the case, and asked him how it was with him if God willed to take him home to himself. With kindling eye he said, "All right; all is well." He told me that I could tell his brethren that he was all resigned to God's will. At 10 o'clock he died in great peace. Another good man has gone; another name to be added to our roll of honor. Bro. Brewer was a good preacher; above ordinary. He was a man of fine attainments, a good scholar and a good theologian. His sermons were full of ripe thought, instructive, logical, impressive, sometimes grand, moving the hearts of his hearers with power. Having known him long and intimately we might say much more, but cannot ask for so much space in your columns. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

M. H. NEELY.

SHARP.—One by one we are gathered home. The angel of death has removed another of the faithful ones, Uncle Jimmie Sharp. J. A. Sharp was born in 1825, and departed this life March 24, 1899, thus living nearly three-fourths of a century. He was converted in 1850 and joined the Church, so for nearly fifty years he has served his Lord; not in name only, but he was faithful and true; not shirking duty, but bearing his cross daily. It can be said of him, "He has done what he could." He married Miss S. C. Blackwell in 1850, and his faithful wife, with five children, survive him. Like Abraham he commanded his house after him. All his children are religious. His will be an unbroken family in heaven. Bereaved ones, fight on only a little while, and you, too, shall lay down your cross, take up your crown and live with Him forever.

W. F. HARDY.

BOWMAN.—On January 24, 1899, a great crowd of sympathizing friends accompanied the relatives of Mr. M. J. Bowman to the North Belton Cemetery, where they went to lay beneath the sod the remains of the husband and father. As his friends and relatives stood sorrowfully around the open grave, into which was lowered the casket containing the body, I could not but think, as Longfellow said, "Dust thou art to dust returneth was not spoken of the soul." Mathew James Bowman was born in Clinton, Louisiana, in 1822. He was the son of Rev. James Bowman, a Louisiana planter and a Methodist minister. He was twice married; first to Miss Mollie Goldman, at Waterproof, Louisiana, by whom there survives one child, Mrs. R. W. Wright, of Belton. He was married again in 1879 to Miss Kate Slater

at Brenham, by whom there is one daughter, Miss Fannie Lee. Mr. Bowman was a graduate of old Centenary College in Louisiana, and while a schoolboy professed religion, and since has been a constant Christian and member of the M. E. Church, South. Broken in fortune by the result of the Civil War, he came to Belton in the early seventies and has resided in Bell County since, and for the last eighteen years was Deputy County Tax Collector. Most men in their business lives engender the animosity of some man, but in this case we can truly say that after a residence in one town of twenty-eight years he died without a single enemy. So careful and efficient in his business that changes of administrations never threatened his position, and so earnest in his religion that even the unconverted pointed to him as one Christian who lived up to his profession; so tender and kind in his treatment of others, that a nephew who lived with him could scarcely realize at times that he was not his own father; so deeply loved by wife and daughters, it seemed that they could not give him up. Leaving home in broken health he went in December to Brenham, but the change not helping him, in January he came home to die in the old home, where, with a loving wife and daughter, he had lived so happy. And there, on January 23, of this year, surrounded by nearly all of his loved ones, he passed away. Unable in the last moments to speak, he turned his eyes upon his loving wife and pointed upward. "Yes, Mr. Bowman, we will meet you there," she answered. He simply passed from a world where trouble lives to a heaven where joy eternal reigns, and to-day, with a crown of righteousness, in which are woven as priceless jewels the deeds of good he did on earth, on his brow, and a harp, tuned in the conservatory of God, in his hands, he chants the songs of Crucified in heaven's choir.

WELLS.—Bro. Jacob Wells is no more. He departed this life January 10, 1899. This will make many hearts sad who knew and loved Bro. Wells in life. He was born May 22, 1828, in Georgia; so lived out his threescore years and ten; nor was his life in vain. He professed faith in Christ in early life, and was ever a good and faithful Christian and member of the M. E. Church, South, filling with honor to himself and credit to the Church nearly every official position as a layman; was religious at home and abroad; always observed the rules of the Church; had family prayer, thus bringing his religion to bear on his household and had their unbounded confidence and respect. Bro. Wells leaves a widow and nine children to mourn their loss. But they have hope. They know where to find him. So, dear ones, only follow him as he followed Christ, and soon you will meet where sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. W. F. HARDY, P. C. Grand Saline, Texas.

POE.—Elizabeth B. Poe was born February 2, 1815, and died at the home of her son, Wm. Poe, near Granbury, Texas, April 3, 1899; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, at about the age of fifteen years, and for those sixty-nine years has tried and found the joys and comforts of the Christian religion. Often she was heard to say, "I have never grown weary of service, but find it better and brighter all along the way." Indeed it may be said of her, "She hath done what she could." Her family of seven children are all professors of religion and members of their mother's Church. She was devoted to her Church. Her home was the home of the itinerant. She read the Bible and was devoted to God. Hers was a beautiful Christian life, that in this world will always speak, and in the world beyond will always rejoice.

HENRY M. LONG.

Glen Rose, Texas.

CRAWFORD.—Bro. W. J. Crawford was born in Hale County, Alabama, November 16, 1847; converted when about twelve years old, and united with the Church soon thereafter; came to Texas a few years ago, and united with the Church lived a consistent Christian life. He was the real salt of the earth. His light shone that others could hardly fail to recognize the fact that he had been with Jesus; that he was seeking a city whose builder and maker is God. He fell asleep securely in the affectionate arms of his Savior April 9, 1899. He leaves a wife, several children and brothers to mourn their loss. We trust they will not sorrow as those who have no hope; that they will find consolation in the thought that their loss is his eternal gain; that he has only been transferred from the Church militant into the Church triumphant, and that afterwards there will be a glorious family reunion in the delectable city of God, where sorrows and bereavements will be forever unknown.

J. E. BLAYLOCK.

DICKEY.—Charles F., son of Col. and Mrs. S. J. Dickey, departed this life at Lewisburg, Mississippi, December 13, 1898, aged twenty-four years, three months and twenty-six days. "Dear" came as a thief in the night." Charles passed from this world to the world beyond while out hunting. His death was very sudden and sad. He was a member of the M. E. Church, South, for several years. Though he went astray, the kind Shepherd did not forget his wandering sheep and brought him to the fold. He was a noble young man, cultured and refined. He was the embodiment of honor, hence enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. He leaves a father, mother, three sisters (two brothers having preceded him) and a host of friends to mourn their loss. May this sad affliction be sanctified to the good of all the family, and God grant to bring them all to a reunion above.

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HOMER HANNA, Notary Public.

GATLIN.—Casswell W. Gatlin, son of H. C. and M. V. Gatlin, was born in Macon County, Georgia, September 19, 1871. He was converted in Lee County, Mississippi, in 1891. He came to Texas in the fall of the same year and settled near Chatfield, in Navarro County. He was married to Miss Minnie Warren, November 11, 1894, by Rev. J. P. Mussett. He died at home after an illness of four months. During all this painful ordeal he never murmured nor judged the Lord harshly. Bro. Gatlin was a working Christian, and held in high esteem by all who knew him. The funeral in the Methodist Church at Chatfield (of which he was a member) was largely attended and all said, "A good man has gone from us." He leaves his dear wife broken-hearted and his sweet little babe fatherless, but she is a true Christian woman and trusts in Him who is a father to the fatherless child, and husband to the widow. May the good Lord comfort them in their trouble and sorrow.

W. H. CRAWFORD.

REAGAN.—Purdie Isabel Reagan was born in Navarro County, Texas, October 17, 1872, and fell asleep in Christ April 7, 1899, aged twenty-six years, three months and twenty days. Sister Reagan left the evidence behind that she had left this earth and gone up the shining way to heaven. She was a devoted Christian lady. To know her was to love her. She leaves a noble and faithful companion, five little children and a host of friends to mourn her departure. God bless her lovely companion and dear little children in their sad bereavement. May the dear little children fall into tender and loving hands that will cheer and comfort them by the way, and teach them to love and obey God, and be prepared to meet mother one sweet day on the banks of sweet deliverance, for we know mother is there. When the summons of death came for her, she folded her hands across her breast in humble submission to our Father in heaven, as if to say, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory." We bless God's holy name for grace to comfort us in the hour and article of death.

F. M. GALUSHA.

Golden, Texas.

COX.—Willie Cadella Cox, twenty-month old child of J. M. and M. M. Cox, was taken with pneumonia on Sunday, and Wednesday the Father called her home. Christ, while here on earth, loved the children, and we know his love for them is none the less for his having been glorified. To the parents I would say, weep not, as those who have no hope. You know where your Willie is, and where she is you can go, for the way ye know. Christ is the way. What a host of little ones await us over there. Earth and heaven are drawn closer together when one of a family pass over.

W. W. EDGAR.

HERONIMUS.—A good and true man has fallen. J. H. Heronimus has left the walks of men and gone to walk the streets of the celestial city. He was born August 21, 1823; died September 19, 1898; born in Frederick County, Virginia. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church September, 1844, at a campmeeting at Sand Springs, Hampshire County, West Virginia, under the administration of John A. Collins, presiding elder. He married Mary G. Chase in December, 1878, where he remained until the Savior called him. Oh, how the Church misses him, but our loss is his gain, for God has called him to a better Church above. He fell at his post after a long and useful life, and has passed into the rest of the people of God. The writer has known him for thirty-five years, and has often heard him say that he never wanted to give up his religion; and on his deathbed said all was well, and oh, can't we be resigned and thank God for the arm of such a consecrated life. Why, yes, surely we can, and follow on in his footprints until we, too, shall be ripe for heaven. Sister Heronimus, be of good cheer, your husband is not dead, but is

only asleep in Jesus, and awaits with joy your coming to him in the better land. Be faithful a short time longer, and you shall join him again. Children, follow father as father followed his Savior, and by and by you will shake his hand in heaven. Oh, the joys of the redeemed! Oh, the ecstasies of the righteous! Oh, the estate of God's children in the spiritland! Let us die their death; let us have their reward, and we need no more. A friend, T. J. H.

HUNT.—Marla F. Hunt was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, in 1823; was married to Benjamin F. Hunt in 1843; moved to Texas in 1849; died suddenly March 30, 1899. Sister Hunt was for more than forty years a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. On removing to this place, and finding no Church of her own, she, about nine years ago, cast her lot with the people "called Methodists," and was a worthy member of the M. E. Church, South. The people had confidence in her religion. Though almost entirely deaf for the last three years, she was pleasant, cheerful and agreeable. She now hears and enjoys the sweet music of heaven. Having lost her husband in 1897, she fought bravely the battles of life. She leaves three sons and three daughters to mourn her loss. God grant them a happy reunion on the other shore.

H. F. SHRADER.

Hum, Texas.

GLASGOW.—Sister Martha A. Glasgow was born February 17, 1828, in Mississippi; was married to Mr. Glasgow, January 18, 1872, and died in West, Texas, April 13, 1899. For many years she was a devoted Christian, holding membership in the M. E. Church, South. I have known Sister Glasgow quite intimately over a year, and can testify to the excellency of her Christian character. The Church will miss her, but our loss is doubtless her eternal gain. An aged husband mourns her loss, but he knows where to find her. "Blessed are they that die in the Lord."

J. H. CHAMBLISS.

DOBBS.—Hunter Dobbs was born January 19, 1879; professed religion and joined the Methodist Church in the summer of 1894; married Gertrude White, daughter of Dr. A. J. White, formerly of Tennessee; died of consumption September 25, 1898. Hunter was raised near Macy, Brazos County, Texas. After professing religion and meaning well for a season, he turned again to the weak and beggarly elements of the world—too often the case of those who hold on to their former associates, who are ungodly. Turn them loose! It is better to suffer the cutting off of the right hand, or plucking out of the right eye, than with them be eternally lost. After that dreaded disease, consumption, whose victims so rarely ever escape, had seized on him, and he was shut in from the world, Hunter again turned to the God of all grace and found pardon for his sins. He told his friends several weeks before his death he was ready to go. He leaves a wife and one child. May the Lord direct concerning them, that there may be an unbroken family in that home above.

W. W. EDGAR.

FARRAR.—Mrs. Mattie Farrar, wife of Major L. J. Farrar, was born in Nacogdoches County, Texas, June 1, 1845, and fell on sleep at her home in Groesbeck, March 27, 1899. She was happily converted and joined the Methodist Church when seventeen years of age, and remained a member until her death. In a recent letter her eldest brother, Dr. Wm. Starley, of Tyler, says of her: "During her girlhood she was at all times the light and life of her associates; dutiful and affectionate in nature, she bound all to herself by the strongest bonds of love and friendship." And in late years we can truly say that her kindness to all with whom she came in contact was one of her greatest characteristics. As wife, mother, sister and daughter few women could compare to

her. Her life was one of devotion, and she considered no sacrifice too great to be made for those she loved. Ill-health caused her to live a quiet home life, and she could do no active Church work; but her faith was strong, and she missed no opportunity of doing good or helping those in distress. Her object in life seemed to be to serve others and to make her home bright and happy for her loved ones. May her heart-broken husband, son and daughter look up through their tears to her Savior, who alone can comfort them in this sad hour. Farewell for a time, sweet and gentle sister. We expect to meet you again, dear one, in that home not made with hands. God grant we may all meet there with the loved ones gone before—an unbroken family.

SISTER.

BRILL.—Died, of cerebrospinal meningitis, April 8, 1899, at his home, near El Paso, Texas, August C. Brill (formerly of White Oaks, N. M.), aged twenty-two years. His adopted mother, Sarah J. McEady, did all in her power for his comfort until death claimed her own. All who knew the deceased respected him for his industry and strict integrity and mourn his untimely departure. May God console his mother, who is left alone in her old age to struggle for a living.

S. G. KILGORE.

HALE.—Fannie L. Hale (nee Perkins) was born October 30, 1876, near Van Alstyne, Grayson County, Texas, and was born from above at Union Church, Weston Circuit, in the month of August, 1897, and at once identified herself with the Church at that place. She was married to Mr. N. B. Hale September 4, 1898, and fell on sleep April 9, 1899, near Hilltown, Texas. We laid her body to rest in the cemetery at Union Church. Her life, after her conversion was upright, and her loved ones find comfort in the hope of meeting her in heaven. God bless the bereaved ones.

A. L. GRIBBLE.

Rhea Mills, Texas.

TEAGUE.—Oscar S. Teague, the son of W. A. Teague and Sister Teague, all of Hamilton County Texas. Oscar was born September 11, 1882, and died January 25, 1899. Oscar was a good boy. He was highly respected by all of his associates, and will be missed by all. He was just coming into manhood. Oscar was a member of the Sunday-school at Hess Ranch, Hamilton County, Texas. But God, who does all things well, has transplanted that dear boy to a more genial clime, and while the parents are bereft of their boy, he is resting in the sweet by-and-by, waiting and watching for papa, mamma, brothers and sisters. Written by his pastor.

W. H. CARR.

Evant, Texas.

DITTO.—Maggie Ditto, the second child of John W. and Mrs. Mattie Ditto, was born in Arlington, Texas, October 24, 1886, and after a lingering sickness of twenty days of measles and pneumonia, died quietly in the home in which she was born, April 11, 1899. Maggie was a devoted Sunday-school scholar, a splendid official juvenile worker, a faithful attendant upon the preaching of the Word, a favorite among her schoolmates and a kind, obedient and loving child. She, in return, was loved by all. Thank the Lord, Bro. and Sister Ditto are Christians and know in whom to trust. Bro. Ditto is President of the Board of Stewards, and Sister Ditto is President of the W. H. M. S. God bless the sorrowing parents, brothers and sisters.

E. V. COX.

Arlington, Texas.

BROWN.—Robert Willis, son of T. M. and L. M. Brown, was born June 13, 1897, and departed this life April 16, 1899. Little Willie was a sweet and promising child and a great favorite with all the connection, but he only stayed long enough to twine his little tendrils of love around the hearts of loved ones, and the Lord grant the father and mother may so live that they may meet their loved one in heaven. Remember, dear parents, he will be waiting for you at the beautiful gate. Let us meet him there.

J. M. CULVER.

GUNN.—Mrs. Ollie Gunn (nee Rasor) was born in Spencer County, Indiana, April 11, 1871; came to Texas with her parents in 1877, and settled in Gonzales County; was married to Taylor Gunn, December 29, 1883, and departed this life April 6, 1899. She had been a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, for twelve years, and leaves a sorrow-stricken husband, three children, father, mother and several brothers and sisters, with many relatives and a host of friends to mourn her departure. Although a sufferer for twelve months, her life was full of sunshine and patience, and the writer could but note the sweet expression of peace and confidence on her face when her mind was directed to heavenly things. She was conscious to the last, and bade her loved ones meet her in the bright world beyond. Brother, friends, let us meet her in the New Jerusalem.

WM. H. NEWKIRK.

Harwood, Texas.

McBURNETT.—"Suffer little children to come unto me," said the Master, and the twin boys of Bro. and Sister McBurnett have gone to be with Him. James Coy and William Roy, children of Bro. and Sister McBurnett were born February 18, 1895, and died December 9 and 10, 1898, aged three years, ten months and ten days. Whatever affected one always affected the other. In features and form it was impossible almost to distinguish one from the other. Their dispositions were alike, kind and gentle. All who saw them loved them, but the Master saw best to take them. But we thank God for the blessed assurance He gives us that, "It is well with the child."

S. H. B.

SMITH.—Mrs. Florence Harrington Smith was born July 18, 1878, in Carrollton, Miss.; afterwards moved with her parents to Denver, Colo., where she met and afterwards married Mr. Isaac Elmus Smith, June 24, 1891. She moved with her husband to Alabama, and afterwards to Mammoth Springs, and from there to Dallas, Texas, last September. She died at the home of her parents, 90 Cockrell Avenue, Saturday morning, April 22, 1899. She was a kind and loving mother, a true, devoted friend, and an obedient, dutiful child. She leaves a husband and two little children, besides a father, mother, brothers and a sister, and a host of friends, to mourn their loss; but their loss is her eternal gain. She had never united with any Church, but was a good woman, and said on her deathbed that she was going home. She died of pneumonia after nine days of severe suffering. She died without a struggle, and went to

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sleep in Jesus. May God bless the bereaved ones and help them to live Christian lives and meet the loved one in a better world. Grieve not, dear husband; your wife is now waiting for you at the beautiful gate. Father and mother, weep not; your daughter is now waiting for you; and God bless the little children, one of whom was only about one month old, and may they be raised to love and obey God and meet their mother in heaven. God is good and all is for the best; his will be done, not ours. She was buried at the Oakland Cemetery, April 23, 1899. Peace to her soul. Her friend,

CHAS. T. JONES.

BYFORD.—Little Lee, son of J. W. and Susie Byford, was born January 25, 1898, and went home to heaven April 14, 1899. We hate to give up our little ones, but Jesus said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Dear parents, you can go to your loved one if you live for him who hath called us. May the Lord bind up the broken hearts and bring them home at last. Rest, little Lee, until we meet in heaven.

JOHN M. CULVER.

NAIL.—Stella Nail, infant daughter of W. R. and Letha C. Nail, was born at Crawford, Texas, November 28, 1898, and died March 2, 1899. Last year God called from this family a bright little boy only a few months old; now little Stella, the only girl, has gone to a better world. For some time Brother and Sister Nail, with other anxious and sympathetic hearts, waited at the bedside of this beautiful child. Stella lived long enough to entwine herself around the hearts of all who knew her. May God comfort the bereaved parents.

N. M. McLAUGHLIN.

THOMPSON.—Alexander Thompson was born November 4, 1827; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, early in life; was married to Miss Mary M. Forshaw August 11, 1859, in Hopewell, Washington County, Missouri, to whom were born thirteen children, nine of whom are living. He fought for the "Lost Cause" in the late war three and one-half years, where he virtually lost his health; came to Texas in December, 1880; located in Tarrant County; lived near where now stands Fort Worth College, thence to Fort Worth, thence to Handley. There he was attacked with the worst form of rheumatism, which drew him out of shape—crippled him; frequently putting him in bed, which rendered him almost helpless. He moved to Arlington three years ago. As his pastor, I frequently visited him and his religious experience was always clear. Though his physical condition was extremely bad, and possessing scarcely any of these world's goods, etc., I never saw a happier and sweeter and more uncomplaining Christian. Frequently he longed to depart and be with the Lord. On Saturday, April 8, at 11 a. m., he was completely paralyzed in his left right side. Tuesday, with voice almost gone, and his mind clear, with his good hand pointing to heaven, and in response to a question said, "It is all right;" died Friday, April 14, 7:30 a. m.; buried at Handley, Saturday, April 15, 1899. This is a brief story of a good life. The heart-broken wife and mourning children know where to find him. Amen.

E. V. COX.

REDUS.—Georgia Morris, wife of George Redus, was born April 1, 1878, in Lavaca County, Texas, and died February 18, 1899, in Medina County. She was so young. She and her husband were so happy together, and their bright boy of a few months lay cooing in her lap. Death seems to have shot a cruel dart, but she said she was ready to go. She gave her baby to her sister-in-law, Miss Johnie, and went to sleep in her husband's arms. I trust she will be waiting to welcome her loved ones left here to the land where there is no death for our dear.

NATH THOMPSON.

CELY.—This noble man, Bro. John F. Cely, was born in Greenville District, South Carolina, February 25, 1847; came to Anderson County, Texas, in February, 1871; was married to Miss Martha E. Freeman, November 6, 1873. They lived happily together until the November 16, 1894, when she passed from labor to rest. Bro. Cely was again married July 28, 1895, to Miss Maggie Isom, of Cherokee County, Texas, April 4, 1899. God in his mysterious providence called his servant home. Bro. Cely gave his heart to God in early life, joined the M. E. Church, South, and as the years went by he grew in grace, becoming more and more consecrated to the Lord. He loved Christ and his Church with a fervor that was beautiful; not in word only, but in deed and in truth. In Church work, his liberality was equaled by few and surpassed by none. All his former pastor will join me in saying he was his pastor's friend, in the full sense of the word. But "the ways of the Lord are right." We know that in the past he has buried his workmen, still carrying on his work, and will continue to do so. With confidence, we commend the bereaved widow and children to the God of all grace, whom the husband and father loved so dearly and served so faithfully. Dear ones, he is not dead, but is waiting to welcome you in the sweet by-and-by.

J. B. LUKER.

GATHING.—The pearly gates have opened and the sweet spirit of an aged saint has passed through their shining portals into the saints everlasting rest. Not dead but sleeping until the resurrection morn. Mrs. J. A. Gathing calmly fell asleep in Jesus at Center Point, Kerr County, Texas, May 25, 1898, at the home of her eldest living daughter, Mrs. Dr. J. C. Nowlin. She was born February 10, 1818, in Anson

County, North Carolina, being the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, who were true Methodists of the good old-fashioned type. She was married to Daniel Gathing August 5, 1832. There were nine children of this union, three of whom preceded her into the land beyond the tomb. She was left a widow October 25, 1851; but she bravely took up the cross, following Christ in the strait and narrow way, determined to make her calling and election sure. Sister Gathing being reared in a pure Christian home gave her heart to God in her early bloom ere the evil of social ethics had poisoned her pure spirit, being converted at the age of twelve at Tabernacle Meeting House, North Carolina, and at once joined the Methodist Church, waiting henceforth in patience, humility, meekness, gentleness—a consistent Christian life—until it pleased the Father to call her home. Her piety was intelligent, uniform, constant, a powerful testimony that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseeth from all sin. Our sister never wearied in doing for the Church and ministry, and her chief joy was in alleviating the suffering of others. She reared her children in the nurture and admonition of her Lord. The Bible doctrine was to her a sacred trust, and she freely infused its principles into those loved ones God had given her, and grandly was she rewarded for her earnest devotion. She lived to see all her children and most of her grandchildren following Christ even as she had followed him. The ripened grain was ready to be gathered into the fold, for the sheaves were mostly ready for the binding. Her posterity, sixty-five in number, ran up and call her blessed. She was a good mother says one, and all know the loving kindness, the sympathizing gentleness, the noble self-sacrificing spirit that influence the actions of a true, good mother. No wonder the bleeding hearts feel that the loss is irreparable. Of the four sons and five daughters of this mother in Israel all the living children except one were privileged to be present at her bedside and witness with a sad pleasure, how reconciled she was to her departure. To be with Christ she felt to be eternal gain, and the last adieu could not sadden the glorified spirit. According to her expressed desire the funeral services were conducted by C. S. Mills, of Kerrville, Texas, and a noble tribute did he pay to her memory at the M. E. Church to a large congregation of grief-stricken friends and relatives, who, amid tears and sorrow, could but rejoice when they thought of the glad reunion hereafter. Full well they know the parting will not be long, but soon all will meet around the blood-washed throne of God. Thus we lay our kindred in the earth and follow to their final resting place the last remains of those who occupied a cherished chamber in our hearts. While nature finds it hard to dry the tear and quench the sigh, faith ever lifts the spirit from its sad despondency by assuring us of a reunion beyond the grave. As the softened breath of spring shall whisper the snow drop into life and border the garden path again with flowers, so there is a resurrection coming on. Heaven is, it must be, as substantial and living as the earth. Can we believe that faded flowers shall revive at the blithe reckoning of spring, and no immortal spring beckon the mortal back to life, no morning command the clay to be clothed in the garments of a quickening spirit? So, whilst the body of the loved mother, grandmother and friend sleeps in the cemetery at Center Point, the spirit shall arise to spend an endless morning with renewed energy, power and glory.

ROBERT PAINE.

PHILPOT.—Alexander Philpot was born in Virginia about the year 1814; lived for awhile in Nashville, Tenn.; moved to Texas a few years ago and died at the home of his son-in-law, W. W. Hastings, in Swisher County, Texas, April 5, 1899. We may say a good man is gone. Bro. Philpot was a member of the Reform or Campbellite Church, but was very liberal. The last few months he was a constant reader of Wesley's sermons and recommended all to read and study them as a book next to the Bible. His son-in-law and a large part of his family are Methodists. Bro. Philpot was kind to all and spoke adversely of no one. We never heard him criticize any one's religious opinions. He died very suddenly, falling on the floor near the stove at which he had been warming. God's blessings and comfort abide upon the bereaved ones.

J. W. R. BACHMAN.

Silverton, Texas.

BOWERS.—While mankind, in their wild rush through life is thoughtlessly rushing on, the Alwise Creator and Preserver remains the same, while the Church is apparently at ease and the Sunday-school is neglectful of its duty to use the time and talents with which God has provided it, the death messenger is dispatched to earth, and lays his cold hand on and claims one of God's creatures. Such was the case on September 2, 1898, when Sister Emma G. Bowers (nee Ballard) was called from earth to glory. She was born January 23, 1881; was married November 16, 1897; was a daughter of Bro. J. L. and Sister Ballard. Though young in years, she had been married almost one year to Luther Bowers, who is left to battle against the storms of this life without the aid and comfort of a loving wife. When mamma and papa call the family together there is a vacant chair, and not only vacant, but that cheerful voice is silent. The music, which she so cheerfully rendered, is all hushed; the Church roll is called, no one answers; the Sunday-school meets, Emma (as she was familiarly called by all) is absent; we are sad, our hearts are grieved and pained. Dear bereaved husband and relatives, the same hand that has plucked the flower from

among us sent His son and opened the way that leads to glory, that whosoever will may enter therein. Let us submit to His holy will, and continue to do his bidding until he calls for us, then we, husband, relatives, Church and Sunday-school, will all meet Emma, where there will be no more parting. May God give us grace to enable us to pick up the cross where the departed one laid it down and raise it up to a dying word. Submitting to God's will, we await the judgment. Her Sunday-school Superintendent,

E. A. THOMPSON.

Seago, Texas.

HANCOCK.—Alma Hancock, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tyre Hancock, was born in Abilene, Texas, August 18, 1889; was baptized by Rev. Hyder, February, 1887, and died March 4, 1899. I was adding Rev. I. H. Morris in a meeting when she was happily converted to God. She at once became very active in the meeting and induced many of her young friends to seek the Lord. It is to be regretted that she never formally associated herself with the Church. Her sickness was sudden, severe and short. She died of meningitis. Alma possessed a happy disposition. She was a ray of sunshine in the home, and did it, like a blooming rose, with delight. She was devoted to her father and a great comfort and help to her mother. She was loving and loved by her friends. To the eye of faith nothing is more touchingly lovely than the death of little children. How blessed the children when they die. How sweet it must be to give back the spirit to its Maker in the bright harbor of childhood! I commend these and all sorrowing parents to the words of the dear Lord.

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"HISTORY OF METHODISM."

By H. G. H., in Advocate of April 13.

This article is a partial review of the "preambles and resolutions" presented by myself and Rev. T. H. Morris at the last session of the North Texas Conference, and ordered by that body to be published in the Advocate, and to be acted upon at the next session of the conference. Brother H. G. H. practically agrees with the authors of the plan presented, that the time is ripe for such a history. He also agrees that "time" and "cash" are necessary adjuncts in an undertaking of such vast compass. The plan presented assumes the necessity for "a plodding, limitless patience and endurance, physical, mental, spiritual." How Bro. H. G. H. could infer "that Messrs. Wyatt and Morris" are trying "to handicap Nichols in this great work" is something that is hard for at least these two men to see. Now, Bro. H. G. H., leave off your far-fetched inferences and let's get down to business and try to bring order out of chaos, if the plan presented is chaotic. We, as two plain, earnest ministers of Texas Methodism, by no means assume infallibility. If something better can be presented as a plan to enable this much needed "work" to be produced, let's have it between now and the next sessions of our Texas Conferences. Until we see such a plan we shall strongly insist on the one outlined. That Rev. J. Marvin Nichols is the man for this work, we think becomes more apparent as time passes. We think his extraordinary little, yet large, book, "The Law of Missions," will clearly show this. The plan presented assumes the unimpeachable honesty of Methodist preachers, and consequently, if adopted by all the Texas Conferences, would produce, though small, yet we think a sufficient, and continual flow of cash into Bro. Nichols' till to enable him to prosecute the work very handsomely. Remember, there are quite a number Quarterly Conferences held in Texas each week in the year. From each of these would go a small amount. Bro. H. G. H. promises destruction in his next to this plan, but promises no amends by a substitute of a better quality. We would suggest that the brotherly thing would be to mix a little, Destroy that which is wrong, but give us something better in its place. I am sure that no one would be better pleased with such a course than Bro. Morris and myself. We wait to see what we shall see. As to the previous actions of this conference in reference to this matter we have this to say: Dr. John is dead; we have no information as to the amount of historical matter being sent to Dr. Bourland; but we do know that Bro. Nichols has a vast amount of historical matter already located, but much time and money will be necessary to develop this, to say nothing of the vast area of the outlying field. J. A. WYATT.
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AS TO MYSELF.

Bro. Littlepage's account of the big meeting is incorrect. I was not converted there; but the meeting was great without me. I was a member of Bro. Littlepage's Sunday-school, and I took an interest in the meeting as, it seemed to me then, every man, woman and child did in the town. Bro. Littlepage was very solicitous about me, and I suppose that I led him to believe I was converted. This was the worst mistake of my life. I was deceived myself. This mistake, for it was no less a mistake on my part, led me into error and much trouble and great disappointment that well nigh overwhelmed me. The truth is, I was never really converted until the winter of 1890, and converted on April 4, 1892, about a quarter to nine o'clock, while saying in my heart: "Lord, I do believe; help thou my unbelief." I have had no doubt about my latter conversion, although I have had some trouble with it.

I make this statement in justification of Bro. Littlepage and myself. The meeting referred to was the greatest, for power, I ever attended.

This reference to the archives of the past recalls great old times and big preachers, Bible preachers—Revs. H. V. Philpott, N. A. Cravens, E. S. Smith and S. C. Little page chief among them.

JOEL S. GRAVES.

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JAS. HAMMOND.

Laredo, Texas, May 8.

LETTER FROM PROVINCE, I. T.

It has been said, that God buries his workman, but carries his work on. Bro. Brightman passed peacefully away a few weeks ago, and your unworthy writer was asked to take his place. The grand and noble teachers of Grayson College agreed to give me my examinations and let me go into the work of the Master. On April 25 I reached Province Circuit, ten miles east of Ardmore, I. T. I have four churches, and preach at six points. The good people of Province have built a very good parsonage at Province. I room in it and take my meals out in town. The good people have received me very warmly. I anticipate a pleasant stay. All the Church services are well attended. District Conference convened at Ardmore, I. T., April 28. We had an enjoyable time; I never saw a finer looking body of young men—no, not even in the States.
C. S. SHIRES.

May 4, 1899.

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By Joseph J. Jordan.

Ye who are sinking 'neath life's weary labors,
And ye who have sunk to the depths of despair,
Look upward, press onward, renewing your labors,
The night may be dark, but the dawn shall be fair.
For Jesus himself passed through various temptations,
But success on success lead to heaven and God,
And the periods of darkness to men and to nations
Are but paths on the way which the Savior has trod.
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May 1.—M. S. Gardner, o. k. J. W. Bowden, sub. C. D. West, sub. J. E. Buck, o. k. L. H. McGee, sub. G. W. Riley, sub. W. T. Harris, has attention. I. Z. T. Morris, sub. C. W. Godwin, sub. J. M. Sherman, has attention.

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May 4.—W. C. Hollingsworth, has attention. S. W. Warner, sub. R. L. Glazier, sub. R. H. Webster, sub. J. D. Dorsey, has attention. J. W. Bowden, sub.; you have it right. R. O. Bailey, sub. Jerome Duncan, has attention. A. R. Nash, sub. D. A. Gregg, sub. have attention. Jerome Haralson, sub.

May 5, 6.—I. L. Mills, sub. C. M. Myers, sub. J. W. Tinscher, has attention. W. W. Graham, sub. J. A. King, sub. J. W. Cullen, sub. T. T. Booth, sub.

May 8.—I. F. Pace, has attention. J. M. Armstrong, sub. J. J. Canafax, sub. J. A. Wyatt, sub. J. P. Rodgers, sub.

May 9.—G. S. Wyatt, sub. G. F. Fair, sub. M. M. Smith, sub. J. M. Baker, has attention. Gus Garrison, sub. W. W. Graham, o. k.

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San Angelo, Texas. W. M. JOHNSON.

TO INDIANAPOLIS VIA MEMPHIS AND LOUISVILLE.

Now that the question of the meeting of the Epworth League in Indianapolis next July is beginning to attract attention, possibly something relative to one of the routes that will be offered for the consideration of the prospective delegates will be of interest.

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