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Editorial.

GOD'S LOVE STORY TO THE WORLD.

The whole life of our Lord Jesus Christ is God's effort to tell the world that he loves us. From the time he was born until he expired amid the agonies of the cross through him our good Father is disclosing his tenderness of heart to mankind. The gospel has one passage especially explicit on this subject: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Then according to the expressed statement of the Son himself it was love that prompted God, the Father, to send Christ into the world to save men from their lost and ruined condition. And Christ's part of it was not obedience to an arbitrary act, but of his own will he coincided with God's love and voluntarily "humbled himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross." Christ's love is equal to the love of the Father. "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you." The measurement of this character of love is incalculable. He thus expresses it: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Hence we repeat that Christ is God's matchless love story to the world. All men are the subjects of this love, and all men ought to be its beneficiaries. The good, the bad, the indifferent—all are his children, and God had them all in view when he conceived this plan of redemption. Paul gives us some idea of this when he says, "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die, but peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die; but God commendeth his love toward us that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." According to this he not only died for those claiming to be "righteous" and "good," but he died for "sinners" who were and are at enmity toward him. Even on the cross he said concerning those who were torturing him to death: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Such love as this the world had never seen before, for it was love born in the bosom of God for his children. It could only be revealed in the person and through the life and death of Jesus Christ. There is no love comparable to this love. How beautiful and tender is the gospel of Christ when read in the light of God's love letter to his children! Every page of it glows with a Father's interest and solicitude in his wandering and wayward loved ones, and many of its finest parables is an importunate invitation to his children to come back home and live again under the old roof tree. Its promises are full and free, and every syllable of them is a message of assurance that this great Father is standing at the gate to receive and welcome us. Often many of these passages are the importunate pleadings of the paternal heart with those who have wandered away and are miserable in sin and suffering. No mother ever besought her prodigal boy with more tender earnestness than God seeks to save his lost and unfortunate children. And

when we seek him his arms here in the blessed gospel are open to receive us and forgive us. How wonderful is this transcendent love story that comes to us through Jesus Christ in his gospel!

THE RAPIDLY CLOSING YEAR.

By glancing at the published lists of appointments by the presiding elders in this issue of the Advocate it will be noted that we are now on the fourth round of the quarterly meetings. This means that in less than two months the West Texas Conference will have convened, and then the others will follow each week without intermission until all will have been held. This reminds us that all the business of the entire year will have to be looked after, put in shape and properly adjusted within the next few weeks. The full amount of the salaries due the pastors must be collected or provided for, because no charge can afford to let its preacher leave his work without his pay. The amount fixed at the beginning of the year for his support is mostly a minimum amount. He will need every dollar of it to pay his bills and make provisions for his family in case he has to move, and no Board of Stewards can permit that little amount to come up lacking even a penny. To do otherwise is to embarrass the preacher and do him a great injustice. But the reflex influence of a deficit in the pastor's salary has a bad effect on the charge. Neither the presiding elder nor the Bishop will be anxious to send one of his most efficient men to a charge where the people fail to make reasonable provision for the support of his family. While any loyal preacher is willing to make sacrifices for the work, still he has a wife and children to feed and clothe, and the laborer is worthy of his hire. And the appointing powers always take into consideration the proper support of a man when they assign him to a field of labor. So that every reason ought to prompt the stewards to collect and pay over to their pastor every dollar assessed for his support. And we are under the impression that the charge, this year, will be the rare exception that does not do this much faithfully. Then, too, the pastors must be diligent to see that all the amounts assessed against their charges for the support of the institutions of the Church come up in full. We need all the money that can be gotten to sustain our missions, church extension, education, the Bishops' fund and our worn-out preachers, and the widows and orphans of our deceased ministers. None of these claims ought to come up lacking. In most of our sections throughout the State prosperity abounds. If any one crop is a partial failure, others more than make up for the loss. The people are reasonably prosperous. Therefore permit none of the Lord's causes to fall behind. He has dealt bountifully with us, and let us deal justly and freely with him. He has filled our garner and storehouses, and we owe it to him and to ourselves to fill his treasury in return. And such is our faith in Texas Methodism that we look for this sort of result at the conference sessions.

THE PASTOR AND THE ADVOCATE.

The Texas Christian Advocate is largely dependent upon the pastor for its ability to reach the families of his charge. In fact, not many copies go into the station, circuit or mission without the help of the preacher. Most of our preachers look after this part of their work scrupulously, and the result is that their people keep up with the movements and demands of the Church throughout the State. Especially is this true in our smaller towns and circuits, and now and then it is true with a preacher in the city and the larger town. But in many of our great centers the Advocate receives scant attention at the hand of the pastors. They wait for the agent to come to do this work, but the agent can not reach all these places. We recently had a letter from a lady member of the Church in a place of this sort and among other things she said: "Our pastors we have had for several years never mention the Advocate. I hear other members speak of this also." Yet there is not a pastor in Texas who does not expect the Advocate to help him and to speak kindly of his work. Yet some of them never mention the Advocate to their people. They are either too busy about other matters or they think a work of that sort is not exactly in their line. Hence the Advocate has but a meager circulation in such a man's charge. Yet if the matter were urged many of these members who do not now take the paper would have it in their homes. We have a number of pastors in Texas who have not sent a single subscriber—new subscriber—to this paper during the year. They do not even like to send in renewals when requested to do so by the people who take it despite such a preacher's relation to the question. This ought not to be true, brother. Every preacher is the agent of the Advocate, and the question in the order of business for the Quarterly Conference so interprets the pastor's duty. We hope, with this notice, that all our preachers will at once look after the Advocate and have a good report at the conference sessions.

A MORAL QUESTION IN TEXAS.

Our party prohibition people sent a challenge to Senator Bailey, who is delivering speeches in different parts of the State on political issues, to discuss the questions involved in prohibition with a representative of their party before the people, but he declined to accept their challenge on the ground that in Texas the prohibition question is a moral and not a political issue. In this the Senator is eminently wise. He is an advocate of local option, and as such he realizes that this is the proper solution of the liquor traffic in Texas at the present time. And the great bulk of the people of the State will indorse his course in the matter. No State in the Union has such efficient laws on this subject as Texas, and these laws are giving great satisfaction to the communities where local option has been adopted. Our next Legislature will be called upon to strengthen some points of weakness in these laws, and then they will give us the remedy we need.

Therefore we do not want this question brought back into the party politics of the State. For more than a year we have fought a few extremists in the Democratic party who have been trying to make it a political issue, and we have succeeded in defeating them. And we feel that the Party Prohibitionists are doing our cause no good by bringing out a State ticket and trying to force the issue into party politics. Their efforts are unwise and hurtful to the cause we love so well. We are glad that so popular a man as Senator Bailey takes the same view of the subject. Nobody doubts his loyalty to prohibition as a moral issue. In 1887 he stumped the State for the amendment, when many of the great men in his party took the opposite side. And he is still true to his principles on this question. We are sorry to see men like "Cyclone" Davis off with the Party Prohibitionists. He has been a power in our local option contests in the past. No man has rendered better service to our cause; but hereafter he will find himself handicapped whenever he goes into a strong Democratic community to advocate local option. They will accuse him of trying to break up their party, and the antis will ring the changes on him early and late. As it is, our local option issue is a local issue and people of all parties and no parties can walk up to the ballot box and vote their sentiments, feeling that they can do so without any violence to their political belief. And because of this very fact we are carrying local option in almost every community where an election is ordered. But whenever you make it a political issue it becomes the football of parties to be kicked hither and thither according to the caprice of politicians. The antis desire above everything else that it shall become a political issue. They know that such a condition would redound to their advantage. But the real sensible friends of local option want it kept out of politics, as a party issue, and they will never consent to go off after the extremists who are trying to force it into politics. We believe in local option pure and simple, and we are opposed to any man or set of men in any party whose purpose is to make it a party question. Let it stay where it is, as a moral and local issue, and we will take this State for prohibition.

Abraham was the friend of God, but he had iron in his blood as well as piety in his heart. He went forth and captured the five kings and slew them because of their trespass upon his kindred and his rights. No man is required to let people run over and impose upon him simply because he is God's servant. There are people who seem to think differently.

Elijah was not a popular preacher in his day, but God had use for him and the times demanded him. He did not polish his words, and he gave to his elocution no particular study, but he spoke with the authority of heaven, and his words burned in the mind and heart of public sentiment and checked the tide of paganism that was sweeping over the kingdom of Israel.

IMMORTALITY AND THE JUSTICE OF FUTURE PUNISHMENT.

Having proved the immortality of the soul, both of the righteous and of the unrighteous, I shall in this article show the justice of God in the eternal punishment of the wicked. Justice is one of the attributes of God, therefore whatever takes place under his administration must be just. That God will not the punishment of men is not a question of speculation or reason. He plainly declares that he will not the death of any man. On the contrary, he so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son to redeem the world—to restore rebellious man to his lost place in our Father's dominion. The trend of the scripture goes to prove that the divine administration is an administration of mercy and love. The punishment of the wicked follows as the necessary consequence of violated law. In the beginning God placed all things under law, from the smallest monad that floats in the air, to the stupendous planet that moves in space; from the animacule to the archangel; man forms no exception. Law, human and divine, is nugatory without penalty. It is the power of law that gives it its majesty. Eliminate the penalty of any law and you at once destroy it. In the Garden of Eden man, in the exercise of his volition, transgressed God's law, and brought himself to suffer its penalty. However, God did not abandon man to his own fate, but in mercy sought to restore him to forfeited blessings, so that plan of redemption was instituted. In all God's dealings with man, he has ever respected his moral agency. Although the plan of salvation is positive, yet individual salvation is contingent. It depends upon the will of each individual whether he will be saved or not. The address from Deity is: "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Not only does God compliment man by appealing to his volition, but he deigns to reason with him, and holds out every conceivable inducement to forsake sin and to embrace righteousness. The terms of salvation are simple and easy; no hard conditions were made. Compliance with the conditions, all of which render his condition infinitely better in time and eternity, secures his eternal happiness. But persistency in rejecting God's overtures to man, must necessarily result in his final loss. This is no fault of God. This is not the result of God's act, but of man's own conduct. Every individual now in rebellion against God is condemned, he lives in a state of condemnation, and dying in this state he must so remain forever, for the dispensation of mercy ceases with probation which is ended by death; then it is that the condition of the soul becomes fixed. If this reasoning is correct we are forced to the conclusion that man is the author of his own punishment. No higher compliment could the Deity bestow upon man than to respect his will—than to regard his free agency. So in all his dealings with man, he expresses his regard for man's volition. Two texts of scripture will suffice at this point. "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessings and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." (Deu. 30:19) The responsibility of choosing rests upon man. It is his to accept life or reject it. It is a matter of deliberate action. Consonant with these statements the Savior said, "And ye will not come unto me, that ye might have life. (John 5:40) The plan of salvation is cosmic—all men are embraced in its provisions. All the promises, invitations and denunciations of the Bible are predicated upon man's personal responsibility. It is clearly stated that he is to be rewarded for virtuous acts and punished for his crimes. If this was not true then there would be no difference between virtue and vice. God can only show his displeasure of sin by his punishment. Every sin is antagonistic to the law of God. Every sinner is a rebel against God. "The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." "To be carnally minded is death." Then how can the sinner who living in sin, and dying in sin, live in the presence of the true and the good in heaven in a state of rebellion—in an antagonistic attitude to all that is good to God's government? If it were possible for the sinner to get to heaven with his unchanged nature it would not be heaven to him; he would still be miserable. For no soul can be happy while in a state of rebellion against God. Death is not a factor in man's salvation. It does not affect moral character, except that at death character becomes fixed; it is no longer contingent. It has pleased God to arrange for the separation, the final separation of the righteous and the sinners at death. In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus the Savior sets out the permanency of the separation in the following statement. "And beside all this, between us and

you there is a great gulf fixed; so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they thence." (Luke 16:26) Note the phraseology, a fixed gulf, not a temporary obstruction, one to be removed after a period of duration longer or shorter. Nay, but an eternal obstruction. Is God responsible for this separation? How can he be when it is the unavoidable result of man's own choice. God cannot be held responsible for man's sins, neither can he be held responsible for the effects of man's sins. So, if man in the light of truth, and despite God's love, his mercy, long suffering, gentleness, wooings, entreaties, in fact, after that God has done all that is possible for him to do to secure man's salvation, then man disregards it all, and will continue to violate his own conscience and degrade his real manhood and persist in living in sin and dies in sin, it is just that he should suffer the eternal consequences of the same.

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THE FUTURE REVIVAL.

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In recent issues of our Church papers, we have read several articles by different men anent this subject.

There are those who claim that we have departed from the old landmarks and that when we return to them we will have the old-time revival, with all the wonderful manifestations and sweeping results.

Others claim that the people have itching ears and that the preachers are pandering to them with a new-fangled gospel, therefore the old-time revival is not present; while others claim we are not honoring the Holy Spirit, and yet others claim that we have grown too stylish to shout, therefore the old-time power and revival are gone.

It is evident that none of these claims have any grounds, except in isolated and individual cases; certainly not where applied to the whole Church and the entire ministry.

The Church to-day is the same in polity and spirit as in the days of the fathers, and her ministry are preaching a gospel just as pure and as powerful.

There is to-day in the Church, as a whole, the best type of Christianity the world ever saw, and the best equipped and most efficient ministry the Church ever had.

We have small patience with the pessimistic spirits who look with longing eyes to the ages past, discouraged with the present and utterly hopeless about the future. It is akin to the spirit that prompted the Israelites to long for the flesh pots of Egypt. We call it pessimism, but the plain English for it is a lack of faith in God and his Christ.

There are, in the Church, a great many Elijahs under an equal number of juniper trees, and a few Jonahs under their gourd vines. These brethren are troubled because the Church does not do things as she did a hundred years ago. They feel that since men are not converted with the same demonstrations, and the same manifestations are not present, as in the days long ago, they are therefore not genuine.

The manifestations of God to the world have been an outward, onward and upward unfoldment and development. Some of us need to get a view of the "Vision Temple" as seen by Ezekiel. We should then understand that "there was an enlarging and a winding about still upward to the side chambers; for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house; therefore the breadth of the house was still upward, and so increased from the lowest chamber to the highest."

Men do not do things as they did in ages past; neither does God do things as he did in the past ages.

Would any one claim that because God does not appear to any one in a burning bush to-day, he, therefore, has ceased to appear or manifest himself to men? There is as much reason to insist that God must appear in a burning bush to every Moses would lead Israel, and must lead the Church to-day, by a pillar of cloud and fire, and must reveal his glory and power in the lightning and thunder upon Sinai, because he did so in the past, as to insist on the revival of fifty years ago.

The Gospel of Christ is progressive, if anything. If Christianity does not take hold of men and nations and lift them out and move them out and on up, then it is a failure.

Peter declares that the purpose of the gospel is that we might be "partakers of the divine nature." Paul was expecting progression, for he says, "Forgetting the things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press forward," etc. David never pined for the things of the past, but he declares, "As for me, I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness."

Some one may say that these refer to individual experiences and growth; but we should know that the Church is made up of individuals, and the experience and growth of the Church, as

a whole, is but the aggregate of the individual experiences and growth.

But, some declare, God never changes. True, but men do change, and certainly God changes his manifestations to the changed conditions of men and society.

The worst phase of fanaticism is based upon the same demand, that we return to the times and manners of the apostolic age; that the early disciples of Christ healed the sick, therefore his disciples to-day should do so. Since we can not heal the sick nor raise the dead, is it true, therefore, that there are no true disciples of Christ in the world to-day?

God never did, and never will, do anything without an adequate reason, and never does anything that is not necessary to be done for us.

Miracles are the credentials of Christ's divinity. We have them, and they have not lapsed and do not need to be renewed, therefore they have ceased.

God spoke to Abraham with an audible voice; appeared to Moses in the burning bush; revealed himself to Israel in the pillar of cloud and fire. He does not do so to-day; but he still speaks to men and still leads nations. Afterwards God revealed himself in Christ, and men worshiped God by following Christ in person. Christ is not thus in the world to-day. The manifestation has changed again; but we have still the same God and the same Christ, who are still leading and blessing the Church.

There are changes in methods of every other phase of life's activities, why not in methods of Church activities?

We all agree that the spirit of advancement and progress and change for the better, in this age, is the spirit of Christianity.

We do not plow, nor reap, nor sow, nor ride, nor send messages, nor do business, as our fathers did, and yet we are doing more of these, and doing them better, than our fathers did.

Do we want to go back to old plows and prairie schooners, and stage travel of our fathers?

I am glad we have left these things and have something better.

Every change of manifestation our Alwise Father has ever given has been for our good and His glory, and I am sure that if the old time revival is going, it is because God has something better with which to replace it.

The revival of the future is to be the revival of individual and personal work.

If the old time revival is going, let it go. Trust in God, be true to Christ and the Church, follow the leadings of the Spirit and all will be well.

Cromwell's secretary was very much troubled one night over the miscarriage of an important message; he tossed sleeplessly upon his cot; the great commander was awakened and said to him, "Did not God rule this world before you were born?" "Yes," he replied. "Does He not rule it now?" "Yes." "Will He not rule it after you are dead?" "Yes." "Well, then, why don't you go to sleep?" he asked again, and with that he turned over and was soon asleep.

God is leading the Church, and there are men good and true who seek to know the mind of the Spirit and follow his leadings.

The Church is a greater soul-winner to-day than ever, and more men are being saved, more churches being built, more money being used for the gospel and more missionaries being sent out and light shining into the dark places of earth, and more Bibles being sold and read than ever before.

Jesus said, concerning his Church, "The gates of death shall not prevail against it."

These changes not only are to be seen in the Church methods, but are seen on every hand. Note the difference in the political hustings of early days and the political meetings of to-day. The political orator of olden times who swayed the multitudes with his eloquence and with the music of his voice decided the issues of the day, has passed away; he is still here, but his eloquence won't sway any more and the music of his voice and his mellow intonations won't decide issues any more.

The two leaders of the two great parties are, by the decision of the steering committee, to make no speeches. The fact is, no nominee who was given to speech making was ever elected to the presidency.

No more can the eloquent preacher, by his oratory and persuasiveness of his tones sway the multitudes and sweep people into the kingdom in clouds.

This is an age of facts and figures. There is more thinking done to-day than ever. Men are using their heads as well as their hearts and hands. This is not meant as a thrust at our fathers. There were giants in those days, more than now; because the national stature is larger now than then.

We should rather rejoice that these conditions are upon us; that the multitudes are not easily moved by elo-

quence and swayed by oratory; but, rather, that the individual is moved by facts that convince the mind, and demonstrations that convince the heart.

Our Master was about two thousand years ahead of his age—referring to him as a man; for he employed the personal element largely in his work. It seems to be the Divine method. God sent angels personally to Lot, spoke personally to Abraham, sent Moses personally to Pharaoh; Nathan went in person to David and quickly led him to repentance; Elijah went in person to Ahab; Jesus came personally to the world and knocks at the door of every heart to-day. He needs to be represented personally to every man.

Jesus did not call his disciples from the multitudes, but he called them singly and personally—Peter from his fishing smack, Matthew from his tax office, and likewise the others. He talked in person to the woman at the well.

The revival of the future is to be that into which the personal element is prominent, hand to hand and heart to heart work.

Daily constant personal work of the individual Church members.

Fifty men and women in any given Church, who will go about this work sensibly and earnestly and persistently, can lead fifty men and women to Christ and into the Church in a year.

We should begin a campaign of personal work, and then the normal conditions would be reached, conversions and additions at every service. This would be much better than the spasmodic effort and then a long period of idleness and backsliding, and we are sure the type of conversions would be much better, as a whole, than that gathered in a great upheaval and revival.

May it not be true that we, as a Church, have rather taught our people the art of backsliding, by having what we call the revival season. This revival season in any given Church is usually about two weeks, and the revival season in Texas is during the summer.

If we have these revival seasons and spasmodic efforts and activity, is it not the logical sequence that we should expect our seasons of idleness, and seasons when we cease to expect conversions, and cease to work for that end?

We should learn to be as sensible and reasonable about religion as we are about other things. The business corporations and business men and our women in their homes are not spasmodic in their work, nor are their efforts in spurts; but constant and daily. We should endeavor to win our people from a spasmodic Christianity back to the spirit that dominated our Lord. At twelve years of age, he gave expression to the spirit of his life, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" And this was his life until he bowed his head and said, "It is finished."

People segregate their lives. They have a business life and a religious life. Men ought to know that they are "called first to be saints," and then business men.

The results that are seen in a great revival efforts are the results of personal work upon the part of the membership. I have never seen a revival where the people would not do personal work.

Let us have this personal work for souls daily upon the part of our members and we shall have a constant and normal revival.

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HOLSTON LETTER.

The Holston Conferences are soon to meet again—two conferences—one to meet in one town, the other in a different place. The Southern wing is the legitimate successor of the conference organized in 1824; the Northern wing was organized in 1865, during "carpet bag reconstruction times," and has been nursed from the bottle of missionary milk sent down by the "truly loyal" living above Mason and Dixon's line. Of these Northern brethren it is not my purpose now to write. But I wish to say a few things of the Holston Conference of the M. E. Church, South. I look at its register and find two names that were on the list when I was admitted on trial in 1847, namely, Wm. Robeson and W. H. Bates. The other members have crossed the invisible line, separating the living from the dead. A noble band was the conference when I joined it in the long ago; a noble band it is to-day.

After giving off large slices of territory, the conference has more than doubled its number of preachers and laymen. It has many times multiplied its parsonages and houses of worship. Its collections for benevolent purposes have also greatly increased. Of the average piety of the preachers and people, then and now, it is more difficult to speak. My candid opinion is that our Church was never in a better condition than at the present day.

There have been changes many. Of the Church, may it not be said that change is in the order of Providence? Hear what Paul said of himself:

"When I was a child I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man I put away childish things." No longer do we find a staid doorkeeper refusing admittance to our love feast to any sister wearing a ring, or ostrich plume, or a fur cape to keep off cold winds and rain. Our Church has "put away childish things," and is none the worse for having done so.

There has been a change in the style of preaching. A fitness of things required this. The present style would not have suited in the days of our fathers; their sermons, two and three hours long, would be out of place to-day. "Times change and we change with them."

When I joined the conference its college graduates were fewer than the fingers on my right hand. Now they are uncounted, but numerous. No longer is it necessary for the Bishop to change the preachers every year because their supply of sermons—"sugar sticks"—would not suffice for a second term! Many now stay four years, and are able to make new sermons ad libitum.

Upon the whole there is evident progress in the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Still greater advance is possible and probable in the years to come. "So mote it be." J. H. BRUNNER. Hiwassee College, Tennessee.

SOME PROHIBITION REFLECTIONS.

Not long ago I was standing in front of a store in a little railroad town in Southwest Texas. Right by the side of the store was a saloon. A young lady came along, passed by the saloon and went into the store to see the proprietor on business. She also wished to see the saloon man on the same business. She requested the merchant to call the saloon man into his store that she might converse with him on business. The circumstances put me to thinking, and this is about the way my thoughts ran: Here are two men engaged in business, both of them quiet, peaceable citizens. Here is a young lady also engaged in business. She wishes to see both of these men, but can only enter the house of one of them. Then I thought, why could she not go into the saloon as freely as she could the store? These men are both authorized by the laws of the State to do business. If the saloon business is an honorable business, this young lady could have gone into the saloon as freely as she could the store. If it is not an honorable business, surely it should not be permitted at all. Then I thought the saloon is of the devil, the Church is of God. It is our duty as lovers of righteousness to fight sin and wickedness in high places as well as low places. If the devil is permitted by our State to do business it is the duty of the Church to bring its influence to bear upon the State to stop the devil from doing business in every way we can. Then I thought, some one might say, "Oh, that would be too much like mixing politics and religion." Then I thought our Government is founded on the Christian religion. There never has been (nor never will be) a righteous law passed by our Government that was not passed, either directly or indirectly, through the influence of the Christian religion. I was taught from childhood that the whiskey traffic was a monstrous evil. I have always made it a practice to hit it in every way I could. If I cannot hit it the way I think best, I will hit it the way I can, and thank God that I had a chance to hit it at all. I hope the Advocate will keep up the bombardment. I wish we had more editors with the "grit and grace" that Dr. G. C. Rankin has. Let him travel and lecture, and preach until there is not a place left in the State of Texas where the devil can run a saloon.

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THAT SCREAMING NECESSITY.

I have read with interest the article of Bro. J. W. Hill on the great importance of the circulation of tracts and booklets. I note with interest a general waking up of the brethren on this subject. It is high time to awake out of sleep, for we have already lost wonderfully by our delay. We ought to have from one to five gospel wagons in every conference, which should go into every work and corner and literally sow the country down with such literature. This writer has felt the necessity of such a move for several years back. I felt so impressed that I began such a work myself on a small scale and had printed 8000 small pamphlets, "Bible Readings on Methodism," and they went off like "hot cakes," until two editions were exhausted, and I had calls for hundreds more after the book went out of print. Many testify that they were made Methodists by reading that pamphlet, among whom is a preacher now in the Northwest Texas Conference. The third edition is now about ready, raised and enlarged. From now on I will try to keep up with the demand.

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Devotional and Spiritual

KEEPING THE HEART.

Many important interests have been committed to our keeping. We must care for our health, keep our earthly possessions, our good name, our intellectual powers, and every other good gift which our heavenly Father has bestowed on us. But the chief charge is the heart. This is the center of our being, the fountain of our life. If this shall become corrupt and vile we are undone. "Out of it are the issues of life."

Life is a little word with a large meaning. Many elements enter into the constitution of life. All desire to make it as sweet and rich as possible. But most men try to do this by working on the surface. Life is a great deep, and no preparation is adequate unless it be deep and thorough.

The profligate person tries to make life sweet by self-indulgence. He hates restraint and loves what he calls liberty. His idea of liberty is license to do as he pleases without reference to the obligations of righteousness. The worldly man seeks to make life rich by laying up for himself treasures upon earth and grasping the honors and offices within reach. But the issues of life are not in the pocketbook, nor the bank account, nor the presidential chair, nor in the episcopacy. Some trust in culture. They try to make life worth living by the study of science and art, by cultivating the intellectual faculties and storing the mind with useful knowledge. But the issues of life are not in the intellect. The Pharisee believes in religion, but his religion is on the surface. He scrupulously washes pots and cups and hands. Jesus says he is like a whitened sepulcher, which appears beautiful with-

out, but inwardly is full of corruption. The self-righteous man's idea of a good life is self-control and reformation. These are good. The Bible commends them, but they do not reach the bottom of the trouble. They are also on the surface.

Keep the heart pure. The blessing of a pure heart is the chief blessing. A pure heart insures a clear vision. "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." He cannot be seen with the eye of the body. "No man hath seen God at any time." He cannot be discovered by intellectual investigation. "Who by searching can find out the Almighty?" But if the heart is pure we shall see him. We shall be conscious of his presence and love. We shall live in a pure atmosphere, and no cloud shall dim our vision. A pure heart is a fit temple for the Holy Ghost. "Know ye not that ye are the temples of the Holy Ghost?" If we would keep the house clean for an earthly guest, how much more for the heavenly Guest? A defiled heart will grieve and offend him. A pure heart is safe. The heart is the spring from which the issues of life flow. If the spring from which the people get water be contaminated, there will be disease and death. If the reservoir which supplies the great city with water should become contaminated an epidemic would soon break out. The housekeeper must keep the house clean or disease and death will invade the home. So the heart-keeper must keep the heart clean or take the consequences. And the consequences in the latter case are more to be dreaded than in the former.

Keep the heart constantly. There is no age when it is safe to relax our vigilance. Most people regard

youth as the age of greatest peril. They think that if they can bring their children through the period of youth without a serious stain they are safe. Perhaps this is the most dangerous time of life. Let the young keep their hearts with all diligence, for the evil one is ready to enter in and ruin the soul. But danger is not over when this interesting period is past. Many go astray in mature life. Satan does not leave us when old age comes on. We have known old men with dim eye and tottering step to be brought before the bar of justice with a stain on the soul which seas of water cannot wash away. There is peril in every pursuit. Keep the heart with diligence while pursuing the study of science. But what possible danger can there be in science? Many have lost their faith and hope because they devoted themselves exclusively to the study of science and neglected the spiritual life. Cultivating the intellect alone and neglecting the heart, they have lost that delicate sense of spiritual realities which God gives to all in early life. Keep thy heart when fortune smiles. In social life, in business life, at home and abroad, still keep thy heart. "I have been converted," says one. "I have given my heart to God. He will keep it for me. I have nothing more to do with keeping my own heart." This is a dangerous delusion. Remember the parable of the unclean spirit which, being cast out, went about seeking rest, but finding none he said, "I will go back to my house whence I came out," and coming, findeth it empty, swept, and garnished; and he went and brought seven other evil spirits and entered in, and the last state of that man was worse than the first. It is a blessed thing to be converted and sanctified, but it is no time to relax vigilance. Satan does not abandon his purpose to destroy one because he has given his heart to God.

Keep the heart full of the word of the Lord. The psalmist says, "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Keep the heart open wide to the King of glory. Let him have the key and the right of way. Give him the highest seat. Let him have his way and all will be well. Keep the heart loyal to him to whom it belongs, and it will always be in the right place. He has betrothed the Christian to himself, and left his beloved in a wicked and dangerous world. But he has not left us comfortless. He will come again to the heart that is loyal and true. He says, "I will come again, and receive you to myself." Amen, even so come, Lord Jesus. My heart shall be kept for thee, and I shall hail thine appearing.—The Christian Advocate.

THE SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.

To my younger Fellow Itinerants: This is the hour of hours with the Methodist pastor. Toward this he has "drawn all the studies" of the week. To this he has given his best thought, and to it his people look for special edification. At this hour the pastor should have least to confuse or disturb him. Let him be seen in the morning Sunday-school; and, if need be, make the opening prayer; but under no circumstances should he spend the hour before preaching in teaching a class. To do this, he must come to his pulpit at a discount, the electric force reduced, the nerves and voice taxed, and the powers which should be at his command at this all-important hour partially expended.

The general announcements constitute another unfortunate waste of voice and energy. Nothing more successfully forestalls and destroys interest in a sermon than long-drawn out announcements—ten or fifteen minutes announcing, pressing, stressing and insisting: "We must have a full meeting of the

board." "We want all to be present at the Wednesday night prayer-meeting." "We call special attention to the Pink Tea at the residence of Brother Jones, 1127 Up-To-Date avenue." "The ice-cream supper by the ladies' aid society in the church parlors will be a most delightful occasion. All are invited and expected," etc. I have known a pastor to spend a quarter of an hour or more, dinnings these platitudinous proclamations into the minds of his auditors, until they were weary and willing for him to quit and rest, without further vocal effort, until the next Sunday morning.

The half hour just previous to preaching is the time when the preacher should be quiet and alone. And yet this is the time when the announcements coming are legion. "Please read this announcement distinctly, and make a little talk on this point, and specially stress that item." "Don't fail to emphasize the new society, just organized. Call for a full attendance, as we wish to procure a number of new names on the roll." "This popular lecturer, or lectureress, is to be in town next Thursday. Please urge the people to attend and not miss the intellectual treat." And thus it goes, until the poor bewildered soul has his hands so full of papers, and his head so full of jumbled instructions, that his sermon has gone out of his mental vision with grave doubts as to its return. Save yourself from such a dilemma. Let a man from your membership be selected with good voice and address, and appointed to make the announcements; and let all such papers and requests be handed over to him. He will do that work well, and give you a happy relief from such unnecessary tax at so important an hour. Let your people hear your voice on Sunday morning only in the service and sermon. Be assured it is unwise to allow your talk to become too common. Beware lest they hear you too often! A pastor may fall into the habit of talking, like Pollock's priest prayed, "by the quantity"—talking at all times and upon all things until the very commonness of his talk will produce indifference in his hearers.

At the hour for service let your people be anxious to hear you. Let your words be well chosen, the thought clear, and the enunciation distinct. Let every word in hymn, prayer, lesson and sermon be distinctly heard by every one in the audience.

Give forethought to the prayer as well as to the sermon. Not to memorize, by no means, but to think of what blessings your people specially need, and what manner of petition will best express that need. A little forethought in prayer saves from indefiniteness, repetition, and too great length.

Let us use the Disciplinary "order of service," as we have promised "to keep the rules, and not mend them." Let us not introduce this or that petty innovation—putting a solo in place of a second hymn; or having responsive readings; or praying publicly over the collection. Much as some collections may need praying over, it is as well to do it silently.

Let us not do these things, if for no other reason, because we have said, "we would not," and because it destroys the simplicity and uniformity of our service. As we are connectional, let us maintain the general uniformity; inasmuch that, entering a Methodist Church in Maryland or Mexico, we will understand alike the precise order of service. Let us make no change until it is made by the chief council of the Church.

However good or grand the sermon, let it end when finished. Oh, for quitting grace! When the body of thought is expressed, let there be no further expression. What more

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cometh, cometh of wind. Let there be no holding on unto attenuation. Neither is it often wise to put a heel-tap on the discourse. Be sure to quit while the hearers are anxious for you to continue. Keep your people hungry to hear you. Then will they feed and grow strong from the morning service, and look forward with longing hearts to the sermon of the coming Sabbath.—Bishop H. C. Morrison, D. D., in Nashville Advocate.

Go not, my friend, into the dangerous world without prayer. You kneel down at night to pray, and drowsiness weighs down your eyelids; a hard day's work is a kind of excuse, and you shorten your prayer, and resign yourself softly to repose. The morning breaks, and it may be you rise late, and so your early devotions are not done, or are done with irregular haste. No watching unto prayer! Wakefulness once more omitted; and now is that reparable? We solemnly believe not. There has been that done which cannot be undone. You have given up your prayer, and you will suffer for it. Temptation is before you, and you are not ready to meet it. There is a guilty feeling on the soul, and you linger at a distance from God. It is no marvel if that day in which you suffer drowsiness to interfere with prayer, be a day in which you shrink from duty. Moments of prayer intruded on by sloth cannot be made up. We may get the experience, but we cannot get back the rich freshness and strength which were wrapped up in those moments.—Frederick W. Robertson.

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Secular News Items.

The Ogilvie Mills Company confirms previous estimates of the Manitoba wheat crop—58,000,000 bushels. Harvesting is about completed, under favorable conditions, there being practically no frost damage. The estimate of the total crop of the Dominion of Canada is 72,000,000 bushels. Estimated requirements for home consumption and seed are 35,000,000 bushels.

Prof. W. W. Barnett, former superintendent of the Houston Public Schools, has received the following telegram from St. Louis: "Houston schools awarded gold medal.—Mrs. L. Largin, Director Texas Educational Exhibit." While no further particulars are given, it is taken to mean that the medal was awarded upon the general excellency of the exhibition from this city as a whole. The exhibit was very comprehensive and was prepared or selected from exhibits made in Houston at the High School last year.

At a meeting of the Manchester City Council it was announced that owing to the hard times and depression of the cotton industry, between 40,000 and 50,000 people in the poorer parts of the city were practically on the verge of starvation. Similar conditions prevail in London and other large cities of the United Kingdom, where the winter is expected to be one of the hardest in many years for the poorer classes.

Prof. William H. H. Hart, of Howard University, who was fined in Maryland for refusing to obey the "Jim Crow" law, will appeal his case to the Supreme Court of the United States and the highest tribunal will thus be called upon to pass on this statute. Prof. Hart claims that while traveling on an interstate express between Boston and Washington, he was ordered, in Maryland, to occupy the "Jim Crow" section, and refused. He bases his rights on that section of the Constitution which says that "Congress shall have exclusive power to regulate commerce between the States." Prof. Hart says his case would have been dismissed in Maryland on technicalities, but he insisted on making a test. He was released on a bond and at his trial last week he acted as his own attorney.

The Institute of Social Reforms, after a heated discussion Oct. 5, decided by 13 votes to 8 to ratify the absolute prohibition of Sunday bull fighting. This is considered to be the death blow to bull fighting in Spain.

Bell County is now boasting of fine apples. The fruit is being brought in and marketed by the wagon load.

Among the passengers arriving on the liner Mongolia from the Orient was Major Lewis L. Seaman, surgeon of the United States engineer's branch of the army, who has been learning Japanese methods of surgery in army camps. In his opinion the Japanese are far ahead of all other nations in the world in the organization of the sanitary branches of the army, and have been the first to anticipate and take measures against the fact that the great number of deaths in wars are caused, not by bullets, but by disease.

At the session of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in St. Louis Mrs. Edgar D. Taylor, of Richmond, Va., Treasurer of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Association, reported that there was a balance of \$67,403.30 in the treasury. The convention added \$1,000 to the fund. The city of Richmond telegraphed that it would donate the site of the Jefferson Davis monument, and a Richmond man telegraphed that he would donate \$100 annually until the monument is completed.

Mayor McClellan, of New York, has been sued for \$100,000 damages for alleged criminal libel by former member of the Municipal Civil Service Commission.

For abusive language from the conductor of a Brooklyn trolley car and refusal to return 20 cents change, a woman doctor has secured damages of \$1,000. The doctor was a passenger on one of the defendant's cars and gave the conductor a 25-cent piece in payment of 5 cents fare. The conductor failed to return the change, and when the doctor demanded it is alleged to have shouted loudly that there were a lot of women traveling on street cars.

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who tried to beat the conductors "just as you are attempting to beat me." The passenger sued for \$5,000 damages. A jury in the Supreme Court gave her a verdict for 29 cents. She carried the case to the highest tribunal, the Court of Appeals, finally receiving a verdict for \$1,000.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishops from many parts of the world attended the opening session of the General Triennial Convention of the Episcopal Church in Boston Oct. 5. The English primate was last in a long procession of dignitaries which passed up the broad aisle of Trinity Church, where opening service was held in the presence of an immense congregation. He recited one of the prayers of the office of holy communion and read the gospel. The celebrant was Rt. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, of Missouri, presiding Bishop; the gospeller was Rt. Rev. James Carmichael, Bishop of Montreal, and the preacher, Bishop William Doane, of Albany, N. Y. Bishop Doane welcomed the Archbishop of Canterbury, and then devoted a large part of his sermon to the divisions in Christendom.

Peter Sells, the well-known showman, died Oct. 5 at his home in Columbus, Ohio, of apoplexy, aged 55 years. He, with his brothers, Ephraim Allen and Lewis, established the Sells Brothers' show in 1872. He retained his interest when the Sells Bros. show was consolidated with the Forepaugh shows in 1896. Only one of the four brothers, Lewis Sells, survives.

Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, chairman of the Women's Federated Republican Clubs, went to Colorado to work for her party, and the first thing she did was to attempt to organize the women voters of that State. The first reply she received from them was that she was a politician "for revenue only," and, again, that Mrs. Foster was greatly mistaken if she thought the manly women of Colorado would submit to being organized by a "female walking delegate."

The contract for building the \$750,000 cotton mill in Paris, Texas, has been let to a Greensboro, N. C., firm, and ground will be broken this month.

The report of the State Controller shows that the following named counties lead in the payment of occupation taxes in the year ending Aug. 31, 1904: Dallas, \$74,695.90; Harris, \$59,871.90; Bexar, \$59,732.10; Galveston, \$43,185.70; Tarrant, \$40,314.70; Jefferson, \$35,772.80; McLennan, \$28,553.50; El Paso, \$28,844.40; Travis, \$21,140; Grayson, \$16,958.30; Bowie, \$15,172; Lamar, \$14,983.50.

Gen. Kuropatkin has bestowed the ribbon of St. George on all the Red Cross nurses of the Sisterhood of St. George for bravery at the battle of Liao Yang. During the awful night of Sept. 1 these nurses toiled unceasingly, proceeding on their errands of mercy under a hail of shrapnel, dressing wounds and even carrying disabled soldiers to the ambulances.

Four persons lost their lives during the burning of the Tracy Hotel, in South St. Joseph.

In the District Court of Bowie County, Texas, at Boston, Willie Watson, a 13-year-old white boy, was tried on the charge of killing his father at Oak Grove, near DeKalb, in the west end of the county, about six weeks ago. He was convicted of manslaughter and given five years in the penitentiary. According to the testimony, the boy had told his father that if he whipped his 10-year-old sister again he would kill him and when the old man a few days later was punishing the girl the boy slipped up behind him and shot the contents of both barrels of a shotgun into his head, blowing out his brains.

The signing of the Franco-Spanish agreement marks an important step toward the realization of the French ambition of a West African Empire stretching from the French Sudan to the Mediterranean and Atlantic. This will embrace an enormous tract of territory, giving France the largest area in Africa, with the best posts for commerce with Europe and America.

Mr. Wynne has been made Acting Postmaster General. Mr. Wynne is a newspaper man, and until he was appointed Assistant Postmaster General was actively engaged as a Washington correspondent. With a stronger feeling for duty than for party he unearthed and brought to punishment the grafters. To him alone is the credit due, and in time it will be shown.

Twenty-nine persons were killed and sixty injured by a collision of two Missouri Pacific trains three miles east of Warrensburg. The trains were the second section of passenger train No. 30, which left Wichita, Kan., for St. Louis, and extra freight train.

The meeting of the two galleries of the Simplon Tunnel has taken place. The whole of the twelve miles 455 yards has been pierced. Seven miles of this distance is in Italy. This is the longest tunnel in the world, since the St. Gothard is about nine and one-half miles, the Mont Cenis eight miles, and the Ariberg six and one-half miles

long. The tunnel reaches an altitude of 2,313 feet, while the elevation of the renowned Alpine road of Napoleon over the Simplon Pass is 6,590 feet. The total cost of the tunnel will be about \$15,054,000.

Rabbi J. Leonard Levy, of the Congregation Rodolph Shalom, Pittsburgh, has been re-engaged for a period of five years at an annual salary of \$12,000. His present contract has eighteen months yet to run before the five-year engagement is begun. The salary is the largest ever paid a Hebrew rabbi on a limited contract in the history of the world. Rabbi Levy went to Pittsburgh three years ago from Philadelphia at a salary of \$7,000. A year later this was increased to \$8,000, and last year to \$10,000. He is prominent in charitable and reform work of all kinds.

The following is a dispatch from London: Replying to a letter from the International Arbitration and Peace Association suggesting that the time is at hand when His Majesty's ministers, in concert with other powers can, with good hope of success, appeal to the Governments of Russia and Japan to suspend the conflict in the Far East, Foreign Minister Lansdowne writes as follows: "Neither of the belligerents having expressed any desire for mediation on the part of the other powers, His Majesty's Government does not consider that it could with advantage take such action as is suggested by your committee."

Every labor union in Boston was represented at the workmen's mass meeting, held in connection with the International Peace Conference. The keynote of the gathering was that as war affected the working class of the world more than any other class, the working people should bind themselves to demand and insist that war, both industrial and political, should cease.

At a mass meeting of citizens, McKinney accepted the proposition of the Texas Presbyterian University to give it \$75,000 to locate there, where the institution already owns a magnificent site of 200 acres purchased at a cost of \$18,000. This is \$25,000 more than the town's previous offer.

We are assured that women of the West this year will figure in the Presidential campaign as they never have figured before, and according to dispatches from Denver, Salt Lake City and Cheyenne, Wyo., their vote will be the heaviest ever cast. In Colorado the women's vote is expected to be increased, but the men of both parties are said to be trying to discourage them from taking sides in the State campaign, which is a complicated fight. In Wyoming the vote nominally is six women to ten men. It is expected that the ratio probably will be increased to nine to ten. In Utah the Mormon elders are urging the women to vote for Roosevelt, on the plea that if he is elected Senator Smoot will retain his seat. The vote of gentle women in Idaho probably will offset the vote in Utah, for politics in the two States has resolved itself into a fight for and against the Mormon Church.

John W. Hutchinson, 84 years old, of the famous New England Hutchinson family of singers, still hale and hearty, is in St. Louis attending the International Peace Conference. He has sung there some of the anti-slavery songs which during the Civil War did much to arouse sentiment against slavery. During the Civil War a special permit was issued by the Secretary of War which allowed him to give a series of concerts, which lasted for a month, to the 30,000 soldiers stationed along the Potomac River. Since attaining his majority Mr. Hutchinson has traveled almost continuously. Up to the present date he, his brothers, daughter and niece have given 11,000 concerts. He conducted political campaigns with Abraham Lincoln, Robert Ingersoll, Stephen A. Douglas and other men of prominence.

Harry J. Scott's skull was fractured several weeks ago in Goshen, N. Y., when the tank of a chemical engine exploded and a piece of the metal penetrated his brain. A successful operation was performed, but he was partially paralyzed and unable to speak for days after consciousness returned. Finally a slow improvement began, and when he made an effort to speak was able to enunciate only the word, "mamma." The man is now able to walk, but the only words he can speak commence with the letter "M." Physicians say he will eventually recover his speech perfectly, but are unable to account for the peculiarity in the case.

Dr. Liecga, president of the Superior Board of Health, in Mexico, says yellow fever is under control and that the sanitary campaign will be continued until the disease is banished from Mexico. Merida has only one patient in the hospital; Coatzacoalcas has four and Acayucan has four.

C. W. Jones, Secretary of the Houston Fire and Marine Insurance Company, was shot and killed on the 4th floor of the Mason Building, near his

office in Houston Sunday. Maj. Hugh N. Swain is charged with the killing. Col. W. J. Swain, father of the accused, was at one time Controller of the State of Texas, and later a strong candidate for Governor.

On Oct. 4 Henry C. Payne, Postmaster General of the United States, passed away. His health has been poor for some time and the end was not unexpected. His remains were laid to rest in Forest Home Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wis. It is estimated that 25,000 persons viewed the remains at the City Hall before they were removed to All Saints' Cathedral in the afternoon.

Miss Bessie Wilson, of Clarksburg, W. Va., niece of the late William L. Wilson, former Postmaster General and afterwards president of Washington and Lee University, was drowned while bathing at Virginia Beach, October 9.

Porto Rico's 1,007 public schools opened with 60,000 pupils enrolled. In the first school year during American occupation there were 800 schools with 25,000 pupils.

Six employees of the Grand Trunk Railroad were suffocated by coal gas in the St. Clair Tunnel, which runs under the St. Clair River from Port Huron to Sarnia, Ont. A coal train broke in two while passing through the tunnel and three of the train crew were suffocated while part of the train lay stalled in the tunnel. The engineer lost his life when he returned and endeavored to push the stalled cars back to safety, and two other rescuers perished in vain attempts to penetrate the gaseous atmosphere of the great tunnel.

The San Antonio Fair, which begins Oct. 22, is to have all the cattle in the quarantine division now being exhibited in St. Louis.

Fire in livery stable in Washington caused a loss of about \$100,000. Some of the finest carriages owned in Washington, many of them belonging to Senators, members of the diplomatic corps and wealthy Washingtonians, stored in the building, were burned. The fire started from defective electric light wiring. The loss on the building and the firm's stock is about \$75,000 and to private parties \$25,000.

LATEST FROM THE SEAT OF WAR.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 10, 6:15 p. m.—General Kuropatkin is in the field personally directing the forward movement of the army, which, it is understood, is divided into two strong columns, moving on each side of the railroad, whence they will draw their supplies, their flanks being assured by no less than 150 squadrons of Cossacks. The Russians are operating along a front of between forty and fifty miles, extending from Kaoutou Pass to Bentsiaputze on the east, and across the Hun River to the left bank of the Liao River on the west. They are taking every precaution against possible counter attacks, throwing up entrenchments as they advanced southward.

Field Marshal Oyama has not yet shown a disposition strongly to hold his outer posts. The evacuation of Bentsiaputze left the flank of the Japanese position at the Yentai mines unprotected and news of the abandonment of the mines is, therefore, hourly expected.

The Japanese appear to be concentrating their forces in the fortifications formerly occupied by the Russians on the right bank of the Taitse River, which are strong, and they have an equally good defense north and south. The Japanese retired from Bentsiaputze almost without a struggle, fearing that General Mischenko's Cossacks would surround the position and cut them off.

London, Oct. 10.—A dispatch to a news agency from Tokio says, at an audience this morning the emperor of Japan handed the premier a message to the nation as follows:

"Since the commencement of hostilities our army and navy have displayed loyalty and bravery and with the officials and people with united minds complying with our institutions, they have hitherto steadily advanced by progressive steps. Nevertheless our prospects of final success are still distant. I earnestly hope that the sincerity of the national spirit will enable us to realize our final object."

Tokio, Oct. 10, 1 p. m.—It is reported here that the Japanese recently centered a fire from the land positions and general fleet blockading Port Arthur, with the object of destroying the Russian fleet, and succeeded in sinking three vessels, the names of which are unknown. The failure of the Port Arthur fleet to make a sortie is creating the impression that the Russians intend to destroy their ships just before the fall of the fortress in preference to taking the risk of a sortie.

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purpose for which the provisions are being purchased is unknown. Well-informed Chinese express the opinion that they are intended for the Russian army.

A telegram from Kweilin, in the province of Kwangsi, in Southern China, says that Chinese troops have defeated a large body of rebels at Lochengshien, after a three days' fight. The Boxer movement is reported to be spreading in the northern provinces.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Sept. 29.—G. W. Shearer, sub. R. F. Dunn, sub. J. W. McAfee, sub. T. S. Armstrong, sub. W. A. Stuckey, sub. J. J. Canafax, sub. Clyde B. Garrett, sub. J. T. Osborn, sub. C. D. West, sub. R. L. Ely, sub. W. B. Andrews, sub. W. C. Hilburn, sub. G. J. Irvin, sub.

Sept. 30.—J. W. Harmon, sub. G. H. Phair, sub. R. B. Bonner, sub. A. E. Carraway, sub. J. B. Adair, sub. B. L. Nance, sub. C. E. Gallagher, sub. T. W. Ellis, sub. J. F. Archer, sub. Thos. Hanks, change. J. J. Shaw, sub. C. W. Dennis, sub.

Oct. 1.—T. E. Bowman, sub. W. L. Nelms, sub. J. C. Carpenter, sub. J. N. Hunter, matter has attention.

Oct. 3.—J. H. Morris, sub. J. M. Owen, sub. A. E. Carraway, sub. W. F. Mayne, sub. P. R. White, sub. has attention. S. J. Vaughan, sub. has attention. C. V. Oswalt, sub. J. H. Braswell, sub. L. B. Ellis, sub. J. B. Turentine, sub.

Oct. 4.—G. R. Hughes, sub. Ed Morgan, sub. C. C. Davis, sub. W. J. Holder, sub. C. S. Field, sub. W. T. Morrow, sub. has attention. I. T. Morris, sub. I. F. Betts, sub. J. W. Harmon, sub. R. F. Dunn, sub. P. R. White, sub. D. F. Pulley, sub.

Oct. 5.—H. T. Hart, sub. J. A. Carr, sub. G. F. Boyd, sub. C. V. Oswalt, sub. E. L. Silliman, sub. J. E. Vinson, sub. A. J. Weeks, sub. V. A. Godbey, sub. R. B. Moreland, sub. J. F. Archer, sub. A. Nolan, sub.

Oct. 6.—W. H. Wright, has attention. M. A. Turner, has attention. A. W. Wilson, sub; change made. A. B. Davidson, sub. C. W. Macune, sub.

Oct. 7.—C. B. Garrett, sub. A. R. Nash, sub. C. E. Gallagher, sub. M. S. Leveridge, has attention. E. R. Barcus, sub. W. L. Nelms, sub. W. C. Hilburn, has attention. M. I. Brown, sub. G. F. Campbell, sub. J. C. Carpenter, change made. J. M. Armstrong, sub. D. W. Gardner, sub. S. R. Hay, sub. H. A. Hodges, sub. W. A. Manly, has attention. C. D. West, sub.

Oct. 8.—E. G. Roberts, sub. W. L. Nelms, sub. J. D. Hendrickson, sub. W. J. Holder, sub. C. N. N. Ferguson, sub. M. C. Dobbs, sub. L. B. Ellis, sub. Jos. P. Callaway, o. k. J. H. Morris, sub. W. L. Nelms, sub.

Oct. 10.—T. W. Ellis, sub. C. V. Oswalt, sub. Jesse Lee, sub. R. F. Dunn, sub. H. M. Glass, sub. J. W. Hennessee, sub. J. W. Allbritten, sub. has attention. W. C. Hilburn, sub. Lee Sanders, sub. W. H. Harris, sub. G. H. Phair, sub. R. A. Walker, sub. W. T. Gray, sub. J. E. Vinson, sub. V. A. Godbey, sub. J. C. Huddleston, sub.

Oct. 11.—W. J. Holder, sub. E. R. Patterson, sub. W. L. Nelms, sub. Lee Sanders, sub. M. L. Lindsey, change. W. B. Wilson, sub. has attention. I. T. Morris, sub. J. D. Worrell, sub. G. J. Irvin, sub. D. H. Aston, sub. and change. J. W. Bowden, sub. G. W. Kinchelee, sub. J. D. Odum, has attention.

Oct. 12.—Sam'l Weaver, sub. A. P. Lipscomb, sub. J. J. Morgan, sub. D. J. Martin, sub. O. C. Swinney, o. k. H. M. Long, sub. H. B. Smith, has attention. Eugene T. Bates, sub. E. V. Cox, sub. J. L. Dawson, sub.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Blooming Grove Circuit.

S. P. Nevill, Oct. 10: We have had some good meetings and about 25 conversions. Bro. Barcus, our much loved presiding elder, came and held our fourth Quarterly Conference on the 2d and 3d inst. We had a good conference. The reports from the stewards and Sunday-school superintendents were good. A committee was elected to build a new church house at Jones' Chapel. Improvements will be made on the Dresden and Brushy Prairie churches. The ladies will raise money to pay the rents on the preacher's home another year. All in all, we have had a good year, and expect to report everything in full at conference.

Mineral Wells.

C. V. Oswalt, Oct. 4: Abe and Louisa have come and gone, left a blessing behind them, and carried with them the blessings of our people. Fifty-two names were given for membership in the different Churches. Last Sunday 37 were received into the Methodist Church. Our membership is greatly revived and encouraged. Abe raised a subscription of \$3050 for the completion of our church building the last night of the meeting, and our people in return gave Brother and Sister Mulkey \$250 as a thank-offering in token of their appreciation of the services of these devout servants of God. The Lord bless "Abe and Louisa."

A Great Meeting.

Ben Hardy, Memphis, Oct. 3: The greatest meeting in the history of Memphis closed last night, after running three weeks, embracing four Sundays. It was a union tent meeting. The preaching the first week was by the different pastors. On the second Sunday Bro. Lovic P. Law, an evangelist of our Church from Missouri, a son of the sainted M. F. Law, of the East Texas Conference, with Prof. E. G. Phillips, his singer, came. The people came in numbers and were saved. I never before saw such power as rested on the people nor such faithful personal work done by the people. There were somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 conversions. Perhaps fifty of these were already members of some Church. Forty have given their names for membership in our Church. Some thirty-five to the Baptists and thirty to the C. P., six to the Campbellite Church, with others to join perhaps all these Churches yet. The ratio of the religious to the non-religious here now is at least 16 to 1 and some say even greater than that. Bro. Law is all right; his preaching is plain, simple, practical; the chief characteristic of it is his earnest persistence in pleading with the unsaved. Bro. Phillips is well known in Texas. He is not only a good leader in song, but an untiring worker for souls. There are a great many things I would like to say regarding the meeting, but after all it was indescribable. The scenes of Pentecost were re-enacted in Memphis. I heard at least 100 shouting praises to God at one time, while nearly all the unsaved in the town and surrounding country, and many of them men hardened by years of wickedness, were compelled to yield up their lives to God. We praise God for this great victory. I have taken nearly 100 into the Church this year and will go beyond that number by conference. Will be able to report everything in full, I think, and several hundred dollars of improvements on our church and parsonage.

Moody.

S. Hundley, Oct. 10: Yesterday was the biggest day Moody has ever had in Church affairs. The new Methodist church was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God by Bishop E. E. Hoss. The large auditorium and Sunday-school room were full of people, and extra seats were provided, all being taken. Our presiding elder, Dr. J. S. Chapman, was present, and he seemed to enjoy the occasion as much as any present, as he realized the excellent work that has been done in Moody in the erection of this most magnificent edifice. Bishop Hoss preached a powerful sermon at 11 o'clock, which struck deep in the hearts of those present, and the unanimous verdict was that this man of God is a most profound thinker and a pleasing speaker. His sermon of one hour and thirty minutes did not seem more than half so long. He held his audience spell-bound. At the conclusion of the sermon a collection was taken for the ladies of the Home Mission Society, and \$65 were raised. This collection was light from the fact that almost every one present had contributed liberally to the paying of the Church debt. Then the Building Committee stood before the Bishop and presented him the house to be "set apart from

all unhallowed or common uses, for the worship of Almighty God," and the Bishop, in the usual manner, read the dedication service, which was followed by prayer and the benediction. The Bishop remarked that he had traveled all over the United States and Europe, and had never seen as nice a church in as small a town. This is complimentary to our town, our people and especially to our pastor, Rev. J. T. Griswold. The church is a magnificent brick-veneered building, of modern style and structure. It is furnished with the very best seats turned out, and all the furnishings are of the highest grade and best quality. It is a beauty, and is Moody's attraction. It has cost in round figures \$12,000, and while the enterprise has been on hand but little over a year, every dollar has been provided for. This success is due almost altogether to the fine generalship of the pastor, Rev. J. T. Griswold. He has made almost the canvass himself, and any that was not done by him was planned and managed by him. He has proven his ability along this line in Moody. One very remarkable feature of this Church enterprise is that the Church is in such fine shape after the battle is over. There is not a ruffled feather or feeling in the entire membership, but on the other hand, all is harmony, and good feeling prevails throughout the membership. At the evening service the Bishop preached another powerful sermon, and all went home feeling that the grandest day in the history of Moody had just closed.

Turnersville.

C. H. Smith, Oct. 4: I closed my seventh meeting at Lane's Chapel the first Sunday in September, 1904. Rev. J. E. Steel, of Elkins Postoffice, Brown County, was with me and did most of the preaching all around my circuit. We began at Turnersville July 1, and continued 11 days. Rev. S. W. Turner was with us and held the Quarterly Conference, and preached us three forceful sermons. Quarterly Conference was good and Church greatly revived and built up. We had 8 conversions and 7 joined the M. E. Church. Next was Mosheim. We had a good revival in the church and 6 conversions. At Harmony Rev. C. C. Moore, my local preacher, started the meeting, and rendered me valuable help at four points. We had a good meeting in the church—6 conversions and 5 additions. Cranfill's Gap: Bro. Kin Turner and Bro. Moore began the meeting, and had a good start when Bro. Steel and I got there. We had a very good meeting—3 conversions and 2 additions. Bro. Moore started the meeting at Mt. Zion. We had a sweeping revival: 36 conversions and reclamations; 18 joined the Church. Bro. Davis, local preacher from Jonesboro, was there and preached several good sermons and rendered valuable service. At Boggy we had a good meeting. The Church was revived and community stirred; 4 or 5 conversions and reclamations; 5 joined the Church by profession of faith and certificate. We had a sweeping revival at Lane's Chapel; 38 conversions and reclamations, and 14 joined the Church, and I think others will join. We had in all about 100 conversions and 54 additions. Bro. Steel is a good preacher and a faithful worker, and he says things to the point and brings it hard down on sin. He made many friends all around my work, and any one wanting help will do well to secure his services.

Jim Ned.

P. H. Davis, L. D., Oct. 7: I was assigned to a part of the Buffalo Gap work of which Bro. E. L. Sisk is pastor. I will speak chiefly of my part of the work. I have seven appointments and four organizations. I held four protracted or camp-meetings. The first at Oplin, the extreme east end of my work. We had a hard fight for ten days, but a glorious victory. We had some as hard obstacles to overcome as I almost ever saw. Bro. B. A. Thomason, a supernumerary preacher, was with me two or three days and did some good preaching. It would nearly be impossible for him to do otherwise. Bro. Carter, a local preacher, was there doing faithful work. We had some true, faithful lay workers that can't be beat. We had 33 conversions, 23 accessions to our Church, several to the Baptist. We went from there to White Church in Mulberry Canyon for another hard battle and a glorious victory in the salvation of 36 precious souls for our blessed Christ. Twenty-six added to our Church. Well it would be impossible to mention half the good things I would like to say about this meeting. Bro. Thomason was with me the whole twelve days. He was certainly at his best. Bro. Carter, our local preacher from Oplin, was there four or five days full of the Holy Ghost and good works. Bro. Mason and Bro. George Smallwood, two young exhorters, did faithful work. Grandpa Twomey, my old neighbor and stand-by at Jim Ned, was with me most of the summer, doing fine work. A finer people could not be found any-

where than at Mulberry Canyon. From thence we came to Elm Grove, the hardest of hard, but we had a glorious victory in the salvation of 28 souls; 14 added to our Church, some to the Baptists. Bro. Mason was the only preacher help that I had there, and he is a young exhorter, but full of faith and power. We have some good, faithful people at Elm Grove as anywhere. Old Bro. Collins, a supernumerary preacher, was there. From thence we went to Rock Crossing. Got a bad start there, but a good meeting. The Church greatly revived and five souls saved; one added to the Church. We had about seven preachers first and last at Rock Crossing. Bro. Sisk was with me two days; Bro. Thomason four days. Bro. Evans, from Merkel, dropped in one day and preached one time for us. Bro. Annis gave us one visit and lectured to a few of the young boys. Bro. Mason was with us from beginning to end. Young Bro. Binkley, a promising young preacher, preached one time for us. We have set in motion six prayer-meetings, which we trust will result in much good. I was with my pastor, Bro. Sisk at Jim Ned; a glorious meeting. With that exception we have not been together but very little except when he would drop in and preach one of his best sermons. I have taken my mission collections at every meeting; have done fairly well on that line. At the four meetings we had 102 conversions and 64 accessions. Several babies baptized. Our finances a little behind, but I believe everything will be met in full—Advocate money and all—by conference.

Dawson.

Ben M. Edwards: Splendid day at Dawson last Sunday; had one confession. Just beginning work here.

Graham.

E. V. Cox: For two weeks, closing Oct. 2, Rev. A. P. Lowrey and wife led us in a great meeting. All denominations helped nobly; 185 professions; \$1 gave their names to join the Methodist Church (giving us a net increase of 65); 34 have already joined the Baptist, 14 the O. S. P. and 3 the Christian Church; more to follow in all. Stewards are about up with P. C.; only \$25 yet to collect on conference collections; \$1150, with more to follow, was subscribed to build a new parsonage on which we will go to work at once, so that the new preacher will have a new house. Many family altars were erected; many acts of consecration made, different forms of vice given up; no meat delivered on Sunday. In fact, all the things that go to make a great meeting were seen and heard. Bro. Lowrey and wife did a great work and we appreciated it by paying them \$200 and then the evangelist gave the P. C. and wife a nice money present and subscribed to the new parsonage. We started out with these people happy, and we are still happy.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Wharton.

B. W. Allen, Oct. 4: Have just closed a fine meeting at this place. Bro. J. C. Carr, of Chappell Hill, spent two weeks with us. The Lord blessed his labors. It rained almost every day for the whole time, but still we kept going. Received seven on profession of faith. Everybody in good spirits. Have received by all methods on the whole work to date fifty-four—most of them by letter. People are moving in. By the grace of God, the Church will look after them.

Jasper and Kirbyville.

M. L. Lindsey: Last Sunday was a fine day at Kirbyville. We had 155 present at Sunday school, the largest attendance in its history. The school made the pastor a present of a purse of \$18. This makes \$51.50 that the school has paid on the collections. Children's Day and pastor's salary, besides running expenses, which have been very heavy. At the 11 o'clock service the house was packed. We received a class of twenty-one in the Church (only one child) at night. We had more people than we could seat comfortably—always do at night—so we appointed a Building Committee, and intend to build a new and commodious church right soon. We have more collected up to date on the collections than the work has ever paid, but we are not out yet, but we hope to pay everything out in full by conference. We have also a church building on hand at Jasper. We expect to build a nice church here. We have a building that was for a long time the best church in this section, but it is out of date, and we need a new one, and we hope to be able to build in the near future. The Advocate is in fine favor among the people.

Cochrane.

Mrs. J. D. Cochrane: After having been lost to view in the Christian world for a number of years, Cochrane is at last proud to boast that she is coming to the front. However, we de-

serve no credit for this great spiritual awakening. It is all due to our faithful, zealous, prayerful and appealing minister, Rev. Allen Tooke. One of the most glorious meetings in the memory of some of our oldest settlers here has just closed. With the assistance of two faithful ministers, Bro. Adams and Heygood, Bro. Tooke continued these services for ten days. A great interest was manifested. People that had never been seen here before were in attendance at all the services to receive the divine message. There were only three accessions to the Church, one of the oldest and most influential men of this community being one of the number. We feel that a world of good was accomplished if only these three souls were brought to Christ. We have organized a splendid Sunday-school, with Mr. Wm. Mitchamore as superintendent. In my opinion nothing does more to upbuild a community than a good Sunday-school—some place, as well as home, where our little ones can learn something of the life and works of Jesus. Besides this, we have started up a prayer-meeting every Thursday night. This is something new for this place, but we find it a great benefit both intellectually and religiously. We are also building a house of worship, something that we had never had, except a school house. The people, or a majority of them, have suffered such losses, financially, within the past few years until we felt that our long needed church was still several years in the future, but with such a "live wire" (as some one has termed him) for a leader we have sought first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and hope that the rest shall be added unto us. We also hope and expect to have our new church completed within a few weeks. For all of these blessings and many others we give the credit to our faithful pastor. Whether he is with us another year or is sent to another field, may God be with him and bless him in all that he does in the cause of Christ, is our prayer.

Canton.

G. R. Hughes, Oct. 3: Our fourth Quarterly Conference is passed. Dr. Solomon, "the" presiding elder of Texas Conference, was on hand. Oh, my, how he did preach at 11 o'clock on Sunday! It will never be forgotten by that generation. He carries up all lines of Church work. My! how he gets a move on a Board of Stewards and the preacher also. A man has got to work under him, or get out of the way. The Quarterly Conference met with the Edgewood Church. I protracted two weeks, doing all of the preaching myself until the last four days, Charlie Hughes came in and did some fine work. The Church there is in much better condition now than it has been since I have been its pastor. At the close they gave us a booming pounding, and a purse of \$8. All claims will come up; in fact, this is the best Church on finances I ever served with but one exception. They have a fine Sunday-school. This is due to an efficient superintendent, Professor R. I. Ellis. His blackboard exercises are sublime. I have never heard such lectures. Our Senior League there run by John A. Yates, is doing fine work; also the Junior League by Miss Mattie Cheatham, is doing real well, but we now expect better things from that in the future. Canton is a little inland town of as true, loyal people as I ever saw. We can not boast so high of our Sunday-school, but we have the best Junior League I ever saw, under the care of Mrs. T. P. Davis and Mrs. Bettie Nolen. I believe they have \$2 in number and they all attend. We open up a protracted meeting to-day with Dr. Packard, of Tyler. We will report later.

New Boston.

Stuart Nelson, Oct. 4: The last Quarterly Conference of 1904 for New Boston Station was held the first of the week by Rev. J. T. Smith. In all respects it was a delightful conference. Both the presiding elder and the preacher in charge paid in full and a nice bonus cash present. The collections ordered by the Annual Conference are secured. The "beloved" preached a fairly good sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock to a large and attentive congregation. My people love and are anxious to hear him preach. Of course this is largely due to my "bragging" on him before he came to my town. He ought to be grateful and prove his gratitude by advising Bishop Hess to return me to this work. I am (D. V. and no cyclone) going to start to the St. Louis Fair to-morrow. Bro. T. A. Fuller, may God bless him, made this trip possible by contributing himself and asking the brethren and brothers-in-law to assist in so laudable an enterprise. They all responded cheerfully, so that I have ample funds for all my legitimate expenses, but not enough to treat the presiding elder and others to lemonade, ice cream, etc. To one and all I am very grateful and pray the dear Lord to reward them for their unceasing kindness and generosity.

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NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Rhame.

J. B. Sims: Our revivals are over and our work is on higher ground. Our first meeting was at Rhame and a success, resulting in a number of conversions and greatly helping our Church. Revs. F. O. Miller and I. N. Crutchfield did the preaching. At Briar there were four or five conversions. Except three sermons by Bro. French the pastor did the preaching. Bro. H. E. Smith, of Chico, reached me on Tuesday of the meeting at Anneville and did the rest of the preaching, and it was well done. This meeting resulted in twenty or more conversions and reclamations and fourteen additions to the Church. At Newark we have eight or ten members and desired to hold a meeting in September at that place. Bro. C. L. Ballard had been secured to do the preaching, but on his arrival he found so much opposition to Methodism from the Campbellite and Baptist brethren we thought it impossible to hold a revival and decided to have Bro. Ballard preach a series of doctrinal sermons. Nothing could stand against the strong munitions of Methodism wielded by him. Under the fearful blows of the sledge hammer the unbroken chain fell into pieces. The charges of dynamite were heavy, the tanks bursting and running dry. The torpedoes were sent straight to the mark and parents brought their children unto him and they were baptized. The life boat was let down and some were saved from a liquid grave. The altar was established and the name of the Lord was glorified and his Church established. A collection was taken to build a Methodist Church and by conference we expect to have it under construction. Ballard is a success. There is no doubt about that. Our beloved presiding elder grows in favor with my people. At conference we expect to report salary and collections in full or but little behind.

Grace Church, Dallas.

P. R. Knickerbocker, Oct. 10: We are just closing out our second year at Grace Church and we give grateful thanks to God for his continued blessings on the work. We received last year 420 new members and this year we have received 215 so far, 70 of these as a result of the great Stuart meeting, which just closed. I want to say here, in regard to George Stuart, that I not only believe him to be the greatest evangelistic preacher in the world, but I believe that, altogether.

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As you listen to the music
Of the birds in yonder trees,
Or the murmur of a brooklet
As it glides toward the seas,
Or the peals of sweetest harmony
From an orchestra of skilled men,
Till your heart with boundless grandeur
Burns with bitterness for sin;

As you watch a gorgeous sunset
Beyond the hills of the hazy west,
With a radiant glow of beauty
Hovering o'er its place of rest,
Till your heart with boundless grandeur
Burns above the things so near,
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edge
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Did you ever stop to ponder
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WHAT THE YOUNG TREES LEARNED.

Almost in a night the peach trees
had burst forth into marvelous beau-
ty. Though they could not see them-
selves, they felt the transformation
from bare brownness to the glory of
pink and white. And when passers-
by, one after another, stopped with
words of delight their young hearts
swelled with pride. It was their first
season of bloom.

Children wanted to break off the
slender branches, but older ones bade
them let the young trees alone, and
the young trees, although they loved
the children who called them by
sweet names, were glad to be left un-
broken.

From day to day the young trees
lived rejoicing; rejoicing in the gold-
en sunshine that warmed them, in the
pleasant breezes that swayed them,
in the soft showers that bathed them,
in the buzzing bees that came to them
for sweetness, and most of all in the
words of praise that never failed. And
in their own silent way they lifted up
hands of praise to Him who giveth
beauty and love.

But a certain day came when the
soft petals began to loosen and flutter
to the ground. At first, they fell, one

by one, and the trees scarcely noticed
it, but when they dropped down in lit-
tle companies, here, there, and every-
where, the young trees began to feel
in some branches a touch of bareness
and became alarmed. But there was
no help for it; down, down, came the
silken petals and the hearts of the
young trees trembled. It was their
first season.

And then a certain night came, a
night of great wind. A sense of de-
pression came over the young trees,
though they could not see themselves,
they felt that something was gone
from them, just as on that glad morn-
ing two weeks ago, they had felt
themselves transfigured. So they
did not wonder, though they wept,
when the dull gray morning broke
and showed the beautiful pink and
white blossoms strewn about their
feet.

Gone, all gone, forever!
And when the passers-by did not
stop to admire but only said, "The
peach trees have shed their blossoms,"
the young trees wept afresh; but
when the children pointed and said,
"Why, the trees are ugly now,
we do not like them," they thought
their hearts would break.

The trees lived on in sadness. The
sun shone brighter and warmer, the
birds began to flutter among their
branches, sometimes breaking forth
into songs of inexpressible joy.

"Ah," said the young trees, "the
birds know nothing of sorrow, they
have never lost beauty, love, all that
was best of themselves, in a night."

And the hands of the young trees
were heavy as their hearts; they were
not lifted in praise to Him who taketh
away.

Perhaps the birds knew what was
in the hearts of the young peach
trees, perhaps not. However it was,
they sang among other things, some-
thing like this:

"Not one blossom falleth to the
ground without our Father. When he
taketh away a good thing, it is only
that he may make room for some
better. Wait! Wait!"

The sun shone warmer, the birds
sang on, and when the first soreness
of grief was over the young trees be-
gan to feel again, creeping through
trunk and branch, a joyful thrill.
Only now the joy of it was less ex-

ulting; it was the deeper sense of
motherhood. Wherever the blossoms
had been something seemed to be
swelling into new life, growing and
growing, nourished by the sunshine
from without, by its mother's life
from within. Then a thick mantle of
green covered the limbs and the
young trees, throbbing with this
greater joy, trembling with wonder
as to what was yet to come, raised
once more mute hands of praise and
waited.

Daily the tiny germs of life expand-
ed and one fair morning the passers-
by said: "The young peach trees are
loaded with fruit;" and they stopped
to admire.

"But where are the children?" sigh-
ed the mother-trees; "they do not
love us yet."

The birds got weary of singing—
most of them.

But the good sun shone on and the
pleasant breezes blew from the
South, and on a certain glad day the
children, playing by the way, stopped
and clapped their hands.

"The peaches are ripe! The peaches
are ripe! Such beautiful red and
white peaches," and they climbed the
fence. They plucked what they would
of the juicy fruit. "Good trees," they
said, "to give us such sweet, nice
peaches. We will take some to mother
and father."

That was the running over drop of
joy for the young mother-trees. They
knew no sorrow that the ripe fruit
was gathered, feeling that it was for
this hour that the blossoms had burst
forth and fallen away, for this the
tiny germs of life had taken their
place, for this the germs had been fed
by the sunshine and their mother's
strength, for this the warm sun had
ripened the full grown fruit. They
knew no sorrow, only joy.

But in their mute way the mother-
trees made one request, which was
that the dear children whom they
loved would, when they had eaten
the luscious fruit, take the precious
seed hidden within and give it carefully
back to earth—the good mother of all
who would keep it safe and in her
own right time change it into—ah,
what!

And in their own language, to one
another, the trees sang in the fullness
of heart: "Not one blossom falleth to
the ground without our Father. He
taketh away one thing only to make
room for something better!"—Pres-
byterian.

JOE'S SACRIFICE.

It was a July day; a day when the
sun-baked plains of Nebraska lay bar-
ren and waste. The alfalfa, which in
early spring grew so luxuriantly, gave
small promise of a second cutting. The
hot winds, against which irrigation
and good husbandry were alike un-
availing, had swept over the plains,
and the fields of grain lay barren and
waste. On the banks of a river some
trees threw a graceful shade, but, with
this exception, on those great stretch-
es of sandy soil the cactus, the soap-
weed and the wild sunflower were all
that remained.

In the midst of this wild waste,
where the shadow of a small sod house
cooled the sun's fierce heat, were a
boy and his dog. To Joe, when but a
child of three years, an uncle for
whom he was named had given this
splendid St. Bernard, and the dog,
with the instincts of his species, had,
from the first, considered the child his
especial care.

When, the following spring, the San-
ders family, in a great covered wagon,
moved to Nebraska, the dog went
with them; and here, where Mr. San-
ders built his two-roomed sod house,
he did not forget that near it must be
placed a comfortable kennel for Hero.
Busy with the cares of frontier life,
both father and mother felt that with
the dog as protector their boy was
safe.

They would wander away together,
where Joe could pluck the pure, white
stems from the soap-weed, gather the
bright cactus flowers, or chase the roll-
ing tumble-weed, and the childish feet
would always be guided safely home
again. As Joe grew older, his love
for Hero became stronger, and the dog
returned it with a devotion almost hu-
man. Now that Joe was seven, with
Hero harnessed to his dog cart, they
would go on and on until they came to
the woods, or where they could see
the stage that made weekly trips from
the railroad, miles away. On these
journeys Joe sometimes wondered if
he loved Hero better than he did his
father and mother, but when this thought
crept into his heart, he put it away
instantly, for it seemed very wicked.

On this morning, however, his father
was sick; his mother was sad with
weeping; Joe had been telling Hero
of the gloom and sorrow that had
seemed to settle on their home, then,
with his head pillowed on the dog's
shaggy neck, he lay in the shadow,
fast asleep.

"Hello, Joe!"

Suddenly awakened, Joe started up

in happy surprise at seeing a boy stand-
ing near.

"Why, Jack Granger, how you
sneaked me!" said Joe.

"Didn't I, though," replied Jack, "but
why don't you ask me what I cum
fur?"

"What did you?" asked Joe, "taint
mail day?"

"Nop," replied Jack. "You guess."

"Mayby—there's comp'ny come,"

ventured Joe.

"Nop; I'll tell you," said Jack;
"ther's city folks come down there by
the river camp."

"Is there?" asked Joe.

"Yep," returned Jack, "and they
want some things from our house, and
I cum fur your dog-cart to carry um
over. Ken ye go?"

"I reckon," said Joe; "I'll ask ma."

Joe went into the house, but soon
returned and said, "Yep, I ken go."

Hero was soon harnessed to the dog-
cart, and the boys took turns in riding
or walking until they reached Jack's
home. Here Mrs. Granger, coming to
the door, said: "I thought you'd help
Jack carry the things over. How's
your pa and ma?"

"Pa's sick," said Joe.

"Not very sick, is he?" inquired Mrs.
Granger.

"I reckon he is," said Joe, "'cause
he stays in bed all the time, and my
ma, she cries."

"Well, now, that's too bad," sym-
pathetically said Mrs. Granger. "I hope
taint the fever!"

"I don't know," said Joe, "but he's
awful sick, and don't say nothing to
nobody."

"You don't say!" exclaimed Mrs.
Granger. "Well, while you boys take
these things over to the folks on the
river, I'll go down and see how your
pa is; maybe I ken help your ma
some."

The things were soon packed in the
dog-cart, and the boys started for the
camp. Arriving there the "city folks"
came out to see them. There were a
man, his wife, a boy of six years, and
a girl about ten. The children never
having seen a dog harnessed and draw-
ing a cart, were much interested.
When the cart had been relieved of its
load, each in turn had a ride, and when
Master-six-year-old discovered that he
could hold the lines and do the driv-
ing himself, his delight knew no
bound.

"Oh, papa! isn't this the nicest, big-
gest dog you ever did see? I wish we
had one," said he.

"And, papa," cried the little girl,
"we could ride every place in this lit-
tle wagon!"

"Is he cross?" asked the father, "and
does he ever bite?"

"Oh, no, sir," said Joe, "Hero's the
very best dog there is."

"Well, what will you take for him,
my little man, will you let me have
your dog if I give you twenty-five dol-
lars?" he said, as he held up the money
in bright five-dollar gold pieces.

Joe only shook his head.

"Not sell him for twenty-five dol-
lars!" exclaimed Jack. "That's a heap
o' money, Joe, 'more'n all your pa'll
git off'n his hul ranch this year."

"I won't sell my Hero; I love him
best of all!" said Joe, and getting into
the cart he turned his face homeward.
The afternoon was well spent when
Joe opened the kitchen door and
stepped in. The house was very still,
and in the room beyond his father's
pale face among the pillows could be
clearly seen. Mrs. Sanders, hearing
him, came out. "You're back," she
said in a whisper; then, after a min-
ute she continued: "Your pa's worse.
I'm afraid he's going to die, and yes-
terday he said I musn't send for a
doctor when we ain't got no money to
pay him."

Joe fastened his frightened gaze on
his mother's anguished face, then
glanced at his father, still and uncon-
scious, in the room beyond. A pain
keener than he had ever known rent
his childish heart, and oh! to know
that the city man had offered him lots
of money for Hero. Could he—could
he let that man have his dog? No, he
could not.

He went out, and in sobs told Hero
the whole pitiful story. The struggle
was long and hard, but when Joe's lit-
tle eyes closed in sleep that night he
had decided whether he loved father
or Hero best. Waking early the next
morning, without waiting for break-
fast, Joe slipped from the house, har-
nessed Hero to the little cart and was
soon on his way to camp. When he
reached it he said, "Please, sir I'm go-
ing to sell Hero."

"What, my little fellow, are you
going to sell your pet?" asked the man.

"Pa's awful sick," said Joe.

"And you're going to sell your dog
to help?" he inquired.

Joe nodded his head. With all his
determination to be brave, he could
not trust himself to speak.

"Well, you're a noble little fellow,"
he said, giving him the money, and
adding to the amount another twenty-
five dollars.

Joe took the money and thanked
the man, who helped him put it se-
curely in his pocket, and then going
to Hero he told him he must stay

with the little girl and boy and not
come home any more; then with one
arm around the dog's neck, he sobbed,
"Good-bye, Hero," and giving the
lines into the man's hands he turned
his face away and walked slowly
homeward.

"Ma, I sold him," said Joe.

"Sold who?" asked Mrs. Sanders.

"Sold Hero. The city man gave me
this for him," said Joe, handing her
the money, "and it's to make pa well."

Mrs. Sanders looked at the fifty
dollars, knew what it might mean for
the sick man; knew, too, what it must
have meant to the dear child to have
parted with what he so dearly loved.
She took him in her arms and kissed
him again and again, calling him her
own dear, brave little boy.

The long days dragged slowly by.
Under the doctor's care the father im-
proved, but oh, so slowly. More than
a month had passed before he could
again step outside the door. Then he
saw the kennel, but Hero was not
there. As he passed it, he said to Joe,
"Where's Hero?"

"I sold him, pa," the child replied.

"You sold him?" asked the bewil-
dered father.

"Yes, when you was sick; I sold
him to make you well," said Joe.

Then the truth of how the money to
pay the cost of his long illness, and
the many comforts he had known,
dawned upon him. Folding his child
in his arms, he said huskily: "God
bless you, my boy. Some time I may
prove to you that you made a wise
choice."

And Joe was content, for he knew
he loved his father best.—The Pacific.

"LOOK PLEASANT."

That was the sign in large letters
that adorned the kitchen wall of a
bright little housekeeper. When the
nervous worry lest the steak get too
brown while she was mashing the po-
tatoes threatened to crease her fore-
head, she looked up at the friendly
sign and smiled. One can really
work from the outside as well as the
inside in getting the kinks straight-
ened out of fretted nerves. Smooth
the face and before you know it the
worries will smooth out too.

Content depends not on what we
have, but on what we would have.

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For Nearly Every Man, Woman or
Child.

A short time ago we published an ar-
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pepsia, called Stuart's Dyspepsia Tab-
lets, and the claims then made regard-
ing the wonderful curative properties
of the remedy have been abundantly
sustained by the facts. People who
were cautious about trying new reme-
dies advertised in the newspapers
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the most beneficial results were re-
ported. From a hundred or more re-
ceived we have space to publish only
a few of the latest, but assure our
readers we receive so many commend-
atory letters that we shall publish
each week a fresh list of genuine, un-
solicited testimonials and never pub-
lish the same one twice.

From James Yemmelster, La Crosse
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doing me more good than anything I
ever tried and I was so pleased at re-
sults that I gave away several boxes
to my friends who have also had the
same benefits.

From Jacob Anthony, Portmurray,
New Jersey: I have taken Stuart's
Dyspepsia Tablets with the best re-
sults. I had Dyspepsia for 6 years
and had taken a great deal of medi-
cine, but the Tablets seem to take
right a hold and I feel good. I am a
farmer and lime burner and I heartily
recommend to everyone who has any
trouble with his stomach to use these
Tablets.

From Mrs. M. K. West, Preston,
Minn.: I have received surprisingly
good effects from using Stuart's Dys-
pepsia Tablets. I gave one-half of my
last box to a friend who also suffered
from indigestion and she had the same
good results.

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better, and feel very grateful for the
great benefit I have received in so
short a time.

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all, but are prepared for stomach trou-
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gists everywhere recommend them to
all persons suffering from Nervous
Dyspepsia, sour or acid stomach, heart-
burn, bloating or wind on stomach and
similar disorders.

THE HOUSE I LIVE IN.

By Rev. J. C. Wilson.

In curious mood I sought myself, turned from the tangibles of grosser sight and touch, and bent with eager, deeper gaze to trace with introspective feet the mystic maze and labyrinth of mind's vast citadel. This self-analysis—the ego turning back within itself, forgetful for a time of all that elsewhere is—is task most difficult, and yet withal most pleasurable. To find a realm within a realm, a universe in miniature, wherein are depths as bottomless and mysteries profound as any in the larger sweep of being's vast domain, is frightful to the timorous soul, but to the brave, delight. 'Tis evidence of man's high dignity and kinship to the Deity, that he has power to look within. True, many in these evil days of Mammon-married life defer the arduous task, and seem content to revel in material realms—nor, even there, once look beneath the outer garb for that deep, hidden life that holds the atoms up! But let us not deceive ourselves with visible and temporal which only for a time endure, but rather find the "things not seen" eternal in ourselves. Well hath one said, "The soul of man is larger than the sky—deeper than the abyssal depths, and in it is the essence of all worlds."

Mirrored against the background of eternal mind a mansion built of "dust" looms 'mid the mists of Time. Through Fancy's gate I seek ingress and find myself soul occupant. Then curiously I push through swinging doors and traverse spacious halls, and peer into all secret nooks for evidence of ownership. A bunch of keys in easy reach, invite my grasp, forthwith are mine, and 'neath them writ in hieroglyph this startling rhyme:

"To him who first these lines shall see
This property his e'er shall be,
Built for him by the Deity."

So I till then a God-breathed breath invisible, yet personal, gave grateful praise, and to the world announced myself "at home." The house I found is called "Mansoul," this Ego Master there!

Its rooms are bare of furniture of any sort—in rooms and halls and secret nooks I seek in vain for aught of art and bric-a-brac—no vestige can I find. An artist though am I, equipped with instrument of wondrous make, most sensitive to slightest sense of sight. With this I wonder forth: And now the picture gallery of the soul is hung with scenes of woodlands, golden in the mellow gleam of autumn's evening suns; and fair-faced fields, in robes of green, dew-diamonded, under veils of moonlit mists. See, there's a harvest scene, with bundled sheaves, and sun-browned children racing toward a door wherein a mother stands, and out beyond majestic mountains lean 'gainst the fire-shot sky. Scenes, sombre, gay, sublime and common place stud all the walls within this magic room—scenes photographed by memory's lens along life's changeable way.

In an adjoining room, once voiceless, still and silent as tomb, are rows of cylinders of curious mold, which, when revolved by memory's force, repeat the sounds of yesterdays to me. From one I hear a low, sweet lullaby of long ago, sung in the eventide by one whose fair, sweet face now 'neath the dead grass lies! Another wakes again the echoes in the dell where song birds carolled hymns of praise, and deep-toned winds and waves made melody long, long ago. The fall of vanished footsteps steals again from out the silent halls of childhood's home, and many voices mingle there! Oh, soul of mine, start not again thy phonograph with cylinders of horrid sound and angry tone, but let them silent be for aye!

And other rooms there are, all furnished now with many things, but into which we may not look, for guests are in them now.

One eve, when summer waned, and in the dim, far distant deeps day faded and died, I heard a foot fall in the arched and vine-clad walk that led to Fancy's gate. A voice clear, ecstatic, pealed forth in tones so musical that all the moonbeams 'gan to dance among the sleeping flowers. A beautiful Vision, clad in draperies of graceful fold, cast witching glances toward the opened window of my soul, and passed, yet left an air of longing in her wake. Strange intercourse of soul with trysting soul! Strange genesis resultant from the same! For in my heart I found a guest. Just how he came I trow not. Begotten by a laugh, a look, and born to me that day, I named him Love. That house was ne'er the same to me again. Love has a chamber all his own, where all his kindred congregate. His sister, Bliss, is oft a visitor, and life's high vision hours fly by on golden wings when these are undisturbed!

But green-eyed Jealousy can such disturbance make when'er she comes around that all the love-brewed nectar in the cup of life is changed into a poison vile which makes the soul insane with wicked fears and mad desires. These three can ne'er agree, and

yet there seems to be some hidden hand that binds them into one. Strange alchemy, whereby a cup that thrills, is made a potion of distracting pain!

Deep hidden in the mystic house, with close fit doors, and windows shut, is one small room where curious folk need never seek to go. All other rooms may open to them if they but use the proper key, but this is for the private use of self, and self alone.

My soul is most at peace when I repair into an "upper room" with outlook toward the cold, still heights of high and holy things. With telescope of Faith I look into the far and deathless realm, where light-clad forms move with a grace that seems to rhyme with all the higher moods that ever come to me. Hope flies her flag on battlemented walls of Light, beyond the smoke and din of all earth's holocaust, discordant with the final fall; and Love sheds radiance in such splendid floods that every baser, lesser orb is so eclipsed that "Love is all in all."

Cuero, Texas.

NATH'S MUSINGS.

My folks say the Advocate gets better all the while.

A man brought me a load of wood. Some green, some greener, some seasoned, some beyond seasoned. So is what follows: Every issue of "Go Forward" is worth its weight, and the last two were especially fine.

Bro. Scarborough believes in doing something about missions at home, and gives us a fine glance of what has been done in Africa.

A Missionary Secretary ought not to be a silent stick, but one that stirs.

Bro. John A. Gillett may be weaker in body, but he pushes that pen with the same old-time vigor. His humor is without the least smut, and his logic without the least smoke. I hope he will be in fine shape to meet us at conference.

Keep stirring things, Bro. Scarborough. Let's put more push and get more profit out of our mission work.

The Germans make great Methodists. Let's co-operate with them fully.

Bro. Scarborough, what are you and Bro. Gillett going to do with these chronic missions?

The great trouble with the Sunday-school Department is trifling parents. Getting rid of the children is not co-operating with the Church.

"Back to the Home" might not be a bad motto now on our banners.

Home is the pearly gate to paradise or the fatal door to perdition.

"Train up a child the way he should go" does not mean "just send him out."

It's a lazy road that leads to ruin. The fare for Bill increases and the bill of fare decreases as you travel on board the hell bound train.

Neither does the devil believe in hell when he is away from home.

There is not much difference between habit and have-it when speaking of a dude.

Punishment by a parent should be applied with a patient hand.

"Spare the rod" and worry yourself. The more times you ask a child to obey, the less apt he is to hear you. It would be a good thing for some children if their parents would die.

To raise a disobedient child is a crime against yourself, your child, your country and your God.

The idea of some grown parents saying they can't control (frying size) Susie.

I never saw an old sow but what would make her children obey as long as they stayed in her bed.

A boy or girl under 16 habitually smoking cigarettes is a sign of evil in the heart, little in the head, not much mamma and no daddy at all. Not necessarily illegitimate, just unfortunate.

Perfection is made from imperfection.

A fool thinks a thing is a fact because he thinks it.

All speculation is akin to gambling, things moral as well as material.

Sums.

Some preachers are a holy joke. Some fellows petrify the saints and call it edifying.

Some ministers touch but to take from. They live on the fruit the afore-said faithful furnish.

Some people remind me of a sugar-coated pill.

Some lazy men work a little on Sunday for spite.

Some girls depend on their pretty face, much of which is borrowed.

Some girls when they take some fellows ought to first put him in a capsule.

Get up late if you want to get to the poor house soon.

Dirt and debt are half sisters. Dirt is the daughter of Mrs. Lazy and Mr. Devil.

Debt is the daughter of Mrs. Silly and Mr. Devil.

The devil is a Mormon—he has children by many different wives.

There is quite a difference between a large head and the enlargement of the heart.

Just a poodle dog or a doodle bug

with furnish fun for children and some with added years.

"A man's thoughts are heard in heaven."

Fresh air is fine fare. Clear the shut up windows, open wide the door, and let a heap of God's breath in.

A man who won't pay his honest debts, need not pray for the coming of the Holy Ghost. I would sooner expect the Constable.

The cussing man reminds me of a matter sore.

"Larceny after trust" is a bigger sin than straight stealing.

The parent ought to be held responsible for the crime of his child under 12.

Dirty words in a young woman's mouth is like a hog in some sacred place.

Much we call worship is a mere make shift. NATH THOMPSON.

THE PREACHER'S WIFE.

She has trouble all her own—the preacher's wife. No other female creature in the realm is forced to keep as many different kinds of people in a good humor at the same time.

People have different notions about singing, praying and dressing up. Some say it is wrong to make the voice quiver in the choir, others claim it to be the very prettiest kind of singing. The preacher's wife must satisfy both sets of minds.

If she buys a new hat she is called extravagant by some, and they threaten to not pay their assessment on "preacher's salary." If she wears the old one others call her tacky, and they say: "We want our preacher's wife to be like something."

Both must be satisfied though.

Some think she should smile continually; others that she should look long faced and serious.

If she visits much they call her a "run about," and if she stays at home they call her a "clam."

God be merciful to the preacher's wife; the world is full of people that are not. She has a hard road to travel. She must visit the sick and linger at their bedside and even neglect her own household duties to wait upon the poverty-stricken. She must be congenial with the most ignorant, and know how to converse intelligently with the learned.

The rich and the poor, the wise and the unwise, the red-hot religious folks and the lukewarm religious folks, the society butterflies and the "don't care about dress" individuals, all want the preacher's wife to be "zactly" according to their notions.

She would certainly be a very queer kind of a little fairy, changing her make up and disposition at will, in order to please all.

She cannot do it, and it should not be expected. Her duty is to reign queen of the household, like other wives; to train up her children in the way they should go as a dutiful mother. And to help her husband in his great and good calling. She can be a mighty aid to him in his work, and put life and light into all that he does.

If the preacher is the solid oak of the Church, around which the members gather, the preacher's wife is the sweet clinging vine that beautifies and perfumes the oak. Together they grow heavenward and carry with them all they can. AUSTIN CALLAN.

Ozona, Texas.

Tired Mothers.

It's hard work to take care of children and to cook, sweep, wash, sew and mend besides.

It makes a shop of the home—a shop, too, where sixteen hours make a day and yet there is much working overtime. Hood's Sarsaparilla helps tired mothers in many ways—it refreshes the blood, improves the appetite, and assures restful sleep.

The best Thanksgiving will not at ways be where the biggest turkey is.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of urine difficulties. If it did there would be few children that would do it. There is a constitutional cause for this. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 187, Notre Dame, Ind., will send her home treatment to any mother. She asks no money. Write her today if your children trouble you in this way. Don't blame the child. The chances are it can't help it.

The entomologists in the Agricultural Department are watching with interest the statistics of cotton ginning and of the commercial movement of this year's cotton crop in Texas. The large increase in the amount ginned up to the first of September as compared with last year and the larger receipts of cotton from Texas at market points are believed to indicate that the planters in the weevil-infested regions have followed the advice of the department as to the planting of early varieties and as to getting the seed into the ground as early as possible in the spring.

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TEXAS CONFERENCES

Held by Bishop Hoss.

West Texas, Cuero, Nov. 9
Northwest Texas, Mineral Wells, Nov. 14
North Texas, Bonham, Nov. 22
Texas, Marshall, Nov. 30

LOCAL OPTION IN LAMAR COUNTY INVALID.

Judge Bryant, of the United States Court, has ruled that local option in Lamar County is null because some sections of the Terrell election law were not complied with. The District Court up there, however, found no such loophole for the anti. Nevertheless, there is no way to get round Judge Bryant's decision but to hold another election. Now that August Busch & Co. have come in and gotten the United States Court to turn down the election, the people ought to rise up instantly and overwhelmingly vote the stuff out again, and in doing it conform in letter to the election laws. The people in Lamar County are now in the humor to teach the Busch outfit a lesson not soon to be forgotten.

LAMAR COUNTY HAS HER BRISTLES RAISED.

Judge Bryant's decision nullifying the local option election held in Lamar County a while back, at the instance of August Busch & Co., St. Louis, has stirred the people of old Lamar and they are in the field, so we see from the News, securing another petition for a second election. This is right. No people ought to tamely submit to the interference of these outside brewers in matters of local self-government. And we trust that this decision of the United States Court will arouse those people to a pitch of interest that will sweep August Busch's crowd out of that county by at least one thousand majority. They ought to induce the Busch Company as the campaign issue and make it ring from one end of Lamar to the other. On with the battle!

The San Antonio Fair will open Oct. 22 and close Nov. 2. They have made great preparations for its success, and they are expecting great crowds to attend its entertainments.

Bishop Burt's presidency of European Conferences is giving general satisfaction. From Switzerland comes the report that the past year numbered 800 probationers, with 600 admitted into full membership into the Churches.

THE JOINT BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Joint Board of Publication met at the First Methodist Church in this city last Wednesday, and proceeded to attend to the business of their annual session. Having dispatched this, the editor and the publisher made statements as to the work and condition of the Advocate, which statements showed the paper to be in favor with the people, and also in good business case. The policy of the editor was endorsed and the paper thoroughly commended to the Methodists of Texas. Then, too, the editor was unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year. This ends the sixth year of our connection with the paper, and we have conscientiously done our best for the Church, for our homes and for our State, and to meet the approval of the board and the Church which they represent is not lightly esteemed by us. We enter the seventh year with hope and faith and courage, and we trust that the Advocate will meet with even more enthusiastic reception by our people as the months pass by. With the experience of the past six years we ought to be able to make a better paper now than hitherto, and to this end we promise to bend our energies and ability as far as in us lies. We ask an interest in the prayers of all our readers that God may continue to guide and over-rule us in our connection with the Advocate, to his glory and the upbuilding of his kingdom. We cordially thank the board for their words of cheer and encouragement, and with their help and that of the Church which they represent, we will go forward with renewed determination to prosecute the work committed to our hand.

A SUNDAY IN THE DAINGERFIELD CHARGE.

Daingerfield is one hundred and fifty odd miles down the M. K. & T. Railroad, seventy-five miles this side of Shreveport. Rev. S. H. Morgan is the pastor. He and his people recently built and finished a good church edifice at the Harris Chapel appointment on his work, and sometime back they invited me to come and dedicate the house for them. Last Saturday morning I left the city and for that point. At Winnboro I had a few pleasant words with Brother Eggers. He and his people have about finished their handsome church and I am to be with them at its opening service the fourth Sunday in this month. While aboard the train I met Brother G. A. Allen, who lives at Harris Chapel, and whose guest I was to be while in that neighborhood. I reached Hughes Springs about four in the afternoon, and Brother Morgan was in waiting for me. He and Brother Allen introduced me to a great many of the people of that town, and made my few minutes stay quite pleasant. Harris Chapel is seven miles from Hughes Springs, through a broken sandy country. The drive out there was delightful, as it reminded me of East Tennessee. The native forests still cover the country, with here and there a good farmhouse and well to do people. Springs are abundant and running clear water was refreshing to my eyes. The land is productive and the cotton and corn are good. Lumber is a leading industry and fruits are produced in paying quantities. The whole country is in fine condition. The people are prosperous and happy. We reached Brother Allen's home after dark and a wholesome welcome awaited us. He has a fine country home with an abundance of everything about him. He has been a hard worker but his work has been rewarded with success. He has a most excellent family and I have never enjoyed a better old fashioned country visit more in my life. It was so quiet and peaceful. That home has been the Methodist preachers' home from the time the memory of man runneth not back to the contrary. And the many other homes in that community are filled with similar memories and associations. Harris Chapel is an old Methodist stamping ground. The old

church was built by a Mr. Jno. T. Harris in the early fifties. At first it was not deeded to any church, but was open to all ministers. Mr. Harris, himself, was not a member of any church, but was inclined toward the Primitive Baptists. The Methodists soon got a foothold and organized a society there. About 1858 the property fell into the hands of Mr. Harris' son and he deeded it with six acres of land to the Methodist church. Nearly all the people in the community were then Methodists, and such is the state of the case till this day. The little church was used all those long years until a few months ago, the people took it into their heads to move it away and put a new one in its stead. So they did, and the result is one of the neatest little country churches that I have seen in a long time. It is a good piece of architecture, well built, and beautifully painted. It is a turnkey job, and was ready for dedication without one cent of indebtedness. The building up in the black land would have cost more than \$1,200, to say nothing of the lot; but they are in the heart of the lumber country and had all the material practically on the ground. So it cost them much less. Sunday morning by ten o'clock the people began to pour in, and it was not long until they were present from far and near. They came in wagons, buggies, horseback, afoot, and in every other way. Men, women and children and babies filled all the space and many of them stood outside at the windows. It was an ideal day and the place lent solemnity to the occasion. It is out in the woods, two miles from any dwelling, and nestled amid a beautiful grove of oaks, oaks and pines—forming a veritable picture with its new coat of white paint. The singing was good, and I preached to them as earnestly as I knew how, and they listened attentively and prayerfully. At the close of the sermon Brother T. J. Everett, the only living member of the original Board of Trustees, along with the present Board, presented the house for dedication, and it was set apart to the worship of Almighty God, according to the Discipline of the Church. The people were happy and it was a great occasion. After this adjournment was had until 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. In the meantime a great table was spread and loaded with good things and all the people were bountifully supplied. At the afternoon service we had the holy communion and it was a precious service. We closed it with an old time Methodist handshaking. I was then driven back to Hughes Springs by Brother Barsfield, and a large congregation was at the night service. We had a good time. I met many who are subscribers to the Advocate, and I hope now, that I have been among them, many more of them will take the paper. After service I retired at the hotel and slept till one in the morning, and then took the train and reached home at half past eight. Brother Morgan is doing a good work on his charge. He is a number one preacher, a painstaking pastor, and a good executive. The people are very fond of him. My trip down there was the fulfillment of a purpose I have had for sometime, as that was a section of East Texas I had never visited. It is a most promising country. The towns are building up, the land is increasing in value and it is destined to be one of the most desirable portions of the entire State.

G. C. R.

A NIGHT IN HILLSBORO.

Last week we made a little run to Hillsboro to lecture for our Woman's Home Mission Society. While there were delightfully entertained in the good home of Brother and Sister A. J. Thompson. They are both earnest members of our Church. Quite a good audience was present at the lecture and we hope they were entertained and edified. We have a most excellent church building there, and a membership of 800. Rev. Jerome Duncan, the pastor, was at St. Louis attending the Fair. He has done a most excellent work in Hillsboro, and he is

held in high esteem by all classes of the people. He is trying to locate another church building on the opposite side of the railroad. While there I met a number of the citizens and had a pleasant time with them. Hillsboro is in a local option county and they are enforcing the law. The County Attorney and the Court are efficient in these matters and the man who sells liquor in Hill County has a hard row of stumps.

DALLAS IS NOW READY.

We are informed by those in position to know that Dallas is now ready to comply with her promise to put down \$3000 toward paying for the Episcopal residence. Whenever the trustees are ready to make the payment on the property, this amount will be placed at their disposal. Now let the rest of our Texas Methodism come forward and the property will be that of the church in Texas, held for the use of our resident Bishop. Bishop Hoss is pleased with the home and he is pleased with the response of the brethren to its claims. He is ready to move in and take possession of it just as soon as we finish paying off the first note which is now due. This we trust will be done in a short time, for encouraging reports are being made daily from the pastors throughout the State. That it will all be paid, we do not entertain the semblance of a doubt. There is already enough on hand to guarantee it to the church.

MEMBERS OF THE JOINT BOARD.

The following members of the Joint Board of Publication, after transacting their annual business, called to see the Advocate force: Revs. I. W. Clark, O. S. Thomas, J. M. Peterson, W. L. Nelms, James Campbell, O. F. Senaugh, J. B. Sears, J. B. Cochran, W. H. H. Biggs, Theophilus Lee, Rev. J. T. Smith and Rev. J. M. Alexander were the only members absent. We were glad to see the brethren and have them make themselves at home in the office.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

Bro. Ellis Grisham, of Leonard, made the Advocate a pleasant visit this week.

Brother J. M. Wright and daughter, of Forney, made us a delightful call the other day.

Rev. O. P. Kiker, of Italy, came to the city recently and we were glad to shake hands with him.

Rev. C. W. Herron made the Advocate a good call the past week. He is moving on well at Milford.

Rev. J. B. Turrentine, of Wills Point, was in the city this week and dropped into this office pleasantly.

Brother A. P. Wray, of Lancaster, dropped in to see us not long since. He is a staunch member out there.

Rev. E. R. Edwards, of Collinsville, made the Advocate a good visit recently. He brings a good report from his field.

Rev. W. Wootton, of San Angelo, passed through the city on his way to Jefferson, the other day, and did not overlook the Advocate force.

Brother A. J. Foster, of Athens, one of our venerable laymen, made us a pleasant visit the other day. He is visiting relatives in the city.

We had a pleasant visit this week from Rev. R. P. Hunt, who has just returned from Jamaica. His old friends are extending to him cordial greetings.

Rev. R. B. Moreland, of Reinhardt, dropped in a few minutes recently, and he gives a fine account of his work. His annual report will be a good one.

The meeting of Rev. L. S. Barton, who has been aiding Brother Archer for several days at Sherman, is pronounced a success by those who have taken part in it.

The report in last week's Advocate that Rev. G. C. Summers, of the Northwest Texas Conference, was dead, is a mistake. He is not dead, but he is not residing in Texas.

The case against Dr. J. B. Cranfill at Texarkana, in which Dr. S. A. Hayden charged him with trying to shoot him

on a passenger train a while back, was taken up by the Grand Jury last week, and on investigation no indictment was found against the Doctor. This is the end of a very unfortunate episode, so far as the courts are concerned, and we trust that the two brethren will henceforth live in peace with each other.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Miss Lula Ella Jones, of Georgetown, to Rev. A. L. Moore, our pastor at Granger. The happy event will take place next Wednesday night at the Methodist Church in Georgetown. The Advocate extends congratulations.

Rev. J. J. Morgan, of Garland, was in the city this week. He reports that his church building, which has been undergoing repairs for some time, will soon be completed and ready for dedication.

A private note just received from Rev. R. C. George, formerly of Texas and now stationed at Trinidad, Colorado, says: "My health is rapidly improving and I am entering heartily into the work, with fine prospects."

The editor of this paper and his good wife have been trying to get to the World's Fair for two or three months, but circumstances intervened to prevent. However, they got off Thursday night, and will be absent a week or so.

Bishop Hoss will dedicate our new church at Maypearl next Sunday. Rev. C. A. Clark, the pastor, and a committee of his officials extend an invitation to former pastors and friends in general to be present and take part in the exercises.

We have a handsomely gotten up invitation to attend the marriage of Miss Mattie Wright Griffiths to Mr. Roland W. Stephens, the ceremony to take place in the Methodist Church at Rosenthal Oct. 19. The happy couple will be at home in Mart Oct. 25.

CHURCH NEWS.

Emory College, Oxford, Ga., has opened with a large increase of students over last year.

The Baltimore Southern Methodists, only a few months old, has more than 5,000 subscribers.

Walnut Street Sunday-school, Louisville, has contributed \$200 to missions during the past year.

Our Church in Cuba has had an increase in membership of over five hundred for the last year.

A fine picture of Bishop Hargrove adorns the editorial page of the Baltimore Southern Methodist.

The Searritt Bible and Training School opened with the largest enrollment in the school's history.

Vanderbilt University begins the fall session with the largest enrollment and the best prospects of any year in her history.

Miss Mand Albert has donated a large lot in Albertville to the superannuate home fund of the North Alabama Conference.

Dr. Buckley, of the New York Christian Advocate, will deliver the third series of lectures at Emory College on the Quillian foundation.

There are 307 clergymen of the Church of England and ninety-three Roman Catholic priests in Great Britain who are trustees of breweries.

Bishop Thoburn expects to begin active work again early in October. His first enterprise of importance will be the raising of \$200,000 for special work in India.

Rev. George R. Stuart, of Cleveland, Tenn., is to be among the speakers at the convention of the American Anti-Saloon League at Columbus, Ohio, November 16-18.—Epworth Era.

Dr. E. B. Craighead, president of the Missouri State Normal, Warrensburg, has accepted the presidency of Tulane University, New Orleans. Dr. Craighead is a graduate of Central College, Fayette, and was lately its president.

The death of Joseph McEwin Stokes removes from McKendree Church one of her most prominent members, and from Nashville one of her prominent citizens. He was of noble ancestors, lived a worthy life, served efficiently on the Board of Stewards, and left behind him a good name. To him is

largely due the beautiful lawn before McKendree Church, which everybody so much admires. The official board passed appropriate resolutions concerning him.—Midland Methodist.

Bishop Duncan has changed the date for holding the Tennessee Conference from October 5 to October 19. The change was made in order to avoid meeting at the same time and in the same place (Gallatin) with a colored conference. The Methodist housekeepers of Gallatin were confronted with the servant problem.—Southern Christian Advocate.

Dr. Henry McDonnell, one of the leading citizens of Huntsville, Ala., and for years an official member of our First Church in that city, died last Sunday after an illness of several weeks. Dr. McDonnell and his family have been staunch members and liberal supporters of the Methodist Church for many years. He will be sadly missed by the community from which he has been taken.—Alabama Advocate.

The class of '70 in Ohio Wesleyan University is noted in that institution. It included John Hamilton, who was Governor of Illinois; Mr. Pattison, president of the Union Central Life Insurance Company and the first member of the class to be elected to Congress; Senator Foraker, three times nominated for Governor of Ohio and twice elected; Senator Fairbanks, now candidate for Vice-President; George Atchison, formerly Governor of West Virginia; Bishop Hoss of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; R. M. Nevin, representative from the Dayton District, and D. K. Watson, twice Attorney General of Ohio, once representative from the Columbus District and now on the commission for the revision of the laws of the United States. Fourteen other members have been upon the bench in Ohio and other States.—Chicago Chronicle.

DEDICATION OF FIRST STREET METHODIST CHURCH.

The new First Street Methodist Church, of which Rev. C. H. Booth is pastor, was dedicated yesterday morning by Bishop E. E. Hoss, with appropriate ceremonies. The church was filled to overflowing with a representative audience of Austin Methodists. Bishop Hoss preached a magnificent sermon on "The Church: Its Foundation, Membership and Purpose," using as his text Ephesians 2:19-22.

Bishop Hoss is one of the greatest preachers in Southern Methodism, vigorous in thought and clear in expression. He was elected to the episcopacy in May, 1902, at the session of the General Conference held at Dallas, Texas. Prior to that time he was the editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, the general organ of the Southern Methodist Church. After the sermon a collection was taken to secure the amount still due on the church building. The amount was \$400. The collection amounted to \$541.32. The surplus will be used in furnishing the church. The pastor and his congregation are to be congratulated upon the success of this enterprise.

The Church was organized about 1853 by Rev. Josiah Whipple. It began in a building formerly occupied by a saloon on East Third Street. This same building was afterward occupied by the Joel Pearl store. There were about fifteen members at the time of its organization. Two or three years later a church building was erected on East First Street. This building was soon proved to be too small and was enlarged. Two years ago, the congregation having again outgrown the building, the present building was erected on the corner of Willow and Waller Streets. The total cost of the present property has been about \$3600. The membership of this Church now numbers 337. It has one of the largest Sunday-schools in Austin, having an enrollment of about 225 in the regular school seventy-five in the cradle roll and 125 in the home department. The Church is thoroughly organized along all lines of religious and philanthropic work. It is doing a great deal for the people within its sphere of influence.—Austin Statesman, Oct. 3.

GORDON CHURCH DEDICATION.

Bishop Hoss came to us on the 29th of September, according to previous announcement, and preached a fine sermon to our people that greatly pleased and inspired them. It was a plain, forceful sermon which his packed audience will long remember with great profit and pleasure.

Gordon Methodism has at last looked upon one real, live, sure enough Bishop, and who preached the Word with the old-time power in the old Methodist way. Our people will always love and remember Bishop Hoss. His presence and ministrations were a benediction to us. The ladies did some lovely decorating for the occasion, and the choir rendered most excellent music free from operatic squealing and wailing. It was loyal Methodist singing; the kind that never fails to charm and inspire the audience.

The Bishop dedicated two sweet babes and two children to the Lord in baptism.

Yes, our beautiful brick church was dedicated to the Lord, to the joy of all our people and "the glory of the Lord filled the house." Our people have wrought nobly in this enterprise. Our church is elegantly seated and nicely carpeted, and, best of all, we do not owe a dollar on it. Our people have paid this year in cash over one-fourth of the entire cost of the plant. Our church has been painted, carpeted and indebtedness paid this year.

We were sorry to note the absence of Bros. I. E. Hightower, W. W. Moss, J. S. Tunnell and A. P. Smith, former pastors connected with this building. We urged these brethren to come, "but they all with one consent made excuse and came not and the door was shut."

Bro. Hightower built our splendid parsonage and secured a part of the pledges for the church building. Bro. Moss came, raised money and built the church. During Bro. Tunnell's stay the pews were purchased, and Bro. Smith had our parsonage painted so nicely and raised some of the church debt. All of these brethren wrought well. Gordon and Strawn charge has indeed been fortunate in being honored with such good and noble pastors as these. For the foregoing reasons we were greatly disappointed in their not coming. Bros. Vaughan, Wagner, Statham, Boone and Bowen favored us with their presence. Bro. Bowen, the field editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, was with us and assisted in the music. He also preached for us the following Sunday morning and night in Gordon and Monday night at Thurber. His sermons were well received by appreciative audiences.

Bro. Bowen made a thorough canvass of our charge in behalf of the Advocate, and succeeded in placing the same in nearly every Methodist home in our charge. He is the man for the place. He overwhelmingly meets all objections against his home paper. He is a "hummer and up to snuff." Send for him if you desire the right and whole thing did."

Come back in November, Bro. Bowen, for we have planned an outing for deer and turkey, and the game is "shore thar." J. F. TYSON.

FIRST STREET CHURCH, AUSTIN.

A great many things have been done at First Street during the past year which should have been reported to the Advocate; but we have all been too busy to have very much time to write about what we were doing. However, I feel that it is due this people that I take a little time to tell about what they are doing for Christ and his kingdom.

When this conference year began we owed about \$950 on the new church building. By the grace of God we have been enabled to wipe out the debt. The new building was dedicated by Bishop Hoss on Sunday, October 2. Bishop Hoss preached a magnificent

congregation representing all the Methodist Churches of Austin, and other denominations as well. It is needless to add that it was a great sermon. At that time there was still due on the building \$400. The collection, including what was already on hand and what has come in since, amounted to a little over \$600. The surplus will be used in furnishing the church.

Yesterday was another great day with us. The Sunday-school held a combination Rally Day and Children's Day service. A very entertaining and helpful program had been prepared. The collection amounted to \$7.50. The secretary reported 252 members of the school present. Counting visitors and those who came in too late to be reported, there were about 300 present. This is one of the best Sunday-schools in the conference. During the summer we have had the largest attendance of any Methodist Sunday-school in Austin, and perhaps of any Sunday-school in the city. Besides the regular school, we have enrolled during the year over 150 in the Home Department and 75 on the Cradle Roll. This makes our total enrollment during the year about 500, which is nearly 200 in excess of the Church membership.

First Street now has in good working order every organization required by the Discipline. We have two exceptionally good Epworth Leagues. The Woman's Home Mission Society is in a flourishing condition. The Woman's Foreign Mission Society, although small in numbers, is doing good work.

We had 50 accessions during the year, nearly half of them by profession of faith. During the three years of my pastorate here we have had nearly 250 accessions.

The assessment for pastor's salary was increased \$50 this year and will be paid in full. On the general collections ordered by the conference we expect to pay at least \$50 more than the Church has ever paid in its history.

First Street is still a Mission Church, and, in my judgment, should remain such for some years yet. It is in missionary territory. The population it reaches is a shifting one and is for the most part very poor. Yet I do not know of a Mission Church anywhere that is reaching as many people or is making a better return to the Church for the money spent upon it. Mission Church as this is, and as poor as this people are, during the last three years the amount raised for all purposes has averaged over \$2500 per year. We pay into the conference collections every year more than the conference gives us.

I was about to leave out one of the most important things, and that is a pounding given the pastor and his wife some weeks since. Over 100 people were present, men, women and children, and each brought his pound. There was a pound, or many pounds, of everything imaginable that a preacher could use. One young lady even brought a pound of money. To cap the climax, the President of the Board of Stewards called the pastor aside and told him the board had voted him a leave of absence and had made up a purse to send him to the World's Fair. Knowing as he does the heavy burdens that are upon these faithful men, the pastor did not feel free to accept this, but requested that it be turned into the building fund, which was finally done. However, the gift was appreciated just as much as if the pastor had taken the trip. A more loyal, more appreciative, more self-sacrificing, more spiritual people than this First Street congregation would be hard to find anywhere.

CULLOM H. BOOTH, Pastor.

REVIEW NOTICES.

Scribner's Magazine for October is replete with interesting matter for the old and the young. It has on its autumn attire and the dress is quite becoming. It is also handsomely illustrated. It is one of the most popular magazines in America.

The October Atlantic Monthly is made up of wholesome fiction and first-class communications on various subjects. This periodical keeps a fine staff of writers and they give the best of their talents to its columns.

The American Review of Reviews is really a text-book on current topics and great issues. It is impartial in its treatment of all questions, and it gives the very best and latest in art, history, literature, finances, politics and statecraft. No student can afford to be without it.

DEDICATION.

Bishop Hoss will dedicate the Boyce and Chapel Hill Churches next Saturday, Oct. 15. All former pastors are invited to be present.

I. E. HIGHTOWER, P. C.

PERSONAL.

Please say to all my warm admirer's friends, that my postoffice is Jefferson, Texas, and hopin' they are enjoyin' the same blessin'.

W. WOOTTON.

FURNISHING FUND FOR THE EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

Assessed.	Paid.
Centenary, N. T. C.	\$10 00
Whitesboro, N. T. C.	5 00
Rev. J. A. Stafford, N. T. C.	5 00
First Church, N. T. C.	17 50
Graham, N. W. T. C.	3 15
Nursery, W. T. C.	2 50
Kingland, W. T. C.	1 00
Center Point, W. T. C.	3 50
Grandview, N. W. T. C.	4 00
Previously reported	82 00
Total	\$136 15

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EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

Oct. 5—M. J. Allen, Bertram.	\$11 00
Oct. 5—J. J. Shaw, Maxwell.	6 00
Oct. 5—J. M. Armstrong, Salsado.	15 00
Oct. 5—L. A. Clark, Glen Cove.	6 00
Oct. 5—A. A. Kidd, Ben Wheeler.	12 75
Oct. 6—R. B. Evans, Blooming Grove.	10 00
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Oct. 6—S. P. Nevill, Blooming Grove.	8 00
Oct. 8—H. J. Hayes, Trinity.	11 00
Oct. 8—E. V. Cox, Graham.	13 12
Oct. 8—C. A. Clark, Maypearl.	20 00
Oct. 10—J. G. Pollard, Lindale.	11 75
Oct. 10—F. A. White, Center Point.	14 00
Oct. 10—Thos. Gregory, Gonzales.	18 00
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TO THE PREACHERS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I take this good method of saying a "word to the wise." I wrote you all about the appointment of a lady in your charge to raise a stated amount for furnishing the Bishop's residence. While I have not heard from near all, I know that you have or will attend to this. What I want to say to you now is that our Episcopal residence will be occupied before Nov. 1 and the Committee on Furnishings are very anxious to have the money on hand with which to pay for this furniture. Won't you try to hurry up the small amount expected from your charge, and send it to me at once, so Texas Conference can pay her part on time? Some have sent more than they were asked for, which was very acceptable as a few will not send as much. The coming week I hope to hear from every charge that has not already remitted.

MRS. ALEX WOLDERT.

Tyler, Texas.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Last Sabbath was "a great day in Israel." The Sunday-school was unusually large and interesting. The sacramental services, at 11 a. m., were solemn, and the crowds of young people kneeling to receive the sacred symbols were enough to impress and rejoice any one.

The League was very large and enthusiastic at the church, and is now completely organized for work. Under its auspices services are held every Sunday at the jail and poor farm. At the former, on the last Sunday in September, there were several professions of religion.

The League at the Annex is well organized and is growing steadily in influence and attendance.

The outlook for religious work among the students was never better, and with Dr. Nelms to lead our hosts, we feel sure that much will be accomplished.

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BRO. BALLARD'S TWO NEW PAMPHLETS.

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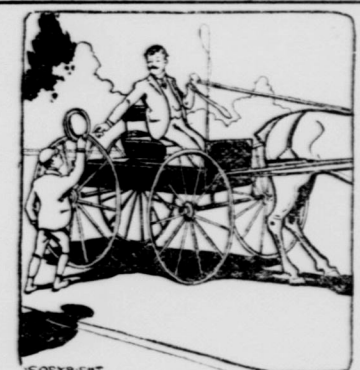
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ELISHA AND NAAMAN.
2 Kings 5:1-14.

Golden Text: "Heal me, oh Lord, and I shall be healed; save me and I shall be saved."—Jer. 17:14.

Material: Naaman, a princely Syrian leper (v. 1) hears of Elisha (vs. 2-4) and is sent for healing to the King of Israel (vs. 5, 6), who is alarmed, but reassured by Elisha (vs. 7, 8). Elisha sends Naaman to Jordan to wash (vs. 9, 10). At first angered, he is persuaded, obeys, and is cured (vs. 11-14). He returns to express his gratitude to Jehovah by a gift which is refused and to profess allegiance to the God who has healed him (vs. 15-19). Elisha's servant covets the gifts (vs. 20-27) and obtains them by lying, but is detected and punished.

World Evangel:

Naaman had fame, honor, position and wealth, but he was a leper. Show how often where all the desirable possessions of this world are present a little "but" or "if" comes in to destroy all happiness. A friend called my attention to a magnificent mansion. While we were admiring it he said: "It is perfect, but the owner is hopelessly sick." To how many apparently prosperous homes must be added, "but the father is a drunkard," "if the father were not an unbeliever."

Leprosy, a type of sin, is inherited, polluting, loathsome, incurable. If you have "Land and Book," read the account given of meeting the lepers on the Jaffa road. A French physician proclaimed some years ago that he had discovered a cure for leprosy. He started for Jerusalem and in a short time became a victim of the disease that he imagined that he had conquered.

Naaman doubtless had many admirers and friends, but in this time of deepest need their friendship and help were not sufficient. We know the eagerness with which men form friendships with the great and influential, realizing the material benefits that flow from such associations; but who among the leaders of earth can benefit us as God can if we claim him as friend? It is said that the men of Tyre and Sidon, when they heard that Herod was displeased with them and intended to make war, made friendship with Blastus, the King's chamberlain, and sought to regain the King's favor, urging that as their lands were nourished by the lands of the King, it was necessary to their prosperity to have him as their friend. Are we not nourished by God? Is it not necessary to have him as our friend?

The prophet does not even come out of his house to look at the grandeur of the General's company. He teaches emphatically that salvation cannot be bought by any earthly wealth. Humility and faith must precede recovery. Naaman was not alone in suggesting substitutes for God's way. Much of the so-called Christian preaching and writing of today is an effort to prove that there is a human Abana equal to God's Jordan.

Human substitutes, born of our own weak minds, are of no value when we come to the deep problems of life and death. I saw the body of a boy brought to shore. He had started out with a number of companions in a sail boat. He told them that he could swim, before they agreed to let him go; but all his swimming had been done in a little stream, where he could touch bottom when he became tired. When the boat capsized and the strong tide of the river caught him he was powerless. When death's current approached Naaman, Syria could give him no help.

Naaman saw and acknowledged the supremacy of Israel's God, and promised to offer sacrifice to him alone, but his words in verse 18 seem to hint that a struggle was taking place between conscience and the work which his exalted position called upon him to perform. Probably we cannot intelligently grasp his position, but it affords an excellent opportunity to call attention to the lives of

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those who promise everything to God, yet feel that their business and social connections compel them to bow down before certain modern idols—questionable investments, strong drink, the opera and theater. If we would be true to our vows we must avoid the very appearance of evil.

The Epworth League Department

(All communications intended for this department and exchanges with articles to be commented upon, should be sent to Gus. W. Thomasson, Van Alstyne, Texas.)

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NOTES.

We have been much impressed with the effort of the South Carolina Leaguers to raise a missionary fund of \$1000 for Granbery College, in Brazil. Encouraging reports come from the field and the indications are that the amount will be raised. The State President, Rev. Peter Stokes, is making a personal canvass of the State and to his untiring energy is largely due the success of the movement.

Brother Marvin Nichols this week presents his plans for raising the \$1000 chapel fund voted favorably upon by the Gainesville session of the North Texas Conference Epworth League. We hope the responses will be prompt and liberal. Let North Texas keep up her splendid record as a storm center of League aggressiveness.

Texas will surely be an applicant for the 1907 session of the International Conference, and Dallas will be the city to entertain it.

The pastors over the State will soon begin compiling their Annual Conference reports and our League officials should see that full statistics are rendered of the local chapters.

A report blank is needed in the local chapter work for the Fourth Vice President.

Brother Louis Barton, chairman of the North Texas Epworth League Board, is at this writing conducting a very successful revival in Travis Street Church, Sherman.

The friends of Rev. J. Marvin Nichols (and they are legion) will be glad to learn that his wife is recovering from a serious and long protracted spell of fever.

G. W. T.

A PLAN FOR SYSTEMATIC MISSIONARY TRAINING IN THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

By John W. Shackford.

The Epworth League came into being in response to the need and demand of the young people of the Church for some opportunity for practical Christian activity. But Christian activity must have a missionary side else it becomes selfish and un-Christian. The Epworth League needs the missionary objective to call forth its best energies and to develop its highest life. While there was no provision in the original form of the Epworth League Constitution for the missionary work, in no line has the League made such advances as in this. Since 1898 a Sub-Committee on Missions has had charge of missions in the League. But in view of the development of this work and in order to provide more adequately for its control and promotion, the General Epworth League Board at its meeting in May, 1904, established "The Department of Missionary Work" in the League.

One of the specific provisions of the new form of constitution is regarding Mission Study Classes. The constitutional provision reads: "The Department of Missionary Work shall provide for Mission Study Classes."

Why should not every League Chapter in Southern Methodism organize a class for the systematic study of missions? Missionary talks in the monthly meetings and general missionary reading have an important place in the work of the League, but nothing can take the place of the study class, with its group of four, six, eight or more who really study missions.

Missionary zeal is contagious. Missionary interest rarely springs up in the whole congregation at once. It generally comes from some center of life—from one or a few burning souls who have the real missionary fire. The missionary work in many Leagues is lagging for want of earnest leaders. The little group for prayer and study is the place to develop such leaders. We want the whole League to burn

with fire and the place to kindle it is in the Study Class. Let no Missionary Committee be satisfied, or think that its work is complete until a Mission Study Class is organized. If no others can be enlisted let the committee constitute the class.

Under the new provision for missionary organization in the League the study classes will use a different book from the mission book in the League Reading Course, which is not, as a rule, adapted to use as a text-book. "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom," an outline of missionary work in Japan, by Rev. John H. DeForrest, D. D., missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, has been adopted by the Epworth League as the official mission study book for 1904-5. It will also be used by the Study Classes of most of the young people's societies of America. This book has been prepared with special reference to meeting the needs of Study Classes in young people's societies.

Our eyes are now turned toward the East, and toward Japan in particular. The Epworth Leagues are fortunate in having at this time such a book for their study. The author, from a long and intimate acquaintance with the Japanese people, has, in the language of Charles Cuthbert Hall, given to us a "first hand knowledge of facts tempered with systematic appreciation of their meaning."

There will be special supervision of the mission study work from the central missionary office, and an effort will be made this year to keep in touch with the Study Class teachers. The following suggestions are offered to Chapters desiring to organize classes:

1. Oct. 30 is Mission Study Rally Day. Make the meeting on this day as strong and as attractive as possible. Present the reasons for the systematic study of missions and the plans for the study course of the year. Members should be enlisted for the class at this meeting, and, if possible, the class organized at once.

2. The Era of Oct. 13 will be a mission study number. Sample copies of this issue will be sent free to any address.

3. Special helps for leaders will be furnished to all classes enrolled. The helps are full of suggestions, and make it comparatively easy for an inexperienced leader to conduct a successful class. Arrangements have also been made to provide fresh missionary letters, one for each lesson, to all Study Classes enrolled.

The Mission Study Text-Books are sold at 50 cents in cloth and 35 cents in paper. All orders for "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom" should be directed to Smith & Lamar, Agents, Nashville, Tenn.

Applications for enrollment cards, report cards, special helps, and correspondence regarding mission study should be addressed to Mr. John W. Shackford, Methodist Mission Rooms, Nashville, Tenn.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

The Governor requests that special attention be called by the press of the State to the Good Roads Convention which will be held at Beaumont, Texas, October 10 and 11, 1904. A complete corps of Government engineers and road experts, with a full complement of modern road machinery, is expected to be present, and experiments in practical road building will be made for the instruction of the general public.

County and municipal governments are urged to send representative delegations to this convention, and all other citizens of the State who are interested in the satisfactory solution

of the important problem of the construction and maintenance of good roads, should endeavor to be present, as it is believed that a more general interest in this subject will thus be stimulated throughout Texas, and the experience and practical information acquired during the convention will result in the material betterment and early improvement of the streets,

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ANNUAL MEETING.

To the Members of W. H. M. Society, West Texas Conference:
The annual meeting of the W. H. M. S., West Texas Conference, will be held in Tenth Street Church, Austin, Texas, Oct. 27-30.

I would request all auxiliaries to send the names of delegates at once to Mrs. T. A. Brown, 609 Westlin Street, Austin, so homes may be assigned. We hope every auxiliary that can possibly do so will send a delegate to this meeting. Effort will be made to secure reduced rates.

Pray that our meeting will prove an inspiration to us all, giving us renewed zeal for the work before us.

MRS. R. M. HINES,
Sec. Conference Society,
Uvalde, Texas.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.

The North Texas W. H. M. Conference Society holds its annual meeting in Terrell Oct. 18-21. The railroads have promised a fare of one and one-third on the certificate plan. Let every visitor and every delegate secure a certificate on purchasing the ticket. You pay full fare going to Terrell, but if you have a certificate the return will only cost one-third fare. Send in your names at once to Mrs. J. C. Fields, 506 Griffith Avenue, Terrell, Texas. We want a record-breaking attendance. Let every member of the Executive Committee be present at the afternoon meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 18. All reports of superintendents of departments, District Secretaries and officers must be ready Wednesday morning. MRS. L. P. SMITH,
Cor. Sec.

Dodd City, Texas.

PROGRAM OF ANNUAL MEETING Of the Home Mission Society of North Texas, Conference, Oct. 18-21, 1904, Terrell, Texas.

Oct. 18, 4 p. m.—Executive session. (All officers are urged to be present at this meeting.)

8 p. m.—Opening sermon, Rev. R. C. Hicks.

Oct. 19, 9 a. m.—Devotional; organization; other business.

11:30 a. m.—Devotional half hour, "Workers' Orders," Mrs. L. P. Smith.

2 p. m.—Devotional; reports of District Secretaries; other business.

8 p. m.—Devotional, Rev. J. J. Clark. Anniversary of Conference Society.

"The Scarritt Bible and Training School," by some of its students.

Oct. 20, 9 a. m.—Devotional; business.

11:30 a. m.—Devotional half hour, Miss Elizabeth Taylor.

2 p. m.—Devotional; business, "Our Mission Home," Mrs. M. L. Stone; "Rescue Work," Mrs. Rudolf.

8 p. m.—"Deaconesses and their Work," Miss Elizabeth Taylor; "City Missions and Settlement Work," Miss Estelle Haskin.

Oct. 21, 9 a. m.—Devotional; business.

11:30 a. m.—Devotional half hour, "Personal Work," Miss Estelle Haskin.

2 p. m.—Devotional; reports of committees; election of officers.

8 p. m.—Sermon by Bishop Hoss. Sacrament administered.

Adjournment.

MRS. L. H. POTTS, Pres.
MRS. L. P. SMITH, Cor. Sec.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Northwest Texas Conference Woman's Home Mission Society.

Through the courtesy of Sister Edens we enjoyed the delightful privilege of attending her district meeting at Waxahachie on Sept. 20. There were four conference officers present, including herself, and a number of preachers, among them Bro. J. L. Hendry, of our China Mission field.

The attendance of delegates was reduced by the cotton picking, but the preachers and presiding elder reported in some instances for the absent sisters, and thus all points were heard from.

Sister Edens makes a charming presiding officer; dignified, but so affable as to put every one at ease. The day was spent in profitable business and was all too short to dispose of the

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amount of interesting matter on the calendar.

Sister Hey made an exhibit of our connectional work with the help of a map and pictures. The Press Superintendent talked about her work and tried to prove that the blackboard might be made a valuable adjunct without any great amount of artistic talent.

Bro. Hendry preached twice to deeply interested audiences. His faith in the future of the work in China makes one wish to be a missionary. His allusion to the Boxer horror and the narration of how death stood at the door of their home for twenty-four hours, and was only robbed of his prey by the intervention of those in authority, revealed to us the littleness of the sacrifice we make.

Bros. Sensabaugh and Putman were our hosts, and did all in their power by previous plans and personal attendance to make the occasion a success. The Press Superintendent was at home in the splendid district parsonage as the guest of Brother and Sister Sensabaugh and their lovely children. A sojourn of two days in this abode of culture and Christian hospitality, the reunion with Bro. Hendry, all representing friendship, which are the heritage of the past, brought to me a joy and strengthening which cannot be expressed.

The Week of Prayer.—What will it bring to your auxiliary? All that you put into it, with the added blessing of God. If you meet every day there will be great opportunity not only of adding greatly to your store of information, but of helping others who have not had equal advantages; your zeal will be quickened and your offerings will swell the fund. If you meet but once, you may talk with God and get a fresh vision that will lead you into a large place which you wot not of.

Dear sisters, forsake not the assembling of yourselves together "as the manner of same is."

On page 35 of our minutes in the report on Publication and Literature we read:

"Resolved, That we are very grateful to the editor of the Texas Christian Advocate for his courtesy. * * * and urge that an enthusiastic worker be appointed as agent."

We want to call attention to this recommendation and suggest that there will never be a more opportune time to move out upon it than these glorious autumn days. The pastor is supposed to be the agent for our conference paper—the Texas Christian Advocate—but he has manifold duties and I cannot imagine anything more fitting than for our auxiliaries to appoint a bright, live woman to co-operate with the pastor or take up the work entire and make a thorough canvass for the Advocate. The crops are going into market and money is circulating, and now is the time to show our appreciation in a substantial way.

The time is at hand for sending off the boxes of supplies. In the far Northwest, the breath of the frost is already in the air, and the whistling winds call for fuel and heavy clothing. Write to Mrs. Yarbrough and get specifications, and do not wait then until the preacher is compelled to draw upon his slender purse.

Week of prayer offering may be counted in the \$1 above dues.

MRS. S. C. FOLLIN,
Press Superintendent,
Fort Worth, Texas.

The annual week of prayer of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the First Methodist Church, Dallas, was held last week, beginning on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and continuing every afternoon of the week at the same hour. The observance of the week of prayer was according to appointment of the General Board of the society, as arranged for the auxiliaries of the entire Church of Southern Methodism, and many interesting topics were provided for consideration and discussion in the printed programs. Among the topics for consideration were, "Need and Opportunity of Mission Work in the South," "Our Factory Population and Child Labor Laws," "How Shall We Meet the Growing City Slums?" "What Results May We Expect from Work Among Foreigners?" "What Have We Done for the Rescue of Fallen Women?" "Need and Value of Trained Workers as Deaconesses, Missionaries and Teachers," etc. The exercises of the society for Saturday afternoon varied from the printed program, and were devoted by the membership to a memorial service, or exercise, in memory of Mrs. W. C. Young, who died at the close of last year, but who was present at the last annual observance of the week of prayer, being at the time the honored and beloved president of the society. It was an hour given over to tender and loving testimonials to the

memory of one who had lived for over a quarter of a century in the city, and had spent the best years of her noble life in active service for her divine Master, and for the blessing and uplifting of humanity—one whose loving ministrations for the poor and friendless and untiring efforts in every department of Christian activity, made up a life record most worthy of the emulation of those who yet remain, who will cherish her memory as the days come and go.

The Empress Dowager of China has given \$6000 toward the erection of the London Missionary Society's hospital and college at Pekin—a conclusive recognition of the value of medical missions by the authorities.

Men of the literary class in China are said to have spent last year \$250,000 for books and papers that teach the wisdom of Christendom; they wish to keep up with the procession which they have lately discovered. The most of this literature was of missionary origin.

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Who are lavish with their smiles and are sorry when they are obliged to frown.

Who are only so happy because they make people about them see the sunshine.

Who try to jump over all the little ridges that break up the smoothness of their path.

Who appreciate the fact that the world was not made for them alone, and who do not always expect the best it has to offer.

BEST METHOD OF WORK FOR AUXILIARIES.

A woman attended a great missionary mass meeting. She was a Christian, with the ordinary attainments of intellect and culture, the average Church woman. The speakers were eloquent and enthusiastic, and, as she had never read nor thought much about foreign missions, the subject came to her mind with such a freshness and pleasure that she became greatly interested.

She went back to her home—in a country village—all alive and burning to establish a Woman's Missionary Society. She sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society for the necessary literature, and had it announced in the church that on the following Friday afternoon the lady members were invited to be present at the organization of a Missionary Society.

They met. None of them were informed in regard to the work. So she prevailed upon them to subscribe for the Woman's Missionary Advocate, and other helps recommended. There was some difficulty in getting anybody to pray aloud, but they all finally agreed to join in repeating the Lord's Prayer. The officers were elected, duty installed, and their duties emphasized. Then they adjourned to meet again the first Friday in the next month. In the meantime they were to make an effort to obtain new members.

The time approached for the next meeting. The good Christian women who had organized this new auxiliary went up to the church full of hope and bright expectation. The bell rang to remind the sisters of their grand privilege, and she went in to await their coming. The moments glided by, the hands of the clock moved slowly forward, and when the hour had half expired, and her poor heart was growing faint, one by one the members came dropping in. The President had forgotten the appointment, the Secretary had made a previous engagement to go shopping, the Treasurer had not remembered to collect the dues (it was not a pleasant duty, anyway); and so the twenty-five members who enthusiastically responded to her call a month ago were represented by ten. How her heart was chilled! Was that the history of missionary societies in general? Alas, alas for the heathen so far away! Alas, alas for the "unsuspected" heathen nearer home!

Then she thought: "How can I interest them? What can I do to give an impetus to the movement we have inaugurated?" Having read an account of a missionary tea, she forthwith planned for its successful execution. "I'll write them all to come and enjoy a social occasion. We'll prepare a pretty and attractive program. Miss T. shall read a poem; Miss W. compose an essay; Mrs. B.'s lovely voice shall be utilized in a sweet, appropriate song; and Mrs. President shall deliver an address."

Her breast throbbed with buoyant

expectation. The evening came. It was socially delightful. The rendering of the poem was graceful; the essay was charming in conception, fragrant with flowers of rhetoric, and glowing with brilliant imagery; the song was exquisitely rendered, and drew forth much applause; and the address was replete with arguments strong and convincing for sending the gospel to the heathen. Everything was beautifully conceived and admirably executed, and everybody said to the good Christian woman: "We have had a delightful evening; we have enjoyed it so much; can't we repeat this pleasant experiment?" After this she was left alone with her thoughts—and a few more coppers in the mite box left on the center table.

It was a social success, but she was not satisfied. Something—an indefinable, subtle something—was lacking. When Miss T. read the poem, the elocution was faultless and beautiful, but cold as the light at evening upon the frozen mountain peaks. When Miss W. read her essay, the audience were charmed. They smiled at her wit, they admired her eloquence, but not an eye was dimmed with moisture as she portrayed the condition of the heathen. When Mrs. B. sang her song there was a flavor about it that suggested the stage more than the altar, the theater more than the sanctuary; but it was lovely—everybody said so. When the President read her address the brilliancy of the effort almost electrified her hearers, scintillating as it did with gems of thought and glowing with flashes of eloquence, lighting, but not melting, leaving the conscience unaroused, the heart untouched—a social success, a religious failure.

Then the good woman tried other plans. You have heard them all. You have seen them in the papers. You have read them in the leaflets. She argued, she instructed, she distributed literature, she sent for first one lecturer and then another. Sometimes the good sisters came, sometimes they didn't; and somehow foreign missions in that town was not a success. At last discouraged, heart-sick, soul-weary, humiliated, and in despair, she with a few faithful ones—three or four—laid the matter entirely before the Lord, in a way they had never done before. What was the matter? Why, when they met, was there not a greater interest, a more lasting impression? And this truth began to dawn upon them, and to come home in such force as it never had done before: "You may have all the information you need, you may set to work all the energies of the Church toward money-making, you may give the cause a social popularity, you may employ all the intellect of the Church to devise ways and means; but if they have not the love of Christ for human souls burning within them, they cannot, cannot do the best work! The love of Christ must constrain, the fire upon the altar of the heart must be kept burning continually to consume selfish desire and interests, to refine the gold, to burn the dross."

So the sisters began to pray that there might be a rushing tidal wave of love from heaven that should sweep over and refresh each poor, barren heart. They prayed and they fasted and they waited on the Lord, and it came! What? The power! the precious baptism of love. He had been waiting long to show them this method; persuading them a long time to try it. It was better than any missionary tea or mass meeting or quilting.

Miss T., prostrate before the altar of love, caught a vision of nobler things, and prayed that self might completely be destroyed. When she read her next poem there was such a ring of joy in the rendering that hearts were touched and chords vibrated in

sweet notes of joy and praise. Miss W.'s next essay moved her hearers to nobler impulses, awakened them to new desires and resolutions to be up and doing. Mrs. B.'s song at the next missionary tea—how it went echoing and re-echoing through the corridors of listening hearts like a voice of heavenly melody—softly, tenderly, pathetically pleading: "As I have loved you, O beloved, so love ye one another!" How it made them long to tell the heathen of such love! and when the President arose to deliver her address, with eyes suffused with tears of tenderness, she didn't attempt to be brilliant; she just lifted up her heart and said in tones that nobody heard but One, "Lord Jesus, without thee, nothing!" and never before did the people realize their awful responsibility for the souls of 10,000,000 of heathen, and never before did those souls appear of such value!

So, after trying many methods, they found that no method would do so well as when, with consecrated hearts, they bowed low at the mercy seat and prayed that self might die, "and Jesus Christ be all and in all."

Then the cause flourished, then the missionary meetings were not made of secondary importance, then the great world across the waters teeming with souls for whom Christ died was studied. China and Japan were not far-off myths, Brazil and Mexico became living realities, and the isles of the sea a fascinating study. Bits of self-denial were practiced, mite boxes flourished, birthday offerings were poured into the missionary coffers, and women at last with heroic devotion gave up their dearest, the daughters of their homes, the children of their love, to go into "the regions beyond," to carry "the good tidings of great joy."

Yes, this was their best method, and many were won to a love for foreign missions through it—a method that sprang from and meant a "passion for souls," inspired by that divine power without which all missionary societies and Woman's Boards are nothing, worse than nothing—an old, old method, but the best.—(L. T. P.) Leaflet, W. F. M. Society.

Smooth friends usually turn out to be slippery ones.—Ram's Horn.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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he is the best help to a pastor I have ever known. He came to us without any financial understanding, and did not speak of finances for himself throughout the entire service, either to me or anybody else. People made a free will offering of \$650 to him at the close of the meeting. He not only preached twice a day, but together we visited among men in their offices and in their shops in the intervals between services, and as a result of this special effort for men there were more of them saved than of any other class. We received into the Church yesterday seventy and expect to receive more still. The other Churches of the city will receive fifty or sixty converted men who professed religion, without a single exception, I believe, at the altar. There were possibly 250 who professed conversion and reclamation. And we mean by this not those who gave their hand on the proposition or who stood up, but only those who showed every mark of a bona fide conversion. We had taken a subscription of \$25,000 two years ago. This subscription run through the two years and was just about exhausted. The church plant has cost us \$33,500. The leaders, who were on notes for \$7,500, understood that we would have to take another collection, and we planned to do this some four months ago at the Stuart meeting. In talking it over with Bro. Stuart he suggested that we give another two years, if necessary, for the new subscription, and together we visited the men and women who had the enterprise on their hearts, and secured privately \$7,150. Sunday morning, Bro. Stuart increased this to over \$12,000 in a public offering. It was the easiest, the gladdest and the most spontaneous collection I ever saw. The people had religion and gave freely. Not only is George Stuart a prince among preachers, but he is also one of the greatest financiers I ever knew in these matters. Unselfishly he worked, day and night, sparing not himself, caring not for his own interests, but for the interest of the Church. We have received, all told, 645 members since going to Grace Church. We hope to present a good report at conference. We write this letter out of a grateful heart.

Reinhardt Circuit.

R. B. Moreland, Oct. 11: On September 4 we began our meeting at Lagow; was assisted by Rev. A. N. Keen and Rev. Lomas. Ran nearly two weeks and had a good meeting; about fifteen conversions and the Church built up spiritually; received twelve into the Church and baptized two infants. Our fourth Quarterly Conference convened at Reinhardt last Saturday and was well attended. Rev. J. M. Peterson, our presiding elder, was on hand and looking well after the interest of the Church, and preached us two soul-stirring sermons. We have received 113 members for the quarter and had about 135 conversions, for which we are devoutly thankful. Our finances were well up, the charge making the largest report for one quarter in its history, being \$335.50. We have all our collections nearly in cash and subscriptions, so you know this preacher is happy. To God be all the praise.

Argyle.

W. A. Pritchett: We are through with our meetings, with the exception of one, which we will hold the last of this month. We held two of our meetings in the spring, which have been

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reported. Our first meeting was at Chinn's Chapel. We did not have a very good meeting. Bro. J. T. Simmons assisted us, and everybody was pleased with his preaching and work. Our next meeting was at Gazu. Rev. W. B. Bayless was with us five days and did splendid work; everybody liked him. As a result of this meeting received twelve into the Church. Our last meeting was the camp-meeting at John's Well. Bro. W. M. Leatherwood was with us and did nearly all the preaching, and did it well; did not have many conversions, but the meeting did great and lasting good. Prairie Mound is in better shape than it has been for years. We have built one church this year (at Prairie Mound), and contracted the other day for nice pews to go in it. We want to report out at conference, but have some hard work before us yet if we do so.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Sonora.

S. J. Drake, Oct. 3: We began a meeting at Sonora September 16 and continued twelve days. The preaching was done by Revs. Birdwell and Brown. They are deeply consecrated and preached with great power. Many came to the altar and were converted. There were more than fifty conversions. Thirty joined the Methodist Church on profession of faith, with more to follow. Quite a number joined the other Churches. It was the most successful revival ever held in Sonora. The Church was greatly revived. These brethren are a power for good, and their meetings help every interest of the Church. The people gladly paid them nearly \$200 for their services. We appreciate the kindness of those friends who, through Mrs. Maud Nichols, a kind Episcopal lady, presented the pastor with a new suit of clothes and his wife with a new dress. We will not forget Sister Nichols and those who so generously assisted her. We will begin a meeting at Eldorado next Friday, assisted by Rev. A. P. Lowery.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Headrick, O. T.

Geo. W. Lewis: I have just closed one of the best meetings that it has been my good pleasure to hold this year, although I have been in some good ones. I don't just know how many conversions there were; will be safe in saying fifty or sixty. Thirty-seven of these joined the M. E. Church, South, with others to come in yet. Bro. McCullough, the presiding elder, preached four good sermons for us. Bros. Hawkins and Churchill did good work in the meeting. The men service Sunday, at 11 o'clock, was a good one.

Hammon Circuit, O. T.

Edward W. Morton, Oct. 8: I closed my last meeting for Hammon Circuit last night at Spring Creek. I came to this work from Texas the 1st of September. Only about one-sixth of the general collections had been secured. No revival meeting had been held and conference close at hand (Oct. 26). It seemed to me a herculean task, but through the help of the Lord and some faithful members and officials I set to work. I held a series of meetings at each of the four appointments. The results were not satisfactory on account of the people being busy in their crops. I held a week's meeting in each place except one, in which I held only four days. We had some real uplifting services. Good was accomplished by them. I aim to report in full at conference. I think I shall be able to do so. I received aid in one meeting from Rev. A. S. Davis, of the Free Will Baptist Church. He is an able preacher and did some fine work. This is a good country, but the people here have not honored and respected God and his laws as they should have done, consequently they have short crops. Sabbath desecration is a common sin.

TO THE PASTORS OF THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren: Please read the following letter from our pastor at Mesquite and do likewise. I do not ask this "of necessity," but as a service of love for the old preacher.—2 Cor. 9:7.

G. F. BOYD.

Rev. G. F. Boyd, Sanger, Texas: I presented the Palmer Home to my people last night, and without any urging they contributed \$450, which you will find enclosed.

T. N. WEEKS.

Mesquite, Texas.

BISHOP E. E. HOSS.

Bishop Hoss stopped off at Cisco Sept. 28 and preached for us at night a great sermon. Our people were perfectly delighted to have this recognition from one of our Bishops. Cisco will wind out the year with credit to herself.

S. J. VAUGHAN.

A CORRECTION.

In my note to the Brotherhood in last week's Advocate the types made me say Georgetown, Texas, instead of Annona, Texas. Please note the correction. J. A. WYATT, Treas. N. T. Conf. Brotherhood, Annona, Texas.

A WORLD'S FAIR TRIP FOR YOUR PASTOR.

I take the boys of the Harrison Training School to the World's Fair, leaving San Antonio Nov. 14, and returning Saturday night following. My thorough knowledge of the Fair grounds will enable us to see much in four days. I shall try to make the trip for \$20 each. Why not give your pastor a twenty-dollar bill and let him go with us? It will be of great value to him and make his preaching better. J. E. HARRISON, San Antonio, Texas.

DEDICATION.

Our church at Travis will be dedicated the fifth Sunday in October by Dr. Allen, of Georgetown. All former pastors are cordially invited to be present.

D. W. GARDNER, P. C. Travis, Texas.

MARRIAGES.

Abbott-Moore—At the Church, Eustace, Texas, Oct. 2, 1904, Mr. Lewis B. Abbott and Miss Lina E. Moore, Rev. Thos. Reece officiating.

Campbell-Smith—At Eustace, Texas, Oct. 2, 1904, Mr. S. C. Campbell and Miss Alice Smith, Rev. Thos. Reece officiating.

De la Fontaine-Jones—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones, in San Angelo, Texas, Oct. 4, 1904, Count Charles de la Fontaine, of Geneva, Switzerland, and Miss Clara Jones, Rev. W. Wootton officiating.

McLarty-Smith—In Whitney, Texas, Oct. 5, 1904, Mr. F. E. McLarty, of Covington, Texas, and Miss Bessie Smith, of Whitney, Rev. J. H. Braswell officiating.

Hill-Shappagh—At the home of the bride's parents, near Riceton, Texas, Oct. 2, 1904, Mr. W. P. Hill and Miss Faye Shappagh, Rev. R. O. Brazelton officiating.

Lusk-Grimes—At the residence of the bride's father, Rev. H. E. Grimes, Penelope, Texas, Sept. 28, 1904, by the Rev. B. R. Bolton, Mr. James H. Lusk and Miss Martha E. Grimes.

Landon-Foreman—Oct. 5, 1904, in San Angelo, Texas, Mr. James C. Landon, proprietor of the Landon Hotel, and Miss Maie Foreman, Rev. W. Wootton officiating.

Turnbow-Springer—At the residence of Mr. J. E. Daiton, on West Third street, Mr. C. Turnbow, of Batson, Texas, and Miss Ruth Springer, of Marlin, Texas, were united in marriage September 28, in Beaumont, Texas, at 5:30 p. m. Rev. V. A. Godbey officiating.

Maxwell-Warren—Mr. C. A. Maxwell and Miss Elizabeth Warren were united in marriage at the parsonage, 1357 Broadway, Beaumont, Texas, September 26, at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. V. A. Godbey performing the ceremony.

Woodruff-Higgins—Mr. B. F. Woodruff and Miss Carrie Higgins, of Beaumont, Texas, were united in marriage September 25, at 7 p. m., in the parsonage of the First Methodist Church in Beaumont, Rev. V. A. Godbey performing the ceremony.

Martin-Norris—At the residence of the bride's father, in Brookshire, Texas, September 28, 1904, Mr. Floyd B. Martin and Miss Leona Pearl Norris, Rev. Joseph B. Sears officiating.

FOR PLEASURE AND PROFIT.

There is no part of the State of Texas that has attracted as much attention during the past year or two as has the country lying along the line of the Santa Fe from Temple to San Angelo, and known as the Concho-Colorado Valleys. It is doubtful if any part of the Southwest has developed from a raw state as rapidly as has this country, which a few years ago was held by cattlemen who insisted that no one could farm the country profitably. The fact that a few of these men put in feed stuffs for their stock and got a big crop from the experiment attracted the attention of men who were out looking for a chance to better their conditions. The demand for land became so persistent that a few of the cattlemen consented to cut up their great pastures and sell them off in lots to suit the convenience of the purchaser. In investigating the country, it is these men who have been actively engaged in farming for a term of years that one should see to get the best information.

For the San Angelo Carnival to be held on October 18 to 23, the Santa Fe has announced a very low rate from all points on their line. This will give all an opportunity to go out and investigate at small expense this country which bids fair to be the banner cotton section of the State. The time will be particularly propitious, as the town will be full of the men who have gone to the new country to build homes, and you will have the chance to talk to them and get the results of their experience at first hand.

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4 IMPORTANT GATEWAYS

WEST TEXAS.

Applicants for admission on trial will please send to the committee at the Methodist Church in Cuero, Nov. 8 at 9 a. m. W. H. H. BIGGS

The West Texas Conference Brotherhood will hold their regular annual meeting in the Methodist Church in Cuero at 7:30 p. m., Nov. 8.

W. H. H. BIGGS

To the Pastors and Presiding Elders of West Texas Conference:

Please send to me at once the names of all lay delegates, applicants for admission and readmission. Pastors who expect to be accompanied by their wives will also notify me.

L. B. ELLIS.

Cuero, Texas.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

We are preparing to take care of the preachers, their wives and babies, and all delegates and members of conference, the very best we can, and while we have no palatial homes, we will give you a hearty welcome to what we have. "And it is good enough for anybody."

In regard to preachers' wives and babies: Hear me; we want those good women who have stayed at home while their husbands have been out in the thick of the fight—those who "have stayed by the stuff"—to come and we will take care of them, if we have to sleep in the barn. But we do not mean by babies, all children. It will not be good for them, nor their mothers, to say nothing of the extra trouble to those who entertain. Now, will not some good woman in every charge volunteer to take care of the "yearling" children and send the pastor's wife to conference? Let her have one week's rest and recuperation.

A word to those who wish to visit the Wells during the conference: If you will send your names to me two weeks before conference, you will receive board either at hotel or boarding house at reduced rates.

All preachers expecting to bring their wives will please notify me at once, as we shall commence assigning the homes next week.

Some of the brethren have already written. Here is one: "I expect to bring my wife and seven children to conference. You said you would entertain our wives and children, you know." (I said babies). Please get us a home as near the church as possible," etc.

Well, I have assigned them a home; but, of course, I can't place so large a family all in one home; so I assign the preacher, his wife and year-old baby to a pleasant home three blocks from the church and two blocks from the well; the other six I assign to homes in the preacher's own pastoral charge, to be selected by the preacher's wife.

Shall expect all parties to go to the homes assigned them.

C. V. OSWALT.

Rev. Oswalt, Mineral Wells, Texas:

Dear Sir—Referring to our conversation a few days ago regarding rates to Mineral Wells for the conference which meets at that place in November, I enclose herewith map, on which please outline the counties embraced in this district. Kindly give this prompt attention, so that I may arrange with the other Texas lines for the regular convention rates.

It may be well enough for you to at once notify your Methodist journals and call attention to this convention, also to the fact that round trip excursion rates at one and one-third fare for the round trip, good for sixty days, are on sale at all coupon stations in Texas, the year round, and for everybody to insist upon receiving them.

The regular convention rates, which are one and one-third fare for distances 100 miles and less from Mineral Wells, and one fare, plus 10 per cent, for distance over 100 miles, will apply, good to return one day after the close of the convention. We will also notify all lines that we will honor the regular Clergy Bureau Permit. If, however, any line should fail to notify their agents, they can purchase to Weatherford and return from our agent at the regular half rate, Weatherford to Mineral Wells and return.

P. E. BOCK, Supt. W. M. W. & N. Ry. Weatherford, Texas.

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Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

St. Louis—Account World's Fair, various rates and limits, now on sale.

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Austin—Account Texas Presbyterian Synod, one and one-third fare, Oct. 17 and 18, limited Oct. 26.

Dallas—Account Texas Grand Festival and Kaliph Celebration, very cheap rates, Oct. 7 to 16.

San Angelo—Account Fair and Carnival, convention rates, Oct. 17 to 20, limited Oct. 21.

Dallas—Account Baptist Missionary Association of Texas, convention rates, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, limited Nov. 7.

Victoria—Account American Free Mission Baptist Educational Convention, convention rates, Oct. 28 and 29, limited Oct. 24.

Dallas—Account Semi-Annual Round Scottish Rite Masons and Shrine's Meeting, convention rates, Oct. 23 and 24, limited Oct. 25.

San Antonio—Account International Fair, convention rates, Oct. 21 to Nov. 2, limited Nov. 3.

For further information ask any Santa Fe agent, or write W. S. KECNA,

G. P. A., Galveston.

Senator Culberson is making speeches in Maryland and making a fine impression. He is taking up the race question. There are those who will think that the Senator is "strapping" when he discusses this matter, but they do not know conditions in Maryland. For it was on this question that the Democrats wrested the State from Republican hands, and there is nothing in which the Marylander is more interested. Senator Culberson, as his political friends are willing to testify, can be relied on to not lose his head or to discuss things which may put his audiences to sleep.—Dallas News.

OBITUARIES.

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MATTHEWS.—Mrs. Mollie Lucia Matthews was born in Quincy, Ill., March 4, 1860. She was married to J. H. Matthews, of Bowie, Texas, on May 7, 1883. To this union were born four children, three sons and one daughter. Two of these boys died in infancy, and there survive her a devoted husband, one son, one daughter and a large circle of sorrowing relatives and friends. In her early girlhood she gave herself to Christ and united with the Presbyterian Church, but after her marriage she, with her husband, joined the M. E. Church, South, in whose communion she lived until her death, which occurred at Bowie, Texas, on Monday night, Sept. 26, 1904. Perhaps there has not been a death in the town or Church where she lived that caused more general and genuine sorrow. Her life was a beautiful exemplification of the teachings of her Lord, whom she loved and followed with unfeigned faith. Her unselfish devotion to her family and friends won for her the love and esteem of all who knew her, and as a mark of respect to her memory on the day of her funeral service, at the request of the Mayor of the town, all the business houses closed during the funeral hours. Sister Matthews' health has not been good for several years, so that she has had for several years to spend several months of each year in San Antonio, where the milder climate and the skill of the best physicians of that place had done much for her, so that her friends had high hopes of her ultimate and final restoration to health. The latter part of June, however, she took her bed, and after a lingering and exceedingly painful illness of thirteen weeks she quietly fell asleep in Jesus. During her sickness, with that intuition which is often vouchsafed to us, she told the members of her household that she could not recover, and during the long days of pain she was so patient and uncomplaining as to cause many to remark on the fortitude and resignation with which she bore her sufferings. Several days before her death she sent for the members of the family, and for many of her friends, to whom she spoke calmly and quietly of the approaching end, and gave them her affectionate words of parting, and many touching admonitions. She then asked the writer to read the 23d Psalm and offer prayer, during which exercises heaven came close to us in that sick room, and we knew that heaven's messengers, though unseen, were present giving comfort and support to this precious woman. As she walked "through the valley of the shadow of death" the rod and staff of her God, whom she had followed with such unflinching fidelity through all the years, was her support and comfort. Her funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. F. O. Miller and Rev. T. R. Pierce, and were attended by as many people as could get in the church, thus bearing the testimony to the deserved popularity in which she was held. While too much importance ought not to be attached to the little details of death, yet it is a pleasure to know that her death was one of singular beauty and peace. Realizing fully as she did the end was near, there was not the slightest fear or doubt. She knew that she was accepted of her Savior, and having long years ago committed her life and all into his care and keeping, she was not afraid that he would desert her when she came to face the last enemy. Never were the words of Paul more appropriate to a life than that question, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Or his triumphant shout, "Thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" It was the prayer of many of us who were with her during those last days that we might "die the death of the righteous, and that our last end might be like his." As our great founder long ago said, "Our people die well." We have no doubt as to where we will find her. Ere this she has bathed her pain-racked body in the healing waters of the stream of life and fed upon the fruit of the life-giving tree which grows hard by the river of God. Her eyes have been saluted with the vision of her Lord in all his glory; her ears have caught the matchless music of heaven, and she has lifted her voice in the eternal hymn of praise to Him who has redeemed us. She has clasped hands with her loved ones who had preceded her to that better world, and has heard the plaudit, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." May God, our Father, guide the husband and the children to that same heavenly home.

ROBERT GIEBS MOOD.

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BORDEN.—Mr. Calvin Hampden Borden was buried in the Benbrook cemetery on September 16th, 1904. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of neighbors and friends. Mr. Borden was an old resident of Benbrook community, having lived there for 38 years. He was a Tennessean by birth, having been born in Bradley County in 1824. At 19 years of age he was converted and joined the Methodist Church. In 1854 he came to Texas and settled in the eastern part of the State. One year later he was married to Miss Nancy Elizabeth McWilliams. Soon after this he moved to Parker County, where he lived until 1866. At this time he moved to Tarrant County and settled at Benbrook, where he remained until 1904. Not long since he visited his daughters, Mrs. C. C. McDonald and Mrs. E. J. Willburn, of Grangerville, Idaho. Early in September he was taken suddenly ill, and died at the home of Mrs. McDonald, on September 7th, 1904. He was the father of eleven children, seven of whom survive—Mrs. Henry L. Leake of Tacoma, Washington; Mrs. J. A. Childers, Benbrook, Texas; Mrs. C. T. McDonald, Grangerville, Idaho; Mrs. E. J. Willburn, Grangerville, Idaho; Mrs. G. B. Leake, Vancouver, Washington; and Messrs. L. F. and W. L. Borden, Lexington, O. T. He was the grandfather of twenty-seven children and the great-grandfather of one child. Mr. Borden was a man beloved by all. He was a good father, a splendid neighbor, an exemplary citizen. For long years he had been one of the chief supporters of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the Benbrook community, and was regarded by all as one of the fathers of the Church. His place cannot be filled. His life was one of devotion and consistent Christian piety.

H. A. BOAZ.

Fort Worth, Texas.

McKNIGHT.—Joseph Russell, infant son of Brother and Sister Hiram McKnight, was born Feb. 4, 1902, and died Sept. 6, 1904. The little sufferer was only sick a few days, when God came and took his spirit home. When our little ones die how consoling the words of Christ, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." This little darling was smart and beautiful and happy in the home of his parents, and he is beautiful and happy in his home in heaven. It is hard to give up our loved ones, but it is only for a short time. The Shepherd has just carried them in his arms through the valley. If we follow we will find them on the other side at home with Jesus. Look up to Jesus, dear father and mother; little Joe is there and his little hands are beckoning you home. He with the other children are waiting for papa and mamma. Happy will that day be when parents and children meet on the banks of the sweet-by-and-bye.

ROSS WILLIAMS.

Minden, Texas.

HAWKINS.—Lindsey B. Hawkins was born May 18, 1860, in Denton County, Texas. He was converted and joined the Church September, 1871. He was married to Dora B. Airheart Oct. 23, 1883. This union was blessed with three sons and six daughters; five of these children are Church members. He died in the morning of Aug. 23, 1904. His end was triumphant and glorious. His was an humble, faithful, Christian life. He was a good husband, a loving father and kind neighbor, respected and honored in his community. He will be missed much at Church, but worst in the home, where none can take his place. However, he left a son about 16 years old, who is a most dutiful and industrious boy, and it is believed that he will take his father's place as far as a son can, for he has been the mainstay of the family through his father's long sickness, which lasted three or more years. The sorrowing widow and bereaved orphan children have a kind and loving Savior, who has promised to be always a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless.

G. D. WILSON, Pastor.

CLIMER.—The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister T. S. Climer and took from them little Atty Velmer. She was born August 15, 1902, and after an illness of but a few days she fell asleep in the arms of Jesus September 13, 1904. We do not understand why such a promising young life was taken away; but death always claims the brightest jewel. We should not weep for her, for we know there is a meeting place beyond this vale of tears, where we can meet our loved ones on the sunny banks of sweet deliverance and parting will be no more. Little Atty Velmer is now resting in sweet repose in the silent city of the dead at College Station, Texas, but her ransomed spirit has swept away, beyond the stars and joined that mighty choir singing around the throne those beautiful songs of Zion. God help us to so live that when the summons comes we will be ready to go, as this precious little girl was.

BULA STUTTS.

POWELL.—Clara Powell, daughter of M. T. and Fannie Powell, was born in Jasper County, Texas, Oct. 18, 1879; moved with her parents to Angelina County when about 12 years of age, and there remained until her death, which occurred July 4, 1904. She was laid to rest in Kelly's Cemetery July 5, 1904. Clara was a good, obedient child, kind and lovely to all. She joined the M. E. Church, South, when but a small girl, and lived and died in the same. A while before she died she sang, "Lord, I am coming home, never more to roam." Just before her spirit took its flight she called her loved ones around her dying couch and told them not to weep for her, that she was going home to live with Jesus. Weep not, dear parents, brothers and sisters, but live as Clara did, and your last end will be like hers. Clara will not come to you, but you can go to her and meet her on the shore of sweet deliverance, where you can with her walk the golden streets of the New Jerusalem, where death and suffering will be no more.

T. D. McMAHON.

CAMPBELL.—John Ira Campbell was born Aug. 29, 1894, near Flatonia, Fayette County, Texas, and died September 5, 1904, in Mart, McLennan County, Texas. He joined the Church April, 1903. He was an only child of Brother and Sister J. I. Campbell, and on him they had lavished their love and care, and he had responded easily to their training. For the past eight months, by reason of an attack of small pox and slow fever, father and mother had twice preferred to see him die; and just as hope of his full and final recovery had possessed them to see him go in an instant was hard indeed. While playing with an open pocket knife he accidentally fell upon it, and was stabbed thereby in or near his heart, dying almost instantly. All our prayers and sympathies went out to the sorely tried parents, but God's grace enabled them to bear up under the blow and go forward in his love, knowing that "some sweet day" they will meet again. John is undoubtedly safe in the arms of Jesus, and God grant that all of his little playmates, together with parents, may so live as to meet him over yonder.

A. E. CARRAWAY.

BASS.—Sister Mary Bass, wife of J. P. Bass, was born February 4, 1850, and departed this life August 5, 1904. She was married to J. P. Bass 1868, in Missouri. They moved to Texas in 1876, and lived at Garvin, Wise County, a number of years and then moved to Newlin, Texas, where she died. Sister Bass was raised a Lutheran, but soon after her marriage she joined the Methodist Church and made a faithful member of the same till her death. Sister Bass was the mother of five children and made a good mother and a faithful wife. She was a good woman and everybody loved her and believed her to be a true Christian. She is not only missed by her husband and children, but the Church and all who knew her are sad because of her departure, yet rejoice to know she is with God. May one sweet day there be a reunion and an unbroken family in heaven. Her former pastor.

J. B. SIMS.

STOKER.—On the bright and sunny Sunday morning of September 18, 1904, the death angel entered the home of Brother and Sister H. R. Stoker, of this community, and took from them their baby girl, May Pearl, aged 8 months to a day. Little Pearl was a bright and sunny visitor in the home for a few short months, but one who had won the affections of father, mother, brothers and sisters, who had learned to love so tenderly that little form. But to bereaved ones we would say: Weep not for the tender plant that you tend with such zealous care here. God has taken and transplanted it in the Eden above, where it will bloom throughout eternity. Yes, dear loved ones, that sweet smile of recognition, those chubby hands, will welcome you to that home where parting is no more. Let us all be faithful and always true to God, and say from our hearts, in this and all other trials that come to us, "Not my will, but thine, be done;" for the Lord indeed gives and the Lord takes away for our good. May God bless and save all who knew little May Pearl.

J. E. GILBREATH.

RIVES.—Effie Rives (nee Rice) was born June 4, 1883; was married to J. H. Rives Dec. 10, 1899, and departed this life Sept. 8, 1904, leaving an infant and a little girl 2 years old. She also leaves a sorrowing husband, a father, mother, brothers and sisters, who mourn her untimely death. Effie professed religion about eight years ago. She was a good child. While it was hard to give her up, yet the Lord doeth all things well, and we can but say, "Thy will be done." The Lord comfort the father and mother, brothers and sisters and husband. The Lord bless and keep those two precious little ones.

H. P. SHRADER.

Azle, Texas.

MONTGOMERY.—B. C. Montgomery was born in Floyd County, Georgia, March 27, 1827; died August 19, 1904. He came to Texas in 1865, settling in Colorado County; from there he moved to Lavaca, and from there to Llano County, where he died, on his son James' ranch. He was married twice. To the first union six children were given, five boys and one girl, two of whom preceded him to the kingdom of the sky. He was married the second time to Elizabeth N. Anthony, in 1871, who proved herself a mother to his motherless children. He was a member of the Methodist Church, South, for more than half a century, filling various offices in the same. The last ten months of his life was continual pain, but he bore his pain with Christian fortitude and never murmured at his condition. I visited him often through the year and read the Scripture and prayed with him, which was comforting to this noble man of God. Gone, but not forgotten. In the dying moments he shouted victory over the world, pain and death. Thus ended a consecrated life. May our Heavenly Father deal gently with his aged companion the few days that she shall remain on earth, watch over his children and at last bring them all to the saints' home in light.

R. L. McINTYRE.

Kingsland, Texas.

WALKER.—At the home of Frank and Beulah Walker, four miles southwest of Lone Oak, on July 29th, 1904, our heavenly Father saw best to again claim for his own our baby, Gladys Mae. She was 19 months and 25 days old. She was not well for three months, but we thought improving slowly until the day before her death; but our darling, like a sweet flower, day by day faded away. Now we can only see an empty cradle. The ever-patient voice we loved so well is forever still on earth. Oh, may we meet again, where there is no more parting.

WALKER.—On August 20, just three weeks and one day since the death of our little Gladys, the death angel came again this morn, entered our home, claiming our little Rosa Lee. She would have been 4 years old December 18th, 1904. She was sick only three days. Our home is so lonely. Baby that she was, the morning after the death of her little sister she came to her mother and asked, "Where is little Gladys?" Then, before an answer could be made, she says: "I know she is in heaven, mamma; I wish I could die and go live with her in her home." We never thought then how soon she would follow, for she was the very picture of health. The night she died she called her papa; wanted to say her prayers, and in her baby tongue repeated, "Now I lay me down to sleep." Our babies; oh, how we miss them everywhere! But weep not, father, brother and sisters; our loss is their gain. Let us live to meet them on the golden shore, to part no more.

THEIR MOTHER.

McMURRAY.—Rev. Hiram McMurray was born in Ohio County, February 5, 1854; came to Texas when very small, and died at his home in Harrison County, July 7, 1904. Bro. McMurray was raised in Denton County, Texas, and was first married in that county to Miss Alice Dickinson. He was converted when about 18 years of age, and joined the Presbyterian Church. He was licensed to preach by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church about fifteen years ago, but having changed his residence some years ago, he united with the Methodist Protestant Church in West Texas. In December, 1903, he moved to Harrison County, and was happily married to a most estimable lady, Mrs. Lizzie McIntosh, on December 29, 1903, the writer officiating in the service. In the early spring of this year he was united with our Church, in which he lived a faithful, consistent life until removed by death. He was a devoted husband, a good citizen, and exceedingly kind to his stepchildren, and was very hospitable in his pleasant home. When he passed away we felt that a truly good man had gone home to live with God and to meet with loved ones who had gone on before. His sickness was very short, and he was suddenly taken away; but in talking of the future before he was taken sick, he expressed himself as being ready at any time that the Master might call for him. We tender to the bereaved wife and her children our sincere condolence, and pray that they may all so live as to meet him in the bright mansions of glory, where no sickness shall ever come and sad farewells are never spoken.

W. W. HORNER.

JONES.—Brother E. D. Jones and wife are mourning over the death of their little 18-months-old child, Edna Rounette. She was a sweet, bright little girl. She was so much company and such joy in the home, but she has gone to her Heavenly Father's home. May the fact that she is there, waiting for them, bring papa and mamma closer to God and make them realize that some of their treasures are in heaven.

D. H. ASTON.

TOLER.—Abraham C. Toier was born in Lynn County, Missouri, on the 14th of March, 1839. He served faithfully in the Confederate army for four years during the Civil War. He was married to Miss Mary V. Gamble in Octavio County, Mississippi, on the 24th of July, 1866; moved to Madison County, Missouri, in March, 1868. He moved to Texas in 1872 and has lived in Fannin County since 1873. He died at his home, near Lannus, Texas, on the 22d of May, 1904. He suffered much from cancer for the last several years of his life. During the last two years he often suffered severely, but bore his sufferings with Christian patience. He professed religion in July, 1866, and joined the M. E. Church, South. He lived an earnest Christian, and was an active member of the Church, being for many years a faithful steward and a regular attendant at service. He was resigned to the will of God and passed away in full hope of the saints' eternal home. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn their loss; but they expect to meet him again in the "promised land."

A. H. HUSSEY.

DUNAWAY.—Little Ewell Dunaway, son of Eva and Andrew Dunaway, was born October 14, 1901, and died March 7, 1904. Ewell and his mother made their homes with his grandfather and grandmother, Mr. J. E. Tims. Little Ewell was the pride of our home. He was just as a rose blooming in the spring, and our blessed Master plucked our little rose and transplanted it in a better world. How sad it was to give up our precious babe! He had learned a part of many little songs. He first learned "Scatter Seeds of Kindness," and the one that he sung last was, "Savior, do not pass me by." It was his favorite song. He could repeat his little prayer after his mother. His mother bent over him while dying and he pointed his little finger upward as if he saw the angels coming, and then reached for his mother to kiss her his farewell kiss. As she bent down to give him the farewell kiss he looked into her face and smiled, as if in natural health, as though to say, "You will know where to find your little Ewell. You will find me among the angels," and then closed his eyes in death.

HIS GRANDMOTHER.

RANDLE.—William Randle was born November 23d, 1838, in Todd County, Kentucky. He joined the Methodist Church in 1872. Was married to Miss Nellie Dumir in 1868, in Evansville, Ind. They had two children, one of whom died when only 3 years old. The other is now a grown man, living at Estelline, Texas, in whose house the father died. We are not informed as to how long his first wife lived. He was married the second time to Miss Irene Smith in 1879, with whom he lived only one year. The Lord called her home, and thus two good women to whom he had been married preceded him to the good world. Brother Randle was an ardent Methodist and true Mason. This old world is certainly better because he lived and wrought. He is greatly missed by the Estelline people. The devotion shown by his son and wife was indeed most beautiful to behold. They tenderly cared for him until the final call was heard, on April 22, 1904. Thus a noble hero of the cross of Jesus Christ passed out to the sunny port of sweet deliverance. An aggravated cancer caused his death, after weary months of suffering. He is now beyond this world of suffering. Thank God for the power of the Christian religion to dispel the gloom and doubt of a tired, suffering soul.

G. W. HARRIS, Pastor.

PHILLIPS.—Willie James Phillips, son of L. M. Phillips, who lives near Rural Shades, Navarro County, Texas, was born December 22, 1901, and died September 18, 1904. Willie was a bright little boy, and the very picture of health. His fond parents were expecting great things of him in the future; but, alas, on the 8th of September he was taken sick with a disease that proved to be fatal, and in spite of all that his doctor and loving parents could do, passed away September 18. Dear father and mother, you can not bring little Willie back and have him live here with you, but it is yours to go and live with him in heaven, where all is peace and happiness. May God's richest blessings rest upon those who are left to mourn his death.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin District-Fourth Round.

Manchaca cir, Oct. 15, 16.
South Austin sta, Oct. 16, 17.
Walnut cir, Oct. 22, 23.
Hutchins Memorial, Austin, Oct. 23, 24.
Tenth Street, Austin, Oct. 23, 24.
First Street, Austin, Oct. 23, 24.
E. S. Smith, P. E.

Beeville District-Fourth Round.

S. Springs, Oct. 15, 16.
Berkshire, Oct. 22, 23.
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San Saba sta, Oct. 15, 16.
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Cherokee, Oct. 23, 24.
W. H. H. Biggs, P. E.

Cuero District-Fourth Round.

Victoria, Oct. 15, 16.
Leesville, at Leesville, Oct. 20, 21.
Rancho, at Bundick, Oct. 22, 23.
Clear Creek, at Rocky, Oct. 23, 24.
Cuero, Nov. 5, 6.
J. C. Wilson, P. E.

San Antonio District-Fourth Round.

Bexar cir, at Benton, 3d Sun Oct.
Laredo, Oct. 17.
West End, 11 a. m. 4th Sun Oct.
Sherman St., 8 p. m. 4th Sun Oct.
Prospect Hill, 11 a. m. 5th Sun Oct.
South Heights, 8 p. m. 5th Sun Oct.
Travis Park, 1st Sun Nov.
W. J. Johnson, P. E.

San Angelo District-Fourth Round.

Pontotoc, 3d Sun Oct.
Brady cir, at Bear Creek, 4th Sun Oct.
Brady sta, (night) 4th Sun Oct.
Muburn, 5th Sun Oct.
J. D. Scott, P. E.

San Marcos District-Fourth Round.

Tilman, at Harrison's Chapel, 3d Sun Oct.
Staples, at Pleasant Ridge, 4th Sun Oct.
San Marcos, Oct. 23.
Dripping Springs, at D. S., 5th Sun Oct.
Lockhart, Nov. 4.
Gonzales, 1st Sun Nov.
Jno. W. Stovall, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Gainesville District-Last Round.

Era and Bolivar, Oct. 15, 16.
Marysville, 11 a. m. and night, Oct. 18.
Aubrey, Oct. 22, 23.
Pilot Point, Oct. 23, 24.
Greenwood, 11 a. m. and night, Oct. 27.
Houston, Oct. 23, 24.
Montague, Nov. 5, 6.
Nocona, Nov. 6, 7.
Saint Jo, Nov. 12, 13.
Woodbine, 11 a. m. Nov. 17.
Banger 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.

Weston cir, at Weston, Oct. 15, 16.
Prosper cir, at Prosper, Oct. 22, 23.
Celina and Roseland, Oct. 23, 24.
Blue Ridge and Mission, Nov. 5, 6.
Copeville mis, at Clear Lake, Nov. 5.
Nevada cir, at Nevada, Nov. 12, 13.
Wylie cir, at St. Paul, Nov. 16.
Piano sta, Nov. 19, 20.
Farmersville sta, Nov. 19.
McKinney sta, Nov. 19, 20.
F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Bonham District-Fourth Round.

Honey Grove cir, at McLelland, Oct. 15, 16.
Honey Grove sta, Oct. 15, 16.
Lanham, at Brookerton, Oct. 22, 23.
Dodd, at Dodd, Oct. 22, 23.
Gober, at Hall, Oct. 23, 24.
Ladonia sta, Oct. 23, 24.
Trenton, at Trenton, Nov. 5, 6.
Bailey, at Bailey, Nov. 5, 6.
Lamasco, at New Hope, Nov. 12, 13.
S. Bonham, at S. Bonham, Nov. 12, 13.
Bonham sta, Nov. 19, 20.
Jno. H. McLean, P. E.

Paris District-Fourth Round.

Marvin cir, at Milton, Oct. 15, 16.
Blossom and Sylvan, at B., Oct. 16, 17.
Rosalie cir, at Rosalie, Oct. 22, 23.
Deport and Halesboro, at D., Oct. 23, 24.
Clarksville cir, at Cherry, Oct. 23, 24.
Albion mis, at Albion, Oct. 30, 31.
Clarksville sta, Oct. 31.
Annona cir, at Annona, Nov. 5, 6.
Whitlock sta, Nov. 5, 6.
Douglass mis, at Lydia, Nov. 12, 13.
Bagwell mis, at Bagwell, Nov. 13, 14.
Chicoita cir, Nov. 19, 20.
Emerson cir, Nov. 20, 21.
E. H. Casey, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District-Fourth Round.

Ben Franklin, at P. G., 2d Sun Oct.
Mt. Vernon, at Mt. V., 3 p. m. Oct. 14.
Purley cir, at Saltillo, 3d Sun Oct.
Sulphur Bluff, at Hopewell, 4th Sun Oct.
Cooper sta, 8 p. m. Oct. 15.
Yowell cir, at C. L., 5th Sun Oct.
Klondike, 8 p. m. Oct. 30; 11 a. m. Oct. 31.
Sulphur Springs sta, 8 p. m. Nov. 1.
Lake Creek, 1st Sun Nov.
Bonanza cir, 2d Sun Nov.
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.

Bellevue, Oct. 15, 16.
Blue Grove, Oct. 16, 17.
Iowa Park, Oct. 22, 23.
Wichita Falls, Oct. 23, 24.
Archer City, Oct. 23, 24.
Molliday, Oct. 23, 24.
Decatur cir, Nov. 5, 6.
Decatur cir, Nov. 6, 7.
Crawford, Nov. 12, 13.
Gibtown, Nov. 19, 20.
T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Terrell District-Fourth Round.

Forney, Oct. 15, 16.
College Mound and Elmo, at C. M., Oct. 16, 17.
Terrell mis, at Able Spgs., Oct. 22, 23.
Terrell sta, Oct. 23, 24.
Chisholm at Foster, Oct. 30, 31.
Kemp, at Kemp, Nov. 5, 6.
Mabank, at Mabank, Nov. 6, 7.
Crandall, at Crandall, Nov. 12, 13.
Kaufman, Nov. 19, 20.
J. M. Peterson, P. E.

Dallas District-Fourth Round.

Argyle, at Garza, Oct. 15, 16.
Grace, 11 a. m. Oct. 22.
Ervey Street, 8:30 p. m. Oct. 23.
First Church, 11 a. m. Oct. 20.
Clark's Chapel, 8:30 p. m. Oct. 20.
Trinity, 11 a. m. Nov. 5.
Oak Lawn, 8:30 p. m. Nov. 5.
Denton, Nov. 12, 13.
Cochran and Caruth, at Cochran, Nov. 19, 20.
Oak Cliff, 8:30 p. m. Nov. 20.
I. W. Clark, P. E.

Greenville District-Fourth Round.

Floyd, at Caddo Mills, Oct. 15, 16.

Kingston, at Kingston, Oct. 22, 23.
Greenville mis, at Salem, Oct. 23, 24.
Merrit, at Harrell's Chapel, Nov. 5, 6.
Celeste, at Celeste, night, Nov. 5.
Leonard, at Leonard, Nov. 9.
Kavanaugh, Nov. 11.
Neola, at Wire Grass, Nov. 12, 13.
Lone Oak, at L. N., night, Nov. 15.
Quinnan, at Quinnan, 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.

Pilot Grove, at Blackman's, Oct. 15, 16.
Van Aistyne, Oct. 16, 17.
Gunter, at Ethel, Oct. 18.
Howe, at Howe, Oct. 22, 23.
Key Memorial, Oct. 23, 24.
Gordonville, at Gordonville, Oct. 23, 24.
Whitesboro, Oct. 30, 31.
Southmayd, at Southmayd, Nov. 5, 6.
Pottsville and Preston, at Pottsville, Nov. 6, 7.
Travis Street, Nov. 8.
Waples Memorial, Nov. 9.
Beis, at Beis, Nov. 12, 13.
Trinity, Nov. 14.
Sherman cir, at Pecan, Nov. 19, 20.
E. W. Alderson, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX CONFERENCE.

Ablene District-Fourth Round.

Gail mis, at Gail, Oct. 15, 16.
Midland, Oct. 13.
Colorado sta, Oct. 19.
Clairemont mis, at Elkin, Oct. 21.
Snyder and Dunn, at S., Oct. 22, 23.
Colorado mis, at Union, Oct. 23.
Buffalo Gap, at Elm Grove, Oct. 27.
Merkel and Caps, at C., Oct. 28.
Sweetwater and Roscoe, Oct. 29, 30.
Sweetwater mis, Oct. 31.
Roby cir, Nov. 1.
Truby mis, Nov. 3.
Merkel cir, Nov. 5.
Clyde cir, Nov. 7.
Baird, Nov. 9.
Putnam cir, Nov. 10.
Ablene, Nov. 12, 13.
E. A. Smith, P. E.

Clarendon District-Fourth Round.

Alamogordo, at Jericho, Oct. 15, 16.
Cataline, at Shamrock, Oct. 18.
Amarillo, Oct. 19.
Higgins, Oct. 22, 23.
Dumas, Oct. 23, 24.
Channing, Oct. 25.
Dalhart, Nov. 1.
Stratford, Nov. 2.
Hereford, Nov. 5, 6.
Hereford mis, with Hereford sta, and same date.
Howe, Nov. 9.
J. M. Sherman, P. E.

Georgetown District-Fourth Round.

Rogers cir, at Rogers, Oct. 22, 23.
Holland cir, at Holland, Oct. 23, 24.
Florence cir, at Florence, Oct. 26.
Belton sta, Oct. 28.
Salado cir, at Salado, Oct. 29, 30.
Temple, Seventh St. Church, Oct. 31.
Moody sta, Nov. 1.
Pendletonville cir, at P. Nov. 1.
Troy cir, at Troy, Nov. 3.
Granger cir, at Granger, Nov. 5, 6.
Earl-H sta, Nov. 5, 6.
North Georgetown cir, at Weir, Nov. 8.
Hutto cir, at Hutto, Nov. 9.
J. S. Chapman, P. E.

Vernon District-Fourth Round.

Crowell cir, Oct. 15, 16.
Matador cir, Oct. 15, 16.
Paducah mis, Oct. 22, 23.
Vernon cir, Oct. 23, 24.
Vernon sta, Nov. 5, 6.
J. G. Miller, P. E.

Weatherford District-Fourth Round.

Whitt, at Beth, Oct. 15, 16.
Peaster, at Carter, Oct. 22, 23.
Springtown, at Peden, Oct. 22, 23.
Graham mis, at Upper Tena, Oct. 24.
Graham sta, Oct. 30.
Farmer, at Hawkins, Nov. 1.
Elizaville, at S. Bend, Nov. 3.
Throckmorton, at T., Nov. 5, 6.
E. F. Boone, P. E.

Corsicana District-Fourth Round.

Pleasant Grove, at P. G., Oct. 15.
Groesbeck, Oct. 20.
Horn Hill, Oct. 21.
Thornton, at Big Hill, Oct. 23.
Mexico, Oct. 24.
Armour, Oct. 26.
Wortham, Oct. 28.
Cotton Gin, at Cedar Island, Oct. 30.
Richland, Nov. 5.
Kerens, Nov. 7.
Corsicana, 12th Av., Nov. 8.
Corsicana, 1st Church, Nov. 9.
Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Waco District-Fourth Round.

Austin Avenue, Oct. 15, 16.
Merrow St., Oct. 15, 16.
Axtell, at Kirk, Oct. 22, 23.
Mart, at Mart, Oct. 23, 24.
Peoria, at Kirby, Oct. 23, 24.
West, at West, Oct. 30, 31.
Aquila, at Aquila, Nov. 5.
Morgan, at Morgan, Nov. 6, 7.
Bosqueville, at Bosqueville, Nov. 12, 13.
B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Fort Worth District-Fourth Round.

Grapevine, at Minter's Ch., Oct. 15, 16.
Cresson, at Cresson, Oct. 18.
Blum, Oct. 19.
Covington, at Covington, Oct. 20.
Joshua, Oct. 22.
Bono, at George's Creek, Oct. 23, 24.
Grandview, Nov. 5, 6.
Cleburne and Mission Ch., Nov. 12, 13.
Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Gatesville District-Fourth Round.

Evant, at Shive, Oct. 15, 16.
Gatesville mis, at W. Chapel, Oct. 22, 23.
Killeen, at K., Oct. 23, 24.
Copperas Cove, at Pldoke, Oct. 27.
Brookhaven mis, at the Grove, Oct. 29, 30.
Oglesby, Oct. 30, 31.
Gatesville sta, Nov. 2.
Jonesboro, at Levita, Nov. 5, 6.
Turnersville, at Harmony, Nov. 9.
Pearl, at Blue Creek, Nov. 12, 13.
S. W. Turner, P. E.

Calvert District-Fourth Round.

Kosse, at Alto, Oct. 15, 16.
Bremond and Reagan, at B., Oct. 22, 23.
Calvert sta, Oct. 23, 24.
Petteway, Nov. 5, 6.
Travis, at Cedar Springs, Nov. 12, 13.
Durango, at Durango, Nov. 16.
Lott and Chilton, at Lott, Nov. 19, 20.
Marlin sta, Nov. 26, 27.
Pastors will please see that the trustees are ready with their reports, in answer to question 23.
R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Dublin District-Fourth Round.

Carbon mis, Flat Woods, Oct. 15, 16.
Carbon and Gorman, at C., p. m. Oct. 16, 17.
Bluff Dale, at Pantier, Oct. 23, 24.
Glen Rose, at G. p. m. Oct. 23, 24.
Granbury, Oct. 31.

Green's Creek, Oct. 23, 24.
Carlton, Nov. 5, 6.
Fairy and Lanham, at F. p. m. Nov. 6, 7.
Huckabay, Nov. 12, 13.
Full attendance of officers is earnestly requested; important business to look after.
E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Waxahachie District-Fourth Round.

Maypearl, at Bethel, Oct. 15, 16.
Forreston, at Nash, Oct. 16, 17.
Alvarado, Oct. 22, 23.
Grandview, Oct. 23, 24.
Hillsboro, Oct. 25.
Milford, at Berry's Ch., Oct. 23, 30.
Ovilla, at Sterrett, Nov. 4.
Venus, at Mt. Peak, Nov. 5, 6.
Midlothian, Nov. 6, 7.
Ferris, Nov. 10.
Palmer, Nov. 11.
Eunice, 7:30 p. m. Nov. 11.
Bardwell, at Elm B., Nov. 12, 13.
Waxahachie, Nov. 14.
O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

Brownwood District-Fourth Round.

May, at Holder, Oct. 15, 16.
Cross Plains, at Burke, Oct. 16, 17.
Comanche cir, at Indian Creek, Oct. 21.
Gustine, at Gustine, Oct. 22, 23.
Proctor, at Proctor, Oct. 23, 24.
Blanket, at Blanket, Oct. 23, 30.
Coleman mis, at Junction, Nov. 5, 6.
Coleman, Nov. 6, 7.
Brownwood, Nov. 12, 13.
W. H. Matthews, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Pittsburg District-Fourth Round.

Leesburg, at Friendship, Oct. 15, 16.
Pittsburg, Oct. 16, 17.
Gunter cir, at Mt. Gilead, Oct. 22, 23.
Gunter sta, Oct. 23, 24.
Cason, at Cason, Oct. 23, 30.
Daingerfield, Oct. 30, 31.
Quitman, at Forest Home, Nov. 5, 6.
Queen City, Nov. 12, 13.
Leasly Springs, Nov. 19, 20.
Redwater, Nov. 26, 27.
J. T. Smith, P. E.

Huntsville District-Fourth Round.

Midway, at Elwood, Oct. 15, 16.
Anderson, at Roan's Prairie, Oct. 22, 23.
Crockett, at Springs, at Evergreen, Oct. 23, 24.
Willis and Conroe, at Willis, Nov. 2.
Dodge, at Black Jack, Nov. 5, 6.
Huntsville, Nov. 6, 7.
Madisonville, Nov. 12, 13.
Navasota, Nov. 14.
Hempstead, at Hempstead, Nov. 15.
Cleveland, at Magnolia, Nov. 16.
Millican, at Millican, Nov. 19, 20.
Bryan, Nov. 17, 27.
Chas. A. Hooper, P. E.

Tyler District-Fourth Round.

White House, at Flint, Oct. 15, 16.
Mabokett, at Mabokett, Oct. 22, 23.
Cedar Street, 8 p. m. Oct. 26.
New York, Oct. 23, 30.
Athens, Oct. 30, 31.
Mercedith, Nov. 5, 6.
Troup and Overton, at T., Nov. 12, 13.
St. Paul's, at St. Paul's, Nov. 15.
Marvin, 8 p. m. Nov. 25.
E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Marshall District-Fourth Round.

Harrison, at Waskom, Oct. 15, 16.
Kellyville, at Avinger, Oct. 22, 23.
Jefferson sta, Oct. 23, 24.
Henderson cir, at Carlisle, Oct. 27, 28.
Church Hill, at Fountain Head, Oct. 23, 30.
Henderson sta, Oct. 30, 31.
Arlington, at Bethany, Nov. 5, 6.
Halville, at Halville, Nov. 12, 13.
Longview, Kelly Memorial, Nov. 20, 21.
Beckville, at Beckville, Nov. 26, 27.
Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Beaumont District-Fourth Round.

Livingston, at Mt. Rose, Oct. 15, 16.
China and Sour Lake, at S. L., Oct. 22, 23.
Jasper mis, at Jasper, Oct. 23, 24.
Jasper and Kirbyville, at J., Oct. 24, 31.
Mercedith, at Hustace, Nov. 5, 6.
Burkeville, at Newton, Nov. 6, 7.
Liberty, at Deavers, Nov. 19, 20.
Call, at Cairo, Nov. 19, 20.
Orange, Nov. 12, 13.
Wallsville, Nov. 23.
Woodville, Nov. 27.
J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Palestine District-Fourth Round.

Brushy Creek cir, at B. C., Oct. 15, 16.
Beaver Valley cir, at County Lane, Oct. 19.
Crockett cir, at Reynard, Oct. 23.
Kennard cir, at Bethel, Nov. 5, 6.
Groveton sta, Nov. 6, 7.
Mt. Selman cir, Nov. 12, 13.
Jacksonville cir, Nov. 13, 14.
Alto cir, at Alto, Nov. 19, 20.
Husk sta, Nov. 20, 21.
Augusta cir, Nov. 27, 28.
Crockett sta, Nov. 23, 24.
Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

Brenham District-Fourth Round.

Davilla, at Davilla, Oct. 15, 16.
Cameron cir, at Buckhartz (Q. C. Monday, 11 a. m.) Oct. 18, 17.
Giddings, at Ledbetter, Oct. 22, 23.
Lexington, at Tanglewood (Q. C. Monday, 11 a. m.) Oct. 23, 24.
Caldwell mis, at Eliz. Chapel, Oct. 23, 30.
Caldwell sta, Oct. 30, 31.
Mayfield, at Mayfield, 11 a. m. Nov. 2.
Milano, at Milano, Nov. 5, 6.
Lyons, at Somerville (Q. C. Mon) Nov. 6, 7.
Cameron, Nov. 9.
Bellville, at Cochran, Nov. 12, 13.
Brenham, Nov. 20, 21.
Rockdale, Nov. 26, 27.
Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

San Augustine District-Fourth Round.

Lufkin mis, at Keltys, Oct. 15, 16.
Lufkin sta, Oct. 16, 17.
Timpson sta, Wed, Oct. 19.
Melrose, at Melrose, Oct. 22, 23.
Nacogdoches sta, Wed, Oct. 26.
Burke cir, at Huntington, Oct. 29, 30.
San Augustine sta, Wed, Nov. 2.
Hemphill mis, at H. Fri, Nov. 4.
Geneva cir, at Patriot, Nov. 5, 6.
Minden, at Redland, Nov. 12, 13.
Clayton, at Wesley Ch., Thur, Nov. 17.
Cushing, at C., Nov. 19, 20.
Carthage sta, Wed, Nov. 23.
Appleby mis, Nov. 26, 27.
C. A. Tower, P. E.

Houston District-Fourth Round.

Wharton, at Wharton, Oct. 16, 17.
Bay City, at Bay City, Oct. 16, 17.
Rosenberg, at Rosenberg, Oct. 22, 23.
McAshan, at Brunner, Oct. 23, 24.
Sandy Point, at Riceot, Oct. 23, 30.
White Oak, at White Oak, Nov. 5, 6.
Cedar Bayou, Nov. 12, 13.
Richmond, Nov. 19, 20.
Tabernacle, Nov. 20, 21.
Angleton, Nov. 26.
Columbia, at Columbia, Nov. 26, 27.
C. R. Lamar, P. E.

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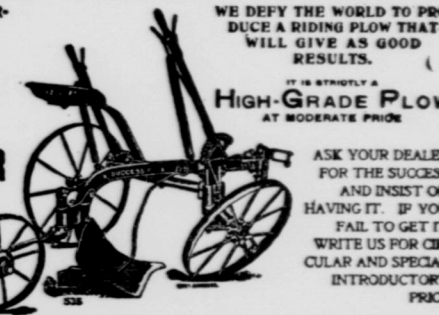
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The Great Physician.

(I am he that Healeth.)

In Isaiah 65:20 and remainder of chapter we find man's age is to become as the age of a tree, the wolf and lamb feed together, etc. In Isaiah 11:6-9 we find a parallel to above scripture and in 5th verse the reason for these conditions is given, and we find such to be, "because the earth shall be full of knowledge." We are taught by history this increase of knowledge began in the fifteenth century and has wonderfully increased from then till now, one leading feature being as knowledge is increased there is less faith being placed in medicine and more in hygienic measures. A good evidence of the wisdom of this change is the fact that even to-day man's average life is much longer than in the days of superstition. The fact is, though medicine is one of our greatest blessings in relieving and curing certain abnormal conditions, yet is powerless in supplying the vitalizing agents of the blood and hence hygienic measures only can benefit and cure diseases caused by a deficiency of same. For the blood to contain a full supply of vitalizing agents added to its circulating medium is the basis of health and the reason of Natural Law Discovery supplying these agents is why it is the "most valuable information known to man." The information makes one engineer of the machinery circulating the blood, for he who understands the information can control the resupply of vitality and the blood's circulating agent, decreasing or increasing the action of the organs circulating the blood as surely as the engineer controls the amount of steam and the speed of his engine.

Natural Law Discovery. A Discovery of Effects.

If Rev. I. R. Turner, who made enquiry in last week's issue for a remedy to cure his wife, will write M. A. Sides, of Martin's Mill, he can receive a remedy which, if followed, will cure his wife and never cost him another cent after purchased. We unhesitatingly state we believe his the most valuable every day remedy known to man—Ed



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MINERAL WELLS ALL RIGHT.

I want to take back my judgment about Mineral Wells not being able to entertain the Northwest Texas Conference in November. They have had 52,000 visitors this year, from June to June; so says our friend, Mr. Bok, the president of the Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Northwestern Railway. This means 4,500 a month.

They have sixty-two hotels and boarding houses and a great many pretty cottage homes. The congenial Mayor and the Board of Trade are under the invitation to the conference. Quite a number spoke of the good time they were going to have.

I did not think that the Methodist church would hold the people, but Bro. Oswalt, backed up by his noble building committee, has increased their church capacity, costing them about \$4,000. It will seat now comfortably 800 people.

I aided Bro. Tunnell about nine years ago, and had my mind on its capacity at that time when I made the above assertion. The whole town has changed and is three times as large as then. For instance, I went down to Bro. D. M. Howard's place of business, where he was in 1895, and found that he had moved up Main Street and now occupies a house 80x250, two or three stories high, and must have had twenty salesmen employed. This is a sample of advancement in the business circle.

The little old frame depot will soon be a thing of the past. A nice, up-to-date brick depot suitable for a watering place is about ready for occupancy, and will begin to do business right soon.

It is one of the cleanest little places I have seen in the State. But, oh my! the rocks! But these add to the picturesqueness of the city.

We were entertained at the "Plateau," a three-story brick building which occupies the highest point (of the boarding houses) overlooking the city. At sunrise and sunset I was found on it extensive verandaes taking in the beautiful view; and I said, "Oh, that I was a Rankin or a DuBoise, that I might portray its beauty; how gracefully her mountains lay in the background, covered with evergreens."

These wells discovered at the foot of the mountains have been made renowned as a great health resort, curing many ills of life. The names of the several wells are, The Carlsbad, Lithia, Lamar, French, Crazy, Hawthorn, Sprudel, and no doubt others I can't mention. One hundred to 300 crates of this mineral water are shipped out daily to all parts of the world.

THE TRINIDAD DISASTER.

The public has been so generously apprised of the recent cloud-burst in Colorado, with its attendant damage to public and private property, that any part of a detailed account from my pen at this time would be out of order. The Associated Press dispatches, however, have given more or less exaggerated accounts, and I send these few lines thinking it might be of interest to the brethren to know that our Church property is uninjured in this section. Our church and parsonage are both located near the spot where the greatest havoc was wrought, but fortunately they are built on high ground, and were safe from the ravages of the unbridled torrent of swollen Las Animas. The damage to property is said to exceed a million dollars, but I am glad to say no loss of life is reported at this point up to the present time. Damage to one of our electric light plants left most of the Trinidad Churches without lights Sunday evening; but outside of this trivial inconvenience, the work has proceeded as usual. Many of the newspapers have contained frightful accounts, published under flaming red headlines, and so exaggerated that our telegraphers have been kept busy taking messages off the wires, inquiring for the welfare of friends and relatives, and offering assistance in case of need. These have poured in from all sections—several from Europe, scarcely before the excitement had subsided here. Trinidad, with her pluck and energy, her wonderful natural resources, and her capital, will not be crippled. The damaged section will be built up stronger and better than before, idle money will be put in circulation, and the disaster will eventually prove a public blessing. Individual loss is, of course, to be deeply deplored.

Our membership is made up of most excellent people, and our work is progressing finely, in every department. This incomparable climate is already proving of great benefit to me physically. I left old Texas, my native State, reluctantly. My associations and relations with the brethren have been so pleasant, and the ties of fellowship so strong, that the transfer cost me a struggle and brought tears; but my health demanded the change, and these big-hearted Westerners are making me love them better every day. I know I have the best station in the conference. My official board is composed of some of the best men in Colorado—one native Texan among the number, and he takes the Advocate, of course!—and we are co-operating in our desire and effort to make the year the best the Church has ever had. I believe the work is looking up generally in Colorado.

With love and best wishes to all the Texas boys, I am, as ever, sincerely,
R. C. GEORGE.

THE ROYAL MONTH AND THE ROYAL DISEASE.

Sudden changes of weather are especially trying, and probably to none more so than to the scrofulous and consumptive. The progress of scrofula during a normal October is commonly great. We never think of scrofula—its bunches, cutaneous eruptions, and wasting of the body substance—without thinking of the great good many sufferers from it have derived from Hood's Sarsaparilla, whose radical and permanent cures of this one disease are enough to make it the most famous medicine in the world. There is probably not a city or town where Hood's Sarsaparilla has not proved its merit in more homes than one, in arresting and completely eradicating scrofula, which is almost as serious and as much to be feared as its near relative—consumption.

MISS MONA HOUSE.

By Mrs. Rebecca J. Fisher.

With what pride we note through the press that this young and charming daughter of the Republic of Texas has recently been presented to the Queen of England. This beautiful Texas bud, just bursting into sweet womanhood, proudly kneeling at the feet of Queen Alexandra to receive royal recognition.

Clad and veiled in the spotless robes of angelic girlhood, what more beautiful or fascinating picture could be traced on canvas or set in pearls and diamonds than the graceful poise of this queenly maiden from our Lone Star State?

A child of history and gifted parentage, cradled in luxury, surrounded by everything to elevate and strengthen her mental and physical nature by cultivation and inheritance, she has developed those traits which adorn true womanhood.

As the tender flower is nourished and strengthened by the dew of heaven and the food of its soil, the pretty bud enhanced by rich and varied tones, gradually increases in beauty until its lovely petals so gracefully formed at last unfold into a full-blown rose whose perfumed breath fills the air with sweetest incense.

Methinks royalty was deeply impressed with the beauty of this "fair queen," her dignity and charming presence.

They need not crave her union with dukes or princes. We can not spare this pure and lovely flower and have her transplanted into that of other tastes and climes, even though it be

royalty surrounded by the pomp and splendor of crowned heads.

Miss Mona House is a daughter of Texas, nursed and developed under its clear blue sky, Christian influence and sunny rays. The Lone Star of victory proudly encircles her pure white brow radiant with symbolic gems of historic worth.

She is one of our favorite flowers, of sweetest, purest nature, the pride and glory of our beloved State, and the charming daughter of Colonel and Mrs. E. M. House of this city.

MRS. REBECCA J. FISHER.
Austin, Texas, 1904.

CATARH CAN BE CURED.

Catarh is a kindred ailment of consumption, long considered incurable; and yet there is one remedy that will positively cure catarh in any of its stages. For many years this remedy was used by the late Dr. Stevens, a widely noted authority on all diseases of the throat and lungs. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all sufferers from Catarh, Asthma, Consumption, and nervous diseases, this recipe, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noyes, 547 Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y.

MISSOURI LETTER.

The sessions of the three Missouri Conferences have been held and the statistics show a net gain of about 3000 members, making over 106,000 members in the State. This is the fourth time Bishop Hendrix has presided over our conferences and he probably stands higher to-day in the esteem and confidence of Missouri Methodist preachers than ever before. The expositions of scripture with which he opened the daily sessions of each conference not only threw light upon important passages of God's word, but also set the keynote for each day's session and had much to do with making the conference sessions spiritual as well as harmonious.

The session of the Missouri Conference was held in a new \$30,000 church at Columbia, which was dedicated by Bishop Galloway in May last, while the Southwest Missouri Conference met in the new St. Paul Church, Springfield, which cost about \$50,000 and which was dedicated by Bishop Hendrix in June, one-fourth of its cost being raised at the dedication. It is the best \$50,000 church I ever saw and will seat a larger audience than any other church we have in Missouri except Centenary, St. Louis.

But few changes were made in St. Louis. Dr. Lee goes back to St. John for his fourth year, while McMurry of Centenary; Young, of Wagener Place; Webb, of St. Paul; Duggins, of Carondelet, and Mathew, of Immanuel, are all appointed for their third year. Bradfield, of Cook Avenue; Todd, of First Church; McDonald, of Lafayette Park; Singleton, of Cabanne, and Stephen, of Marvin, are entering upon their second year. No church building was done in the city except the completion of the Carondelet, begun in the summer of 1903. Substantial improvements were made at First Church, but this also was begun the preceding year. St. John's Church bought a parsonage and one is being secured for Cabanne Church. In Kansas City Rev. E. D. Mouzon was appointed for the fourth year to Central Church, but it is understood that this appointment is only temporary and that in a few weeks he will go back to Texas. He dare not risk our trying Missouri climate another winter. This we very much regret, for he has shown such ability in the pulpit and such skill and fidelity in his pastoral work, and withal his brotherly spirit has so won our hearts that we are reluctant to give him up.

Troost Avenue Church is filled by E. C. McVoy, who was stationed at Hannibal in the Missouri Conference last year. It is understood that the stewards propose an advance of \$600 in the salary. Melrose Church had been served three years by C. W. Scarritt, son of Dr. Nathan Scarritt, who built the church, and brother-in-law of Bishop Hendrix, who resides near the church. Failing health compelled him to take a supernumerary relation and J. J. Pritchett, who has done excellent work at Sedalia for two years, was appointed to this important charge. Beasley remains at Olive Street, where he wrought wonders last year, raising all collections in full, paying off \$1000 of the burdensome debt and receiving 100 members during the year. Barnes goes back to Westport and C. W. Moore remains in charge of the North End Mission, where he will soon begin the building of an institutional church. At St. Joseph Dr. C. M. Bishop goes back to Francis Street for his fourth year and the work of building that \$70,000 church has already begun.

I remain at Marshall another year. There were 71 additions during the year and the collections were overpaid. My people gave over \$1100 to the various benevolent claims, half of which was for foreign missions.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, It pleased our heavenly Father, on July 17, 1904, to call from earth's labor to heaven's reward Mrs. S. J. Jones, our dearly beloved First Vice-President of the Epworth League of Salado, Texas, and thus left a vacant place that will be hard to fill; and

Whereas, For many years the League has been one of the special objects of her affection, her wise counsel and her zealous and liberal support, and by her death it has sustained a great loss; therefore, be it Resolved, by the Salado Epworth League:

First, That while we deeply feel our irreparable loss, yet that we bow in humble submission to the will of God, knowing that He doeth all things well.

Second, That we are profoundly grateful for her exemplary life, and for the great inspiration that she gave us to live nobler lives, lives truer to God, and more devoted to humanity.

Third, That we will endeavor, by the grace of God, to be more faithful in performing the lessons of love, faith and trust that she so beautifully and impressively taught in those Bible lessons and character sketches she gave each Sunday afternoon year after year, and which she so beautifully exemplified by her life of fidelity to Christ and His cause; and that we pray that light perpetual may shine upon her life's work.

Fourth, We, as a League, lament her departure and extend to her bereaved husband, children, relatives and friends our sympathy in their sore bereavement, and commend them to the God of all consolation, whom she served so faithfully during her life—that God who was ever her strength and refuge in months of physical weakness and suffering—and would tell them to look up beyond this vale of tears to that blessed haven of rest whither she has gone, and resolve, by God's help, to meet her there, where parting will be no more.

Fifth, That we record this paper in the minutes of our Epworth League, and also furnish a copy to the bereaved family, and likewise a copy each to the Epworth Era, Texas Christian Advocate and the county papers for publication.

Lovingly submitted,

MRS. J. M. ARMSTRONG,
MRS. J. E. GUTHRIE,
MRS. I. W. MATTHEWS,
Committee.

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