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EDITORIAL.

A TRAVESTY ON JUSTICE.

The case of the State of Texas against Carlisle for the murder of Prof. William Lipscomb was called last week in the Criminal Court of this county and went to trial. The murder occurred last June, about six months ago, but was put off from time to time until the public had in some measure recovered from the shock of the crime. This is one method of aiding murderers to get a light penalty for their crimes. Instead of bringing them to speedy justice, as is done in the case of negro rapists, their cases are dragged along for months until interest upon the part of the people has subsided and then the trial begins. This is true in the case of Carlisle. His crime was the most shocking and revolting in the annals of criminal jurisprudence in Dallas County. He became enraged at Mr. Lipscomb because the School Board refused to re-elect him janitor of the High School. He deliberately, and with malice aforethought, sought an opportunity to take the life of Lipscomb. He waited until the teacher was seated in the church by the side of his wife and children, attending a revival service. Then the assassin, with murder deep- dyed in his heart, took a position at a window until he could locate his victim and as soon as the minister invited people to come forward for confession, this bloody man slipped in at a side door, went forward as though he intended to speak to the minister, but just as soon as he reached the place where the unsuspecting teacher was sitting, he drew a pistol and fired its deadly contents into the body of one of the best and purest men who ever lived in this city. As soon as the fatal work was accomplished, the man whose hands were dripping in blood, exclaimed, "He took my bread and meat away from me!"

This is the crime as related by eye-witnesses, committed by the man whose case the Criminal Court tried last week. The evidence was overwhelming. But the "insanity dodge" was pleaded by the defense. This is the miserable subterfuge now resorted to by red-handed murderers when they realize that there is no hope for their guilty necks. They go ahead and plan their crimes with reference to this method of escape. The fact is, it has now come to pass that our Criminal Court is about reduced to a Commission for determining the sanity of murderers, and our jail is the detention station for them until they can either get a light sentence, or be sent to the insane asylum. But what was the outcome of the Carlisle case? Notwithstanding the fact that he pleaded insanity, the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree, and assessed his punishment at ten years in the penitentiary! Now, if he were insane, the verdict is an outrage upon Carlisle; but if he was sane, the verdict is an unmitigated outrage upon justice and law. No sensible man who heard the testimony, and who has known the defendant since his residence in the city, believes

that he was in the slightest degree insane at the time he committed that bloody deed.

Just here we wish to say that nobody wanted that poor old criminal hung simply to see him die, but all right-thinking people wanted to see justice done in order that other wicked men might be deterred from committing like crimes upon the lives of innocent citizens. This verdict will encourage any man of murderous propensities to select his victim and take his life under circumstances that will enable him to plead insanity. And, furthermore, verdicts like this are responsible for the existence of mob law. People grow weary of seeing criminals practically turned loose by the courts, and they take justice in their own hands. If the good people who witnessed the bloody deed of this man had anticipated a verdict like this, the probability is that the Criminal Court of this county would have been saved this miserable travesty on justice. We deplore mob law as a great misfortune and we condemn it as an outrage upon order; but as long as our courts send out verdicts like this one we may prepare ourselves for the worst. People can rot, and will not, stand such performances under the name of law and justice. This sort of thing brings the courts of the country into disrepute and contempt. Is there any remedy? Not unless we can get our miserable jury system revised. As it now stands, no decision in the jury-room can be reached until the consent of all twelve of the jurymen can be obtained. This often places justice in the hands of one or two men who have not capacity sufficient to appreciate the moral gravity of an act, and whose sympathy with criminals is so strong that they can not be induced by any sort of evidence to bring in a verdict against the defendant until they have secured for him the minimum penalty. And lawyers who defend criminals are only too glad to secure the service of such men on our juries. If, therefore, our jury system is revised so as to require a two-thirds vote of the jury to bring in a verdict, it would largely do away with the sham work of our criminal courts. As our system now stands, murderers will go on with their bloody work, and our courts will continue to grind out for them just such wretched verdicts as the one under criticism. The thing is becoming a menace to life and safety, and if something is not done to check it, the patience of the people will cease to be a virtue. The press of the country needs to speak out upon these bloody outrages and demand a reformation. Murder in the second degree for the foul crime which took the breath out of this entire community last June! In the name of justice in the name of human life, in the name of a broken-hearted widow and three orphan children, we denounce this verdict as an unmitigated disgrace to the civilization of this century. If allowed to go unrebuked it will foster crime, encourage mob law in its worst form, and force intelligent people to look upon the processes of Criminal Courts with disdain and contempt. We have had enough of these legal farces, and

it is time to call a halt. If we can do no better than this, then let every citizen, who values his life, prepare to look after his own safety.

THE HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL COMES TO TIME.

It is now officially given out that the Houston and Texas Central Railroad will proceed to grant all ministers of the gospel half-fare permits after the first of next month, and blanks to be filled out by the applicants for this privilege can be obtained by calling upon the agents of the road at any of their depots. We are glad that the Central has at last made this concession. It ought to have done so long ago, and it would have saved itself of much merited criticism and a great deal of deserved unpopularity. The Advocate, representing two hundred thousand Methodists in the State, has not hesitated to speak out upon this question and tell the officials of this road some very unpleasant things; but now the end which we sought has been obtained, and upon this particular issue we have no further criticism to make. On the contrary, we commend these officials for taking this advanced step in joining the other roads in the State in their unsolicited courtesy to ministers. Now that victory is won and the Central has fallen into line, we commend it to the clergy as worthy of a part of their patronage. There exists no reason why we should avoid the Central when we wish to go upon a journey. Heretofore the Central has not appreciated the influence of the religious press upon public sentiment, but now they are fully awake to this influence, and we trust that there will not again arise the necessity for taking them to task for discriminating against the Protestant clergy of the State. We congratulate the Central officials upon their ability to see and do the right thing when it is brought to their attention.

THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

On the 5th inst. I took the Katy, along with Brethren Blaylock, Owens and Everett, for the seat of the Texas Conference at Marlin. At Waco we spent a couple of hours, and after dinner we boarded the Central for our destination, and made the run of 27 miles down to Marlin. Rev. Weems Wootton, the pastor of our Church here, met us at the train and assigned us to our several homes.

Marlin is a fine town of about 4000 inhabitants. It is up-to-date in its public improvements, such as electric light plant, public waterworks, elegant churches and good public schools. The country round about is fine, as the Brazos River is near by, and all along this stream the lands are very productive. From a wide section of fertile country Marlin draws a large and profitable trade. Then, too, some very valuable mineral waters have been discovered here, and this fact has added a great deal of interest to the place. The existence of this water has only been known for a few years, and its discovery was rather accidental. The town authorities took a notion to sink

an artesian well for public use. The contract called for a well 2000 feet deep. But when the limit was reached there was no indication of water in sufficient quantities for general use; so by special arrangement another thousand feet were added, and then some three hundred and fifty more, when a great submarine channel of hot water was struck, and it boiled up in great smoking volumes. It was rather too hot to be comfortable, and upon being examined it was found to contain the finest mineral qualities, both for inward use and for bathing. It not only has those curative properties, but it has freedom from all organic impurities. Water of this character soon came into prominence as a cure for rheumatism and other blood and skin troubles. It has a temperature of 149, and such is the natural pressure of the well that it spontaneously gives forth over 150,000 gallons of water per day. It is free to all who go there and drink it, but a bath house is fitted up within twenty feet of the well, called Bethesda, where for a trifle one can get the hot water and vapor baths. I visited this house to-day, and Dr. Wilson, the proprietor, showed me through the several apartments and explained them to me. It is thoroughly heated from this well, and the year round it is like a Florida summer. He has extended the freedom of the bath house to all of the members of the conference free of charge during their stay in the city.

Near by there was a fine sanitarium, but it was burned some time ago, and this has interfered with needed accommodations of the place. But it is being rebuilt at a cost of some \$20,000, and when completed it will be a first-class institution for all of Texas. Then, too, Mr. Fannin, a man of means, has built a splendid hotel and given to it his own name, and he has equipped it with all of the modern conveniences. It would really do credit to a large city. Everything in it is new. It is splendidly furnished and kept in first-class condition. He has the best of servants, the dining room is as well supplied as the Oriental in Dallas. His terms are also reasonable.

With the advantages of this wonderful water and the hotel accommodations, there is no need of going to the Hot Springs or any other distant health resort for relief from blood troubles. All of these things can be gotten in Marlin.

While here I am the guest of Mr. Fannin in his admirably kept hotel, and I speak from experience when I tell of the advantages of this water and of the merit of the accommodations. The whole people have thrown open their homes to the preachers and delegates, and the hospitality of the town is in keeping with the demands of the occasion.

Our Church here is in good order. It has a membership of two hundred and fifty, and they are a wide-awake people. Their church edifice is a framed building, of moderate proportions. It has been recently overhauled and renovated, and it is cozy and at-

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LAST DAYS IN THE TROPICS.

I crossed the Tropic of Cancer off the coast of Africa on July 13, and recrossed it on my return journey this side of Porto Rico on September 17. With the exception of three days on the south side of the Tropic of Capricorn the intervening time was spent within the tropics. But inasmuch as during this time the sun was north of the equator, and it was winter in the tropics, the climatic conditions were at their best for the entire period. Most of the time I was about as far south of the equator as one stopping in Havana would be north of it, with the difference that the Cuban had the mid-summer sun in the meantime, while the Brazilian had the mid-winter sun for those same months. Both had the same short tropical twilight, for in the tropics the sun tarries neither at his rising nor his setting. One minute it is light and the other it is dark. It was doubtless the more noticeable during the winter—July, August and September—when I was in the Southern Hemisphere, because of the shortness of the winter days when the sun would insist about half-past 5 o'clock every day that his work was done, and before he had finished saying it would withdraw for the night, a good long winter night. At that very time he would stay up nearly all night in Norway, and give light enough in London for you to read by as late as 9 or 10 o'clock in the evening.

But while it was winter time one could not forget that he was in the tropics, with the banana and the palm at their best. When some one asked Mark Twain, "Does the banana grow in California?" the reply was: "Yes; but it doesn't want to." Not so in Brazil where the trouble is to keep it from growing. Especially in the vicinity of Santos with a tropical heat which is like that of the Jordan Valley, 1300 feet below the sea, little affected by the calendar, it is easier to grow than to stop. Once place a banana root in that fertile soil, and the frequent rains and the tropical sun will do the rest.

Santos, which is the seaport of the State of Sao Paulo, is at the foot of the sierra or mountain range, which has to be ascended by a series of some four or five lifts. A train starts from Santos, and passing through acres of choice banana reaches the foot of the sierra, when the forward cars known as the "Rapid" are taken up the mountain side by means of four or five cables, having as many stationary engines each serving a separate cable, the cars being transferred from one to another on as many levels, where they stop. When the highest level is reached, at whatever season of the year, you will see the passengers provided with light overcoats or wraps to protect against the sudden change which comes from the bracing air of the summit after having spent a day in the sweltering heat near the sea level. At intervals the other cars are brought up in the same way, but by the time the last of the train is made up the "Rapid" is far on its way to Sao Paulo. All who can do so arrange to have some other sleeping place than Santos, for it is among those who spend the night there that the yellow fever usually does its fatal work, thus making Santos to show the highest death rate from yellow fever of any place in Brazil. The different steamship companies have quarters for their crews far up on the mountain, and during the fever season if the vessel be detained in port the crew is taken up by rail to their mountain quarters for the night. The death rate from pulmonary troubles is greater in Rio than it is from yellow fever. This is doubtless due to the marked change in temperature between Rio and the vicinity and the lack of proper precautions in passing from one point to another. Many deem it safer to remain all the season in Rio rather than run the risk which comes from changing climates during the prevalence of the yellow fever. Sudden colds which arrest the secretions are allies of the plague, and frequently lay before the plague itself has begun. The yellow fever is by no means confined to the seaports of Brazil. Occasionally when through poor sanitation it gets a foothold in an inland city, as was the case some years ago in Campinas, its ravages are fearful. In that instance, in a city more than a hundred miles from the sea, and at a considerable elevation as in most of Brazil, the plague ceased only because it had no one else to attack, as the whole untricked population fled, many of them never to return. The government undertook an extensive system of drainage, closing up more than 1000 wells, and it is now thought that the conditions with favored the spread of the plague

have been removed. Eternal vigilance and temperate and cleanly habits are the price which any city must pay for a good sanitary record. Doubtless in a city like Rio there are cases to be found at almost any time, but all proper precautions are taken at once to separate such cases, yellow fever hospitals being provided for that purpose, and specialists who can readily detect the disease, and who know how to treat any who have been exposed to it, so that the more dangerous symptoms need not be developed.

In the excessive heat in the region of the Amazons an almost daily shower can be depended on to cool the air. A shower bath, although of a most primitive kind, is found necessary in nearly every house in Brazil occupied by foreigners, however it may lack other comforts. The heavy precipitation common to tropical countries is so necessary that a diminished rainfall is a precursor of disease. The proportion of land to water in the Southern Hemisphere is 160 to 628, while in the Northern it is 100 to 150, so amply as a beneficent Creator provided the needed water supply. An experience in a tropical rain storm, even though witnessed from the deck of a ship off the coast of Brazil, can never be forgotten.

As we pass the mouths of the Amazons, although more than fifty miles out at sea, the waters of that largest of the rivers of the earth could be seen for hours, giving their color to the Atlantic. The real name is the river of the Amazons, or the Amazons as uniformly used by Prof. Agassiz. The mouths are 150 miles apart, unless you consider that it is simply an island separating them, and that the Amazons has but one mouth 150 miles wide.

We pass the coast of French Guiana although too far out to see Devil's Island, which was so long the prison home of Dreyfus news of whose fate we anxiously await until we reach St. Lucia, one of England's island possessions, in the West Indies, where we spend a night at anchor. Our old sea captain would take no risks after nightfall in entering the narrow harbor in order to coal and take on supplies which the ship has sent here from England in order to avoid the duties imposed under the tariff laws of the United States. This detour through the Caribbean Sea makes the return trip to New York from Rio 180 miles longer than the outward trip when the ships pass to the east and out of sight of the West Indies. This is compensated for by the help of an equatorial current which adds some two miles an hour to our daily run during a week or more of our voyage, and by the delightful experience of a close view of some of the West Indies, like St. Lucia, Martinique, Dominica, Guadeloupe, St. Christopher, Eustatia, St. Martin's, at times going within a ship's length, and finally Sombrero, where we take our leave of the land until we sight the Jersey coast. Barbadoe and St. Vincent are also seen, but too far away to enjoy, as on St. Lucia and Martinique, the delightful views of the sugar plantations, the beautiful landscapes, and the historic harbors where Nelson's and Cervera's fleets had dropped anchor or whence they had sailed forth to victory or death.

How these islands have figured in the history of the great sea powers, when at times Spain, France, and Holland all combined against England! It was thirty-two ships of France which sought refuge in Chesapeake Bay from the threatened hurricane in the West Indies, which made necessary the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, because they prevented his being reinforced by the British fleet which made from here for the same waters. These powers, with Denmark which owns St. Thomas, still exercised sovereignty here until Spain's naval career was ended off Santiago. It was an interesting hour, when passing the harbor where Cervera stopped for coal at the French Island of Martinique, to study, by the help of a good glass, the port in which his warships anchored before they made their final dash for Santiago. How little we of America knew of those reluctant and quaking hearts in the "Cristobal Colon" and the "Maria Theresa," as well as the dreaded "Vizcaya." Like some hunted animal this fleet, conscious of its own weakness, would fain find a hiding place, where, as at Manila, the forts might do what they knew themselves unprepared to do—repel a naval attack. Great Britain holds on to her West Indies despite the fact that far more than their revenues is annually expended on most of the island. St. Lucia is being strongly fortified, so that England may have a second Gibraltar with her batteries out of sight.

The galleries and tunnels being cut in the solid rock have excited the admiration of all experts who have seen them. Because of her large military force here the most rigid quarantine regulations are maintained. Vessels from Brazil can have no communication with the shore unless they have been fully a fortnight out from the last Brazilian port. Coal is brought on board in large baskets borne on the heads of negro women, whose great strength sets at rest any doubts as to the dreaded Amazons. Barbadoe has even a larger garrison than St. Lucia, as well as perhaps the densest population of any civilized island, being some 1114 to the square mile.

I write these lines when within two days of the end of our voyage. Our good ship, the "Hevelius," is now and has been for the last two days in the "Sargossa Sea," that strange center of the Atlantic, alike of its winds and its currents. We have been passing through large quantities of sargossa, or "Gulf weed," much of which has been carried by the Gulf Stream to the shores of Europe and of Africa, and is now kept circling by the currents of this strange sea. The old charts, our captain tells us, were filled with islands and rocks for all this stretch of water between the West Indies and the coast of Europe, which have long since disappeared from modern charts. Possibly patches of seaweed seemed so landlike that mariners steered clear of them, and they were put down on the chart as shoals, or even islands. But while the sea is better known, how great is the tribute of lives and treasure which it annually requires! The Wreck Chart, published by the United States Hydrographic Office, shows an annual loss in all the world of 2172 vessels, 12,000 lives, and a money value of \$100,000,000. While man has conquered it for the most part through his intelligence and skill, yet at what fearful cost did he win his sovereignty before its coasts were charted and lighted, and its winds and currents better known! Even now, with all of man's skill as a navigator, ceaseless vigilance is the price of safety. Often, at different hours of the night, during this voyage of some 14,000 miles, on different ships I have heard the watchmen, when the bells were struck, cry out, "All's well." The knowledge that some watched while you slept made sleep the sweeter and the heart more grateful to these toilers of the sea, and to the God who watches over all. Man's greatness has nowhere been more manifest than in his conquest of the sea. I have watched from my ship's upper deck for two days together the islands on which Columbus set his foot in the first two years of his transatlantic voyages in the little vessels which crossed this same Sargossa Sea until he saw, borne on its currents, the first promise of the coveted land. The most beautiful of all the islands which he discovered he named after himself, "Christopher," a name now shortened into "St. Kitts." As my kind-hearted captain called me one morning about twilight, to join him on the bridge as we passed quite near this beautiful island, I could almost see the little craft of four hundred years ago and its brave commander in search of new worlds. Spain, with her face to the past, has sought to take back from the new world the bones of its discoverer, but greater than any monument which Europe has ever erected to his memory is the continent which he first unveiled to the gaze of his fellow-men. Like every truly great man, he belongs to no time, to no nation, because he belongs to all.—Bishop E. R. Hendrix, in Nashville Advocate.

On the Sargossa Sea, Sept. 19, 1899.

SIBYLLINE ORACLES.

These singular oracles, whose origin is yet shrouded in mystery, and whose import is not at all times positively clear, have attracted the attention of scholars in all ages, and are frequently referred to or quoted by the early Christian fathers. Their place among prophetic writings and the relation they sustain to canonical apocalyptic utterances, no one, so far as this writer knows, has seriously attempted to define.

Their extreme antiquity and strong confirmation of Bible doctrines no one will attempt to deny. That they are always accurate as to facts, persons and events of history is not contended by scholars; and yet the tenor of them is so manifestly in line with what has followed their utterance as to entitle them to be classed as oracles or prophecies.

Sibyl, from the Greek word sibylla, according to the old derivation, signifies "the will or counsel of God," and

was a name anciently given to several prophetic women, whose history is altogether mythical. Their number is differently given from four to ten. Some authors claim many more. The chief Sibyl claims to have been the daughter-in-law of Noah.

We are told that the books were originally nine, six of which the Sibyl destroyed, Tarquin buying the remaining three.

Strenuous efforts were made to collect the substance of the lost books, from stenographers, or shorthand reporters, who had written down the utterances from the Sibyl's lips. These efforts were measurably successful, and the gathered leaves were placed in a subterranean chamber of the temple of Jupiter on the Capitoline, two officials alone having charge of and the right to inspect them.

In the year 84 B. C., the temple of Jupiter was destroyed by fire, and a special embassy was appointed and dispatched to all the cities of Greece, Italy and Asia Minor, to collect such of the Sibylline Oracles as were current in those countries. The new collection was deposited in the rebuilt temple of Jupiter. Under Augustus they were kept in the temple of Apollo, on the Palatine, but the whole perished during the burning of Rome, in the time of Nero.

Another collection was made, and in the sixth century, when the Goths besieged the city, the issue was predicted by consulting these oracles.

During the early centuries of the Christian era there were women who prophesied in a poetic-oracular style, whence they were sometimes called Sibyllists.

The utterances of these Christian Sibyllists form a special department of early religious literature, and are a mixture of Jewish, pagan and Christian elements.

Justin Martyr refers frequently to the writings of the ancient Sibyls, of whom he gives a somewhat extended account. He says:

"You may very easily learn the true religion, in some part, at least, from the ancient Sibyl, who teaches you through her oracles, by a certain powerful inspiration, things which seem to be near to the teachings of the prophets. . . . Plato, when he read her oracles, seems to me to have regarded the reciters of oracles as divinely inspired; for he saw that the things which had been spoken of old by her were actually fulfilled. . . . She was unlike the poets who, after the writing of their poems, have power to correct and polish, especially the accuracy of the meters; but at the time of her inspiration she was filled with the matters of her prophecy, and when the spell of inspiration ceased her memory of the things spoken also ceased."

The beautifully translated utterance of one of the Sibyls, on the being and work of God, runs as follows:

"One God who rules alone, immense, unborn.
But God alone is one, highest of all,
Who made the heaven, and sun, and stars, and moon,
Fruit-bearing earth and billows of the sea.
He only is God, Maker, uncontrolled;
He fixed the pattern of the human form.
And did the nature of all mortals mix Himself, the generator of all life."

Dr. Milton S. Terry, Professor of Bible Hermeneutics in Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., than whom there are few riper Bible scholars, has lately translated out of the Greek into English, in the form of blank verse, the Sibylline Oracles; and Eaton & Mains, of New York, have published it. The book is one of the most beautifully gotten up that it has been our pleasure to read; and the translation, so true to the original, and faithful in all respects, will add to the luster of his reputation, already so well known to Bible scholars.

Dr. Terry is a pioneer in this work, deserving of the gratitude of all ministers and thoughtful men for bringing these oracles within easy reach.

J. W. CARHART, M. D.
LaGrange, Texas.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MOR-MONISM.

To the President and Members of the North Texas Conference:

Dear Brethren: Your committee to whom certain literature and papers on the subject of Mormonism were referred, beg leave to submit the following report:

We regard the teaching and the practice of Mormonism as tending to the subversion of all the great moral and religious interests, as well as of the civil institutions of our land. Many

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an angel and finally becomes a god,
that sin was a part of the divine plan
and a result of divine decree, that
Christ himself was a polygamist, that
marriage will be continued in heaven
with the same results as on earth,
that the number of man's wives here
and in heaven will determine the de-
gree of his exaltation, and that the
priesthood that declares and enforces
these doctrines is as infallible as the
throne of God itself. These are some
of the dangerous and blasphemous doc-
trines Mormonism enjoins upon its
converts when once within the grasp
of its power. As to their aim, they
avow that they look forward with con-
fidence to the time when they shall
hold the reins of the United States
Government and control the continent.
These wicked heresies and aims are all
the more dangerous because they are
founded in sincerity and are put into
practice by the Jesuitical maxim, "that
the end justifies the means." As to
their work it is a system of mission-
ary proselytism from Evangelical
Churches, carried on by great energy
and zeal and marvelous tact. They
now claim to have 1500 missionaries
in the field and want to double the
number within the next year. Of
these missionaries, many are at
work in our Southern States,
and are gaining converts from
among our own people. Further-
more: The election of Brigham H.
Roberts, of Utah, an avowed poly-
gamist, to the House of Representa-
tives of the Fifty-sixth Congress has
made us aware of the fact that many
Mormon leaders are still living in
polygamous relations in defiance of
public sentiment and the laws of the
country and of the State from which
he was chosen.

Considering these things we offer the
following preambles and recommenda-
tions for the action of the conference:

Whereas, the Mormon missionaries
are actively at work visiting from
house to house in many communities
in the State of Texas; therefore, we
recommend to our pastors to guard
their people with vigilance against the
intrusions of these insidious and per-
sistent foes of their faith and moral-
ity, and that they provide themselves
and their people with information
concerning the teachings and doings
of Mormonism as need may require.
And,

Whereas, we believe that the House
of Representatives will not permit
Brigham H. Roberts, a confessed poly-
gamist, to have a voice in the
councils without, in effect,
sanctioning the practice of polygamy;
therefore, we respectfully and earnestly
call upon every Representative of the
Fifty-sixth Congress to use all honor-
able means to secure the prompt expul-
sion of the said Brigham H. Roberts
from the House of Representatives in
accordance with the provision of the
national constitution in article I, sec-
tion V, paragraph II, which reads as
follows:

Each House (of Congress) may deter-
mine the rules of its proceedings, pun-
ish its members for disorderly be-
havior, and with the concurrence of
two-thirds, expel a member.

And in order to carry out the pur-
pose of this paper we direct the Sec-
retary of this Conference to furnish a
copy of that portion of it bearing upon
the case of Brigham H. Roberts to the
Texas Advocate for publication, and
that a marked copy of the paper be
furnished our Senator and Representa-
tives. Respectfully submitted,

F. B. CARROLL,
J. A. BLACK,
F. A. ROSSER,
M. H. NEELY,
C. M. THREADGILL.

I certify that the above is an exact
copy of the paper on Mormonism,
passed at the last session of the North
Texas Conference.

J. MARVIN NICHOLS,
Secretary North Texas Conference.

HUNTSVILLE NOTES.

On the nights of October 5 and 6,
Bishop Candler, with Sinex, Ward,
Godbey, Mickel, Adams, Anderson and
Gordon, was with us and delivered two
speeches which, without any exaggera-
tion, we can call great. One was on
the "New Birth," and was a "new" ser-
mon, in presentation and applica-
tion. Incidentally in this sermon the
Bishop dwelt with powerful effect on
Christ's teaching respecting the use of
money. The other sermon was on
"The Signs of the Times," and was an
earnest, eloquent plea in behalf of the
Twentieth Century Movement. A col-
lection for education was taken,
amounting to something over \$700.
This was later increased to \$875. (Just
as I finished writing the sentence end-

ing with \$875, a brother stepped into
my study and handed me \$125, making
the total contribution to the Twentieth
Century Fund \$1000.)

We have now closed out the year,
and are soon to leave for conference.
The following, in brief, is the report
to be submitted: Pastor's and presid-
ing elder's salaries paid in full; assess-
ments amounting to \$513 paid in full
and over; members received during the
year, fifty-two (of this number eight-
teen were on profession of faith and
thirty-four by letter); dismissed by
death, certificate, etc., fourteen, leav-
ing a net gain of thirty-eight.

In the way of church improvements
about \$400 has been expended and
something over \$400 has been raised
by the ladies for re-carpeting and re-
seating the church.

During the year an excellent Home
Mission Society was organized; also a
splendid Epworth League, which is do-
ing fine work and is growing in mem-
bership.

The people of Huntsville have been
very kind to myself and family.
Huntsville is a delightful appointment.

I must not fail to mention the fact
that Bro. Watts, late Chaplain of the
Second Texas, in Cuba, came to us on
the 14th of November and preached
earnestly for us for two weeks. The
meeting did us much good and result-
ed in nine accessions. Bro. Watts is
an earnest preacher and a most lov-
able man. The last night he lectured
on Cuba. It was a fine lecture inter-
persed with rich humor and contain-
ing much information that was wholly
new to most of the audience. The
church was crowded and many had to
be turned away for lack of seats. The
people made a handsome free will of-
fering, and also gave \$18 towards the
education of a Cuban boy, whom Bro.
Watts brought with him from Cuba
and placed in the training school at
Jacksonville, Texas. Bro. Watts' wife
and little boy were with him and Mrs.
Watts was excellent help in the meet-
ing. E. P. NEWSOM.

Huntsville, Texas.

WHERE THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL STARTED.

One hundred and twenty years ago,
the back streets of an English town
on Sunday were nurseries of crime.
The factory hands, men, women and
children, released from their work for
the day, crowded out upon the pave-
ments, drinking, swearing and carous-
ing, while the boys played "chuck-
farthing" in the middle of the streets,
and learning and used an amount of
profanity that was appalling to the de-
cent passer-by. These street children,
nurtured amid such surroundings,
never going to Church or brought un-
der any good influence, developed a
remarkable tendency to early crime,
so that the proceedings of the courts
at that time are full of the trials of
these juvenile offenders, who crowded
the jails, and there perfected the edu-
cation in evil which they had begun
in the streets.

Many good people noticed this de-
plorable state of things, and dreaded
the future of such a neglected set of
children; but only one conceived the
idea of a remedy—surely the simplest,
most practical, most natural remedy
that could be proposed, yet which had
not occurred to any brain but his.
This was Robt. Raikes, a wealthy
printer of Gloucester, who happened
one day in 1780 or 1781—the date is
not certain—to be in the suburbs of
the town, and met there Rev. Thomas
Stock, who was rector of a parish in
that district. Their conversation con-
vinced Raikes that something ought to
be done for the children, and he gives
this account himself, in a letter writ-
ten to Col. Townley, three years
after:

"I inquired of one of the women if
there were any decent, well-disposed
women in the neighborhood, who kept
schools for teaching to read. I pres-
ently was directed to four. To these
I applied, and made an agreement
with them to receive as many children
as I should send upon the Sunday,
whom they were to instruct in reading
and in the Church Catechism. For
this I engaged to pay them each a
shilling for their day's employment.
The women seemed pleased with the
proposal. I then waited on Rev.
Thomas Stock and imparted to him
my plan. He was so satisfied with the
idea that he engaged to lend his as-
sistance by going round to the schools
on a Sunday afternoon to examine
the progress that was made and to
enforce order and decorum among
such a set of little heathens.

"This, sir, was the commencement
of the plan. It is now about three
years since we began, and I could
wish you were here to make inquiry
into the effect. A woman who lives in
a lane where I had fixed a school, told

me some time ago that the place was
quite a heaven upon Sundays, com-
pared to what it used to be. The
numbers who have learned to read and
say their catechism are so great that
I am astonished at it. Upon the Sun-
day afternoon the mistresses take
their scholars to Church, a place into
which neither they nor their ancestors
ever entered with a view to the glory
of God. But what is yet more extraor-
dinary, within this month these lit-
tle ragamuffins have, in great num-
bers, taken it into their head to at-
tend the early morning prayers, which
are held every morning at the cathed-
ral at 7 o'clock. I believe there were
nearly fifty this morning. They as-
semble at the house of one of the
mistresses, and walk before her to
Church, two and two, in as much
order as a company of soldiers.

"I am generally at service," the
good man adds, with quaint simplici-
ty, "and after service they all come
round me to make their bow, and, if
any animosities have arisen, to make
their complaint. The great principle I
inculcate is to be kind and good-nat-
ured to each other; not to provoke
one another; to be dutiful to their
parents; not to offend God by cursing
and swearing, and such little plain
precepts as all may comprehend."

Raikes called his experiment "botan-
izing in human nature," because he
made so many discoveries of innate
goodness and intelligence among his
little pupils. He insisted upon clean
hands, clean faces and well combed
hair, but invited the most ragged ones
to come if they would only conform to
these very simple requirements. He
told them that if they could loiter in
the street in rags they could come to
Sunday-school in rags just as well.

He did not think it wise to take chil-
dren over fourteen, as he thought them
too refractory for the order of the
schools. He visited the parents, and
urged them to send their boys and
girls, and soon three hundred pupils
were thus enrolled. A marked change
began to show itself in the streets of
Gloucester; and before many years
were over, other towns tried the ex-
periment and were rewarded by the
same successes. From that day to this,
the Sunday-school has been an increas-
ing and invaluable factor in both the
civil and religious life of England and
America, not to speak of other coun-
tries.

In 1786 the first Sunday-school on
the Raikes plan was established in the
United States. Five years later the
first Sunday-school society was organ-
ized in the city of Philadelphia. Be-
tween 1801 and 1804, two ladies, who
had become acquainted with the En-
glish schools while in that country, set
up three schools in New York city at
their own expense. From that time
Sunday-schools gradually increased
throughout the country, though none
of them were connected with any
church until 1809, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The testimony of Joseph Lancaster,
one of the earliest Sunday-school work-
ers, shows that the Sunday-school suc-
ceeded almost at once in its mission to
juvenile offenders. He says that in
both the city and county prisons of the
county in which Gloucester is situated,
not one of the three thousand poor
children, whom he had known as pup-
ils in the various schools during the
first fifty years or so of Sunday-school
work, was ever brought in as a criminal—surely, a remarkable record, and
one of which the good Robert Raikes
must have been justly proud.—William
Rittenhouse, in Forward.

FOR THE HUSTLING PREACHER.

There is some point and considerable
humor in this clerical letter sent to
the Richmond Advocate:

"Please say to my successor I am
going to move soon as I can swing
clear and cast off the stern line. I
know you are anxious to meet your
flock, but the people are never im-
patient for the arrival of the new pas-
tor till they have removed the dust
of the old one. Give us time to say
farewell and to receive kind wishes
and benedictions, which now form a
halo about us, and which would have
made our wilderness blossom like the
rose if they had been given sooner.
We are surrounded by a fearful throng
whose professions of esteem are thick
enough to spread over our entire pas-
torate at this place. We are surprised,
bewildered, and ashamed, and we wish

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we had not asked for a change. But,
brother, how could we know that the
people loved us? Why were they so
late in saying it? The flowers that lie
on the clay mound in the cemetery are
beautiful, but he who sleeps beneath
never sees them.

"Squire Dickens came over to show
his respect for the outgoing pastor,
and he said: 'Brother, I'd as lief have
you with us as any preacher of the
conference.' Thank you, Squire," said
I. "So would every one who never at-
tends the church." "Brother," he con-
tinued, "if you need any money in your
new field, just call on me." "My Lord,"
said the steward, "the pastor has need-
ed money in this field, and we have
called on the Squire oftentimes with-
out success." Sister Maggie True says
she is resolved never to leave another
pastor. We think this resolution was
formed prior to our meeting.

"Give me time to get my freight to
the depot before yours arrives. On a
former occasion our freight got mix-
ed, and I took with me the other
preacher's sermons. The following
Sunday it was a clear case of plagiar-
ism. It was a misfit. It was so dry
that the doxology withered on the
tongue. It was a poor beginning. My
salary was knocked down a hundred
dollars less than that of my predecessor.
I hate a trial sermon.

"When Brother A. B. went into the
old home before I moved out, there
was too much confusion for comfort,
and when he began to set up his ef-
fects before I had fairly taken mine
down, I became such a stranger about
the place that my own dog tried to bite
me. Be it known to you, therefore,
brethren, that this time I will stand
my ground till it is convenient to
move, if I have to violate the terms
of the 'protocol' and some one has to
sleep under the woodshed."

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THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

We had occasion last Saturday to spend three hours in Waco, and we took advantage of the lay-over and called at the Orphanage. Brother Vaughan met us with a cordial welcome, and showed us through the new building and about the premises. The new house is now up and covered, and the inside finish is being given to it. It is a magnificent building and a credit to Christianity. But in order to complete it they need two or three thousand dollars more, and they need it very badly. The old house is crowded to suffocation with one hundred children, and applications already filed for several others. If they are to be at all comfortable and healthy, this new structure must be finished at once, and then Brother Vaughan will be prepared to care for these fatherless and motherless children in a way that will be acceptable to Christ and his Church. Will not some one send him a good contribution at once, so that this work will go right on until it is completed?

But this is not the only way to help the Orphanage. Christmas will be here within a few days, and these little ones ought to be remembered. Some of them a year ago had fathers and mothers to remember them, but they are without them to-day. Will not several hundred parents whom God has blessed remember these little ones the 25th day of this month? What an opportunity this affords for making the heart of the Master glad! If you could look into that great big home on Christmas morning and see a few little happy hearts rejoicing over your thoughtful remembrance of them, you would never be sorry that you went to a little expense and trouble to send them a token of your love. On the contrary, you will be happier all the year for the act. Then do not forget these little ones as this glad Christmas comes round.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Rev. E. L. Spurlock called on the Advocate en route to Cedar Hill, his new charge.

We were pleased to have a visit from Dr. C. F. Hayes, of Farmersville, last Tuesday.

Rev. Hinton Smith and wife called on the Advocate this week. Bro. Smith is the new pastor at Randall, Texas.

Rev. L. A. Hanson, who is always in a happy mood, brightened the Advocate's sanctum with his presence the past week.

Rev. T. J. Duncan has already secured all of his collections for the present year and he is ready for vigorous work.

Rev. J. L. Morris, of Gainesville, has fifty members in his H. M. Society and they raised during the past year \$50 per member. This comes very nearly making that society the banner one.

Rev. George W. Owens was appointed Financial Agent of the Advocate at the late session of the Northwest Texas Conference. By an oversight, the appointments as published failed to show this.

Rev. Seth Ward made a great speech at the late session of the Texas Conference upon the Twentieth Century Movement, and the brethren were so

impressed with it that they went to work and provided a fund for placing him in the field that he may give his whole time to this one work. He will bring things to pass in that department during the present year. It would not surprise us next fall to find the Texas Conference ahead of anything in Texas on the Twentieth Century Fund.

Rev. G. W. Kincheloe is a live Advocate agent. In a private note he says: "Peoria Circuit was the banner circuit of Waco District for Advocate subscribers last year. We will try and make Lovelace charge the banner of Waxahachie District this year."

Rev. M. B. Johnston, who was placed on the superannuated roll at the late session of the North Texas Conference, made us a pleasant call last week. Bro. Johnston is among the best friends the Advocate has. He always brought up a fine list of subscribers, as well as making a full report on all other lines.

METHODIST NEWS.

The North Georgia Conference at its recent session subscribed \$12,900 to the Twentieth Century Fund. They went one better than Virginia. Georgia usually leads in good works.

Bishop Fey was delightfully received at the Western North Carolina and the South Carolina Conferences. The papers up there speak in high terms of his preaching and presidency.

One hundred and fifty preachers in the Virginia Conference subscribed over \$11,000 to the Twentieth Century Fund. Those Virginia preachers get good salaries and they have learned the art of dividing in the way of gifts.

The members of the North Georgia Conference had it in mind to erect a monument to the memory of the late Rev. H. I. Adams, but his children begged the privilege of doing that tender service themselves. So they will erect the memorial stone.

The St. Louis Christian Advocate has a bushwhacking correspondent at Nashville who writes over the nom de plume of "Veritas," and he keeps the Nashville Christian Advocate and the Midland Methodist busy correcting the false statements he is constantly sending out about people and things around Nashville.

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MAKE OTHERS HAPPY.

To Superintendents, Teachers, and Children of the M. E. Sunday-schools: Nearly 1800 years have passed since the babe, Christ, was born in the City of Bethlehem one bright happy Christmas morn. He came to make glad the hearts of men. For as you know the wise men of the East came to do honor to his holy name. And that is not all. They gave him on that bright happy Christmas day costly presents. By all means, we should on Christmas do as our Savior and the wise men—make some hearts glad. I well remember, while in Terrell, near the M. E. Church lived a man and his lovely wife, and one Christmas day he failed to remember her with a present, but she had not forgotten him, and herself not being remembered, burst into tears as though her heart would break. How mean and ungrateful that man. But I must say for him that it did not take long for him to go and find her a nice present, and from that time on, I am sure, there will always be provided a present for that wife. So on Christmas time let us all try to make some one happy, as it no doubt will be the last time some of us will ever have an opportunity on Christmas day. For God is calling us one by one, and who the next will be we cannot tell. May be some little boy or girl, perhaps some young lady or young man from your class, unprepared to meet our God. May God help us to do good and make others happy on Christmas time the few remaining days we have left to us.

J. A. YEATES.

Myrtle Springs, Texas.

ROSALIE CIRCUIT.

J. P. Rodgers, Dec. 11: Bishop Hargrove landed me at Rosalie, and so I am here. Am well pleased so far. Have been kindly received, and the prospects are good for a good year. Our thanks are due Miss Bessie Smiley for having the parsonage scoured before we got here, and also to some of the ladies for our supper the night we got here, and to the young people for a pounding. Am getting ready to do the best years work of my life, with God's blessings.

SESSIONS.

W. C. Bryant, Dec. 5: We Methodists around Sessions, learning last March that Rev. J. L. Smith had one Sunday in each month that he could give us, sent him a pressing invitation. He responded to our call, and the amount of good he did in our community eternally alone will tell. He made a home to home visitation. People go out to hear him preach that never go anywhere else to preaching. His place would be hard to fill by any other preacher. He had a good congregation last Sunday. We are all very proud to have him preach for us another year.



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Just a little every day.
That's the way
Seeds in darkness swell and grow.
Tiny blades push through the snow.
Never any flower of May
Leaps to blossom in a burst.
Slowly, slowly at the first,
That's the way!
Just a little every day.
Just a little every day.
That's the way!
Children learn to read and write,
Bit by bit, and mite by mite.
Never any one, I say,
Leaps to knowledge and its power.
Slowly, slowly, hour by hour,
That's the way!
Just a little every day!
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in St. Nicholas.

SUNDAY AT AUNT MARGARET'S.

Paul and Willis, with their mamma, had come from the far west to visit Aunt Margaret and her family, none of whom the boys had ever seen. They liked their cousins Earle and Fred very much, and they were sure there never was such a wonder as Baby Marguerite.

They arrived very early in the week, and every moment had been spent in sight-seeing and playing or reading.

Saturday morning, as the boys were together on the veranda, Paul said, "Now we must ride our bicycles all we can to-day, because to-morrow we can't ride. Don't you just hate Sunday? It is so dull."

"Why, I don't call it dull," replied Earle. "I like it as well as any day that I can think of—almost as well as my birthday."

"But," said Paul, "it's nothing but read, read, read, and go to church, and—"

Just then Aunt Margaret came in sight, and beckoned Paul to come to her.

"What would you like for dessert, Paul, to-morrow?" she said.

"What would I like?"

"Yes, I always ask one of the children to select the second course for Sunday, and I choose the rest, and get it as nearly ready as I can Saturday. Now what would you like to-morrow?"

"I think strawberries and cream are a little the best."

"Well, strawberries and cream it shall be. Let's keep our plans a secret, so as to surprise them all to-morrow."

And away went Aunt Margaret to look after her household, while Paul went back to the boys.

He played very hard all day, for he seemed to think he must get fun enough to last until Monday.

Next morning, when the breakfast-bell rang, as Paul entered the breakfast-room he thought he had never seen it look half so pretty. Flowers and ferns were everywhere, and the breakfast just what he liked.

They always went to the library for prayers, and this morning they sang a little while, and then talked over the Sunday-school lesson before the church-bells rang.

The church was very pleasant, and, at the close of the service, Aunt Margaret invited Paul and Willis into the kindergarten, where she had charge, and there the time passed very quickly.

Dinner was ready when they arrived at home, and a happy family gathered around the table. Dinner was very nice, but it had been prepared almost entirely the day before, for Aunt Margaret was very careful that every one should have a Sunday rest. She meant the day should be to the entire household what it was to her, the best day of the week.

As they were leaving the table, Aunt Margaret said, "Boys, I wish you would put on cooler clothes, and then meet me on the veranda."

"What does she want of us?" thought Paul, as he hurried downstairs to find her. There she was with a large basket of flowers, just brought from the garden.

"O Aunt Margaret!" said the boys, "what are you going to do with those?"

"You see that large brick building over there," she replied. "That is a hospital, where there are a good many little children, and Sunday is a long day to them. Let's tie up these flowers and send them over there."

So the boys went to work, while their aunt tied wet cotton around the stems, that the children's little hot hands might not wilt them. In the midst of their pleasure grandma appeared.

"What lovely flowers!" she said, as she looked at the basket in which they laid them fast as they were ready. Then she added, "I came to invite you children to a Sunday reception in my

room, from four until bed-time." And, gathering a knot of her favorites, she laid them in the basket, and went away.

"When shall you send these, Aunt Margaret?" asked Paul. "They are almost ready."

"In fifteen minutes Mary will be ready to carry them. She has a little sister there, and nothing pleases her quite so much as to have plenty of flowers for her and others in the same ward."

As they laid the last cluster in the basket they stood and admired them.

"There, it's striking four," said Earle. "It's time for the reception. Come, Marguerite, you go first." And up the stairs went the baby, followed by the boys.

Grandma stood in her door ready to receive them. They had been in her room a good deal since they came. She had read to them, and played games with them, but this afternoon her room seemed pleasanter than ever with books and pictures. Paul found books that he liked very much.

"Grandma, why haven't I seen these books and pictures in the library?" he said. "Aren't they there?"

"No, they are not in the library," replied grandma. "We like to have some of our very best books and pictures saved for Sunday. Marguerite has a Sunday doll even—not that it is nicer than her other dolls, only she plays with it on Sunday, and through the week. We want Sunday to be a little pleasanter than any other day of the week."

They were all playing a scripture game when Aunt Margaret tapped at the door and left Marguerite's supper.

"Now," said grandma, "while I give Marguerite her supper I think you would better have yours."

So she crossed the room, and, moving a screen, showed a little table with the boys' supper all laid upon it. It was a simple supper, but so good that the boys were in no haste to finish it. Marguerite ate hers, and fell asleep in her grandmother's arms. Still the boys ate and laughed and talked, and to their grandmother it seemed as if her own boys had come back. The lonely years slipped away for a moment, and the little lads at the table were her own little boys, with the same merry peals of laughter that had greeted her when her gray-haired sons were children.

"Come," said Earle, "if we eat forever we can't have any reading." And they gathered around their grandmother. There they were when their mothers came to remind them that it was bed time.

As they kissed their grandmother good night, Paul said: "I've had a splendid time, and, when I'm a man, and have a home of my own, I'm going to have my Sundays just as they are here, and then mamma'll be old enough to be the grandmother—won't she?"—Celia M. Stone, in Sunday-School Times.

SEEING THE OPPORTUNITY.

John Grant, a strong, healthy boy, eighteen years old, fairly good-looking, having an English high-school education, a quick perception of business methods and one year's experience in a large business establishment, had attained to the wage of four dollars a week, and had no prospect of advance, so far as he could see.

The situation was freely discussed at home. His father was willing that John should make a change if he was convinced that he could do better, so after reading advertisements, looking about the city for several days and talking with friends, he found an opening in a large retail and wholesale hardware store. The salary would be but two dollars a week for the first six months.

Mr. Williams, the junior member of the firm, said to him:

"I can not promise you anything definite. The business is a good one to learn. You can make yourself a useful man to us by becoming thoroughly acquainted with all the details of the business, and as fast as you prove yourself capable, we will recognize your services in some way. We have already several bright young clerks, young men who have learned the business, and their advancement would naturally come first. If you wish to come under these conditions the place is open to you."

John accepted the position, since it offered him some chance of advancement, and as the complicated details of the business became more and more familiar he felt he was making progress. Yet a dozen others in the business were just as bright, and apparently had made the best use of their opportunities. Still he kept looking for some chance to do more.

By watching closely for several



"I had female trouble for eight years," writes Mrs. L. J. Dennis, of 828 East College St., Jacksonville, Ills. "Words cannot express what I suffered. I sought relief among the medical profession and found none. Friends urged me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. When I commenced taking this medicine I weighed ninety-five pounds. Now I weigh one hundred and fifty-six pounds—more than I ever weighed before. I was so bad I would lie from day to day and long for death to come and relieve my suffering. I had internal inflammation, a disagreeable drain, bearing down pain, and such distress every month but now I never have a pain—do all my own work and am a strong and healthy woman."

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weeks every detail, he noticed that large lots of goods were coming constantly from abroad, and that Mr. Williams always attended to the checking of the bills and marking the goods. This seemed to him strange, for Mr. Williams was a very busy man, and had enough to do without looking after such minor matters. John soon found, however, much to his dismay, that these bills were made out in French or in German, and that no one in the store but Mr. Williams could decipher them.

John was not afraid of even two such formidable foes as French and German. He purchased text-books, and commenced to study at once. By constant application, he was able at the end of the year to make out a bill of goods in either of the languages. He obtained access to the old bills, and made a special study of them. All this time he was giving his very best work in the store, and often helped Mr. Williams in arranging the foreign goods.

One day a larger assortment than usual came in, much to the dismay of Mr. Williams, who exclaimed:

"I don't see how I can spend the time to mark these goods."

"Let me do it," quietly replied John.

"You?"

"Yes, sir, I think I can do it correctly."

"But these bills are in French."

"I know it, and I have been studying French and German. I think I can read any bill that we have ever had."

"Well, try it, and see how you make out."

Mr. Williams watched him for awhile, and then said:

"You seem to know what you are about. If you can do this, all right. It will relieve me more than I can tell."

John did the work so satisfactorily that at the next importation the bill was handed to him as a matter of course.

One day a month later he was called into the office, and interviewed by both the active members of the firm. The senior member said:

"In my forty years' experience in this business, you are the first boy who has seen this opportunity, and improved it. I always had to do the work until Mr. Williams came; and one reason why he became a member of the firm was because he could attend to this part of the business. We want you to take charge of the foreign goods. It is an important position; in fact, it is a matter of necessity that we have some one who can do this work. You, only, of the twenty young men we have here saw the place, and fitted yourself for it. We can not pay you as much as we may pay you later, for it is necessary to approve your staying qualities, but we have little doubt they will be shown in due time. For the rest of the year we will pay you ten dollars a week.

At the end of the year we will consider the matter again."

The result was that after John had been there five years he received eighteen hundred dollars a year, had been sent to France and Germany, and Mr. Williams said to a friend, "John Grant will probably become a member of the firm by the time he is thirty years of age. He saw the opportunity and fitted himself for it at some sacrifice, but it paid. It always pays."—Youth's Companion.

I'LL BE A MAN.

"I remember," said John B. Gough, "riding once in Scotland to a place—I cannot pronounce it; I pronounced it once and they laughed at me. I can spell it—A-u-c-h-t-e-r-m-u-c-h-t-y. A man met me at Ladybank Junction and took me six miles in a fly—a one-horse cab. As we sat together, I noticed the man was leaning forward very strangely; I saw him take a handkerchief—that was the beginning of it—and tie it 'round his face. Then he would sit a little, and shake it out, and then tie it another way, still leaning his head forward."

"Said I, 'Have you the toothache?'"

"No."

"Then you will be good enough to tell me why you lean forward with the handkerchief?"

"Well," he said, "the window of the cab is broken, and the wind is pretty cold this morning, and I am trying to keep it from you."

"Why," said I, "you don't mean to tell me you are sticking your head in that hole to keep the wind off me?"

"Yes, I am."

"I said: 'Well, I thank you, my dear fellow. I never saw you before.'"

"No, but I saw you; I was a ballad singer, and used to go around with a half-starved wife and a baby in her arms, my wife oftentimes with a black eye. Somehow or other, I got to hear you in Edinburgh, in 1853, and you told me I was a man; and I went out of the place and said: 'By the help of God, whatever it costs, I'll be a man!' And now I have a happy home, and wife and children gathered around. God bless you, sir! I would stick my head in any hole under heaven if I could do you any good. God bless you, sir!"

DYSPEPSIA.

Geo. S. Scally, of 75 Nassau St., New York, says: "For years I have been troubled with rheumatism and dyspepsia, and I came to the conclusion to try your pills. I immediately found great relief from their use; I feel like a new man since I commenced taking them, and would not now be without them. The drowsy, sleepy feeling I used to have has entirely disappeared. The dyspepsia has left me and my rheumatism is gone entirely. I am satisfied if any one so afflicted will give Radway's Pills a trial they will surely cure them, for I believe it all comes from the system being out of order—the liver not doing its work."

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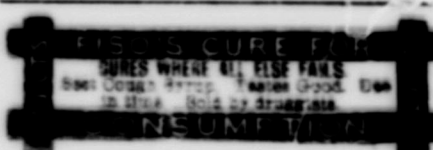
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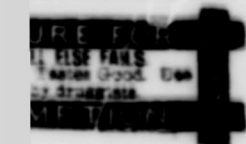
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Devotional

HUMILITY.

There is no grace which should dis-
tinguish the Christian so much as hu-
mility. He that would be great in the
eyes of Christ, must aim at a totally
different mark from that of the Phar-
isees. His aim must be, not so much
to rule as to serve the Church. Well
says Baxter "Church greatness con-
sisteth in being greatly servicable."
The desire of the Pharisee was to re-
ceive honor, and to be called "master."
The desire of the Christian must be
to do good, and to give himself and
all that he has to the service of others.
Truly, this is a high standard, but a
lower one must never content us. The
example of our blessed Lord, the di-
rect command of the apostolic epistles,
both alike require us to be "clothed
with humility." Let us seek that blessed
grace day by day. None is so beau-
tiful, however much despised by the
world. None is such an evidence of
saving faith, and true conversion to
God. None is so often commended by
our Lord. Of all his sayings, hardly
any is so often repeated as that which
concludes the passage we have now
read, "He that shall humble himself
shall be exalted."—Bishop J. C. Ryle.

"MINE OWN VINEYARD."

From many directions and varied
standpoints of view there comes the
question, What is the personal soul
condition of the Christian of to-day?
Is it well with thee? Is the life and
activity of the Church as an organiza-
tion based upon and supplied by the
maintenance of the true relation of the
individual soul with God? There is
danger that the multiplicity of social
bands and the diffusion of service
along the lines of special organization
may divert attention from that funda-
mental and essential requisition of
personal consecration which alone is
acceptable to God. Before and beyond
any service rendered, then, lies the de-
mand for a right personality. Give me
thy heart, is God's first call. To obey
is better than sacrifice. The sacrifice
of God is a broken spirit. In whatever
line these activities may find exercise,
the main and essential element one
puts into his work is himself.

All truly illustrious characters, those
conspicuous examples of real greatness
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have truly served, whose lives have
been real ministry, and consequently
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in some substantial and permanent
form have been an uplift to humanity.
In fact, success in any direction de-
pends upon the character and degree of
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work. The power that any man ac-
quires before the world is the result of
his own self-devotion to the line on
which he attains excellence.

The standard of Christianity is the
aggregate of personal rectitude to ab-
solute Christian principle. The Father
seeks such to worship him as worship
him in spirit and in truth; and only
such are prepared or qualified to serve.
Being is infinitely more than doing.
Altruism is dependent upon individual-
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tion of the individual appropriation of
Christ. It is not a broad, diffusive
power which spreads itself over the
wide area of Church organization, but
the consolidation of personal charac-
ter. The trees of the forest stand to-
gether in their grand collectiveness,
but each one grows from its own root
and feeds on its own sap. Every snow-
flake in the wide expanse of storm ar-
ranges its icy prisms by the same geo-
metric law. The crystal mass is com-
posed of units whose planes and axes
are formed by the same principle of
construction. Every drop of water in
the sea is an individual sphere.—The
Christian Intelligencer.

ONLY THE BLESSED CAN BLESS.

It is a law universal that only those
themselves blessed can bless others.
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commercial enterprises. Without men
themselves thus blessed who are will-
ing to bless, humanity must suffer.
All this is true in the spiritual realm.
God has ordained that the blessed of

God are the blessers of the world.
Jesus Christ announced this in his
first sermon, by saying, "Ye are the
light of the world." All his followers
are like the planets in the fact that
they get their light from the sun and
reflect it upon the earth like a mirror.
The Sun of Righteousness falls upon
them, that their light may fall upon
others. God never blessed a soul
without intending to make that soul
a blessing to others. More than that,
no soul can be a blessing to others
who has not himself been blessed. "It
is more blessed to give than to re-
ceive." The Psalmist says: "God be
merciful to us, and bless us; and cause
his face to shine upon us. He prays
for this, not that we may be happy,
or "consume it upon our lusts," but,
as he adds, "that thy way may be
known upon earth, thy saving health
among all nations."

Our usefulness will depend upon the
measure of our blessing. The greatest
givers are those themselves most bless-
ed. A preacher may be blessed with
insight into the truth which he gives
out to others, and God may bless the
truth to some extent for the truth's
sakes, and yet he fail to be the bless-
ing he ought to be, because he is not
blessed as he ought to be. There can
be no controversy over the fact that
the disciples were to some extent a
blessing to humanity before Pente-
cost, as they went forth preaching the
kingdom of God, healing the sick, and
casting out devils. But in receiving
the greater blessing of Pentecost they
became a greater blessing to the world.
There are many to-day who are content
to bless humanity a little, who might
through "the greater blessing" be-
come a greater blessing. The lesson
for us right here is, that in robbing
ourselves of the greater blessing we
are robbing other people also. Every
earnest man ought to offer the earnest
prayer: "Lord, bless me, and make
me a blessing."—Evangelical Messen-
ger.

David's life and history, as written
for us in those Psalms of his, I con-
sider to be the truest emblem ever
given of a man's moral progress and
warfare here below. All earnest souls
will ever discern in it the faithful
struggle of an earnest human soul to-
wards what is good and best. Strug-
gle often baffled, sore baffled, goes down
as into entire wreck; yet a struggle
never ended, ever with tears, repent-
ance, true unconquerable purpose, be-
gun anew.—Carlyle.

Christ calls for perfection, because
there is no limit possible to moral
qualities.

HEART DISEASE

Some Facts Regarding the Rapid Increase
of Heart Trouble.

Heart trouble, at least among the
Americans, is certainly increasing and
while this may be largely due to the
excitement and worry of American
business life, it is more often the result
of weak stomachs, of poor digestion.

Real organic disease is incurable;
but not one case in a hundred of heart
trouble is organic.

The close relation between heart
trouble and poor digestion is because
both organs are controlled by the same
great nerves, the Sympathic and Pneu-
megastric.

In another way, also the heart is af-
fected by the form of poor digestion
which causes gas and fermentation
from half digested food. There is a
feeling of oppression and heaviness
in the chest caused by pressure of the
distended stomach on the heart and
lungs, interfering with their action;
hence arises palpitation and short
breath.

Poor digestion also poisons the
blood, making it thin and watery,
which irritates and weakens the heart.

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heart trouble is to improve the diges-
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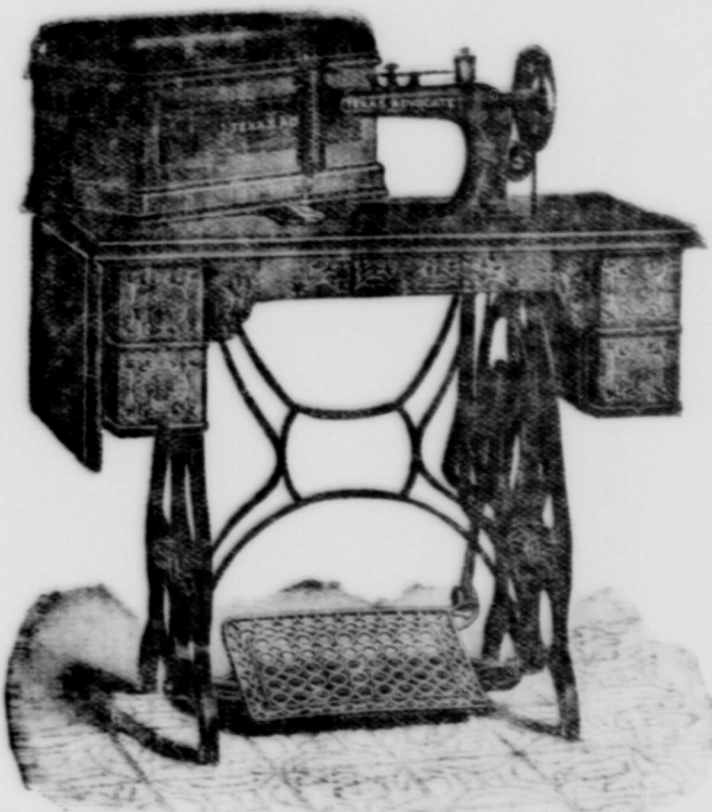


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Our last issue was a hummer. It is the largest issue of the paper ever issued and it has put the Publishing House squarely before Texas Methodism. The agent tells us that he is getting in the returns by every mail. There is no place better qualified to furnish first-class literature than our branch house here in Dallas.

Some advertising folders furnished by a reliable Eastern publishing house were gotten up with the name of Barbee & Smith on them, advertising a list of books for popular use. They were sent to our Dallas House. The clerks seeing the name of our agents on these advertisements did not deem it necessary to examine the books advertised. So a few of these folders were mailed to a few of our preachers. But it turns out that there were two books therein advertised not kept or sold by our House. As soon as this discovery was made the rest of the "folders" were committed to the flames. If you got one of those advertisements, do not let it disturb you. No more of them will see the daylight and the House does not deal in such literature.

Do not cultivate the habit of getting your feelings hurt. If you do, you will always be in hot water. This will not only make you miserable, but you in turn will make others miserable also. Take a broad and reasonable view of life and of people. If a man mistreats you, take it for granted that he did not mean to do it; and suspend judgment in the matter until he has an opportunity to explain things to you. Do not be too quick to get mad. Maintain a good healthy equipoise, and you will usually save your own feelings and win friends. A sensitive nature coupled with a hot temper will deprive any man of the enjoyment of life. Men are not going willingly to injure you or intentionally discount you, and you can not afford to get angry with them and alienate them on account of imaginary grievances. Think well of men and act kindly toward them and they will be your fast friends.

THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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tractive. The walls and ceiling are beautifully papered, the floor is neatly carpeted, and the furniture is elegant. The whole surroundings indicate a people of culture, good taste and piety. Upon an adjoining lot there is a good cottage parsonage—an inviting home for the preacher.

This is the character of place now entertaining the Texas Conference. Nothing has been left undone necessary to the comfort and convenience of the body. The brethren are in good state of mind. They are well dressed, in a good humor, and the social spirit of the gathering is very fine indeed. They are a noble body of men, and true to the demands of an aggressive Methodism. They are not so numerous as some of the other conferences, but they more than make up this lack in devotion and consecration.

On Tuesday night, Rev. DeWitt Hotchkiss preached a good sermon on the great commission.

Bishop Hargrove opened the conference promptly at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning by reading a lesson from the 10th chapter of the gospel according to St. Luke, and commenting as follows: "The Christian ministry has its hazards. It is a dangerous thing to be a preacher. We can not be too cautious of our conduct. Christ sent the seventy out two and two. They were not to tarry long by the way. The old Jewish people had a custom of wasting a great deal of time by bowing and scraping. You are not to do that. When they entered a house they were not to criticize the diet offered them. This is still a dangerous thing to do. They were to eat what was set before them and ask no questions. And they were not to be elated by their success. Many a preacher has been seriously hurt by his triumphs. You can not afford to rejoice too much in your success, but rejoice only that your name is written in the Book of Life." The conference joined in singing, "And are we yet alive?"

The roll was called and the most of the brethren answered to their names. Rev. Seth Ward was re-elected Secretary. Other preliminaries were dispatched and the conference was set a going. There is not a connectional man so far on the ground. At the North Texas Conference we had a veritable deluge of them, but down here they are scarce. The conference does not appreciate their absence, but there is no remedy. Many other conferences are in session at this time, and the officials of connectionalism are at the other places.

Dr. Whaling, of Austin, though a member of the conference, is mixing with the brethren for the first time, as he came to the conference since the last session. He is now looking well after his protracted illness last summer and fall.

Bro. Colyer, of the Louisiana Conference, is here and was introduced.

Rev. James Kilgore of Calvert, lost his little daughter yesterday and he is not yet present. Her death is a great affliction to him and his family.

Unlike the other three conferences, this conference declined to appoint a Committee on Mormonism.

The names of the old brethren were called and a number of them spoke tenderly. They are held in great love and confidence by the conference.

Dr. Goodwyn specially got close to the brethren in a ten minutes talk, and a good old handshaking followed with much visible emotion.

A touching letter was read from Rev. Wesley Smith, of Abilene. He is now in feeble health, but his joy abounds.

The names of the young preachers were called and the Bishop told them some things that he wanted them to say, among them: "Tell us what you have done. How many conversions you have had? How many accessions? Then tell us if you have built a church or improved your Sunday-school. Then tell us if you have built a church or improved your Sunday-school. Then tell us about your collections. I have heard some men cast a slur upon this part of the work, but it is just as important as the other. If men become converted the Church needs some of their money to help carry the gospel to those who have it not, in order that

they too may become converted. This work may not be pleasant, but if you have got a religion that you can not enjoy, then your religion is not of the best type. We need a religion that will make us do the unpleasant things in our work. And while we may not enjoy doing those things, yet they are essential." Then the young men proceeded to give an account of their year's work.

Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss, of the Houston District, made an excellent report. Though they have had the flood with all of its disastrous results, still his preachers have had 950 accessions and every dollar of the money assessed against the district by the conference has been paid, amounting to \$5050. Some of the salaries are a little short, but the other assessments are up in full.

Rev. Weems Wootton, the pastor, is issuing a Conference Daily, giving the proceedings of the conference. Rev. J. H. Collard is helping him in this enterprise. It has some spicy notes, and a few of them will be transferred to these columns. The following are of interest:

The two Allens, father and son, are here. They are both as loyal and true as they are "fat and saucy."

Bro. Collins preached at our Church last Sunday. It was a thoughtful, religious sermon, delivered with unction.

Bro. Wootton preached his last sermon Sunday night, with these words as a text: "Brethren, I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain." (As I am acting editor as Wootton's substitute, I will say the sermon was good.)

Can't Solomon talk, though? Yes, and he says something when he talks!

There used to be a monopoly of the Hotchkiss brothers in this conference. There are only two left, but they will pass muster in any country.

John Green! Happy, hopeful, frank and generous; honest and courteous; always ready for work; never behind in his report. He is the railroad preacher of the State. Converted when an engineer; he quit his engine and took charge of a gospel train. Since then he has never had a "head-end collision," and has never seen his train entirely off the track.

Rev. J. E. Green made a fine report. He is at McKee Street, Houston. He has practically rebuilt his church, and he has a parsonage in view.

Rev. DeWitt Hotchkiss has done well at the Tabernacle Church. His people have procured a good parsonage during the year.

Bro. Ward brought up a full report from old Shearn.

Rev. W. D. Bradfield gives a good account of the status of things at St. John, Galveston. His reports are up in full and the ladies have built a \$1500 parsonage.

Bro. Oxley reports everything up at St. James. West End shows up well also.

Rev. G. A. LeClere, of the Austin District, reported his work favorably and spoke encouragingly of the devotion of his several preachers.

Rev. W. D. Gaskins made a fine showing for his work at Manchaca.

Rev. E. W. Solomon, presiding elder of the Brenham District, reported a great deal of suffering throughout his work on account of the flood and smallpox. Still he reported progress in church and other improvements. This is remarkable in view of the fact that this district lies in the territory of the inundation of last spring and summer. The Commission appointed by the National Government to investigate the flood losses reports a loss to the cotton crop of nearly 300,000 bales, and nearly all of this in the territory of the Texas Conference.

Rev. H. C. Willis paid out all matters at Caldwell.

Rev. H. R. Kimbler, of Maysfield, said that he had the Brazos River on one side of him and the Little River on the other side with the Martinite Baptists in his rear, and hence he had a hard time, though he showed improvement in his work.

In the afternoon Rev. C. M. Thompson preached an earnest and thoughtful sermon on the text: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

At night Rev. Seth Ward preached a strong sermon at the Methodist Church, and Rev. John E. Green preached at the Live Oak Baptist Church. This service I attended, and he preached his famous "railroad" sermon. It was a rare production, but it got hold of the people and we had a glorious time.

Thursday morning came in a pleasant day and the session was started off well with a good prayer by Dr. Goodwyn.

Rev. H. M. Sears, of the Calvert District, reported gracious revivals all over his work and something over 1000 accessions during the year.

Rev. E. C. Keith, of Rogers Prairie, added to his report, which was in full: "We have a good parsonage, wood in the yard, feed for the horse and a good suit of clothes already ordered for the preacher."

Rev. Beverly Allen, among other things, reported 90 subscriptions to the Advocate in a membership of 300.

Rev. J. M. Mickle said that the Huntsville District was catching the step in the great march of Methodism. Several churches had been built; and, notwithstanding the ravages of the great flood, the work is growing, and there are more charges reported in full than any year in the history of the district. Huntsville raised in cash and subscription \$1000 for the Twentieth Century Fund, and this is not one of the largest congregations in the conference either. Some \$350 was paid about one year ago, making a total for this charge of \$1350 to this cause.

Rev. I. Z. T. Morris and Rev. W. H. Vaughan, of the Northwest Texas Conference, are here and mixing with the brethren.

Friday morning came in with a regular downpour of rain and the out of doors look gloomy and forbidding; but the conference opened promptly with religious service conducted by Rev. E. P. Newsom.

Rev. T. J. Duncan, of Mexia, and Prof. R. S. Iyer, of Georgetown, were introduced; also Dr. J. M. Moore and Rev. Nath Thompson, of the West Texas Conference.

Bro. Galloway, of the Northwest Texas Conference, was presented.

The Bishop made some remarks on the department of preachers: "The character of a preacher is like that of a woman. When once it is stained it is a hard matter to efface it. You need to be exceedingly prudent in your conduct and in all your manner of life. Show yourselves in all things men worthy of the high calling. Be careful and cautious."

The report on Temperance was read by Rev. J. E. Green. The report took strong ground on the tobacco habit. The Sunday excursion was also ventilated. The question opened up the flood gates and speech-making was the order of the hour. The brethren grew warm and the eloquence of the occasion became almost lurid at times. The large audience entered into sympathy with the discussion and a more entertaining hour we have not experienced in a long time. It was a good-natured conflict and good will came of the discussion. Bishop Hargrove closed the matter, by request, with a lucid statement of the question and the paper was adopted.

Dr. John M. Moore made an address on the interests of the San Antonio Rescue Home. He said that upon the Home there was a debt and he asked the privilege of having Rev. Nath Thompson enter the territory of the conference and solicit money with which to pay this debt. He said that more than 200 girls had been received into the Home and that 80 per cent of them had been saved and were doing well. He wanted the conference to join the West Texas Conference in making this Home a great success.

Yesterday afternoon Bro. Vaughn preached and represented the Orphanage. He made a strong statement of the needs of the new building and took a collection in its behalf.

At 3 o'clock Rev. T. J. Duncan preached upon the text St. James 12:32: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." "The Savior never took his eye off of the scene of his death. Usually we destroy a thing by laying violent hands upon it; but this result is reversed in the case of Christ. To kill him was to perpetuate his influence over men. The problem of God was how could he bring back to himself an alienated race. To his mind there never was but one plan, and that is found in this text. God out of Christ we dread. Without Christ we can look for no mercy in God. There is nothing in nature to bring us back to God. No heathen ever looked up to God through a flower, or a lake, or a mountain and found pardon. Nature has two voices, but they are unreliable.

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ble. She tells one man one thing and another man still another thing. You can not depend upon nature for salvation, and the providence of God within itself does not save men. No man is made better by affliction if unattended by grace. The thing is inadequate. How then shall a soul dead in trespasses and in sin be brought to the knowledge of salvation? You can not whip men into heaven by the lash of death-bed scenes and graveyard stories; but the love of God in Jesus Christ can bring men to a right understanding of those things. Make men see Christ on the cross and their salvation is accomplished at once. His blood is the wondrous power that saves. In the lives of men and women saved by this blood we see fulfilled the truth in this text. It is fulfilled in one. I shall never forget the time when this blood was applied to me. The patent office evangelist pops up and tells us not to say anything about when that was done, but tell us how it is now. Thank God, I love to go back to the time when at hell's dark door I lay and God put his hand under my soul and lifted me out of sin and pressed me to the divine bosom a forgiven soul! Sometimes we are told that we are becoming too refined to need this blood, but it is a delusion. Humanity can only be saved through this precious blood of the Lord Jesus. This blood will go on drawing souls to this truth to the end of time, and even then it will burst the grave and draw those who sleep in their graves. As itinerants we have not been able to put our deal in one group, but in due time the power of this blood will draw them together again. Let us then help to lift him up to a dying world that sinners may be drawn to the cross." The sermon was attended with power and demonstration.

At night the educational anniversary was observed. The house was packed with all the people who could possibly find space.

Rev. Seth Ward delivered the opening address: "The passing out of one century and the coming in of another may well engage the attention of the world. As we are gathered here tonight it is well for us to survey the past and forecast the future. It is meet for us as Methodists to place at this time an offering upon the altar of the Church to be devoted to the cause of education. The movement originated with a laymen, a member of the English Parliament, and a son of a Wesleyan Methodist minister. It met with favor across the water, and it was afterward taken up by the various branches of the Methodist family. For our part we want to raise \$1,500,000, or \$1 per member. The Methodists of this State are expecting to raise \$200,000 of this amount, and the Texas Conference ought to assume at least \$25,000 of this. We can not afford to do less than this amount. The growth of our Church during this century has been wondrous. One hundred and sixty years ago we began our organic existence, and during this period we have grown into a membership of 7,100,000, while we have a constituency of 23,000,000; our missionary enterprises girdle the globe and our great institutions are shaping the movements of civilization. During the earlier centuries and down to the time of John Calvin the Augustinian theology largely predominated in human thought and teaching. But when Wesley entered the field he began to preach a universal atonement and the experience of a conscious salvation. He met with hostile opposition; but such was the progress of these Arminian doctrines that they soon won favor among the common people and the thoughtful as well.

"About the time that Mr. Wesley was sowing down England with the truth of the Bible, Voltaire, just on the other side of the channel, was sowing down infidelity and scoffing. The former saved England, but the latter resulted in a reign of terror and blood in unhappy France. And in America these teachings have had much to do with the establishment of our form of government and the moral and religious tone of public sentiment.

"Methodists are expected to be a spiritual people, coupled with high intellectual culture. Methodism has never fostered ignorance, but she is the unfaltering enemy of ignorance. She not only saves the people, but she must train them for intelligent citizenship. The time is upon us when education is absolutely essential to success. That education may not always come from the college, but it must come from some source.

"In Texas we must do our part as a Church to impart this education to our people, or take a rear place in this State. Other Churches are moving in these things, like the Baptists and

Roman Catholics. They are planting their schools all over Texas. We have got to begin our part in this momentous enterprise or fall behind in the procession. The time for action is come. We must go down into our pockets and put money into our institutions. The time will come when Texas will be influential in determining the destiny of our nation. And when that time shall come, what part will we perform as a Church? That will depend upon the growth and development of our institutions of learning. If we keep pace with this oncoming progress we must educate our young people. Many of us are handicapped to-day on account of our meager mental equipment. We did not have the opportunity; but so far as I am able I am determined to help make it easier for the boys who are to follow after us." The speech was an appeal of great power, and it left an abiding impression.

Bishop Hargrove said: "I feel like apologizing to this audience for not having been born in Texas. But I was born in Alabama, and now live in Tennessee—from which States the men came who laid the foundation of Texas' greatness.

"We come into this world with only the rudiments of capability. These are to be developed and trained. Mr. Wesley understood this in the beginning, and we are the outgrowth of the work which he began and which is still going on. This century has seen wonderful progress. All of our great improvements have taken place during this time. But who can prophesy the developments of the century upon which we are entering? It will be a century of education. This is to be the work of the Church. The Church has always been in the forefront of this work. I have nothing to say against State education. I was educated in a State institution, but Christian men had charge of that school. And I hope the time will come, if it is not already upon us, when Christian men will have charge of these secular schools. But the work of the Church is to give Christian education. We are called to this specific work. We can not afford to neglect it. But I do not want to talk. I want to get your contributions."

Here the collection followed, which amounted to \$2600. There was a wonderful enthusiasm in the giving.

Saturday morning was a beautiful day overhead, but muddy under foot. Bro. Oxley opened the session of the conference with religious exercises, and reports of committees were begun, as all the other minute business was about through with. Rockdale gets the next session of the conference. There was quite a spirited contest between Rockdale and the Tabernacle Church, Houston, until a good lady arose and put in a few words for the former, and that settled the matter. The Houston people withdrew the Tabernacle.

Rev. Jno. E. Green and Rev. Nath Thompson met for the first time at this conference. I asked Green what he thought of Nath. His reply was: "He's a perfect wonder." Then in a few minutes I asked Nath what he thought of John, and he said: "He is a perfect show." They are both correct.

Rev. Jno. R. Nelson, of Waco, was introduced to the conference.

We clip the following from the Marlin Ball, an enterprising weekly of the town:

"The Ball extends to the visiting Methodists, who are in the city attending the Texas Methodist Conference, a sincere welcome to our midst. Drink of our hot water and see for yourselves that it is the greatest water in the United States, and take a look over the entire city. The gentlemen who are in attendance at the conference are a distinguished body of men, and Marlin should feel herself fortunate in being able to entertain these gentlemen. We again welcome you to our midst, and may your stay in the city be most pleasant."

Bro. J. M. Foster, an earnest member of our Church here, showed the members of the conference many courtesies. Bro. Ward and his Assistant Secretaries were efficient and accommodating.

The conference has taken strong ground on the Twentieth Century Movement. The Committee on Education outlined an elaborate plan for the work during the coming year. They made provision for the appointment of Rev. Seth Ward to the exclusive work of managing this movement, and his assignment to this duty was specially requested at the hands of the Bishop. The brethren down here mean busi-

ness, and they are going to bring things to pass.

Prof. R. S. Hyer addressed the conference upon the work at our University, and his speech was fresh, vigorous and to the point. The preachers do not leave the room while he is talking. He does not deal in platitudes, but furnishes facts, arguments and incentives for active enterprises in the work of education.

Prof. Smith, of Chappell Hill Female College, addressed the conference upon the condition and work of this institution. Dr. H. V. Philpot also added a word for this school.

Rev. F. B. Sinex gave an account of the work of his financial agency of the University. These addresses were all interesting and well received.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals reported, and I was given an opportunity to talk on the interests of the Advocate. Bro. Everett represented the Publishing House in a very opportune speech, and the brethren heard him gladly. In speaking of the decadence of old hymn singing, he said: "When we leave our singing to cheap tunes, a squeaking organ and a giggling, gum-chewing lot of school girls, then our old-fashioned Methodism will take a back seat."

Five young men were called to the bar of the conference and addressed by the Bishop prior to their coming into the membership of the conference. The address went directly to the mark. We are sorry that we had to leave on Saturday evening, and the business of the conference did not close till Monday morning. See the appointments elsewhere.

MINUTES

Of the Sixtieth Session of the Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Marlin, Texas, beginning December 6, 1899, and ending December 11, 1899. Bishop R. K. Hargrove, President; Seth Ward, Secretary.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? E. L. Ingram, Mark L. Dickey, Calvin H. Adams, George W. Davis.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Robert C. George, Lemuel M. Neal, Benjamin L. Glazner, David Knox Porter, William W. Edgar (in class first year), A. L. Boyd.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Nathan Powell (L. E.), John C. Cameron, John W. Bergin (L. D.), John R. Warlick (L. D.), M. E. Diehl.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? Dempsey W. Gardner.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? R. S. Collier, an elder from the Louisiana Conference.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? Ellis C. Keith and Willis E. Washburn (in class third year), George R. Ray.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Madison E. Diehl, John C. Cameron.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Madison E. Diehl, John C. Cameron.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are ordained deacons? William T. Stanford.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained elders? William T. Stanford.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Charles U. McLarty, R. E. Nunn.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Charles U. McLarty, R. E. Nunn, and Ira B. Gordon, who was ordained by Bishop C. B. Galloway ad interim.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? James T. Huffman.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? James T. Huffman.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? L. P. Davis, at his own request.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? W. C. Bracewell.

Ques. 18. Who are supernumerary? F. A. McAshan, D. H. Linbaugh, W. K. Turner, W. G. Nelson, T. W. Blake, Gideon Knowledge, Wesley Smith, G. C. Stovall, H. C. Philpot, A. E. Goodwyn, H. M. Haynie.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? John H. Davidson.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? All were pronounced blameless except H. G. Williams, who was found guilty of imprudent conduct and was reprimanded by the Chair, according to assessment by trial committee.

(For answers to questions 21 to 43, see statistical table.)

Ques. 44. What are the educational statistics? Southwestern University—Professors and teachers, 22; pupils, 429; value of

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FOURTH QUARTER. LESSON 12, DEC. 17.

FRUITS OF RIGHT AND WRONG.
Mal. 3: 2 to 4: 6.

Golden Text: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."—Gal. 6: 7.

Dr. Edward Leigh Pell makes the following practical comments upon the lesson:

In this lesson the veil of the future is lifted for one brief moment that we may catch a glimpse of the scales in the hands of the great Judge. As men stand before us to-day, we can only guess at their weight or circumstances. Here is a wicked man who seems to be prosperous and happy. Yonder is a righteous man who seems to be the victim of all the ills that mortal flesh is heir to. "But look!" says God; and he gives us a glimpse of these men as they appear in the light of the great testing day to come.

Jehovah's answer to the world's argument that the righteous have no advantage over the wicked is, Wait and see; there is a day coming. It takes the future to account for the present. It is folly to undertake to solve the problems of life in the light of to-day only, when it is the future that makes the present worth while. One difference between the wicked and the righteous is that the wicked being heirs of to-day only, see and judge in the light of to-day; while the righteous being heirs of eternity, see and judge by the light of eternity.

Notice the points of difference between the righteous and the wicked which the light of the future reveals. To-day the wicked appear prosperous and happy. God does not undertake to show wherein they are neither prosperous nor happy. He does not deny that the wicked often have pleasure and plenty. That they should prosper is no reflection upon the character of God; it only shows the wonderful mercy of God. "He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust." "Thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things, likewise Lazarus evil things." His goodness overflows on every side, and the wicked enjoy the overflow. God does not deny this; he simply points to the other picture. Whatever may be said of the prosperity of the wicked, a day is coming when it will be seen that only the righteous are truly blessed. The wicked may be set up in the world, but the righteous are set apart for God. The wicked have treasures, but the righteous are treasures. Often the wicked seem to enjoy immunity from seeming evils, but the righteous enjoy immunity from real evils, for the Father spares them "as a man spareth his own son who serveth him." Now compare the two pictures. Which is better off?—the man who appears to be prosperous, who seems to be established, and who escapes the temporal misfortunes which often overwhelm the righteous and who, in the end, is seen to be mere stubble; or the man who appears to be poor and oppressed, and who turns out to be one of God's own jewels and honored of him as a faithful son is honored by his father? Which is better off?—the man who is poor in all things except money, or the man who is rich in all things except money? Which would you prefer?—to have a handful of gold, or to be yourself pure gold? to own a costly jewel, or to be yourself God's costliest jewel?—one that cost him the life of his only Son? What matters it, after all, whether you have treasure, if you are treasure?

Epworth League Department.

Lesson Topic for December 17: "Teach Us to Pray."—Luke 11: 1-13.

From Zion's Herald we take the following words upon the lesson for to-day:

An English lady, when traveling in Palestine, spent a night at the harem of an Arab sheik. In the room she occupied there were several other women. Before retiring for the night this English lady knelt in silent prayer. After she had lain down in her bed the sheik's young wife, Helweh, came to her side and said: "What did you do just now, when you knelt and covered your face with your hands?" Solemnly she replied: "I spoke to God, Helweh." "What did you say to him?" She then related in a simple way how she had thanked him for his blessings, and had implored his continued protection. Then

for the rest standing about she repeated the Lord's Prayer in Arabic. At the words, "Our Father in heaven," Helweh exclaimed: "You told me your father was in England." This needed some little explanation; so the English lady proceeded to tell them how she had a father in England and how he could not so much as know that she was with them until she wrote to him about it, but her Heavenly Father knew all about her every moment, no matter where she might be; he was present that very moment and right in the room with them all. At this latter declaration they all started and looked as if they felt an unseen power. Other questions followed. At the petition, "Give us this day our daily bread," one inquired, "Can not you make your own bread?" And at the words, "As we forgive them that trespass against us," another wanted to know, "Must you say that every day?" The spirit exhibited by these ignorant Arab women is the one which our Savior would correct, while that exercised by the English lady is the one he enjoins. Five times a day it was the custom of the Arab women to say their prayers. But to pray, to actually talk to God, was something entirely unknown to them.

The prayer that teaches us how to pray is:

1. A model of prayer, rather than a form to be used for every occasion.
2. As a whole the Lord's Prayer contains but one supreme thought, and this is a desire for God's kingdom, that it may gain complete dominion.
3. This one thought is expressed in two relations: (a) God's relation to man (first three petitions.) (b) man's relation to God (last four petitions.)
4. It is original. Claims have been made that this prayer can be found in some sacred Sanskrit writing, but later investigations have proven this to be false. For the fourth and fifth petitions there are no parallels anywhere, and for some of the others only a suggestion of like thought and wording.
5. The real merit of the prayer lies in its tenor and spirit.

THE LAW OF PRAYER.

1. Filial—"Our Father."
2. Reverent—"Hallowed be thy name" (with the ancients the name meant the character.)
3. Submissive—"Thy will be done."
4. Direct—"Give us this day our daily bread."
5. Fraternal—"As we forgive them that trespass against us."
6. Trustful—"Deliver us from evil" (all sin and even Satan and hell.)
7. Triumphant—"Kingdom and power and glory forever. Amen!"

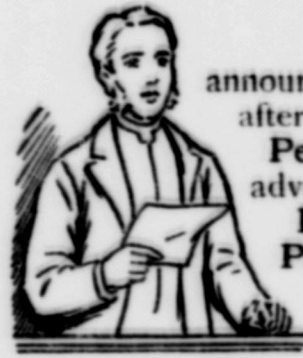
BOOKS AND THEIR LOVERS.

A genuine lover of books can seldom resist their fascination. Walking along the street and passing a stall heaped with old, worn, second hand volumes, eye and hand are tempted, the wayfarer's progress is arrested, the loitering step ceases, and presently the brightening countenance shows delight at a discovery. It is, perhaps, a very odd edition of some long-lost favorite, or it is a book of the hour marked down in price, or it is an odd volume of a much prized author, of whose works one likes several copies. Whatever the cause the result is the same. The book allures and the book lover buys it, often to carry it home with shame and confusion of face, for there is usually somebody at home to play the part of mentor and officiate as a conscience to the inveterate lover of books.

One who cares about books is happy merely to be in the room with them. Their friendly bindings, familiar to glance and touch, form a sumptuous furnishing in the plainest house, and the library, however simple, becomes the family rallying place. For your book lover is a home lover, too, and has domestic tastes, preferring the quiet hearth to the gay company, and choosing a chair beside the lamp rather than the place where jest and repartee, laughter and mirth abound. Not unsocial is your book lover, but social in a restricted sense.

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narrowing his communion to an inner circle of dear ones, and appreciating better the low toned flow of talk over a story or a sketch than the chatter of mere acquaintances or the gossip that leaves a savor of bitterness in the mouth.—Aunt Marjorie, in the Christian Intelligencer.

TAKING AIM IN PREACHING.

Henry Ward Beecher relates how he first got hold of the true idea of preaching. It was during the first year of his preaching while he was in Indianapolis. He went to work and studied and analyzed all the sermons and addresses of the apostles as found in the New Testament and thus learned their art of taking aim and winning success. He got up a sermon on the apostolic plan and went before his people determined to secure results. There were seventeen men awakened under that sermon. Said he: "I never felt so triumphant in all my life. I cried all the way home. I said to myself, 'Now I know how to preach.'"

We were reminded of the above incident while attending the service for young men at the Central Department, Y. M. C. A. last Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Ward Platt has been addressing the men there for the last four Sundays. At the opening of the service on Sunday last the Secretary announced that ten men had given their hearts to Christ as the result of the three previous talks of Mr. Platt. The subject of his fourth discourse was "The One Talent Man." He evidently took aim. He talked as though he knew his audience. His subject was handled in a masterly manner and the truth was brought home to the hearts and consciences of those present in a way that must make for righteousness.

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There was a poor old laborer of seventy-four years of age who could just read this Book. To use Cowper's words, he "knew his Bible true, but he knew no more." When my assistant entered his cottage, he found the poor old man, bound fast with rheumatism, with his great big family Bible before him, with his horn spectacles on, and with his horny finger tracing out one by one the words of the sacred Book. My assistant went up to him and spoke to him, and looking over his shoulder at the book, he noticed writing in the margin of the great Bible. Looking still more narrowly, he found that the old man had written one word continually in the margin. It was the word "Proved."

This is what it meant. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."—"Proved." "My sheep shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."—"Proved." "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."—"Proved." "Trust in the Lord, and do good, and verily thou shalt be fed."—"Proved." "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acception, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."—"Proved." So he went on. The dear old saint had taken God's Book, and written out his own experience on the margin. Against each blessed promise of the Book, as he had found it come true in his own life, he had written that word "Proved." Many of us to-day, with devout thankfulness to God, can say the same thing. We have proved that Word, and we have found it in very deed to be the Word of the living God.—Dr. G. S. Barrett.

A GERMAN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

A letter, recently published in an exchange, from a lady spending a season in the Tyrol, says: "The morning of our arrival we were awakened by the sound of a violin and flutes under the windows, and hurrying down, we found the house adorned as for a festival—garlands over the door and wreathing a chair which was set in state.

"The table was already covered with gifts brought by the people whose music we had heard. The whole neighborhood were kinsfolk, and these gifts came from uncles and cousins in every far-off degree. Upon all some little message of love was pinned.

"Is there a bride in this house?" I asked.

"Ach, nein!" was the reply. "It is our grandmother's birthday."

Is not this beautiful? So much reproach would not fall upon the young did the old wisely acknowledge their weight of years. Occasionally we observe this becoming virtue and the courtesy which it receives. A precious memory is of a white-haired grandmother who, each recurrent Sabbath, walked with stately but slow step up the church aisle, her slender hand resting upon the arm of her son, who stood with proud deference as, followed by daughter and granddaughter, she entered the pew. No one ever thought of taking possession of the red damask rocker by the long window, lest "mother," coming in unexpectedly, should be made to think it more comfortable than the others. No guest was ever of sufficient importance to deprive "mother" of her room or the seat of honor at the table. Could grandchildren or strangers treat with indifference one who was so honored by her children?

It is a pleasure to read of John Clarke, the father of Adam Clarke, the commentator, who died in 1798, and was buried at Ardwick Churchyard, Manchester, England: "Ever after his death, his son, Adam, when passing the churchyard, whether walking or riding, uncovered his head the whole length of the cemetery, to show his reverence for the godly man to whom he owed so much."—N. Y. Advocate.

HAVE WOMEN SOULS?

"If women have no souls to save—as some sects teach—is there to be no salvation for their bodies?"

"Even when Nature, who does make horrible blunders, has decreed that motherhood shall be life-long invalidism and misery, if not death-dealing, still most women more or less cheerfully do their duty in the sphere in which man is willing they should live."—THE GENTLE-WOMAN.

The writer in The Gentlewoman is only voicing a widely accepted theory in the statement that "Nature has decreed that motherhood shall be life-long invalidism and misery, if not death-dealing." But it is a bold challenge to Nature, to say that "she makes horrible blunders."

"Are God and Nature then at strife, that Nature lends such evil dreams?" If there be one woman in all the world who has found the result of ma-



CORNELIA, MOTHER OF THE GRACI, AN ANCIENT TYPE OF THE SOULLESS (!) WOMAN.

ternity to be not "life-long invalidism and misery" but life-long happiness and health, then that woman takes up the challenge thrown down to Nature. But more than this: If there were but one woman who had been emancipated from the sufferings of her sex, who had been led out of that darkened chamber to which each month condemned her, who had been rescued from invalidism and misery as a consequence of motherhood, then that one woman stands as type of the possibility of health to every other woman.

AN ARMY OF WOMEN.

There is an army of 500,000 women, representing in their ranks every form and phase of female weakness, so-called, from mere irregularity in the young woman to chronic disease of the womb involving complications that have kept the victim practically bed-ridden for ten or even fifteen years, and every one of these has been perfectly and permanently cured. Expressions such as "I am a new woman!" "I never knew what it was to live before!" "I am gone back again to be robust and rosy-cheeked as in youth!" "I have never been able to save a child before; now I have the brightest of healthy babies!" "I scarcely suffered at all with my last child; it was wonderful,"—such expressions teem in the thousands of letters received from grateful women in the past thirty years.

Mrs. Carrie B. Donner, of Dayton, Green Co., Wis., writes: "I can highly recommend Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—having taken it for nine months previous to confinement. I suffered scarcely any compared with what I had at other times."

Mrs. Annie Blacker, 629 Catherine Street, Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "Your medicines have done wonders for me. For years my health was very poor. I had four miscarriages, but since taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Medical Discovery' I have much better health, and now I have a fine healthy baby."

And who has wrought this deliverance for women? What means have brought about these many cures?

The work has been done by Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. The general means has been the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, supplemented by his special advice where special difficulties had to be overcome. Women have called this advice "priceless." It is given free. It goes with the medicine, when necessary. In "Favorite Prescription" Dr. Pierce prepared a remedy which acts almost infallibly on the delicate organs of sex. But women differ in fiber and tempera-

ment. This difference sometimes necessitates some little supplemental treatment in order to give the medicine its most beneficial result.

The endeavor to meet that difference in women, to do what has never been done before with a proprietary medicine, adapt it to individual needs and peculiar cases, was the origin of the offer of free consultation by letter with Dr. Pierce.

THE CHEAPEST THING ON EARTH.

It has passed into a current saying that "advice is the cheapest thing on earth"—cheap, that is, in the sense of worthless. Medical advice, so-called, is often no exception to this rule. Anybody can give advice. Anybody can offer medical advice. Only a qualified physician can make good that offer. A great many have imitated Dr. Pierce's offer of "free medical advice" who are not qualified physicians and are not competent to give what they offer.

But more than all there's a difference in doctors just as there's a difference in lawyers, in soldiers, in sailors, and in the members of every other profession. Some men are made to lead and those men become the captains and generals in their professions. The mass of men are only followers. They can not plan or originate. They do what some one else tells them. There are thousands of followers where there is only one leader.

The medical profession is no exception to this general rule. The mass of the doctors are followers. They can not originate. They follow somebody else in method of treatment and in the use of medicines. For this reason they can not make allowance for the variations of individual temperament which are so important a feature in the treatment of diseases of women. They treat all alike. Delicate, nervous.

FINELY FIBERED WOMEN

are treated without any consideration of the difference between them and the more coarsely organized of their sex. And in this way women are often treated for the wrong disease. When the womb is affected various nervous disorders are possible, even insanity. Unskilful practitioners treat the patient for the disorder, not appreciating the real cause.

J. S. Carlisle, Esq., of Manchester, Coffee Co., Tenn., writes: "I have been using your medicines for the last sixteen or eighteen years in my Poor House. I am Superintendent of the Coffee County Poor House and Asylum combined. Your 'Favorite Prescription,' 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and 'Pleasant Pellets,' are the best medicines for the diseases for which they are recommended that I ever used. They saved my wife's life at the time of 'change of life.' I also cured the worse case of lunacy that we ever had with your 'Favorite Prescription.' The case had been under the doctor's care for three years. I used your medicine about seven or eight months and the patient was as



GRACE DARLING, A FINE EXAMPLE OF THE SOULLESS (!) WOMAN.

well as she ever was in her life. This was nine years ago, and she is still in good health. I have been recommending your medicine to many afflicted women and have also guaranteed that if it did not cure I would pay back the money spent for it. I have told our druggists that if the people came back and said Dr. Pierce's medicines did not give satisfaction, to give them back their money and charge it to me. I have not once been called upon to refund. I think I have guaranteed seventy-five or one hundred cases. I have never found anything to equal the 'Favorite Prescription' for diseases of women."

Dr. Pierce is a leader, not a follower. He has devoted more than thirty years to the treatment and cure of diseases of women. He is head of one of the most important medical institutions in the land. People come from all over the country to be treated at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. To meet these de-

mands, Dr. Pierce has gathered about him a medical staff of nearly a score of physicians. These men are all specialists in some branch of medicine or surgery. They represent the learning and skill of the best medical schools and hospitals of Germany, England and the United States. Their ability is marked by their success. In the treatment of over half a million women, 98 per cent have been perfectly and permanently cured.

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You are offered a free consultation by letter with Dr. Pierce, and this means that you are offered free the best medical skill in the country. You could get high class medical service and advice in many another institution. But high class is high price, and few people can spare the money to consult the skilled specialists of great institutions.

If these facts are as stated, if the claims above made are true, there is no reason for another year of suffering for you. Are you a sufferer every month? You can be cured. Do you suffer daily with aching back, bearing-down pains, the miseries of mind and body which follow diseases of the



THE SOULLESS (!) WOMAN AT SANTIAGO.

womb and other organs of generation? You can be cured. There are only two chances in a hundred that your cure will not be perfect and life-lasting. There are ninety-eight chances in a hundred that you will enter on a new period of existence.

All this can come to you at very little cost, without any of the unpleasant questionings, the offensive examinations and obnoxious local treatments deemed necessary by many local practitioners. You can begin with "Favorite Prescription" to-day; or you can write a letter to Dr. Pierce and make a plain statement of your case. In either case you take the first step to health when you begin Dr. Pierce's treatment. Address: Dr. R. V. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.

Accept no substitute for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. A substitute medicine means a big profit for the dealer, and nothing at all for you, because the promises made for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription do not and can not apply to an imitation or substitute.

There is no alcohol contained in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, neither opium, cocaine nor other narcotic.

A GREAT GIFT.

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to defray expense of mailing only. This great work contains 1008 pages and over 700 illustrations. It is a guide to health and happiness, and should be included in the library of every household. Send 21 one-cent stamps (to pay expense of mailing only) for the paper-bound book, or 31 stamps for the book bound in durable cloth. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Wife, do you want to make your husband smile, God smile, your children leap for joy, and be all smiles yourself? When your husband goes off, clean up everything neat and nice, fix yourself up like you used to when you were trying to catch him, sweeten the children to match you, prepare your best supper for him, cooked his favorite way, and see if the beams of brightness and shines of sweetness from another honeymoon don't hover over that blessed place.



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To Auxiliary Treasurers of the W. H. Mission Society, North Texas Conference:

We are sorry to inform you that Mrs. Ira O. Wyse, who has so long and acceptably filled the office of Treasurer of our Conference Society, has resigned, and that her resignation was accepted at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee in Honey Grove, Mrs. W. T. Henderson, 349 Masten Street, Dallas, Texas, was elected to that office.

While regretting very much to give up Mrs. Wyse, we feel sure that Mrs. Henderson will ably perform the duties thereby assigned.

MRS. H. A. EVANS,
Corresponding Secretary, Conference Society,
Sulphur Springs, Texas.

To Presidents of the Auxiliaries of the W. H. M. S., North Texas Conference:

We hope you will see to it that your Corresponding Secretary sends in her report not later than the 10th of December, March, June and September of each year. This is very necessary, in order that our report to the General Secretary, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, may be complete. If you fail to do this your society fails to get credit for the work done during the quarter.

Urge your treasurer also to send in her remittance promptly, that the Conference Treasurer may be able to assist those parsonages to which donations have recently been made. Each society may contribute but a small amount, yet the aggregate may help to keep the winter's blast from some mother and her babes. Then, too, we beg you to push the collection of the Twentieth Century Fund, using the roll books recently sent out for that purpose. Please see that each member in your society contributes at least the \$1 asked for. Here, again, the

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Many energetic agents can earn enough money this Winter to pay for a trip abroad by securing subscriptions to

The Ladies' Home Journal

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The Saturday Evening Post

and perhaps a good deal more. At the end of the season (April 15th) we are going to divide \$18,000 among 754 of our best agents.

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The best agent will get \$1,000, the next best will get \$750, and so on.

Don't let 754 people outstrip you. But, if you should, the pay will be ample for all the work you do for us.

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amount asked from each one is small, but the total amount will help to keep up our Christian civilization, for we want, through our schools, to Christianize the heathen who come to our shores and thus retain God's blessings as a Christian nation.

Please see, too, that your treasurer sends the \$1 per month asked for the current expenses of our own Mission Home at Dallas. If you don't feel that your society can send that amount, you can easily find some one in the society who feels enough interest in our Father's "weakest children" to contribute that small sum.

Let's begin the new century with renewed zeal, realizing that another century in which to work for our Father will not be ours in this world, and that in the world to come we shall have to account for misspent money as well as misspent hours.

MRS. H. A. EVANS,
Corresponding Secretary, Conference Society.

SANTA FE LOCAL HOLIDAY EXCURSION RATES.

On account of the holidays, the G. C. & S. F. Ry. will sell excursion tickets between all local stations on their line, also to points on their connecting lines, December 23, 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1, at rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, limited for return January 3.

SECULAR NEWS.

Brigham Roberts was called down by Congress before being sworn in as a member of that body. By motion his case went to a committee by an overwhelming majority. So he will be investigated before he is admitted, and if found guilty of the charges of polygamy he will never have the opportunity of being expelled. Public sentiment when aroused usually disposes of questions like this without much difficulty.

The Election Board in Kentucky have awarded the certificate of election to Taylor, the Republican candidate for Governor. As to whether Goebel will contest the matter in the courts or before the Legislature awaits to be seen. Had the Democrats put forward a man of good clean record he would have gone in by a large majority, and this trouble ought to teach them a good lesson. The people of Kentucky did not want Goebel, and they repudiated him at the polls.

December 4 the United States Supreme Court handed down an opinion in the Addyston pipe case involving the constitutionality of the combination of pipe manufacturers, which it was charged was a trust. The decision is adverse to the trust, and reaffirms the opinion of the Court of Appeals for the Sixth District.

The largest gypsum firm in the world which furnished all the stuff for the World's Fair buildings is to be moved from Kansas City to new discoveries near Quanah, Texas.

Report states that the United States has decided to open negotiations with Ecuador for the purchase of one of the Galapagos islands for a coaling station, as a check to any foreign acquisition of the islands.

Russia has been checkmated in China by Japan. Japan is undoubtedly in the confidence of the Empress Dowager, and is utilizing the opportunity. During the past week there has been quite a gathering of Japanese statesmen at Peking. M. Yano has resigned as Minister at Peking, and, at the direct request of the Empress Dowager, has been appointed "Foreign Adviser" to the Chinese Government. Prince Tuan, of Peking, known as the "Fifth Prince," seems to be the Manchu who has brought about the cordial co-operation with Japan.

A great fire occurred Sunday morning in the heart of the city of Augusta, Ga., which entailed a loss of a million dollars and upward. It is the disastrous conflagration of the year in that State.

The message to Congress by the President was a lengthy document, covering all departments of the government's interests. The Republicans of the country regard it as a very able State paper, patriotic and comprehensive. The Democrats regard it as a weak affair, and intended to boost the weak of the present administration. But the impartial citizen looks upon it as a paper with a good deal of merit, but capable of a little improvement at some points.

A negro endeavored to enter the bed room of the wife and daughter of Mr. Leas Lyons, of Waco, last Saturday night, but he reckoned without his host that time. Mr. Lyons happened to be at home, and he met the intruder with a shot from a pistol, and his limp body dropped from the window to the ground. The Coroner attended to the rest of the performance.

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By doing a little writing at your home, in either of Draughon's Practical Business Colleges, Fort Worth, Galveston, Texarkana, St. Louis, Nashville, or Savannah. Address The Illustrated Youth and Age, Nashville, Tenn.

MORE REDUCED RATES.

The Texas and Pacific Railway Company will sell round trip tickets on December 19 and 20, limited to thirty days for return, at regular Christmas rates, to St. Louis, Mo.; Cairo, Ill.; points in Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Mexico. For dates of sale to Southeastern States see another notice in this paper. See nearest Ticket Agent or write H. P. Hughes, Traveling Passenger Agent, Fort Worth, Texas, or E. P. Turner, General Passenger Agent, Dallas, Texas.

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For Kidney and Bladder, Bright's Disease, Rheumatism, Gravel, Pain in the Back, Dropsy, etc., you will upon request be mailed

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Disorders of the Kidneys and Bladder cause Bright's Disease, Rheumatism, Gravel, Pain in the Back, Bladder Disorders, difficult or too frequent passing water, Dropsy, etc. For these diseases a Positive Specific Cure is found in a new botanical discovery, the wonderful Kava-Kava Shrub, called by botanists, the piper methysticum, from the Ganges River, East India. It has the extraordinary record of 1,200 hospital cures in 30 days. It acts directly on the Kidneys and cures by draining out of the Blood the poisonous Uric Acid, Lithates, etc., which cause the disease.

Rev. W. R. Moore, D. D., of Washington, D. C., testifies in the Christian Advocate, that it completely cured him of Kidney and Bladder Disease of many years' standing. Hon. R. C. Wood, of Lowell, Ind., writes that in four weeks the Kava-Kava Shrub cured him of Rheumatism and Kidney and Bladder disease after ten years' suffering, the bladder trouble being so great he had to rise ten or twelve times during the night. Many ladies, including Mrs. C. C. Fowler, of Locktown, N. J., and Mrs. James Young, of Kent, Ohio, also testify to its wonderful curative powers in Kidney and other disorders peculiar to womanhood.

That you may judge of the value of this great discovery for yourself we will send you one Large Case by mail Free, only asking that when cured yourself you will recommend it to others. It is a Sure Specific and can not fail. Address, the Church Kidney Cure Company, 403 Fourth Avenue, New York City.



Mrs. Fowler, Locktown, N.J.



Christmas Novelties

Abound in every department of the store, but we have space to mention a few only—

Collar and Cuff Boxes, in leather, 60 cents up to\$3.00
Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, \$1.25 up to\$4.50
Three-piece Toilet Sets, \$1.50 to \$7.50
Combination Sets \$3.50 to\$12.50
Three-piece Sterling Silver sets, \$3.50 up to\$7.50
Sterling Silver Manicure Sets, \$6.50 up to\$10.50
Sterling Silver Manicure Pieces, special, at25c
These goods all worth double, and supply is limited.
Wedgewood three-piece set, at \$11.50 and\$12.50
Tobacco Jars, Limoges China, Gold-plated tops, \$1.75 to\$3.75
Smoking Sets, \$3.50 to\$10.50
Briar Pipes, genuine, 50c, 75c, to\$1.00
Briar Pipes, gold and silver mounted, cased, prices \$2.50 to\$6.50
Meerschaum Pipes, and Pipe Sets, Morocco cases, price \$3.50 to\$8.50
Triplicate Mirrors, 25c to\$10.00
Shaving Mirrors, swing back, \$1.25 up to\$4.50
Opera Glasses, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00 and up to\$20.00

Books for Gifts.

An appropriate Christmas Present would be a set of good books. Note these prices:

Works of Charles Dickens, 15 large volumes, fine paper\$6.00
Works of Charles Dickens, 15 large volumes, half calf\$16.50
Works of Bulwer Lytton, 13 volumes, half calf\$15.00
Works of Sir Walter Scott, 12 volumes on sale at\$2.75
Works of Sir Walter Scott, 25 volumes, fine edition, for\$22.50
Works of Sir Walter Scott, 25 volumes, fine edition, half calf, for\$40.00
Rudyard Kipling's authorized edition 15 volumes, uniform binding\$9.50
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We have on hand a full line of the popular five-volume sets, cloth-bound in two qualities, \$1.00 and \$1.25 per set, such as Cooper, Corelli, Carey, Doyle, Emerson, Ewing, Hawthorne, Longfellow, Lyall-Marlitt, Ruskin and many others.

Our stock of Holiday Books is the largest shown in the South. Our line of new and popular books contains everything at 25 to 35 per cent under New York prices.

Talking Machines

How about a Talking Machine for a Christmas Present? We can and will save you money on

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Austin	15	4003	261	280	307	85	22	15	51,475.00	289.00	15	16,450.00				12,448.00	3,870.00	1	100.00
Brenham	12	4106	251	349	103	72	35	37	49,840.00		17	19,550.00				9,125.00	2,300.00	1	100.00
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NAME OF DISTRICT.	Domestic Missions.		Church Extension.		Education.		Paid Woman's Foreign Mission Society.	Paid Woman's Home Mission Society.	Paid Amer. Temperance Society.	Orphanage.		Printing Minutes.		Other Objects.	Grand Total.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.				Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		
Houston	\$1140.00	\$1140.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$355.50	\$355.50	\$8.00					\$100.00	\$100.00
Austin	1070.00	853.00	475.00	475.00	335.00	335.00	237.45	237.45	17.45					741.00	741.00
Brenham	910.00	609.85	408.00	408.00	243.10	243.10	28.25	28.25	19.05					511.70	511.70
Calvert	830.00	622.00	380.00	380.00	215.50	215.50	180.57	180.57	9.90					554.00	554.00
Huntsville	780.00	544.50	347.00	347.00	234.00	186.35	196.35	196.35	25.30					554.00	554.00
Total	\$4750.00	\$3759.35	\$2200.00	\$2200.00	\$1694.85	\$1694.85	\$918.61	\$918.61	\$80.30					\$2750.00	\$2750.00
Total last year	4183.14	3338.45	2110.04	2110.04	1404.90	1404.90	549.33	549.33	2400.00					8008.00	82700.00
Increase	566.86	400.90	90.00	90.00	249.95	249.95	369.28	369.28	480.30					480.00	12280.00
Decrease															

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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property, \$140,000. Chappell Hill Female College—Professors and teachers, 7; pupils, 70; value of property, \$12,000.
Ques. 45. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Rockdale, Texas.
Ques. 46. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

- HOUSTON DISTRICT.
O. T. Hotchkiss, P. E.
Houston, Shearn—E. W. Solomon.
Washington Street—J. M. Bryce.
McKee Street—Jno. E. Green.
The Tabernacle—H. C. Willis.
McAshan and City Mission—J. R. Warlick.
Galveston, St. John's—W. D. Bradfield.
St. James—C. J. Oxley.
West End—S. F. Chambers.
Richmond—S. W. Thomas.
Alvin—J. M. Bergin.
Columbia and Brazoria—J. W. Harmon.
Angleton—J. R. Murray.
Wharton and Hungerford—B. J. Guess.
Matagorda—J. J. Calloway.
Cedar Bayou—T. R. Cain.
El Campo—E. L. Ingram.
Rosenberg—To be supplied by G. T. Warner.
Dickinson—J. L. Russell.
Sandy Point—J. C. Stewart.
Dayton—To be supplied by G. T. Newberry.
Harrisburg and Bay Shore—To be supplied.
Secretary of Education—Seth Ward.
Student Southwestern University—B. L. Glazner.

- AUSTIN DISTRICT.
G. A. McClure, P. E.
Austin, Tenth Street—H. M. Whaling.
Hotchkiss Memorial—C. B. Garrett.
First Church—W. T. McDonald.
South Austin—W. R. Campbell.
Merrilltown and Walnut—E. A. Potts.
Manhaca—W. D. Gaskins.
Bastrop—Nathan Powell.
Webberville—A. J. Anderson.
LaGrange—C. H. Brooks.
West Point—J. W. Kelley.
Manor—F. O. Favre.
McDade—R. C. George.
Elgin—E. G. Hocutt.
Smithville—R. W. Adams.
Weimar and Osage—W. F. Brinson.
Columbus—J. W. McMahon.
Flatonia—J. M. Adams.
Cedar Creek—W. E. Washburn.
Eagle Lake—R. E. Nunn.
Cypress—To be supplied by D. W. Perkins.
Student Southwestern University—Geo. W. Davis.

- BRENNHAM DISTRICT.
J. B. Cochran, P. E.
Brenham—J. L. Massey.
Chappell Hill—J. W. Horn.
Belleville—M. E. Diehl.
Gliddings—M. F. Daniel.
Caldwell—Weems Wootton.
Sealy—A. L. Boyd.
Lyons—J. M. Crutchfield.
Milano—H. T. Hart.
Lexington—I. B. Gordon.
Cameron Station—Jas. Kilgore.
Cameron Circuit—J. L. Yeats.
Rockdale—G. H. Collins.
Mayfield—H. R. Kimbler.
Ben Arnold—J. W. Cullen.
Pleasant Hill—H. G. Williams.
Davilla—R. S. Collier.
Pattison—M. L. Lindsey.

- CALVERT DISTRICT.
H. M. Sears, P. E.
Calvert—J. R. Sears.
Bremont and Reagan—T. S. Williford.
Hearne and Wheelock—C. L. Farrington.
Marlin—D. H. Hotchkiss.
Lott—J. A. Melver.
Rosebud—S. P. Brown.
Durango—F. E. Hammond.
Franklin Station—E. S. Smith.

- Franklin Circuit—W. W. Edgar.
Mt. Vernon—E. C. Keith.
Pettaway—M. L. Dickey.
Jewett—W. H. Brooks.
Kosse—D. K. Porter.
Fairbairn—J. W. Holt.
Freestone Circuit—M. L. Dickey.
Rogers Prairie—J. M. Thompson.
Centerville—C. M. Thompson.
Buffalo and Oakwoods—B. W. Allen.
Leon Circuit—D. W. Gardner.
Conference Secretary of Missions—J. B. Sears.

- HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.
J. C. Mickle, P. E.
Huntsville—E. P. Newsum.
Anderson—G. S. Sandel.
Navasota—C. A. Hooper.
Courtney and Plantersville—E. M. Myers.
Walker—C. E. Simpson.
Conroe—T. B. Graves.
Dodge—L. M. Neel.
Madisonville—C. U. McLarty.
Prairie Plains—J. C. Moore.
Zion—G. R. Ray.
Hempstead—G. H. Phair.
Millican—J. P. Skinner.
Bryan—E. L. Shuttles.
Willis—F. L. Allen.
Cold Springs—W. T. Metagin.
Montgomery—W. W. Horner.
Conroe Circuit—J. C. Cameron.
Chaplain State Penitentiary, Huntsville—S. H. Morgan.

REPORT OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:
Brethren—The amount of money coming into our hands for conference claimants is as follows:
Balance on hand at last conference.....\$ 41 51
Received from Houston District.....1,132 45
Received from Austin District.....835 05
Received from Brenham District.....692 35
Received from Calvert District.....634 25
Received from Huntsville District.....570 80
Received from Preachers' Aid Board.....275 00
Received from interest on J. B. Moore bequest.....4 10
Received from Colvin Fund.....12 00
Total.....\$4,107 51
We disbursed these amounts as follows:
Paid conference claimants at this session.....\$4,054 00
Contingent fund in hands of Treasurer.....53 51
Total.....\$4,107 51
We have paid to the conference claimants the following amounts:

- | | Conference Fund. | Colvin Fund. |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1. Robert Durham | \$ 50 00 | \$ 5 00 |
| 2. Miss Kittle Keith | 53 00 | 1 00 |
| 3. Miss Saltillo Keith | 25 00 | 1 00 |
| 4. Mrs. Amanda Graves | 50 00 | 50 |
| 5. Mrs. J. W. R. Allen | 50 00 | 50 |
| 6. Mrs. Hannah Green | 150 00 | 50 |
| 7. Mrs. Thos. Whitworth | 100 00 | 50 |
| 8. Mrs. S. G. Woodbridge | 100 00 | 50 |
| 9. Mrs. Rebecca Keith | 100 00 | 50 |
| 10. Mrs. V. A. Windsor | 150 00 | 50 |
| 11. Mrs. L. J. Hinkle | 200 00 | 50 |
| 12. Mrs. C. F. Stacy | 75 00 | 50 |
| 13. Mrs. R. Alexander | 100 00 | 50 |
| 14. Mrs. Sue C. Kerr | 150 00 | 50 |
| 15. Mrs. R. J. Fisher | 120 00 | 50 |
| 16. Mrs. Alice Stovall | 125 00 | 50 |
| 17. Mrs. Julia Dashiell | 110 00 | 50 |
| 18. Mrs. Fatima Lemons | 125 00 | 50 |
| 19. Mrs. S. E. Guber | 125 00 | 50 |
| 20. Mrs. Sarah Whipple | 125 00 | 50 |
| 21. Mrs. I. G. John | 50 00 | 50 |
| 22. Mrs. J. H. Davidson | 100 00 | 50 |
| 23. Rev. F. A. McAshan | 200 00 | 50 |
| 24. Rev. H. V. Philpot | 350 00 | 50 |
| 25. Rev. W. G. Nelms | 300 00 | 50 |
| 26. Rev. W. K. Turner | 250 00 | 50 |
| 27. Rev. Wesley Smith | 200 00 | 50 |

NAME OF DISTRICT.	Epworth Leagues.		Sunday-schools.		Total Amount Raised.
	No. of.	Number of Members.	Schools.	Officers, Teachers.	
Houston	25	861	44	376	\$1703.91
Austin	11	409	35	244	921.45
Brenham	10	390	35	217	1806.00
Calvert	10	324	38	226	703.51
Huntsville	6	168	36	179	537.46
Total	62	1957	188	144	\$4944.33
Total last year	60	2210	179	158	4303.6
Increase			9	312	40.73
Decrease	7	230			24.74

28. Rev. Gideon Powledge.....175 00
29. Rev. G. C. Stovall.....150 00
30. Rev. D. H. Linebaugh.....75 00
31. Rev. A. E. Goodwyn.....100 00
The amount assessed against the conference for Bishops' fund was apportioned to the districts, and paid as follows:
Houston District.....\$254.00
Austin District.....248.00
Brenham Dist.....232.00
Calvert District.....172.00
Huntsville Dist.....140.00
Totals.....\$1044.00
The amount collected for Bishops' fund was disbursed as follows: Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, by W. W. Adickes, Treasurer, \$883.25.
The amount assessed against the conference for the ensuing year for Bishops' fund is the sum of \$1050.
The amount assessed against the conference for the Texas Methodist Orphanage for the ensuing year is the sum of \$700.
We apportion these assessments to the districts as follows:

	Fund.	ago.
Houston District.....	255 00	\$190 00
Austin District.....	249 00	180 00
Brenham District.....	233 00	160 00
Calvert District.....	172 00	150 00
Huntsville District.....	141 00	120 00
Totals.....	\$1050 00	\$800 00
The assessment for education and for Paine and Lane Institutes we apportion to the districts as follows:		
	Educa- tion.	Paine and Lane.
Houston District.....	\$410 00	\$58 00
Austin District.....	385 00	55 00
Brenham District.....	240 00	47 00
Calvert District.....	255 00	45 00
Huntsville District.....	225 00	45 00
Totals.....	\$1684 00	\$250 00

We recommend that the assessment on the conference for the ensuing year, for conference claimants, be an amount equal to eight per cent of the assessed salaries of the preachers, and in connection with this report we submit the following resolutions:
Resolved, That the preachers of the Texas Annual Conference be held responsible for an amount equal to eight per cent of the salaries paid them, which sums shall be applied to the fund for conference claimants.
Resolved, That the thanks of this conference be tendered to the First National Bank of Marlin for its courtesy and liberality in handling the funds of this board and providing drafts and exchange free of charge.
Respectfully submitted,
J. D. CAMPBELL, Chairman.
W. W. ADICKES, Treasurer.
C. A. HOOPER, Secretary.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

- Dec. 7—L. G. Rogers, sub. S. B. Switzer, v. K. P. A. Edwards, sub. V

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DUFF.—Nellie Frances Duff was born February 25, 1889, and died November 3, 1899, aged ten years, eight months and nine days, daughter of H. R. and Z. K. Duff. She died at the home of her grandfather, R. M. Duff, at Kerby, Texas, and was buried in the old cemetery at Hillsboro, Texas. Loved ones, weep not for little Nellie. She has gone on before to meet her mother and loved ones. A FRIEND.

HAM.—Little Elva M. Ham, infant daughter of Tom and Mertie Ham, was born January 14, 1898, and departed this life July 5, 1899. Loving parents did all they could, but in vain. Elva was too good to stay here, so the good Lord said "Come home." Heaven will seem nearer now than before. That sweet face, that angel spirit, that pair of beautiful, beckoning hands, the same sweet voice, are at heaven's gateway calling to papa and mamma, "Come this way." A FRIEND.

SMART.—Wm. Emmerson Smart, son of Robert and Rosa A. Smart, was born November 29, 1898, and died September 29, 1899. Little William's stay on earth was short. He was a lovely child, and we are loth to give him up. He was too pure for earth, and has gone to live with God, angels and his mother, who had preceded him to the glory world but a few days. Jesus said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Remember, papa, grand-mamma and relatives, little William is waiting for you at the beautiful gate. J. M. COOPER, L. E.

McNEES.—Sallie McNeess (nee Bruster) was born in White County, Tenn., July 10, 1852; came to Texas with her parents when a child, and settled in Panola County. She was married to J. J. McNeess December 4, 1873. She professed religion at fourteen years of age and joined the Baptist Church, of which she remained a faithful member until removed by death, which sad event occurred at her home in Panola County, Texas, December 4, 1899. She exhorted her children to live right, died in peace, and has gone home. She leaves a husband and nine children. May God help them to meet her, to part no more. F. M. MILLS.

TURNER.—May Cecil Turner, daughter of T. B. and Mollie E. Turner, was born in Wood County, Texas, November 28, 1888, and died September 18, 1899. Cecil was a bright, promising little girl; but death comes to both young and old. While her absence here has darkened a sunny home, her presence has made heaven brighter. Only a few moments before death she said she was going to see "Grandma," who had preceded her only a short while to a brighter, better home. Parents, relatives, friends, look to God for consolation. He can heal a broken heart and restore sunshine to a darkened home. Cecil is safe in glory, and after awhile, when the storms of life have all blown over, we will meet her again. In the dawning of the morning, there'll be joy by and by. Andrews, Texas. A FRIEND.

SMITH.—Sarah H. Smith (nee Pendergrass), wife of A. W. Smith, was born in Morgan County, Ga., October 16, 1817, and died October 19, 1899, at her widowed daughter's, Sarah Vansickle, ten miles northeast of Henderson. To them were born eleven children. Eight preceded their mother to the better land, leaving three behind—two daughters and one son. Grandma professed religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1856, and lived and died a member of the Methodist Church. She loved her Church and its preachers. When I went to my appointment at Fowler's Chapel the second Sunday in October, telling her that the time had come for me to start to church, I asked her how it was with her. She said: "All is

well; heaven is getting mighty close by." And it was. One of the pure of earth is gone. Grandma said, when we had put her beneath the sod: "Sixty-five years we have walked life together, and she was as good and true a woman as God ever gave a man for a companion, and I will soon join her where parting will be no more." May the rich blessings of God attend the aged husband, children and grandchildren, and at last all meet in heaven. J. M. SMITH, P. C.

SMITH.—Mrs. Sarah L. Smith was born in Kentucky March 31, 1834; moved to Texas in 1874, and departed this life at the home of her son, Arthur Smith, near Oglesby, Texas, November 30, 1899, aged sixty-five years and eight months. She was married to Washington S. Smith at the age of fifteen years, and of this union were born eight children, three of whom, together with her devoted husband, preceded her to the other world. Five survive to mourn the loss of one of the best, purest and noblest mothers that ever lived. Sister Smith was converted at the age of twelve years, and several years later joined the Methodist Church, after which she united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and lived in that Church until sixteen years ago, at which time she reunited with the Methodist Church, in which she lived a zealous and devoted member till the day of her death. Her long expressed desire has been that she might live to see her children grown and married and settled in life. This was granted her. When the end came it found her ready and waiting and even anxious to go. Her pure Christian character and noble life will be a benediction and inspiration to her sorrowing children and all who knew her, and as she has "allured to heaven and led the way," may they, like she, be true and brave in the Christian life, till the cross is transformed into a crown and earth is exchanged for heaven, whither she has gone and awaits their coming. J. G. PUTMAN.

HOWELL.—Mrs. Mary Howell (nee White) was born in South Carolina August 2, 1816. Her parents moved to Georgia; thence to Alabama, where, in early womanhood, she married John S. Howell, and came with him to Hill County, Texas, in 1869. Here they lived some years, and then moved to Erath County. After the demise of her husband, Sister Howell, who outlived him several years, resided with her children. She died at the house of her son-in-law, Bro. Poole, in Comanche County, July 21, 1899, being in the eighty-third year of her age. Grandma, as we called her, professed religion and joined the M. E. Church in her fourteenth year. Subsequently she and Bro. Howell united with the M. E. Church, South, in the fellowship of which they both lived, respected and useful, until death. Grandma was a model Christian woman—modest, gentle, refined in demeanor. She possessed great native energy and force of character. She was firm in her attachment to her Church; attended upon its ordinances, supported its institutions and read its literature. Beneath her roof the weary preacher found a hearty welcome. Her death seemed the effect of age. For months her strength declined, "until the weary wheels of life stood still at last." Her passage through the dark valley was peaceful. The good Shepherd walked with her. The pastoral rod and staff comforted her. After utterance failed, she expressed by signs her readiness to depart. Her body reposes by the side of her husband in the Barbee graveyard, Erath County. Sister Howell was the mother of nine children, six of whom survive. May they emulate her example, and finally go to live with father and mother in "that city which hath foundations whose maker and builder is God." T. S. EWELL.

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NORTHCUTT.—Bro. Louis E. Northcutt was born in Alcorn County, Mississippi, January 11, 1881, and died at his home in Van Zandt County, Texas, July 25, 1899. His father moved to Texas in 1861 where Bro. Ed was reared and where he lived until his death. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1886. He lived a consistent member until God called him to his home above. Bro. Ed was well beloved by all who knew him. He was a good neighbor, a kind father and a loving husband. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn their loss. May God bless them in this their sad bereavement. His pastor, JESSE WILLIS.

FARR.—Archie Hugh Farr, son of J. I. and Sarah Farr and grandson of Alfred Farr, for whom Farr's Chapel was named, was born February 28, 1879, and died November 29, 1899, loved by all who knew him; but God in his all wise providence saw fit to take him from our midst. He was converted in 1898 at Farr's Chapel and joined the Church during a protracted meeting. He was sick several months. His greatest desire was "peace." He died easy; was laid to rest in Farr's Chapel Cemetery November 30, at 11 o'clock, after funeral services by the writer, in the presence of a large audience, it being Thanksgiving day, long to be remembered by father, mother, brothers, sisters and relatives. He loved to hear that song sung, "When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there." Weep not, friends, but strive to say, "Thy will be done," for it will not be long until we will meet where partings come no more. God bless and comfort the bereaved ones, and by his grace help them to so live that they may make one unbroken family in heaven. B. Z. POWELL, L. E.

FARRVILLE, TEXAS.
CRAWFORD.—Little Lois Ruth, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Crawford, was born August 14, 1898, and died November 25, 1899. What a brief life, and yet how full of interest! A florist displays his choicest flowers for a time in summer, then takes them away in order to keep them from the chilling frosts of winter. How fitting does this represent the dealings of the Heavenly Father with his children! He permits our precious little ones, so dear to our hearts, to linger here a little while to gladden our hearts and brighten our lives, then takes them to a brighter and more glorious world than this. Do we call this cruel? No, no; 'tis but lifting them from this world of sorrow to the elysian fields of glory—just transplanting them into the garden of heaven. We hate to give them up, yet now, since they are gone, we would not call them back. A child in heaven reminds us that we have treasures in the "new, bright world." God bless the bereaved parents, and may they meet little Lois in the better world. S. M. THOMPSON.

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NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Georgetown District—First Round.

Rodgers, at Rodgers	Dec. 16, 17
Georgetown	Dec. 21
Hutto, at Hutto	Dec. 27
Barlett	Dec. 30, 31
Granger, at Willis Creek	Jan. 6, 7
Maxdale, at Pleasant Grove	Jan. 12
Florence, at Corn Hill	Jan. 13, 14
Liberty Hill	Jan. 20, 21
Burnet and Marble Falls	Jan. 27, 28
Bertram, at Horeb	Feb. 3, 4
Salado	Feb. 10, 11

W. L. Nelms, P. E.

Fort Worth District—First Round.

Arlington, at Arlington	Dec. 16, 17
Trinity	Dec. 20
Missouri Avenue	Dec. 23, 24
Burleson, at Oak Grove	Dec. 30, 31
Mansfield, at Mansfield	Dec. 31, Jan. 1
Cresson, at Cresson	Jan. 6, 7
Lodum, at Marytown	Jan. 13, 14
Mulkey Memorial	Jan. 20, 21
First Church	Jan. 27, 28
West Chuburne, at Bono	Jan. 27, 28
Chuburne	Jan. 28, 29
East Chuburne, at Watt's Chapel	Jan. 30
Gravestone, at Gravestone	Feb. 3, 4
Covington, at Covington	Feb. 10, 11
Philo, at Chapel Grove	Feb. 11, 12
Arbe, at Arbe	Feb. 17, 18
Smithfield, at Keller	Feb. 24, 25

R. R. Bolton, P. E.

Brownwood District—First Round.

Ballingr	Dec. 15
Whiters	Dec. 16, 17
Indian Creek	Dec. 23, 24
Center City	Dec. 30, 31
Guthrie	Jan. 1
Glenview, at Midway	Jan. 6, 7
Columb	Jan. 8
Comanche cr., at Sidney	Jan. 13
Comanche sta.	Jan. 14, 15
Florence	Jan. 13, 14
Bangs, at Thrifty	Jan. 20, 21
Lometa, at Lometa	Jan. 27
Zephyr, at Mullin	Jan. 28, 29
May, at Pleasant Valley	Feb. 3
Burket, at Burket	Feb. 4, 5
Santa Anna	Feb. 10, 11

O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Corsicana District—First Round.

Cotton Gin, at Forest Glade	Dec. 15
Mexia, at Mexia	7:30 p. m. Dec. 15
Horn Hill, at Horn Hill	Dec. 16, 17
Groesbeck, at Groesbeck	7:30 p. m. Dec. 17
Thornton, at Thornton	Dec. 18
Corsicana cr., at Zion's Rest	Dec. 23, 24
Dawson, at Dawson	Dec. 28
Hubbard City, at Hubbard City	Dec. 29
Armore, at Armore	Dec. 30, 31
Dresden, at Dresden	Jan. 3

E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Gatesville District—First Round.

Killeen and Nolanville	Dec. 16, 17
Gatesville mts.	Dec. 23, 24
Gatesville sta.	Dec. 24
Crawford	Dec. 30, 31
Giesby	Jan. 6, 7
McGregor	Jan. 7, 8
Jonesboro	11 a. m. Jan. 10
Corvett City	Jan. 13, 14
Evant	11 a. m. Jan. 19
Hamilton	Jan. 20, 21
Ree House	Jan. 27, 28
Brookhaven	11 a. m. Feb. 1
Copans Cove	Feb. 3, 4
Lampson	Feb. 4, 5
Hartman	Feb. 10, 11
Valley Mills	Feb. 17, 18

The District Stewards are called to meet in the Methodist Church at Gatesville, Texas, Wednesday, December 20, at 1:30 p. m.

J. G. Putnam, P. E.

Waxahachie District—First Round.

Waxahachie	Dec. 23, 24
Midlothian	Dec. 30, 31
Altavado	Jan. 6, 7
Grandview, at Island Grove	Jan. 7, 8
Lovelace, at Lovelace	11 a. m. Jan. 13
Itasca, at Itasca	Jan. 13, 14
Millford, at Millford	11 a. m. Jan. 15
Mountain Peak, at Sardis	Jan. 20, 21
Red Oak, at Orilla	Jan. 21, 22
Ferris, at Bristol	11 a. m. Jan. 24
Crisp, at Village Creek	11 a. m. Jan. 25
Barwell, at Elm Branch	11 a. m. Jan. 26
Foreston, at Glenwood	Jan. 27, 28
Ennis, at Ennis	Feb. 3, 4
Palmer, at Boyce	Feb. 10, 11

The District Stewards will please meet in Waxahachie December 28, at 10:30 a. m.

Horace Bishop, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round.

Mineral Wells	Dec. 16, 17
Weatherford mts.	Dec. 23, 24
Thurber	Dec. 29
Gordon and Strawn	Dec. 30, 31
Huckabay	Jan. 2
Ranger	Jan. 4
Peaster	Jan. 6, 7
Breckenridge	Jan. 10
Ellasville	Jan. 13, 14
Santo	Jan. 17
Palo Pinto	Jan. 20, 21
Millspg	Jan. 23
Whitt	Jan. 25
Abdo	Jan. 27, 28
Springtown	Jan. 31

The District Stewards will meet in First Church, Weatherford, Dec. 28, 1899.

John R. Morris, P. E.

Dublin District—First Round.

Granbury	Dec. 16, 17
Green's Creek, at Green's Creek	Dec. 23, 24
Morgan Mill, at Bethel	Dec. 28
Huffale, at Ashby	Dec. 30, 31
Glen Rose, at Glen Rose	Jan. 6, 7
Iredell, etc., at Iredell	Jan. 13, 14
Duffau, at Duffau	Jan. 20, 21
Hico, at Hico	Jan. 21, 22
Carlton, at Center	Jan. 24
Proctor, at Proctor	Jan. 27, 28
Carson and Gorman, at Carson	Feb. 3, 4
Sipe Springs, at Macedonia	Feb. 10, 11
Rising Star, etc., at Pisgah	Feb. 17, 18
Besidmonia, at New Hope	Feb. 24, 25
De Leon	Feb. 25, 26

E. F. Boone, P. E.

Ablene District—First Round.

Big Springs	Jan. 1
Midland	Jan. 2
Snyder	Jan. 3
Colorado	Jan. 4
Roby	Jan. 5
Sweetwater	Jan. 6
Market	Jan. 7
Chalmers	Jan. 8
Rayner	Jan. 9
Anson	Jan. 10
Truby	Jan. 11
Eula	Jan. 12
Buffalo Gap	Jan. 13, 14
Eastland	Jan. 17
Clisco	Jan. 18
Albany and Moran	Jan. 18

Fort Davis

Putnam	Jan. 19
Ablene	Jan. 20, 21
Baird	Jan. 27, 28

Missionary Institute will meet at Baird, at 11:30 a. m., January 25 and 26, 1900.

J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Waco District—First Round.

Mc Calm, at New Hope	11 a. m. Dec. 15
Troy, at Troy	Dec. 16
Mart, at Elk	11 a. m. Dec. 18
Lorena, at Lorena	Dec. 19
Abbott, at Abbott	Dec. 20
West, at Ross	Dec. 21
Aquilla, at Aquilla	Dec. 22

Pastors' Conference, Missionary Institute, Twentieth Century Educational Rally

Jan. 3, 4, 5

Banquet at District parsonage

2 p. m. Jan. 5

Bosqueville at Greenwood Jan. 7, 8 || Waco, Elm Street | Jan. 14, 15 |
| Waco, Morrow Street | Jan. 21, 22 |
| Waco, Fifth Street | Jan. 28, 29 |

No preacher in charge can afford to miss the Conference. Institute will endeavor to discuss all phases of trinitant work. Programs will be furnished later.

Sam'l P. Wright, P. E.

Vernon District—First Round.

Vernon sta.	Dec. 16, 17
Harold, at Harold	Dec. 23, 24
Crowell, at Crowell	Dec. 30, 31
Seymour sta.	Jan. 6, 7
Seymour cr., at Roundtimbers	Jan. 13, 14
Benjamin, at Benjamin	Jan. 20, 21
Quannah sta.	Jan. 27, 28
Kirkland, at Kirkland	Jan. 28
Paducah	Jan. 29
Childress, at Childress	Jan. 27, 28
Eldorado, at Eldorado	Feb. 3, 4
Mangum, at Mangum	Feb. 6
Willow Vale, at Martha	Feb. 8
Altus, at Altus	Feb. 10, 11
Chillicothe, at Chillicothe	Feb. 17, 18

District Stewards will meet in the Methodist Church at Vernon January 3, at 7:30 p. m.

J. H. Wiseman, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Bowie District—First Round.

Archer City	Dec. 16, 17
Holiday	Dec. 17, 18
Bellview	Dec. 23, 24
Bowie sta.	Dec. 24
Benvanue	Dec. 30, 31
Henrietta	Dec. 30, Jan. 1
Blue Grove	Jan. 6, 7
Post Oak	Jan. 7, 8
Bryson and Salt Hill	Jan. 13, 14
Jacksboro	Jan. 14, 15
Decatur cr.	Jan. 20, 21
Decatur sta.	Jan. 21, 22
Alford	Jan. 27, 28
Chico	Jan. 28, 29
Rhine	Feb. 3, 4
Bridgeport and Boyd	Feb. 4, 5
Boyle cr.	Feb. 10, 11
Crafton	Feb. 17, 18
Paradise and Gibtown	Feb. 24, 25

District Stewards will meet at Bowie, at 2:30 p. m., on Thursday, December 28.

E. W. Alderson, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—First Round.

Sulphur Springs sta.	2d Sun. Dec.
Relly Springs, at Prairie Valley	4th Sun. Dec.
Winshoro sta.	5th Sun. Dec.
Commerce sta.	7 p. m. Jan. 3
Como cr., at Como	1st Sun. Jan.
Cooper cr., at Cooper	2d Sun. Jan.
Wolfe City sta.	7 p. m. Jan. 19
Ben Franklin cr., at Pecan Gap	3d Sun. Jan.

Comby, at Gafford's Chapel 4th Sun. Jan. || Fairlie, at Olive Branch | 1st Sun. Feb. |
Mt. Vernon, at Mt. Vernon	2d Sun. Feb.
Sulphur Bluff, at Lone Star	3d Sun. Feb.
Campbell, at Campbell	4th Sun. Feb.
County Line, at Pecan	1st Sun. Mar.
Celeste, at Celeste	3 p. m. Mar. 9
Leonard, at Orange Grove	2d Sun. Mar.

The District Stewards will please meet at Commerce, in the Methodist Church, January 4, at 9 o'clock a. m. Will the preachers of the district please meet with us at the same time, to discuss the varied interests of the Church?

C. E. Fladger, P. E.

Dallas District—First Round.

Grand Prairie	Dec. 9, 10
Argyle	Dec. 16
Denton	Dec. 17
Farmers Branch	Dec. 18
Oak Cliff	Dec. 24
Trinity	7 p. m. Dec. 24
West Dallas	7 p. m. Dec. 31
Lancaster	Jan. 6, 7
Lancaster	Jan. 6, 7
Whitland	Jan. 13
Duncanville	Jan. 13, 14
First Church	Jan. 21
Oak Lawn	7 p. m. Jan. 21
Lewisville	Jan. 28
Caruth	Feb. 3, 4
Floyd	7 p. m. Feb. 4

District Stewards will please meet at First Church, Dallas, Saturday, December 23, 2 o'clock p. m.

Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Sherman District—First Round.

Howe, at Howe	Dec. 16, 17
Bells, at Bells	Dec. 23, 24
Whitewright sta.	Dec. 30, 31
Pilot Grove, at Blackburn Chapel	Dec. 31, Jan. 1
Southmayd, at Southmayd	Jan. 8, 7
Collinsville, at Collinsville	Jan. 7, 8
Pottshoro, at Pottshoro	Jan. 13, 14
Denison sta.	Jan. 14, 15
Denison City mts.	Jan. 16
Sherman cr., at Friendship	Jan. 19, 20
Willow Street	Jan. 20, 21
Travis Street	Jan. 22
Whitesboro cr., at Shady Grove	Jan. 27, 28
Gordonville, at Gordonville	Jan. 28, 29
Van Aistyne sta.	Feb. 3, 4

J. R. Wages, P. E.

Greenville District—First Round.

Nevada	2d Sun. Dec.
Floyd	3d Sun. Dec.
Kavanaugh	4th Sun. Dec.
Wesley	5th Sun. Dec.
Princeton	1st Sun. Jan.
Farmersville	2d Sun. Jan.
Lone Oak	3d Sun. Jan.
Neola	4th Sun. Jan.
Bethel	1st Sun. Feb.
Neola	2d Sun. Feb.
Blue Ridge	3d Sun. Feb.
Allen	4th Sun. Feb.
Weston	1st Sun. Mar.
Merit	2d Sun. Mar.
Quinlan	3d Sun. Mar.
Union and Roseland	4th Sun. Mar.

I. S. Ashburn, P. E.

Bonham District—First Round.

Bonham	2d Sun. Dec.
Honey Grove	3d Sun. Dec.
Factor	4th Sun. Dec.
Bailey	5th Sun. Dec.
Dodd and Windom	1st Sun. Jan.
White Rock	2d Sun. Jan.
Petty	3d Sun. Jan.
Ladonia	4th Sun. Jan.
Randolph	1st Sun. Feb.
Trenton	2d Sun. Feb.
Brookston and High	3d Sun. Feb.
Gober	4th Sun. Feb.
Lanham	1st Sun. Mar.
Fannin	2d Sun. Mar.

The District Stewards will meet in Bonham, in the Methodist Church, Wednesday, January 3, 1900, at 2:30 o'clock. The preachers will please send me the assessments for preachers' salaries by or before the District Stewards' meeting, if possible.

T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Gainesville District—First Round.

Denton Street	at night Dec. 15
Broadway	at night Dec. 16
Gainesville mts.	9 a. m. Dec. 18
Nevada	Dec. 22
Montague, at Montague	Dec. 23, 24
St. Jo, at St. Jo	Dec. 29
Rosston, at Hardy	Dec. 30, 31
Benita, at Benita	Jan. 6, 7
Belcher, at Belcher	Jan. 7, 8
Era and Valley View, at Era	Jan. 13, 14
Greenwood, at Rush Branch	Jan. 20, 21
Roanoke and Ponder, at Stonewall	Jan. 27, 28
Sanger, at Sanger	Jan. 28, 29
Marysville, at Van Slike	Feb. 3, 4
Andrew, at Andrew	Feb. 10, 11
Woodbine, at Zion	Feb. 17, 18
Decker, at Colossburg	Feb. 24, 25

District Stewards will meet at Denton Street, Gainesville, December 16, at 1 o'clock p. m.

J. M. Binkley, P. E.

Terrell District—First Round.

Renner, at Frankford	Dec. 16, 17
Plano	Dec. 17, 18
Chisholm	Dec. 23, 24
Terrell cr.	Dec. 30, 31
Terrell sta.	Dec. 31, Jan. 1
Kaufman	Jan. 6, 7
Wylie	Jan. 13, 14
Garland	Jan. 14, 15
Rockwell	Jan. 20, 21
Mesquite	Jan. 27, 28
Forney	Feb. 3, 4
Royse	Feb. 10, 11
Crandall	Feb. 17, 18
Kemp	Feb. 24, 25
Gray's Prairie	Feb. 25, 26
Reinhardt	Mar. 3, 4

The District Stewards will meet in Terrell Thursday, December 21, 1899, at the Methodist Church, at 3 o'clock p. m.

F. O. Miller, P. E.

Paris District—First Round.

Marvin cr., at Rocky Ford	Dec. 16, 17
Centenary cr., Paris	Dec. 23, 24
Annona cr., at Annona	Dec. 30, 31
Clarksville sta.	Dec. 31, Jan. 1
Woodland cr., at Ragwell	Jan. 6
Terrell cr., at Terrell	Jan. 7, 8
Boyle cr., at Bogata	Jan. 13, 14
Deport cr., at Deport	Jan. 20, 21
Roxton cr., at Roxton	Jan. 27
Lamar Avenue, Paris	Jan. 28, 29
Blossom and Reno, at Blossom	Feb. 3, 4
Emerson cr., at Mt. Taber	Feb. 10, 11
Maxer mts., at El Bethel	Feb. 17
Paris sta.	Feb. 18, 19
Lake Creek cr., at Embury	Feb. 24, 25
Ponderly mts., at Palestine	Mar. 3, 4

District Stewards will meet at Centenary Church, Paris, at 1 p. m., December 20, 1899.

W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.

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Cuero District—First Round.

Nursery	2d Sun. Dec.
Victoria	3d Sun. Dec.

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Port Lavaca

Port Lavaca	Dec. 18
Cuero	4th Sun. Dec.
Clear Creek	5th Sun. Dec.
Lewisville	1st Sun. Jan.
Rancho	2d Sun. Jan.
Ganado	3d Sun. Jan.
Edna	3d Sun. and Mon. Jan.
Morales, at Moser Grove	4th Sun. Jan.

Jno. W. Stewart, P. E.

San Antonio District—First Round.

Del Rio	2d Sun. in Dec.
Eagle Pass	3d Sun. in Dec.
Sherman St. and South Heights	4th Sun. in Dec.
Comal and South Flores St.	4th Sun. in Dec.
Travis Park and West End	5th Sun. in Dec.
Pleasanton	2d Sun. in Jan.
Bexar	3d Sun. in Jan.
Amphion	4th Sun. in Jan.
Prospect Hill	1st Sun. in Feb.
Upland	2d Sun. in Feb.

R. Harris, P. E.

San Marcos District—First Round.

Buda	2d Sun. in Dec.
Luling	3d Sun. in Dec.
San Marcos sta.	4th Sun. in Dec.
Lockhart cr.	4th Sun. in Dec.
Reimold	1st Sun. in Jan.
Lockhart sta.	2d Sun. in Jan.
Harwood	3d Sun. in Jan.
San Marcos cr.	4th Sun. in Jan.
Kyle and Pleasant Grove	1st Sun. in Feb.
Dripping Springs	2d Sun. in Feb.
Gonzales	3d Sun. in Feb.

I. T. Morris, P. E.

Beeville District—First Round.

Waide cr., at Matlis	Dec. 16, 17
Beeville sta.	Dec. 23, 24
Oakville cr., at Oakville	Dec. 30, 31
Corpus Christi sta., Thursday	Jan. 4
Rockport cr., at Arkansas Pass	Jan. 6, 7

J. M. Alexander, P. E.

San Angelo District—First Round.

Ozona and Sanora, at Ozona	Dec. 16, 17
Montereyville and Junction	Dec. 23, 24

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MRS. H. L. COUTER.

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MULKEY AT GRAPELAND.

H. B. Smith, Dec. 11: In response to an invitation by the pastor, Rev. A. B. Mulkey commenced a ten days' meeting at above place on December 2, 1899. To our genuine regret, his "better half" could not be with us. Well, Rev. A. B. fired away at sin with unengaged hands. His preaching is a living commentary on the divine injunction, "Cry aloud, and spare not." We had over twenty people to profess conversion, and I suppose quite that number were reclaimed, among them, according to A. B.'s doctrine, the preacher himself. Well, to say the least of it, we were full enough to shout several

times, but A. B. threatened to cut our throat if we did, so we had to choke it down. It is the universal verdict in our town that it was the greatest meeting ever held here. As in olden times, "the multitudes came together," and A. B. knows how to handle them. We had the presence and help of Revs. V. A. Godbey and J. D. Dossey during part of the meeting. Sister denominations helped us cheerfully in song and otherwise, and thanks are due particularly the Christian Church of our town for the loan of benches. Our business houses closed during the hours of day service, except on Saturday. We closed last night with the Lord's supper. We gave Bro. Mulker a free will offering of \$192.50, and about \$29 for his building at Waco—the Orphanage. Financially, this has been the best year of Grape-land Circuit. The salaries of the preacher in charge and presiding elder are paid in full. Conference collections are full. About \$250 paid and subscribed on an old parsonage debt. The total from all sources during the year is between \$600 and \$800. We look for better times every way at Grape-land during the coming year, and we pray fervently that we may be reunited closely together in brotherly love, in honor preferring one another.

NEWTON.

J. M. Holt, Dec. 4: We have closed our year's work on Newton Mission for 1899. In many respects we have had a good year. We have served a good people. We have traveled over three thousand miles during the year, and have visited over three hundred families; have had some good meetings; have added thirty-seven to the Church and got all the collections in full. The work has paid \$253.15, salaries of preacher in charge and presiding elder, which is near double anything they ever did before. We recorded the names of two hundred and fifty children during the year, and required all under ten years old to give me 5 cents and all over ten to fifteen to give me 10 cents. By this means we got \$16.25 on our conference collections. God bless the children. We are now ready for conference, and on our way, with full report on everything but salaries of preacher in charge and presiding elder.

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RESOLUTIONS.

At the fourth Quarterly Conference of the Leesburg Circuit, Pittsburg District, East Texas Conference, Bro. S. W. Jones presiding, the following proceedings were had:

Whereas, Bro. T. P. Smith, as presiding elder of the Leesburg Circuit, Pittsburg District, has during the last four years endeared himself to the membership of the circuit by faithful and intelligent discharge of the duties pertaining to his office, and by his godly walk and conversation exerted a wholesome influence on our entire circuit; be it resolved

1. We reluctantly and regretfully part with Bro. Smith, who in the administration of his office illustrated the highest Christian virtues, and our prayers will follow him and his excellent wife wherever they may go.

2. That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be furnished to the Texas Christian Advocate.

(Signed)

J. C. RATES,
J. W. BAILEY,
B. E. BOYCE,
M. F. DAVIS.

CORRECTION.

H. G. H. requests us to say, read in his article last week, headed "German Conference," Zorn for "Horn," points for "Joins," and fraternal for "paternal."

PROHIBITION VICTORY.

Precinct No. 5 of Navarro County, embracing Blooming Grove, Frost, Purdon and other small places, voted on local option the 19th. This has been a dry precinct for some years, and the dry majority Saturday was heavy. We especially mention Purdon, which voted 133 and 129 of these dry. As between schools and Churches and saloons, we are sound.

J. D. ODOM.

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C. G. SHUTT.

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G. S. HARDY, P. E.

Clarendon, Texas.

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M. S. HOTCHKISS,
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Houston District—First Round.

West End Dec. 16, 17
St. James Dec. 16, 17
Shoarn Dec. 23, 24
Washington Street Dec. 24, 25
Alvin Dec. 30, 31
Angleton, at Angleton Jan. 6, 7
El Campo, at El Campo Jan. 13, 14
Wharton and Hungerford, at W. Jan. 20, 21

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Dickinson, at Dickinson Feb. 3, 4
Cedar Bayou, at Alexander Chapel.

Feb. 10, 11
Columbia and Brazoria, at C. Feb. 17, 18
Matagorda, at Matagorda Feb. 24, 25
Taborville Wednesday night, Feb. 28
Rosenberg, at Marshall's S. H. Mar. 3, 4
McAshun and City Mts. Wed. night, Mar. 7
Harrisburg and Bay Shore, at Pasadena.

Mar. 10, 11
St. John's Wednesday night, Mar. 10
Sandy Point, at Sandy Point Mar. 17, 18
McKee Street Wednesday night, Mar. 22

The District Stewards will please meet at Shearn Church, Houston, January 4, at 10 o'clock a. m. The following brethren are on the board: T. W. House, C. H. Alderton, J. D. Freeman, J. V. Dealy, W. A. Kirby, J. T. Dyer, R. H. Griffin, John Litree, T. W. Tarrant, E. D. Chase, A. P. Norman, Jim. Ross, J. V. Hinkle, W. H. Stoughton, J. L. Ladd, Richard Reishin, H. R. Farmer, E. R. Saylor, H. Westphal, W. B. Bailey and J. M. Taylor.

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EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE

With my old crowd, Brethren Lock and Everett, I left Dallas on T. and P. for the seat of the Texas Conference at Timpson Wednesday morning of last week. Old T. and P. road is one of the in the State, and this chair or is as dainty as a palace and her movement was as gentle as a trip on a placid lake. How she did fly over prairies and through the wood measuring off the miles as though were only a little game of past. The conductor and his helpers were life and accommodating to all, and time went by delightfully. If you first class service and a quick running east from Dallas, the T. and P. prepared to furnish the enjoyment. We reached Longview at noon and a stopover of about four hours. I had understood that the train there to Timpson would connect close and would go right through out delay, but this was a mistake. It remained there until after four in afternoon. So we had to while away the time the best we could under circumstances. But a number of brethren on their way to the conference dropped in with us and we had goodly company. Among them was A. B. Mulkey and he kept things going at a lively pace. To be with A. B. have variety, which is the spice of life. There was no lagging in interest of the occasion, though we longed to be off toward destination. But we could not anything about the movement of delayed train, for there is no along the road and time is a unto itself. It was built a few years back by private individuals as an let to the lumber section between Timpson and Longview. never was in good repair and it grown less so as the years have passed by, until now it looks like a risky business to travel over it. So we waited in patience for the incoming of this uncertain train. After while we heard her whistle in the tance, roaring like the musical intensions of a cracked fog-horn, and she hove in sight. She was a caution to behold! The engine was evidently made in the early part of the past century and she carried several rickety freight cars and three thin called coaches! They had evidently been in use on some other road scores and scores of years, for they tied like every bolt, nut and nail, and timbers thrown in, had been shrunk up from time immemorial. The family name of the outfit is "High, Dry, Windy," and the title is applicable. The coaches are away up in the upon the highest trucks upon which I ever gazed. You almost need a step-ladder to climb upon the platform. The cars kinder sunk down the middle like a badly sway-bad horse. But she afforded us the opportunity to reach Timpson—a distance of sixty miles. So we had to move her. A man who came over said she left Timpson that morning at o'clock, and that she had been puffing all day, and that she would make the return trip by midnight! We not enjoy the prospect. But she was soon off, swaying to and fro like a vessel upon the stormy waves, except she was jerky and would zigzag at a rough fashion. But to our surprise