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## Editorial.

### A REAL MESSAGE TO HUMANITY.

The upturned faces of a great congregation represent the needs and anxieties of earnest men and women. They are before the preacher to get a message. True, among them there may be a few who are there from force of habit, others to see and be seen; but the most of them are hungry and want food. The world does not feed them, society to them is hollow, literature does not satisfy them, many of them have sorrows to which they have given no articulate utterance, doubts that distract and torture them, perplexities that confuse and trouble them, heart sores that need healing, broken spirits that need binding—in fact, they represent every type of human experience. They may not be conscious of their real needs, they may be unable to diagnose their ills and aching voids, but they really want a message. They are there, if perchance they may find it. No man of God can afford to trifle for an hour with such aching hearts, struggling spirits, and anxious minds. He needs the Spirit and the wisdom of his Master to teach him how to talk to that sort of a gathering. From treasures old and new he ought to speak the words that will comfort the sorrowing, bind up the broken-hearted, arouse the thoughtless, instruct the ignorant, lighten the burden of the heavily laden, and inspire hope in the oppressed and despairing. The gospel has the germ of all these resources of helpfulness to this mixed multitude with all their needs and demands. Philosophy will not supply it, speculation is far from it, commonplace utterances will not impart it, but the vital gospel of the Son of God is rich with remedies for all the moral and spiritual ills that afflict the soul of the children of men. Out of this inexhaustible Materia Medica of life Christ gives us a panacea for all diseases of the human spirit. We need not consult any other apothecary. The gospel contains the cure. Therefore, if the man of God does his duty, no one need leave the congregation without receiving the very message his longing heart demands. "Preach the Word," is the advice Paul gave to Timothy, and we can not improve upon it to-day.

### SENATOR HOAR'S IDEA OF PREACHING.

Senator Hoar, whose death occurred not long since, was truly a great man. And with all his greatness, he was a simple-hearted Christian gentleman. During all his life he was devoted to the Church, and he never failed to let people know how he stood on all moral questions. In his earlier political life, he was a little severe on the South and Southern people, but as he grew older and learned more about us he changed very radically in his view of our condition, and became friendly to all our interests. He was a man of deep piety, wide ready, and a statesman of broad views. He lived to a ripe old age, and his faculties remained intact to the end. In the United States Senate he was greatly loved and revered by his associates. He was asked one day to give his ideas of a

real gospel sermon, its subject matter, its spirit and its aim. We give his reply below. We do this because it is well enough for us to know occasionally, at least, how the thinking pew regards preaching. It helps us to get at the great common heart in our ministry when we know what the great common heart is thinking about, so we quote the statement of the great Senator on this subject: "I would like to have our clergymen to leave off definitions and philosophizing and metaphysics and doctrinal preaching—certainly, to some extent—and emphasize more and more the old-fashioned rules and ways and counsels of simple and practical godliness. I want something to be said every Sunday, which, when the devil whispers in the ear of the young bank-teller or cashier that he may take the funds of that bank and speculate with them, and that the return will be sure and safe, and that he will get rich without hurting anybody, simply by breaking the law, 'Thou shalt not steal!' I want that he should hear something every Sunday which will be ringing in his ear, and which will enable him to meet and overthrow that temptation. I want him to hear that which will enable him to go by the whisky-shop without going in. Such sermons may be as charming as our ministerial friends know how to make them in literary merit. They may, as Mr. Lowell said, 'nestle on the ear,' because of their music, and nestle in their heart because of their meaning; but we want them to be heard."

### SENATOR CULBERSON'S NOTE OF WARNING.

About the first of the month, Senator Charles A. Culberson delivered a great speech at the opera house in Houston. After the treatment of National and State issues in a masterful style, he dropped down on that Congressional district and had something to say concerning the re-election of Judge Jno. M. Pinckney. He learned of an effort upon the part of the liquor element to vote against him because he is a local option Democrat. Among other things, he said this to them: "I have a right to raise a note of warning and to tell you that there are two sides to this question. On one side there is personal privilege, but on the other side there is much that we should not close our eyes to. I here desire to say to the liquor interests that they have at times defied the law. They have invaded the residence precincts, and have prostituted municipalities, and I say to them that they had better beware, lest the result be more far-reaching than they have anticipated." As to the political emergency that called forth this warning, we have nothing to say. But the warning is significant. The Senator is not known as a prohibitionist. Yet in the same speech he said that he could see how a man could be in favor of local option in Waller County, where there was sentiment enough to support it, and not favor it in Harris, where sentiment was against it. He said this because Judge Pinckney lives in Waller, showing that the Senator really favors local option where a majority of the people desire

it. But he had the courage to stand before an audience where liquor saloons dominate public sentiment and tell those fellows a needed truth. He is observant enough of the trend of this question to understand that the liquor interests of this State have pressed their domination very nearly to the utmost limit of endurance. He could say with all truthfulness that "the result is more far-reaching than they have anticipated." The people are on the verge of sweeping the saloon from the State. The action of some of our courts in their abuse of the injunction method of government in the interest of the liquor business; the recent decision of the Criminal Court in the C. O. D. express business, making the sale to consummate itself at the place of shipment instead of at the point of delivery together with the defiance of law and public sentiment of which the saloon is guilty—all these irritations have nearly forced the people to the limit of their patience. Yet these saloon people seem impervious to the real situation confronting them. Senator Culberson perfectly understands it, and he told them the truth plainly and without equivocation. Will they now have sense enough to see their danger? No! The saloon interests have neither sound sense nor correct principles. They are blind to every consideration but their greed and diabolism. They have all along taken the people to be dupes and cowards. But they will soon wake to their folly. The people have borne about all that they can stand of saloon insolence and domination. If they are forced to resort to a State election to get round the decisions of the courts in order to rid themselves of the super-imposing devilry of the saloon, it will not go well with the Texas barroom. We confess that we do not think it best for the State to thus deal with this question, but the people can not and will not stand much more of imposition from the saloon source.

### THE REASON WHY MEN COMMIT SIN.

That sin is contrary to good common sense and an injury, sooner or later, to those who are guilty of it, no one will doubt for a moment. Yet thousands of people go right ahead and commit sins every day. In the first place it is explained on the ground that man is naturally depraved, and the unchecked bent of his nature is inclined to sin. He takes to it just like a falling stone takes to the earth. To stop his natural inclination, it is necessary to introduce an influence or a force outside of himself. In his natural condition, sin is natural to the life he lives. But when we add to his natural depravity the further fact of his practice and habit, sin, in some sense, becomes easy to him. It is the atmosphere he breathes, the element in which he is at home. Then, too, selfishness is the occasion of much sin. True selfishness is a part of depravity, but as an element of character it is potent in the motives of men. We sometimes imagine that a sinner is a big-hearted fellow and royal in his kindness. But at the bottom of his life he is intensely selfish. If he is avaricious, it is because he

loves money. If he is socially impure, it is because he loves the indulgence of his passions and appetites. He gets to himself a certain kind of pleasure out of these experiences. And hence he indulges his nature. Were there no pleasure in them he would desist from them. In fact, back of the most of the sins and shortcomings of men, you will find a lump of unadulterated selfishness. And this is the most prominent reason why men commit sin. They are not willing to undergo repentance, confession and self-denial. These experiences cut right across the grain of their natures and they rebel. They want license, which they miscall personal liberty. But even with the sinner there will come a time when we will become surfeited with sin, and his sin will nauseate him. But God calls upon us to turn from sin, before it thus works death in us. His grace alone can deliver from sin. "Fools commit sin." They act without reason. Self-interest and common sense tell us that sin is folly. Man, think of it a moment, and you will turn from it and ask God for pardon.

### BIBLE READING IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Some time ago we had a few words to say concerning a certain public school official who resigned his position because a minister of the gospel was invited to deliver a few lectures on literature to the advanced classes. In that editorial we stated that the Bible had already been expelled from the public schools; but in this we were slightly in error. The laws of the State do not prohibit the reading of the Scriptures in the public schools, but the question is largely left to the trustees, or boards of management. Nevertheless it is a fact that the Bible is practically excluded from the public schools in Texas, either by order of the trustees or by some sort of an unwritten law. This question came before the public squarely a while back in Corsicana. The School Board permitted the reading of certain passages of the Scriptures in those schools—rather they left it with the teacher to do this; and the teachers proceeded to do so. They made no comment, neither did they offer any exposition of the chapter read. Some people in Corsicana objected and presented a petition to the Board to rescind their order. The petition was taken under advisement, but the Board finally sustained their ruling on the subject. And now in that city the Word of God is read at the opening of the day's work, but, properly, without comment. The Board acted wisely in their decision. The great moral and religious truths taught in the Bible are worthy to be read and to be heard read before the schools of the whole country. They can but be of great benefit to the children. We have no patience with a few disgruntled people in this land who want to rule or ruin in all matters of a religion. This is a Christian nation, and particularly this is a Christian Commonwealth, and its children are in no danger from listening to a few devotional passages each morning from the Word of God. Would that we had more School Boards like the one at Corsicana. It would be better for our common country.

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**A PLEA BY THE ROCKPORT LEAGUERS.**

In view of the fact that a committee has been appointed for the purpose of and with authority to select a site for the location of a permanent home for the annual sessions of the "State Epworth League," and learning that the committee will visit this coast at an early date to examine the various locations offered, it has occurred to us that a short article descriptive of this particular section, confirmed by photos, might be of interest to your many League readers. "Live Oak Peninsula," upon which our beautiful little city, Rockport, is located, is a

The seashore, too, has its language of deep interest. In our strolls we frequently pick up messengers from other shores, a fragment of wreck, for instance, that we know has been tossed for months, perhaps years, upon the restless ocean, finally finding its haven here. We almost instinctively wonder what its history is, what climates it has visited, what the fate of the crew that manned the vessel of which it was a part. Nature, too, speaks to us of the sea, and its mysteries. Each shell of the ocean has its secrets to tell, if you will listen, but in a language that you will perhaps not understand. It seems to us that the surest way to know and appre-

from the coast or in the more southern sections of Sao Paulo, Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul. To those who live in malarial regions, as in the valley of the Amazon and along the coast, it is essential that there should be given absolute change of climate every few years in order to thorough reinvigoration of the physical man.

Epidemics of yellow fever have been common and deadly in Rio de Janeiro and in Santos as well as in Campinas, the latter being an interior station. But the thorough sanitary reforms undertaken in these centers during the last five years have greatly reduced the mortality and may easily

common schools and a more liberal education. With the development of a literature and larger appropriation to our seminary work and the reinforcement that ought to be given to the missionary body generally there is no reason why the work in Brazil should not forge ahead with increasing rapidity. It is my conviction that for the meager investment which has been made in this field it has yielded larger returns than almost any other.

The liberality of the people is something marvelous. Individual Churches are known to give as high as \$5 per capita toward the support of the ministry, and the devotion and faith of believers is beyond all question. South America has been a neglected field, but it is one that is "white unto the harvest" and should be more thoroughly studied and have a larger place in the sympathy and prayers of the Church.

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**Commandment of John Francis Braga, Apostolic Bishop of Petropolis by the Mercy of God and the Holy See.**

In view of the pride with which Methodism, raising its neck comes among us, we order the most reverend curates and all the priests of this diocese of Petropolis that they warn the faithful against this enemy of God and the country.

Enemy it is, and as such should be considered and treated because unmistakable is the standard of hatred and fury which it raises against the name Catholic: of insult against the most holy and comforting dogmas; of the boldest and most revolting blasphemies against the worship of our Lady (The Virgin) and the saints.

It is an enemy and as such should be considered and treated because under the cloak of religion they also suggest those doctrines which tend to the dissolution and corruption of our beloved Brazil. Unanswerable proofs they most pompously proclaim.

Catholics and Brazilians, it behooves us to defend our faith, our home, the altar and the country. This is a double duty very sweet and beloved. Let us fulfill it manfully. Let us show that we know how to defend the two dearest ideals that grace our minds, that stir our breasts, inspire our hearts; they are our pride and our honor. Let us protest energetically against invaders so haughty that they respect nothing in their inglorious work of perverting souls, attracting them to their errors, their falsities and their lies. Let us protest and let us do it with the courage demanded by the insolence of the enemy which invades us; let us protest against the proclaimers of such false dangerous, scandalous and deadly doctrines. Let us refuse to countenance these lying doctrines. Would it not be a great crime before God, Brazil, reason and common sense, if we would fail to do this?

Let us not attend their meetings; let us close our ears to their preaching, reject their proposals, refuse our aims to them and open the eyes of the poor unwary ones.

It is not lawful, and never will be, to condescend to, or fraternize with error, wickedness and lies in whatsoever form they present themselves. Therefore we protest, refusing our concurrence altogether in the dissemination of error, the furtherance of wickedness and the triumph, even in appearance, of lies.

In a word, let us raise high the standard of the only true religion—the Catholic religion—the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be given, in spite of the efforts of all his adversaries, honor and glory in time and eternity.

This commandment shall be read in all the Churches on the first three Sundays after its receipt.

Given in our Episcopal City of Petropolis, July the thirtieth, one thousand, nine hundred and four.

JOHN, Bishop of Petropolis.  
Translated literally from the Portuguese—G. D. P.

**WATCH.**

Mother, father, watch the little feet,  
Climbing o'er the garden wall,  
Bounding through the busy streets,  
Ranging, cellar, shed and hall.  
Never count the moments lost,  
Never mind the time it costs,  
Little feet will go astray—  
Mother, father, watch them while you may.

Mother, father, watch the little tongue,  
Prattling, eloquent and wild—  
What is said and what is sung  
By the happy, joyous child;  
Catch the word while yet unspoken,  
This same tongue may yet proclaim  
Blessings in a Savior's name.

Mother, father, watch the little heart  
Beating soft and warm for you—  
Wholesome lessons now impart,  
Keep, O keep, that young heart true,  
Extracting every weed,  
Sowing good and precious seed;  
Harvest rich then you may see  
Ripening for eternity.

—Evangel.



**SHELL HOTEL, ROCKPORT, TEXAS.**

The above picture of the Shell Hotel does show the main building, only the southeast corner as viewed from the Bay. It also shows only a few of the beautiful live oaks that surround the buildings.

Besides what nature has done for this choice place there are considerable improvements. The main building has twelve rooms, five on the first floor and seven on the second and third. This is a very substantial building. There are, besides the main building, two cottages that are two stories, having each six rooms, four two room cottages, and two three room cottages, making in all thirty eight rooms.

There is also a substantial dining room 60x30 feet with an attached kitchen 15x24 feet. There is also a small pavilion 42x30. Just in the rear is a windmill and well of splendid water, and also a good cistern that is estimated to hold four hundred barrels of water. With these improvements, there is not a more beautiful place on the the coast.

long strip of land of sand and shell formation, bounded on the east by the lovely sun-kissed waters of Aransas Bay, on the north by a strait or narrow body of water a mile or more in width, on the west by Copano and Puerto Bays.

It has come to our knowledge that one of the sites to be passed upon is located immediately south of and adjoining the well known and beautiful "Shell Hotel" property. It seems to us that our League will be most fortunate should this selection be made. This property, as does the "Shell Hotel" premises, fronts on Aransas Bay, with a perfect beach of sand and fine shell. The bathing is unsurpassed; no undertow, and no possible danger to any one, not even the smallest child. Just enough surf to make one enjoy his bath; in fact, so much is this recreation enjoyed that we have heard the remark time and again by bathers, "O if I were only a mermaid." Then the fishing is all that could be asked for. Fish of all kinds and sizes are readily caught within 100 yards of the grand old Live Oaks, the handiworks of God, that he has nurtured many of them for centuries, yet they still rear their proud crest to the soft, gulf winds, and are kissed by the morning Sun as he rises (apparently) from his bath in old Ocean. When you walk along the beach and pick up some of the many fragments of old Indian pottery you are reminded that this was his playground. The pile of oyster shells tell us that here he feasted and gave thanks to the Great Spirit for the plenty with which he was blessed. We have often thought what tales of deepest interest these old trees could tell could they but speak. Doubtless they have been the silent witnesses of many strange happenings, of the crude merriment, of the wars, and reconciliations of those that have preceded us. Still, as of old, these silvan kings, spread their protecting arms over all who choose to be their guests. They are simply grand and beautiful. One naturally wonders how, with the salt sea all around them, they have managed to live and thrive throughout the centuries of their long lives. To us, however, who are familiar with conditions here, the mystery is explained. Underlying is an inexhaustible supply of pure water, that not only feeds the deep roots, but forces itself to the surface, and thus makes glad the living things, small as well, that God has planted.

ciate God is through his work, and here he has spent loving care in lavish measure.

The Shell Hotel property, which cost over \$20,000, can be purchased, we are informed, for \$7000. It is an old homestead. Its grounds are immediately adjoining the site that we learn has been offered by our citizens. What a splendid combination—its fifteen acres of lovely oaks, sweet bay, etc., with its four hundred feet of water front on the bay. The fact is—and any one who has visited that coast will bear us out—there is nothing upon the whole gulf coast that can compare with "Live Oak Point" for healthfulness, climate and seashore beauty.

Fresh water, shade to the salt water edge, no swamps, no malaria, every breeze that blows comes from the sea; fine fishing; salt bathing; equable climate; no mud; ordinarily, complete absence of dust; boating and sailing on adjacent bays unsurpassed; shell drives on most of the roads, all of which will be shelled in the near future.

One can make a circuit of fifteen miles from starting point and return, and all of the drive but two or three miles will be seashore on one hand, and on the other beautiful forests of green.

We wish we could say more, but lack of space and fear of trespass forbids. Seeing is believing. Let us express the wish that each and every one of our Leaguers may have opportunity by actual experience to verify this description.

**ROCKPORT LEAGUERS.**

**OBSTACLES TO THE MISSIONARY WORK IN BRAZIL.**

By Walter R. Lambuth.

There are some obstacles to missionary work in Brazil which are common to other fields. Those that might be called distinctive and peculiar are climate, Roman Catholicism, as it is found in South America, meagerness of Christian literature and the absence of equipment for theological seminary work.

The climate of Brazil is distinctly enervating for those who are obliged to reside for a term of years in the low coast regions. There is no more salubrious atmosphere, perhaps, than in certain sections, especially to the south, where one gets a high altitude, either in the mountain region back

stamp out this terrible scourge, just as it has been eliminated from the island of Cuba, by the thorough-going military administration during occupation by the United States Army. In a conversation with the Consul General from Cuba to Buenos Ayres, the fact was emphasized by him that for several years there had not been a case of yellow fever on the island, and last year not one case of smallpox in several of the larger cities.

Roman Catholicism in Brazil has been, and is yet, exceedingly intolerant. It largely grows out of the ignorance and superstition of the people who are thoroughly priestridden, filled with prejudice and possessed of a spirit of animosity which is easily fanned into a flame of bitter hatred. It was only last year that a number of Bibles were burned on the public plaza in front of the cathedral in the city of Pernambuco. The colporters of the Bible Society and Protestant missionaries have more than once been handled very roughly. The Methodist conference held in the city of Petropolis was threatened by mob violence last July. The Roman Catholic Bishop fulminated against the Methodists, and had his document printed for distribution, posted up in prominent places on the streets and read for three successive Sundays in his Churches. I give below the translation of this remarkable document which was made from the daily paper in which it appeared. The conference had been tendered the Legislative Hall by the Mayor of the town. This gentleman hearing of the threat to disturb us by mob violence, voluntarily attended the first service, accompanied by several policemen in civilian's costume, and announced his determination to protect us at any cost. There was no disturbance. South America, and especially Brazil, is being overrun by friars from the Philippines, and since the educational troubles in France, by priests from that country.

Another difficulty, and a very real one, is the meagerness of evangelical literature. In no mission field are there so few books and pamphlets which are available for the indoctrination of converts to the Protestant faith or for the training of helpers and candidates for the ministry. The few missionaries who have been sent to that great field have been so burdened with work that in consequence little literary work has been done in the Portuguese language. Spanish and French publi-

It was agreed that if the translation met with the approval of the committee each of the five boards represented would be requested to appropriate \$100 toward the publication of this work so valuable to young preachers. It was thought that by dividing up the work of translation that by the close of 1966 Fisher's Church History might be translated and published, and that each year during the next ten, by this arrangement, could see at least one important addition made to the evangelical literature of the country.

The last obstacle, or embarrassment, to which I would call attention is the failure to provide adequate seminary facilities and instruction for the training of the ministry. If Brazil is to be evangelized it must be done through a native agency. Missionaries will be needed for many years to come, both to lead and direct in aggressive and evangelistic work and to carry on such educational work as may be necessary for the permanent establishment of the Church. But trained natives who are skilled in exegesis and sound in doctrine must be raised up for the native pastorate and the carrying of the gospel to remote sections in the interior. To my surprise, I found that Dr. J. R. Smith, formerly of Kentucky, than whom there is no better qualified man, was the only professor in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Sao Paulo. Heroically and faithfully he toils single handed attempting to do the work of three men. He should not only have relief, but there should be given him by the Presbyterian Churches, interested in that field, all the equipment that is necessary for the highest efficiency for the department that has been committed to him. The Baptists have no seminary, but feel much the need of one. Our own Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has Granberry College in Juiz de Fora. We have four missionaries with a native staff who are working in the literary and theological departments. They are handicapped for the want of time and funds, as some of their strength must be given to evangelistic work.

None of these obstacles are such that they can not be overcome. The climate is no worse than that of Central China, and not near so bad as Western Africa. Romanism is making a desperate fight, but is steadily losing ground in the face of twentieth century enlightenment and a sentiment which is rapidly growing in favor of

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# Devotional and Spiritual

For by loving, He would not feel the burden,  
 Because love would carry all burdens;  
 And therefore those who complain of the burden  
 Show that they are but little advanced in love.  
 To serve Thee from love is most pleasant,  
 And a solace of labors.  
 Love seeks not its own advantage,  
 Nor fears to suffer inconvenience,  
 But seeks Thy good pleasure in all things.

—Thomas a Kempis.

## AN ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE.

The conviction of immortality is an achievement. It comes not as the result of philosophizing, nor is it a conclusion based upon testimony. That one historic man has reappeared in a post-mortem personality, saying, "Because I live ye shall live also," furnishes a startling point for faith; and perhaps to multitudes a sufficient standing ground for lifelong assurance. Such are to be congratulated. But I am not sure that they are not also to be commiserated if they get no further.

For there surely is something beyond this. The fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians is not Paul's high watermark in this matter. That is rather to be found in almost the last letter he wrote. "I know whom I have believed." This is his establishment in present living relations with his living Lord. There is unquestionably a position in which the convictions of life's continuity has little or nothing to do with anything that is merely historic. All the deaths of all the ages are nothing to it. The soul stands in a timeless relation with the eternal God and says "I" and "Thou" with him, in conscious community of life.

No perpetual reiteration of the Easter facts satisfies it. The ocular reappearance falls back among elementary things—important in their time and place, to be sure, but scarcely thought of amid another order of facts which are subjective

life, I say, carries with it no conviction of immortality, but rather the reverse.

But life, as it rises out of this mere brutish and sensuous round; life as it becomes filled and graced with qualities that are social and humane; life as it is enriched with domestic affections and conscious of the law of mutual sacrifice; life as it comes to the knowledge of its own spiritual worth and power, springing over all time-bounds and finding itself in sympathy and union with all other noble life that has been, or is, or shall be; life devoted to great ends or spent in holy ministries—such life, I say, does carry with it the assurance also of immortality.

But life as Christ conceived it, lived it, and so "brought it to light," transcended even this. It was life consciously in the Father's house, and that Father the living God; life under conscious filial relations with God. Here is something beyond the mere consciousness of spiritual dignity and worth; higher than the order of human and social relationships. It is the native, inherent attribute of childhood to rest in its filial relationship as dowered in equity with all the paternal wealth and worth, all the paternal power and grace. Not simply what the father has, but what he is and can be; that is the child's conscious possession. And when this mutual relation exists—as Christ avers that it does exist—between God and the human soul, the conviction of its utter incorruptibility and deathlessness presents itself with self-evidencing power.

I can never forget an hour that I passed many years ago by the graves of Charles Kingsley and his wife, in the little churchyard at Eversley. The argument for immortality from the persistency of mutual love rose upon me as I had never felt its force before. That that nobly-mated pair were not sleeping together under the sod, but were consciously together in God's house, I felt most certain as I took in that epitaph of three words, "Amavimus; amamus; amabimus?"

one essential, all-embracing, all-sufficient experience; when in the solitude of your own personality you can say with God himself, "Amavimus, amamus?" The Spirit of God himself whispers with your spirit, "Amabimus." The conviction is complete, beyond any assurance of logic. There are certainties beyond those of syllogism, in which we stand with the apostle and say: "We know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs of God"—not simply of his properties, but of God himself—"and joint heirs with Christ." We are conquerors of death through the might of deathless love, and are "persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This, upon the whole, is the state of my present and growing conviction of immortality.—The Congregationalist.

## THE YOUNG CONVERTS.

"When the panting, powerful little tug," says Bishop J. H. Vincent, "has taken the ship out of the harbor and beyond the Narrows into the broad sea—when the cables are loosened, the connection severed, while the ship alone faces the broad sea—what shall the captain and crew do?" This question is asked to arrest attention to the greater query, "What shall be done with these young and impressible souls who have been left in our hands from the revival?" Having brought them out of the old life and beyond the Narrows of the new birth, the revival has completed its specific mission. What shall these new converts do? Before them is the open sea of Christian life. They have a good start and a good chart. Will they make the voyage or be wrecked? The Bible is an infallible chart, showing every rock, reef, shoal and dangerous coast. It lays

science. Unless it is in harmony with the spirit as well as the letter of the Bible and not merely the echo of one's inclination or desire, it cannot be confidently and safely followed.

A resolute will must be the helmsman. Allow no careless or feeble hand on the wheel. An eternal voyage must not be risked to the guidance of a pilot who is irresolute or unwatchful. With a strong, steady grip on the wheel and a vigilant eye on the compass, the new disciples will stand out to sea with the prospect of a safe voyage. The passage largely depends on themselves. The sympathy of the church is reasonably sure and the help of God absolutely certain.—Rev. J. O. Peck, D. D.

## THE PSYCHOLOGY OF FAITH.

The firmest possible persuasion that every word in the Bible about God and Christ is true is not faith. These truths and doctrines reveal God in Christ only so far as they point to God in Christ, and teach the soul how to find him by an act of trust in his person. When we firmly trust in his person, and commit our souls to him in an unwavering act of confidence in him for all that he is affirmed to be to us in the Bible, this is faith. We trust him on the testimony of God. This act of trust unites our spirits to him in a union so close that we directly receive from him a current of eternal life. Faith, in consciousness, seems to complete the divine galvanic circle, and the life of God is instantly imparted to our souls. God's life and light and love and peace and joy seem to flow to us as naturally and spontaneously as the galvanic current from the battery. Then we understand what Christ meant by saying: "I am the vine, ye are the branches." There are many degrees in the strength of faith, from that of which we are hardly conscious to that which lets such a flood of eternal life into the soul as to quite overcome the strength of the body—I have sometimes felt that a little clearer vision would draw my soul entirely away from the body; and I have met with many Christians to whom the same strong gales of spiritual influences were familiar.—Selected.

## SAINTS IN WRONG PLACES.


Some get under the tree of discouragement like Elijah. Discouragement is a destroyer of faith, a damper upon love, and a veil upon the face of hope; therefore, it is a sin to be discouraged.

Some get on the slippery path of worldliness, like Abraham when he "went down" to Egypt. There is no tent of separation, no altar of communion and no revelation of joy in Egypt. These are only found at the Bethel of fellowship with God—Gen. 12:7-10; 13:1.

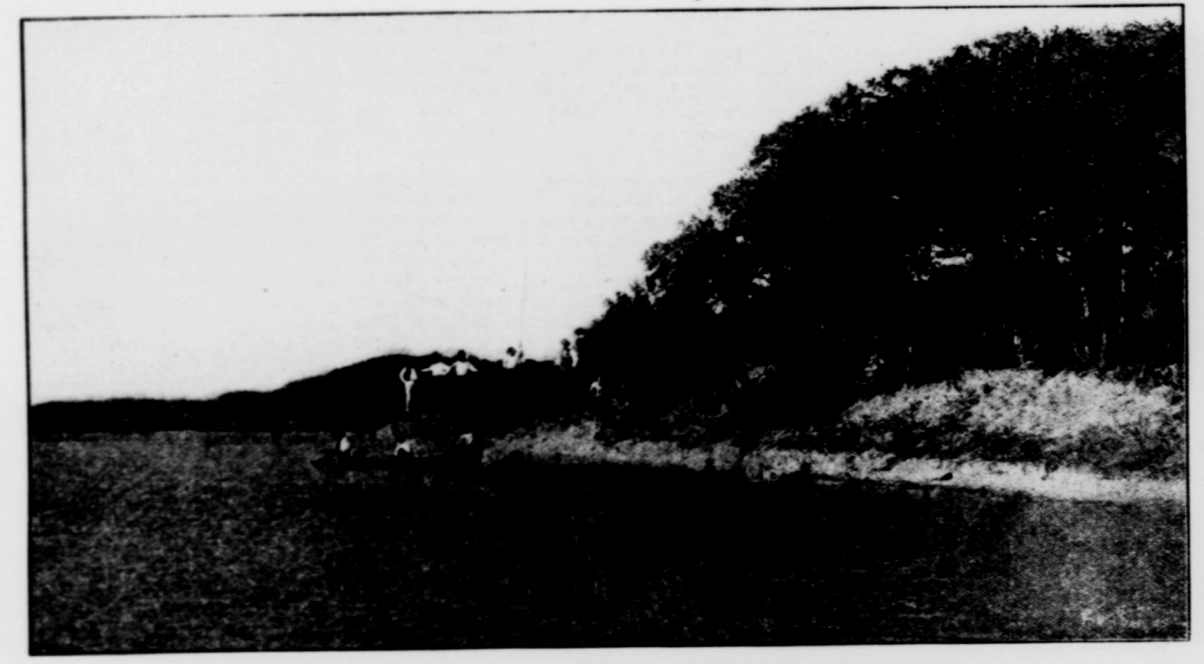
Some get on the housetop of self-ease like David (2 Sam. 11:2), who stayed at home when he should have been in the battle-field. His self-ease led to self-indulgence, which brought upon him the chastening had of the Lord. Self-ease, like rust, corrodes the spirit with the mildew of unbelief, warps the moral fiber of consecrated work, and blinds the eyes of its devotee to the sight and attractive beauty of Christ.

Some are ensnared in the meshes of disobedience, like the man of God out of Judah who was entrapped by the wily old prophet of Bethel—1 Kings 13:9. No saint on earth, no angel from heaven, no devil from hell, and no man under the sun, should turn us aside from the plain direction of God's Word.

Some get into the Doubting Castle of unbelief, like John the Baptist, who sent his disciples to Christ to know whether he was the Messiah (Matt. 11:4), after he had proclaimed him as such—John 1:34. Doubt is a faith-crippler, joy-kill-



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and experimental. The ever clearer revelation of immortality stands in an ever higher realization of life. Christ is characterized by St. Paul as he who "brought life and immortality to light." There is profound significance in the logical order of the words. It is by first revealing life that he proceeds to the relation of immortality. Immortality only becomes a clear and strong conviction as life rises into its true significance. Life considered or experienced as mere existence—earth-born, earth-fed, to earth returning; touched and moved only through the senses; filling its round of waking, eating, toiling, sleeping—such

Was ever so mighty an argument so compactly put? Given love's real existence, it must go on.

Then what must we say when, taking the promise of Christ's assurance the great central message of his gospel—we have come into the consciousness that such a personal bond exists between the living soul and the living God himself? What must we say when life has come to be summed up for us in this one fact, the love of God?

What must we say when all other facts have dwarfed and dwindled for us into nothing more than life's accidents and accessories—this, the

down a course that avoids these perils. It locates the islands of worldly pleasure, where the sweet-voiced sirens sing their captivating songs to allure them to ruin. It tells them of a safe harbor in every storm. It also warns them that furious tempests will arise on the voyage and perhaps fill them with terror; but it assures them that He is on board who says to the wind and waves, "Peace, be still!"

Conscience, instructed by the word of God and quickened by the Holy Spirit, is the compass by which the soul is directed along the course. There is danger of jugglery and delusion in this question of con-

er, zeal-damper, mind-darkener, love-retarder, hope-annuller and Christ-hinderer.

Some get into the sieve of self-confidence, like Peter—Luke 22:32, 33. When self puffs up, and we warm ourselves at the world's fire, we place ourselves where Satan can grab us; and when he gets hold of us he riddles us to the loss of our power and joy.

Some get into the ring of wrangling, like the disciples, who "disputed among themselves" as to who should be the greatest—Mark 9:34. They did not strive for the lowest place, nor as to who should be nearest to Christ. Strife is the child of pride, the companion of ambition, the killer of unity, the grief of the Spirit, the bane of humility, the hinderer of the gospel, and the despoiler of love.—London Christian.

## LOOKING BACKWARD.

An old painter of Siena, after standing for a long time in silent meditation before his canvass with hands crossed meekly on his breast and head bent reverently low, turned away, saying: "May God forgive me that I did not do it better!"

Many people, as they come to the close of their life, and look back at what they have done with their opportunities and privileges, and at what they are leaving as their finished work to be their memorial, can only pray with like sadness: "May God forgive me that I did not do it better!"

If there were some art of getting the benefit of our own after-thoughts about life as we go along, perhaps most of us would live more wisely and more beautifully. It is oftentimes said: "If I had my life to live over again, I would live it differently. I would avoid the mistakes which I now see I have made. I would not commit the follies and sins which have so marred my work. I would devote my life with earnestness and intensity to the achievement and attainment of the best things." No one can get his life back to live it a second time, but the young have it in their power to live so that they shall have no occasion to utter such an unavailing wish when they reach the end of their career.—J. R. Miller, D. D.

It is my custom every night to run all over the words and actions of the past day; for why should I fear the sight of my errors when I can admonish and forgive myself? I was a little too hot in such a dispute; my opinion might have been as well spared, for it gave offense, and did no good at all. The thing was true; but all truths are not to be spoken at all times.—Seneca.

It is not so much what you say to the children that charges the atmosphere of your home, as it is the spirit of your life, the temper you exhibit, the ends which you live for.—Dr. J. K. McLean.

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STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE, 1903-04.

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The West Texas Conference

The forty-fifth session of the West Texas Conference met the 9th inst. in the town of Cuero, Bishop Hoss presiding. Cuero is not a stranger to this conference, as its annual meeting has met there before. The town is 110 miles south of San Antonio on the Aransas Pass Railroad. It has a population of 3500, and it is the shire town of DeWitt County. It is composed of thrifty and well-to-do people. From the appearance of the business houses and the dwellings, I take it that it is a town of much wealth and prosperity. It is in the midst of a fine cotton producing territory. The boll weevil has played havoc with the crop all through these parts. The fact is, this pest is so destructive to cotton in many portions of this section of the State that the people will have to find a substitute for cotton. The soil is capable of producing most anything, but the seasons are a little unreliable. The people of this community are kind and hospitable. All the denominations are represented, and the doors of their homes were thrown open to the conference and the visitors. Our church is a good, substantial wooden structure, with a good membership. Rev. J. C. Wilson, the presiding elder, and Rev. L. B. Ellis, the popular pastor, did everything possible to make all the brethren comfortable. The preachers were all pleased and delighted with their entertainment, and they left Cuero with pleasant memories of their stay. Bishop Hoss presided for the first time in Texas. He was enthusiastically received, and his presiding and preaching made a most delightful impression upon the conference. He was courteous, brotherly and firm in his conduct of the business, and he looked carefully into all the affairs of the Church. His work generally gave great satisfaction. The conference was promptly called to order by Bishop E. E. Hoss at 9 o'clock, and he arose and announced the opening hymn, "And are we yet alive and see each other's face?" He lined the hymn and it was sung with much spirit by the preachers. Then followed a devout prayer, with many responses. The Scripture lesson was taken from 1 John 3:7. As the reading progressed the Bishop interspersed

it with many deeply interesting comments: "There is not anything this side the throne of God high enough for a Christian man to make the ultimate altitude of his aspirations." "The service of a servant is largely unintelligent; but the service of a friend is the loftiest service that can be rendered." "Ye are my friends if you do what I command you." "We are called into this sort of friend-service to Christ." "We are not shut out from the mind and purposes of God." "But there is a higher relation than this for us. It is that of sons. Sonship implies a communication of nature. We become partakers of the divine nature. The Spirit bears witness to our sonship." "We are called to suffer with Christ in order to be joint heirs with him." "This brings us into the widest inheritance with him. Did it ever occur to you that Christ never called us brethren until after his resurrection? After he had suffered he recognized his disciples as brethren. And when we suffer with him we become like him." The entire talk was an exposition of the chapter, and at its conclusion the Bishop swept out into one of the most spiritual perorations we have most ever heard. It left a glow upon the conference. After this the Secretary of the last conference, Rev. Sterling Fisher, called the roll, and most of the preachers answered to their names. Then the conference session was launched. At this juncture Judge Summers was presented, and he delivered a whole-souled welcome from the city to the conference. His address was felicitous and cordial. The Bishop made the response, and it was apropos. Sterling Fisher was unanimously re-elected Secretary. He selected a good lot of helpers. The different boards at Nashville sent in their reports, which were read and referred to their appropriate committees. The list of supernuantes was called. As their names were called those present made short talks. They all spoke tenderly and their words fell upon kindly ears. When Bro. Monk's name was called the towering form of the old man rose up. He only said a few words, and when he sat down a stanza of "How Firm a Foundation" was sung. There were no supernumerary preachers, a very remarkable fact. The Bishop said he knew no other case of the sort. The presiding elders were called and passed. Rev. J. W. Stovall reported a

good year on the San Marcos District. Crops had been good, church building had progressed, finances good. W. J. Johnson reported the San Antonio District as prosperous, many improvements, many of the debts on church property had been paid and religious work good. The Bishop remarked that while on the subject of paying debts, that he wanted the debt on Travis Park paid out next year. Dr. E. S. Smith made a good showing for the Austin District. Boll weevil had done much damage, nevertheless the work was financially in better condition than last year. This was Dr. Smith's last year, and his preachers, through the Bishop, presented him a handsome cane. The old man received it with touching words. J. F. Webb, of the Beeville District, had been in the center of the boll weevil ravage. He made a general statement, showing the loss to that section, and stated this would explain the meager report of the preachers. His preachers had good revivals and the work was in reasonably good condition under the circumstances. The illness of Rev. I. K. Waller, whose work was in this district, was mentioned. He is very sick. The brethren remembered him in their prayers and otherwise substantially. J. C. Wilson, of Cuero District, made a report similar to the one that went before, so far as the most of his work was concerned. Yet much improvement has been made over last year. Spiritually, the district has had good meetings and accessions. W. H. H. Biggs reported a fairly good year all round on the Llano District. Parsonage and church improvement had gone forward. Some of the collections in full; others behind. Spiritual interest good. J. D. Scott said the San Angelo work was in good shape materially and spiritually. The work had moved up on all lines. Good meetings had been held all over the district. His report was the most encouraging made. The call of the preachers in charge was taken up and several of them submitted their reports. In the afternoon there was special service at the church, and Dr. Jas. W. Moore, of San Antonio, preached a most excellent sermon on the "Gift of Power." It was adapted particularly to the needs of the ministry. He is a gifted preacher. At night Dr. Lamar, of Nashville, preached a very helpful sermon. The weather for the day was fine and everybody was in good spirit. Thursday morning came in with a slight norther, and this fact thinned out the members that usually gather around the door of the church. It was

too cool and all tried to get into the building. The writer led the devotional services, after which the Bishop read a lesson from the 15th chapter of 1 Cor., "Paul's Doctrine of the Resurrection." He made some striking comments: "The whole mediatorial scheme was for the time being, an expedient looking toward a definite end. That end was to put all things under the feet of Christ, and the last of all, these things is the destruction of death. I should like to be at the funeral of death. But there is one exception. God, the Father, is the exception. He is not, and never will be, subject to the mediatorial reign. And when the mediation of Christ has reached its limit, then the Son himself will become subordinate to the Father; that God shall be in all in all." These are a few of the thoughts expressed. The roll was again called, which showed the presence of nearly all the members. There are several very striking old men in this body. The two Gilletts have long been active men and great workers, but they are now on the retired list. They are greatly loved by the brethren. H. G. Horton—"H. G. H."—who writes trenchant notes for the Advocate, is a small man, but he is a big man in brain and heart. For a great many years he has been a conspicuous member of the body. At one time he was an active man in all that territory. He is still deeply interested in the affairs of the Church. He is the best informed man on Texas Methodism in the State. He ought to write a history of the Church in Texas. Rev. Buckner Harris took the superannuated relation, and this retires one of the best and most saintly members of the body. He is one of the best loved men in West Texas Methodism. His name has always been a synonym for honor, integrity and consecration. Rev. William Monk is the grand old man in the conference. His work dates back when it tried men's souls to be Methodist preachers. His name will always be connected with Texas Methodism. R. M. Leaton is sweet-spirited, tender and deeply religious. He observes the proceedings with marked attention. S. G. Shaw was present, but feeble. He is an eminently good man. A. G. Nolen is solid, substantial and permanent. H. T. Hill, with his fine face, is the Arminius of the conference. Rev. W. J. Joyce is an admirable Christian gentleman, and in his active days he was a tower of strength in all this country. When Rev. J. D. Dorsey's name was called he closed his report by saying

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that it was the desire of his people that the Bishop send them a preacher who would put a belle in the parsonage. The Bishop thought this rather strange, and said: "A bell in the parsonage? What does that mean?" Then Bro. Dorsey spelled the word, and it brought down the house. But the Bishop got back by saying that it was generally understood that a Methodist preacher could get married when he could not get anything else, but that he was sorry Bro. Dorsey was an exception to the rule. One brother said he did not know how to organize a Woman's Home Mission Society. The Bishop remarked: "All you have to do is to get three good women together and then go off and let them alone. Occasionally they will need you, and then it will be your duty to go to their help." Dr. H. S. Werlein reported 161 accessions to Tenth Street Church, Austin, during the year, leaving a membership of 791. When D. H. Porter, of Twenty-fourth Street, was called, he made a good report. The Bishop added, "You need a better location and a better church out there, and you must have it; and when you get your new location, don't get it in a corner, but get the best one in that locality whatever may be the cost. We must take care of these centers." J. T. H. Miller, of Beeville, reported the building of a handsome new church house at his point. Rev. I. K. Waller, whose health is bad, was referred for a superannuated relation. He has been strong and vigorous, but affliction has told upon his health. Dr. A. H. Watkins was introduced to the conference and made a few remarks touching his work in connection with the endowment fund for worn-out ministers. He spoke kindly of the interest this conference takes in this noble work. Rev. G. S. Sexton, of Galveston, was introduced, and spoke for a few minutes in the interest of the movement to secure an Epworth League Encampment. Dr. Lamar, of the Publishing House, came before the body and made a business statement concerning the interest in his hand. This was his first

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visit to the conference, and he was well received.

Sterling Fisher made a good report on Coronal Institute. The school is full and flourishing. It has buildings and grounds valued at \$30,000. They have a new building used as a laboratory. It is a brick 24x36 feet, and it is supplied with all the apparatus for teaching. This cost \$700. Bro. Fisher is doing a good work at that school.

Rev. S. A. Steel, D. D., former Epworth League Secretary, was present and made a statement of his school work at Lumberton, Miss.

Rev. W. H. Vaughan, of the Orphanage, spoke a few words concerning his great work.

Rev. M. A. Black, of San Saba Station, made a fine report from his charge. He finished his four years, and everything was up in full. Spiritually, the membership is flourishing.

Bro. White, of Centerville, had an excellent report.

In the afternoon Rev. Jas. W. Moore preached another sermon in the series of revival services, conducted every afternoon. This is by special arrangement. The subject was "Revival Work for the Master." It was a very spiritual discourse and its effect was perceptible.

At night a great congregation assembled to hear Dr. S. A. Steel, who was a visitor to the conference. Dr. Steel is popular throughout the conference. When Secretary of the Epworth League work he was at the great San Antonio Conference, and all these people heard his masterly effort on that occasion. So they were glad to greet him again at Cuero. People were turned away because of the press to hear him. His theme was, "Old Methodism." He had a text, but it only served him as an illustration of the truths and facts he wanted to deliver. Hence his effort was not a sermon, in the technical sense, and yet in a practical sense it answered the purposes of a sermon. Really it was a mosaic, and every piece entering into it was a good fit, and made itself harmonious. It was no doubt a composite of the best found in many of his most carefully prepared sermons and lectures. Yet as a whole it was complete. At times he was excessively gorgeous in his word painting, but amid the flashes and grandeur of his fervid oratory there were splendid thoughts which sparkled and glowed amid the labyrinthine rhetoric that encompassed and clothed them. At times he was almost overwhelming and the tide of feeling ran high. The effect was wonderful, because throughout the whole discourse there ran a mellow spirit of evangelical power.

All in all, it was a wonderful deliverance and will result in great good. At the close there was an old-fashioned handshake, and it really looked like the "old Methodism" had returned—even the sort that prevailed in those lands in the earlier days when hallelujahs and loud amens were common in our religious gatherings.

Friday morning was still cool and the wind was brisk. The Bishop started on old hymn, and at its close Dr. H. P. Whisner led in a devout prayer. The Bishop read from the Epistle to the Ephesians, and delivered a soul-stirring address, which was full of truth and power. His words were listened to attentively, and they were responded to with many joyous expressions of approval. We have no clearer expositor of the Scriptures than Bishop Hoss. He is an inspiration to a body of ministers. When they hear him they want to be more studious and efficient preachers of the gospel.

The call of the preachers was continued and finished. The reports, in most instances, showed a hard year financially; yet they were hopeful, and evinced an undaunted spirit. The Advocate fared very well, notwithstanding the stringent money matters. Some of the preachers did finely by the paper. As an illustration, Rev. W. T. Renfro, of Lampasas, reported over one hundred copies of the Advocate in his work. Many others did likewise.

Dr. J. D. Hammond, of our Educational Board, was introduced to the conference and made a statement of the work in his department. Dr. H. P. Whisner, of the Church Extension Board, was introduced by the Bishop as the "Church Extension work, or a large part of it." The Doctor is certainly giving his best service to this enterprise of the Church.

Bishop Hoss followed the address of Dr. Hammond with some strong remarks on the subject of our educational work. He uttered several striking things, chief among them was, "The supremest work now before Texas Methodism is the thorough equipment of your institutions of learning."

Rev. W. L. Nelms, of the Northwest Texas Conference, and pastor at Georgetown, followed the Bishop in a speech on our Southwestern University, and especially on the Summer Institute of Theology, which is a phase of our University work. He stated that forty more students have already been

enrolled this year than last year at this time.

Rev. D. A. Gregg asked and was granted a location.

There was an afternoon session, which met at 3 o'clock. The names of the under-graduates were called. Rev. C. H. Booth, of First Street, Austin, and Rev. Chas. M. Rabe, of LaGrange, made excellent reports, and the Bishop commended them very highly.

The class for admission into full connection was called to the bar of the conference to be asked the Disciplinary questions, and to heed the address of the Bishop.

The following are a few of the remarks of the Bishop picked up at random: "You have now tried our itinerancy two years and the conference has likewise tried you. If you have any hesitancy as to your real purpose in becoming permanent ministers of the gospel, now is the time to make it known. You do not have to enter this membership; but if you mean business the conference has a place for you. In coming into this relation you are not taken into the West Texas Conference, but into the traveling connection of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This connection has no lines, save such as we have fictitiously and artificially drawn. You are becoming traveling preachers. As Methodist preachers the one thing you must have is real religion, a religion that is going on to perfection all the time. If you lack at this point you will be failures to begin with. You need to be progressive, and it is always better further on. May God deliver you from a stunted and dwarfed Christian life. Whenever you find yourselves becoming blue and gloomy in your views of the Church and feel that you want to pitch into somebody else, then you had better hasten to your knees. Be industrious. God has no place for a lazy man. Do not allow yourselves to be fondled, but be manly men. Hold up your heads and look people in the face. The hardest work is the best work. Preaching is your chief business, but even preaching is not the whole business. Pastoral visiting is also a part, and you must not neglect it. I have known a few preachers who claim that they have no time for that sort of work. They say they need all their time to make sermons. Let me say to you that great sermons will need the element of pastoral visitation to make them complete. You will need to be business men. True you will not have princely salaries—that is out of the question; but you will need to study to so use your small income as to keep out of debt, support your families, and educate your children. This will require good business sense. You will need to be broad-minded and intelligent men. Make yourselves masters of your English Bible. Read and study Methodist theology. This will ground you in our teachings. But do not confine your reading to our theology or anybody's theology. The dryest man is the man who is only a theologian. Be versatile and branch out in your reading. A good book with rich thought will make your mind sparkle. Keep up with current events. And after you have attended to all these matters, then if you have any more time left on your hands you may do with it whatever you please."

The address was broad, deep and to the point. The entire conference, together with a large congregation, listened attentively to these wise and timely words. The young men were unanimously admitted into the traveling connection.

The missionary anniversary was held at night. The report of the Board was out of the usual order. It presented three special phases for discussion in the opening meeting:

- 1. The chronic mission.
2. The country mission.
3. The city mission.

These topics were discussed in the above order by Rev. J. D. Scott, Rev. J. F. Webb and Rev. B. Harris. Then followed the regular address by Dr. W. R. Lambuth, Missionary Secretary. He is just from Brazil, and his address comprised much of his experience and observation while in that field. It was a most interesting deliverance and greatly enjoyed by the large congregation.

Saturday morning was bright and beautiful. Dr. J. J. Tigert took charge of the devotional services. The committee of the Church Extension Board made their report, and Dr. Whisner spoke to the report. He stated that during the existence of the Church Extension more than 5000 churches have been aided and more than a million of dollars have been received and applied to this work. Also that the West Texas Conference has paid into this fund over \$15,000, and it has received from the local and the general boards about \$25,000.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals reported, and among other items the Texas Christian Advocate was highly commended, and its stand on all moral issues fully indorsed. We would not have asked the brethren to have said more in our behalf.

The conference held another afternoon session, but the editor had to leave at 1 o'clock for Hallettsville, thirty miles below Cuero, to fill an appointment on Sunday. We requested an old friend and bright writer, "H. G. H.," to tell us about the Sunday services and the rest of the session, as we did not get back to the seat of the conference. We heard, however, that Bishop Hoss preached a great sermon to a great crowd Sunday morning.

We reached Hallettsville at 3 p. m. Saturday, and Senator Paulus met me and drove me to his office. He is State Senator from that district, and he is inclined to the Baptist Church in matters religious. I found him to be a most genial gentleman. He and several others took me round the town and gave me the opportunity to meet many of the citizens of the place. In the evening we went to his good home, where his devoted wife and excellent mother had prepared a most delicious supper, to which a few friends were invited to join us. We had a fine time, and it was much enjoyed by us all. From thence I went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lamkin, where I was entertained the rest of my stay. Mr. Lamkin is a leading attorney of the place, and does a good business in the courts. Mrs. Lamkin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. House, of Houston, and I was her pastor for four years. It was a source of genuine pleasure to be the guest of such a home. It was like meeting people closely related to me.

Sunday we had a good congregation, and I trust the service was helpful to them.

Bro. Blanton, who has been their pastor the past year, made a good report of the charge. He was transferred to the North Texas Conference. Representative Blanton, just elected to the next Legislature, is his brother, and he lives in Gainesville. Hallettsville has a large German population. They are thrifty people and they are Roman Catholics. Protestantism is not strong in that country; but we have a devoted band and a very good church building. The town numbers some 2500 in population. Their Courthouse, which occupies the center of the square, is built of stone, costing over \$80,000, and it is a superb structure. The business houses are on the four sides of the square. There are many excellent dwellings, surrounded by old oak trees, covered with hanging moss. It is only fifty miles from the Gulf coast. This was my first visit to the place, and I enjoyed it greatly.

Saturday night a largely attended educational meeting was addressed by Sterling Fisher in the interest of Coronal Institute, J. W. Moore for San Antonio Female College, Dr. Kilgore for Southwestern University, and Dr. Hammond, the General Educational Board. Dr. Hammond's address was full of great thoughts, among other things, saying:

"Prepare your children for life by putting into them the best things. It is better to make men than to make money. 'Bring all your schools and colleges together and organize the college in the League. 'Some people think that the less they do for themselves, the more God will do for them. 'Education has in it six elements: History, art, science, institutions, religion. 'When God wanted great leaders He took Moses from the halls of Egyptian learning, Martin Luther from the schools of Germany, and John Wesley from Oxford College."

Sunday morning at 9 o'clock Theo. Gillett led the annual conference love-feast.

The preachers spoke in love-feast as though their hearts were burdened for souls. Most of them were raised in religious homes. Young Wilkes spoke of his great uncle, Dr. Wilkes, and the influence of other veterans. Young Martin, from St. Louis, made a warm talk and was warmly welcomed by the brethren. When Paul told his experience he always went back to the time on the Damascus road, when he first saw the light.

At 11 a. m. Bishop Hoss preached from John 21:15, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?" Only a few points of this strong and spiritual sermon can be given. Theme of the discourse was: "Our Lord's Method of Dealing With a Backsliden Preacher."

"A strong man's influence on others, illustrated by Peter in his relations to the other apostles. 'John's spiritual insight in perceiving the Lord as He stood on the shore in the early morning. 'Peter would not have given one moment of the Lord's presence for all 'these.' 'Conscience may witness to our love, but not to its height and depth.

"Peter could not comprehend Christ, but loved him with his heart. 'Difference in the emotion of a weak and strong man. 'Our Lord searched Peter and revealed him to himself. 'Difference between forgiveness and restoration. 'Speak to a man's soul and his soul will respond. 'No man is safe without something to do, and He gave Peter a great work. 'Feeding, teaching, preaching make large drafts upon a man's soul. 'Preachers must make out their case and storm the wills of the people. 'Christ restored Peter by appointing him to a great sorrow—the shadow of his martyrdom ever walking by his side. 'Captain of our own salvation was made perfect through sufferings. 'Finishing touches of a great character are sometimes given in the lion's den. 'The strokes of the Lord are often on our blind side or on our raw spot, but the arm of the Lord is around us as we go through a dark place. 'But few men are without their sorrows, but few women without unshed tears; but these are the materials out of which Macbeth and Hamlet were made. 'No man knows what is in him until he is tried. 'We cannot solve great questions here, but will have ample time in eternity. 'Most important lesson taught Peter was, 'Follow thou me.' 'He is the Lord of all our life. 'Not John Wesley, but John Wesley's Lord, we are to follow. Just as the closing words of this rich spiritual sermon were being spoken, all the preachers in concert repeated: "Lord, thou knowest we love thee."

The ordination of deacons followed the sermon, Sterling Fisher and J. W. Moore reading the lessons. At 2 p. m. a children's service was led by J. T. H. Miller. At 3 p. m. sermon by J. R. Mood, followed by ordination of elders. At 7:30 p. m. memorial service, with Dr. E. S. Smith in the chair, followed by a sermon by Dr. Lambuth.

The Bishop opened Conference Monday morning at 9 o'clock with scripture reading, song and exhortation. Prayer by J. S. Gillett. Statistical report was read by V. G. Thomas. Report on Missions read by A. L. Scarborough. Report on Orphanage read by I. T. Morris. Report of District Conference Journal read by J. W. Black. A resolution that the Board of Finance appoint a conference treasurer was passed. The Holy Sacrament was administered by the Bishop, assisted by Dr. Tigert, V. G. Thomas, W. J. Johnson and J. D. Scott, followed by an exhortation from the Bishop, after which the appointments were read.

CONFERENCE NOTES. H. G. H. The sickness and condition of I. K. Waller moved the hearts of the brethren. He has been a hard-working and faithful man. The Bishop looks like he has a warm heart, but his jaw shows a hard man to swerve from a path. Renfro stayed away from conference one day, to help the Democrats carry the country—ah! Nothing this side of fellowship with God on his throne is good enough for the aspirations of the Christian.—Hoss. J. S. Gillett was unusually feeble in body, but he has his old smile and cheery voice. We are saved by His life. It is a living Savior who saves us.—Hoss. Old Bro. Monk looks grounded in the faith with a missionary eye that scans the unoccupied fields. We do not work in the dark, but in the light. Blessed be God.—Hoss. Bro. Webb came near forgetting to tell of the good work on his district in his boll weevil statistics. The Spirit of God witnesses only to sonship.—Hoss. Never did we see the preachers look so robust in body and cheerful in mind. Five or six transfers were welcomed right gladly, for we needed their services. The welcome address of the County Judge of DeWitt County was rich and delivered in fine spirit—like a Methodist exhorter. We shall see Him as He is, and not as He was.—Hoss. The preachers seemed plentifully supplied with money, the people evidently having looked well after them. The people of Cuero had been hard pressed by the boll weevil, but their hospitality was unbounded. The grandest of all immortal sights

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will be to see the King in his beauty.—Hoss. We purify ourselves by right acts.—Hoss. Eternal life is nowise different from the life that the Christian lives here.—Hoss. R. D. Moon does not look like a poet, yet his excellent report was presented in a poetic vein. V. G. Thomas brought up the best report for a long time from Staples Circuit and one of the best in the conference. In one charge Methodism commenced in a dance house and developed into a splendid new Church. Dr. Hammond's address on education was a compact array of great thoughts and facts. What a noble, classical face he has. The training and discipline of the young life of Methodism is as important as other missionary work.—Hoss. Dr. Lamar, Book Agent, made a fine impression on the conference. We were honored with the presence of several connecional officers, Dr. Hammond, Dr. Lambuth, Dr. J. J. Tigert, Dr. Whisner, Dr. Watkins, Dr. Lamar, besides the Bishop. B. Harris has been to the front in our conference so long that his retirement was a source of grief to us all. A body of stout, robust, cheerful, well-dressed men the Bishop sent out to their fields of labor—a healthy climate and good conscience. Only a few preachers' wives were in attendance, but preparation had been made for many more. An interesting feature of the reports included a large number of new Woman's Home Mission Societies. Dr. Steel's magnificent address on "Old Methodism" Thursday night was unsurpassed by any deliverance during conference—the like of which we may never hear again. Every preacher in the conference takes the Christian Advocate. Dr. Lambuth said that early collections would solve the problem of success in this work. I want to see a race of great givers.—Hoss. There is enough of un consecrated wealth in the Methodist Church in Texas to send many men to hell.—Hoss. We might as well close our church history now unless we mean to be a church of intelligence.—Hoss. Dr. Tigert said in adopting the new form of worship we but returned to old Methodism. CONFERENCE W. H. M. SOCIETY. OFFICERS. President, Mrs. T. W. Moore, Seguin. First Vice-President, Mrs. Will Smith, Seguin. Second Vice-President, Mrs. M. E. Gerhard, San Antonio. Third Vice-President, Mrs. Theo. Lee, Burnet. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. B. M. Hines, Uvalde. Treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Brown, Austin. Superintendent Press Work, Mrs. S. H. Werlein, Austin. Following donations made at the late meeting at Austin: El Campo parsonage.....\$150 Hallettsville parsonage..... 150 Laredo parsonage..... 150 Total donated.....\$450 There are sixty auxiliaries in the conference. Raised for deaconesses, \$125. The increase this year over last in membership dues was \$225. Mr. R. H. Kirby of Austin gave the Society for San Antonio Rescue Home \$100. This society contributes a larger amount per membership than any other organization in the conference. CHURCH EXTENSION. At the March meeting the following applications to the General Board were Continued on page 12.

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# The Home Circle

## BOO BEARS.

Onct upon a time, dar lived  
 Boo Bar's family in de wood,  
 An' de cubs lef dey cubs  
 When dey went in search o' food,  
 Daddy bar say, "Hunters want you,  
 So stay close, an' make no noise."  
 Mammy bar say, "I will bring back  
 Luncheon for my boo bar boys."

Den de little boo bars promised  
 Dat dey'd hof be good an' still;  
 An' de ol' bars, dey got ready  
 An' went out acrost de hill;  
 But de cubs forgot deir promise,  
 An' dey ventured out de do;  
 Den dey say, "Dar ain't no danger,  
 Le's a little funder go."

So dey rambled 'mong de bushes,  
 Playin' hide an' seek awhile;  
 Den dey hear de horns o' hunters,  
 Eatin' de holler—'bout a mile,  
 So de baby bars, dey hurried,  
 As dey thought, back to de den;  
 But dey'd went too fur, an' deenly  
 Dey wuz cotch by hunter men.

Now dey ha' ter dance to music,  
 When dey feet is tired an' so;  
 Er to march an' play de sojer,  
 Tell dey des can't play no mo'—  
 Den dey wish, dat dey had minded—  
 Stayed at home an' made no noise,  
 Cause 'trauz 'count o' disobedience  
 Hunters cotch dem boo bar boys.

Dey had loved e' daddy boo bar,  
 An' de tears down dey cheeks start,  
 Cause dey'd lef him an' dey mammy,  
 Who would die of broken heart;  
 An' dese cubs now go to sleep nights,  
 'Cusin' ober long gone joys,  
 Dat one little disobedience  
 Tuk from dem po' boo bar boys.

ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM,  
 Haskell, Texas.

## JUDGE DAY'S INVESTMENT.

"If you know of any one who wishes to buy a good cow, send him to me," said the Widow Morton tearfully. "I'll just have to give up trying to earn a little money that way, for want of a boy to drive her. It seems the more a poor woman tries the less she gets done."

"Why, Mrs. Morton, boys are as plenty as flies, it seems to me," said Judge Day. "I'll find one to drive your cow without going two blocks from your house. I would never sell her on that account."

"Boys are plenty, such as they are," said the poor woman, dabbing her eyes with her gingham apron. "It seems that young ones nowadays are possessed, I've had three different boys in the last week, and all of them run poor Bossy nearly to death. They say the Smith boys torment them, but it's only that they wish the job off their hands that they hurry like that. I won't have my soul and body worried apart any longer; so the cow's got to go."

"How much do you ask for her, Mrs. Morton?" said the Judge, thinking perhaps it might be the best thing for Bossy if she were sold, for her owner had little to feed the bony animal. Judge Day was the friend of all the unfortunate people on the street back of his fine residence, and was called upon to give advice and settle cas almost as often out of court as in it. Mrs. Morton felt sure he would do all in his power to help her get a good price for her cow.

"Twenty-five dollars," was the prompt answer. "She's worth more than that, but to get rid of her soon, you can say I'll take twenty-five."

Judge Day spent much of his leisure time in Widow Morton's neighborhood for the next few days, and soon discovered that the Smith boys were the ringleaders in every sort of misdoing. They bullied the small boys who drove the cows for the inhabitants of Poverty Street—as it had been nicknamed from Popular—destroyed the flowers in small front yards, trailed boldly across gardens, and did all that lively bad boys can do to make vacation a nightmare for their elders. They were at once the terror and admiration of every small boy on the street, and the only reason they had never been arrested was that no parent could have testified against them without including one or more of his own hopefuls.

"I've found a buyer for your cow, Mrs. Morton," announced Judge Day at the end of the week of inspection of Poverty Street. "Here is your money;" and five crisp bills were laid in the tollworn hand.

"Well, Judge, I'm sorry to part with her, but she don't give much milk, and this money will do me lots of good."

The Judge thought of the scanty feed the poor cow had been getting as he hurried away leading the animal to the home of the Smith boys. They were aged respectively twelve and thirteen, but even at that early age they were "on the direct road to the penitentiary," in the opinion of most of the fathers and mothers on Poverty Street. The older boys worked in factories during vacations, but Jim and Ben Smith roamed the streets and alleys from early morning till late at night, bent on "having fun," as they expressed it.

"Jimmy, what would you say if I should make you a present of this

cow?" asked Judge Day, pausing before a group of dirty urchins.

"Say you was kiddin'," was the prompt reply as Jim released an unhappy dog with a tin can tied to his tail.

The yelping dog and the cheering boys frightened the cow that the Judge had a hard time holding her, but he went on with his inquiries.

"But if I meant it?" he persisted. "Here she is, and all you have to do is to take her home and make money selling the milk. Your mother has a barn, so you'll have no trouble."

"Then no one abuses the animal any more?" asked the President. "I should think not! Jim Smith thrashed a big boy soundly for twisting a rag over her head a few days ago, and I guess that'll be a lesson to all the rest. I buy milk of them, and it is always delivered promptly. I am sorry to have given you all this trouble, but at the time I reported the case those boys were a terror of the neighborhood."

"It is no trouble at all, I assure you, madam," said the polite official. "It is worth a much longer walk than this to learn that bad boys have been transformed into good citizens—or have the making of good citizens in them. I have always had a high opinion of Judge Day's ability on the bench, and this shows him to be a man of keen good sense. A busy boy is very seldom a bad one, unless he is only busy with mischief. I hope the lads will continue to do well and make money with their cow."

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"All right," agreed his brother, and the tall grass that Mrs. Smith had argued and threatened and coaxed about for weeks fell before the determined owners of the hungry cow. The small front yard was stripped of its crop of hay, and the grateful animal had one of the best dinners she had enjoyed for many months. Jim took his mother's water-pail, and gave Bossy a drink, and then started out with his brother to hunt pasture.

"We won't try the Scott field?" said Ben decidedly. "That's where Widow Morton always kep' her, cause it's cheap, but they ain't enough grass in the whole field for one cow, let alone five."

"Pasture a cow in my field?" said owner after owner in blank astonishment. "You young rascals never will have a cow. Clear out of here. It isn't likely either of you will ever have energy enough to earn a cent for your hard-working mother, to say nothing of buying a cow."

These, and many other like answers greeted the boys as they went from place to place, and could find no one to take poor Bossy in to pasture. Yesterday they would have gloated over the idea of having such a reputation for meanness, but to-day it was with drooping spirits that they returned to the stable where the hungry animal was awaiting, as she had often waited in Widow Morton's shed, for her supper.

"You won't starve, no such thing!" said Jim grimly as he untied the rope. "I'm going to take her out in the alley to eat grass along the fences, Ben, and you ask mother to come and show us how to milk."

Mrs. Smith came out and gave a practical lesson in the art of milking. The fact that she used the same pail that the cow had been watered out of was nothing to the boys; it had been rinsed at the pump, and that was enough for them. They had their first lesson in the duty of cleanliness when they called at the home of Miss Parks to ask whether she would like to take milk from their cow.

"If you boys will show me that you have clean hands, and will milk into my pail, I'll take a quart night and morning," said that prim housekeeper, as she looked the boys all over. "The milkman is always late getting to this street, and I'd be glad to buy of you, if the milk will be perfectly clean."

The boys soon discovered that the more grass they supplied to the cow the more milk flowed into the spick-and-span new pail which was kept for milking purposes only. Miss Parks showed Jim how to wash and scald the milk-vessels, and the glimpse of her tidy kitchen as she illustrated her lecture was the boy's first knowledge that any one kept house in a different fashion from that of his discouraged mother. He went home with the firm determination never to steal any more of Miss Parks' fruit, and then proceeded vigorously to scour the family dishpan with the clean rags and soap she had given him.

"I found a complaint in my office when I returned from a month in New York that I am sorry has been neglected so long," said a gentleman to Miss Parks one warm August morning. "I am the president of the Humane Society, and am ready to prosecute the young rascals to the full extent of the law. I hope to be able to send them to the reformatory, if the evidence warrants."

"Oh, those Smith boys!" cried Miss Parks as she suddenly realized her

visitor's errand. "Yes, I did report them for cruelty to Mrs. Morton's cow, but, do you know, the oddest thing in the world happened soon after I sent you that letter? Judge Day bought that very cow, and gave her to the boys, and I really think it has reformed them. Why, the neighbors who once hated Jim and Ben, save every scrap a cow will eat, and carry it to the stable. No one would trust the boys for pasture rent, so they have to lead Bossy out every day to eat along the fences, and cut grass by the wheelbarrow load for her. I never saw boys work so hard. And they've found out that the better they feed her the more milk she gives."

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## DISAPPEARING CHIPMUNKS.

What has become of the chipmunks? It seems to me their numbers are decreasing rapidly. When I was a boy, the home woods swarmed with them. In the same woods now I do not see one, where fifty years ago I saw twenty; and in the oak and chestnut woods which now surround me they have disappeared unaccountably in the past twenty-five years. Each spring there are fewer and fewer. What is sweeping them away? No new enemy has appeared that I am aware of. In my boyhood they made themselves quite a nuisance. The shooting matches that used to take place fifty or more years ago resulted in destroying thousands of them, but seem hardly adequate to account for their continued disappearance.

On the other hand the red squirrel, according to my observations, is on the increase; and I suspect that the red squirrel is the enemy of the chipmunk. One day along the highway I saw a red squirrel in hot pursuit of one. The chipmunk was so closely pressed that, seeing no other means of escape, it plunged into a pile of half-burned leaves and ashes, and was hidden in a twinkling. The squirrel stopped short at the edge of the ashes, looked about for a moment (I fancied him saying to himself "The little wretch! Where did he go so quickly?"), and then went on his way. After a few minutes the chipmunk came out cautiously, all covered with ashes, looked nervously about him, and then darted into a stone wall.—John Burroughs, in *Outing*.

## THE CONCEIT OF IGNORANCE.

The greatest peril of Sunday-school work everywhere is the conceit of ignorance. Not that men and women are called and even pressed into service who, from lack of knowledge and lack of experience, are wofully ignorant of those principles and methods which are absolutely essential to successful Sunday-school work; not that men and women who feel and confess their unfitness are urged and almost compelled to continue in service as Sunday-school officers and teachers; these facts and conditions need not prove a serious detriment to the Sunday-school cause—if, if what? If only such officers and teachers are unwilling to remain in ignorance, and are determined to learn all they possibly can learn as to the duties required of them, and how to meet their responsibilities and improve their opportunities.

But the shameful fact which confronts us far too often is that men and women who know absolutely nothing about the laws of teaching, and comparatively little about our text book, will accept positions as Sunday-school teachers, and make no effort whatever to obtain the knowledge which they so greatly need to fit them for the proper discharge of their duties. And yet more shameful (if possible), and yet more common, we sometimes think, is it to find a man occupying the position of Superintendent with no conception of his great opportunities, with no fitness for his work, and, alas! with neither desire or ambition

to qualify himself for his high position.

Here "the conceit of ignorance" is appalling, for even God Himself can do nothing for a man who is ignorant of his own need and has neither a proper conception of his duties nor a desire to learn what they are. Such a Superintendent can do more to block the wheels of progress in his own school than can any other six persons in the community. The trouble with such a man is that because he has been chosen as Superintendent, he takes it for granted that he is fitted for the position, and makes no effort to ascertain whether he is fitted or not.—The Trumpet Call.

## "I TRUST YOU."

I was only twelve years old, and a pick-pocket and thief-in-general in Brighton. I had a round, rosy, innocent-looking face, and very good manners when I close to assume them.

One wet, dreary day in October I was lounging against the railings in Albert street, when a door on the other side was opened, and a clear, ringing whistle attracted my notice. A young man stood on the steps, holding some letters in his hands. I dashed across and touched his cap.

"Can you post these for me?" he inquired. "I am sorry to send you in the rain, but there is no one here to take them, and I dare not go out myself, as I am not well." I noticed then that he looked very ill. He was tall and slender, not more than twenty-four years of age, but his face was white and thin, with a bright crimson spot on either cheek, and the blue veins stood out like cords on his temples, and the long, thin hands were almost transparent. He had a thick plaid wrapper around him, but he shivered in the damp air.

"I'll post them, sir," I said quickly. "Thank you. Here's a shilling for you; and will you also run around to Mr. Gordon's—the vicar of St. John's church, you know—with this little packet?"

"Certainly, sir;" but all my professional cunning could not keep the delighted grin from my face. That packet contained money; Mr. Gordon might bless his stars if he ever saw it. I think the beautiful eyes read my thoughts. The invalid's thin, white hands rested lightly on my shoulders, and he looked me straight in the face. "I trust you, my boy," he said, gently.

"You may, sir," I answered promptly, as I touched my cap again.

He put his hand to his side, with a look of pain as he turned away. I hurried off on my errands. "No one ever said that to me before, nor had reason to; but here goes to Gordon's."

I got a job that kept me all the next day. When it was finished I ran around to Albert street. I wanted to tell the man that had trusted me that, for the first time in my life, I had been worthy of trust.

With far greater pain than I felt when my father was taken to prison for breaking a policeman's head I saw that all the blinds were drawn. With the boldness of a street Arab, I ran up the steps and rang the bell. A sour-looking woman opened the door. "Please, can I see the gentleman that lives here?"

"No, you can't; he's dead."

"Dead!" I cried, bursting into tears, regardless of the passers-by.

"Come inside, boy, and tell me what is the matter," said the woman.

I sobbed out my story, and begged her to let me just look at my friend.

"What is the matter?" inquired a gentle voice; and I turned to see a gentle lady with fair hair and gray eyes dimmed with weeping.

"This boy wants to see your brother, Miss Graham," said the landlady, briefly; "he says he spoke kindly to him yesterday."

"At what time?" she asked eagerly.

"Late in the afternoon, please miss," I sobbed.

She glanced at the woman.

"Perhaps he was the last one darling Claude spoke to," she said, trying to steady her voice.

"Come here and tell me what he said to you," said Miss Graham, gently.

I repeated all I had told the landlady.

"So like him!" she murmured, with tears in her eyes; "and you would like to see him? Come with me, then."

She led the way up-stairs to a quiet room, where lay the lifeless form of the only man who had ever spoken kindly to me.

He lay as if asleep, the fair head turned a little to one side, the white hands folded in a natural position on the lifeless breast, and on the calm features rested the peacefulness of that repose which "God gives to his beloved."

My tears fell fast as I gazed at the sweet face. "I wanted to tell him that I kept my word," I sobbed, "but now he will never know."

The bereaved sister laid her hand on my arm. "Asked God to prepare you

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to go where he has gone, and then you can tell him."

"I will," I answered, checking my tears. "Please, miss, may I just kiss him?"

She nodded, and I kissed the cold, rigid lips, which only a few hours before had uttered that gentle, "I trust you, my boy."

"I'll starve afore I'll steal again," I said, as I followed Miss Graham from the room.

And I kept my word. I am now, by God's goodness, a prosperous and happy man; but I eagerly anticipate the day when I shall be able to tell him how much his trust in me has accomplished.—Presbyterian Witness.

A teacher of a class of ten little girls returning from the country after a summer vacation, gathered her little flock about her—all but one. The teacher sent for her, wrote to her, and went to see her, but she would not come. At length, after much kindly persuasion as to why she had lost all interest in the school the little one wailed out, with tears in her eyes: "You kissed all the other little girls good-bye but me!" The teacher took the child in her arms and did not leave her until she had convinced her of her interest and affection. The child is now one of the most efficient workers in a large Sunday school.—Exchange.

A Bible doctrine may be taught in a day, but working it out in a life is a slow and difficult labor of years.—Hamill.

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## TILL NOON.

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CHRIST BLESSING LITTLE CHILDREN.

"The Master has come over Jordan" Said Hannah, the mother, one day; "He is healing the people who throng him,

With a touch of his finger, they say." "And now I shall carry the children; Little Rachel and Samuel and John, I shall carry the baby Esther For the Lord to look upon."

The father looked at her kindly, But he shook his head and smiled: "Now who but a doting mother Would think of a thing so wild?"

"If the children were tormented by demons, Or dying of fever, 'twere well, Or had they the taint of the leper, Like many in Israel"

"Nay do not hinder me, Nathan; I feel such a burden of care, If I carry it to the Master Perhaps I shall leave it there

"If he lays his hand on the children My heart will be lighter I know, For a blessing forever and ever Will follow them as they go."

So over the hills to Jordan, Along the vine rows green, With Esther asleep on her bosom, And Rachel her brothers between.

Many the people who hung on his teaching, Or waiting his touch or his word; Through the row of proud pharisees hastening She pressed to the feet of her Lord.

"Now why shouldn't thou hinder the Master," Said Peter, "with children like these; Seest now how from morning to evening He teacheth and healeth disease?"

Then Christ said: "Forbid not the children. Permit them to come unto me." And he took in his arms little Esther, And Rachel he set on his knee.

And the heavy heart of the mother Was lighter, all earth care above, As he laid his hand on the brothers, And blest them with tenderest love.

As he said of the lambs in his bosom: "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." And strength for all duty and trial That hour to her spirit was given.

THE MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL.

Walter R. Lambuth. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held in Dallas, Texas, in 1902, authorized a system of city missions in the following terms: "The Board of Missions shall be authorized to organize, with the endorsement of the Annual Conference, and in co-operation with the Annual Conference Board of Missions, a system of city missions. These city missions shall in all cases co-operate, as far as possible, with the Church Extension Board and with the Woman's Home Mission Board."

In pursuance of the foregoing, a draft of a plan of city missions was submitted to the Board of Missions, at its annual meeting in St. Louis, May 1904, by the Secretaries, and was adopted. This plan provided for the development and training of a corps of city missionaries, and required at the same time that the Secretaries should make a careful study of the field in relation to conditions among our city, factory, mining, and rural population, the result of their inquiries to be published in our Church papers.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Missions in Waco, Texas, in May last, another step was taken authorizing the establishment of a Missionary Training School, in the following terms: "Resolved, That the Secretaries be authorized to arrange for a training class or school of methods to be opened in the months of January, February and March, and that our candidates for work in foreign fields, as far as possible, be required to attend."

EUGENE B. HENDRIX. CHARLES B. GALLOWAY.

It will hardly be necessary to emphasize the need of this provision the board has so wisely made. We have been for fifty years sending men to the foreign field without any special instruction as to the character of work they were expected to do, the

equipment required, the care of their health (often in a trying climate); the problems to be solved, and the policy to be pursued in the light of experience of other boards and of missionary effort during at least a century of modern missions. The writer himself was sent to the field with scant knowledge of book-keeping and absolutely none of architecture. And yet, during the first ten years he had to act as Treasurer of the Mission, later on as superintendent of two missions, China and Japan at different times, and had to build two churches, three residences, one hospital, and three school buildings. There is scarcely a missionary who remains on the field for a decade without having at some time or other to build, to translate, to nurse the sick, to keep accounts, to establish schools, to teach the Word, and to have the care of several native Churches. Careful instructions both by lectures and in conferences upon the part of our Bishops and the Secretaries of the board who have first-hand knowledge of the needs of the field and the demands made upon the outgoing missionary cannot fail of being beneficial. The case should be put in even stronger terms. Such instruction has become absolutely necessary if we would keep our working force up to the highest state of efficiency.

That which is true of our foreign missionaries applies with equal force to the heroic men who are appointed to our domestic missions. With the most meager provision financially and almost without equipment, many of them go to posts of difficulty under conditions which try men's souls and which are scarcely less exacting than those in the regions beyond. We have thirteen hundred of these men in our church at home. If only a few could be relieved annually by their presiding elders, for four weeks even, the heartening and the inspiration which might come through Bible study and daily conferences with each other and with a few presiding elders of experience who might meet with them, must surely result in some spiritual uplift and invaluable light thrown upon the problem of missions among factory people, in mining districts, among foreigners within our borders, and in behalf of those so difficult to reach in our cities. If some layman could furnish us with a small fund, it would be a pleasure to place at least two new books in the hands of each of these hard-worked, hard-pressed men, as an addition to their library when they go out from the Training School. It is probable that not one hundred of the thirteen hundred have been able to buy two new books a year for the past five years. The supreme problem of missions at home, is not so much the mission Church as it is the man in charge of the mission Church. Give him both inspiration and equipment, and the question of a self-supporting, self-propagating Church will be solved.

Our Training School will open January 4th, in McKendree Church, Nashville, Tennessee. The month of January is to be devoted largely to foreign missions, and February to home missions. Three of our Bishops who have been in charge of foreign fields will deliver addresses in addition to the more didactic work of members of the theological faculty of the Vanderbilt University, a number of our returned missionaries, some of our connected missionaries, Dr. John F. Goucher, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Dr. S. H. Chester, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board, and a number of others.

There will be neither recitation nor examination. But original papers on subjects assigned will be requested, and an earnest, thorough-going and prayerful study of the great missionary questions of the day sought for. The matriculation fee of one dollar and a tuition fee of five dollars will be required to meet the current expenses of the school for the entire term. A scholarship of \$25 ought to cover these items of expense and board and lodging for four weeks. It is to be hoped that a number of Annual Conferences and individuals will follow the example of the Tennessee Conference Board of Missions, which has provided, through voluntary pledges, ten scholarships for one month.

Bishop Hendrix has rightly styled this a "School of Methods." We purpose to meet in one of the historic churches of Methodism. It is eminently appropriate that we should center this movement in a Church which has been for years a hive of activity, for we shall come together to study Church methods, the English Bible from a devotional standpoint and how to impart its truths, and with the supreme object of qualifying our students for Christian service. May this also prove to be, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, a "School of Prayer and of Power."

It is easier to pull a man up than to push him up, but we have to be in a very different attitude toward him.

INEXPENSIVE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Mrs. Ruggles, in giving to her nine "children" the well-known lesson on manners, said: "I wish I could get it into your heads that it ain't so much what you say, as the way you say it," and I will here add that it matters not so much what you do, as the way in which you do it; nor so much what you give, as the manner and spirit in which it is given. Hence it is that some very simple and inexpensive gift which carries with it the loving interest of the donor often awakens in the heart of the one who receives it a much deeper appreciation than probably some other gift of many times its intrinsic value.

I once knew a little crippled boy—the only son of wealthy parents—and at Christmas time he received books, toys and a great many other presents; but the gifts from which he derived most pleasure were a rolypoly white kitten and a pet chicken. The kitten was given him by a young girl, and the chicken by an old lady. Neither of these two friends of the little boy had any money to spend, and yet their gifts were the most acceptable of all.

Who has not heard, "I should like to make a great many Christmas presents, but I just cannot afford it?" The trouble with most people is, they wait until two or three days before Christmas, when prices are always high; then they rush down town with little money and a heavy heart, because they cannot buy even cheap presents enough to go round.

Now I wish to say that almost any one with a little spare time, a little ingenuity and a careful saving of little odds and ends can in a short while and with almost no expense make a great many acceptable and useful gifts.

Remember this article is written for the benefit of those who have no money to invest in presents, but who would like to send remembrances to many friends.

Have you odds and ends of edgings and insertions of either lace or swiss embroidery? These will make dainty baby caps, dress yokes, pin cushion and sofa pillow covers, turn-over collars, and so on.

Do you crochet? Then if you have materials—either silk or wool—you can crochet caps, socks, mittens, gloves, comforts and fascinators for the girls and boys or the older people.

If you have not the materials for these things, and cannot get them, can you not make a quilt, a pillow, or at least a pillowslip for baby's bed or cradle? A few yards of blue or pink cheese cloth will make for the cradle or little bed a dainty comfort, especially if tufted with either baby ribbon or zephyr.

If you cannot buy a doll, can you not make a new dress, or shawl, or bonnet for an old one?

A rag doll with plainly marked features, and attractively dressed, will always be a favorite with a baby; and this doll has the advantage of being unbreakable.

There are many kinds of home made dolls, and they can be dressed to represent different nations or different classes of people. Two unique dolls that I once saw made without the cost of a single cent had pig nut heads, the long point of the nut forming the nose. The eyes and mouth were cut with a knife, and the eyebrows marked with ink. One of these dolls was dressed as a policeman and the other as a Chinaman. Both were intended for a little boy. The same kind of doll, or one with cloth head, could be dressed as lady, Bridget, milkmaid, Bopeep or any other character desired.

All materials could be selected from the scrap basket, and from the odds and ends always waiting for ingenious fingers.

Do you save the wrapping cord that comes around bundles from the stores, the grocers and the drug stores? If you do, and can knit or crochet, you can make a number of neat and useful articles. The larger, coarser cord can be made into mats for the washstand, for the kitchen table and shelves, or even made into baskets, which may be shaped over a pan, can or box (according to the shape desired), stiffened first with starch, and afterward with shellac varnish. I have a pretty little work basket made in this way. It was a bridal present to my mother, and is now more than forty years old, but is as pretty and substantial as when new. It has been revarnished several times, and this revarnishing keeps it stiff, hard and bright. Although it is as hard as wood, the crochet pattern is as distinct as at first. The finer, tinted cords generally used in drug stores and to tie up most of the light and fancy articles will—if carefully saved and matched, or combined so that the colors harmonize—make pretty little dollies or mats for the nursery or the little girl's room, or for her doll house. This same cord may be used in tacking comforts, or for making doll hoods, caps and capes; a penny purse for the little girl or boy, or for a crocheted receiver for an odd, or even a cracked tumbler, which could then be hung up

and filled with fancy lamp lighters. This last might be given to some economical friend who still prefers lamp lighters to matches.

Take care of the pretty pictures that may come to you on the backs of magazines, or on calendars, or as advertisements, or even as premiums for coupons, signatures, etc., so frequently given with groceries. Some of these pictures are excellent reproductions of the works of eminent artists. Mount them upon board whose color harmonizes with the colors in the picture; then, if you wish to do so, and can afford the glass and a roll of passepartout picture binding, you may have several artistic pictures at less cost than that of one cheap medallion. By saving small pictures, cards, etc., you can make a pretty picture scrap-book for the little girl or boy. The daughter of the matron of a girls' boarding school kept all the coupons and signatures that came with the groceries to the boarding department, and with these she obtained many pretty and convenient articles, all of which (because she had not the money to buy other things) she saved and gave to her friends for Christmas presents.

I am not employed to advertise any brand of coffee, breakfast food or other groceries, and could not advise the use of any certain one, just for the sake of the premiums offered, but if you have these coupons and wish to use them, do so. Of course if you have money you can buy what you wish, and these suggestions are not intended for you; but you could still save the coupons and give them to some one who would like to use them.

To your literary friend send a pen wiper, on the back of which is fastened a bunch of artificial violets, or a pretty design could be embroidered on the corner.

Have you a friend who is making a scrap-book? Then think of her when you read, and save her some clippings from good literature.

Are you a good cook? Then send delicacies to the invalid, or aged friend, or other shut in.

Have you a greenhouse or even a few blooming pot plants in the winter? Flowers always make a lovely gift. A blooming pot plant would brighten the room of your sick friend, and a few cut flowers with your cards attached might be sent to several others.

If you read the magazines you will find many helpful suggestions concerning home made articles of beauty and usefulness.

To your absent friends write Christmas letters or send at least a few lines of Christmas greeting. These letters will be more appreciated than bought Christmas cards, which contain no word of your own. Suppose you were to send fifty such greetings, think of the pleasure you would give to fifty of your friends at a cost of only \$1 for postage.

The life of every one has enough of cloud, so let us scatter sunshine; and there is no surer way of doing this than by sending, in the proper spirit, these little remembrances. Do all in your power to scatter sunshine throughout the entire year; but once a year—at Christmas time at least—make an extra effort to gladden many hearts, and the more you try to do this the happier will your own life become.

ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM. Haskell, Texas.

THE BEST WAY.

This is a difficult world, indeed. And the people are hard to suit. And the man who plays on a violin Is a bore to the man with a flute.

And I myself have often thought How very much better 'twould be, If every one of the folks I know Would only agree with me.

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#### TEXAS CONFERENCES.

Held by Bishop Hoss.

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North Texas, Bonham, Nov. 23  
Texas, Marshall, Nov. 29

The readers of the Advocate will bear with us during the conference season should the receipt of the paper be delayed one day each week. In order to print the proceedings of each conference session promptly we will be unable to go to press at the usual hour.

#### LOCAL OPTION AT MATAGORDA.

Last week we noted the fact that the anti's had gotten an injunction against local option in Matagorda County, which statement was true; but fortunately, did not get it served in time to stop the last publication of the order putting local option in effect. So, despite their injunction, Matagorda has the fruit of her victory. Therefore, the injunction will do no good. And since our last issue, Childress County voted dry by seventeen majority. While we are sorry that the majority is not larger, we are glad that it is no less. While on this subject we might just as well answer a question recently propounded to us: "Do you believe in high license?" No, not as a matter of principle; but as a matter of expediency, it is better in wet counties than the present low license. We believe in the total destruction of the liquor business where we can accomplish it. Where this can not be done, then we believe in local option. But in counties where we can not vote local option, we believe in as high a license as we can get and to continue the high license until we can get prohibition or local option. Anything to cripple the liquor business. In all those West and Southwest Texas counties where the foreign population outvote us, a high license for the time being would take the beer dive out of many of them. They would not be able to pay the license. In our cities it would reduce the bar-rooms to a small number. This would do good as far as it goes; but even then we believe in continuing the fight against the business until it becomes extinct. High license will only help such places until we can do better. The fewer liquor and beer shops we have, the easier it will be to whip them in our local option battles. But the beer interests of Texas will fight the liquor interests in any effort to put a uniform high license on the two intoxicants. So, we have gained that much if we can get these two monsters arrayed against each other. In the meantime, let all local option supporters increase their opposition to both of them, until they bite the dust. On with the battle!

#### EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

(This was left out of last issue.)

I left Dallas over the Santa Fe Road last Friday night for San Antonio. We took breakfast at Austin, but I saw no one whom I knew. The country between Austin at this point is beautiful and looks to be in good condition. I reached San Antonio at about 12 o'clock. Ringling Brothers' show was in town, and it looked like the ends of the earth were out. I was driven to the home of Major Fant, where I have been delightfully entertained. His family are old friends. I knew them in Kansas City, and afterward at Georgetown. He is a large stockman and a wonderfully busy man. I spent Saturday night with the good family of Rev. J. M. Alexander, pastor of West End Church. Sunday morning I preached to his congregation. West End is four miles from the center of the city, and while a part of the incorporation, it is a distinct community with good electric car line facilities. It is largely a school community. Rev. J. E. Harrison has the principal school—San Antonio Female College. This institution is about a dozen years old, but it is a splendid property, valued at \$80,000. Its buildings are of yellow pressed brick, trimmed in stone. They are large, commodious and ample. It has one hundred boarding pupils, and is about full. It is the property of the West Texas Conference. Dr. Harrison has erected a fine natatorium for the use of the college. He also has a department for boys near by known as Asbury Institute. It is under the care of Prof. Johnson Harrison. This is also growing. The San Antonio Female College is doing an excellent work, and it is prosperous. Near by is the school for boys under the direction of Wesley Peacock. It has a military feature, and is doing well. It has a large patronage. Also Prof. Thomas has a private school for girls. This is its second year, and it is doing well. A large number of families have settled out there because of its good school advantages. They have the advantage of the city and also of the country. It is destined to be an important resident section. Our West End Church is located there and has this community for its congregation. Three years ago the storm blew down their frame church, they have erected a handsome brick structure at a cost of \$8101, and nearly all of it is paid for. The auditorium is a good one; and on Sunday it was full. All the schools were there, and more inspiring audiences no preacher need want. They are intelligent and attentive and devout. Bro. Alexander has done three years of fine work. He is one of the most successful men in the conference. West End, with its cozy parsonage, is a good appointment. At night I preached at Travis Park Church. Bishop Hoss preached a great sermon there at the morning service and again at West End at night. He had large congregations, and his preaching delighted our San Antonio Methodists. But strange to say, the city dailies took no notice of his sermons. No reference was made in their columns to his preaching. If it had been a Roman Catholic Bazar or a horse race the Express would have been full of it. But a great and learned Methodist Bishop, preaching great sermons to large congregations in the city, made no impression on the city press. Dr. James W. Moore is pastor of Travis Park. He has a fine Church and a large congregation. He is a fine preacher, and his people love him. He has of late been throwing hot shot into the open gambling dens of the city, and the green cloth gentry have been howling. As a result, the police have closed the dens, so the papers say. But in a city like this they have closed only temporarily. Some of the officers are candidates for re-election, and they wanted to concede something to moral sentiment. So they made a pretense of stopping public gambling. But the election is now over and the dens are no doubt in full blast again. San Antonio is a wicked city, with many good people living in it, nevertheless. The saloons run wide open all day Sunday just as

they do on any week day. They make no pretense of closing. So far as the whiskey business is concerned, there is no Sunday in San Antonio. Nobody seems to think anything of it. There are many Germans and Mexicans in the population of the city, and the Roman Church is largely in the ascendancy. Hence the condition of things now in existence. Protestantism is growing, but it does not control public sentiment. The saloon has charge.

San Antonio seems to be a prosperous business center, and it evinces much enterprise. Our Methodism has several other small Churches in the different suburbs, but Travis Park and West End are the two strong congregations. Rev. W. J. Johnson, the presiding elder of the district, lives here. He is a strong preacher and a capable executive. He drove Bishop Hoss and myself over the city on Monday and showed us the points of interest, and also the different church locations. He has done an excellent work on his district these two years. I met the other preachers also. They were busy rounding out for conference. Monday night the Travis Park people, assisted by others, gave a public reception to Bishop Hoss. It was a pleasant occasion.

There are many points of thrilling interest about the city, but I have not time to write about them now. Chief among them is the old Alamo. It stands there as on the day of yore to remind us of the tragedy that took place within its gruesome walls in the early days of this country. I have often visited the place, but I never stop in the city without paying my respects to the Alamo. It has recently been treated to a good coat of white-wash within, and it looks clean and nice around it. It is one of the monuments that Texas cannot afford to let decay. It stands here as the representative of the principles for which martyr blood was shed. Hence it is the Mecca toward which the pilgrims of Texas liberty instinctively turn when they pass this way.

Many of the preachers of the conference spent Sunday here on their way to the seat of the conference. We will leave in the morning for Cuero, and before the readers scan these hurriedly written lines the conference will be in full swing. From there we hope to in elaborate reports. G. C. R.

San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 8.

#### REV. SAM JONES WILL LECTURE.

Rev. Sam Jones will lecture at the First Methodist Church in this city under the auspices of the Woman's Home Mission Society next Tuesday night. This will be one of a series of lectures now provided for by the good women, and they are being well patronized. Sam Jones needs no introduction at the instance of the Advocate, as he is one of the best known men in this country. We bespeak for him a fine audience, not only on his own account, but also on account of those having the entertainment in hand.

#### CONFERENCE NOTES.

Cuero did the hospitable act splendidly. Everybody was well provided for, and the preachers' wives were made welcome. The entertainment was not confined to Methodists, but all the people threw open their doors and made the delegates and visitors feel at home.

The editor was entertained at the good home of Mr. Thomas Graves. He is one of the leading citizens of the place, and he and his family are devout members of the Protestant Episcopal Church. They were fine hosts and left nothing undone to make their guests comfortable. Dr. H. P. Whisner was our companion a part of the time, and Bro. Mills the rest of the time.

Rev. Buckner Harris and Rev. E. S. Smith took a superannuated relation. The former has been long identified with the conference, and no better man has ever been numbered among its members. It was rather pathetic to see such a man reach the point at which he voluntarily asked to be re-

tired. But he did it in that sweetness of spirit characteristic of the man. Dr. Smith has spent the most of his time in the Texas Conference, and he has gone back to that body to live and die among them. He is a grand old man, and one of the finest characters in Texas Methodism.

Cuero is a sandy country, with the Guadalupe River not far away. It is embowered in large grotesque oak trees, and they are covered with hanging moss. The town is only thirty-two years old, has a good population, and it is prosperous.

Bishop Hoss won golden opinions as a presiding officer. His morning expositions of the writings of St. Paul were genuine inspirations for the entire day. His preaching was on a lofty key, and his addresses on different interests were broad, comprehensive and to the point. He was courteous to all the brethren, yet firm in his decisions. His appointments were just as nearly satisfactory as work of that kind can be, and we heard of no complaint. The Church made no mistake when it elevated him to the episcopacy.

Dr. J. J. Tigert mixed pleasantly with the brethren and made himself very much at home. He is always a welcome visitor to Texas, and we accord him the right of way. When the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals was read he addressed the conference in behalf of the Review. He was just humorous enough to permit the next speaker to get under him and the running fight between them enlivened the business considerably. It was a good natured exchange of repartee, and both seemed to enjoy it; but the conference especially entered into the digression heartily. The Doctor preached grandly. It is said, at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Dr. Lamar made his first appearance before the conference. The brethren were delighted with him. He is a man of culture, has good business discretion, is possessed of a good degree of humor, and he has all the fellowship of a life-long Methodist preacher. He delivered a forceful address on the work of the Publishing House, and at night service preached a most excellent sermon. He was given the right-of-way, and he made himself one of the boys. Dr. Lamar is the right man in the right place and his work is already a benediction to the Church in his connective capacity.

Drs. Whisner, Hammond, Lambuth and Steel added much to the interest of the conference, and they seemed to enjoy our Texas ways. They are strong men in their several departments, and they have their departments of work well in hand. Dr. A. F. Watkins did not make a speech, but he put in his time collecting the money already subscribed for his cause. He gave the conference credit for making the first large subscription, which he said was the impetus that made his success possible.

Rev. J. M. Alexander, who for three years did faithful work at West End Church, was put on the Austin District. The appointment is a wise one. He is strong, persistent and devoted; and he puts a tenacious grip on all that he undertakes. In preaching and executive ability he is equal to the best in the conference, and wherever he goes things move forward. With him life is serious, and he strives for results.

Rev. E. D. Mouzon, after three years' absence from Texas and in charge of Central Church, Kansas City, Mo., now comes back to Texas and goes to Travis Park Church. Dr. James Moore did a fine work there, but it seems the Bishop needs him for another field not far away. We are glad to welcome Bro. Mouzon back, and we hope he will be permanent. He belongs to us.

Dr. S. H. Werlein, of Tenth Street, Austin, reported everything in full from his charge, showing that he has kept his congregation upon the high

level he found them one year ago. He is a man of splendid health, good culture, extended experience and large adaptability to the pastorate. He is a good preacher and his people are fond of him.

Rev. W. L. Nelms, D. D., spent a day or two at the conference and represented Southwestern University and the Summer Institute of Theology. He showed himself a very apt man on the platform, and his remarks were wise and interesting. Also Rev. Jas. Kilgore, the Financial Agent, was present and mixed with the brethren. Rev. Sam Hay spent a day or so pleasantly at the conference.

W. C. Everett and Frank Reedy, of the Branch House, were there late and early, looking after this important interest. Bro. Everett had his hands full of accounts, and Bro. Reedy was loaded down with books and busy filling orders. The Branch House is an important part of every conference.

Judge G. W. L. Fly, of Victoria, is one of the standing lay members of the conference. He never misses one of its sessions. He practically has charge of the affairs of the Joint Board of Finance, and he looks after the old preachers' claims with a jealous eye. The only thing he regrets about his position is, that he has not ten times more money to distribute among them. He has charge of the Thornton Bequest, keeps it safely invested, and collects the interest and adds it to the helping fund. No man loves the Church better than he. He supports it with his money, his faith, his life; and when he even imagines that he sees any part of it a trifle off its base, he speaks out in meeting. He is held in loving esteem by all the brethren. At his home Judge Fly keeps an open house to preachers. Such a layman is of inestimable value to the Church.

The Central Hotel, B. D. Kent, proprietor, pleasantly entertained the business force of the Advocate, for which thanks are tendered.

The First National Bank of Cuero did the "honors" for the conference handsomely. They handled the business expeditiously and to the satisfaction of all who had dealings with them. The business was not a new deal to this bank, as the West Texas Conference had met at Cuero in years gone by.

The Methodist Church at Waxahachie was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. The church was erected in 1893, and with furnishings, including a splendid pipe organ, was valued at \$20,000. It is reported that \$11,000 insurance was carried.

#### SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The senior class had a reception given them at the Annex last Monday night, and the occasion proved to be a pleasant one. This class is a worthy successor to the many who have preceded them, and we look for a good record from them.

New pupils continue to drop in weekly. We were glad to welcome back this week one of our Mexican boys, who has been with us several years, but returned late this year. Mr. Ramos brought a compatriot with him.

The situation of our University as to our Mexican and German work is one that adds immensely to our possibility of serving the Church. We are close to these fields, not only geographically, but also in spirit. Do our readers know that we have nearly a dozen former pupils now in Mexico in mission and school work? Then, too, a large per cent of the German Mission Conference are Southwestern University boys.

Bro. Nelms has all his collections up ready for conference. Will the Advocate whisper to Bishop Hoss that we expect and want him back here?

#### TEXAS PERSONALS.

Brother Moss, of Groesbeck, passed through the city this week on his way to conference at Mineral Wells. He did not forget the Advocate.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Rev. M. J. Brown, of the Texas Conference, to Miss Alice Mitchell. The wedding will occur at

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Linn Flat Church, Nov. 20, Rev. C. A. Tower officiating. We congratulate the happy couple and wish them all the happiness that two hearts can contain.

Rev. T. S. Armstrong, of Mexia, called to see us this week on his way to conference. He has had a good year, Bishop.

Brother Z. H. Wills, of Athens, passed through the city on his way to Oklahoma City and he called pleasantly at this office.

Rev. Walter Griffith, of Silvertown, and Rev. A. W. Waddill, of Tullia, dropped in upon us the other day. They were headed for Mineral Wells.

Rev. W. D. Mountcastle, of Kaufman, was in the city this week and brought over some substantial tokens of his devotion to the Advocate. He is closing out a good year.

**CHURCH NEWS.**

The Baltimore Southern Methodist has over 6000 subscribers. The paper was started only a few months ago.

The Alabama Methodist Orphanage received more than \$1200 as a result of the observance of Orphans' Home Day.

Bishop Galloway states that in spite of the war the past year has been by far the most successful in the history of our work in Japan.

Hon. John L. Bates, Fraternal Messenger from the M. E. Church to our Church at the General Conference, held in Dallas has been elected Governor of Massachusetts.

At the meeting of the Publishing Committee of the Alabama Advocate the editor reported 9700 subscribers. This is a gain of more than 3000 during the past two years.

Bishop Hartzell spoke to the students of Syracuse University recently with such favor that a fund of nearly \$1000 was subscribed for the support of a missionary to represent the university in Africa.

Work has commenced on a new chapel for the University of the South, at Sewanee. The building will cost \$150,000 and will be one of the finest pieces of ecclesiastical architecture in America.

An appeal is made to Philadelphia Methodists to rally to the support of St. George's Church in that city, which is the oldest Methodist Church in the land, but is not strong enough now to bear its current expenses.

The Board of Trustees of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, at their recent meeting in Atlanta, found the Advocate in a most satisfactory condition.

Drs. Lovett and Cofer are commended for the excellent character and management of the paper.

The General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, after considerable discussion, voted unanimously to appropriate \$1,220,000 for missionary work during the coming year, and this sum to be divided so as to give \$701,500 for work for the foreign field and \$518,500 for domestic work. The question of the foreign missions among the various countries was deferred.

From Oct. 1, 1903, to Oct. 1, 1904, 2370 new subscribers went on the mailing list of Wesleyan Christian Advocate, the North Georgia Conference sending 1330, the South Georgia Conference sending 786; the balance came from outside the State.

Bishop J. W. Joyce and C. C. McCabe have just celebrated their 68th birthday. They were born on the same day, one in Indiana, and the other in Ohio. Bishop Joyce entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1859, and Bishop McCabe in 1860.

Most Rev. William Henry Elder, Archbishop of Cincinnati, died Oct. 31, in his 86th year. He was the oldest prelate both in years and in tenure of service in the United States. He had presided over the archdiocese of Cincinnati for twenty-five years, and previous to that time for almost as long was Bishop of Natchez, Miss.

People of Five Points, Birmingham, have secured a very desirable lot, on which they expect to build a handsome house of worship. The purchase price was \$14,000, and the entire amount was raised Sunday, Oct. 30. This Church was organized only a year ago, and under the pastorate of Rev. J. H. McCoy its growth has been remarkable.

Bishop W. A. Candler has changed the place and the time of the Mexican Border Mission Conference. The time of the Cuba Mission Conference also has been changed. The list now reads: Cuba Mission, Havana, Jan. 12, 1905; Mexican Border Mission, Laredo, Texas, Feb. 2, 1905; Central Mexico Mission, Mexico City, Feb. 9, 1905; Northwest Mexican Mission, Nogales, Ariz., Feb. 22, 1905.

The revival in Atlanta is one of the greatest ever held in the city. The press dispatch from there dated Wednesday, Nov. 2, says: "A sight never before witnessed in Atlanta was presented to-day, when during the principal hours most of the business houses were closed, and an air of Sunday quiet pervaded the principal streets, the greater part of the city's business men taking part in the prayer services, which were held in the Opera Houses and Central Churches."

Lane College the property of the Colored Methodist Church, at Jackson, Miss., was destroyed by fire Nov. 3. The students lost nearly all of their personal property. The building was valued at \$18,000, with insurance for about half that amount. This institution was built through the personal efforts of Bishop Isaac Lane, an ex-slave, who for thirty years has been untiring in his efforts for the educational development of his race. Dr. Hammond, Secretary of the Board of Education, is asking for money in order that it may be rebuilt.

**ITINERATING IN MEXICO.**

The pastor, Rev. Juan Martinez y Garza, visits Chicavasca every two weeks. To do so he must go a part of the way on horseback or foot, as the case may be. Each time he goes, one of the members of that Church must meet him at the railway station, with a horse, if he has it, but if not, then he must go on foot to meet him. The old blind brother frequently is not able to secure a horse, but he goes to the station alone, a distance of eight miles. During the rainy season, which has just passed, several times, when he had no horse and the river was up so the pastor could not pass over the rocks, the old blind brother would take him on his shoulders and carry him over the water. To one who does not understand the mode of dress of the poor class, it might seem to be an imposition on the part of the pastor to accept the kindness of this good brother, but such is not the case, for this earnest Christian would have been hurt if he had not accepted his, the old man's, kindness.

I reached Tezontepac at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, and after eating a dinner of "mole de guajalote" and beans and bread, I held a religious service, after which I baptized six children, received six adults into the Church and held the third Quarterly Conference. At night I baptized two more adults and received

them on probation, then I preached, after which I administered the Lord's Supper. This, together with a fifty-mile ride on the train and fifteen-mile ride on horseback, closed out a busy but happy day.

This morning at 3:45 o'clock we were called to get ready for the early morning service. Brother Martinez preached, after which we had a short prayer service, then a light breakfast, then a general good-bye. The brethren left for their homes and we for ours. After a fifteen-mile ride on horse and fifty miles on the train I reached home at half after twelve o'clock. A rather busy half day, but a delightful one.

Brother Martinez will collect all his assessments in full. He has twenty-five subscribers to the Evangelista and will pay every cent of these subscriptions. I forgot to say that, as a side issue, I sold \$1.60 worth of books yesterday. J. B. COX. City of Mexico, Oct. 20, 1904.

**OUR GERMAN WORK IN TEXAS.**

Within recent months there has been in the columns of the Advocate some discussion of the work of the German Mission Conference. Such discussion is helpful. It indicates interest. The accompanying letter from Bro. A. E. Rector, which was written simply as a matter of information for our office, is well worthy a wider reading. Facts are of more value than any number of theories, and Bro. Rector gives facts—vital, cheering facts. Our German brethren are making a splendid record. If our entire Church would come up to the same standard many of our problems would be solved. If there is to-day a class of Methodists more nearly approaching the type of Wesley's day, I do not know where they are found.

**SETH WARD.**

"Our German Conference has been held, and I am happy in being able to report a successful year. Our increase in Church membership, you know, is never large, and this year it is smaller than usual—about twenty-five. In every other respect the year's work has been gratifying. Epworth League and Sunday-school increased, and a financial report ahead of anything previously reported in the history of the conference. One mission was declared self-supporting, and there was an advance in the sum contributed to the support of the ministry.

"The amount paid for missions was \$343.78 ahead of the good report of last year. The parent board is getting the better of us in that \$80,000 increase in appropriation as an offset to our sending the foreign collection direct to Nashville instead of using it as heretofore. The foreign collection this year is \$962.15. We are glad of that, and wish it was more. The total missionary collection averaged \$1.35 per member. Other causes were well sustained.

"We received one on trial, and ordained two elders. The prospect for ministerial supply is reasonably good, though it takes time to get the candidates ready. German missionaries now, like other Methodist preachers, have to be educated. Upon the whole, I think we have good ground to thank God and take courage.

"Most fraternally,

"A. E. RECTOR."

**THREE PREACHERS WANTED.**

I want three preachers for charges in the Weatherford District, Indian Mission Conference. Two of them for charges with no parsonage. Salary \$200 to \$300. One for half station on the railroad—two-room parsonage—two appointments in the country. Must preach well. Salary \$500. Must each be active, going men. Have presiding elder and others tell me what you can do. Do not ask me to write to any one. C. F. ROBERTS, P. E. Weatherford, O. T.

**CHURCH DEDICATIONS.**

On Sunday, Nov. 20, 1904, the Rev. Jacob Ditzler, D. D., will dedicate the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Nocona, Texas. This will close the work for this conference year, and we are praying that it may be the grandest of all.

We would be delighted to have the pastors who have served this Church in past years to join with us in this holy service.

FRANKLIN MOORE, Pastor. Nocona, Texas.

I will dedicate the new church at Krum on the third Sunday, Nov. 20. W. M. LEATHERWOOD.

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**THANKSGIVING AT THE PARSONAGE.**

By Mary R. Lesesne.

It was the day before Thanksgiving. Mrs. Hamblin's face wore a troubled look. Naturally more of a Martha than a Mary, she looked well to the ways of her household. She said aloud to herself:

"I would like to celebrate the day as it should be, by preparing a nice dinner for my family, but there's absolutely nothing in the pantry with which to get up one. I knew it would be that way when I saw him put his last dollar in that collection. It does look to me like he don't care how his family fares."

"Anna, what is that I heard you say?" asked Mr. Hamblin, coming in with a smiling face.

"I do not think we have any cause to complain of our fare."

"If you would take a look into the pantry and then feel your pocket-book, you might think so," the wife replied in an irritated tone, and continued, "Our children will expect a nice dinner, and I have been used to that sort of thing myself, but there's nothing here and no money to buy with. Now's the time to prepare if there was anything to prepare." The face wore a really perplexed expression and the voice took on a petulant twang.

"Well, wife, I'm sorry," the pastor said. "Since it grieves you it grieves me, but we are taught sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof; let's wait till to-morrow comes."

"It might have been avoided, though, Mr. Hamblin. You might have thought of your own family. That dollar you gave last Sunday would have bought a turkey and other things for our dinner."

"My dear, don't reproach me for that. That went to send bread to the heathen, the bread of life. Let's trust our Father for his promised blessings."

The Martha spirit of the pastor's wife was dominant. It would not be exercised, and while the patient husband in his study tried to prepare his sermon for the morrow his wife's petulant reproach came ever and anon disturbing the currents of his thoughts until he laid down the flagging pen, and with his brow resting on his hand sent silent prayers heavenward that Mary, like she, might sit at the feet of Jesus.

That night when the family gathered around the table and John told of the fat turkeys that had been disposed of on the streets, and Mary and Katy mentioned the fruit cakes and raisin pies they had seen Mrs. Smith baking, the frown deepened on the wife's brow and her pent-up feelings could no longer be restrained when John said: "Mother, where did you put all the Thanksgiving goodies you cooked up? I just want to take a look at them."

"The day will be anything but a feast to us. I've had nothing to cook. Thanksgiving? What have we to be thankful for?"

"Children," said the father, evidently uncomfortable and grieved. "Mamma feels bad over the situation, but the day may be a happy one to us. We have thousands of blessings around—"

"There's the door bell. John, go and see who it is. Somebody sick, no doubt," said Mrs. Hamblin crossly.

"Yes, Papa, old Mr. Jones wants you to come right away. The man says he's dying."

"I thought so," the Martha spirit made the wife say in angry tone. "It's always that way."

Soon after the pastor left the house another ring at the bell and Mr. and Mrs. Smith came in.

"We've come to ask you all to eat dinner with us to-morrow," Mrs. Brown explained. "I wanted to send you word this morning so you would not have the trouble of cooking dinner for your folk for to-morrow, but I had nobody to send."

"You are very kind," Mrs. Hamblin answered; "we will be on hand," and the clouds began to clear away from the face.

The next morning a noise was heard early on the porch, and as John went out to see what it was some boys were seen scampering away, and a boy was there with a large box containing a dressed turkey, canned fruits, cranberry sauce, cakes, pickles and everything to make a feast.

Later on a bunch of squirrels and quails were sent in by some hunters, and such feasting that lasted a whole week was kept up in the preacher's home.

The lesson taught the weak-faithed wife was lasting, and humbly did she afterwards seek to down the Martha spirit, "cumbered with much serving." "I will try to be like Mary," she said to the good pastor. "I will never more grieve you with my impatient petulance. I will wait and sit at the feet of Jesus."

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#### NOTES.

All the members of the Apathy family should be expelled from the Epworth League.—Epworth Era.

We are glad to note that the Epworth Era has recently added the names of twelve hundred pastors to its subscription list.

We had just begun to wonder why Brother L. M. Stevenson, of the Alabama Advocate, did not second our motion to hold the 1907 session of the International Convention in Dallas, when a copy of his paper reached us with this comment: "From the Texas Christian Advocate we learn that Dallas has already well under way a campaign to secure the next session of the International Epworth League Conference following the one to be held next summer in Denver. It is about time for Southern Methodism to entertain the great conference, and there is no better place than Dallas."

The Raleigh Christian Advocate prints the General Secretary's annual report in which the statement is made that "the fiscal year which closed on April 30, 1904, was financially and otherwise the most prosperous in the history of the Epworth League."

The South Carolina Leaguers are pushing their collections in the interest of Granbery College in Brazil. One thousand dollars is the amount to be raised.

The Sunday-school of our Church at Pine Bluff, Ark., passed very complimentary resolutions on the departure of Mrs. Addie Owen, one of its "most earnest, constant and successful teachers" for Texas. We are not informed as to where Sister Owen took up her residence, but as some part of our great State has laid claim upon her and so many good things have been said about her, we take occasion to extend her a hearty welcome.

The proposed tour of inspection of the several sites offered for the Epworth League Encampment has been postponed until some time in January. Mineral Wells, Palacios City and Georgetown have added their respective claims to the propositions already in hand.

We publish this week the Treasurer's report of dues collected from local Chapters. The response has been far short of what we had hoped it would be at this time. We sincerely trust that our Leaguers will remit more promptly, as funds are needed to carry on the work of the Cabinet. The rate of assessment is 50 cents for every twenty members, a very small levy on the individual Chapter, and yet large enough in the aggregate to meet all requirements. Please send your dues to Brother Bering without further delay.

We hope to print next week the first installment of a series of articles from our Vice-Presidents upon their respective phases of work. This feature of our department should prove valuable to the local workers, since the vital questions of the hour will be discussed and methods and means will be given for the prosecution of Epworth League work.

The report of the action of the West Texas Conference on the Assembly question has not reached us, as yet, and so we can not give it to our readers this week. It will appear in our next issue.

#### DUES COLLECTED.

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### THE CHURCH AND THE AVERAGE MAN.

Most of our readers have heard of Dr. Joseph Parker's experience with the workmen, when he invited them into his church in London some time ago. He wanted to find out just how the average workman regarded the Church and the Christian religion. "Come into my church," he said. "Come in with your pipes and your dinner pails, and have a talk with me."

The chapel was filled with the rough, hard workmen from the streets and shops. "Now," said Dr. Parker, "speak your mind. Tell me just how you feel upon this subject of the Church and the Christian religion."

They were very free with their criticisms. They did not think the Churches cared much about the average workman anyway. They thought the ministers practiced very little of their own preaching, and as for a good many Christians whom they knew, they were hypocrites. "But," said Dr. Parker, after he had listened for some time to remarks of this kind, "what have you to say about the Nazarene himself?" Instantly a rough looking man spoke out, "Oh, he's all right!" and there was a response of "Hear! Hear!" from the assembly. Now, whatever we may say of the ignorance and prejudice of these men, the simple fact that with their experience of the Church on the one hand and their imperfect knowledge of Jesus of Nazareth on the other, they had somehow separated the two and looked upon them as having little in common, is certainly a startling and suggestive one.

Is it true that in the mind of the average man and woman outside of the Church there is a manifest antagonism between the purpose and mission of Jesus Christ and the apparent aim and spirit of the organization which assumes to represent Him upon the earth? Is the Church to-day really carrying out the designs of its great Head? Is it an organization holding the commanding position of spiritual influence which it ought to hold? Is it concerning itself more about its denominational fences than about converting the world? It would be very interesting to know just what kind of a Church our Savior would form were he living under the conditions of the twentieth century. It would be interesting to know what type of Church now existing in the world he would select as the one which comes the nearest to his ideal. Of course, there are many opinions as to what the Church of the present day should say and do. Many good men differ concerning these things. It is not likely that there will ever be a perfect agreement until we find ourselves with all our differences adjusted in the Church Triumphant. And yet we might all come to a better understanding of what a true Church should be, if we would go directly to Christ and his teachings for a model instead of groping wearily and darkly down to the primitive Church through the ages of ecclesiastical history and tradition. The Church has passed through many wonderful transformations since it left the apostolic hands. From the simple, unpretentious body which met around the supper table in the living room of a humble believer, it grew in the course of a few centuries to a mighty hierarchy, the papal head of which aspired to the scepter of an earthly sovereign, and whose cardinals and Bishops and priests were, many of them, anything but the followers of the man of Nazareth and the fishermen of Galilee. The ecclesiasticisms and the traditions which gave to the Church its form and feature at this time had a determining influence even over Protestants, after they had repudiated the Pope, and today that influence is still regnant among our Churches. Doubtless many of the forms and methods, the traditions and doctrinal formulas, which the Church of that time has bequeathed to us, are still worth having and using. But there are other things of more value, which found little or no place in the medieval Church, and which, if we have them not, we should certainly seek after from the source where they may be found; certain great principles and ideas which lie at the very heart of the life and mission of Jesus Christ.

Churches will differ, and men will differ in externals. The question is: Are they making more of the spirit than of the temple and the ritual? More of the life than of the form? More of saving the world than of pleasing themselves? Christ aimed to reach the common people. He worked with and for the average man.

The average man of the community is neither very rich nor very poor. He is not highly intelligent, nor is he grossly ignorant. He is the man whom we meet most frequently on the street and in our place of business. He has a good stock of common sense,

and is inclined to the practical. He is doing most of the world's work today. The Church, to be successful, must take into account the average man. If she caters on the one hand exclusively to the cultured classes, or on the other hand, if she adapts her methods merely to meet the lowest of the community, she will fail of her mission. Her work must lie very largely among the multitudes. It must aim to reach the common people. These common people then viewed in relations to the Church fall into three classes:

First. The regular church-goers, who can be depended upon to support the religious institutions of the community under all circumstances.

Secondly. The semi-occasional church-goers, who have some conscientious concern for their religious obligations, whose hereditary instincts or early associations lead them to send their children to the Sunday-school, and to attend themselves on occasional Sunday-school concert or service of worship.

Thirdly. The non-church-goers, who have absolutely no interest in religious matters, who are never seen in God's house, and who practically do not know that there is such a house in town.

The question of churching and evangelizing the masses relates, of course, to these last two classes; to those who have a slight hold on the Church, and to those who are indifferent to or opposed to it. The first class are already within the doors of the sanctuary, and their needs give rise to problems quite different from those which concern the non-churching community.

The question arises, are we not basing our preaching and our methods of work too exclusively upon the needs of the first class? Are we not looking through their eyes and hearing through their ears, and shaping our policy and administration more to suit their tastes and prejudices than with a view of interesting and attracting these two other classes? It must be remembered that the non-church-goer as a rule regards as a bore the very thing which the Christian esteems as a privilege, and that in order to make him change his opinion he must be brought around to a different standpoint where he can be made to see that the Church is interested in the things which interest him. It is all very well to open our church doors on the Lord's day and say come in. The sad truth is, however, they will not come on any such invitation. Eloquent preaching, fine music, comfortable seats may attract a few of the second class mentioned—the semi-occasional church-goers—but the latter class will respond to none of these things. Should the preacher of to-day take a canvass of his congregation for the purpose of finding out how many of those who have listened to his preaching were non-church-goers one, two or five years ago, the result would doubtless surprise him.

Before a Church can succeed very largely in evangelizing a thickly populated district it must, in a sense, put itself in the place of the non-church-goer, look through his eyes, and shape its methods somewhat according to his tastes and prejudices. Not that the Church should conform to the world, but that it should be all things to all men in the true Pauline sense, that by all means it may save some. The spirit of selfish exclusiveness must give place to a broad spirit of adaptiveness. The average man of the world is likely to be interested in the Church just as soon as he is convinced that the Church is interested not merely in his spiritual, but in his temporal welfare.—Open Church.

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Who stuck that pin upon the chair  
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The swapper of the jackknife here  
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### SMILES.

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There is a great deal said and written of late years about people looking pleasant, but to my mind, the man or woman who has not been born of the Spirit has seldom, if ever, laughed in reality. We see men and women every day with wrinkles on their faces caused by cultivated smiles, who never laugh from the heart. They may be well supplied with this world's goods, but there is a place in their hearts as empty as space. Of all poverty, poverty of the heart is the saddest and most appalling. There is a food for the human heart as well as for the body, but many hearts pine away and die in secret anguish within easy reach of food that would make them glow with health and happiness. The most miserable man-to-day in my opinion is the one who is trying to some degree to be a Christian and still at the same time is pandering to the wishes and ways of the world. He tries to make himself believe that he can drink whiskey, play cards and dance, and still be a follower of Jesus Christ, but he is continually haunted by the thought and fact that he can not serve God and Mammon. O don't believe it's enough for us to quit our meanness and join the Church, but he who would be happy and pleasant to his family and friends, must be born again of that invisible something that comes down from God and turns his heart to sing:

"Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee."

Of course the straight and narrow path is not strewn with flowers all the way, but there are more flowers than thorns. If a man will become a Christian, marry, and let his honeymoon last as long as life lasts, his smiles will all emanate from his heart and it will not be so awful tiresome for him to look pleasant. At best, life has enough heartaches and sighs.

There's a sad refrain to every strain. The brightest day soon closes. But we will take for their sweet sake The thorns mid life's sweet roses. Luther, Texas.

### A LITTLE JOURNEY IN GREECE.

This is a good place from which to write because the drachma—nominally twenty cents or one franc—costs less than fifteen cents now, and consequently a stamp for America (25 leppr) costs less than four cents. From Venice to classic Hellas, the ancient home of the beautiful, takes five days by the moderate Italian steamer, which spends the hours of daylight loading and unloading (mostly winecasks) at Ancona, Bari and Brindisi. The annual wine product of Italy and Greece would float all the world's navies, I fancy and the filth and beggary of Southern Italy are enough to make even a warm friend of the great Catholic Church question if Mohammedanism would not be a great blessing in this priest-ridden land. The Adriatic was as calm as the proverbial millpond and as blue as sapphire for us. We had but six first-class passengers on the good ship "Montenegro," including a French countess and a very interesting young Spaniard who had been educated in England and cares for no family or nation which has not a hoary past. I told him we Americans cared more for "whither" than for "whence." A score of new people—some direct from the London express—came aboard at Brindisi, and many left at Patras for the railroad journey of eight hours to Athens along the beautiful Gulf of Corinth.

The town of Corfu has about 30,000 population, and the new view from the old fort is superb. The whole island, covered with very large olive trees, is most beautiful, and, thanks to a former English occupation, has good carriage roads. At Patras we were met by our courier, or "drago-lady," a Miss Stone, formerly of Boston, who has lived seven years in Greece, speaks all the modern languages, and is a true lady and an enthusiastic archaeologist. We recommend her to any tourists visiting Greece (address, 56 Hadrian St., Athens). Modern Greek resembles the ancient language so much that a good student can read the newspapers of today and can learn the modern pronunciation in a month. It does seem strange enough to see men everywhere reading the news from Port Arthur in the same characters in which we read Homer years ago. The men of this little kingdom ruled by George, a brother of the Queen of England, seem to have little to do except to sit all day in the cafes reading the papers, discussing politics, and sipping tiny cups of coffee. They are usually intelligent looking young men, of good education and temperate habits, but they have a general desire to become lawyers, and they impress an American as possessing great patriotism and a constitutional antipathy to hard work. Scenes on the streets and at the railroad stations would lead one to think the population was overwhelmingly male, and main-

tained, as Plato wished it might be, "without the troublesome inter-mediation of women."

At Patras I ordered two suits of white clothes and white shoes made to measure, which were delivered at the hotel on the same day. Not knowing a word of modern Greek, I used "signs and wonders" and a little silver, which speaks all languages. Patras, like all towns in Greece, is very noisy. Men shout at one another, and dogs bark at one another, all night long, and everything is sold at all hours by street vendors who cry their wares, reminding one of the old rhyme:

"If a man who 'turnips' cries, Cries not when his father dies, 'Tis a proof that he would rather Have a turnip than a father."

At Olympia we spent a quiet night, troubled only by the song of the festive mosquito. We were obliged to leave Patras about 6 a. m., and the train ran about twelve miles per hour through a barren and parched country; but we found Olympia worth any hardship. It is never really a city, but the sacred precinct where the games in honor of Zeus, participated in by people from every part of Greece, were held for more than a thousand years. Thanks to the German excavators, many acres of splendid ruins have been uncovered here, and the Hermes of Praxiteles to be seen in the Museum is the finest expression of manly beauty in all the world of art and worth a journey half round the globe.

At Corinth we found a mud-colored town, built mostly of sun-dried bricks, with about 8,000 people. Old Corinth is three and a half miles distant, and there we looked with greatest interest upon the American excavations, especially the site of the Jewish synagogue, where that arch-heretic, St. Paul, preached as long as his brethren would allow it. Corinth was then a great commercial center. Situated on the narrow isthmus, it commanded the two seas and was full of wealth, profligacy and vice. The Corinthian Church, judging by Paul's letters, seems to have contained more tares than wheat, but Paul knew a living Gospel that could transform the meanest men and make the vilest sinners into sweetest saints. Towering far above the imposing remains of the Doric temple of Apollo which Paul saw many times, is Acro Corinth, a gigantic rock covered with Turkish and Venetian ruins and affording one of the finest views in all Europe. The canal which cuts through the isthmus—about four miles in length—allows the passage of all but the largest ships, and the railroad bridge by which we crossed it is 230 feet above the sparkling blue water.

Of course we visited Mycenae, where the seat and tomb of Agamemnon were excavated by Schliemann, where one must look with awe upon the beautiful gate of the lions, the oldest carving in Europe. This town had passed its bloom before the dawn of history, and yet here are wonderful beehive tombs and stones, 30 feet by 10, built high in mighty walls. From Mycenae we drove to beautiful Nauplia, whose frowning fortress is reached by a flight of 857 steps cut in the rock.

The next day a drive of thirty miles through a most desolate succession of hills brought us to Epidaurus, with its marvelously preserved old theatre, and the miles of ruined temples and courts which marked the seat of the healing god, Aesculapius, whose serpents judging by the votive tablets yet to be seen, healed as many sick as has Dr. Dowie, of Zion City. Epidaurus made me think of the Church of St. Anne de Beupre, near Quebec. Its colossal wealth was plundered, as everybody knows, by the wicked Sulla. Near Nauplia is Tiryns, of whose great walls, 65 feet in thickness, Homer sings, and which according to Pausanias, rivals the Pyramids of Egypt. The ruined palace and fort, with great galleries, are the oldest Cyclopean work in existence. The best works of the ancients have been largely carried to London, Berlin, Munich, and Paris. Much, however, cannot be stolen. The marvelous history, the glorious sun, the laughing blue sea, the bare but noble mountains, the lofty citadels, the ethereal air which makes all seem so close at hand—these remain, and make this classic land, even yet the university of the world.

For traveling in the interior one needs to take his own bed and a sleeping bag which ties closely about the neck. One must put up with tough chicken, stale eggs, and ancient fish, and be prepared to talk some Greek or hire a dragoman. In Athens one finds first class hotels and every comfort at moderate prices, and I hope to write of this growing city in a few days. Much of the land of Greece belongs to the state, and much is uncultivated. The small farmers raise wheat and barley, olives, figs and oranges, tobacco, cotton and grapes, especially the small grape which comes to America as "dried currants." They are delicious when picked, but are dried on the bare ground, and when swept together to be shoveled into boxes much dirt goes

with them to increase the weight and give American cooks real cause for washing before using. Large juicy grapes can be bought anywhere for a cent a hatful. The country abounds in ruined chapels, for the people will never disturb the soil where a chapel or shrine has stood. The Greek Catholic Church prescribes over 125 fast days per year, and shops and banks seem to be closed one-half the time. The people follow the old calendar, as in Russia, and are thirteen days behind the rest of the world. So a letter mailed in Boston, Sept. 15, reached us in Athens, Sept. 14. A very gratifying arrangement—but it has its drawbacks! —Rev. Dillon Bronson in Zion's Herald.

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### If the Baby is Cutting Teeth.

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### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES.

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To the Auxiliaries of the W. F. M. Society, West Texas Conference:

Following is an extract from Mrs. Truheart's recent letter to the Conference Secretaries:

"The Week of Prayer and Thanksgiving is approaching and each heart interested in the success of foreign missions is praying and planning to make the week, not part of it, one of spiritual uplift as well as of large ingathering. God's promises are sure if we claim them, and He will not grow weary if we give ourselves to special services six days."

I trust that any auxiliary having neglected to arrange for the observation of this Week of Prayer, opening Monday, Nov. 21, will do so at once. Let's advance in one unbroken rank to render unto God this reasonable service, making strenuous effort for large attendance.

The programs appeared in both October and November W. F. M. Advocates. We shall expect to glean much inspiring information from the studies assigned, and might we not so emphasize daily offerings of thanksgiving that we would continue to make them throughout the year for special blessings received? Oh, that we, His people, would more frequently give expression to our gratitude in this material way!

Render prayers at every service for the awakening of the uninterested women of our Church, of whom there is a larger per cent in our conference than in any other in the State.

Hoping for the general observance of the week, and that it will bring to us great spiritual power, strengthen every auxiliary, thereby advancing the kingdom of our Lord.

MRS. SAM'L SPEARS,  
Cor. Sec'y Conf. Society,  
Llano, Texas.

### A WORTHY ENTERPRISE.

The ladies of the Woman's Home Mission Society are preparing to hold a bazaar in Sour Lake the second week in December, and as our town is young, our Church only organized about one year ago, and the society less than a year old, we feel like it will be a pleasure to all the older auxiliaries, and to the longer established congregations, for them to lend us a "helping hand" in our present needs. We pledged ourselves early in the summer to raise \$500 for the building fund of our church, which is built, but not finished, or all paid for. We lack \$100 of raising that amount, so we have decided to hold a bazaar. We would so much appreciate any donations or contributions that any of the societies might feel disposed to send us, either in the way of cash or salable articles. We have sent out a few letters to the Presidents of the different societies, but as we know only a very few of them, we thought the Advocate a better medium. There are a great many good, faithful, true Christians who are not members of the society, but would be so glad to send in any little article of fancy work, or little Christmas article to any one who could use it. We need all we can get, as we are anxious to raise the balance of the \$500 pledged.

Evangelist Abe Mulkey will be with us on the 23d inst. We are anticipating a big revival.

MRS. T. J. STEVENS,  
Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.

### W. H. M. SOCIETY, WACO.

The W. H. M. Society of Morrow Street Methodist Church, Waco, for the fifth time observed the Week of Prayer October 10-17. The attendance was unusually good and we found great happiness in being together and in seeking the blessing of our heavenly Father upon our work. We feel sure that many of the petitions offered are already being answered in an increase of fellowship one with another, and in the enlargement of our ideas of the work and of our duties in relation to it. We hope those sweet hours spent together may bear abundant fruit in our future lives as Christian workers.

The topics of the program were taken up each day under the direction of an appointed leader.

On Monday, Mrs. Cunningham being leader, we had the pleasure of hearing a paper read by Miss Elizabeth Taylor, deaconess from the Rebecca Sparks Deaconess Home.

Wednesday, Mrs. Fouts was leader and Mrs. Swinney, evangelist of the W. C. T. U., was with us, and our hearts were thrilled as we listened to her touching accounts of work among outcasts and foreigners.

During the week papers were read on different features of our work by Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Appell, Mrs. James, Mrs. Hester, Mrs. Bolton and others.

The freewill offering amounted to \$3.65; and, as has been our custom heretofore, we filled a barrel with jars

of preserves, jelly, etc., for the Rescue Home at Dallas.

On Sunday morning, our pastor, Rev. J. R. Morris, preached a peculiarly thoughtful and eloquent sermon in the interest of woman, and her work and place in the world. The text was, "It is not good for man to be alone," and we wish every woman, and man, too, in Texas could have heard that most interesting discourse. We hope it may be printed.

Our President, Mrs. Bolton, read to the congregation a brief report of the year's work: Membership, 52; amount raised for all purposes for the year, \$732.44.

So we thank God and take courage. In truth, we need courage, and we need help and comfort, too, for, as a society and as individuals, we have a great trial before us in the near future. We are going to lose our beloved Sister Bolton, who has been our devoted and successful President for four years. Under her wise and energetic management we have worked in perfect harmony and have accomplished what would have been impossible without her guidance.

But conference is near at hand, and our excellent presiding elder, Bro. Bolton, is just completing a successful four years' term on the Waco District. What we greatly fear is that the Bishop will send Bro. Bolton to build up some distant district or station and that he will insist on taking our beloved Sister Bolton with him.

MISS S. C. LAMBORN.  
AN APPEAL.

Please give a small space in the Woman's Department of the dear old Advocate to a request from the Woman's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South at Houston Heights. We are in sore need out here. We are not quite a year old yet, but we have no pastor, no church, and we therefore ask through your department that all who may read this and feel like giving a mite to help to get a church here to do so, and it will be very gratefully received. This writer is an ardent lover of the Methodist Church and its mission work. We need a Sunday-school badly at this place. There are over 3,000 people out here, and we have no Church, no teacher, so in the name of our good Lord, help us in some way. We are working to raise money to put a church out here, but it is slow work for the women alone. The good Book says: "Ask and ye shall receive, if ye have faith." We beg all Treasurers in this conference to take a collection for us and send it to Mrs. L. H. Sites 1017 1/2 Capitol Avenue, Houston, Texas. She is our good Treasurer of the W. H. M. Society.

### W. H. M. SOCIETY, BRIDGEPORT.

It has been quite a lapse of time since any notice of what our auxiliary is doing appeared in the Christian Advocate. While we have not improved our opportunities as we should, and there is not the deep interest manifested we would like to see, still we feel encouraged, and our hearts swell with gratitude to God when, in reviewing the past year's labors, we see how He has blessed and prospered the work of this auxiliary.

The meetings are held regularly each Thursday afternoon and the attendance is very good. We have a membership of twenty-six. The Week of Prayer was held in joint meetings with the Foreign Missionary Society, holding services each afternoon.

The different departments of the work were considered and emphasized in a manner most interesting and calculated to arouse zeal and enthusiasm. The thank offering amounted to \$2.85.

May our spiritual life increase, giving us courage to follow the Savior's command to "cast your net into the sea," knowing that He will give the increase and our labor will not be in vain.

We hope to accomplish more in the future, taking for our watchword, "Onward and Upward."

MRS. W. W. BARBER,  
Aux. Press Reporter.

### W. H. M. SOCIETY, BELTON.

The program for the Week of Prayer, as outlined in Our Homes, was faithfully observed by this auxiliary. While the attendance was not so large as we had expected, those who availed themselves of this opportunity for studying home mission work were greatly benefited thereby.

The papers read showed careful and prayerful study of the topics assigned. The home mission sermon, delivered by our pastor, Rev. C. W. Daniel, on Sunday morning, was a fitting climax to the week's study.

As a result, we feel that we have been brought in closer touch with the

Master, and that His blessings of divine wisdom and guidance have smoothed the rough places along the lines of work in which we are engaged.

We have become more thoroughly consecrated to His service, and we start into another year's work with renewed strength, fully determined to do in the coming year more than we have in the past.

MRS. WALTER J. LEE,  
Press Supt.

One indication of religious progress in Japan is that there are enrolled 43,000 members of Protestant Churches and 550,000 Sunday-school scholars.

A copy of the New Testament was recently found upon the dead body of a Japanese soldier before Port Arthur. The agents of the Bible Society have preserved this book as a precious relic, and as a token of the new Japan. This brings to mind that about 200,000 Bibles were distributed in Japan last year, about seven-eighths of which were disposed of by sale. The tract societies and publishing houses put out about three-quarters of a million volumes of religious books, and a union hymnal has been issued by the Protestant Churches.

### BE STILL AND KNOW.

Rev. J. H. Rowlett says: "How can God give us visions when life is hurrying at a precipitate rate? I have stood in the National Gallery, and seen people gallop round the chamber, and glance at twelve of Turner's pictures in the space of five minutes. Surely we might say to such trippers: 'Be still and know Turner!' Gaze quietly at one little bit of cloud or at one branch, or at one wave of the sea, or at any one ray of the drifting moon. 'Be still and know Turner.' But God has difficulty in getting us still. That is perhaps why He has sometimes employed the ministry of dreams. Men have had 'visions in the night.' In the daytime I have a divine visitor in the shape of some worthy thought or noble impulse or hallowed suggestion, but I am in such feverish haste that I do not heed it, and pass along. I do not 'turn aside to see this great thing,' and so I lose the heavenly vision. If I would know more of God I must relax the strain and moderate the pace. I must 'be still.'"

### THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH MEMBER FOR ATTENDANCE.

The Orderly Conduct and Interest of the Meetings.

We are taught in the Book of books that Jesus, while on earth, despised not little things. He did not eulogize the ones who cast large money into the treasury, but the story of the widow's mite as He told it has come to us down the ages, ringing with eternal truth for 1904 years.

God bends his mighty listening ear to catch the most simple prayer whispered by the smallest child, as quickly and joyously as he would to hear the most eloquent petition sent heavenward. Life is made up of little things, which go to form the sparkling gems in the crown worn in the "Sweet By and By."

"Little deeds of kindness,  
Little words of love,  
Make our earth an Eden,  
Like the heaven above."

It is not always the quarters and dollars that are first in good works. Once an American quarter of a dollar, with the proud figure of Liberty seated in all her dignity on it, is said to have looked down contemptuously on a copper cent with the savage head of a red Indian on it, and to have said: "Oh, you dark-skinned, feather-trimmed barbarian, do you call yourself a coin?" "Well, whatever I am," said the copper cent, "I am oftener found in missionary meetings than you are."

So, my dear sisters, each one of us, as members of our beloved society, have our mission, and be it ever so small, we should perform it, with enthusiasm, prayerful hearts, and glad love to successfully perfect the mighty whole, knowing that we can not all be leaders, but we can all be steadfast followers of our Lord.

The question has been asked: "What is that in thine hand?" It can well be asked of each of us. Some have time; do we give a part of this to the cause of the Master? Do we notice how many of those precious golden moments, "each tipped with sixty diamond seconds," are allowed, every day to roll off into the dead past, without one single kind thought or deed being chronicled? Remember, sisters, time in the grave passes unmarked, so we must grasp the present, and fill every hour with little grains of kindness, which can be laid at the Master's feet.

Some of us have talents, precious gifts, direct from the lavish hand of our Creator. Do we cultivate our one or our five talents? Do we keep them

like burnished gold, or do we wrap them in the mouldy rag of indifference, hidden away from mortal sight? Let us be ready to say when our Christ calls: "Here, dear Lord, are the two for the one, that thou gavest me, or the ten for the five." Keep them bright and glowing by being ever busy doing good.

"At home, abroad, the whole world through,  
There is work for all to do;  
Then haste ye, haste, no longer refuse  
These God-given talents to use."

Again, "What is that in thine hand? Some have possessions. Are we cheerful givers to the cause of Christ? The law says one-tenth. God himself ordained the "tithe bridge" to span every financial distress. His name is already on the check, and we have only to sign it. This check reads: "And of all thou shalt give me, I shall surely give one-tenth to thee." Have we signed this and helped even in a small way to fill the treasury of our Christ? Join the tithers, sisters, and God will show you his tender mercy and bless you abundantly in storehouse and basket. This is the only right way.

Yes, the regular attendance of each member, who has her name on our roll, and the shouldering of these responsibilities, the discharging of these duties, is the only way to enable the Woman's Home Mission Society to successfully inscribe "Excelsior" on the blood-stained banner of Cavalry. Perfect order while the society is in session means enthusiasm, means interest and success. But the members of our society are ladies, all willing to do and dare for the right, all willing to hold up the hand of our loved President, even till the sun goes down, knowing well that disorderly conduct means lack of interest and even annihilation.

Now, sisters, as a zealous band of workers for Christ, let's love each other more, pray for each other more, combined as one mighty chain of powerful golden links, fastened securely to the foot of the cross.

"Come, leave thy selfish hopes and see  
Thy birthright of humanity;  
Shun sorrow not; be brave to bear  
The world's dark weight of sin and care;  
Spend and be spent; yearn, suffer,  
give,  
And in thy brethren learn to live."

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MINUTES.

Of the forty-sixth session of the West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Cuero, beginning Nov. 9, 1904, and ending Nov. 14, 1904. Bishop E. E. Hoss, President; Sterling Fisher, Secretary. Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Brantley Alvey Meyers, August S. Swanson are in this class. 2. Who remain on trial? Marcus Williamson, Elliott P. Ledbetter, Marshall P. Morton, J. A. Foster. 3. Who are discontinued? None. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Wm. R. Nelson, James Walker Black, Wallace M. Crutchfield, Robert F. Wilkes, Rex B. Wilkes, A. Y. Old, Orceuth F. Hatfield, Reuben A. Waltrip. 5. Who are readmitted? Robert L. McIntyre. 6. Who are received by transfer from other conferences? W. D. Amack and J. T. Swanson, from Southwest Missouri; J. S. Simmons, from Indian Mission Conference; J. E. Martin and T. J. Upton, from St. Louis Conference; N. G. Ozment, from North Texas Conference; A. Weeks, H. D. Huddleston and S. L. Burke, from Texas Conference; P. B. Summers, from Arkansas Conference; J. D. Lewis, from North Georgia Conference; T. A. Matthews, from Tennessee Conference; J. A. Foster, from Pacific Conference; E. D. Mouzan, from Southwest Missouri Conference; J. R. Mood, from Mexican Border Mission Conference; Simeon Shaw, from Indian Mission Conference; R. A. Waltrip, from Texas Conference; Chas. T. Davis, from Holston Conference. 7. Who are the deacons for one year? Charles M. Rabe, Cullom H. Booth, E. Thurston Campbell, Stonewall L. Burke, Robert L. McIntyre. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Jas. Walker Black, Wm. H. Nelson, Reuben A. Waltrip, Rex B. Wilkes, Augustus Y. Old. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Jas. W. Black, Wm. H. Nelson, Reuben A. Waltrip, Rex B. Wilkes, Augustus Y. Old. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Lemuel B. Newberry. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Lemuel B. Newberry. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Jas. A. Pledger, Wallace A. Dunn, Reuben S. Pierce. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Jas. A. Pledger, Wallace A. Dunn, Reuben S. Pierce.

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14. What local preachers are elected elders? None. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None. 16. Who are located this year? D. A. Gregg, W. T. Burke, E. A. Potts, W. F. Gibbons, at their own request; E. B. Galloway. 17. Who are supernumerary? None. 18. Who are superannuated? J. S. Gillett, Wm. Monk, H. G. Horton, J. F. Denton, N. W. Keith, M. Leaton, W. J. Joyce, S. G. Shaw, W. O. Shugart, H. T. Hill, W. H. Killough, A. G. Nolen, J. A. Wright, J. M. Shuford, J. T. Gillett, C. Williamson, B. Harris, I. K. Wailer. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? J. L. Kennedy. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called and characters passed except W. H. Wages and L. M. Neal, who had surrendered the credentials and withdrawn from the ministry. (Questions 21 to 44, inclusive, see statistical table.) 45. Where shall the next session of the conference be held? Lockhart, Texas. 46. Where are the preachers stationed this year? (See appointments.)

APPOINTMENTS.

SAN MARCOS DISTRICT. Jno. W. Stovall, P. E. San Marcos Station—New Harris. Staples Circuit—V. G. Thomas. Seguin and Mill C. Buchanan. Luling Circuit—J. D. Worrell. Gonzales Station—Thos. Gregory. Lockhart Station—A. W. Wilson. Tilton Circuit—To be supplied. Kyle Station—W. A. Dunn. Pleasant Grove Circuit—J. J. Shaw. Buda Circuit—J. W. Long. Dripping Springs Circuit—Aug. S. Swanson. Belmont Circuit—Lewis McVae, supply. Waelder and Thompsonville—J. C. Russell. President Coronal Institute—Sterling Fisher. Professor in Coronal—W. M. Crutchfield. Student in Southwestern University—E. T. Campbell.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT. W. J. Johnson, P. E. San Antonio, Travis Park—E. D. Mouzan. West End—A. J. Weeks. Prospect Hill—A. B. Davidson. Sherman Street—J. D. Dorsey. South Heights, South Flores and Comal—R. L. Killian, supply. Laredo Station—F. H. C. Elliott. Carrizo Springs and Batesville—J. S. Simmons. Bexar Circuit—A. Y. Old. Fearsall Station—J. J. Franks. Cotulla Circuit—T. G. Woods, supply. Uvalde Station—R. A. Rowland. Eagle Pass Station—J. D. Lewis. Devine Circuit—V. V. Boone. Hondo—G. M. Hall. Utopia Circuit—N. G. Ozment. Del Rio Station—J. R. Mood. Del Rio Mission—J. A. Foster. Amphion Mission—To be supplied. President San Antonio Female College—J. E. Harrison.

AUSTIN DISTRICT. J. M. Alexander, P. E. Austin, Tenth Street—S. H. Werlein. Hotchkiss Memorial—D. K. Porter. First Street—T. A. Matthews. South Austin—C. W. Meyers. Walnut Circuit—Gaston Hartfield, supply. Bastrop Station—C. H. Booth. Webberville Circuit—J. A. King. West Point Circuit—R. A. Waltrip. McDade Circuit—R. S. Collier. LaGrange—C. M. Rabe. Manor Station—J. W. Harmon. Elgin Station—L. E. B. B. Moore. Welmar Circuit—H. B. Henry. Eagle Lake Circuit—W. C. Bracewell. Manchaca Circuit—F. J. Perrin. Smithville—E. G. Hocutt. Columbus Station—W. D. Wendel. Cedar Creek Circuit—To be supplied.

BEEVILLE DISTRICT. Joe F. Webb, P. E. Beeville Station—J. T. H. Miller. Goliad Circuit—J. M. Linn. Corpus Christi Station—S. B. Beall. Brownsville Mission—S. Mills. Pleasanton Circuit—M. K. Fred. Alice Circuit—C. W. Perkins. Oakville Circuit—J. J. Calloway. Floresville Station—M. A. Black. Mathis Circuit—T. J. Upton. Laveria Mission—R. S. Pierce. Stockdale Circuit—W. Black. Berclair Mission—W. D. Williamson. Rockport and Aransas Pass—W. D. Amack. Kenedy Circuit—J. E. Buck.

CUERO DISTRICT. J. C. Wilson, P. E. Cuero Station—I. T. Morris. Victoria Station—E. J. Martin. Edna Station—C. F. Annis. Shiner Mission—E. P. Ledbetter. Hallettsville Circuit—R. S. Adair. Leesville Circuit—J. B. Gordon. Nursery Circuit—To be supplied. Fort Lavaca Mission—Wm. H. Nelson. Clear Creek Circuit—To be supplied. Yoakum Station—L. B. Ellis. Rancho Circuit—Marcos Williamson. Runge Circuit—W. A. Govett. Flatonia Station—B. H. Passmore. El Campo Circuit—O. F. Hatfield. Palacios Mission—To be supplied.

LLANO DISTRICT. W. H. H. Biggs, P. E. Llano Station—E. E. Swanson. San Saba Station—A. L. Scarborough. San Saba Mission—F. B. Barton, supply. Kerrville Station—Jesse T. King. Center Point Station—F. A. White. Blanco Circuit—J. P. Garrett. Boerne Circuit—M. P. Morton. Bandera and Medina—B. L. Glazner. Willow City Circuit—M. J. Allen. Cherokee and Valley Springs—C. W. Godwin, supply. Johnson City Circuit—Rex B. Wilkes. Burnet and Marble Falls—Theophilus Lee. Liberty Hill and Leander—Z. V. Liles. Rock Springs and Barksdale—To be supplied. Bertram Circuit—J. A. Pledger. Sunny Lane Mission—B. A. Myers. Kingsland Mission—R. L. McIntyre.

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT. J. D. Scott, P. E. San Angelo Station—Simon Shaw. San Angelo Circuit—J. T. Weems, supply. Water Valley Circuit—D. C. Ross. Sherwood Circuit—M. T. Allen. Miles Station—Chas. T. Davis. Osona Station—A. H. Besso.

Sonora Circuit—Robert Palme. Sterling City Circuit—S. L. Burke. Paint Rock Circuit—S. J. Drake. Pontotoc Circuit—S. J. Franks, supply. Brady Station—J. T. Swanson. Brady Circuit—H. D. Huddleston. Milburn Circuit—R. D. Moon. Junction City Circuit—S. C. Dunn, supply. Mason Circuit—P. B. Summers. Lampasas Station—W. T. Harris. Goldthwaite Station—T. T. Harris. Center City Circuit—W. B. Moon. Lometa Circuit—W. R. Keathley. Menardville Circuit—W. R. Campbell. San Angelo Training School—T. F. Sessions.

TRANSFERRED—E. S. Smith, C. M. Thompson, J. W. Moore, W. Wootton, and G. E. Graves to the Texas Conference; F. L. McGehee, G. W. Bianton, to North Texas Conference; Hal A. Burns, to Indian Mission; N. B. Thompson, to North Georgia Conference; J. O. Lawrence to Alabama Conference; A. V. Harbin to Central Mexican Mission.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

To the Beneficiaries of the Conference Collection of the North Texas Conference: The Joint Board of Finance will send out no blanks this year. They will be guided by the statements of last year. If anyone's condition has materially changed and should be known by the Board, please notify the President, L. P. Smith, Dodd City, Texas, or write to the Secretary, P. C. ARCHER, Sherman, Texas.

I will be at the First National Bank of Bonham during conference, where I will receive deposits of your entire conference collection. If you have deposited blanks there on Monday and Tuesday before the opening of conference, and some one to receive your money. This is for your convenience and so you may deposit your collections on arrival and before the rush begins. Would request every one to deposit not later than the end of first day of conference, so I can make up reports to the several boards, thus enabling them to get to work the following day. B. M. BURGHER, Conf. Teller.

All the roads traversing our territory have made a rate to Bonham of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan. If your agent has not received instructions to that effect when you buy your ticket get a receipt for same and you will get the reduced rate returning. ROBERT GIBBS MOOD, Secretary.

The class of the second year will please meet the committee in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Bonham, Texas, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p. m. W. A. STUCKEY, Chairman.

The class of the third year, North Texas Conference, will meet the committee Monday night, Nov. 21, at 7:30 in the First Baptist Church, Bonham, Texas. J. J. CLARK, Chairman.

Let every member of the conference whose wife intends to attend, notify me at once; I can not promise a home unless notified not later than November 1st. If the single preachers of the conference will notify me of the fact, I shall appreciate it, and some of them may get nearer the church by virtue of their singleness, and may— If any brother has special needs or desires in regard to his entertainment, please write me fully. Your needs shall be supplied and, if possible, your desires shall be gratified. Albe Mulkey begins a meeting in my church October 28th. I request the earnest prayers of every reader of these lines therefor. C. M. HARLESS, P. C.

The committee and class for admission on trial in the North Texas Conference will meet at First Baptist Church, Bonham, Texas, November 22, at 2 o'clock p. m. W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, Chm.

To Members of the North Texas Conference: Owing to the increased cost of publishing the minutes for the past few years it is imperative that the assessments for this purpose should be brought up in full. I am getting all the advertising I can to supplement the amount appropriated for this purpose, but it will be barely enough if the entire assessment is paid. This is a heavy task of itself, without the Secretary being embarrassed by a deficit. Please do your best to bring this assessment up in full. It is small on each charge. Announcements regarding rates, etc., to the conference will be made in a few days. ROBERT GIBBS MOOD, Sec.

The class of the fourth year in the North Texas Conference will meet in pastor's study, First M. E. Church, South, Bonham, Texas, Tuesday evening, Nov. 22, at 7:30. J. W. HILL, Chm.

The class of the first year will please meet at C. P. Church, in the city of Bonham, promptly at 7 o'clock on Monday evening, Nov. 21. Let every member of the class be present. L. P. SMITH, Chairman.

NOTICE.

To Presiding Elders of North Texas Conference: The presiding elders are requested to meet at the Methodist Church in Bonham on Tuesday, 2:30 p. m., 22d inst., as a Committee on Nominations, and for other preliminary work. JNO. H. McLEAN.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The class of the second year is requested to meet the committee in the First Methodist Church Tuesday, Nov. 23, at Marshall, Texas, and if some other place has been selected for this class by that time we will go in body to the place selected. V. A. GODBEY, Chm.

TEXAS CONFERENCE R. R. RATES. For the fifty-fifth session of the Texas Annual Conference the railroads travers-

ing the territory embraced by the conference have granted a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip on the certificate plan. Procure your certificate when you buy your ticket, that signed by the Secretary of the conference will give you a return rate of one cent per mile. JAS. W. DOWNS, Sec'y Texas Conference.

BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE, TAKE NOTICE.

The Board of Missions of the Texas Conference is called to meet at the First Methodist Church in Marshall, Monday, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p. m. The importance of this meeting at the time set will be apparent to the members of the Board. Let there be a full attendance. J. T. SMITH, President.

Llano District—First Round.

Willow City, at Willow City, Nov. 26, 27. Blanco, at Blanco, 11 a. m. Nov. 29. Johnson City, at Round Mountain, 11 a. m., Nov. 29. Sunny Lane, at Lankford, Dec. 3, 4. Bertram, at Bertram, 11 a. m. Dec. 6. Liberty Hill and Leander, at Leander, 11 a. m., Dec. 7. Burnet and Marble Falls, at B, 11 a. m. Dec. 8. Kingsland, at Kingsland, Dec. 10, 11. Llano, at Llano, 7 p. m. Dec. 12. Kerrville, at K, 7 p. m. Dec. 15. Bandera and Medina, at Tarpicy, Dec. 17, 18. Center Point, at C, 3 p. m. Dec. 21. Boerne, at Boerne, Dec. 24, 25. San Saba sta, at San Saba, 7 p. m. Dec. 29. San Saba mis, at Chapel, 3 p. m. Dec. 31. Cherokee and Valley Spgs, 9 a. m. Jan. 2. W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

Cuero District—First Round.

Edna, 4th Sun Nov. Flatonia, 1st Sun Dec. Runge, at Runge, 2d Sun Dec. Victoria, 3d Sun Dec. Hallettsville, 4th Sun Dec. Yoakum, 1st Sun Jan. El Campo, at El Campo, 2d Sun Jan. Palacios, at Markham, 3d Sun Jan. Rancho, at Rancho, 4th Sun Jan. Leesville, at Liberty, 5th Sun Jan. Shiner, at Shiner, 1st Sun Feb. Fort Lavaca, at Fort L., 2d Sun Feb. Nursery, at Nursery, 3d Sun Feb. Cuero, 4th Sun Feb. Clear Creek, at Clear Creek, 1st Sun Mech. J. C. Wilson, P. E.

THE LATE ELECTION.

The following is a tabulated report of the election:

Table with 2 columns: State and Number of Votes. For Roosevelt: California 10, Colorado 5, Connecticut 7, Delaware 3, Idaho 3, Illinois 27, Indiana 15, Iowa 13, Kansas 10, Maine 6, Massachusetts 16, Michigan 14, Minnesota 11, Missouri 18, Montana 3, Nebraska 8, Nevada 3, New Hampshire 4, New York 39, New Jersey 12, North Dakota 4, Ohio 23, Oregon 34, Pennsylvania 34, Rhode Island 4, South Dakota 4, Utah 3, Vermont 4, Washington 5, West Virginia 7, Wisconsin 13, Wyoming 3. Total 335. For Parker: Alabama 11, Arkansas 9, Florida 5, Georgia 13, Kentucky 13, Louisiana 9, Maryland 8, Mississippi 10, North Carolina 12, South Carolina 9, Tennessee 12, Texas 18, Virginia 12. Total 141. Total electoral votes, 476. Necessary to elect, 239. Electoral vote in 1900—McKinley, 292; Bryan, 155. Electoral vote in 1896—McKinley, 271; Bryan, 176.

MARRIAGES.

James Perminter.—Nov. 6, 1904, at Roswell, N. M., by Rev. S. R. Twitty, Mr. Elijah James and Miss Mattie Perminter. Dickey-Kress.—Nov. 9, 1904, in Groesbeck, Texas, Mr. W. Jay Dickey, of Thornton, Texas, and Miss Etta Kress, of Groesbeck, Texas, Rev. F. M. Winburne officiating. Daughtry-Simpson.—At the M. E. Church, South, Nov. 3, 1904, Mr. J. R. Daughtry and Miss Maud Simpson, Rev. B. T. James officiating.

Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

St. Louis—Account World's Fair, various rates and limits, now on sale. Chicago—Account International Live Stock Exposition, one fare plus \$2, Nov. 20 to 28, limited Dec. 7. Houston—Account No-Tsu-Oh, convention rates, Nov. 20 to 23, limited Nov. 28. For further information ask any Santa Fe agent, or write W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., Galveston.

REVIVAL NOTES FOR 1904.

I closed my meeting at Gainesville, Ark., last Sunday night with more than 40 members for the Methodist Church. This year about 1500 have joined the Church, and more than 2,000 renewed their Church covenants. About 300 infants baptized. I had many calls that came too late to make the pastor a date. Let me urge at this point that pastors wishing my services address me at once and inclose stamp for prompt reply. W. H. EVANS (Wild Bill), 356 Thomas Ave., Dallas, Texas.

INFORMATION WANTED.

If any one knows the address of my two boys, J. D. and J. B. Morgan, please address. MRS. A. E. MORGAN, Bedias, Texas.

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THE GAP IN THE FENCE.

An old writer tells a story of a man who pride himself on his great morality, and expect to be saved by it, who was constantly saying: "I am doing pretty well, on the whole; I sometimes get mad and swear, but then I am strictly honest; I work on Sunday when I am particularly busy, but I give a good deal to the poor, and I was never drunk in my life."

This man once hired a canny Scotchman to build a fence round his lot, and gave him very particular directions as to his work. In the evening, when the Scotchman came in from his labor, the man said:

"Well, Jock, is the fence built, and is it tight and strong?" "I can not say that it is all tight and strong," replied Jock; "but it is a good average fence, anyhow. If some parts are a little weak, others are extra strong. I don't know but I may have left a gap here and there, a yard wide or so; but then I have made up for it by doubling the number of rails on each side of the gap. I dare say that the cattle will find it a very good fence, on the whole, and will like it, though I cannot just say that it's perfect."

"What!" cried the man, not seeing the point, "do you tell me that you have built a fence around my lot with weak places in it, and gaps in it? Why, you might as well have built no fence at all. If there is one opening, or a place where an opening can be made, the cattle will be sure to find it, and all will go through. Don't you know man, that a fence must be perfect or it is worthless."

"I used to think so," said the dry Scotchman, "but I hear you talk so much about averaging matters with the Lord, seems to me that we might try it with the cattle. If an average fence will not do for them, I am afraid that an average character will not do on the day of judgment."—Forward.

GOD'S LOVE.

'Twas God's love that in the God-head dwelt, For fallen man, so deeply felt, That He his Son did freely give To die, that sinful man might live. Might live, through all eternity; Blest be the Holy Trinity. T. H. YARBROUGH.

If thou wilt put thy trust in God, thy life-sun shall not go down in darkness, however dark the clouds of misfortune and sorrow may gather around you; for He will sustain you, and be as a bright and shining light to thee. T. H. Y.

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POETRY CAN IN NO CASE BE INSERTED.

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SPOONER.—Horace Nelson Spooner was born July 30, 1842, at Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi. He came to Texas in 1859. He served in the Confederate Army throughout the great conflict, and at its close returned to Galveston. In 1866 he was married to Miss Julia A. Foote, who, with three daughters and one son, survive him. He came to Hill County in 1869, and to Hillsboro in 1881, and has resided here ever since, until at 8:25 o'clock on the evening of June 29, 1904, his spirit was released from its earthly tabernacle and returned to the God who gave it. Bro. Spooner was one of that number who enjoyed a happy and definite Christian experience. He was genuinely converted at 14 years of age, and continued in the faith, living a devoted Christian life till the end, holding unbroken connection with the Methodist Church. Few men have impressed their Christian fidelity upon my mind and heart more than this man. For nearly three years I have been in close touch with his life, and can bear unequivocal testimony to the fact that, like Enoch, he walked with God. He was a man of faith. He loved God and the Church, and had an abiding faith in the divinity of the Church's mission. He had no sort of compromise to make with the notions of the world that would reduce the Church to human methods for success. His faith found expression in his loyalty to the Church and to her institutions. His fidelity to every trust was one of his marked characteristics. No man can doubt that H. N. Spooner was to be trusted at every point where fidelity to duty was involved. For long years he served as a steward of this Church, and his brethren can bear testimony to the fact that he was faithful. His seat in the congregation was always filled when it was possible at all for him to be present, and when during these past few months he was hindered by failing health, his sorrow for such inability to attend upon divine services was always evident. He was a man of prayer. When he was married he began with the first night of married life to conduct family prayer, and from that habit he never departed. Fortunately for such a man, no dying word of testimony is needed. His life speaks far louder to-day than dying testimony could have done without such a life. When I last saw him, six hours before death came to relieve him, he was suffering—calm, but confident. Death can have no real terrors for a man who, like Bro. Spooner, walked continually with God. "He was not, for God took him," may well be said of this good man. His sorrowing loved ones have the profoundest sympathy of a large circle of friends, who held their departed loved one in highest Christian esteem. As for me, I can truly say, as I mourn his loss, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

JEROME DUNCAN.

TURNER.—Died at her home in Hillsboro, Texas, Dec. 12, 1901, Julia Spooner Turner, daughter of H. N. and J. A. Spooner. She was born April 28, 1879, and at her death was 22 years old. She was happily married to Mr. J. T. Turner Feb. 6, 1901. The years J. T. Turner Feb. 6, 1901. The years of her life were few, but they were crowded with acts of Christian duty and loving service. So when looking on her face, more beautiful in death than in life, one would instinctively quote, "The good die young." Hers was a Christian death, and after bidding adieu to the loved ones around her bedside and exhorting them with a shining face to meet her in heaven, she passed into the shadow of the valley of death with scarcely a shudder, supported and comforted by the rod and staff of the gentle Shepherd. The funeral services were conducted from the Methodist Church by Rev. Jerome Duncan, pastor of the Church, and C. R. Wright, former pastor and who officiated at her marriage ten months before, when she passed down the same aisle a happy bride. The schools were she was educated were dismissed as a token of esteem felt for her. Her beloved father has since joined her in that realm of peace and joy.

A LOVED ONE.

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JOHNSON.—In the triumphant death of Mrs. Mary Holt Johnson was again beautifully proven the truth of the Scripture statement, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Coming as she did, from a very religious and pronounced Methodist family, it could hardly be otherwise than that she should develop into a beautiful, well-rounded Christian character. She was born to my schoolmates, John B. and Alice Holt, at Greenville, Texas, Dec. 7, 1881, and was granddaughter to Col. Asa Holt, of Abilene, Texas, and Mr. S. M. Strayhorn, of Granger, Texas. After the death of her father, which occurred when she was 7 years old, she removed with the family to Abilene, and for six years made her home with her grandfather. In addition to the instruction of city schools, she received the finishing work of her education at Belmont College, Tennessee, and Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. Such parentage and such educational advantages could but give promise of great results, and in this her loved ones were not disappointed. Her mother having married Dr. J. A. Pipkin, she removed with the family to Waco in 1894, and May 7, 1901, she was happily married by the writer to Mr. C. T. Johnson, of Leger, Okla. With her devoted Christian husband they gave their lives afresh to God, and for two bright happy years, hand in hand, did the Lord's work. She was President of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and, possessed of a sweet, clear voice, delighted to lay its best service at the Master's feet, in the service of song. Her last religious work was to visit the sick and comfort the sorrowing; and while at active duty was seized of the sickness which terminated her days. After a lingering illness of typhoid fever she was brought to Waco, and all that medical skill could do was done by her stepfather and her uncle, Dr. John M. Strayhorn; but to no avail. Nothing could stay the progress of the disease, and May 15, 1903, the patient, Christian sufferer, surrounded by her loved ones, gently passed into the rest of the Redeemer. Though much of the time before she came to crossing of the river she was delirious, yet at lucid intervals she gave clear testimony to her preparations for the change, and her sorrowing loved ones will know where to find her, for they sorrow not as those who have no hope. May God grant unto them an unbroken reunion in the sweet by and by, where death will separate no more. Her pastor, M. S. HOTCHKISS.

MALONE.—James L. Malone was born in Carroll County, Georgia, Oct. 25, 1825; moved to Austin, Texas, in 1846; was married to Miss Eliza Pope Pitts March 14, 1859. To this union were born sixteen children, thirteen of whom lived to be grown, and eleven of whom survive him, and all of whom but two are consistent and useful members of the Church. He has fifty living grandchildren and twenty-eight great-grandchildren. For many years he was one of the most enterprising farmers of Hays County. His hospitable home was the gathering place for a large circle of friends. He professed religion Oct. 5, 1891, during a revival held by Bro. Abe Mulkey, and joined the Methodist Church, in which he lived a devoted Christian life until July 19, 1904, when he went to his reward. Long before he became a Christian he was a warm and liberal supporter of the Church and a preacher's friend. Nothing he ever had was too good to divide with the pastor of his family. In addition to his own large family he raised several orphan children. He was always kind and helpful to the needy. This consecrated Christian, devoted husband and father has now gone to his reward and may the blessings of God be upon his devoted wife, who is left to make the rest of the journey alone. And may he graciously keep the children in the way of truth. NEW HARRIS, P. C. San Marcos, Texas.

HARDEMAN.—Bro. John E. Harde- man, the subject of this sketch, was born in Maury County, Tennessee, May 20, 1837. He came to Texas in November, 1870, and in 1890 was happily converted under the ministry of Rev. I. N. Reeves, and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Jewell, Texas, where he remained a faithful and efficient member until death came, the first of February, 1904. He was a good steward from the time of his union with the Church till the day of his union in heaven with loved ones departed. His home was the preachers' home, whose company he enjoyed very much. Affliction for a number of years caused him to live in constant expectation for the call from labor to reward. When the summons came he was ready to go. It was my happy privilege to visit him just before he went. As I bade him good bye he took me by the hand, saying that he had not long to stay, and with finger pointing upward, in a low, weak voice said, "If I don't see you any more, I will be up yonder; I will be waiting."

C. C. CHANEY, Jewell, Texas.

BROWNE.—Lucius H. Browne was born in Huntsville, Ark., Dec. 17, 1838. His father came to Texas in 1849 and settled at Lockhart, Caldwell County. He graduated in 1859 from Baylor University, then located at Independence, Washington County. He then went to Alabama, in which State he was licensed to practice law. Soon after receiving license war was declared between the States, and he enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private, but was soon promoted to First Lieutenant, and served as such to the close of the war. In 1873 he entered the practice of law in Goliad, Texas, and rose to distinction in his profession in having been elected District Attorney of the Seventeenth Judicial District in 1876, and afterwards declined an appointment to the Court of Civil Appeals. He was regarded as one of the ablest lawyers in the State, and made a large fortune in the practice of this profession. He was three times married, the first time was to Miss Lucilla Kilgore. To this union were born two sons—John L. Browne, of Karnes City, Texas, and Newbern H. Browne, of Goliad, Texas. The second marriage was to Miss Philena Whitty, by which two sons were born, only one of whom survives him—Whitty H. Browne, of Helena, Texas. The third marriage was to Miss Alice V. Butler, by whom four children were born—Mrs. Guy S. Combs, of San Antonio, Texas; Mrs. A. J. Bell, of Brownsville, Texas; Lucius H., Jr., and Josie Browne, of San Marcos, Texas. Bro. Browne possessed a cultivated mind. He was a man of commanding appearance, and a man of extraordinary conversational powers. He was a devoted Christian, a kind husband and father, and in his death the Church has lost a useful member and liberal supporter, the community a public-spirited citizen, and the family an affectionate husband and father. May the God of all grace comfort the bereaved family in their deep sorrow.

NEW HARRIS, P. C. San Marcos, Texas.

GRIFFITH.—Johnnie T. Griffith was born in Franklin County, Texas, Dec. 2, 1884, and died at Mt. Vernon, Texas, Sept. 9, 1904. During infancy he moved with his parents to Hopkins County, and there lived until a few months before his departure. Reared in a Christian home, rocked in the cradle of piety, Johnnie early gave his heart to God, and in 1898 joined the Methodist Church at Saltillo. He was always a good boy, and a favorite among his associates. Possibly no young man in Hopkins County has had more friends than he, and the very large crowd at his funeral evidenced the high esteem in which he was held. He was active in the business world the last year of his life, and the men with whom he dealt testify to his integrity of character and uprightness of conduct. But he will be most missed in the home—the pride of his mother's life, the joy of his father's heart. Only Christ can fill the vacancy. The writer had a talk with him during his sickness, and he said everything was clear between him and God. He is gone, but we know where to find him. Some sweet day, beyond this vale of tears, we will look into his face again. May God's sustaining grace be sufficient for the bereft parents, brothers and sister.

C. R. GRAY.

CRAWFORD.—Miss Dora Crawford was born in Upshire County, Georgia, in 1852. She was the daughter of Rev. William Crawford, who for fifty years was an honored and useful minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Miss Dora moved to Atlanta, Texas, in 1885, where she has since resided with her brother, Mr. Trevor Cairns, until her death, which occurred Sept. 29, 1904. She became a Christian in early life and united with the Church her father loved so devotedly and served so long. She was a devout, loyal Christian, tender, patient and true in every relation in life. During her long, painful illness she gave beautiful expression to the abiding faith of a sweet, pure life. The sacred influence of her life abides. May the richest blessings of an All-wise Father strengthen the lives of the loved ones who remain. Our dear friend is gone. But if we will only be true to the nobler aims and purposes of life, we shall have a happy reunion when the brief span of life shall have closed.

C. B. CROSS.

SEARLS.—The death angel has visited the home of Brother and Sister Thomas Searls and claimed for his own little Virgil Chapman Searls; born Dec. 20, 1899; died Nov. 4, 1904. Virgil was a sweet-faced, curly-headed little boy, and will live for a long time in the memory of parents and friends. Everything that kind, loving hands could do was done, but death was the victor. A sad blow indeed. But Brother and Sister Searls are Christians, and believe that God doeth all things well. Weep not, loved parents; grieve not, dear brother and sisters. What you have lost heaven has gained.

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**NORRIS.**—Mrs. Fleta Norris (nee Sanders) was born Jan. 27, 1878, and departed this life at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ida M. Sanders, in Center, Texas, Sept. 20, 1904. Sister Norris was reared in Center, and had a large circle of friends. She was loved by all who knew her. She was a member of the Methodist Church in Center, and was a devoted Christian. Center has lost by her departure one of the noblest souls that ever dwelt among us. She was so young and her life was so full of promise that it almost causes us to ask, "Why was she taken from us?" But realizing that God requires the brightest and most beautiful flowers of earth to adorn his heavenly mansions, and knowing that he makes no mistakes, we bow our heads in humble submission to his will. Sister Norris had been married just a little less than two years to Mr. William Norris, with whom she lived happily all the way down to the end of her life. She leaves behind her a husband, whose devotion and tenderness to her was simply beautiful, a sweet little infant daughter, little Fleta, a broken-hearted mother, and three brothers, besides many other relatives and scores of friends. Weep no longer for her, dear ones. She only sleeps. She has just gone before. We shall see her again in the sweet by and by. **J. M. PERRY.**

**LEAVERTON.**—Bro. H. C. Leaverton was born in Houston County, Texas, April 6, 1849. He was converted and joined the Church in 1892. His spirit took its flight Sept. 25, 1904. He had been a sufferer for almost two years. Through it all he was patient and submissive. He loved the Church and her work and his place will be indeed hard to fill. He was the most unselfish of men. He was a friend to every one in need. No preacher ever had a better friend. When the writer first became his pastor he was able to ride out, and there was scarcely a week when he did not visit us once or twice, always looking after our interests. We had the privilege of being with him often after he was confined to his room, and of hearing him talk of the hopes of a future life. The last time we had prayers with him he seemed filled with the Holy Ghost and praised the Lord for his goodness to him. He leaves a large family to mourn their loss. For years Bro. Leaverton has been an important factor in the official board of the Church. We sorrow, but confidently expect to meet him again. His pastor, **J. E. MORGAN.**

**JONES.**—Died near Egan, in Johnson County, Texas, Nov. 3, 1904, of typhoid fever, Walter David Jones. He was born in Alcorn County, Miss., July 8, 1879. He was dedicated to God in holy baptism by the Rev. Gordon in infancy. He was converted under the ministry of Rev. W. C. Harris in September, 1892, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in Kossuth, Miss., and lived a consistent Christian in the same until the day of his death. He came to Texas with the family in 1903. He was a quiet, exemplary young man, highly respected by all who knew him. He was prepared to live and ready when the summons came. His was a calm and peaceful triumph over death. The loved ones left behind expect to meet him on the other shore in the sweet by and by. **J. P. MUSSETT.**

**CARPENTER.**—It is with sad hearts we pen the death of dear little Boyd, which occurred Oct. 30, 1904. Boyd was one of our brightest jewels; he was loved by all who knew him, and was indeed an idol in the home. It was hard to give up this precious jewel, but our loss is heaven's gain; for truly a precious bud was planted here to blossom in heaven. God needed one more flower that he had not, so he came and plucked this little one, while the morning dew of heaven was fresh and sweet, for sin had never stained his little life. Look up, fond parents, he is standing at the gateway of heaven with those little hands outstretched to you to come. He will never play around your home, but will forever play around the great white throne of God. God bless the sorrowing parents, and may they live to meet him. Only look to the time when the heavenly gates unfold. A loving friend, **LULA OWNBY.**

**VINSON.**—Floyd, infant son of James and Mary Vinson, of Joshua, Texas, was born Oct. 6, 1902, and died Oct. 5, 1904. Little Floyd was a bright little baby boy—the joy of the home—but he was too tender to resist the power of disease. God has taken him to his own bosom, where sickness will never come, and where death will no more fasten his icy grasp upon him. The parents had dedicated him to God in holy baptism. Now they will miss the sweet babe here, but they can meet him in the resurrection morning never to part again. Blessed be God for the hope of the resurrection after death and the pleasures at God's right hand forever. **J. P. MUSSETT.**

**JONES.**—Mrs. Nancy L. Jones, wife of Mr. J. T. Jones, Sr., was born in Pattonville, Va., October 3, 1841. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church South, when but a child. Marrying Jan. 5, 1865, she removed to Kentucky. They came to Dallas, Texas, in 1901. Here she resided until Nov. 6, 1904, when she went to her long, peaceful home in heaven, giving up the habitations of this earth for those celestial and eternal. What a glorious exchange! When one of her little ones had gone on before, some one said: "There may be a reunion." We who have known Sister Jones feel assured that there has been a reunion. She leaves a kind, devoted, loving husband, who so keenly feels his bereavement. Six of the seven children were at her bedside when she departed. How lonely husband and children must feel, for to the fullest meaning of the words, she was a wife and a mother. Loved ones, mother is so much better off. Her life is an index that points to her abode. May God help you to bear up in this time of woe and press on to Him. Her pastor, **J. H. TAYLOR.**

**COOPER.**—Sister Martha Cooper was the daughter of W. C. and Obedience Thomas. She was born in Hardin County, Tennessee, Sept. 29, 1856. She came to Texas in company with her parents when about 9 years of age; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, when about 16 years of age, and was baptized by Rev. J. M. Cooper; was married to R. W. Cooper Jan. 7, 1875. To them were born ten children. Eight of them are living. Sister Cooper had been in bad health several years, and was confined to her bed nearly four months. She was a near neighbor to us, and I visited her frequently during her illness. She always seemed to be cheerful, and was much concerned about the comfort of others even till death. The kind treatment to her of her children showed that they loved her and appreciated her. She said that she hated to leave her children, but she was resigned to God's will and was not afraid to die, and that her hope was in Jesus. We pray that the family may all meet her in the glorious beyond. **R. E. PORTER.**

**ROSS.**—Martin W. Ross was born in Colbert County, Alabama, July 28, 1859; died Oct. 29, 1904, at his humble home in Hill County, Texas, and was borne to the Abbott Cemetery, where his body was laid to rest, surrounded by weeping friends and the broken-hearted wife and children, Rev. James N. Wynn, his pastor, and Rev. W. A. Gilliland, of Abbott, holding the funeral services. He was sick one month and six days with typhoid fever. Bro. Ross professed faith in Jesus Christ at the age of 17, and joined the M. E. Church, South; was married to Miss Eliza F. Garrett, Dec. 17, 1884. This union was blessed with six children, five of whom are living. He moved to Texas in the year 1890. I was the pastor of this good man and family for two years. This humble home and these humble hearts were always thrown wide open to their pastor. Being with Bro. Ross quite often, I knew his inner life. He was an humble, unassuming man. Loyal to his church. Attentive to his pastor, and loved his family with a true devotion. No wonder he could exclaim to his heart-broken companion just before he breathed his last, "It's all well. I am so glad I am ready to go." May the bereaved family ever trust God and feel his promise verified, that God will be a husband to the widow and a Father to the fatherless. May the memory of your loved one ever be as ointment poured forth. **MAC M. SMITH.**

**MORRISON.**—Alonzo Eugene Morrison was born in Georgia March 29, 1874. His parents moved to Texas when he was about five years old. While but a mere boy he professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in which Church he lived a faithful member until he was called home. He was principally educated at the Alexander Collegiate Institute at Kilgore, Texas. On September 5, 1897, he was happily married to Miss Lillie Linsey, of Kilgore, Texas. This union was blessed of God and unto them were born one daughter and two sons. Bro. Morrison moved to Deridada, La., some four years since, where he made to himself many warm friends and was quite successful in business. He had bought and was operating a saw mill. But alas! on October 27, 1904, he was fatally wounded by the saw, having both hands cut off, and receiving another wound in the shoulder. All was done that loving hearts and willing hands and medical skill could do, but, in spite of all, he died on the 12th day after he was wounded. His death was as follows: Sunday night he slept better than usual. He awoke a little after daylight, and for the first time was somewhat unconscious. However, this unconsciousness did not last long, when he called for his wife and said, "Lillie, I am going

to die. I will be dead in a few hours." His wife said, "Ah, no." "Yes I will," said he. "Call grandma. Tell them all to come in." Then he talked for something like three hours. Then said, "Let's see, what is my favorite song?" Then he began to sing in a strong, clear voice "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee." He sang the song from first to last by himself; then said, "I remember reading some great author said, 'Death is hard,' but I do not find it so. Death is so easy, so easy." The doctors said: "If you will be quiet a little and not talk we will dress your wounds and you may get well." He said: "It is no use to dress my wounds, for I will be dead in a short while." The doctors said: "Be quiet and we will dress you." He said: "I will, doctors." So he lay perfectly quiet. They dressed his arms, and while dressing his shoulder he died without a struggle. The end came so quietly that no one knew when the last breath left him. So he died at about 12:30 Nov. 17, 1904. In obedience to his request, his body was brought to Kilgore, Texas, and buried beside his father. His grandmother, his mother, two brothers and two sis- ters, his wife and three children mourn their loss, and may heaven bless them all. **M. F. DANIEL, Pastor.** Kilgore, Texas.

Knowing comes by thinking and not by telling. Unless a pupil be taught to think he cannot know.

**NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.**

**Galveston District—Last Round.**  
Woodbine, 11 a. m. Nov. 17.  
Sanger and V. V. Nov. 19, 20.  
Broadway, Nov. 20, 21.  
Denton Street, 8 p. m. Nov. 22.  
**J. A. Stafford, P. E.**

**McKinney District—Fourth Round.**  
Piano sta, Nov. 17.  
Farmersville sta, Nov. 18.  
McKinney sta, Nov. 19, 20.  
**F. A. Reaser, P. E.**

**Bonham District—Fourth Round.**  
Bonham sta, Nov. 19, 20.  
Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

**Paris District—Fourth Round.**  
Chicota cir, Nov. 19, 20.  
Emerson cir, Nov. 20, 21.  
**E. H. Casey, P. E.**

**Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round.**  
Birthright, at Tarrant, 3d Sun Nov.  
The trustees of Church property will please be ready with their written reports.  
**C. B. Fladger, P. E.**

**Bowie District—Fourth Round.**  
Gibtown, Nov. 19, 20.  
**T. R. Pierce, P. E.**

**Terrell District—Fourth Round.**  
Kaufman, Nov. 19, 20.  
**J. M. Peterson, P. E.**

**Dallas District—Fourth Round.**  
Cochran and Caruth, at Cochran, Nov. 19, 20.  
Oak Cliff, 8:30 p. m. Nov. 20.  
**L. W. Clark, P. E.**

**Greenville District—Fourth Round.**  
Quinian, at Quinian, night, Nov. 17.  
Fairlie, at Fairlie, night, Nov. 18.  
Wolfe City, Nov. 20, 21.  
Wesley, Nov. 21.  
**O. S. Thomas, P. E.**

**Sherman District—Fourth Round.**  
Sherman cir, at Freed, Nov. 19, 20.  
**E. W. Alderson, P. E.**

**NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.**

**Calverton District—Fourth Round.**  
Lott and Chilton, at Lott, Nov. 19, 20.  
Marlin sta, Nov. 21, 22.  
**R. A. Burroughs, P. E.**

**TEXAS CONFERENCE.**

**Pittsburg District—Fourth Round.**  
Dalby Springs, Nov. 19, 20.  
Redwater, Nov. 21, 22.  
**J. T. Smith, P. E.**

**Muntsville District—Fourth Round.**  
Millican, at Millican, Nov. 19, 20.  
Bryan, Nov. 17, 21.  
**Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.**

**Tyler District—Fourth Round.**  
Marvin, 8 p. m. Nov. 21.  
**E. W. Solomon, P. E.**

**Marshall District—Fourth Round.**  
Longview, Kelly Memorial, Nov. 20, 21.  
Beckville, at Beckville, Nov. 21, 22.  
**Jas. W. Downs, P. E.**

**Beaumont District—Fourth Round.**  
Call, at Cairo, Nov. 19, 20.  
Orange, Nov. 12, 13.  
Wauville, Nov. 21.  
Woodville, Nov. 21, 22.  
**J. B. Cochran, P. E.**

**Palestine District—Fourth Round.**  
Alto cir, at Alto, Nov. 19, 20.  
Buck sta, Nov. 20, 21.  
Augusta cir, Nov. 22, 23.  
Crockett sta, Nov. 23, 24.  
**Jo. E. Sears, P. E.**

**San Augustine District—Fourth Round.**  
Clayton, at Wesley Ch. Thur, Nov. 17.  
Cushing, at C. Nov. 19, 20.  
Carthage sta, Wed. Nov. 21.  
Appleby sta, Nov. 21, 22.  
**C. A. Tower, P. E.**

**Brenham District—Fourth Round.**  
Brenham, Nov. 19, 20.  
Rockdale, Nov. 21, 22.  
**Chas. F. Smith, P. E.**

**Houston District—Fourth Round.**  
Richmond, Nov. 19, 20.  
Tabernacle, Nov. 20, 21.  
Angleton, Nov. 21, 22.  
Columbia, at Columbia, Nov. 21, 22.  
**C. R. Lamar, P. E.**

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## Notes From the Field.

### McKinney.

W. A. Stuckey: Next Sunday will be a joyful day for our people. After two years of hard struggle we have paid a debt of \$1,200—\$3,000 this year, and the church will be dedicated next Sunday by Dr. G. C. Rankin. This year we have seated the church with beautiful oak pews, the work of the Home Mission Society, all paid except \$225; a \$35 communion table by the Dorcas Society; a \$65 pulpit by the Junior League, and the Senior League has ordered fine opera chairs for the choir. Had 62 additions to the Church during the year. Everything will be paid in full, and we go to conference with a glad heart.

### Gober.

R. L. Ely, Nov. 8: Inasmuch as this is my fourth year on the Gober charge, I will soon have to tell these good people farewell, at least for a season. We have loved and labored with this charge to the best of our ability, and the people have held our hands up through all of these hard battles. This has been the most pleasant and profitable year's work of my ministry. There have been sixty-eight added to the Church on this charge this year. All the claims ordered by the conference are up and over. The salary is all and overpaid. Besides, the good women of Hall gave their preacher a trip to the World's Fair. We have over one hundred dollars in hand to repair the parsonage, and the carpenters began work on it last Monday. So the preacher who will be read out to the Gober charge need not reel like he had the blind-stagers, as it has been alleged some have done. Verily, these are good people to labor for and with. May God's blessings abide with them.

### Rosston.

R. E. Porter, Nov. 7: We are closing up very well on this charge. Finances will all be up. Have done some church improvement, and are ready now to do some more as soon as we can get the workmen. The people have been very kind to us, for which we are grateful. The Rosston membership and outsiders gave me enough money to buy a suit of clothes and a pair of shoes for conference, and one brother gave me a nice hat. We are having good congregations and very good services. Sunday-schools show signs of life. Have two prayer-meetings doing fairly well. Our fourth quarterly meeting was held the fifth Saturday and Sunday of October; was a good occasion. Our presiding elder was with us and preached three good sermons. Stewards all present except

there before I go to conference. If we fail this time the Church there will be most sure to dissolve. At the other mission points we have succeeded in getting most perfect harmony at a central point, and will have a nice modern house of good size ready for the first appointment after conference that will forever establish our Church there; and it will be a strong membership. So if I can get these two churches built it will be the biggest thing for Methodism done in this country since the Wilde Irishman was here. I have been just thirty-five years in the ministry next Saturday, and the last two years have been the hardest financially in some respect of any of them, and yet viewing the work as I see it in its depleted condition and discouraged form, they have done quite as well, or better, than in any former years, for Blue Ridge is not more than half as strong as it was before I took charge, owing to deaths and removals, and the next best point was taken off and these mission points added. But next year, if we succeed in our second building, we will have a circuit of four appointments, with four good houses, and all friction will be a thing of the past, and I will go to conference with my head erect, out of debt, but with no surplus money.

### Cochran.

Chas. F. Smith, Nov. 4: The pretty little church at Cochran, just built and dedicated yesterday, is a monument to the energy and determination of the pastor, Allen Tooke, and the splendid little congregation. It was not necessary to raise a "balance"—the Church was free from debt. This Church has also paid its assessment for "support of the ministry." Sempronius, on the same pastoral charge, is also "out." Good for Cochran and Sempronius.

### San Angelo.

S. J. Drake, Nov. 8: We began a meeting at Eldorado Friday before the second Sunday in October, and continued eleven days. Bro. A. P. Lowery did the preaching. He is a great power for God. The meeting did great good and reached the entire community. Some of the most influential people in the county were brought into the Church; about 50 were converted. I endorse Bro. Lowery and his faithful wife with all my heart. Eldorado will always be better because of their labors there. The Baptists stood by us nobly.

### Hallettsville.

G. W. Blanton, Nov. 15: Hallettsville has three appointments with good houses of worship at each appointment. The charge has succeeded remarkably under the condition, the boll weevil, etc., having paid more this year than last. We exchanged the old parsonage for a new house, nicely finished, with all modern improvements. Electric lights, etc., and all needed outbuildings at \$1,250, partly furnished during the year, with the other furniture make it very well furnished. Three good Sunday-schools, one excellent Home Mission Society with 31 members, has raised \$200 during the year. Paid presiding elder \$70 and preacher in charge \$500. This is more than was paid by the same Churches that now constitute its charge, it being different from last year. Received 35 on profession of faith and otherwise—6 infants baptized. There has been a marked improvement in material lines, better attendance on public worship than at the beginning of the year, and some advancement in spiritual lines. The charge has raised for all purposes \$1,108.78, which is most remarkable for the hard year financially through which we have passed. We came here a stranger among strangers, but shall leave many new-made friends as true and kind as any of the friends of earlier days in the long ago. It has been a pleasant but a hard year, yet through it all the Lord has been with us. "He has done great things for us whereof we are glad."

### Blue Ridge.

S. W. Miller, Nov. 8: Our fourth Quarterly Conference is past. Bro. Rosser came and preached us two excellent sermons and held our conference in his usual easy style. All was harmonious, and it always makes us feel sad when we come to the parting of the ways with our elder, who has served us faithfully for four years; but such is the system of our grand government. We have made some marked advance on this old, yet new work in its present form, for before I came to this work there was only four appointments, all conveniently arranged, with three church houses. My work was composed of five appointments, with only two church houses, and these points added having been missionary territory kept up as an experiment, for there have been a number of loyal organizations in that new part, and the last of them was well-nigh dissolved when they were added to this work. Besides, the only original class of the Blue Ridge Circuit that had no church, was completely disintegrated over a sight to build, and a Philadelphia lawyer could not nor cannot now settle the matter until a house is built. But we hope to have the foundation of the house laid and lumber on the ground to build a house

unsaved were going to be saved. The whole house was in a stir with earnest Christian workers. We were too crowded for an altar service, but the workers worked with sinners until they gave themselves to Christ. Bro. R. J. Birdwell did the preaching. He knows how to reach men. He is by far the best all round help I have ever had. He is a pastor's friend, and leaves the work in good shape. Fortunate indeed is he who is able to secure his services. Birdwell is all O. K. We gave him an offering of \$69. He raised \$100 to assist some young preachers in school at Georgetown and Polytechnic. God has been good to this preacher and his people, whereof we are glad, and give him humble thanks.

### Willis and Conroe.

R. W. Adams, Nov. 14: We are closing up our work in good shape. Congregations have been good all the year. The Church is in good, healthy condition. All the interests of the Church have been cared for. Our ladies have done noble work. Finances are full, although a healthy raise in collections and salaries. The latter raised from \$600 to \$800. A net increase in membership. Bro. Hooper closes his fourth year on the district. He will leave behind him the impress of a true man of God.

### Greenville.

N. C. Little, P. C.: We are closing out our third year's work on this charge. Yesterday we dedicated our beautiful little church house at Concord. We were all glad to report the house free of debt and finished inside and out. We had a beautiful day, a large attendance, splendid music and a most excellent service. Rev. O. S. Thomas, who is now closing out his fourth year as presiding elder of the Greenville District, preached the dedication sermon. He was in one of his happiest moods of preaching, and preached to the great delight of all present. The two previous years our reports have been full and over, having paid double our assessments on foreign and domestic mission claims. This year we feared we would come behind on the collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as the congregation in the city was taken off which had been paying about three-fourths of these assessments. But the good Lord has blessed us with a great crop, and our country appointments have rallied to the standard and have met every claim in full, and some over. So we are almost ready for roll call the third time from this charge with everything in hand. We are serving a precious people who love us, and whom we love. To God be all the glory.

### Blossom.

C. W. Glanville: We are closing our second year at Blossom. During this time we have paid about \$700 of debts we found on church and parsonage, and some improvements we have made. We are now free of debt, and hope to pay everything in full. Have received about seventy-five into the Church. We feel like we have done our best. We commend God's richest blessing on our labor and the good people of Blossom charge.

## RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION.

Whereas, Our efficient presiding elder, Bro. Chas. A. Hooper, according to the laws of our Church, is closing out his time with us on the Huntsville District, Texas Conference; and,

Whereas, We regret very much that we are compelled to give him up, in view of the fact that he has been to us a faithful executor and a kind and wise counselor; and,

Whereas, It is fitting that we should place on record an expression of the harmony and love that has characterized all our social and business relations; therefore

Resolved, By this, the fourth Quarterly Conference, Madisonville Station, Texas Conference, that we extend to Bro. Hooper our heartfelt thanks for the services rendered; that we make known to him by this instrument our regard for him as a zealous and faithful presiding officer and a preacher; and that we invoke the richest blessings of the allwise Creator on him and his wife in their work wherever they may be placed. We further request that a copy of these resolutions be placed on our Quarterly Conference records, and a copy be furnished the Texas Christian Advocate for publication.

Signed by entire Official Board.

T. W. BYERS,  
Secretary Quarterly Conference.

## RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were passed by unanimous vote of the congregation of Polytechnic Station Sunday, Nov. 13:

Whereas, Our beloved pastor, Rev. E. P. Williams, has, with this year, completed his quadrennium of labors



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in this station, and by the Church limit cannot be further returned.

Resolved, That we but voice the universal sentiment of the charge in expressing our very great appreciation of the fidelity and ability with which he has met the obligations of this important position. His genuine Christian bearing has won the confidence and regard of all; his thoughtful, able and earnest sermons have been the means of untold good, and his influence in general has all been for the uplift of humanity. His influence for good over the student body has met with a profound response on their part.

Resolved, That we part with him and his efficient and highly esteemed wife with regret, and our prayers shall always attend them for their future usefulness and happiness.

## NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The Sunday-school Board has arranged to hold its anniversary on Thursday night, Nov. 24, beginning at 7 o'clock, in the Methodist Church at Bonham, Texas.

A special program in which Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Hamill, of Nashville, Tenn., will be the principal speakers, has been prepared. There will also be special music. The Board very much desires every member of the conference and all Sunday-school workers present.

### B. M. BURGHER, Chm.

## TRANSFERRED.

Bishop Hoss transferred me to the North Texas Conference at our late session at McAlester, I. T. Expect to meet the brethren at Bonham Nov. 23, 1904.  
JOHN L. WILLIAMS.  
Fort Worth, Texas.

## UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Nov. 9—W. L. Nelms, subs. Lee Sanders, sub. C. E. Brown, subs.

Nov. 10—J. D. Hudgins, subs. T. W. Ellis, subs. J. D. Odom, change. M. H. Read, change. G. S. Hardy, sub.

Nov. 11—R. F. Dunn, subs. J. J. Morgan, change. C. G. Shutt, sub. E. L. Shettles, sub. G. R. Hughes, subs. C. B. Garrett, subs. I. E. Hightower, subs.

Nov. 12—R. E. Porter, matter has attention. Jas. W. Allbritton, sub.

Nov. 14—B. H. Greathouse, sub. C. E. Lindsey, sub. J. M. Armstrong, sub. S. L. Culwell, sub. J. Sam Bareus, sub. Lee Sanders, sub.

Nov. 15—C. E. Gallagher, sub. H. E. Carter, sub. R. W. Nation, subs. J. R. Atchley, subs. W. H. Harris, subs. C. A. Clark, sub. W. J. Holder, sub. E. R. Edwards, sub.

Nov. 16—W. J. Holder, sub. C. C. Davis, sub. C. W. Dennis, sub. Chas. E. Davis, sub.

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