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Editorial.

THE DALLAS AND SAN ANTONIO FAIRS.

The old Dallas State Fair is dead, and a new one has been born. Heretofore it was supported by a company of stockholders, but now the city of Dallas owns the grounds for park purposes, but will permit a new stock company to use them once a year for the perpetuation of the State Fair. This year the stockholders did not have time to arrange for a regular fair, so in its place they gave a carnival. We are not opposed to State fairs, as such. They are capable of promoting and advancing the great industrial enterprises of the country. Agriculture, live-stock, trade and commerce are greatly aided by these institutions when they are properly conducted. We would love to see one in every county. Neither do we expect such institutions to be run like Sunday-schools or Church services, for they are purely industrial enterprises. Nevertheless, we have a right to expect them to be conducted in accordance with the laws of the State. And unless they can be so conducted, they will do more harm to moral sentiment than they will do good to the industries of the commonwealth. If the late carnival is a sample of the State Fair hereafter to be held in Dallas, we are prepared to enter our protest against, at least, some features of it. The character of entertainment furnished the people on the stage at the auditorium was beneath the dignity and good taste of an institution of this character. It was rather of a low, vulgar and coarse order. The people who came to it were and are capable of appreciating something of a higher type of amusement. Then on the first Sunday night, they gave an entertainment out there that disturbed public worship for ten and twelve miles beyond the city limits. It was equal to the explosions now going on round Port Arthur and in front of Mukden. It actually shook the houses in the city like the reverberations of an earthquake. Such a performance on Sunday night was an outrage on the whole community, especially that part of it believing in the peace and order of worship, to say nothing of the sanctity of the day. Then, too, the carnival threw open its gates on Sunday, charged admission fees in violation of the State laws. And on the inside they had races and other amusements not in keeping with the day set apart for worship and needed rest. With this great multitude in the city on Sunday, the police department had all they could do to look after their safety and protection; and as a result, the saloons did a large business—in a private way. At night, when the thousands of these people left the city on the trains, hundreds of the baser sort were drunk and boisterous. They made things hideous as they passed through the smaller towns on their return to their homes. So much for the Dallas Fair. But what are we to say for the San Antonio Fair? Well, if we are to credit the newspaper accounts of it, things were even worse over there than in North Texas. Sunday was a wide-open day, and there was no pretense toward observing the law. It was a sort of pandemonium. Now, as a matter of fact, this Dallas Fair is under written agreement with the city not to carry on anything in violation of a State law. Hence it carries a double obligation of this character. But it did not observe the obligations. It turned our Sunday into one of debauchery, just as was done on a wider scale in San Antonio. What are the Christian people of the State going to do about it? It is time for us to speak out in meeting and let them know what we think of the matter. If they can not give us something worthy of our patronage, then the sooner we put our influence against the fairs, the better it will be for the moral sentiment of the State. We want to lend our influence to these institutions if they will conform them to the law, to decency and propriety; but if they are not thus conformed, then it is time for us to enter our protest and withhold our patronage. The great St. Louis Fair is carried on with closed gates on Sunday, and State fairs ought to do likewise. At least they ought not to charge admission fees and give entertainments not in keeping with the sanctity of Sunday. Week days are enough to devote to such matters. As it is, our Sunday is becoming a day of degradation and iniquity. Won't our conferences speak out on these questions?

CHRIST'S LOVE FOR YOUNG MEN.

We have an example in the case of the young man who came running to Christ and asking him how to be saved. Christ looked upon him and loved him. This is not surprising. The young man embodies wonderful possibilities. His life is all before him. His purpose is yet to develop and his mind is yet to unfold. Within his heart are latent affections and in his brain are dormant enterprises, the development and culture of which will enrich the world. If turned in the right direction he can become a great leader of men. Before Napoleon had reached twenty-six years of age he had startled Europe with the outcome of his military genius. Before thirty Byron was the pride of England. While still young Gladstone gave promise of the great man afterwards developed. Christ wants young men. He wants them for their own sake and for the sake of his kingdom. Their capabilities are almost infinite. With his truth dominant in them and with his precepts to guide and direct them they become potential factors in society and in the Church. Their wealth of possibilities when placed upon his altar becomes well-nigh omnipotent. Hence he loves them with a love that recognizes their greatness and possible goodness. To them he opens a sphere of sobriety, virtue, excellence and devotion where all the elements of their manhood are conserved and where their brightest hopes are realized. When transformed by his truth young men are prepared for any vocation in life where honor is at a premium and where integrity is a desideratum. To heed him is to follow wisdom's voice and virtue's path. He points to all that is noble and good and true in the life that now is, as well as in the life to come. To resist his love is to resist the love of the most devoted and persistent friend within the reach of your young life and character. Then always bear it in your minds that Christ loves you. The remembrance of this fact will help you in all the struggles that confront you.

TAKE CARE OF OUR CONVERTS.

As a Church, we are noted for our revival spirit. Every year our preachers do not feel that they have fully succeeded unless they have had good revival meetings and souls have been converted. But we have not done our duty by these converted souls fully unless we put forth every legitimate effort to get them into the Church. And we mean by the Church, in this connection, our Methodist Church. We do not believe in proselyting people from other denominations. Such a habit is mean and pusillanimous. It is ecclesiastical theft. But when we hold meetings, get people converted under our preaching, it is proper to get such converts into our own Church. If our preached doctrines are good enough to save them, our Church is good enough to furnish them a home. If we can get them to join our Church, we are entitled to them. They are the fruits of our ministry. This way of holding good revivals and having people converted, and then leave them uninfluenced to go into any communion they may choose, is not good religious business. If they come into the Church where they are converted, the influences will prove helpful to them. They will find a warm religious welcome. If they go into some other communion, not in sympathy with the revival where they were converted, they will find a cold and formal condition of things not conducive to their welfare. By not taking charge of our converts as we ought to have done, we have all along fed other denominations upon the fruits of our religious toil. We rarely ever get members out of the meetings of others, but others are constantly getting members out of our meetings. In this matter we have been just a little too magnanimous. But this is not all. We have not done our duty by our converts fully when we have gotten them into our Church. They must be nourished and developed into strong, useful Christian men and women. To do this, we must feed them on meat convenient for them in our pulpit ministrations. And we must give each one some active duty to perform. Nothing develops the spirituality of a young convert like giving him something definite to do. Find out the aptitude of the convert, and assign him a task. Work is the secret of growth. We have let thousands of our young Church members simply die because we have given them nothing to accomplish for the Master. Then, too, we want to put within their reach a good Church paper, some good, helpful books, and above all, interest them in the study of the Scriptures. Let our converts be thus provided for, and it will not be long until we will have robust and stalwart Christian men and women.

THE TEMPERANCE FIGHT IN THE TERRITORIES.

The Indian Territory has territorial prohibition. It was granted to the Indian tribes seventy-two years ago by the National Government for the protection of those people against the presence and influence of the bar-room, and from that time till now the Indian Territory has had prohibition. Oklahoma Territory, however, is not free from this curse, since it has never been the ward of the National Government. Now there is a proposition to unite these two Territories and admit them into the Union as a single State, and this will be probably done by the next Congress. A great many of the citizens of Oklahoma, the tribes in the Indian Territory and thousands of the citizens there are anxious to have Statehood with prohibition incorporated in the proposed State constitution, so as to come into the Union as a prohibition State. The antis living in the two Territories, and the brewers and wholesale liquor dealers all over the country, are equally anxous to defeat this movement, and have Statehood with open saloons. So the fight is now on. That the Government has a right to admit the State into the Union with prohibition in the State constitution, if the people so desire it, is a proposition that leading lawyers say is entirely feasible. Utah was admitted with an anti-polygamy constitution, and these Territories can also come in with a prohibition feature in their constitution. The people up there are bestirring themselves to this end. They have organized and they are holding mass meetings, delivering speeches and securing signatures with which to petition Congress to vote them into the Union without saloons. But the whole question will hinge upon Congress. True, the President has the veto power in the case, but if the members of Congress vote favorably on the bill, this will settle the matter. We have just returned from the Territory, and all those people are looking to our Texas Congressmen to stand by them in this fight. It is our privilege to importune our Representatives at Washington to heed the cry of our friends across the line, and to stand by them in their fight against the saloons. We believe that our Congressmen will not be found wanting when that bill comes before them next winter at Washington. They must listen to those poor Indians especially, whom the Government is pledged to protect from the ravages of the liquor traffic. If this is not done, and liquor goes into that new State, they will have a veritable reign of terror all over that country. We learned from the committee up there, that all our Texas Conferences will be requested to adopt a strong paper in behalf of this fight, to be sent to their chairman at Muskogee, thence to be sent with like petitions from all over the country to Congress to be used in support of prohibition in the new State. We gave them every assurance that our conferences would act in this matter through our several temperance committees, and we feel confident that the promise will be redeemed at each of our annual sessions. We, ourselves, are in the fight, and we must help our neighbors in a similar struggle. On with the battle!

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER.

This article seeks to mention facts which have existed and conditions present calling for attention. Until within the past fifteen years no appreciable number of persons nor institutions of the South had fully recovered from the disasters of war. About that time recovery became so general that an era of new things dawned. Prominent of these was interest in education. This interest manifested in various ways. But that which affected the Church most was the changing of places with population. Able to educate, landowners took their children from the fields to the school room. In most instances this was by a removal from the farm to the town. This transferred the financial strength of the Church to towns principally. For the farms passed into the hands of tenants; and so continuing the Church and school in the country became weak. There are places where the Church once flourished which have no organization now. There are places where large numbers of people reside who have not our ministry. Some of these districts are in very popular sections of country, and once heard the gospel by the circuit rider and local preacher. But at this time they are destitute of the gospel as preached by the Methodist Church. To the uninformed this state of things is very confusing, and has caused much to be written and published by our enemies which was hardly fair. In some instances good people have gone from us because, using their language, "the Church has gone from us." To the better informed, however, the matter is clear. It was responding to the necessities of the times. The Church, in dealing with conditions as they arise, went into the towns and cities and undertook to fortify these strategic points, as was her duty and interest at the time. How well she accomplished this task is seen in the fact that at least one-half of her members are towns people, although more than one-half the population of our territory is country folk. So it will be seen the effort of the Church called for then has been richly rewarded. Our towns have good Churches and are, in the mean, in the hands of the Church.

But the country suffers. Several things enter into this problem. One is country people are getting out of the habit of going to Church. True, there are honorable exceptions to this statement. Yet the informed and candid will admit, country people are not so general Church-goers as once they were. Further, Sabbath desecration is much more extensive in the country than it was some few years ago. Now this indifference and apathy toward the Church and her institutions has been produced largely by the attitude of landlords as well as ministers and the Church. The country left to tenants, they have resented in a degree the neglect of their Church and school interests. Under our laws the school is measurably in the control of property owners, while the Church has been liberal in her missionary appropriations to the towns as compared with the country. Ten consecutive years in touch with the tenants and landlords, and serving as member of the Board of Missions, ought to be worth something in studying this question. The country school and country Church are suffering. They are meanly composed of those who know not if they are to remain beyond the year in the community. Under such conditions they do not build churches and schools. The property owners are in town and have their schools, teachers, churches and preachers. They neither give to support the Church in the midst of their tenants nor will they suffer their property taxed sufficiently to secure healthful school houses and thoroughly equipped teachers. So selfishness robs God of his tithe and the children of their rights.

But there is an omen of change in the land. Already do we see it. The farm is calling back the sons and daughters. Believe it or not, unless checked inside twenty five years the farm will carry the really educated, progressive masses. Industrial colleges and schools are literally crowded. Our young people under the reign of machinery and improved methods of field, farm and orchard are qualifying themselves for agriculture, horticulture, etc., instead of law, medicine, ministers, etc. I have noted the past five years the beginning of this change, and at this time there is not in our land an agricultural and mechanical school of merit which can accommodate the freshmen applying for admission. While this change is going on will the Church be wise and work? She must go back to the country, and that quite early. Unless there and ready she will fail of her mission. In some way or other a system must be discovered or a plan invented which will secure the territory now unoccupied and full needy of the gospel. Presiding elders, preachers, itinerant and local and laymen must get together and solve this problem. Thought, prayer, gifts and service will bring it around in the end. It has been done in some presiding elders' districts and should be in every one of them. May I not say, will be.

D. F. FULLER.

ADVOCATE AGENT ABROAD.

As may be imagined, I was reluctant to leave Beaumont a few weeks ago. One cannot come in contact with over 1100 Methodists in one city without feeling a drawing influence—a kind of "it is good to be here" feeling. I was indebted to many of the good people for kindnesses that can never be repaid. I esteemed it a pleasant privilege to be the guest of Judge J. D. Campbell and wife and their bright son and daughter—Willie and Mary—and the set of fine young men and women. I also enjoyed being in the home of Col. A. J. Houston, the United States Marshall of the Eastern District of Texas, and met my old friend, Hon. S. B. Cooper, who has so ably represented that district in Congress for twelve or fourteen years.

I have never known a man with more energy than has Rev. V. A. Godbey, and he certainly does "all the work of a pastor." While he was making the rounds with me among our Methodists he added to the influence of the Advocate by selling a large number of good books. Among these were nearly a hundred on the doctrines of Christianity as interpreted by Methodists. Bro. Godbey took a lively interest in the work of Bro. A. A. Kidd in putting in Advocates. "Because," said Godbey, "I was his presiding elder and helped to train him; and if he keeps on he will beat me yet." This was when I told Godbey Kidd had sold nearly 1000 books, and he and I had put in over 125 new subscribers to the Advocate on Edom charge last year. So you need not be surprised that Godbey brings great things to pass. He "keeps everlastingly at it;" has always something to do, and is doing it, and has the confidence of all.

It was a delightful run on the Interstate Road from Beaumont to Galveston via Bolivar and the ferry boat. This road goes by High Island, that strange upheaval of rock-bedded land just northeast of the head of Galveston Bay, and along the gulf shore for two or three miles. The land does not rise gradually, as it does elsewhere, but seems to lift itself suddenly from the surrounding level as if it would surprise you with a "Booh!" It is from fifteen to fifty feet high. My friend, L. P. Featherstone, the President, says he is going to make the prettiest, best and most attractive health and pleasure resort here in the South—and make it morally and socially clean.

I went to Rockport to rest and fish and bathe in salt water—the most delightful place on the gulf coast. But I got hurt the first day, and was laid up several weeks. Then I went to fill a long time made engagement with Bro. M. S. Leveridge at Bristol. Leveridge is a preacher that brings things to pass. He is closing out his second year there and has done a great work. His people all speak in terms of love and confidence of him. He has some fine people, loyal, energetic, true. His officials are a fine lot of men at every appointment, and he has a band of godly women in the Woman's Home Missison Society doing fine work. The circuit embraces some of the best part of Ellis County; good crops are made, and under Bro. Leveridge's able, earnest preaching and faithful pastoral ministrations, they are dividing with the Lord. They have, under Bro. Leveridge's leadership, built four churches the past two years! Bishop Hendrix dedicated two of them last summer—both a credit to any community. I got a good photograph of the church at Bristol and showing the comfortable parsonage just back of it. Sister Leveridge is a woman who is indeed a true helpmeet to her preacher husband, and their three lovely children are most promising. There are two more churches to be dedicated by Bishop Hoss, or Bro. Sensabaugh, one at Trumbull, on the Central Road. The church houses and parsonages always tell the real love to God and worth to the Church of any people. Our people are awakening to this truth.

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BAPTISM.

By the Disciples and Apostles.

III.

"After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judea; and there tarried with them, and baptized." "And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou bearest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come unto him"—John, 3:22, 26.

There seems to be a close analogy between the purification of the Jews, the baptism of John and the baptism by the disciples. Or they would not have referred to baptism, when they came to John to settle the dispute about purification. (See 25 verse.)

"When, therefore, the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples)"—John, 4:1, 2.

When Jesus made disciples, he had them baptized, and that is when the apostles were baptized. For he choose his apostles from his disciples.—Luke 66:13.

"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."—Matt. 28:19.

This is water baptism: for it is done by man, and is of the trinity.

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."—Acts, 2:38. "They that gladly received," that is, believed, "His word, were baptized."—41st verse.

"Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And He commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord."—Acts, 10:47, 48.

"Peter had the keys of the kingdom, and authority to bind and to loose."—Matt. 16:19. "And when he opened the door to the Jews who were guilty of the blood of Jesus."—Matt. 27:25.

"He bound them to be baptized in His name (not to purify their hearts; that was done by faith, Acts, 15:8, 9); but for the remission of those sins with which they were charged (23d verse), that they might receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. But when He opened the door to the Gentiles—world at large—who were not guilty of Jesus' blood, he loosed them of baptism for the remission of sins, offering them pardon on the simple act of believing, and had them baptized, not for the remission of sin, but because they had received the gift of the Holy Ghost.—Acts, 10:43, 47, 48. If not so, when did He bind and loose?

"But when they believed Philip's preaching, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also; and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip."—Acts, 8:12, 13.

And the eunuch said, "see, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" And they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water.—Acts, 8:36, 39. "Into" and "up out of" only tell what was done before and after he was baptiezd.

"And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales; and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized."—Acts, 9:18. "Why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the Lord."—Acts, 22:16.

He was baptized to wash away the sins of persecution (Acts, 9:4); and not to cleanse his heart from sin. For he proves that we are justified by faith, without works.—Rom. 3:20-31, and 4:1 25.

And while he had authority to baptize, baptism was no part of his commission or the gospel he preached. For he was sent to the Gentiles "To open their eyes, and to turn them darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins."—Acts 26:17, 18. "And He said to the Corinthians; Were ye baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; lest any should say that I had baptized in my own name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel."—I Cor. 1:13, 17. If baptism had been any part of his commission, or the gospel he preached, he would have been sent to baptize. "And when she was baptized, and her household," etc.—Acts 16:15.

And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his straightway."—Acts 16:33.

Paul offered this Gentile salvation on the simple condition of "believing on the Lord Jesus Christ" (31st verse). And he was baptized in the jail; for Paul refused to leave the jail until the magistrates brought them out.

"And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians believed and were baptized."—Acts 18:8.

"When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."—Acts 19:5.

Other passages referring to water baptism are what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead?—I Cor. 15:29. That is, why are we baptized in the name of a dead Savior, or in hopes of being benefited after death, if Christ is not risen, or if the dead is not raised?

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."—Gal. 3:27. This seems to embrace the true baptism, and its type, water baptism. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body."—I Cor. 12:13. That is the baptism which puts us into Christ.

And we put on Christ, or his name, when we are baptized with water, as a woman puts on her husband's name when she is married to him.

"Of the doctrine of baptisms."—Heb. 6:2. This shows that there is more than one thing that is called baptism.

"Like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."—I Pet. 3:21. That is, it is a figure of that which saves us by cleansing and renewing us, and putting us into Jesus Christ.

I have quoted every passage where the term baptize refers to water baptism, and I do not find a single instance where it refers to the mode of baptism.

Supplement.

It is evident that in Heb. 10:22 Paul referred to the fulfillment of Ezekel's prophetic analysis of regeneration or conversion.—Ezek. 36:25-27. They both use water as a type of this cleansing and renewing, which is the "one baptism."—Eph. 4:5. Hence they refer to water baptism. If not, when and where was this prophetic "sprinkling of clean water upon you" fulfilled? Ezekiel uses the term sprinkle, and Paul uses the term wash, which shows that it is the clean, pure water that is the sign of cleansing or "the washing of regeneration, renewing of the the Holy Ghost."—Titus 3:5. The terms sprinkle and washing are used interchangeably; by the inspired writers to represent purification or cleansing in the following passages:

"His visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: So shall he sprinkle many nations."—Isa 52:14, 15.

His visage and form was marred in Gethsemane and on the cross, when He shed the "blood of sprinkling."—Heb. 12:24. Which "sprinkles our hearts from an evil conscience."—Heb. 10:22. And Peter said that we are "sanctified by the Spirit * * * and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ."—1st Pet. 1:2. And Paul says, "Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience."—Heb. 10:22. And "He saves us, by the washing of regeneration," etc.—Titus 3:5. St. John says: "And washed us from our sins in his own blood."—Rev. 1:5. And that the "blood of Jesus Christ His Son, cleanseth us from all sin."—I John 1:7.

The above shows that the terms mean the same thing. That is, purification or cleansing.

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AN ALLEGORY, A FABLE, OR ANY OLD THING.

"The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground." "There is death in the pot."

How weird and wonderful is the inner world of man's matchless mind. This fact was fastened upon me very forcibly some time since as I was carefully chasing an innocent idea that was as hard to catch as the fabled trout. For suddenly I realized that my own mighty mind had gotten beyond my control and had taken up its abode in a great earthen vessel that in some unaccountable manner was near my side; and no sooner had my mind taken its place in the pot than fearful fumes began to rise like Innocent's incense to the skies, and Fancy's fingers began to play an air that carried me far away; and clouds of imagery hung dark o'erhead, from which came mutterings as from the dead; and I was carried afar by fiercest wind—that is, not my body, but my mind—to Luna's realm of radiant light, and rode on the moon thro' glittering night, 'till my head turned dizzy and I felt real sick, riding thus like a Lunatic (no pun). Earthly joys now were but as dust, and earthly care but cankering rust. It's a wonder I didn't blow up and bust. I trod the plains of ethereal blue, and giants of the skies met and slew; dreamed sweet dreams as on couch of cloud I lay, and with spirit sprites did sport and play. Then journeyed to far-off realms unknown, and heard the demon's dreaded moan—'till it seemed as if my mind was gone. Then with a fearful, long drawn sigh, it descended from the realms on high; 'till, as if from cannon's mouth 'twas shot, it quivered and rested in the earthly pot. I lifted my eyes and there by its side was a veritable man, with his mouth open wide; with an ordinary shovel held in his hand instead of the traditional magic wand. I prayed that he to me might give something to control my mind while I should live; and told him that so sure as he stood on the spot, that for me, and others, there was death in the pot. He gazed at me with awed eyes, and I saw his bosom fall and rise with smothered mirth as he winked wise; and then with a shrug and of spittle, a squirt, he filled his shovel full of dirt; and said, "This, my friend, is what you need to hold in check your flyaway steed. The world needs the grasp of a human hand to help it live in immanuel's land; human tears from human eyes are the salt of the earth if not of the skies. Let Fancy alone; she's sometimes a fool, and when you want to ride get a horse or a mule. By the sweat of thy face and the dirt of thy feet thou art to march to thy heavenly seat. Hypnotic houris may do very well to peer into some heaven or investigate hell, but that which we need while attending earth's school is to keep every day God's golden rule. It takes real clothes, real food, real flesh and blood to lead humanity to its God. So, I'd advise if you would do good and escape dry rot, fill with real earth that fearful pot."

F. H. C. ELLIOTT.

REGARDING MISQUOTATIONS.

One of the rules that even young writers and readers should bear in mind is this: "Verify your quotations." And if possible, go to the original source rather than to rely on other authority. The reason for the rule is easy to see. Usually a quotation becomes popular because it is worth while, and to misquote is often to lose the value of the words. Thus people often say, "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing." But that is not true. All knowledge is worth having, even a little. They mean "half-knowledge," or incorrect knowledge, which is not really knowledge at all! What Pope wrote was: "A little learning is a dangerous thing;" and what he meant was that a little learning makes one presumptuous, while thorough learning gives humility—an idea likewise set forth in the saying that wisdom begins with the feeling that one is ignorant. So, verify your quotations for fear you may put into currency a counterfeit note. At the same time it is to be remembered that some few quotations have been improved by changes introduced by those who have misquoted. These improvements are rare, however, and it is safest to retain the old forms where there is any doubt. Another usual misquotation besides that mentioned is—

The quality of mercy is not strained;
It falleth as the gentle dew from heaven—

which you may correct for yourself, and then may inquire whether it is likely that the popular change is an improvement, when the nature of dew is understood.—St. Nicholas.

His fellowship but strengthens our friendship.—Ram's Horn.

Devotional and Spiritual

DOING GOOD.

Let me do good and never know
To whom my life a blessing brings;
E'en as a lighthouse freely flings
O'er the dark waves a steady glow,
Guiding the ships, which to and fro
Flit by unseen with their white wings;
Let me do good and never know
To whom my life a blessing brings.

As thirsty travelers come and go
Where some fresh mossy fountain springs;
It cools their lips, and sweetly sings,
And glides away with heedless flow:
Let me do good and never know
To whom my life a blessing brings.

—Canon Wilton.

FRUITFUL CHRISTIANS.

Autumn is the season of fruit harvests, when the orchards have "paid their dividends," and the music of ripe apples is heard as they go rattling into their bins. Every Christian church is an orchard and every tree in that orchard is "known by its fruits." Too many there are who try to pass for Christians, but from whom the yield of genuine graces can no more be expected than the owner of a grove of scrub oaks would expect a crop of Bartlett pears. The fruits of the Holy Spirit—as the apostle catalogues them—are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness and temperance.

The first essential to a fruitful Christian is that he be well rooted. No part of a tree is so invisible and yet so important as its roots. The condition of a tree commonly reports where its roots are and what they are doing. A dearth of life below grounds means barrenness above ground. The roots of our religious life are our secret motives and our ruling affections; and no one can claim to be a genuine Christian unless Jesus Christ dwelleth down in the core of his heart. When we are shocked to discover the loose living and spiritual barrenness of some Church members, we find that the branches of their professions hang over on the Church side of the wall while their roots are in the sandy soil of worldliness on the other side. There is no heart-union to Christ; and he has declared: "Except ye abide in me ye can bear no fruit."

Grapes do not grow on thorn bushes, nor are figs gathered from thistles. Multitudes of people expect at some day to become Christians, and often they wish that they were Christians, and yet they do not apply the common-sense principle of causes and results. To be a Christian signifies that one has the divine "root of the matter" in him—that he has a character which grows out of faith in the crucified Christ and proves itself genuine by obedience to Christ's commandments. Christian character is a growth—first the blade, then the ear, and after that the full ripe corn in the ear. There can be no vigorous growth without a deep rooting into Jesus Christ; and shallow conversions produce shallow Christians.

Some Christians are bountiful fruitbearers, and the reason is that they draw all their supplies of grace and all their inspiration of daily conduct from their deep-down heart-union to Jesus. Love of Jesus is the motive that subdues selfishness; and loyalty to Jesus holds them as a stout root holds a tree amid the blasts of winter's tempests or under the summer's parching drouths. Glorious old Paul was always abounding in the work of the Lord, and he told the secret of it when he said: "Christ liveth in me."

O drouth never affects a well-rooted Christian whose soul is in constant connection with the fountain-head of all spiritual power.—Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D.

THE LOSS OF THE BIBLE.

One cannot well deny that the battle has gone against the Bible as "the only great literature" (in Huxley's phrase) within reach of the common people. Too many archers have pressed it sore. Cheapened and multiplied newspapers and magazines and books of all kinds have fallen in with, if they have not fostered, an extensive in the place of an intensive reading habit, so that the Bible must now struggle for existence as literature, instead of being the "one book." Bible reading has been bowed out of the public schools, while the home, to which it was again kindly commended, has politely passed on the unwelcome guest to the Sunday-school. But that institution, with the best will in the world, cannot recreate the heaven which lay about the infancy of those who, at a mother's knee, made their young imagination familiar with the racy, piquant English of the King James version, and with that wealth of oriental trope and allegory and parable and pastoral and drama which, from the Bible, has passed into the masterpieces of our literature.

The evidence is too strong, and comes from too many quarters, that the old saturation with biblical phraseology and imagery and illustration is a thing of the past. An arid and astounding ignorance has too often succeeded it. Tennyson and Browning, to say nothing of Milton and Dryden, are already in need of scholiasts to explain to ingenuous minds in school and college echoes and reminiscences of the Bible which were second nature to an earlier generation. All this is a twice-told, if still sorrowful, tale. And there seems no present hope of turning back the tide of battle. We can but sadly reckon up our losses.—Century.

THE DOUBLE PORTION.

"Let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." That was a noble request. The influence of one's spirit is always the best or the worst thing that one can leave to another. It is not the story of a great harvest that the farmer wants, but the good seed that will produce another. It is not the gifts that we leave in our survivors' hands, but the gifts which we leave in their hearts that will enrich them. He who leaves the state a spiritual influence that makes for better statesmanship has enriched the state. The teacher who leaves to his pupils a spiritual influence that makes for better scholarship has enriched the cause of education. It is not the material mantles which men let fall on their fellows that enrich them, but the spiritual mantles of courage, honor, truth, love. It is not the gold which a man gathers that lives after him, but the good that he does. What is it that we cherish most in the memory concerning our beloved dead? Is it not some spiritual quality, such as sincerity, kindness, courage, patience, faith, gentleness, cheerfulness? How swift we are to forget the faults of the dead. How slow are we to see the virtues of the living.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

WAVERING.

Steadfastness is a cardinal virtue. But many waver in their religious life. They appear to serve God for a time, and then they drop out of the procession and serve another master. They are one thing on Sunday and quite another thing on Monday. They are one thing at church and altogether something else at home. They are one thing in prayer meeting and a very different thing in a political meeting. They are pious on Sunday and ungodly on Monday. They are kind and gentle and amiable in the church, but sour and morose at home. They are the soul of honesty and sincerity in the prayer-meeting, but scheming and deceitful in the political meeting.

Why are some men so good to their neighbors, and so cruel and harsh with their own children? Some reverse this order. They are kindness itself to their own children, and as cross as a bear robbed of her cubs with the children of their neighbors. Why do professing Christians break down at some point in life? Why are they not always one thing? The reason is found in the half-heartedness of their religion. The secret of Simon Peter's dreadful breakdown is found in this: he "followed afar off." If Peter had drawn near to Jesus in the garden when his enemies laid hands on him and walked close by his side all the way to the house of the high priest, we may be sure he would not have wavered as he did. Feeling the touch of the Savior's hand, hearing the whispers of his lips, walking in the atmosphere of his presence, Peter would not have encountered the tempters that overwhelmed him, and if he had he would not have denied his Lord.

"Be ye steadfast, unmovable." There is but one place where we can fulfill this gracious word of the apostle. It is close by the side of our Lord. Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, shall be able to separate us from the love which is in Christ Jesus or Lord while we keep close by his side.—Exchange.

A LAYMAN'S ADVICE.

And by the way, while I am on criticism, let me say a few words to preachers along that line, and what I say is in the spirit of love: Say just as little evil of one another as you possibly can, and if you are going to say it at all, say it to one another, not to the laymen. The average layman has a very exalted idea of the Methodist preacher: He has been taught by his father and mother that he is to be loved, honored and respected; that he is a man of God; and, to a large extent, above the petty jealousies and animosities of life; and when you suggest that he is capable of these things, you lower yourself in the estimation of your listener, and cripple the preacher's usefulness. Yea, more, you shake the faith of the layman in the Church he loves and in Christianity itself.—The Southern Christian Advocate.

"WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?"

A young man accepted the position of organist in one of the principal churches of a Texas city. He was a fine musician, but being blind, was unable to read in the faces of his audience the great pleasure his music was giving. He was master of the organ, and his caressing touch on the keyboard sent out through its great pipes the songs of his soul—his cry to his kind.

They listened enchanted, and would talk to each other about the beauty of his harmonies, the uplifting influence of his symphonies. At first he played as one sure of himself. There was no hesitation in his touch. Then there pealed forth splendid paeans of praise and cadences of majestic sweetness and power. As he played Sabbath after Sabbath they noticed that the erstwhile triumphant strains of voluntaries and recessionals had given place to delicate, sorrowful improvisations, to plaintive minor fugues.

The people listened in rapture, and often the sweetness of the harmonies sent tears adown furrowed cheeks of those who had lived and sufered—who by the blind man's music were comforted. But alas! they never thought to tell the player; they did not know for what his heart was longing. One morning it was announced that he would play no more after that service; that his decision was final, and another organist must be secured.

After the service a lady who had enjoyed all his music thoroughly went up to him and said, very earnestly, "I am sorry you will not play for us longer. I have enjoyed your music so much. It has helped me greatly; it has soothed and comforted me when I sorrowed. I have thought many times I would tell you what an inspiration I have received through your music. I thank you for it."

The young man's voice faltered, and the tears rushed to his sightless eyes, as he whispered, "O! why didn't you tell me? I, too, needed comfort and inspiration."—Baltimore Methodist.

MAKING TEMPTATION TEMPTING.

The Sunday School Times, discussing the Bishop Potter Subway Tavern in New York, says: "The records of history and the dictates of common sense condemn this principle as grounded in fallacy. Men are not helped away from a thing by condoning it. Better broken laws than no laws at all. The hypocrite is not the lowest of men; below him is the man who is so lost to shame that he does not even want to conceal his unworthy practices. There are men today who shrink from the saloon, even when they go to it, as a place not approved by their highest impulses or by their best friends. What would universal approval of the saloon do for those men? One of the most effective of recent cartoons showed two saloons side by side; in the doorway of one stood a beetle-browed, bloated, diamond-studded saloon-keeper, smoking a huge cigar, and alongside him a prize-fight picture. Over the other saloon was the sign, 'This Saloon Endorsed by Bishop Potter,' and below, 'A Quiet, Respectable Drinking Resort,' 'Reading Room for Young Men,' 'Our Whiskey is Pure.' Outside on the pavement was a well-dressed young fellow, looking at the two places. Under the cartoon was the query: 'Which saloon will make it easy for him to keep on drinking?' The time may come when the man who might have been effectually repelled from the ordinary saloon will reach there by the stepping-stone of the Subway Tavern; but the man who already enjoys the degraded saloon is not going to be won away from it by the other."

Do not try to have a theory of God, a philosophy of God. This little flower knows enough of sunshine to get all it needs. All we need to do is to let God into us by welcoming Jesus as the flower lets the sun into itself by drinking in and assimilating the sunshine. This is eternal life, not the life on and on, but to live now and always in God's eternity. — Frank W. Gunsaulus.

He who never connects God with his daily life knows nothing of the spiritual meaning and the uses of life; nothing of the calm, strong patience with which ills may be endured; of the gentle, tender comfort which the Father's love can minister; of the blessed rest to be realized in his forgiving love, his tender fatherhood; of deep, peaceful sense of the Infinite One ever near, a refuge and strength.—Canon Farrar.

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Secular News Items.

On Oct. 25 Acting Secretary of State Adee dispatched a note looking to a reconvening of The Hague Conference. This is an invitation from the President of the United States to the signatory powers of the original Hague treaty to come together again for the purpose of broadening and strengthening the original convention, and especially to consider means to further ameliorate the horrors of modern warfare, and to conserve and extend the rights of neutral commerce on the high seas. In addition to the signatory powers the invitation goes forward to the South and Central American Republics, which have signified an earnest desire to adhere to The Hague tribunal, but which have so far been prevented from doing so by the singular omission of a general clause usual in such treaties allowing powers to adhere to the articles of the treaty upon their own application. The note is directed to the American Ambassadors and Ministers abroad, with instructions to sound the Governments to which they are accredited and to extend President Roosevelt's invitation in such terms as they see fit. While the President has in his invitation suggested The Hague as a proper meeting place for the conference, a majority of the Powers must determine that as well as the date of the meeting.

Propelled part of the way by its own power and the remainder of the distance by the wind, which was blowing at the rate of about nine or ten miles an hour, the airship of Thos. S. Baldwin, of San Francisco, in charge of A. Roy Knabenshue, of Toledo, Ohio, made an announced ascension from the aeronautic concourse at the World's Fair Oct. 25 and landed near Cahokia, Ill., a distance of nearly ten miles, after a flight that attracted the attention of thousands of persons, who cheered almost continuously as the big flying machine passed over the exposition grounds, left the residence section of St. Louis far beneath it, and soared high above the towering office buildings of the business district.

Cornelius Van Cott, Postmaster of New York city, died Oct. 25. Mr. Van Cott was one of the best known Republican politicians in New York State, he having been closely associated with Senator Platt for many years. His son, Richard Van Cott, was arrested a few days ago, charged with violation of the election law, and the son's arrest, it is believed, had caused him great distress.

Mrs. Wm. E. Toney, only daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Surratt, who was put to death for being involved in the Lincoln conspiracy, died in Baltimore Oct. 25, after several years' illness, resulting from her efforts to save her mother. She was 68 years old.

Two unknown young men, aged about 21 or 22, locked in each other's embrace, law down upon the tracks of the Tellico Railway about four miles from Athens, Tenn., and let the train run over them.

Based upon a recent decision of the appellate division of the Supreme Court in New York denying the right of non-resident students to vote in the districts where they attend college, legal proceedings are to be instituted at the instance of a political club at Columbia University to mandamus the boards of registry and compel them to strike every student's name from the official list of voters. There are 2000 voters attending Columbia. Half of them are legally empowered to vote by actual residence in that city. But the other half are likely to be denied a vote under the appellate division ruling, in which all the Justices of that court concurred. If the mandamus campaign is extended to all the colleges of the State many thousands of voters will be lost.

A satisfactory settlement of the Anglo-Russian dispute has been reached. The North Sea incident will be referred to an international commission. How near was the rupture is evidenced by the fact that Great Britain went to the length of conveying a strong hint to Russia that unless satisfaction was given, assuring an adequate inquiry and punishment of the guilty, the Russian squadron would not be allowed to proceed beyond Gibraltar. Even this morning, in dispatching cruisers from Gibraltar, Vice-Admiral Lord Beresford, commander of the Channel Squadron, is reported to have signaled them, "Situation critical. Good luck." Throughout the affair the influence of the recent Anglo-French understanding has been a potent element, and Ambassador Cambon, whether acting personally or on behalf of the French Government, has been very industrious and in close relationship with the British Government and the Russian Embassy to bring about an honorable settlement.

In an interview Oct. 26 Gov. Odell is quoted as saying: "We have found 10,000 cases where fraudlent means of registration have been employed, and undoubtedly there are many hundreds more of small cases which we have not gone into. The proper authorities will institute proceedings in 3000 of these cases to-day."

A telegram to the Russian Emperor and court from Gen. Stoessel says: "I now bid you all good-bye forever. Port Arthur is my grave."

In New York city a fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, swept over the piers, warehouses and shipping at the Bush Terminal Company's stores, South Brooklyn, early Oct. 28. The loss is estimated at more than $1,000,000. One life, that of a policeman, is supposed to be lost, and others may be found. One man is badly wounded. Four fine ocean-going steamships were badly damaged, having been ablaze from bow to stern, and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of cotton, hemp and general cargo that the China ships bring in were partially destroyed. After a battle of more than three hours by the entire Brooklyn department the flames were pronounced under control. At first the firemen could make no headway. Fanned by a strong breeze, the smoke from the burning hemp prevented the men from approaching one section of the fire, while the blaze in the burning cotton and in the holds of the steamships could not be affected by the water.

A dispatch from Buenos Ayres, Argentina, says, according to the Herald correspondent at Valparaiso, Chile, that the British Government has purchased there 8000 mules destined for the Indian army. The animals are to be delivered in Calcutta next February.

Former Governor of Ohio, Geo. K. Nash, dropped dead in his bath room Oct. 28. He had been in poor health for many months.

A telegram from Statesboro, Ga., dated Oct. 28, says: As far as the present Grand Jury of Bulloch County is concerned the lynchers of the negroes Cato and Reed will go free. The jury adjourned to-day without returning indictments against the rioters of Aug. 16.

A terrific explosion occurred at Mine No. 3 of the Rocky Mountain Fuel and Iron Company at Teroio, forty miles due west of Trinidad, Col., early in the afternoon of Oct. 28, and the number of dead is variously placed between thirty and forty men.

The following is from Laredo, Texas: Many of our onion growers report that the young plants out of the ground from two to three weeks are infested with some kind of disease which they call yellow top. That is to say, about half inch of the tops of the young and tender plant turn yellow and it ceases to grow. The result of this new and strange disease is looked forward to with much interest, as seed enough has been planted to set out over 600 acres of onions in this immediate section. The Agricultural Department of the Government has been written to on the subject.

The first centenarian for San Angelo has appeared. D. P. Ridgill, father of a well known stockman, celebrated his 100th birthday. He is a veteran of the Mexican Wars, and said he would have liked to have gone to the Philippines.

Senator Culberson will speak in Houston on Nov. 2, and not on Nov. 4, as previously announced. His other Texas dates are as follows: Cleburne, Nov. 1; Seguin, Nov. 3; Lufkin, Nov. 5; Dallas, Nov. 7.

The following telegram from Crowley, La., is dated Oct. 28: Dr. Yoshishige Otusuka, Director of the Kuisiu Imperial Agricultural Experiment Station, who is also Vice-Chairman of the Internal Jury of Agriculture of Kumamoto, Japan, and Hitoshi Nakamura, chief of the section of agricultural production of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, of Tokio, Japan, are visitors in Crowley to-day studying the rice industry. They left this afternoon for Texas. "We were sent here by our Government," said Mr. Otsuka, "and have been spending three months in the United States studying American methods of agriculture. We find a vast difference between the modes of cultivation in our home country and the United States. We are especially interested in the culture of rice, so we could not very well think of leaving out a stop in Southwest Louisiana while in this country. Japan will raise a good crop of rice this year despite the war," said Mr. Nakamura. When the war broke out a general understanding was arranged that all young men should go into the army, while the older ones should devote their time to agriculture, thus assuring us our usual crop. Weather conditions have been very favorable, and I can see no reason why we should not raise good crops this year."

Private Washington advices received in Boston state that President Roosevelt has decided to throw open the diplomatic and consular services to university graduates, giving them the preference, other things being equal, over other applicants, for the more important posts, at least. He has already offered the lucrative Vice-Consulship at Marseilles, France, paying $5000 a year, to a Harvard graduate if a competent applicant can be found. If Harvard cannot find the right man within a reasonable time, the appointment will go to some other university. His idea is that the two branches above named require men of broad minds and university education, men who have been specially trained for these or similar positions, as in other countries, and that after they have worked into their new duties they will become better fitted for the places than many others, especially mere politicians.

Former Governor B. H. Eaton, of Colorado, died last week from cerebral embolism and Bright's disease. He was 68 years old and was Governor in 1884, and during the seventies was a member of both houses of the Legislature. He was born at Coshocton, O. He was the largest owner of cultivated land in Colorado and leaves a fortune estimated at $1,500,000.

Dr. J. F. Eaves, who has been representing the health department temporarily as sanitary inspector at Monterey, Mexico, has been recalled. Dr. Eaves reports Monterey as being entirely free from yellow fever.

Augusto Ramos, Commissioner of Agriculture for San Paulo, United States of Brazil, and Alfrede A. Du Barros and Beneto Zamith, his assistants, form a distinguished party of foreigners now touring Texas, investigating rice culture and agricultural methods. They have been at the St. Louis Fair, and then visited New Orleans, the Louisiana rice section and the Texas oil fields. They will go to San Antonio, Mexico, Porto Rico and Cuba. This is their first visit to the United States and they declare themselves astonished. They will work for closer relations between the two countries of the American continent.

Chester Berry, a high diver claiming to be from New York, jumped from the Brazos River bridge, 108 feet, two weeks ago and died in Waco Oct. 29. The jump was made successfully, but the water was too shallow for safety.

One of the most disastrous fires in the history of Yoakum, Texas, occurred Oct. 30, entailing a loss of approximately $10,000. The fire started in the store of John Mansur on Front Street and was not stopped until the entire west half of the block, a frame range, had been consumed by the flames.

Rev. Hess, a Dunkard preacher, dropped dead in the Dunkard Church at Wrightsville, Pa., while delivering a funeral sermon.

The Russian inquiry into the North Sea affair opened at Vigo Oct. 30.

Recently an Associated Press item stated that in a trial test at Washington the world's record on the typewriter was lowered by printing 22,000 words in seven hours by one operator in that city. Joe L. Dorser, Deputy District Clerk of Sherman, enters protest against this claim and produces in proof of the protest the transcript in the appealed case of W. R. Gaines vs. the State, in which he shows an aggregate of 29,450 words in just a few minutes less than seven hours. The work was of the extraordinary rush class, and at the completion of the above task Deputy Dorser was in a state of exhaustion, but a proof read of the transcript showed it to be practically errorless.

The report of the Commissioner of Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, made public by the Secretary of the Interior, shows that 16,009,361 pupils, 20 per cent of the entire population of the country, attended the public schools during that year. As compared with the previous six years, this percentage shows a slight decrease in the number of pupils as compared with the total population. The total cost of the public schools last year is given at $251,457,625. This is an increase of $16,000,000 over the previous year. It amounts to $3.15 per capita of total population and $22.75 per capita per pupil. The report shows that last year 1,578,632 colored children were enrolled in the common schools for that race. The enrollment in 1877, the first year statistics were taken of the colored schools, was 571,506. Since 1876 it is estimated that $130,000,000 has been expended in the education of the colored children in the Southern States, and nearly $600,000,000 for the same purpose for the white children of the same section. Ninety-six reform schools are recorded, with 31,468 inmates, 21,603 of whom are learning useful trades.

Hon. Manuel Diaz, Minister of Agriculture and of Public Works of the Cuban Republic, spent a day in Galveston last week on his way to New Orleans. Mr. Diaz expressed pleasure with all he has seen and hopes for a rapid increase of trade relations with Cuba.

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WAR NEWS.

Oct. 31.—A third general attack on Port Arthur is reported to have begun on Oct. 24 and to have been still in progress on the 26th. On the latter day the Russians' only smokeless powder magazine was exploded, the fire spreading to the town and raging all through the day. Russian trenches on the slope of Rihlung Mountain were taken by the Japanese. In the vicinity of the Shakhe River there have been no operations of moment.

Nov. 1.—According to Russian reports the army of Field Marshal Oyama, confronting the Russian forces in the vicinity of the Shakhe River, has been reinforced from 40,000 to 60,000 men from Port Arthur and Japan. Earlier reports have indicated that Gen. Kuropatkin had received nearly equal accessions to his forces, although yesterday's dispatches from Mukden intimate the contrary and convey the impression that the present moment finds the Russians not fully prepared to meet a Japanese advance that may be expected to begin at any hour. A Russian advance seems to be regarded as questionable owing to the fact that the period since the close of the battle of Shakhe River has been devoted by the Japanese to a strenuous prosecution of the work of intrenching. The contending armies are within close touch and any outpost brush or reconnoissance may bring on a general engagement. There is much cannonading of positions on both sides, Poutiloff (Lone Tree Hill) being a marked storm center.

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Horton-Casber.—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Robert Casber, in the South Bennett community, September 18, 1904, Mr. Lon Horton to Miss Belle Casber, all of Mills County, Texas, Rev. G. W. Templin officiating.

Rogers-Harris.—At the Methodist parsonage, Killeen, Texas, at 3 p. m., Oct. 20, 1904, Mr. J. R. Rogers and Mrs. Nora Harris, Rev. J. D. Hendrickson officiating.

Cowan-Irwin.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Nolanville, Texas, at 7 p. m., Oct. 23, 1904, Mr. O. C. Cowan and Miss Pearl Irwin, by Rev. J. D. Hendrickson.

Owens-Sowell.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. and Mrs. G. T. Sowell, near Iola, Texas, Mr. Paschal Owens, of Ozona, Texas, and Miss Effie Sowell, on Oct. 26, 1904, Rev. M. T. Allen officiating.

Thompson-Williford—At Centerview, Texas, Aug. 4, 1904, Mr. E. A. Thompson and Miss Addie Williford, Rev. A. Nolan officiating.

McGrue-Merriman—At the church, Cartwright Chapel, Beaumont, Texas, Oct. 26, 1904, Mr. H. T. McGrue and Mrs. Edith Merriman, Rev. A. G. Scruggs officiating.

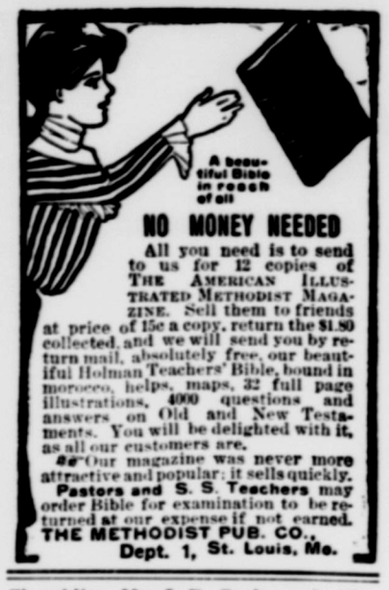
Cook-Bradley.—At the courthouse in Haskell, Texas, by the Rev. J. H. Chambliss, Mr. J. D. Cook and Miss Carrie Bradley.

Walters-Williams.—At the home of the bride, near Canton, Texas, Oct. 2, 1904, Mr. Porter Walters and Miss Claudie Williams, Rev. J. F. Everitt officiating.

Wright-Davis.—At the home of the writer, near Palace, Texas, Oct. 16, 1904, Mr. Alvis Wright and Miss Beulah Davis, Rev. J. F. Everitt officiating.

Rogers-Smith.—At the Methodist Church in Blum, Texas, on Sunday evening, Oct. 9, 1904, at 8:15, Mr. Mike N. Rogers and Miss Sallie Smith, Rev. A. D. Livingston officiating.

Reed-Custer.—At the Methodist Church at Kopperl, Texas, Sunday, Oct. 23, 1904, Mr. Walter Reed and Miss Ethel Custer, Rev. A. D. Livingston officiating.



Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

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

Chicago—Account International Live Stock Exposition, one fare plus $2, Nov. 20 to 28, limited Dec. 7.

Houston—Account Meeting Daughters of the American Revolution and Federation of Woman's Clubs, convention rates, Nov. 13 and 14, limited Nov. 21.

Waco—Account Baptist General Convention, convention rates, Nov. 7, 9 and 10, limited Nov. 17.

For further information ask any Santa Fe agent, or write W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., Galveston.

Field Marshal Oyama reports that the Japanese total casualties was 15,879 officers and men at the battle of Shaka River.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Oct. 27.—W. F. Mayne, sub has attention. W. Wootton, sub. G. W. Kincheloe, subs. C. G. Shutt, sub. Lee Sanders, sub. I. E. Hightower, sub. W. D. Mountcastle, subs. A. A. Kidd, has attention. J. M. Armstrong, subs. C. W. Dennis, subs. J. K. McMillan, subs. C. M. Shuffler, sub.

Oct. 28.—J. A. Carr, sub. M. M. Morphis, change made. C. C. Davis, subs.

Oct. 29.—J. W. Treadwell, subs. R. A. Clements, sub. A. P. Smith, sub. L. Christian, sub. R. F. Dunn, subs (2 cards). G. F. Winfield, sub. A. Webb, change. C. L. Browning, sub. Chas. E. Brown, subs. C. E. Simpson, o. k. W. D. Mountcastle, sub has attention.

Oct. 31.—F. J. Perrin, sub. J. B. Gober, sub. J. H. Chambliss, sub has attention. W. K. Simpson, subs and change.

Nov. 1.—J. R. Atchley, sub. Thos. Hanks, sub. Lee Sanders, sub. J. Sam Barcus, sub. W. C. Hilburn, sub. S. C. Littlepage, sub. C. N. N. Ferguson, sub. L. H. McGee, change made. C. W. Macune, subs.

Nov. 2.—J. C. Weaver, sub. Ed R. Wallace, sub. J. F. Alderson, sub. M. H. Neel, subs. Geo. T. Campbell, sub. J. T. Osborn, subs. E. R. Patterson, changes.

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Notes From the Field.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Forreston.

C. B. Smith, Oct. 28: Our fourth Quarterly Conference for Forreston Circuit has passed and gone. Our stewards cleared the "deck," and we are expecting to report collections full and over. Bishop Hoss was with us and preached to the delight and edification of us all at 11 o'clock. Bro. Sensabaugh was in fine trim for the business session. The good people of Nash had made ample provision for the entertainment of the conference, and from the way the Bishop and "beloved" ate I am sure they would appreciate another opportunity to be present at a fourth Quarterly Conference on Forreston Circuit.

Palmer and Boyce.

I. E. Higtower: We are now getting ready for conference. The Lord has abundantly blessed us. We have had a very successful year. Received 200 members, rebuilt two churches; finances will all be up. On the 15th of October Bishop Hoss was with us and dedicated our new churches at Boyce and Chappell Hill, respectively. How glad we were to have Bishop Hoss with us, and how he did preach. Texas Methodism is proud of Bishop Hoss and his labors among us will give new life, and be an inspiration to us. We have sent in our assessment on the Episcopal residence. Our presiding elder is wide-awake, keeping his eyes opened and watching for good things for his preachers and people. He has had three Bishops in his district this year. During his three years' on the Waxahachie District, by his continuous labors, he has brought the district up to one of the best, if not the best, in Southern Methodism. The preachers of the district, as well as the laity, are anxious for his return another year. We have also had with us recently Rev. Wm. A. Bowen, "Tex-Advocate Agent Abroad," who put in some good work for the Advocate. We put the Advocate in forty new homes. This makes about fifty new subscribers this year. Our people like the Advocate more and more. We have a net gain in membership of about 160. We have a live Church at Garrett, where we organized this summer with seventy-nine members. The brethren there are talking of building a church this fall. The good work goes on and we are thankful.

Thornton.

F. M. Winburne, Oct. 27: The 22d inst. carried us safely through the crucible of the memorable fourth Quarterly Conference which usually brings conference faces according to "Post Oak Circuit," but this was an exception. In fact to date "every prospect pleases," and we hope for a good wind up on all lines. Dr. Barcus was on the "home stretch" and only gave us one sermon, Saturday at 11 a. m. All the circuit ought to have heard it. I wish our presiding elders were bigger or our districts smaller, so we could have four full-fledged quarterly meetings; i. e., four big sermons, love feast, sacrament, etc.; that is the way "our fathers trod." Why not now? Our presiding elders are all big preachers, of course, and our station, circuit and mission preachers are no small fry. Now it seems to me if I could have the mental and moral uplift of "sixteen big sermons" annually on top of my own prodigious efforts I could run through a troop and leap over a wall. Well, conference will soon be here and I look for fine reports on material lines. How about the spiritual? How many souls have been converted under our ministry during the year? Are we going to conference thinking about our next appointment, or are we going with hearts burdened for a great revival during the session? Brethren, I'm old enough to speak out. Let us all get our hearts set on this one thing. Our appointments are small matters when compared to the salvation of deathless souls. May we have great victory.

Corsicana District.

John M. Barcus: As I am now closing out my second year on the Corsicana District and have not yet written a line to the Advocate concerning our work, a few words will be pardoned now. The conditions which confronted my preachers at the opening of the year were discouraging in the extreme. In a large part of our territory the cotton crop was an entire failure last year, and the prospect for a crop this year was so uncertain that nobody was willing to bank anything on it. As a result many of our most enterprising people moved out to more promising fields and much of the land usually cultivated had to lie out. But the preachers all, without exception, went heroically to work with faith in God, faith in the people and faith in themselves. And the results have proved that their faith was well founded. They preached and prayed and visited from house to house, held a stiff upper lip, and talked hopefully of the future. The people, in a large measure, caught their spirit, and now that the returns are nearly all in, we gratefully record the results. There has been a gracious revival in nearly every charge and hundreds have been converted. At Groesbeck and South Corsicana churches have been built which for style and beauty would do credit to any station in the conference. The building of such churches under such conditions is little short of marvelous and represents faith, courage and enterprise which demonstrates that the days of heroes is not passed. Without going into particulars, substantial improvements have been made in every charge. Two other churches have been built, two splendid parsonages have been built, and several churches and parsonages have been repaired and furnished. The second payment on the district parsonage has been paid in full. About 95 per cent of the general collections will be paid and a little more than 90 per cent of the pastors salaries will be paid. Under all the conditions this is a remarkable showing. As to the future of this boll weevil section: It has now been decided that the boll weevil is here to stay. No method of effectually destroying him has yet been discovered, although the State has put a reward of $50,000 on his head. But it has also been demonstrated that by planting early an early maturing variety of cotton, under favorable conditions, a fair crop can be raised. Of course the uncertainties thus attending the crop will cause less of it to be planted, and other crops, more or less profitable, must be substituted. All in all, we close the year feeling thankful and hopeful. I have never seen preachers do more faithful work, and a host of true laymen have stood by them in a time which tries men's souls. Best of all, God has been with us, to whom be all the glory.

Proctor.

J. W. Bowden, Oct. 28: Our fourth Quarterly Conference is now a thing of the past, but some things connected with the occasion will not soon be forgotten, especially the sermon on "Christian Growth" by our presiding elder. This being his fourth year we submit to the inevitable. When the time came for Bro. Sensabaugh to leave us many said no one can fill his place, now they are saying the same thing about Bro. Matthews. Let us not forget the fact that the Methodist Church has plenty of good presiding elder timber, and that Methodist machinery is so nicely adjusted that in due time the man for the place is dropped off as the great wheel makes its annual round. This is the first year for Proctor charge on the self-sustaining list of appointments. The salary of the presiding elder and preacher in charge will be paid in full. The collections ordered by the Annual Conference will be full and running over. Twenty-one new subscribers to Texas Christian Advocate, and it is growing on the people. One hundred and fifty persons have placed their membership with this charge during the year—51 by certificate, 41 by baptism, the others on vows of the Church; a net increase of 120 members; about 110 conversions; some material improvements; one new church building worth $1500 at Purves, a nice little town, nearly brand-new, with a noble band of men and women at that place. Our Church is fast coming to the front; 35 members the first of the year, now 69. While they are in debt some on their house, they are struggling to make the landing and will do it in the near future. They had an old hull of a house worth about $200, which they used in their new building as far as they could. This work was planned last year by Bro. Carter, my predecessor, who is kindly spoken of by my people. The church house at Graham Chapel was repainted at a cost of $22; well of water and pump, $82; good organ purchased and $25 paid down. Providence Church, $135 improvements; Proctor, about $135 for new Sunday-school classroom added to church. At Downing, a nice little town, our Church had 33 members at the first of the year; it now has 75; Church debt lifted, $190; house worth $1000 free of debt; a nice picket fence around the parsonage. This favorable condition, or state of the Church, which we feel proud of, may be accounted for to a great extent when you have met with and known the people of Proctor charge, who began pounding the pastor and family soon after their arrival here and have not held up only at short intervals. The many tokens of kindness that have found their way to the parsonage and the many words of encouragement given this pastor, to say nothing of the conference suit which has been ordered and is being arranged for by some of the good women, make the preacher feel that he serves an appreciative people. A better people would be hard to find. They stand by the pastor. We had some valuable help in our protracted meetings outside of the faithful laity by Bros. H. A. Long, of Hico; D. A. McGuire, of May Town; Bro. Lane, of De Leon; Bro. Ray (now in Polytechnic College), and my son Marvin, of Axtel, who were with me in four meetings and did most all the preaching. My two local preachers, Bros. Capell and Ewell, did some good preaching; they are old stand-bys; have done much faithful preaching in this country years ago. To all these brethren we are very grateful, but above all we are grateful to our dear Heavenly Father for all the good that may have been accomplished in the name of his dear Son and our precious Savior. Praise to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

Covington.

W. T. Gray, Nov. 1: We are in the midst of a great meeting at Covington, the greatest in her history. Twenty-eight conversions on Monday, about sixty in all, twenty-five of whom have given their names for membership in our Church, about fifteen for the C P. Church and some for the Baptist and Christian Churches. It is a wonderful meeting. The young men who have kept our little town in trouble by drinking and fighting are being converted and working as earnestly as I ever saw men work in the altar. It is wonderful to see them at work. Old-time shouting is heard in almost every service. I have never seen young men so wonderfully converted in my life. Rev. J. C. Hines, of Alvord, Texas, an evangelist of the C. P. Church, is conducting the meeting, and he is a power for good in a meeting. He is first-class help in any kind of a meeting. He helps the pastor. Bro. Hines' coming has been a great blessing to our Church and town, and he will ever be remembered by our people here. God bless him. Covington will report out on everything this year and will be in good shape for the new preacher. The outlook is very hopeful for our Church here now. We have put in $600 in pews and have paid for them, and spent about $150 on the parsonage, and all of it paid. We are very much encouraged.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Jewett.

G. W. Riley, Oct. 27: We have just closed a great meeting in Jewett. The Churches greatly revived; 25 accessions to the Methodist Church, 14 to the Baptist and 5 to the Cumberland Presbyterian, with more converts to join yet. We had the services of Rev. W. M. McIntosh, of Mississippi, for twelve days. He is gifted with much awakening power.

Galveston, West End.

C. N. Morton, Oct. 24: The Sunday-school at West End observed the "Missionary Rally" recommended by the Board of Missions on last evening, and the results were most gratifying. The weather was auspicious, a full moon, a clear sky, and a delightful gulf breeze combining to make it ideal. The children, from the little tots of the infant class to the "grown-ups" of the Bible class, were on hand by 7:30, and as it was night, of course the parents had to come with the children. The house was packed. The children performed their parts beautifully, and did themselves and their manager, Mrs. Kimmerling, great credit. The collection at the close of the program amounted to $10.65. Our Sunday-school gives annually $25 to missions, and with this special collection gives a total of $35.65 for that worthy cause this year, which is about 50 cents per member in actual attendance. The Mission Board thinks it would be an ideal state if we could collect 52 cents per year from each of the one million Sunday-school scholars of our Church. We are almost up to the standard, and feel that we are growing in grace.

Maysfield.

J. B. Gregory, Oct. 25: Once more I come to say something of my work. I am at my post, and busy, looking after the various interests of the Church and my many duties. Truth constrains me to say that a Methodist preacher is as busy a man as can be found in any relation of life, if he faithfully performs the duties that devolve upon him. He has but little time to spend outside of his limits. I've been called for by 'phone a number of times this year to perform duties miles away, and have ever been ready to respond to all calls. The Lord has in mercy blessed me with health this year to enable me to punctually fill all of my appointments, and meet all my engagements, and hold all my meetings. I have four Churches, and have had about thirty conversions and about twenty additions to the Church to date. We are building a new Methodist Church at Ben Arnold and have ordered a new organ for the Church at Maysfield. The severe ravages of boll weevil and also boll worm are making it hard on my conference collections. My field has suffered much from these pests now four years, which has much strained our finances; but the good people say they will pay their pastor's salary and as much of the conference assessments as they can. I've had a pleasant year with this people. Have had good, smooth and agreeable time. Conference will soon roll around, and I hope to see my good friends and brethren at Marshall and be cheered by their sunny smiles, such as none but Methodist preachers can bestow with their big hearts. Farewell till we meet to go abroad again.

Atlanta.

C. B. Cross, Oct. 31: I feel that in some respects this has been the most enjoyable and most profitable year of my ministry. I have received into the Church since conference 68. I have baptized 20 infants. Loss by death and letter 5, giving us a net increase of 63. Spiritual condition of the Church very good. We had a most excellent meeting. Rev. W. F. Packard, of Tyler, gave us fine service. He is devout, spiritual and one of the best fellows, socially, I have ever known. Notwithstanding a very decided increase in the conference assessments and the preacher's salary, all assessments have been paid in full. Our Home Mission Society deserves special mention; thoroughly organized with a splendid set of officers and a loyal, active membership. They have expended for various purposes about $175. We have recently painted our church. The parsonage is in good repair. So we can truly say, "We have had a good year, Bishop."

Orange.

J. W. Johnson, Oct. 26: We have just closed an excellent revival in Orange. Rev. Stevens Burk, of Rusk, was with us, and his work was highly satisfactory. We received 35 members into our Church and several went to other Churches. Our Church is in good condition, and we will have good reports at conference. I have received over 100 members to date this year. Our Sunday-school has improved 50 per cent, and our Leagues are in a flourishing condition. The salaries and conference collections will be in full. In the midst of our revival we received a great shock in the sudden death of Judge H. D. Sells, one of our very best members and oldest supporters; but he was ripe for the kingdom, and his memory is as a sweet fragrance in this community where he lived so long and so well.

Davilla.

C. E. Simpson, Oct. 28: Our fourth Quarterly Conference embraced the 15th and 16th of this month. Rev. C. F. Smith, our presiding elder, was at his post guiding the affairs of the conference, and looking after the interest of the Church. The stewards reported the preacher's and presiding elder's salary paid in full, and "little the rise." The collections ordered by the conference will be paid in full. We are rounding out the 12th year as an itinerant preacher, and this has been the best one of the twelve. For the first time our salary has been paid in full. Our fourth Quarterly Conference was the best we have ever attended. I have never seen such a large congregation as we had on Saturday at 11 o'clock, and they all stayed until the business of the conference was all transacted. We are now bending our energies in an effort to build a new parsonage, which is badly needed. We hope to be able to report it finished by conference. Then Davilla charge will be second to none in the district, I mean circuits.

Jacksonville Circuit.

J. M. Smith, Oct. 28: Our protracted meetings are over, with good results. Some 80 or 100 conversions and some 60 additions to the Methodist Church. Had a splendid revival at all the appointments. We have eight organized appointments on the work and five mission appointments surrounding the circuit that I have been preaching at some during the year. We have made some progress this year in the way of material improvements on Jacksonville Circuit—built a beautiful church at Antioch, 28x52, complete, painted inside and out, at a cost of about $1,000; bought an organ at a cost of $65 and put in the church. Finished Providence church and painted inside and out, at a cost of $150, improved the parsonage at a cost of $150 and painted Earl's Chapel, in side and out at a cost of $100. We are now ceiling and painting Tatum's Chapel at a cost of $130. We have in cash and good subscriptions some $500 to build a new church at Pierce's Chapel; $320 in cash and subscriptions to build a church at Galatin, on the T. and N. O. Railroad, ten miles east of Jacksonville; spent $2,313.75, and still we have not done near all that needs to be done on the work in the way of improving the Church property. Our Alexander Collegiate Institute is doing extra fine; everyone is highly pleased with our new President, W. K. Strother, and his fine faculty. The building is full of students. Brethren of Texas Conference, if you could see the throbbing life and outlook of our school and the crying need of a new school building, you would bestir yourselves at once to put up a large and commodious building—the thing we need badly, must have, or stop growing. Our wide-awake and much esteemed presiding elder dropped in on us the other night, a little off in health but still going, looking after the interests of his district (when he ought to have been in bed taking care of himself). He is an incessant worker for the success of the district and the welfare of his preachers and people. We have had a good year, Bishop, and would like to come back to Jacksonville Circuit.

Groveton.

Jesse Lee, Oct. 28: We have faced hard conditions here this year, but we are looking for a better day. Conditions, however, have improved wonderfully in some lines notwithstanding our reverses. Early in the year we had a strike in which about 500 men walked out and stayed out for two months. Business was completely stagnated as a result; and when they did go to work wages were cut about 25 per cent. In the meantime the Mill Company had built a very fine mill plant (50 double cutters), and just as we were getting on our feet it burned down. Hundreds of people left. Why, it looked like we were going to have to quit, but we didn't, and we are getting in good condition again. We are going to believe that we will come out in full at the end till we fail. It's going to be a "tug," but we are "sitting up" with the crowd. We have had two good meetings this year. Bro. H. C. Willis, of Centenary Church, Palestine, and the Lord helped us in one, and just the Lord in the other. Willis and the Lord together make "a team." Getting the laboring man interested in the Church is a great problem here, as is so everywhere. What will the Church of God do with the laboring man? We are not reaching them. We are to have a prohibition fight soon. It's going to be a fight indeed, the antis are bringing it on. They will get a fight and this "folks" will know it. We will have a net gain at conference.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Bryson Mission.

J. B. Parr: Our year's work will soon be on the records of the past. Peace and harmony have prevailed

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The Home Circle

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Though some neighbor is untidy,
And her house unkept;
Though her silver is unpolished;
Though her floor's unswept;
Though another keeps trained servants,
While your work you do;
Though you, walking, meet her riding;
What is that to you?

Gossip makes no neighbor neater,
Gains for none a friend.
It would never get you servants,
Nor a carriage send.
But 'twill fill your heart with envy,
Hide all good from you.
Let your neighbors live their own way—
What is that to you?

Though some people seem so shiftless;
Though some hoard their gold;
Though on land and sea they travel;
Though some hearts seem cold;
Though some have repulsive features,
Willful manners, too;
Though they live like prince or peasant—
What is that to you?

If you wish to have good neighbors,
Then be one yourself;
Not be suspicious, narrow, jealous,
Living but for pelf;
But with love for those around you,
Honest be, and true;
For good neighbors, make good neighbors;
Is it thus with you?

ELSIE MALONE M'COLLUM.
Haskell, Texas.

HOW WILSON LOST THE LOAD OF HAY.

It was all a piece of carelessness and nothing else," said Mr. Dunning, shaking his head angrily.

"But, father, we had built camp fires there before and nothing had happened," pleaded Wilson.

"That doesn't excuse you in the least. You let the meadows catch on fire, and there's a fine crop of hay gone up in smoke."

Wilson looked anxiously toward the blackened field of burnt grass. It was true that carelessness was primarily responsible for the mishap, but he felt there were extenuating circumstances which his father might consider. He had temporarily left the camp-fire to chase Peggy out of the corn, and during his absence a spark from the fire had set the grass ablaze.

"But Peggy was in the corn," he began again, wishing to plead his case as best he could.

"Peggy shouldn't have been in the corn!" was the curt answer.

"But the fence is all rotten, and—"

"See here, Wilson, you're better at making excuses for a fault than in repairing the wrong. Now the damage is done, and you should try to make some amends for it. I'll leave it to you to find out how. Meanwhile, your allowance for this year must come out of that meadow. It's a total loss to me, and I can't afford it. The hay was worth a hundred dollars, and you must try to make up for it in some way."

Wilson stood chagrined and disappointed at this blunt announcement. His allowance for the year was not large, but it was sufficient to enable him to purchase a few things which a boy of his age considered necessary luxuries. There was nearly enough in his bank to buy a pony, which had been promised him on his sixteenth birthday if he saved up half the amount. He had bargained to take the pony early in the fall, and now the loss of the meadow grass completely upset his plans.

"I don't see how I can make it up," he muttered to himself, as he walked away. "Father is unreasonable."

This thought possessed his mind for some time; but knowing the inexorable nature of his parent when his mind was once made, he finally decided that it was waste of energy to sulk about it.

"I must do something," he added. "But what?"

Instinctively his footsteps turned toward the scene of the disastrous fire. What a small thing had ruined his prospects! A tiny spark from his camp-fire had sent a roaring blaze galloping across the field, licking up everything before it as if by magic.

"My allowance must come out of this," he said bitterly, surveying the blackened stubble. "Why, there isn't a dollar's worth of grass left anywhere! There's a little in the bushes along the edge of the woods. I might save that. But," — discouragedly — "what's the good?"

A man crossing the woods suddenly shouted, interrupting his meditation: "Hello, Wilson! How'd it get on fire?"

Wilson explained the case of the trouble. Cyrus Courtney was a near neighbor, and a man of considerable property and wealth. He had been a friend of Wilson's, and the boy had found in him a wise counselor many times before.

"It's a total loss," the boy added finally, "and I must be the loser as well as father. Unless I can save something from the wreck my allowance for this year will be cut off."

"Is there anything to save?" asked Mr. Courtney, looking around.

"Only a little grass here and there along the edge of the woods and down by the ditch. The fire didn't touch that."

"You'll try to save it then?"

"What's the use? I couldn't sell it in such small quantities, and I'd have a hard time cutting it. I'd have to do it all by hand."

Mr. Courtney looked at the boy with one of his engaging smiles, and replied: "What's the use of doing anything, Wilson? It is sometimes as important to save little things as big ones. If you'll cut the grass and cure it, Ill take it by the pound weight. I'll give you just as much for it, delivered at the barn, as you'd get if sold in larger quantities."

Wilson's face brightened, and he answered promptly: "Thank you, Mr. Courtney. I'll do it then, and show father that a part of the loss can be redeemed. He won't think it much, but it's all I can do."

"Don't be too sure of what your father will think. Sometimes the motive is worth far more than the act."

Wilson walked around the edge of the meadow woods, and when the two separated, his heart was more in his work than he anticipated. Securely protected by the creek and snugly hidden behind clumps of bushes there was more grass than he had expected to find. This made him happier than he had felt since the fire.

The next day Wilson was down by the meadows with a sharp scythe and sickle. He swung the scythe blithely, and cut the few clumps of tall grass with swinging blows. But most of the stalks were so tangled up among the bushes that he had to get down on hand and knees to cut it with the small hand-sickle. This was slow and back-breaking work.

After an hour's work, Wilson straightened himself up, and surveyed his work ruefully. "Gee! This will take nearly a week of hard labor, and then I won't have a quarter of a load of hay. That won't bring me in more than a few dollars. It's hardly worth it."

He stopped to ponder anxiously over the problem, but he was not easily discouraged, and the words of Mr. Courtney returned to him. "Well, I'll do the best I can. I'll stick to the bargain if it takes two weeks."

Many times during the rest of that eventful week his spirits flagged. The sun was hot, and the shady wood, with its trickling brook flowing through it, offered temptations that were hard to resist. It was so much easier to turn aside and rest in the woods!—and after all, the game was hardly worth the candle.

One day he saw his father walking along the meadows. He seemed to be watching Wilson with an inquisitive look on his face. But if the boy expected him to encourage him in his endeavor, he was disappointed.

"I don't believe he cares much," Wilson murmured to himself. "I won't get much thanks for it."

However, he cut away, and then raked the grass out of the tangled maze of bushes to spread it in the sun to dry. At night time he cocked his little patches of hay in miniature mounds to protect it from the sun and rain. When the mounds were finally scattered all along the edge of the woods, Wilson laughed: they were so small and few that they were certainly provocative of amusement.

"A whole week's work," he said. "I'll take it away to-morrow."

Mr. Dunning went to town the following morning, and Wilson had the use of the hay wagon and Peggy. He drove down the meadow road and turned in the lane which skirted the edge of the woods.

It did not take him long to gather his few cocks of hay, and when they were all pitched on the hay wagon, there was barely a third of a load. Once more he laughed at the sight. To drive up to Mr. Courtney's with that small load of hay was certainly a peculiar experience. He was afraid that some one would ask him the meaning of it. He could not explain—for it was one thing to laugh at his own work, and quite another to let friends do it.

Half way up from the meadows he was surprised by the sudden appearance of a thundercloud in the west. He barely had time to drive under the shelter of his father's shed before the rain poured down in torrents.

It rained all the rest of the day, and Wilson was forced to unhitch the horse from the wagon. "I'll not take the harness off," he said, "but just turn Peggy into the stall with it on. I can deliver the hay when it clears off."

But the storm was prolonged until night time. Wilson ate his supper and then walked out to the barn to remove the harness from Peggy. But while he was there the stars came out, and the night was clear and cool.

"No, I'll not unharness her," he reflected. "I'll drive around with the hay now, and leave it at Mr. Courtney's barn. He can weigh it in the morning."

This decision was no sooner made than Wilson started to bring Peggy from the stall. The horse reluctantly obeyed, showing her unwillingness to do night duty even in an emergency.

Wilson drove down the lane, and was turning into the main road when his attention was attracted by a bright light ahead. A glance convinced him that it was was up at the Courtney house.

"They must have a barn-fire," he said to himself. "I'll hurry up and see it."

Touching Peggy with the whip he rattled along at a lively pace. In five minutes, however, he was astonished by the sudden appearance of flames which seemed to leap from the roof of the house ahead. For a moment Wilson was dumb with surprise; then he whipped up his horse, and exclaimed in a frightened voice:

"Mr. Courtney's house is on fire. Get up, Peggy! Get up!" Peggy was soon aroused from her indifference by Wilson's excitement, and she plunged along at a gallop, dragging the small load of hay so fast that he threatened to lose half of it on the highway.

The distance to the house was only a short half mile, but it seemed to Wilson as if the wooden structure would be burned down before he could reach it. The flames leaped sky-high, lighting up all the surrounding country, and they spread with such rapidity that the whole house appeared like a huge barn-fire.

Pale and frightened, Wilson finally turned into the lane leading up to the house. He could see a few figures running around in front of the flames. Dismounting from his wagon and tying Peggy to the fence, he rushed toward the burning building. The first person he encountered was Mr. Courtney's coachman.

"Is everybody safe, Tom?" asked Wilson, breathlessly.

"Oh, they don't know, sir," was the agonized answer. "Miss Jessie can't be found. She was on the top floor when the fire broke out, and her father tried to get up to her, but the smoke nearly killed him. They had to drag him out. He's nearly frantic; and Miss Jessie may be up there!"

Wilson's heart nearly ceased to beat. Jessie Courtney was scarcely ten years of age, and her father's pet. It was horrible to think of her being burned alive in the building. Wilson broke away from the frightened, helpless coachman, and reaching the house he found Mr. Courtney barely able to stand. The smoke had entered his lungs and made him as weak as a child.

"Jessie! Is Jessie in the house?" asked Wilson, in a fearful voice.

The man could not speak, but pointing upward, he shuddered and closed his eyes. Wilson hurried to the house. Could he climb the stairs and rescue the girl? He soon retreated from the doorway, as the intense heat nearly set his clothes and hair ablaze.

Staggering back a few yards, he gasped for breath. He was conscious then of several voices, shouting:

"There she is! There she is! Jump! No, don't jump!"

The confused cries of the people brought Wilson to his senses. Looking up, he saw the pale face of Jessie at a window on the third floor. Somebody, in the excitement, brought a ladder and placed it against the side of the house; but it was too short, and a groan of despair went up from the rapidly increasing crowd.

Mr. Courtney staggered toward the house, and looking up at his daughter, he wrung his hands, and tried to give directions. Once he shouted: "Jump, Jessie! Jump!"

But Wilson reached his side and pulled him away. "Don't tell her to jump," he said. "It will kill her."

"It's better so than to be burned alive. Oh, my darling child! Oh, Jessie! Jessie!"

Wilson's heart ached, and the tears sprang into his eyes. A neigh from Peggy suddenly attracted his attention. He ran instinctively toward her, and then, with a sudden in-take of his breath, he said:

"Yes, Peggy, we must rescue her! Yes, we can do it!"

He nervously unhitched the horse from the post, and then, leaping on the wagon, he climbed to the top of his small load of hay. Coaxingly he urged Peggy toward the fire. The horse was frightened and inclined to run; but she knew Wilson's voice, and finally permitted the boy to drive the load of hay close to the house.

"Away from there!" Wilson shouted to the crowd. "Let me pass!"

The people stepped aside, more from fear of the prancing horse than for Wilson's warning words. In a few moments Peggy was in position and the load of hay barely reached half way up to the second story of the house; but the third story was a short one, and the distance to Jessie did not seem so great.

The girl had crawled through the window and sat crouching upon the sill. She was too dazed to know what she was doing, but when Wilson's voice spoke close to her, she looked down with a new light in her eyes.

"Jessie!" the boy called. "You must jump on this load of hay. See, I'm standing on it. It's soft, and won't hurt you. See me! Now jump right toward me—just as if you were going to jump into my arms."

The girl peered over the windowsill, but still she hesitated. The heat under the window was growing intense. Wilson could hardly breathe. Any moment the hay might catch on fire. He turned his whole attention to the little girl once more.

"'Come, Jessie, you must jump now—right away! Quick, or you will be burnt. Come to me!"

He held out his arms as if to catch her. The motion encouraged her. She thought she was to jump into his outstretched arms. Gathering courage, she suddenly leaned forward, hesitated, and then, with a little sob of fear, she loosened her hold and sprang out toward Wilson.

The desire to catch the girl in his arms was strong in the boy; but he knew the danger of such an attempt. When the body shot out toward him, he stepped to one side.

Jessie fell plump into the very middle of the hay. Her body rebounded a few feet, and then dropped back, almost disappearing from sight in the soft, loose meadow grass. Wilson instantly stooped to pick her up. He heard the shouts of the crowd, but he murmured gently in the ears of the girl as she clung hysterically to him:

"You're not hurt, Jessie. It was soft hay, and—"

"Quick, get them off! The hay is on fire!!"

These words startled Wilson, and looking around, he saw that his load of hay was ablaze. Holding the girl in his arms, he slid down from the wagon and safely handed her over to her father.

"Peggy!" he shouted, remembering that his horse was harnessed to the blazing load of hay. "Somebody help me to loosen Peggy!"

Clumsey fingers tried to unhitch the traces, but Wilson whipped out his knife and quickly cut the straps. In doing this the fire scorched his hands and face, but he did not stop until Peggy was loose. Half frantic with the heat and excitement, the horse reared and plunged. When Wilson finally led her away to a safe distance, she quivered in every muscle, and seemed quite as frightened and helpless as most of the men and women around.

When Wilson finally returned to the fire, he found Jessie Courtney sobbing in the arms of her father, while Mr. Dunning, who had hurried to the scene as rapidly as possible, was leaning over the two.

"Wilson, my boy," exclaimed Mr. Courtney, "come here. How can we thank you enough for this night's work?"

"It wasn't I so much as that hay," Wilson answered, with a smile. "You made me cut it, Mr. courtney, and now it has saved Jessie's life. I'm as thankful as you. It seems as if—if—"

Wilson's father had his arm around him.

"Yes, my boy, it does seem as if Providence helped you; but you deserve credit, too, because you were ready to act when the call came. But where did the hay come from?"

"Why, father, it's the last of the hay from the meadows. I cut it to save something for you; but now that's burned too. And the wagon has gone up with it!"

Wilson looked mournfully at the charred heap of hay and wagon. Mr. Dunning followed his gaze, and replied:

"It was sacrificed in a good cause, my boy, and we won't mourn it. But I'm glad to see that you tried to make some amends for losing the hay in the meadows. It was a little thing, but see what it has come to!"

"Yes," said Mr. Courtney, rising from his seat. "It was a little thing, but it has saved my daughter's life. Wilson, I'm homeless to-night, and we're going to accept your father's invitation to go home with him for a few days. We'll talk the matter over then."

Mr. Dunning could not afford to give Wilson his annual allowance that year; but his pony was bought on time, and Mr. Courtney insisted upon rewarding him in so many other ways that the boy declared he'd spoil him. But Jessie thought otherwise; for to her Wilson stood as the one hero in her little life, and she was ready to follow him anywhere, and jump from a burning building again if he told her—especially if he had a wagon load of hay ready to receive her.—The Interior.

God never uses a discouraged man. No great measure of success will ever come to him who does not believe in it, and expect it. In this, as in all other spiritual work, we are governed by one unchanging law: "According to your faith be it done unto you.—Rev. F. B. Meyer.

No restlessness or discontent can change your lot. Others may have other circumstances surrounding them, but here are yours. You had better make up your mind to accept what you cannot alter. You can live a beautiful life in the midst of your present circumstances.—J. R. Miller, D. D.

"WHACKS."

And What They Mean.

When Old Mother Nature gives you a "whack" remember "there's a reason" so try and say "thank you" then set about finding what you have done to demand the rebuke, and try and get back into line, for that's the happy place after all.

Curious how many highly organized people fail to appreciate and heed the first little, gentle "whacks" of the good old Dame, but go right along with the habit whatever it may be, that causes her disapproval. Whiskey, Tobacco, Coffee, Tea or other unnatural treatment of the body, until serious illness sets in or some chronic disease.

Some people seem to get on very well with those things for awhile, and Mother Nature apparently cares but little what they do.

Perhaps she has no particular plans for them and thinks it little use to waste time in their training.

There are people, however, who seem to be selected by Nature to "do things." The old Mother expects them to carry out some department of her great work. A portion of these selected ones oft and again seek to stimulate and then deaden the tool (the body) by some one or more of the drugs—Whiskey, Tobacco, Coffee, Tea, Morphine, etc.

You know all of these throw down the same class of alkaloids in Chemical analysis. They stimulate and then depress. They take from man or woman the power to do his or her best work.

After these people have drugged for a time, they get a hint, or mild "whack" to remind them that they have work to do, a mission to perform, and should be about the business, but are loafing along the wayside and become unfitted for the fame and fortune that waits for them if they but stick to the course and keep the body clear of obstructions so it can carry out the behests of the mind.

Sickness is a call to "come up higher." These hints come in various forms. It may be stomach trouble or bowels, heart, eyes, kidneys or general nervous prostration. You may depend upon it when a "whack" comes it's a warning to quit some abuse and do the right and fair thing with the body.

Perhaps it is coffee drinking that offends. That is one of the greatest causes of human disorder among Americans.

Now then if Mother Nature is gentle with you and only gives light, little "whacks" at first to attract attention, don't abuse her consideration, or she will soon hit you harder, sure.

And you may also be sure she will hit you very, very hard if you insist on following the way you have been going.

It seems hard work to give up a habit, and we try all sorts of plans to charge our ill feelings to some other cause than the real one.

Coffee drinkers when ill will attribute the trouble to bad food, malaria, overwork and what not, but they keep on being sick and gradually getting worse until they are finally forced to quit entirely, even the "only one cup a day." Then they begin to get better, and unless they have gone long enough to set up some fixed organic disease, they generally get entirely well.

It is easy to quit coffee at once and for all, by having well made Postum, with its rich, deep, seal brown color which comes to the beautiful golden brown when good cream is added, and the crisp snap of good, mild Java is there if the Postum has been boiled long enough to bring it out.

It pays to be well and happy for good old Mother Nature then sends us her blessings of many and various kinds and helps us to gain fame and fortune.

Strip off the handicaps, leave out the deadening habits, heed Mother Nature's hints, quit being a loser and become a winner. She will help you sure if you cut out the things that keep you back.

"There's a reason" and a profound one.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

Methodist Benevolent and Fraternal Association, Nashville, Tenn.

THE CONNECTIONAL BROTHERHOOD'S APPEAL TO CONFERENCE BROTHERHOODS.

Dear Brethren—

Please hear further concise and pointed explanations of the Connectional Brotherhood.

1. It admits to beneficiary membership only itinerant preachers of our Church.

2. All itinerant applicants are admitted, without restrictions on account of age or constitutional infirmities, except in extreme cases.

3. Its object is to give death benefits to the bereaved families of the deceased members sufficiently large to secure to the families homes of their own immediately on giving up their parsonage homes.

4. Like all Conference Brotherhoods, it is operated on the Assessment Plan, the number of assessments annually being governed by the death rate annually of the members throughout the connection, which will average less than eight for every five hundred who protect each other according to the Plan, making a $1,000 benefit cost less than $16 annually, payable $2 at a time, or a $500 benefit to cost less than $8 annually, payable $1 at a time.

5. *CONNECTIONALISM.* The greatness and glory of Methodism in a very true sense is due to her connectionalism. A Connectional Brotherhood will have a large membership and beneficiary fund, which will guarantee permanence and a worthy benefit to every deceased member's family.

Example: Let six thousand preachers be members, each one to pay into the sacred fund $15 annually, the sum of which would be $90,000. The average death rate being fifteen per thousand, or a total of ninety, would give ninety homeless itinerant families $1,000 each, or give to them ninety homes of their own.

6. *MANAGEMENT.* It is sufficiently mild and elastic to satisfy all the demands of a pure Brotherhood, and at the same time so adherent to strict business principles as to command the unbounded confidence of all and insure permanent success with a minimum expense.

7. *PURE BENEFICENCE.* Like all Conference Brotherhoods, it will have a non-beneficiary membership, but unlike them in this particular, viz: our non-beneficiary members make their contributions, not to all the members, even the well-to-do, but only to pay the dues and maintain the membership of the superannuates, sick, disabled, or hard-pressed members, which, clearly and truly, is the best policy.

8. *REASONS.* Much less than one-half of our preachers carry any life insurance except in their Conference Brotherhoods, which provide an average benefit of less than $500.

Twenty-five, more or less, Conferences are too small to have Brotherhoods, and thus two-thirds or more of their members have no way open to them for making any material provisions for their families in the event of their departure. A laudable and holy ambition for the self-support and success of a Christian man's family, after he is gone, demands some provision of this nature. A home of their own is the greatest need of the widows and orphans of our deceased itinerant preachers. The itinerants themselves, by a united co-operative effort, can do more to provide it than all else.

OUR MISSIONARIES in Mexico have drawn up a plain for a Missionaries' Brotherhood, but as there are only about seventy in all the fields, it would require a mortuary fee of $10 to pay only a $700 benefit, and though their average death rate is very low, the danger of having only a few deaths in a year make the undertaking hazardous and impracticable.

9. If Brotherhoods are great blessings to the larger Conferences, brotherly love requires the support of this movement to extend the benefits to all of our itinerant connection. Such alone can be Christ-like. Our itinerancy throughout Methodism is interdependent and one in spirit and temporal needs, and should be mutual benefactors and beneficiaries of its own sowing and reaping.

And so it can afford to have one Brotherhood into which all may be admitted to membership and benefits on equal terms, though some of them, unfortunately, providentially or for the glory of Christ, may live and labor in Conferences or section, where the death rate may be higher, which might occasion a few more deaths and thereby assessments in a life-time.

10. *NOW IS AN OPPORTUNE TIME* to form a great connectional and beneficent institution, and we pray our brethren not to neglect, or be indifferent, or defer action to some future time.

In behalf of our beneficiaries and in the spirit of colaborers we earnestly solicit the managers and members, collectively and individually, of the Conference Brotherhoods, everywhere, to join in with this sublime and laudable undertaking, in which only brothers of like calling and circumstances are the beneficiaries. And mainly and all-important, that this organization may be a development of all the Brotherhoods, that it may be founded upon them and by them, in harmony with them, strengthening and enlarging their powers for usefulness, and not as an independent and separate institution from them, which would necessarily bring about conflicting interests.

11. *POINTS OF SPECIAL ADVANTAGES TO REMEMBER:*

First—The privilege of obtaining large and certain benefits.

Second—Small and regular assessments.

Third—Guaranteed large and permanent membership.

Fourth—Connectionalism: only remember the very great advantages to the causes represented by the General Boards of Missions, Church Extension, Education, etc. The Conference Boards are not less, but much more, effective by being Auxiliaries to the parent Boards.

Fifth—Intelligent co-operation with other Brotherhoods, and exchange of views, plans, and methods. A large body will in time need and can easily support a medium of communication. In counsel is wisdom. In union and large numbers strength and enthusiasm and results worthy of efforts.

Sixth—*AUXILIARIES.* All Auxiliary Brotherhoods are component parts of the Association, and when individual members cannot come up every two years to take part in the review, revision, or enlargement of the Plan and methods of the Association, they can appoint their own representatives.

Seventh—The *TREASURERS* of our Auxiliaries are relieved of calling assessments and other arduous duties during the year.

Eighth—Every dollar, even every cent, of the Mortuary Fund goes direct to the beneficiaries. Every dollar of the Expense Fund is judiciously spent. The "Benevolent Fund" is the balance wheel of the management, since it is the most sacred fund, created and maintained by the non-beneficiary membership and the excess of the Expense Fund, which will be the "mercy and help" work.

Ninth—Where is the hazard or obstacle to a General Brotherhood? Surely we look in vain for one clearly-defined objection. Faith abounds in the practicability and wisdom of this Plan, and also in our brethren, that they will see it and act upon it.

Tenth—*METHOD OF MERGING, SIMPLE AND SAFE.* Let the Brotherhood resolve to become an Auxiliary to the Association, instruct Secretary-Treasurer to receive application, collect dues and first assessment from each member and forward to home office, on receipt of which every certificate will be dated, liabilities of the Brotherhood cease and that of Association begin.

The above should be read in connection with the Constitution and By-Laws, and the folder explaining same, which may be had by addressing the Secretary.

J. H. SHUMAKER, Secretary.

LISTEN TO ME.

Don't interrupt your father when he's telling funny jokes;
Don't interrupt your mother when she's entertaining folks;
Don't interrupt a visitor when he has come to call;
In fact, it is wiser not to interrupt at all. —St. Nicholas.

NATH'S MUSINGS.

The straying horse finds no better grass, but bitter wounds from the barbed wire.

One difference between the butterfly of fashion and the butterfly of the front yard: One loves squeezing and the other doesn't.

No use to flee from the wrath to come, unless you run the other way.

Many a fly falls into his bowl of milk, ruining both himself and the substance.

Many a man falls into his bowl of money; results, same as the fly.

Many a tongue has never been tamed.

I believe we ought to baptize people with their tongues stuck out.

"Take my change if I have any left;
The silver and gold will keep myself."

Chickens pay better and smell better than jugs about a place—more healthy, wealthy and therefore wise.

Sunday baseball is a sure baseness.

Some men beat Brigham Young when it comes to being married to money.

Contentment of soul does not only depend on containment of stuff.

"Be wise, but not in your own conceit."

Be good, but not in your own eyes.

Reformation in one matter is not regeneration of the whole man.

Watch out for the little devils; a blind man can see the big ones.

Young woman, mind your mother's wishes.

More than one couple have gone to hell by moonlight.

Dare the right and the doing is easy.

I have more respect for a loud-mouth liar that these half-winking, whispering sort.

The fellow who can shoot true enough to kill a gnat, will hit the giant in the heart.

I never could spell devil with a capital; he is too common.

A clear view of duty can only be seen and felt in the light of a holy fire.

Work whlie you watch; to be sure and keep awake.

It is easier to find fault with the preacher than confess your peculiar own.

Beware of the girl who can lay her beauty on the bureau.

Court more than a little and less than too much.

Serve God and he will stand by you.

The highway robber is not the only fellow who travels under an assumed name.

A foul young man calls himself fast.

Thief, slick duck, gamblers, light fingered gentry, gambler in cotton futures, speculator.

Money hog, a Napoleon of finance.

Lying about love, flirting.

Getting drunk, a little off.

Hypocrisy, society ethics.

Laziness, don't feel well.

An immoral skunk, being a man.

A good for nothing human, man of leisure.

Cowardness at college, hazing.

Playing a fool, painting the town red.

Lying politician, just a windy.

Working all day every Sunday, pulling the ox out of the ditch.

Backing up the devil, dedicating a saloon.

Getting on a spree, taking a little for my stomach's sake.

Getting mad like a fool, righteous indignation.

Saying mean things, being outspoken.

The devil calls himself a dandy.

Some preachers call hell hades; but the devil will round the whole thing up in hell just the same.

Don't depend on your flesh to take you to meeting.

That horse needs spurs, reins and a good rider.

A bit in the feed box is better than barrels in the loft.

The good master not only gives his horse corn, but minds the chickens off. Not so some preachers.

Sow broadcast and some will grow.

Wait till the ground is wet to pull your weeds.

Tune well your fiddle, then use your bow.

The good farmer plows as much in preparation as after the seed are sown.

You must irrigate with tears, to make a season in some souls.

Some roses are surrounded by thorns.

Some men are other men's walking sticks.

Fools disagree greatly over non-essentials.

Takes the steady lick to make the butter come.

We have all the Bishops we need just now, but how lacking is the Church of splendid "standard bred" Methodist itinerant preachers.

O for a wave of holy zeal that would sweep everything from the prison doors of hell to the pearly gates of heaven.

God of our fathers, bless us according to the need of our day.

NATH THOMPSON.

Scrofula, with its swollen glands, runnings sores, inflames eyelids, cutaneous eruptions, yields to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

RICE AND THE "MARRIAGE KNOT."

Speaking of marriages reminds us that the custom of throwing rice at weddings is an old East Indian one, and came to us from the Hindus. The idea was that the grain, as an offering to the gods, cast over the bride and bridegroom, caused the "holy ones" such delight that they in return made the souls of the two entering into union "white, faithful and united forever." The term "marriage knot," or "marriage tie," also comes from India. In the Hindu marriage ceremony the bridegroom hangs a ribbon on the bride's neck, and ties it in a knot. Before this knot is tied the bride's father may refuse consent unless better terms are offered him for his daughter. Immediately the knot is tied, however, the marriage is indissoluble.—Selected.

THE BLESSING OF THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE.

What a pleasure it is in our journeyings to come across thoughtful people! Not long ago, while traveling in a railroad coach, a young and rather uncouth boy sat opposite me. A man sitting near, in taking out his purse, dropped a small piece of paper, such as is placed between visiting cards, from his purse. Instantly the young man, eager to be of service, leaned over, picked up the paper and handed it to the man, who graciously accepted it, as though it were something he really wished to preserve. The fine sensibilities of this man, illustrated by this small act of thoughtfulness, were indelibly stamped upon my mind. How natural it would have been to have responded to the little act of service by remarking: "Oh, it is of no consequence," thus humiliating the boy and discouraging further thoughts of gallantry that might occur to him.

When we realize that these small acts of consideration give one a clear insight into our real selves, how worth while it seems for us to make an effort to be thoughtful of others' feelings. We never can estimate how far-reaching the influence of our actions may be. Just one act of thoughtfulness may help to mould a young life.—Elizabeth Lee.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth.

Be sure to use that old and well-tried remedy, MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pains, cures wind colic and is the remedy for diarrhœa. Twenty-five cents a bottle

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One of the obstacles in the way of a decided increase in the subscription list of our Church papers is a disposition, on the part of many city pastors, to neglect this important factor in the success of their work. Revs. John R. Nelson and M. S. Hotchkiss, of Waco, are very busy preachers, but they have found time to not only look well after renewals for the Texas Christian Advocate, but have sent in many new subscribers.

A SERIES OF LECTURES.

The ladies of First Methodist Church have arranged for a series of lectures to be delivered during the fall and winter in the interest of their work. The first one was delivered a while back by Prof. Lane, and the second one came off Tuesday night of this week. It was delivered by "Sunshine" Hawkes to a large audience. Rev. Sam Jones will lecture for them the 22d of this month. These lectures are highly entertaining. They are the sort of entertainment that the public can well afford to patronize.

DEATH OF JUDGE L. H. BROWNE.

It is with sorrow that we record the death of Judge L. H. Browne, of San Marcos. He was a leading man in the State and a valuable citizen of the country. For many long years he was identified with many interests in West Texas, and in his home town he was a man of great influence. He was prominent in the Methodist Church, and was frequently a lay member of the West Texas Conference. His death leaves a gap in our Church membership. His writings have often appeared in the columns of the Advocate on various subjects. Personally, Judge Browne was held in high esteem by the editor of this paper, and in his death we feel the loss of a true brother and friend. An extended notice will follow later.

Rev. H. B. Cockrell, of the St. Louis Conference and editor of the American Illustrated Magazine, died after a very short illness on the 23d of October. His death was a great shock, for to all outward appearance he was in perfect health, and no man had a larger probability of life than he.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

We had the pleasure of attending several days of the Indian Mission Conference. W. C. Everett, of the Branch House, was our traveling companion over the M., K. & T. Railroad to the seat of the conference. It met in South McAlester, I. T. This is a fine town, one hundred miles north of Denison, Texas. It is located at several railway junctions, and this fact gives it a fine advantage. Bro. Ball, our efficent pastor, assigned us to an excellent home, Mr. and Mrs. James Gresham. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, of Dallas, and her mother was visiting her at the time. No one was ever better entertained than we were under that delightful roof. Mr. Gresham is Assistant United States Attorney for that district.

The conference was promptly called to order by Bishop Hoss at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Most of the members answered to their names at roll call. There are two hundred or more members. They are a robust and heroic set of men. Much of their territory is not yet fully developed and many of the appointments are hard and difficult fields to work. But, so far as we could hear, no man complained of his lot. The reports showed good work upon the part of the brethren, spiritually and financially. Many of them received scant pay for their services, but they all manifested fine spirit. They are self-sacrificing men and they are doing a service that will tell in the years to come. There are some of the appointments that are strong in finances and in membership, and many of the preachers are equal to the best in learning and ability, while all of them are equal to the best in devotion and consecration. Socially, we never met a more delightful body of men. They mingle and talk like the old type of Methodist preachers. In religious services, they are responsive, and at times, demonstrative. They sing with the spirit, as well as with the understanding, also. When there is anything of special interest before them, they exchange their views very pointedly, but in good humor. They are buying and reading good books. The Branch House did a large business, indicative of their reading habits. Bishop Hoss is at home among them, as he held this conference as the first one after his election to the Episcopacy. This was the third time in succession he had been among them. He is well acquainted now with their needs and conditions, and showed himself master of the situation. He is a very prompt and alert presiding officer. He has a quick grasp of matters, and often he interspersses the proceedings with timely and entertaining remarks, though he does not monopolize the time of the conference with too much speech-making and exhorting. But when he does inject a remark it is to the point, and it sparkles. His comments on the Scripture lessons each morning were single-shot exposition of a very high order. The brethren did not hang round the doors while these opening exercises were going on, but they were present to hear the Bishop on these great themes. He breathed a spirit of evangelical truth into the life of the body that lingered during the entire sessions. The Bishop's address to the large class to be received into full connection was one of the best we have ever heard on similar occasions. It was fresh, original, practical and inspiring. Every word of it was listened to with eager interest, not only by the class, but by the conference. It was good food for Methodist preachers in all stations in life. We left Saturday afternoon without getting to hear the Sunday preaching. We know it was good, for the week's work was preparatory to that sort of sermons. Every afternoon and at night, there were suitable religious services. Wednesday night the writer had the privilege of preaching to a large audience, and the preachers generally were present. It is a pleasure to preach to the Indian Mission Conference. The next afternoon Dr. Lamar, of Nashville, preached a very fine sermon. It was thoughtful and helpful. Following this Dr. Palmore, of St Louis, spoke to a packed audience, mostly of children and mothers, at the Opera House. His address was adapted especially to young people. It was a great service. At night there was a large temperance rally at the Church in the interest of Statehood Prohibition. The Indian Territory has had prohibition for seventy-two years. Now the two Territories are knocking at the doors of Congress for single Statehood, and they want to come into the Union as a State with prohibition in their constitution. The brewers and the liquor dealers are opposing it, and the fight is on. The meeting was a packed one last Thursday night, and the fire burned with increased brightness. Drs. Hamill, Palmore, and the writer, together with Brother Sweet and Judge McKinnon, delivered the speeches, and they were all warm numbers. There was much enthusiasm engendered. There is hope of success. The fight will be pushed to the gates.

The school interests of the conference are good. We have three colleges —Willie Halsell at Vinita, Spaulding Institute at Muskogee and Hargrove College at Ardmore. They are all well patronized and doing splendid service in the educational department of the conference. Then, there is the Epworth University at Oklahoma City, which is a joint institution, owned by the two Methodisms. Dr. McSwain, formerly of Georgetown, is the president, and he gave a good account of this, the first term of the school. The conference organ, Western Christian Advocate, has a good circulation. It is in the hand of Brother Eaglebarger. Connectional men were there in abundance. Drs. Lamar, Hammond, DuBose, Winton, Whisner, Hamill, and the semi-connectionals were Dr. Palmore, of the St. Louis Advocate; Dr. Millar, of the Arkansas Methodist, and the writer, of the Texas Advocate. If those people are not well supplied with Methodist papers and literature it will not be the fault of the visitors. We ought to have added that Dr. Hamill did some very fine Sunday-school Normal work. He had one afternoon and one evening. Both meetings were largely attended. We are glad to add that the conference gave this editor a warm welcome and he was permitted to preach and speak more than once. The Texas Advocate is popular up that way. Many Texans live up there, and many of the preachers are from this way. Then, too, the fight that the Advocate is making for local option is interesting them in the Ferritories. They like our paper. More than a score of brethren showed us special courtesies. We would like to mention them by name, but they are too numerous. Our welcome and treatment were all that we could ask. It was good to be with them, and we have a large number of invitations to visit different sections of the conference during the present year.

A GREAT DAY AT POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE.

Last Sunday the morning hour at Ft. Worth was devoted to a special service at the City Hall in the interest of Polytechnic College. All the Methodist congregations in the city joined in the service and it was a memorable occasion. Dr. Alonzo Monk preached the sermon on the "Making of a Man," and it is said to have been a masterpiece of pulpit work. Then the great throng was called upon to come to the relief of Polytechnic College, whose prosperity is so great that they have not room enough to accommodate the students now knocking at her door for matriculation. The good work started off on a boom, and it continued until the audience had subscribed more than $12,000 for the building of a girls' dormitory. This is one of the finest day's work ever done by Ft. Worth Methodism. Those people now recognize the merit and success of this college, and they have shown their recognition in this tangible way. Gradually our people are beginning to show their appreciation of our educational institutions, and we hope that the spirit manifested at Ft. Worth will become general. All our people need is to become aroused on this subject, and then our schools will not lack for thorough equipment. No doubt but that the young and untiring President was the moving power behind this movement in Ft. Worth. He is a live wire in our Church educational work.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We have had the pleasure this week of a visit from Dr. R. S. Hyer, of the Southwestern University. He reports matters all right in his field.

Rev. John R. Nelson, of Waco, made this office a pleasant call the other day. He is closing out four years of hard work with his charge.

Two of our young brethren, J. L. Ray, of DeLeon, and C. B. Golson, of Burkett, made us a pleasant call this week. They are now in Polytechnic College.

We are in receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Mr. Ed O. Randolph and Miss Mabel Coulter Sweeney, of Houston. It will occur in Shearn Church, Houston, Nov. 9.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Rev. I. K. Waller, of the West Texas Conference. At last report he was improving, and we hope for his speedy recovery.

Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker and his people at Grace Church have put in their new windows, and they are as beautiful as we have ever seen. They are nearly all memorial windows.

Through the generosity of a big-hearted layman, Rev. Gibbs Mood, of Bowie, is now at the St. Louis Fair having a great time. Blessed is the pastor who has such a layman.

Rev. D. L. Coale, of Allen, called to see us this week. He is closing up his year successfully. Last Sunday Rev. W. A. Stuckey dedicated a new church for him on that work. His collections are about full, and he has had good meetings.

Rev. Hubert Knickerbocker and his people hope to hold their first service in their new Trinity Church on the Sunday before the meeting of the North Texas Conference. The auditorium is one of the most attractive and elegant in the whole State.

Rev. I. W. Clark preached his last sermon as presiding elder at First Church, this city, last Sunday morning. His four years on the district are coming to a close. The sermon was a most excellent one, and the people greatly enjoyed it.

Rev. J. F. Archer, of Cedar Hill, is rounding up his year's work. He is looking well after the interests of his Church paper. In sending in a list of subscribers he adds: "For the rest I will see you at 'Jerusalem.' Will be there with everything in full."

Rev. J. D. Young and wife, of Glenwood, Ft. Worth, were pleasant visitors at the Advocate office this week. Bro. Young was in attendance on the Scottish Rite Masonic reunion which took place in Dallas, and was delving into the mysteries of that branch of the fraternity.

Rev. P. W. Byrd, of Crafton, is a supply on the work he is serving, but he works like an old hand. He began at once to place the Advocate in the homes of his members and has continued it throughout the year. He now says: "Collections are coming in nicely and I hope to send in more new subscribers."

We are sorry to note the fact that Rev. Nath Thompson, of the West Texas Conference, will transfer back to Georgia at the session of the conference. In conveying this intelligence to us he adds: "Texas work is good enough for me, but the feebleness of the old folks at home call me there for a while." Bro. Thompson has been a conspicuous figure in our West Texas work, and no man amongst us has been more deeply loved than he. We hope his circumstances will soon be such as that he can return to us at no distant day.

We get the following item from Rev. Dr. John M. Moore:

Rev. Geo. M. Gibson, who has been appointed pastor of Trinity Church, El Paso, is a valuable addition to Texas Methodism. He is a graduate of Emory and Henry College, a former pupil of Bishop Hoss. He is a close student, a safe thinker, and a wise counselor in the intellectual as well as in the spiritual interests of the community. His ability as a preacher is attested by the fact of his having held some of the leading stations in the Missouri Conference. He comes to an important field fully equipped to meet its demands. We give him welcome to our great State, and wish for him the largest success in the border city.

CHURCH NEWS.

Rev. Geo. Stuart recently held a great meeting in Grace Church, Atlanta.

Bishop C. B. Galloway is expected to return from his visit to China and Japan about the first of December.

Our Churches will have to make the old hymnals last a little longer. The new book will not be ready till Easter.

The superannuate fund of Canadian Methodism amounts to $282,726, which realizes something over 5 per cent interest.

Bishop Candler recently assisted in a revival tent meeting in Inman Park, Atlanta. Quite a number were converted.

The cornerstone of the new West End Methodist Church, Hampton, Va., was laid Oct. 27. The name of the Church was changed to Central.

The Michigan Conference at its recent session requested Bishop McCabe to write a book on "Observations in the Kingdom of God on Earth."

The first edition of the Quillian Lectures by Bishop Hendrix has been exhausted. The Publishing House is making preparations to issue a second edition.

Bishop and Mrs. W. W. Duncan have gone to St. Louis. The Bishop will return in time to hold the Western North Carolina Conference at Charlotte, Nov. 9.

Rock River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which includes the city of Chicago, has a Sunday-school membership of 17,282, an increase during the year of 3000.

Methodism of Greater New York is rejoicing over the completion of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital at Brooklyn. The endowment fund has reached $300,000, and the facilities of the institution have been greatly enlarged.

The new Wesleyan Hymn Book is meeting with very encouraging sales since its issue, June 1. Over 750,000 copies have been sold. An edition on India paper, small enough to be put in the pocket, is to be issued. The cost of production has already been more than met.

Emory College opened well, her number of students exceeding that of her last year's opening. President Guerry is quoted as saying that Wesleyan Female College has the largest enrollment in her history and the largest number of students attending a female college in the South. These two institutions are the pride of Georgia Methodism.

Lacy & Wilson, the Methodist Publishing House in China, have sent out some work in English recently, the minutes of the twelfth session of the North China Woman's Conference of the M. E. Church. The volume is neat, and the workmanship is first-class. The house will doubtless do good service in the work of establishing Christianity in that field, says the Nashville Advocate.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth, after a trip of several months visiting the missions in Brazil, returning via England, reached Nashville Friday evening, the 21st, leaving next morning for the seat of the Tennessee Conference. He reports himself in good health, and promises our readers some additional letters of travel. Correspondents in Brazil advise us that his visit was most welcome and profitable.—Nashville Advocate.

Ralph Rogers, 18 years of age, a junior in Wofford College and son of Rev. W. A. Rogers, of the South Carolina Conference, accidentally killed himself Sunday, Oct. 16. His father has for some years been one of the most prominent and useful members of the conference. His mother was at the time in attendance of the annual meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Society at Bamberg.

EXPLANATORY.

The Advocate visits every notable sanctum of the religious press of America and Canada, and numerous homes. In Texas it is the medium of communication between and official mouth-piece of the conferences of the State, New Mexico included. When, therefore, our Conference Missionary Secretary writes officially he is North Texas Conference voiced as to her missionary interests. His article in the last issue of the Advocate, if left as it is, is an impeachment of the loyalty of the preachers and people on the subject of missions. According to his statement nine-tenths, and more, of us are delinquents, having made no remittances to the Conference Treasurer. Here our loyalty is in question. But he proceeds to query it. Some have not used the money and thereby saved themselves interest, etc. Here personal honor is attacked. Now, let me explain; and it is the explanation that does explain, too. Here it is: Our Auditing Committee formulate their report from the books of the teller and report of the Statistical Secretary. At our last session the teller refused to receive the Treasurer's receipts. In consequence of this the Auditing Committee's report named more than one hundred brethren as crooked in their finances. I was the only man in my district who escaped; yet every man of the district is a true man. In the hurry of the last session of the conference the teller's policy was adopted. I knew then men were being committed to a policy which would compel an estoppage of remittances in the interim of conferences. A self-respecting man must guard his honor. Under the teller's policy, adopted by the conference, we must pay the cash to him or hunt up another man to receive our receipts, or be read out by the Auditing Committee as embezzlers. The brethren are doing the right thing in the right way. Let none of our sister conferences or others, then, wonder at our apparent lethargy. We don't intend to surrender our self-respect, nor will we be delinquent to our heavenly Master.

D. F. FULLER.

GERMAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

We have just closed the session of the German Mission Conference, and I inclose the list of appointments. For many reasons this was the most satisfactory conference among the Germans that I have attended. We met in Castell, an ideal German community. Year ago a substantial colony of Germans settled here on the Llano River, near twenty miles from the city of Llano. They have mutiplied and prospered until now they have grown numerous and wealthy. They have an elegant stone church with the most complete parsonage provision for their pastor that I know in the Church. There is no other denomination here, and great crowds attended the sessions. We had preaching three times a day, closing with five services on Sabbath. Preacher and people were lifted up. Preachers preached with power and the people responded with songs and amens. How these Germans do sing! All sing and bring their hymn books with them. I hear no singing anywhere that suits me so well.

This year, despite boll weevil, drouth, etc., has recorded an advance on all lines. It is well known that this German Mission Conference always meets assessments. This year they went beyond and have now decided to throw away assessments and do their best in everything for Christ and men. This is the sixth conference I have held among this people. Eighteen years ago I met them first in Houston, and this is the third session I have attended in Castell. This has given me the opportunity to watch their progress. It has been steady, though not rapid. But they are now in better condition for rapid growth than ever before. Young men educated at Georgetown are coming into the conference, and others are getting ready.

If any preacher wishes to get a taste of the heroics of Methodism he will find it here. This is a noble band of devoted men, facing problems unknown in other fields, poorly paid, with many discouragements. Yet with sublime faith working on and looking for their reward in heaven. They deserve the sympathy and help of their brethren outside. We should all rally to the help of these our brothers.

JOSEPH S. KEY.

Castell, Texas, Oct. 31.

Eastern District.

W. A. Knolle, P. E.

Houston Station—E. A. Koukeie.
Houston Mission—F. Mumme.
East Bernard—J. A. G. Rabe.
Bellville and Millheim—H. M. Weise.
Grasseyville—P. H. Hensch.
Waldeck Mission—L. F. Hickman.
Bartlett and Byersville—J. G. Mueller.
Cuero and Colette—F. W. Rodetsky.
Editor Der Missionfreund—J. A. G. Rabe.

Western District.

A. E. Rector, P. E.

San Antonio and Senior—J. C. Winkel.
New Fountain—Henry Jordan.
Tehuacanna—W. D. Wiemers.
Elm Creek and Cibolo—To be supplied.
New Braunfels—C. H. Waltersdorf.
Fredericksburg—C. A. Lehmberg.
North Llano and Noxville—Supplied by Richard Gammentholes.
Llano—Robert Moener.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

New students still drop in occasionally—most of them, however, are "old" ones—boys who having been here before and coming late to take up their work. We gladly welcome them.

Dr. Hyer made a hurried visit to Dallas this week to look into the cost of an electric light plant for the Annex. It is thought the Board will take early steps to establish one, and also a laundry. Both are greatly needed.

This has been examination week, and so a busy one for pupils and teachers. All are glad it is over.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE FURNISHING FUND.

I acknowledge the receipt of the following amounts since last report:

Randolph	$ 2 00
Sulphur Springs	6 00
Denton Street	10 00
Bonham	10 00
Honey Grove	7 00
Forney	4 00
Annona	4 00
Bailey	5 00
First Church, Ft. Worth	10 00
Alvarado	2 00
Stephenville	4 50
Ballinger Station	3 00
West	3 00
Morrow Street, Waco	4 00
North Cleburne	2 00
Springtown	3 00
Ferris	4 00
Gatesville	4 50
Burnet	2 00
Port Lavaca	1 50
Victoria	1 50
Paint Rock	2 00
Total	$95 00

MRS. L. H. POTTS, Treas.

A GRACEFUL ACT.

The enterprising preachers of the Waco District, by the exercise of the right of their unrestricted prerogative, and by harmonious action, individually and collectively, have perfectly suited their presiding elder, both in mind and body. The effect of this act of kindness will naturally and necessarily wear longer in this case than possibly with almost any other presiding elder. May the Lord always bless them and him as they have been blessed together here.

B. R. BOLTON.

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BOOK NOTICES.

Pebbles and Pearls, by Cleland Kernestaffe, and published by Broadway Publishing Co. It is, as the author says, a "collection of poems in patches." Many of them are beautiful and rare gems, and the moral tone of the book is excellent.

What a Young Man Ought to Know, by Dr. Sylvanus Stall, and published by the Vir Publishing Co., Philadelphia. This is one of a series of books written by Dr. Stall, and they have had quite a popular run. This one was issued some years ago, and this is a revised edition. In a very delicate and perfectly proper way, the author unfolds many subjects of special importance to young men. Subjects, the understanding of which will keep them pure and healthy and good down to the end of life.

The Instrument Tuned, by Rosa Birch Hitt, and published by the Broadway Publishing Co. Really this is a book on health. It is a small volume, and its contents have grown largely out of the author's personal experience. In the preface she says: "My experience during ten years past has been unique. Friends, conversant with my sufferings and my relief, have urged me to write out the simple story that others similarly burdened may read and profit thereby." This booklet has many valuable suggestions in it, and delicate and nervous people will find it valuable. Miss Hitt, though a Northern woman, has relatives in Texas who will recognize her name as the author of this little book.

AMERICAN HOME JOURNAL.

The American Home Journal, of Dallas, for November is just out. This number, in mechanical execution, as well as literary excellence, is an admirable piece of work. It is creditable to the culture, refinement and taste of readers and writers of the Southland. All of the matter is pure in thought, moral in tone, elevating and entertaining.

Its fiction, consisting of cleverly written stories of romance and adventure, is contributed by some of the most popular writers in the literary field.

Humorous articles, done to a crisp by clever talent, furnish a spice that is both delicious and satisfying.

Every department, embracing "The Home," "Talks with Girls," "The Latest Fashions," "Boys and Girls," "Legal Points for Women," "Fancy Work," "Culinary," etc., is carefully and ably edited by men and women of ability and experience, and possessing peculiar advantages and exceptional facilities for the handling of their respective subjects.

It is handsomely illustrated throughout with half-tone photogravures and drawings by well known artists. The cover design, in colors, by Mr. R. Jerome Hill, a young Texas artist, is a thing of beauty, and ranks favorably with the best specimens of the recognized masters of this class of artists.

Such an enterprise, we think, deserves the success which it has already attained and continued prosperity for the future, in which it has the Advocate's best wishes.

HOME AND STATE MAGAZINE.

The Home and State Magazine for November is before us, and it is an excellent issue. The outside cover has a fine cut of the Hon. Tom Campbell, of Palestine, and also a sketch of him on another page. "The Fate of Captain John Stanley" is the opening article, and it is a good story, purely original, by George Shelton Clark. It is prepared especially for the Magazine and will run through four numbers. "The Feudal Courtship" is by Henry K. Keenan, and is a well planned and a well written story. "The Grip of Honor" is continued. It becomes more and more thrilling as it nears the end. "Aunt Lucindy," by Mrs. Mary Winn Smoots, is humorous and laughable. "Pen Sketches of Bonaparte" are continued. The young people are getting a fine idea of history from the life of this remarkable man. "Men, Measures and Events" is a page of leading current event served in paragraphs for people who have no time to read long articles. The editorial page has matter of special interest to the home life. Mrs. Thos. E. Watson's picture graces this page. The Reform department is up to its usual temperature, and it deals with questions in a way to make them interesting. These are a few of the special features of this issue. The Magazine has grown wonderfully. It is now just one year old and its circulation is beyond fifteen thousand. It is published by Home and State Magazine Company.

A great many people don't stop at borrowing trouble. They try to buy up all in the country and corner the goods.—Rev. E. E. Ide.

EXTREMES.

Tuesday, the 17th inst., I received a phone message from Kilgore saying, "Come, your little namesake is dying." The 18th, "You need not come; he is still alive." The 19th, "Come; he is dying." I went, and, to my surprise and grief, I found not only the little boy above referred to, but also two other younger children apparently at death's door; the mother completely prostrated from grief, and our dear Brother Westmoreland almost in the same condition; two doctors, many friends, and Bros. Daniels and McAnally helping and praying for them. After spending several hours praying and weeping with them, I left them all alive. But I must say that such a spirit of Christian resignation as was manifested by dear Brother and Sister Westmoreland I have but rarely witnessed. Being compelled to board the train at Kilgore at 6:00 p. m., to meet another engagement, I had to say farewell with sad heart. I met my wife at Hallville. From there we went to Jefferson. Here we were met by our son, J. W., and were carried to the parsonage at Kellyville. Having left Bro. Downs, P. E., at Jefferson, the next morning we met him at the Kellyville depot, and together from there went to Avinger, at which place the fourth quarterly meeting for the Kilgore Circuit was held. Saturday the official members began to arrive, and at the time for the Quarterly Conference to meet almost every official member of the circuit was present, together with many others who showed a deep interest in the business of the conference. Indeed, the largest attendance that I have seen for many years. The quarterage was paid in full, with an excess of between twenty and thirty dollars. One new church house to be completed before the meeting of the Annual Conference. Two acres of land and a booming subscription for a new parsonage at Avinger, which, I believe, will be ready for the next preacher. Seven dollars free will offering raised for the Methodist Orphanage. Then I told them that in all probability I should not be permitted to visit them again; so I wanted to do them a little service before bidding them farewell. They have a good church house, and Avinger is on a great business boom, so I felt that they needed a bell to call their attention from the world to the house of God. I proceeded to lift a collection for that purpose, and was assured by such men as Colter, Orr and McCain that the bell should be in its place. I told the children to write me the first time the bell called the people together to worship God. I shall anxiously await the arrival of that letter.

Just here I venture to drop a word of warning. I served the charge three years. Three hundred and fifty-five dollars was the largest amount allowed us for a year's support. One appointment assessed $100, paid $70, leaving $30 unpaid. Last year they paid their assessment and sent me $20. This year they overpaid their assessment and paid me the $10 still due. How they did rejoice. I was told that that Church had a $300 subscription for a preacher for two Sundays in each month. Another appointment was asking to be made a half station. I said to them, "Brethren, you have starved a preacher enough. Stay together until you can give one at least a liberal support. I glory in the growth, but pray don't divide yet."

My judgment is that the district that has J. W. Downs for P. E. has one of the best in the Conference. He plans, administers and preaches with wisdom and piety.

Extremes—a sad and a glad heart. Now a word or two about home, and this will go forth to find its destiny. Brother Ballard so securely anchored the Methodists in the harbor of divine truth that we have felt but little disposition to move out since he left us. We have been in the midst of such a severe drouth that our friends have neither had the face nor courage to cry, "Much water."

Hallville, Texas. D. P. CULLEN.

TO THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE PREACHERS.

We have borrowed money with which to replace one of our burnt buildings, and we did this on the faith we have in the preachers of the North Texas Conference. We hope, therefore, that you will collect all moneys possible for the college, and be ready to report the same at the conference at Bonham. Our school is very prosperous, and the improvements have added much to the efficiency of your school, and they have added greatly to its property valuation. North Texas Female College never had a brighter future, and all we need to make it a still greater success is the help of the preachers in this immediate financial obligation. Come to our help, and the permanent success of your school is an assured fact.

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JOASH REPAIRS THE TEMPLE.

2 Kings 12:4-15.

Golden Text: "We will not forsake the house of our God."—Neh. 10:39.

Location: B. C. 836-810; Jerusalem.

Material: The first thing attempted in the name of the new King was a reformation in religion. It was opened by a solemn covenant and consecration of the people (2 K. 11:17), and a popular crusade against idolworship (11:18); steps were taken for the provision of ministers of religion (2 Chron 23:18). Somewhat later Joash himself was minded to restore the temple (2 Chron. 25:1). His first plan proved a failure (2 K. 12:4-6), a later plan which called for special, voluntary offerings (vs. 7-9), was successful (v. 10). The money raised was publicly accounted for (v. 11) and used for its proper objects (vs. 12-14), by men who were trustworthy.

I. The Royal Decree and Its Slow Fulfillment, vs. 4-8.

V. 4. "And Jehoash." It is noteworthy that the project to repair the temple began with the King. It might have been expected that Jehoiada and his fellow priests would have been the first to move in the matter. Instead it was the King. The priests appear to have been rather slow in its execution, as the sequel shows. II Chron. 24:7 gives the reason for the great need of repairs in the temple. We are there told that "the sons of Athaliah that wicked woman had broken up the house of God. And also all the dedicated things of the house of God did they bestow upon Baalim." These sacrilegious persons seem to have spoiled the temple of everything they could lay their hands on that they might adorn and enrich their vile idols. Joash gave order to employ all the money that could be collected to repair the temple and to beautify it. This money was to come from voluntary offerings, from the half-shekel required by law by everyone above twenty years of age, and from those who had taken a vow to the Lord (Lev. 27:2-8). The money was to be gathered throughout all Judah (II Chron. 24:5). The collectors appointed were priests and Levites.

V. 5 . . . "Every man of his acquaintance." This seems to mean money was to be collected from all those who were personal acquaintances and friends of the collectors. The word "breaches" in this verse does not mean simply parts of the temple where stone or wood had been taken away, but any kind or degree of ruin or dilapidation. The body of the temple remained intact, no doubt, for it was only about a hundred and thirty years since it had been built and dedicated. But Athaliah's degenerate household had robbed it of everything they could.

V. 6. "But it was so in the three and twentieth year.' We do not know how long before this date the decree to repair had been issued. Probably a good while. At any rate, the priests had done little of the work, and it seems that it had ceased.

V. 7. "Then King Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest." He reproved them for their tardiness. He seems to have learned also why the work lagged; hence he says, "Now, therefore, receive no more money of your acquaintance." From this it may be inferred that the plan to raise money from the acquaintances and friends of the priests and Levites had failed. Not nearly so much was collected as was hoped. Furthermore the collectors had to take their own support out of these funds, and also what was needed for the temple service besides. Whatever balance there was must go to the repairs; hence the King says, "Deliver it for the breaches of the house." Taking all these things together we have the explanation of the tardiness of the work. Yet the King's order was that they should "hasten the matter." But it is significantly added "howbeit the Levites hastened it not." (II Chron. 24:5).

V. 8. "And the priests consented to receive no more money of the people, i. e., that mode of collection was given up; another and far better was adopted.

II. The Needful Repairs and the Money Secured, vs. 9-15.

V. 9. "But Jehoiada the priest took a chest." It was at the King's command that he did this (II Chron. 24-8). "Bored a hole in the lid of it," made an opening in the lid through which the voluntary offerings of the whole people might be poured. "Let it beside the altar." The altar of burnt offering is meant which was in the court of the temple. He placed it also at the right side. Its place, therefore, was very conspicuous and sacred. The worshipers could always see it and be reminded of their duty. "And the priests that kept the door"—not the door of the temple proper, but that leading into the priest's court. These put the money of all contributors who might not be able to do it themselves into the chest. From II Chron. 24:9 proclamation was made throughout Judah and Jerusalem to bring into the Lord the collection thus ordered. Giving was no longer confined to acquaintances and friends; it was made national; and the appeal was made jointly by the King and the high priest.

V. 10. "And it was so, when they saw there was much money in the chest." This was a wise provision. When the chest was full it was carried into the royal office (11 Chron. 24:11) and was opened in the presence of the King's scribe and the high priest, was weighed and put up in bags, having been carefully counted to ascertain the exact amount, and then was replaced at the altar for further contributions. "Thus they did day by day and gathered money in abundance." This proceeding does not mean at all that the priest and Levite collectors had not been strictly honest in what they gathered, but that when the King and Jehoiada took it in hand the collection was systematized, made universal and effective.

V. 11. "Being told"—rather, being weighed or measured out. It is doubtful whether the Jews had coined money at this time. Money value of silver and gold was determined by weight, not by mint, for that was long posterior to this date. The money thus collected was given into the hands of the overseers of the repairs; these paid it out to the workmen, the carpenters and builders, to the masons and hewers of stone, and for every other legitimate part of the repairs, v. 12.

V. 13. "Howbeit there were not made for the house of the Lord bowls," etc. In II Chron. 24:14 the statement is made that vessels to minister and to offer withal, spoons, etc., were procured of the money collected for the service of the house. The two statements are not contradictory. In our lesson in Kings what is meant is, vs. 13, 14, that no money was used for gold and silver vessels until the repairs on the house itself were completed. In Chron. the statement is, "And when they had finished it they brought the rest of the money before the King and Jehoiada," who then used the surplus to furnish the vessels needed.

V. 15. "Moreover they reckoned not with the men." Here is plainly asserted the integrity and honesty of all who had part in this great work. Among these workmen, collectors, scribes and weighers, overseers, and smiths, were priests and Levites (II Kings 12:11; II Chron. 24:12); and so no hint of dishonesty attaches to any part of them.

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NOTES.

A correspondent writes us as follows: "Will you please advise us where to send $10, which our League has raised for missionary purposes. What special mission work have the Texas Leaguers?"

In this instance, our correspondent being in North Texas, it is easy for us to say where to send the missionary money; that is, to Rev. J. Marvin Nichols, Gainesville, for the North Texas Chapel at the Gospel Mission Settlement Home, in Dallas. We knew of no worthier cause, just now, and being a special work of the North Texas Leaguers, every Chapter should contribute to the fund.

We are asked when the Assembly Committee will visit the proposed sites on a tour of inspection. The time, as set by committee at the Dallas meeting, is November 15.

Dallas wants the 1907 session of the International Conference and, like other things which she wants, is going after it. W. C. Everett is the leading spirit in the movement, and he has the backing of the city's Commercial Club on the matter of finances. With this feature assured, Dallas should have no trouble in securing the meeting.

G. W. T.

THE FINANCIAL FEATURE OF THE ASSEMBLY MOVEMENT.

All the objection we have ever heard raised to the Assembly movement was that it would "cost something." One element of this cost has been eliminated by the propositions from the cities desiring the location; namely, each one has offered to donate the necessary grounds free of charge. The only element that remains as a financial problem is the operating expenses. Of course, these will constitute a considerable sum, and any enterprise that amounts to anything will incur a certain amount of expenditure of money; but in this case there is a simple, practical, business way of providing for the running expenses. The present rate of assessment on the local chapters—50 cents for every twenty members—will yield an annual return of $400 to $500. Such an amount has been collected, and may be again. Then, again, we have assurance from one of the railroads at least, upon which desirable locations may be had, that a nominal fee of 25 cents may be added, if desired, to the price of each ticket sold to the annual meetings, this fee to be turned over to the League treasury for its expense fund. In this way every one who secures the advantage of the low rate and the comforts of the occasion, whether he be a Leaguer or not, will contribute a pro rata of the expense. A considerable number of attendants will be visitors and strangers, attracted to the place of meeting by the low railroad rates and the special entertainment features of the Assembly. The revenue from this source will be a neat sum in itself. And there is yet a third source from which revenue may be and will be derived, to-wit, leases on lots. We have in mind some half a dozen Leaguers who are only waiting for the location to be decided upon, to make application for lots upon which to erect convenient lodges, or tent houses. Twenty-five dollars per lot is what the B. Y. P. U. people are getting for their leases at La Porte; and if Baptist lots are worth that, how much more are Methodist lots worth it! There are various and sundry means by which an enterprising Financial Committee may provide ample funds, and there need be no apprehension as to the "cost-something" proposition. Certainly it will cost something; and if it didn't, who would want it? Need 20,000 Epworth Leaguers in Texas be afraid to undertake a movement like this, even though it cost something? We know them well enough to answer, "No!"

G. W. T.

THREE EMINENT WOMEN OF THE BIBLE.

Clare Blackburn.

The first character is one which has only incidentally attracted attention. We do not even know her name. The whole account of her is comprised in six verses of the second chapter of Exodus. She is known as Pharaoh's daughter, and the incidents connected with the finding of the infant Moses and his subsequent training are all we know of her. But these are sufficient to show that she was of royal blood—the pure, womanly maiden—an exception to the rule that "Like begets like."

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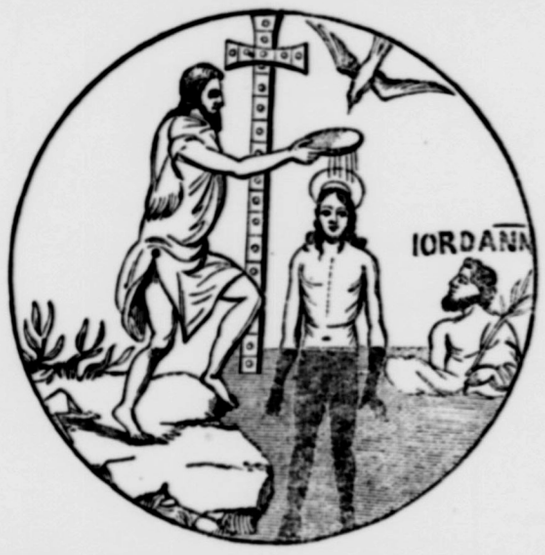
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She was conscientious; she did not betray it to be murdered. She was generous, arranging and paying for its care. She did not know that she was a woman of Providence. It was not necessary. Her work shaped the life, character and work of Moses, the lawgiver and leader of Israel, the Solon and prophet of the Hebrew people. The incidents recorded in these six verses saved and delivered Israel, preserved God's chosen race from whom was the Christ, thereby shaping the destiny of the world.

Another beautiful character, but little spoken of, but who rendered Israel great service and lasting distinction, is Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron.

At all great junctures, and in all genetic crises, God not only raised up great leaders, but great companions and associates of great leaders. John Wesley, the revivalist, organizer and theologian, had his brother Charles, the sweet singer of Methodism.

Napoleon had Ney; Washington had Lafayette; Lincoln had Grant, and Moses had Miriam. Great deeds demand not only Cour de Leons, but songs of victory, whose plaudits shall echo and re-echo historic strains of perpetuating memory through all the ages of coming time.

It does not take a volume to make a man immortal. Miriam's glory is perpetuated by two short verses, in the fifteenth chapter of Exodus. Moses had led the children of Israel safely through the Red Sea, as on dry land, and had seen Pharaoh and his hosts swallowed up by the relentless waves, and engulfed forever from mortal sight.

On the other shore Moses sang: "I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously," and after this devout and triumphal outburst of holy enthusiasm, Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances; and Miriam answered them, "Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea;" and Byron caught the inspiration of the theme and sang—

"Sound the loud timbrel o'er Egypt's dark sea;
Jehovah hath conquered, his people are free."

With the lives and characters of the prominent women of the Old Testament and of the New, we are more or less familiar, such as Rebecca, Rahab, Ruth, Naomi, Abigail, Debora, Mary, Martha, Elizabeth, and Mary Magdalene; but an unique character, in the person of Lydia, appears in the sixteenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul was at Philippi, the chief city of that part of Macedonia; and on the Sabbath he with his companions went down by the riverside where certain women were accustomed to hold prayer-meeting; and there it was that Lydia, a seller of purple of the city of Thyatira. She worshiped God, but not in the fullness of the Spirit, until her heart was opened and she became a consecrated disciple of our Lord. She and her household, in the fulfillment of all requirements, were baptized; and such was her love for the servants of God that she constrained them to abide, for a time, at her house.

After the sad prison experience of Paul and Silas, with backs sore from numerous lashes; on regaining their liberty, this model Christian woman, exemplifying the spirit of the Master, took these suffering brethren to her own home, and gently, tenderly and with, sisterly sympathy comforted, cheered and encouraged them.

Lydia's character appears, as when curtains part and an entrancing piece of statuary is revealed. It blooms, in the midst of heathenism, like a rose in the midst of weeds and thorns.

Hers is not a "cult"—the admiration of and veneration for some system of thought, or form of devotion. It was a heart-felt religion—the adoration and worship of a personal Christ; and the Holy Ghost, as the renewing, comforting, empowering and witnessing Spirit, cleansing the fountain of her being, so that love was the fulfilling of the law, and she found by blessed experience that "There was, therefore, now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus."

Austin, Texas.

CAMP FISHING.

The Last Day in Camp.

The days so fraught with ease and pleasure passed quickly by, and the morning appointed for our return to town was only twenty-four hours away.

The time had been spent in eating, fishing, hunting, boating, reading, singing, playing games and, in short, having a good time generally.

We had had an abundance of fish, rabbits and birds, as well as several dishes of fine frog legs, one wild turkey and one deer.

Two of our party could not be induced to try the frog legs, and Kate said that although she was a native Texan, this trip had afforded her the first opportunity to eat venison.

Mr. Roy Cummings, whose unerring aim had brought to camp this monarch of the glen, presented the horns to Kate, with the remark: "I will, some day, have them mounted on a hall-tree for our house."

Ah, the lords of creation may be wise, but they can not fathom a woman's heart; and but little better can they tell what changes of direction their own boasted constancy may take.

During our stay we had had a number of visitors from town. Some were ranch owners, out looking for stray yearlings; others were bound for other points, but knowing about where we were camped, had left the main road to see how we were succeeding; while some had driven out from town just to make us a visit. These last named were usually so thoughtful as to bring us such luxuries as ice or lemons or fresh fruits, etc., which, while they are not common to Western camp life, were just as refreshing and none the less appreciated.

During our stay of five days I believe we ate only two meals without company. (By company I mean any who were not in the original party.) But we were glad to see our friends, and we extended to them the usual Western hospitality.

One rule among these parties is inviolable, and that rule is to duck any one, whether visitor or member of the party, who makes his or her appearance in any but the plainest apparel; and he who takes offense at the punishment finds it repeated until he cries for quarter and promises to remain in a good humor.

In fact, ducking was, with the party, one of the favorite amusements; and the screams of the girls and children as they dipped each other while boating or bathing often, at first, drew the others to the water's edge; but we soon became so accustomed to the splashes, screams and laughter that we paid no heed to them, and had there been any real danger I fear it would have been a case of the shepherd boy and wolf.

Now all I have thus far said of the way of passing the time on this occasion may seem stale and commonplace to those who have frequently taken such outings.

However, on this last day we could boast of a little excitement which somewhat varied the monotony. On the evening preceding our last day in camp Mr. and Mrs. Lemmon had driven out from town, ostensibly to make us a visit and to bring us some ice; but those who had heard of Milton Turner's return from California suspected that their real object was to try to prevent an elopement between him and their daughter Kate.

It is said that "love laughs at locksmiths," and just as surely does he defy intervening distances and parents' watchful eyes.

Now another fishing party chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Rupe had come **out the afternoon before and had** camped about three miles nearer town. One of the boys of this party had, as soon as they had struck camp, come over to borrow (so he said) one of our trot-lines just for that night. He said they had left theirs in town to be brought out by one of the party who would join them the next day.

He seemed in a hurry to get back, and after getting the trot-line and inviting us over to visit their camp, he galloped away; but not until he had (unseen by us) slipped a note into the hands of our Bonnie Kate.

By most of us the messenger was forgotten by the time the sound of his horse's hoofs had died on the air.

Ours was such a merry party that no one would have dared frown or sigh lest he be boycotted by the others, but this evening everybody seemed, if possible, even gayer than usual.

The girls had never been more bewitching, nor the boys more gallant and entertaining.

As I heard their voices mingled in song and listened to their sallies of wit, I thought: "Surely Roy and Kate and Clay and Zora are intended for each other—well, perhaps they were, but if so one of these couples certainly overruled the fate's intentions."

It was late when we retired, therefore we slept soundly, and Aurora had opened the gates of the morning and Phœbus had driven two hours up the hillside of the day before the beams from his dazzling car succeeded in arousing us.

After Zora had finished a series of yawns and opened her eyes to find the place at her side vacant, she called out: **"Kate, Kate; where is Kate?"** Then the question went round: "Where is Kate?"

There was general excitement, then Mrs. Lemmon, with a true mother's instinct, thought of the borrower of the trot line and insisted on going to the neighboring camp.

She and Mr. Lemmon did not wait for breakfast, but hastened on to the Rupe camp, which place they reached just after the minister had pronounced their daughter Kate and Milton Turner man and wife.

The runaways, after promising never to do so again, were forgiven and all partook of the wedding breakfast of fried fish, cornbread and coffee.

After breakfast the bridal party came over to our camp, and we gave them a dinner of real turtle soup, baked fish and lemonade. After dinner we packed up and returned to town.

This was nearly two years ago. Zora and Clay were married a few months ago, and now have a cozy little cottage which they say was planned while on this fishing trip.

You would never think of Roy as a heart-broken swain, for he is, if possible, more gallant and jolly than ever; and Madame Rumor says he is soon to lead to the hymeneal altar the dear little sweetheart of his school-boy days.

ELSIE MALONE McCOLLUM.

HOW TO KEEP YOUNG.

To keep young in mind is a great blessing and we could do this by surrounding ourselves with interests, and especially the interests and pleasures of the young. We must have, indeed, the young of both sexes about us, those fresh, innocent lives who never look upon us old as long as we love and care for them, but take us always on trust.

With boys, you may keep the everlasting secret of youth by entering into their lessons first, then their play or sports; and, lastly, the absorbing interest of their business or profession.

With girls, as someone has beautifully written, "You must be their companion. The love between a mother and daughter is a very fair and gracious tie, but to gain it you must find the golden mean between priggishness and want of dignity, for you must enjoy life without being frivolous; you must guide unconsciously, so that the check is unnoticed; you must learn the art of making new friendships, to appreciate new impressions, to move with the times; and, above all, you must never appear dowdy!" It is a great mistake; but, alas! too common a one, to neglect dress; it is absolutely imperative that the middle-aged woman be garbed becomingly and well. Dress to a woman is like the setting to a jewel. It is a duty we owe to ourselves and to the world in general. We are always influenced by our surroundings and a well-dressed woman has the same effect on our senses as a charming picture or a melodious strain of music. Believe me, there is a dignity, as well as a grace, in dress which does much to influence those about us. It is the duty for every woman, at all times of her life, to look as beautiful as possible.—Alice E. Argente.

Re-create in us the soul of service, the spirit of peace; renew in us the sense of joy!—Robert Louis Stevenson.

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The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every spring and fall.

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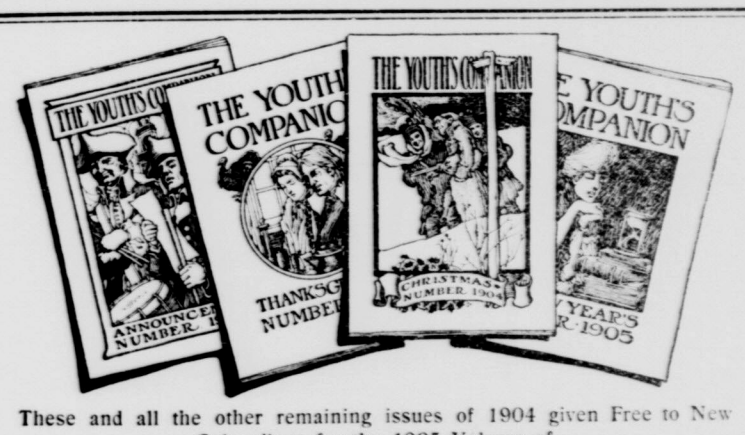
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LIFE.*

By Anna Letitia Barbauld.

(1743-1825.)

Life! I know not what thou art,
But know that thou and I must part;
And when, or how, or where we met
I own to me's a secret yet.

Life! we've been long together
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather;
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear—
Perhaps 't will cost a sigh, a tear;
Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time,
Say not "Good night," but in some brighter clime
Bid me "Good morning."

*Of this poem Wordsworth remarked: "Well, I am not given to envy other people their good things; but I do wish I had written that."

W. H. M. SOCIETY.

Dear Sisters: We write to ask especial love, sympathy and prayers for our President, Miss Belle Bennett, of Richmond, Ky. She is passing through deep sorrow. On the 27th her eldest brother, Mr. Wm. Bennett, passed away. She has had many bereavements, and we must hold her up and comfort her with the "comfort wherewith we have been comforted of God." —2 Cor. 1:4. MRS. L. P. SMITH.

Dodd City, Texas.

A VISIT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF W. H. M. SOCIETY, OF NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Coming to Terrell to hold its annual session, marks a pleasant era in the history of the Woman's Home Mission Society of North Texas Conference. From the opening sermon by Rev. R. C. Hicks on Tuesday evening to the last dying notes of the doxology on Friday evening earnestness, deep devotion and strong faith were everywhere manifest, and the fact was clearly apparent that these women knew and loved their Lord.

The first business session opened Wednesday mornig at 9 o'clock, the President in the chair. The reports from the District Secretaries showed marked increase in the work, an enlarged membership and more liberal contributions. A number of the District Secretaries were so fortunate as to have their respective presiding elders present on this occasion, who testified to the faithful service of the ladies, and "moved that they be retained in their several districts."

A thoroughly interesting Bible study, conducted by Mrs. L. P. Smith, on "Our Working Orders," was an inspiration to all present at the close of the morning session; as was also the many devotional half hours during the annual meeting, conducted by the different workers, including Miss Elizabeth Taylor, of the Waco Deaconess Home; Miss Estelle Haskin, Head Resident of the Settlement Home, Dallas; Miss Davis, of the Mission Home, Dallas; and others. As they talked so tenderly of the work God had called them to do we realized more forcibly than before that the love of Christ in the worker makes every branch of Christian enterprise fruitful.

The cordial welcome, which every one in attendance had been made to feel from the time of the warm handclasp by the Reception Committee at the station, was voiced by Mesdames S. J. Bass, of the Home Mission, and J. C. Fields, of the Foreign Missionary Society, on Wednesday evening. Should there have been any doubt of the sincerity of the welcome before, it must needs have vanished as these words of welcome to the hearts, to the homes and to the hospitality of Terrell were spoken. Mrs. H. E. Jackson, of Dallas, had been wisely chosen to respond, and serving as Treasurer of the Conference Society, made the "debit and credit" columns in our relation to God, of which she spoke, most applicable. Methinks in the final reckoning the accounts between North Texas and Northwest Texas (Mrs. Jackson's former home) Conferences will read: "Debit, a little girl reared in a Methodist preacher's home, trained in Georgetown University." "Credit, 'How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God! she hath wrought a good work!'"

Space forbids that I even make mention of the many workers and their work separately. The result of the year's effort cannot be estimated. Our institutions have had wider service and broader influence than ever before, and in a marked degree God has revealed himself as a prayer-hearing Father in supplying every need. With a hearty good-will our conference officers have endeavored to promote extension in every department of the work, yet we were confronted with the fact that there have been many lost opportunities because of financial limitations and inability to procure trained workers.

The Committee on Memoirs announced the demise of seven members during the year, which was the cause of great sorrow throughout our borders. Their deeds of loving service, their abundant labors, embalm their memories with the fragrant spices of deep emotions of reverence and tenderness. They rest from anxiety, toil and suffering upon the bosom of the Father whom they honored and served, and doubtless look upon us with an interest all aglow with heavenly light.

Too much cannot be said of Terrell's generous hospitality, from the pastor and his people, and the ladies of different Churches, the appetizing luncheons of the noon hour, served in the church parlors; the abounding kindness that expressed itself in manifold ways—all these, are they not written in each visitor's book of remembrance? Outside of business hours, the Society was invited for a drive to the places of interest of the little city.

Friday evening the beautifully decorated church was filled to overflowing to hear Bishop Hoss. We had expected great things; we were not disappointed. With the administration of the Sacrament the last service of the annual meeting was over. Surely for harmonious intercourse, for joy over accomplished work, for clear vision of the possibilities lying out before the women of the Church, for full determination to meet these obligations, and for truest, fullest hospitality the meeting of this Home Mission Conference Society in Terrell has no peer in the annals of its history. * *

To the Members of the W. F. M. Society of the Texas Conference:

Dear Sisters—Our minutes have doubtless been received by all the auxiliaries. They have been prepared with very great care, and the result is eminently praiseworthy. Read them carefully. Study the statistics as related to your own auxiliary and your individual duty. Study the reports of the various committees. If you were not represented in that body, it is unfortunate for you. Compensate to yourselves as far as possible by reading, thinking and then acting on the suggestions embodied.

Study the report of the Corresponding Secretary, who brought into it a year of unremitting labor, and as far as possible the resuts of the labors of other members of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. Examine the careful report of the Treasurer, and see how much has been accomplished by those small sums.

A seeming discrepancy in the reports of those two officers arises from the fact that some specials are included within the pledge. For instance, in the report of the Corresponding Secretary, on page 24, she says $1000 was pledged last year, $1116 was paid. The Treasurer, on page 33, says, "paid on pledge 802.84, specials $645.54." But $312.16 of that amount was directed by the donors to purposes within the regular work of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and contemplated in making the pledge. And the total sum of $2477.15 was realized in spite of difficulties attending a country that depends on one crop and is infested by——but that is a naughty word; let us not use it.

We can do better next time.

MRS. S. PHILPOTT.

Dew, Texas.

One of the most awful effects of sin is its recoil upon the soul. If our misdeeds did but go forth from us, and thereafter maintain an independent and separate existence, the case would not be so bad. But, as a matter of fact, they fly back like the boomerang of a South Sea savage, and inflict terrible damage upon us. The man who has once been guilty of an impure act must bear the consequences of it to the end of his mortal life, if not forever. A single transgression may pollute the imagination and defile the heart as thoroughly as a grain of aniline colors a cask of clear water. We carry the history of our lives in our characters. Nothing but the pardoning and cleansing of grace of Almighty God can free us from the miserable entail of our vicious behavior; and even that grace cannot so far help us as to alter the record that we have made. The forgiven prodigal is a forgiven prodigal still.—Selected.

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FROM SAN MARCOS DISTRICT.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the San Marcos District, made a good report at our annual meeting, at Austin, in June, and each auxiliary is still doing good service. Through the kindness of Bro. A. W. Wilson, of Lockhart, helping us to organize (as the district secretary could not attend in person), we are glad to report a juvenile missionary society organized the 19th of this month, with 30 members. We have been encouraged by promises from other points and hope soon to report more workers doing active service in the Master's vineyard.

Now that summer has gone and winter is fast approaching, we will all be busy looking after the wardrobes of our little ones, making everything comfortable to shield them from the chilling blasts. But let us remember that each mother in Texas Methodism should feel interested in the welfare of the many little ones who have no mothers, but who are kindly sheltered in the Methodist Orphanage. Send good, warm clothing, and in looking over our pantry shelves those who have been fortunate enough to have plenty of fruit to preserve, would be doing a kind, Christian deed to send a few jars to the Orphans' Home at Waco, so that these little ones might have a treat at Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is not foreign missionary work, but it is the Christian's work and duty, and "this thing ye ought to do, and not to leave the other undone."

"The Summer's a step behind us,
And Autumn's a thought before,
And each fleet, sweet day that we meet on the way
Is an angel at the door."

MRS. G. W. MONKHOUSE,
District Secretary W. F. M. Society San Marcos District.
Gonzales, Texas.

OFFICERS HOME MISSION SOCIETY, N. T. CONFERENCE.

The following officers were elected at the recent annual meeting:

President, Mrs. L. H. Potts; First Vice President, Mrs. O. F. Walton; Second Vice President, Mrs. P. C. Abney; Third Vice-President, Mrs. G. F. Powell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. P. C. Archer; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. P. Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Jackson.

District Secretaries—Dallas District, Mrs. W. M. Crow; Terrell District, Mrs. A. S. Holmes; Greenville District, Mrs. E. W. Harris; Sulphur Springs District, Mrs. R. E. Searles; Paris District, Mrs. J. H. Hancock; Bonham District, Mrs. H. E. Peters; Sherman District, Mrs. J. F. Bennett; McKinney District, Mrs. J. H. Forbes; Gainesville District, Mrs. Fred Hayden; Bowie District, Miss Maggie Cummins.

Department Superintendents—Home Missions, Mrs. O. F. Walton; Tithing, Mrs. P. C. Abney; Baby Roll, Mrs. G. F. Powell; Parsonages, Mrs. M. B. Hockenhull; Loan Funds, Mrs. R. B. Vaughn; Press Work, Mrs. Franklin Moore; Supplies, Mrs. W. W. Williams; Reading Course, Mrs. Milton Ragsdale.

Committee on Scholarship—Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. P. C. Archer, Mrs. L. H. Potts.

Committee on Publication—Mrs. P. C. Archer, Mrs. J. G. Fry, Mrs. Milton Ragsdale.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The Woman's Home Mission and Foreign Mission Societies united in observing the Week of Prayer. Monday was given to the home work.

The United States, our own loved land, as a mission field, was considered. We who are so slow to obey the divine command, "Go ye into all the world," have the foreigner at our doors. These, with our city problems, mountain and mining population, confront us with almost insurmountable difficulties, and we dare not go forth to this mighty battle except in the strength of "Him" who has said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

And if we go forth in this divine undertaking armed with the implements of love and self-sacrifice, we need never fear for the result, and in his own good time the world will be conquered to him who prayed that his kingdom might come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Tuesday we had a thrilling talk by Mrs. Hendry, our foreign missionary, and as she drew for us a picture of the suffering, ignorance and superstition of the Chinese women, our hearts went out in increased sympathy for these, our heathen sisters, upon whom the true light has yet never shined, and we have no doubt that many resolved henceforth to be more active in the cause of the blessed Master, who gave his life that his children of every nation, kindred and tongue, might have life, and know him whom to know aright is "life eternal."

The rest of the week was devoted to both home and foreign work, many earnest prayers being offered for the success of his cause at home and abroad. The crowning event of the week was the thoughtful and inspiring sermon by Dr. Allen on Sunday night, from Matt. 13:33. The leaven which the woman hid in three measures of meal, was used to illustrate the leavening process of the Christianity taught and exemplified by the Master, and teaches us that a time will come when the whole lump will be leavened, but in order to the accomplishment of this great end, let us not forget that we must be co-workers with him. After the sermon, our pastor, Bro. Nelms, took a collection to supplement the week's work and raised $17.

And now, my dear sisters, if this leaven be in our lives, it will work till the uttermost parts of the earth are brought to the feet of our Savior, and we will crown him "Lord of all."

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The annual Week of Prayer of the W. H. M. Society of the Methodist Church, Rusk, Texas, was observed at the appointed time. The program in Our Home was so complete that we followed it with very little change. There were readings, original papers, songs and talks on the home mission work. The papers were very instructive, and created a greater zeal among the members. We had two new members. Much interest was manifested, and we feel as if good seed was sown on fertile ground. Our pastor, Bro. Elrod, attended every service. He made interesting, helpful talks to us daily. We also had Bro. Dawson, the chaplain of the Rusk prison, with us several times. His talks and prayers were earnest and spiritual. The ladies of the other Churches were invited to take part in the exercises. Some responded, which made us feel that religion is the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. Collections for the week amounted to $6.50. Our pastor, on Sunday morning, preached a stirring sermon. He urged the women of the Churches to lend their assistance in sending light into all the dark places of our land.

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A GREAT DAY FOR POLYTECHNIC.

More Than $12,000 Raised to Build a New Dormitory for the Young Ladies.

Under the leadership of President H. A. Boaz a great rally day was planned for the Polytechnic on Sunday, Oct. 30th. The pastors of all the Methodist Churches in the city, called in their regular Sunday morning appointments and the hosts of Southern Methodism met in the City Hall for a great union service, packing the great auditorium to its utmost capacity.

Dr. Alonzo Monk preached a splendid sermon on the "Making of Man." His sermon was a great effort, showing the value and dignity of a man and the part played by educational institutions in making a man. He referred in particular to the Polytechnic College, giving a brief account of its remarkable growth during the past two years.

After stating the over crowded condition of the rooms and the great need of a dining hall and new apartments for young ladies he appealed to the great audience. Rev. G. W. Owens, who was on the platform, arose to his feet, and, after a brief exhortation, stated that he and Mr. John Gilbert, of Beaumont, with a few other friends, would build the dining hall and kitchen and turn it over to the institution free of all indebtedness. This started the wave of enthusiasm, and in a few minutes' time more than $12,000 was secured in good subscriptions. This will meet all outstanding obligations and go a good way toward furnishing needed rooms for the Young Ladies' Home. President Boaz will give some of his time for the next few days in increasing this subscription so as to give all necessary room to accommodate 100 girls as soon as possible.

President Boaz, the faculty, students, trustees and friends are in fine spirits. The regular college work moves on nicely. This rally day has been of untold benefits to the Polytechnic College. The growth of the school has been remarkable. No man can tell what the future has in store for this rising young giant.

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The general staff of the Russian Army has issued a statement showing the number killed, wounded and missing in the fighting which began Oct. 9 and ended Oct. 18 totals 800 officers and 45,000 men.

There is the most remarkable strike now being carried on against the Macbeth-Evans Glass Company, the chimney makers of Pittsburgh, probably not equalled by any in folly and so against the interest of their men. The company have employed a large force, many of which have been with them for twenty to thirty years, but in this time the union has fallen into the hands of the worst element, and the most odious forms of limitations put on the company's plants, and the earning capacity of the men kept down in the most amazing manner by the iron heel of "persuasion." Men in these factories have been earning from four to six dollars per day, "limited"—they are capable of earning five to nine dollars per day. The company have had all of their improvements, which are very extensive, nullified by the "limiting" process—until the limit of their forbearance has been reached—the thing has gone to full fruit—the walking delegate element has prevailed too much.

So it has gone on and on until the product is increased in cost beyond what it should be; every new facility nullified, if possible completely; the best equipped plant in the world is pulled down to the level of the poorest; every improvement is fought over; the best workman is kept down to the level of the poorest, his freedom gone, he must not even talk to employers.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Continued from Page 5.

with us throughout the year. We have held seven protracted meetings; fine results; the revival spirit attended every meeting; the Church has enjoyed a great spiritual uplifting; between 60 and 70 souls have been happily converted, with a good number added to our Church, but our net increase will be small, as the number of dismissals by certificate, death and otherwise will be almost as great as the additions. Spiritually the work is in good condition, but financially we are embarrassed. This part of the country has passed through the fourth year of extreme drouth; corn, wheat and oats were a complete failure this year; cotton about one-third of a crop. However, our people are liberally dividing their means with the claims of the Church. We will not report everything in full owing to these conditions. The Bryson Mission is large enough for two large works, covering thirty miles north and south and fifteen miles east and west; eight appointments and a number of communities which have no preaching at all who are begging for the gospel. We have had fine attendance at midweek services at these neglected points and our hearts were made sad when those people would beg for revival meetings for the salvation of themselves and their children and we could not reach them for want of time and physical strength. There is a field ripe unto harvest here. If we could put the laborers into the field! Our Mission Board needs to give this part prayerful consideration. May the Holy Spirit move the hearts and means of the people of God in this direction. Our fourth Quarterly Conference will be held the 19th and 20th of November.

Greenwood Circuit.

C. P. Combs: Our fourth Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. On account of a heavy rain our "beloved," Bro. Stafford, was not with us. His absence was a great loss to the meeting. Otherwise we would pronounce it a success. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. Finances are a little behind yet. But the stewards will have another meeting and by Annual Conference we hope to report everything "in full." We have as good Board of Stewards as I have ever seen on any circuit. I think a better would be hard to find anywhere. The way the people of Greenwood Circuit treat a preacher makes it a pleasure for the writer to serve them. We have repainted the parsonage and two churches, and put an organ in one church. Have had several conversions on the circuit. Not near the number we would like to have seen. The Church has been built up spiritually. We acknowledge valuable ministerial help from Bros. J. M. Sweeton, R. E. Porter and C. L. Miller. We are closing a very pleasant year's work. The Lord has been with us.

Ponder and Krum Mission.

S. M. Black, L. P., Oct. 28: Two years ago Ponder and Krum were joined to three other points and denominated Ponder and Krum Mission. At that time there were only 141 members in all this territory, covering the southwestern portion of Denton County. There was at this time no church building at Ponder and a hull of a church at Krum, which was covered heavily by an overhanging debt. To this new made and "hard up" circuit the good Bishop was wise enough to send the wide awake church building "boy" preacher, Rev. L. D. White. As a result of his untiring energy and labors there stands to-day a large up-to-date church building at each of the little cities named above. The one at Krum is a large, square building, neatly papered and painted, with raised floor, circular oak seats, two entrances with steeple over each, and with exception of small sum unpaid on seats, paid for. This will be dedicated soon. The one at Ponder is a modern church building in every sense of the term. It has elevated choir, seated with elegant opera chairs, organ, circular oak seats, neatly papered, double entrance, and large church windows. This church is paid for and was dedicated last February. The Krum church completed cost $2587, while the one at Ponder cost $2318. In all the sum $4485 has been raised and expended on improvements. This does not, of course include pastor's salary nor conference claimants. But lest some one might think that the spiritual needs of the Church have been neglected we will state that in these two years the Church membership has increased to 245—nearly double—while the Sunday-school in membership and attendance has doubled, a Senior Epworth League of twenty-four members has been organized and is successfully running at Ponder. There have been 124 conversions and 91 reclamations up to date with one meeting yet to hold. Finances are all up in full. As before stated, "Ponder and Krum" is a mission, but both will be half stations next year. Ponder is half station now. The pastor's salary has increased in these two years $250. Now if "by their fruits ye shall know them" is a good rule, Bro. White is all a man. He is one of the best Church financiers in the conference, and at the same time a good preacher and a deeply religious worker. He wins young men easily, being young himself and having had several years' experience in Y. M. C. A. work. From this it is seen that Bro. White is closing a most successful year. May God always bless him and use him in his conquering army.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Llano.

W. A. Govett, Oct. 26: We are just ready to pack for conference. You see this is our fourth year. Salary will be paid in full and the assessments will be overpaid. This year we have put a fine new organ in our church; have had some painting done on the interior of the church, and have in hand almost enough money to carpet the rostrum and aisles. We have had four happy and prosperous years with these noble and loyal people. It will be sad to say good bye. We are saddened, too, at the thought of having to brave a little new-made grave, still fresh with rich bouquets of sweetest flowers.

Paint Rock.

M. T. Allen, Oct. 24: Paint Rock charge is all right and ready for conference. Preacher and presiding elder paid in full. Collections all paid in full. Our people have made but little feed, and cotton very short. We have organized since conference two new Churches and three Methodist Sunday-schools. We have served a kind people. May the Lord bless them.

Johnson City.

J. A. Pledger, Oct. 28: It has been my good fortune to serve Johnson City charge for the past three years. During this time we have had varied experiences. The conference year that is just closing has in some respects been our best year. We had some good revivals, some 30 or more joining our Church. Over $300 has been expended on church property. At Round Mountain we ceiled the inside of the house, painted inside and outside. At Rockvale the property has been improved. The salaries and conference collections are in full. Our lot has been in a pleasant place. Our presiding elder has never missed an appointment, and always gives us good things when he comes. May God bless our Advocate force. Our people now take twenty-three. Three years ago they took one-half dozen. Dr. Rankin does things in due and ancient form. We are off for conference.

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The district will very near, if not quite, pay out this year. We hope to report in full. Some few of the charges have been crippled by the death of the pastor, or a failure in health, etc.

We dedicated eight houses of worship last year, and we have already dedicated four to date, and will dedicate one next Sunday, with three more ready and waiting for the Bishop's visit. We have built one parsonage and improved others. There are now twenty-four pastoral charges in the district—two having been formed since our last Annual Conference. We hope to aid Rev. E. A. Smith in forming the new district.

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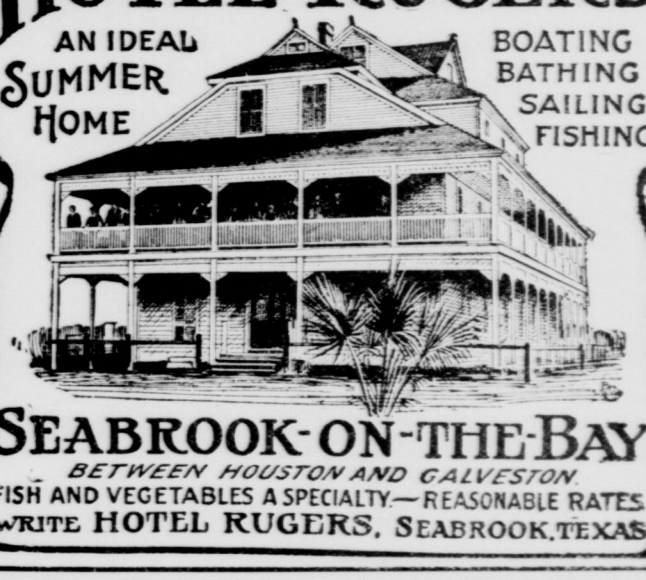
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KAUFFMAN.—Mrs. C. A. Kauffman (nee Miss Anna Rowena Howe) was born in Coffeyville, Miss., Oct. 21, 1837. She came to Texas with her parents in 1852, and to Galveston in 1854, where her father died the same year. She was married to Mr. C. A. Kauffman Feb. 1, 1857, and for almost a half century the Lord permitted them to enjoy each other's companionship, to make for themselves and their children a cheerful and attractive home, and for their friends and acquaintances a family circle, the associations of which it was a rare privilege to enjoy. Soon after her marriage she joined Ryland Chapel M. E. Church, South, which afterwards became St. John's Church, of which she remained an active and consistent member until it was destroyed by the storm of 1900. She then placed her membership with West End Church. She was one of the first public school teachers of Galveston, having assisted in the organization of the Galveston County Schools and through all the active years of her life she kept herself in close touch with the educational interests of the city. For some years past, on account of ill health, she was kept indoors most of the time, but, though she was deprived of the pleasures of active work, her interest in the religious and social life about her was never for a moment abated. Her last illness was continued, and severe, and through it all she was patient and resigned. On Sunday morning, Oct. 16, 1904, just as the sun was flooding the earth with light, the glories of heaven broke in upon her soul and her liberated spirit went up to join that innumerable company who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Her husband, a son and a daughter are left behind to mourn for her, but not as those who have no hope. C. N. MORTON.

RIGSBY.—On Jan. 22, 1902, there was born to Brother T. A. and Sister Violett R. Rigsby an infant son, John Lewis Rigsby. He lingered in their home and upon their bosoms only a brief period of time—two years, three months and thirty days—just long enough to entwine himself about their hearts, and on May 21, 1904, he went to sleep in the arms of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." While 'twas sad indeed for the precious and beloved babe to be taken from the loving embrace of the parents here on earth, 'tis a most comforting assurance they have that their darling baby boy has entered into eternal peace and joy; and that after while, when life's labors shall have ended, they shall again, in that realm of perfect bliss and knowledge, see him face to face. 'Tis sweet indeed to think hereafter when our spirits shall pass into that brightest realm, love with tireless and deathless pinions shall bear us to those we love so well. Eyes from which 'twas so hard to part in this life, and hearts that this world can never again give back to us in that blest realm as bright and warm as ever, shall meet us and be lost no more. As our frail and tempest-tossed bark glides toward the farther shore we can see the gates ajar and the beckoning hands, and our prospects brighten in anticipation of the happy reunion over there.

H. BASCOM OWENS, P. C.

WRIGHT.—Mrs. Mabel A. Wright (nee Embry) was born Jan. 15, 1885; was married to A. D. Wright Oct. 9, 1903, and died at Brady, Texas, Sept. 29, 1904. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, Aug. 9, 1899. Sister Wright spent the last years of her young life in Eldorado, Texas, where she will long be remembered for her sunny disposition and her consecrated Christian life. The news of her death brought sadness to every heart who knew her, for all were her friends. She was called away early in life, but God has taken her to himself; but the influence of her beautiful life remains to bless the world. She leaves behind a husband, father, mother, several brothers and sisters, and many friends, to mourn her departure. May the great Physician comfort them in their great sorrow. Her pastor, S. J. DRAKE.

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COOK.—Again the death angel has come to one of the families of our Church and has taken from Brother and Sister Cook little Adison. Little Adison was born Aug. 14, 1901, and died Aug. 26, 1904. He was baptized by Bro. Carr Oct. 6, 1901. Bro. Carr also baptized little Adison's father, grandmother and great-grandmother. This precious child only stayed with us three years and twelve days, long enough to win not only the hearts of loved ones, but of everybody who knew him. We miss him in the home, at Church, and on the old camp-ground, where he romped and played so much during the camp-meeting. It is hard to give up these loved ones, but we know where to find him, for he had not come to the years of accountability; he was one of the number to whom Christ referred when he said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." So we weep not as those who have no hope. Death was but the gateway that led this precious little babe to his home in the skies. Had the darling lived long the devil would have worked all his life to have brought him to ruin, but God knew best and we can only look up from a broken heart and through a mist of tears and say, "Thy will, Oh God, be done, and not mine. Little Adison had some unsaved uncles, and it may be that God called him home in order to bring the unsaved loved ones to the skies, and the writer for one says this evening that he is determined to meet little Adison in the home of the pure and the good.

O. C. SWINNEY, Pastor.

FRANKS.—Wm. Louis Franks was born in South Carolina Aug. 10, 1834, and died at the home of his son, Rev. J. J. Franks, in Pearsall, Texas, July 2, 1904. He moved to Mississippi in 1841 and to Texas in 1849, and settled in Bastrop County. He was happily married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Reed Oct. 20, 1858. They remained in Bastrop County till he enlisted in the army, and made a faithful soldier, a congenial comrade. After he retired from the Confederate war they moved to Science Hall, in Hays County, Texas, and were highly respected by all who knew them. No one ever lived by a better neighbor. Bro. Franks was a good man, kind, considerate and gentlemanly in all his dealings. He was converted in 1901, and united with the M. E. Church, South, and lived an exemplary life. He often spoke of death. He had made all needed preparations. He suffered long and bore his sufferings with Christian fortitude and patience. He leaves two sons and a daughter to mourn their loss. He has fought a good fight and is forever at rest. May God help us all to join him on that happy golden shore where parting will be no more.

W. O. SHUGART.

FRANKS.—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Franks (nee Reed) was born Nov. 9, 1837, and died at the home of her son, Rev. J. J. Franks, in Pearsall, Texas, Aug. 2, 1904. Sister Franks was converted in the summer of 1850, and joined the Baptist Church, and ever remained a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. She was a devoted mother, a faithful wife, a good neighbor. She was always ready to throw the mantle of charity over the foibles and seeming irregularities of others. Sister Franks joined the M. E. Church, South, with her husband in 1901. She has filled the measure of her days with good works and gone to her reward. May God prepare her children and grandchildren to meet her in heaven, where life and its work is over. Weep not, dear children, mother and father have gone to be with the angels and are waiting for you.

W. O. SHUGART.

POWLEDGE.—Miss Agnes Powledge, daughter of Rev. G. Powledge, was born in Madisonville, Madison County, Texas, Nov. 26, 1878, and died Oct. 10, 1904. She bore her sickness with great patience. She was converted and joined the Methodist Church early in life, and lived a consistent Christian. When she was told she could not get well, she begged her father to bear it as best he could; that she was going home to heaven. Then she sang several good songs, and just as she died she tried to sing, "I'm going home to die no more." Then she fell asleep. Miss Agnes was a dutiful child and was a great help to her old father and mother. She knew what an itinerent preacher's life meant. Her home had always been with her parents in the parsonage of some circuit until Bro. Powledge took a supperannuated relation, then she stayed in the old father's home to her death. She always made friends, and the writer never but once saw a larger concourse of people attend a funeral. This writer held the funeral service, and indeed it was a sad burial. She leaves a dear father and mother, brothers and sisters, together with a host of friends, to mourn their loss. The consolation we all have is, that Miss Agnes died right. A. J. FRICK.

Bedias, Texas.

GOVETT.—Vera Govett, the infant daughter of Brother and Sister W. A. Govett, died at the parsonage home in Llano, Friday, Oct. 21, 1904. For nine months and thirteen days she remained with them to gladden their home, but after a brief illness God called her to himself. The bright little life that seemed so full of promise has been transplanted to the purer atmosphere of heaven. The Father's house, with its many mansions and angelic hosts, seem nearer to the sorrowing parents to-day, because little Vera has been called to share in their celestial glories, and in the greatness of their personal sorrow they bow in submission to the "will of Him who doeth all things well." Looking up through his tears, Bro. Govett said: "It is natural for parents to wish that their children might be spared to fill places of usefulness in the world, but we feel that a far higher honor is ours in that God has given our darling child a place in the angel bands that are around about his throne." Many kind and sympathetic friends followed the little casket to its last resting place. While the closing days of Bro. Govett's four years' pastorate at Llano are thus made sad, the love and prayers of an appreciative people will follow him and his noble Christian wife wherever they may go. J. W. BLACK.

COOKE.—Little R. F. Cooke, son of W. D. and Emma Cooke, was born May 8, 1903, and died July 24, 1904. He was sick only two weeks. When we speak of our beloved dead that had come to the age of accountability and told us before their departure of their acceptance with God, we say that we believe they are safe in the haven of rest; but we know that there is only one abode for the dear little children, for Christ himself said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Heaven is made brighter to papa and mama because little R. F. has gone to join the angelic throng, and we trust that when the sorrows of earth are o'er to them that theirs will be an unbroken family in the home of the soul. R. E. PORTER.

MAHAFFEY.—Melvin, son of Brother and Sister Frank Mahaffey, was born Oct. 25, 1899, and died Oct. 15, 1904. Little Melvin was a bright, sweet boy. His home was with his grandparents, Capt. and Sister H. W. Mahaffey, his mother having died some time ago. We visited him often in his last sickness. As we watched the little sufferer and the anxious grandparents and loving father weep over him we thought of that day when all tears will be dried from all eyes. We remembered that our Savior said, "Suffer little children to come unto me," and with bowed head and aching heart we said, "Thy will be done." W. H. LONG.

BROWN.—J. T. A. Brown was born in Alabama Nov. 21, 1861; went with his parents to Mississippi in 1867; came to and settled in Eastland County in 1889. There he was married to Miss Emma Speagle in 1893. Last winter they moved to Scurry County and bought a farm near Camp Springs, where they lived until Oct. 7, 1904, when he was summoned into the presence of his Lord. Bro. Brown was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Mississippi in August, 1881, and from then to the day of his death he was an acceptable member. It was my privilege to be his pastor from 1897 to 1899, and as I knew him he was very modest and unassuming, but devoted to his family, true to his Church and a useful citizen. When he died it was my sad pleasure to conduct the burial service. Sad that he was gone, yet it was a pleasure that I could speak to the bereaved ones with confidence of a reunion by and by. When told by his physician that he would likely die, he said it was all right. He then gave directions as to his financial affairs and about the raising of his five children; then patiently awaited the end. Earth can poorly spare such men. But "our people die well" still. C. D. WEST.

CRESWELL.—Mrs. C. J. Creswell (nee Houk), wife of W. H. Creswell, was born April 10, 1867; was married Dec. 21, 1890; professed religion about twelve years ago and joined the Methodist Church, in which she lived until her death, which occurred on Sept. 25, 1904, near Robbers Roost, I. T. Sister Creswell was one of those great hearted women. She loved God and the Church. Her home was always a welcome place for the preachers. Many tired preachers have found a resting place under this good woman's roof; but her work on earth is done. She has left her many friends and loved ones here and has gone to join the host that have gone on before. Among that number was her own little Fay. To those who are so bereaved I would say, "Let us weep not as those who have no hope. By-and-by we will meet her again, where sickness and sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. Her former pastor, W. H. BROWN.

ALVERSON.—Charles Eugene, infant son of Brother and Sister Wilber Alverson, was born Oct. 19, 1903, and died Sept. 15, 1904. The little one was never well, but fond parents and kind hands did all that could be done. A flower is gone from that home. How they will miss him. It was their first born, and sad it was to see them in their sorrow, but God does everything well. Some day when they know as they are known they will know why it was that Eugene was taken away. While we weep he is cooing around the throne of God. Earth is poorer, but heaven is richer by him being there. W. H. LONG.

WILLIAMS.—Mrs. Mattie Williams (nee Tower) was born in East Point, La., Oct. 8, 1866, and died Sept. 29, 1904. She joined the M. E. Church, South, when 15 years old, and remained a consistent member of same till death. She always connected herself with the Church wherever located. She had been sick two years before her death. She was a patient sufferer, and endured more than even her best friends realized. She devoutly enjoyed the services of the sanctuary, and while able to go she was a regular attendant upon the mid-week prayer-meetings. The writer has seen her at Church when he knew it was a sacrifice for her to be there. She was faithful and diligent in ministering to the sick and afflicted, and always ready and anxious to relieve their wants so far as it was in her power to do so. At times her ministry to others was rendered at the risk of endangering her own health. She was married to Chas. Clinton Williams Jan. 1, 1885. There were four children born unto them as the fruit of this union. One preceded her to the better world, while she leaves the husband and three children—Clyde, Charlie and Ruth—to mourn their loss. May the lives of these children be so lived that they may ever honor the name of their sainted mother, so that this may be an unbroken family in the home above.

N. G. OZMENT.

MAHAFFEY.—Melvin, son of Frank and Maud Mahaffey, was born Oct. 25, 1899, and died Oct. 15, 1904. Nearly all his life was spent in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mahaffey, his mother having died during his infancy. He was the joy and pride of his grandmother and Aunt Florence, and the constant companion of his grandfather. Whether at home at Church or out driving, they were always seen together, and their beautiful companionship was a delight to all. Little Melvin was a remarkably bright and lovable child, like sunshine in the home, and a genial favorite in the neighborhood. It seemed that the future held for him the realization of a happy and useful life. But, bereaved ones, God knows best, and his providences are for the good of all who love him. Had your darling lived to manhood's estate he would surely have had his share of temptation, sorrow and suffering, the common heritage of mankind. It is sweet to reflect that he is safely housed from all the storms and troubles of this life, and some happy day you will meet him again in a glad never-ending reunion.

M. L. G. H.

Sulphur Bluff, Texas.

BAIN.—Rev. F. M. Bain was born in Maury County, Tennessee, Aug. 25, 1832, and departed this life July 18, 1904; was married to Miss Sue M. Stephens Oct. 12, 1853. To them were given eleven children, two of whom preceded him to the glory land. Bro. Bain professed religion late in life, only five or six years before he died. He joined the Methodist Church immediately after his conversion. He lived and talked his religion everywhere. He was faithful to his Church and pastor; studied his Bible closely. He has often said to the writer he regretted very much not giving his whole life to the service of God. Soon after his conversion he decided Northfield community needed a church, so he bought the material and paid for it with the exception of a very little, and the church stands as a monument near his grave. Bro. Bain was confined to his bed six months and eight days before death came to his relief. But quietly he passed over the river, only smiling at those about him twice. The battle is fought and the victory won, and he is safe at home, awaiting his beloved companion, nine children and many friends. Mother and children, be faithful; we shall meet him bye and-bye.

C. D. PIPKIN.

WRIGHT.—Walter Thomas Wright was born in Travis County, Texas, Aug. 8, 1878, and died at the home of his parents in Buffalo Gap, Texas, Sept. 25, 1904; was married to Miss Estella Simpson May 1, 1901. This union was blessed with one child. Walter was always cheerful and kind. Though he was sick eight months, he was never heard to complain. He lived so devoted to his Lord while in health that he left the impression upon all that knew him that he was truly a follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. No truer man ever lived in a community. He leaves a wife and child, father and mother, and all who knew him to mourn his departure. Jesus, the one to whom he gave his life, has now given him a home in the mansion above. We pray for a special charge of God's good providence to be over his wife and child, and that his grace may be given abundantly. Cheer up, loved ones, your companion and papa has gone over the river only to meet and greet you at your coming.

His pastor, E. L. SISK.

RAWLS.—Rebecca A. Rawls was born in Alabama, April 6, 1822, and died at her home in Frost, Texas, Oct. 13, 1904. She had been a devoted Christian from early life, and her experience was joyous at the end of her journey. She has crossed the last river and has reached her glorious eternal home at last. We shall see her again in the sweet bye and bye.

Her pastor, IRVIN F. HARRIS.

HILL.—John Marion Hill departed this life in Tyler, Texas, Oct. 18, 1904. He was a great sufferer for weeks before he died with heart disease; but his sufferings drove him in penitent prayer to his heavenly Father, and during his sickness he was happily converted to God. The day before his death he assumed the vows of baptism and was baptized by the writer in the presence of his wife and friends. A sweet smile played over all his features and irradiated his face the while, and we felt deeply the sacredness of the hour. John M. Hill was one of the few who found place for repentance on his death bed, and may all his loved ones meet him in heaven.

W. F. PACKARD.

Tyler, Texas.

BRAMLETT.—Died, near Brashear, Texas, on Sept. 24, 1904, Mrs. Laura Bramlett (nee Lane), wife of W. C. Bramlett. Sister Bramlett was born Jan. 17, 1873; was converted at the age of 12 years, and joined the Methodist Church. She was married on Dec. 24, 1892. Sister Bramlett leaves a husband, three little boys and one little girl, a father and brother and many friends to mourn for her. She was one of God's noble women. Many times have I heard her shout the praise of God in her home and in the public congregation. Well did she finish her course on earth and died in the full triumphs of the Christian faith. Weep not, dear ones. She has only gone to receive the reward for which she lived and labored. May the Lord finally bring us all to that beautiful city to which she has gone. Her former pastor. W. H. BROWN.

PRIM.—Sister Sarah Prim, better known as Grandma Prim, died at her home Oct. 13, 1904, at the advanced age of 72 years; was born March 6, 1832, near Lebanon, Tenn.; married to G. H. Prim in December, 1850. She was the mother of eleven children, six of whom are still living. She had been a faithful member of the Methodist Church for more than fifty years. She was truly a sweet-spirited Christian woman, having been an old settler in the Oakland neighborhood, where she lived such a pure, Christian life. She leaves the impression on the minds of all that she was truly a saint of God. Look up, aged husband and heart-broken children, your dear companion and mother has entered the rest that remains for the people of God.

J. B. MINNIS.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Cuero District—Fourth Round.

Cuero, Nov. 5, 6.
J. C. Wilson, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Gainesville District—Last Round.

Montague, Nov. 5, 6.
Nocona, Nov. 6, 7.
Saint Jo, Nov. 12, 13.
Woodbine, 11 a. m. Nov. 17.
Sanger and V. V., Nov. 19, 20.
Broadway, Nov. 20, 21.
Denton Street, 8 p. m. Nov. 22.
J. A. Stafford, P. E.

McKinney District—Fourth Round.

Blue Ridge and Mission, Nov. 5, 6.
Copeville mis, at Clear Lake, Nov. 8.
Nevada cir, at Nevada, Nov. 12, 13.
Wylie cir, at St. Paul, Nov. 16.
Plano sta, Nov. 17.
Farmersville sta, Nov. 18.
McKinney sta, Nov. 19, 20.
F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Bonham District—Fourth Round.

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.

Annona cir, at Annona, Nov. 5, 6.
Whiterock sta, Nov. 6, 7.
Douglass mis, at Lydia, Nov. 12, 13.
Bagwell mis, at Bagwell, Nov. 13, 14.
Chicota cir, Nov. 19, 20.
Emberson cir, Nov. 20, 21.
E. H. Casey, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Fourth Round.

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.

Decatur cir, Nov. 5, 6.
Decatur sta, Nov. 6, 7.
Crafton, Nov. 13, 13.
Gibtown, Nov. 18, 20.
T. R. Pierce, P. E.

Terrell District—Fourth Round.

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.

Trinity, 11 a. m. Nov. 6.
Oak Lawn, 8:30 p. m. Nov. 6.
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.

Merit, at Harrell's Chapel, Nov. 5, 6.
Celeste, at Celeste, night, Nov. 8.
Leonard, at Leonard, Nov. 9.
Kavanaugh, Nov. 11.
Neola, at Wire Grass, Nov. 12, 13.
Lone Oak, at L. N., night, Nov. 15.
Quinlan, at Quinlan, 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.

Southmayd, at Southmayd, Nov. 5, 6.
Pottsboro and Preston, at Pottsboro, Nov. 6, 7.
Travis Street, Nov. 8.
Waples Memorial, Nov. 9.
Bells, at Bells, Nov. 12, 13.
Trinity, Nov. 14.
Sherman cir, at Pecan, Nov. 19, 20.
E W Alderson, P E.

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

Abilene District—Fourth Round.

Truby mis, Nov. 3.
Merkel cir, Nov. 5.
Clyde cir, Nov. 7.
Baird, Nov. 9.
Putnam cir, Nov. 10.
Abilene, Nov. 12, 13.
E. A. Smith, P. E.

Clarendon District—Fourth Round.

Hereford, Nov. 5, 6.
Hereford mis, with Hereford sta, and same date.
Rowe, Nov. 8.
J. M. Sherman, P. E.

Georgetown District—Fourth Round.

Granger cir, at Granger, Nov. 5, 6.
Bartlett 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.

Vernon sta, Nov. 5, 6.
J. G. Miller, P. E.

Weatherford District—Fourth Round.

Throckmorton, at T, Nov. 5, 6.
E. F. Boone, P. E.

Corsicana District—Fourth Round.

Richland, Nov. 5.
Kerens, Nov. 7.
Corsicana, 12th Av., Nov. 8.
Corsicana, 1st Church, Nov. 8.
Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Waco District—Fourth Round.

Aquilla, at Aquilla, Nov. 5.
Morgan, at Morgan, Nov. 6, 7.
Bosqueville, at Bosqueville, Nov. 12, 13.
B. R. Bolton, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Fourth Round.

Grandview, Nov. 5, 6.
Cleburne and Mission Ch, Nov. 12, 13.
Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Gatesville District—Fourth Round.

Jonesboro, at Levita, Nov. 5, 6.
Turnersville, at Harmony, Nov. 9.
Pearl, at Blue Creek, Nov. 12, 13.
S. W. Turner, P. E.

Dublin District—Fourth Round.

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.

Calvert District—Fourth Round.

Petteway, Nov. 5, 6.
Travis, at Cedar Springs, Nov. 12, 13.
Rosebud sta, Nov. 13, 14.
Durango, at Durango, Nov. 18.
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 29.
R. A. Burroughs, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Fourth Round.

Ovilla, at Sterrett, Nov. 4.
Venus, at Mt. Peak, Nov. 5, 6.
Midlothian, Nov. 6, 7.
Ferris, Nov. 10.
Palmer, Nov. 11.
Ennis, 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.

Coleman mis, at Junction, Nov. 5, 6.
Coleman sta, Nov. 5, 6.
Brownwood, Nov. 12, 13.
W. H. Matthews, P. E.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Pittsburg District—Fourth Round.

Quitman, at Forest Home, Nov. 5, 6.
Queen City, Nov. 12, 13.
Daiby Springs, Nov. 19, 20.
Redwater, Nov. 25, 27.
J. T. Smith, P. E.

Huntsville District—Fourth Round.

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.

Meredith, Nov. 5, 6.
Troup and Overton, at T, Nov. 12, 13.
St. Paul's, at St. Paul's, Nov. 16.
Marvin, 8 p. m. Nov. 25.
E. W. Solomon, P. E.

Marshall District—Fourth Round.

Arleston, at Bethany, Nov. 5, 6.
Hallville, at Hallville, Nov. 12, 13.
Longview, Kelly Memorial, Nov. 20, 21.
Beckville, at Beckville, Nov. 26, 27.
Jas. W. Downs, P. E.

Beaumont District—Fourth Round.

Meredith, at Hustace, Nov. 5, 6.
Burkeville, at Newton, Nov. 5, 6.
Liberty, at Deavers, Nov. 16.
Call, at Cairo, Nov. 19, 20.
Orange, Nov. 12, 13.
Wallisville, Nov. 23.
Woodville, Nov. 26, 27.
J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Palestine District—Fourth Round.

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.
Rusk sta, Nov. 20, 21.
Augusta cir, Nov. 27, 28.
Crockett sta, Nov. 28, 29.
Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

Brenham District—Fourth Round.

Maysfield, at Maysfield, 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. 19, 20.
Rockdale, Nov. 26, 27.
Chas. F. Smith, P. E.

San Augustine District—Fourth Round.

Hemphill mis, at H, Fri, Nov. 4.
Geneva cir, at Patroon, 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.

White Oak, at White Oak, Nov. 5, 6.
Cedar Bayou, Nov. 12, 13.
Richmond, Nov. 19, 20.
Tabernacle, Nov. 20, 21.
Angleton, Nov. 25.
Columbia, at Columbia, Nov. 26, 27.
C. R. Lamar, P. E.

A MODEL LAYMAN AND HIS CHURCH PAPER.

Last week an incident occurred in one of our surburban charges which carries an obvious and forceful lesson. A layman in one of our strongest churches, one of its founders, a model in every feature of Christian life and work, expecting to leave home for some days before Zion's Herald of last week would reach him by regular mail, sent by messenger to the editor for an advance copy, saying that he could not lose the reading of it for the entire week if it could be avoided. This fact impressively shows what his church paper had become to that layman, and how deeply it entered into his thinking, affection, life and work. That man for more than twenty-five years has been accorded, as he deserves, the honor of being the most generous and useful member of his church. He is class-leader, Sunday-school teacher, president of the board of trustees, and especially interested in the spiritual welfare of his church. He has been for years—though not receiving what would be called a liberal salary, and by no means a man of wealth in the usual sense of that term—the heaviest contributor to the current expenses of the church and to all the connectional causes.

Now can any one fail to see that his church paper is the formative influence in his spiritual and denominational activities? Certainly not, as he subscribed to the Herald when he was converted, and has read it thoroughly for fifty years.

The church paper is still, and always will be, the supreme essential in developing an intelligent and active Methodist Christian. It instructs, edifies, and appeals to the reader, not for one or two hours during the week, but all the time, leaving its fructifying seed in germinant soil.

Need this moral be enforced? It should not be necessary. The printed page is the great teacher to-day everywhere. The politician, the reformer, the advocate of any cause, depends upon it to carry his end. It is the minister's best assistant, the church's best messenger. If our ministers and churches were moved only by the desire to increase and educate our constituency, it would make the largest possible use of our denominational press. Personal work on the part of the pastors to secure subscribers to the church papers will, therefore, yield its hundredfold not only in the present, but in the future. If we would have model laymen in our churches, they must feed on our church paper.—Zion's Herald.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOTICES.

WEST TEXAS.

Applicants for admission on trial will please meet 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.

SPECIAL NOTICE, WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

We can only provide homes for the preachers and delegates and preachers' wives. This does not mean children or kinsfolk, and we can provide only for those preachers' wives who notified us of their desire to come prior to Oct. 20. Some of the presiding elders have not advised me concerning the lay delegates and applicants for admission. If you wish homes for these, write me at once.

All who are not met at the depot by their host will find hacks. Tell the driver where you want to go, and he will take you the round trip for 25 cents. Those whose postoffice address I know will receive cards informing them with whom they are to stop; preserve these cards for future reference. Those who are coming by private conveyance must inform me or provide for their own team.

L. B. ELLIS.

Cuero, Texas.

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.

Let the committee and class of the first year of the West Texas Conference meet in the Methodist church at Cuero, Texas, at 9 a. m., November 8th.

C. M. THOMPSON, Chairman.

The class of the third year of West Texas Conference will please meet committee at Cuero, on Tuesday, November 8th, at 9 a. m., at the church.

THOMAS GREGORY, Chairman.

The class of the second year will please meet the committee in the Methodist church at Cuero, Tuesday, November 8th, at 9 a. m. JOE F. WEBB.

REDUCED RATES FOR WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The railroads traversing the territory of the West Texas Conference have agreed to sell round trip tickets to Cuero and return for one and one-third fares. Tickets will be on sale Monday and Tuesday, November 7th and 8th, limited for return to November 16th.

STERLING FISHER, Secretary.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions of West Texas Conference will meet in the church at Cuero, on Tuesday morning, Nov. 8th, at 9 o'clock. It is important that every member, lay as well as clerical, should answer to roll call. The presiding elders should have in hand of the undersigned, for the Board, all applications which they expect to make for missions next year. Also, every pastor serving a mission charge must have his report filed with this secretary by the hour of that meeting. These applications and reports are necessary as guides and bases for intelligent work by the Board.

A. L. SCARBOROUGH, Secretary.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

The class of the first year of the Northwest Texas Conference, except those who passed the examination at the Summer Institute, and those holding certificates from the Correspondence School, will please meet the committee at the Methodist Church, in Mineral Wells, Texas, at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1904.

J. SAM BARCUS.

The presiding elders of the Northwest Texas Conference are requested to meet at the Methodist Church in Mineral Wells Nov. 15, at 3:30 p. m.

E. A. BAILEY, P. E.

To the Pastors of the Abilene District: Please meet me at conference room one hour before conference opens, morning of November 16. E. A. SMITH.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

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

ROBERT GIBBS MOOD, Secretary.

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

W. A. STUCKEY, Chairman.

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

J. J. CLARK, Chairman.

VINDICATED.

To the Rev. J. T. Howell, P. C., Farmers Branch Circuit:

We, the committee appointed to investigate the rumors against the moral character of Bro. W. L. Gregory, report that we have done so prayerfully and conscientiously, and that, after having personally and in company with Bro. W. L. Gregory, traced these rumors to their source, we find no evidence on which to base a trial.

Whereunto we set our names this the 17th day of September, 1904, at Estelle, Texas. Signed by

H. T. BLESSING,
H. BURGOON,
W. T. CRIBBS,
Committee.

Those who were members of the last session of the Dallas District Conference will remember that the name of W. L. Gregory was challenged when his report was read, and his name offered for membership, and because of the absence of a renewal for the previous year upon his license he was not recognized as a local preacher by the conference. Upon receiving the charge in writing against Bro. Gregory I appointed a committee to investigate and see if a trial was necessary, and the above is an exact copy of their report. I have taken considerable pains to find out about Bro. Gregory. He has explained to me why his license did not bear the presiding elder's renewal for 1902 and 1903; but that is a matter for the District Conference, and I wish to add that I firmly believe in Bro. W. L. Gregory's integrity, and think he is a valuable man to our Church in any capacity that the Church sees fit to use him. Sincerely his pastor,

J. T. HOWELL, P. C.,
Farmers Branch Circuit.

Maintain a holy simplicity of mind, and do not smother yourself with a host of cares, wishes, or longings, under any pretext.—Francis de Sales.

APPOINTMENTS INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Oklahoma City District.

W. J. Sims, P. E.

Oklahoma City Station—To be supplied.
Piedmont and Wheatland—M. L. Harris; M. D. Long, supernumerary.
Moore and Arcadia—N. V. Andrews, supply.
McCloud Circuit—W. C. Driskill.
Bristow Station—C. P. Cox.
Stroud and Davenport—To be supplied.
Perry Station—Frank Naylor.
Guthrie Station—J. A. Parks.
Morrison Station—W. O. Norris.
Pawnee Station—W. T. Ready, supply.
Stillwater Station—To be supplied.
Shawnee Station—G. H. Ray.
Shawnee Circuit—G. V. Grose, supply.
Tecumseh and Ashner—W. D. Matthews.
Bellemont and Keokuk—J. R. Brooks, supply.
Earlboro and Wewoka—E. H. Creasy.
Pottawatamie Circuit—W. M. Taylor.
Billings Circuit—J. R. Savage.
El Reno Station—M. I. Brown.
Prague and Sparks—James Arvin; William Buck, supernumerary.
Norman Station—W. M. P. Rippey.
Franklin Circuit—John B. McCance.
President of the Epworth University—Robt. B. McSwain.

Holdenville District.

C. M. Coppedge, P. E.

Holdenville Station—Robert Hodgson.
Holdenville Circuit—Mark Bagnon, supply.
Ada Station—T. L. Rippey.
Ada Circuit—To be supplied.
Checotah Station—M. L. Roberts.
Eufaula Station—W. R. Smith.
Eufaula Circuit—To be supplied.
Boynton Circuit—To be supplied.
Stewart Circuit—H. P. Lasley.
Calvin Circuit—J. B. Blackwell.
Wetumpka and Weleetka—J. V. Baird.
Bearden Circuit—To be supplied.
Henryetta and Spokogee—Orlando Shay.
Okeena and Paden—Harmon Snodgrass.
Okmulgee Station—N. B. Rizer.
Okmulgee Circuit—D. L. Berryhill, supply.
Sapulpa Station—J. E. Vick.
Sapulpa Circuit—M. L. Checote, supply; N. G. Gregory, assistant.
Tulsa Station—A. N. Brannon.
Broken Arrow Circuit—Alex Thompson, supply.
Seminole Circuit—J. E. Tiger.
Wewoka Circuit—Alex Davis and Gympson Grayson, supplies.
Honey Creek Circuit—S. J. Checote, supply.
Hickory Circuit—John Davis, supply.
Mounds and Haskell—To be supplied.

Choctaw District.

W. P. Pipkin, P. E.

Antlers and Finley—M. W. Wheelan.
Hugo and Grant—G. A. Lovett.
Fort Towson—To be supplied.
Nelson—To be supplied.
Talihina—M. K. McElhannon, supply.
Wister—Edgar Wallace, supply.
Kullituklo—A. S. Williams.
Bethel—L. N. Ishconer, supply.
Kiamitia—L. W. Cobb.
Atoka—A. H. Homer.
Sugar Loaf—B. F. Gassaway and J. J. McElroy.
Chickasha and Washita—J. T. Hall and Gibson Grayson.
Sans Bois—Griggs Durant, supply.
Owl Circuit—Frank Reedy, supply.
Interpreter—To be supplied.

Ardmore District.

A. N. Averyt, P. E.

Ardmore, Broadway—S. F. Goddard.
Ardmore, Carter Avenue—To be supplied.
Berwyn Circuit—W. R. Brock.
Oakland Circuit—M. B. McKinney.
Madill Station—J. Rush Goodloe.
Cumberland Circuit—W. S. Lee.
Kingston Circuit—J. S. Nicholson.
Lebanon Circuit—J. A. Grimes, supply.
Lone Grove Circuit—J. C. S. Baird, supply.
Woodford Circuit—B. F. Stegall.
Dixie Circuit—J. A. Rowan.
Overbrook Circuit—R. H. Grinstead.
Grady Circuit—J. A. Eskew.
Leon and Burneyville Circuit—G. W. Martin.
Marietta Station—W. A. Anderson.
Thackerville Circuit—To be supplied.
President of Hargrove College—T. G. Whitten.
Editor Western Christian Advocate—P. R. Eaglebarger.
Publisher of Western Christian Advocate—W. S. Derrick.

Cherokee District.

J. B. McDonald, P. E.

Vinita Station—H. H. Watson.
Chelsea Station—L. L. Thurston.
Afton Station—L. L. Johnson.
Claremore Station—C. F. Mitchell.
Miami Station—Geo. B. Jackson.
Grove Station—G. M. Gaul; A. Duncan, supernumerary.
Tahlequah Station—W. F. Wilson.
Pryor Creek Station—J. L. Gage.
Bartlesville Station—J. M. Porter.
Welch Station—W. C. Savage.
Stillwell Station—J. M. Hively.
Blue Jacket Station—J. L. Brown.
Nowata Circuit—J. M. Russell.
Tahlequah—Circuit—J. F. Thompson.
Chapel Circuit—G. M. Byers, supply.
Locust Grove Circuit—W. M. Leatherwood, supply.
Fairland Circuit—J. L. Duncan, supply.
Adair Circuit—J. M. Rodgers, supply.
Choteau Circuit—To be supplied.
Owasso Circuit—A. W. Culvert, supply.
Vinita Circuit—Browning Lewis, supply.
Cherokee—B. J. Hildebrand and Eli Snell, supplies.

Mangum District.

W. S. P. McCullough, P. E.

Mangum Station—J. W. Sims.
Mangum Circuit—J. N. Malloy, supply.
Deer Creek Circuit—W. J. Wilson.
Erick Circuit—W. J. Hale.
Altus Station—E. L. Massey.
Headrick Circuit—Hal A. Burns.
Yeldell Circuit—J. W. R. Bachman.
Olustee and Eldorado—W. A. Dickey.
Duke Circuit—H. B. Ellis, supply.
Coralea Circuit—W. E. Woodward, supply.
Hollis Circuit—G. M. Moon, supply.
Hobart Station—W. J. Moore.
Granite Circuit—G. W. Lewis.
Blair and Martha—J. W. Kizziar.
Gotebo Circuit—To be supplied.
Carnegie Circuit—To be supplied.
Frederick Circuit—F. F. Threadgill; A. C. Briggs, supply.
Mountain Park Circuit—H. L. Shelton, supply.
Snyder Circuit—To be supplied.
Students in Epworth University—Edgar L. Young and Jesse Crumpton.

McAlester District.

A. B. L. Hunkapillar, P. E.

South McAlester Station—J. H. Ball.
Durant Station—J. M. Gross.
Wilburton Station—C. W. Myatt.
Coalgate Station—J. M. Ray.
Atoka Station—A. J. Worley.
Tishomingo Station—J. J. Lovett.
Caddo and Sterrett Circuit—P. C. Atkins.
Colbert Circuit—A. M. Belcher.
Kiowa Circuit—J. D. Rodgers.
Bokchito Circuit—I. M. Carter; A. B. C. Debnam, supernumerary.
Albany Circuit—W. P. Donald, supply.
Canadian Circuit—James Lambert.
Wapanucha Circuit—W. C. Clark.
Hartshorn and Haleyville—To be supplied.
McAlester and Krebs—J. W. Lloyd.
Durant Circuit—C. W. Clay.
Pontotoc Circuit—E. M. Garrett, supply.
Leader Circuit—J. M. C. Hamilton.
Boggy Depot Circuit—To be supplied.
Berrington and Boswell—G. W. Whitehead.
Ravia Circuit—T. J. Minnis, supply.

Muskogee District.

J. C. Fowler, P. E.

Muskogee, First Church—T. L. Lallance.
Muskogee, St. Paul—W. F. Roper.
Wagoner Station—P. B. Hicks; J. D. Edwards, supernumerary.
Grand River Circuit—To be supplied.
Fort Gibson Station—N. E. Fertig.
Salisaw Station—G. W. Damon.
Salisaw Circuit—W. M. Grose, supply.
Vian Circuit—To be supplied.
Cameron Circuit—To be supplied.
Poteau Station—W. A. Shelton.
Howe Circuit—J. E. Dunnaway.
Spiro Circuit—T. A. O'Bryant.
Quinton and Kinta—Miles Sturgeon.
Texana Circuit—W. J. Land.
Stigler and Whitefield—J. W. Head.
Coweta and Clarksville—To be supplied.
Muldrow Circuit—H. B. Scruggs.
Muskogee Circuit—A. M. Lusk, supply.
Oaktaha Circuit—To be supplied.
Corresponding Secretary of Church Federation—E. M. Sweet, Jr.
Spaulding Female College—T. F. Brewer.

Duncan District.

N. L. Linebaugh, P. E.

Duncan Station—John L. Bray.
Duncan Circuit—George W. Hooper, supply.
Comanche Circuit—D. P. Wilburn, supply.
Marlowe Station—D. A. Williams.
Bailey Circuit—J. L. Southwood.
Rush Springs Circuit—T. F. Roberts.
Chickasha Station—Samuel G. Thompson; C. Q. Ray, supernumerary.
Minco and Tuttle—J. R. Sanders.
Anadarko and Verden—W. W. Turner.
Cement Circuit—F. C. Mayberry.
Lawton Station—R. S. Satterfield.
Lawton Circuit—J. T. Armstrong, supply.
Temple and Walter—S. C. Weatherby.
Waurika Circuit—To be supplied.
Terral and Ryan—R. A. Baird.
Comanche Station—W. T. Freeman.
Indian Work, Comanche and Kiowa—M. A. Clark; Kickingbird, assistant.
Methvin Institute—J. J. Methvin.
Hastings Circuit—George W. Hall.

Weatherford District.

C. F. Roberts, P. E.

Weatherford Station—A. Lee Boyd.
Geary—J. W. O'Bryant, supply.
Mountain View—M. D. Hill.
Cloud Chief—W. N. Vernon.
Rocky—To be supplied.
Cordell Station—J. L. Henson.
Clinton—J. W. Campbell.
Custer City—J. A. Trickey.
Foss—L. J. Amos.
Wood—Moss Weaver.
Elk City—V. V. Morgan.
Doxey—To be supplied.
Sayre—Blan Hensley.
Rankin—To be supplied.
Cheyenne—T. M. Wood.
Hammon—J. A. Fulton, supply.
Gip—H. L. Mauldin.
Grow—J. C. Cavener.

Wynnewood District.

J. S. Lamar, P. E.

Wynnewood Station—M. L. Butler.
Pauls Valley Station—W. F. Wilson.
Purcell Station—R. A. Crosby.
Lexington Station—T. O. Shanks.
Lindsay Station—F. E. Shanks.
Davis Station—To be supplied.
Sulphur Station—I. W. Brooks.
Roff and Mill Creek Station—J. D. Salter.
Noble and Shilo Station—J. L. Sullivan.
Wanett and Byars—P. A. Smith, supply.
Paoli Circuit—S. H. Berry, supply.
McGee Circuit—I. R. Haun.
Hickory Circuit—L. H. Fullingim.
Dougherty Circuit—E. A. Sample.
Moral Circuit—I. M. Woodward.
White Bead Circuit—J. K. Florence.
Erin Springs Circuit—J. W. Vauter.
Elmore Circuit—To be supplied.
Bradley Circuit—To be supplied.
Dibble Circuit—To be supplied.
Tussy Circuit—G. M. Dilbeck, supply.
Etowah Circuit—J. R. Hill, supply.
Conference Missionary Secretary—W. F. Dunkle.

Beaver District.

J. E. Lovett, P. E.

Beaver—J. H. Callaway.
Guymon and Hooker—W. O. Basery, supply.
Texhoma and Goodwell—L. R. Jones.
Tyrone—A. J. White.
Lockwood—To be supplied.
Woodward—J. D. Z. Munsey, supply.
Persimmon—W. F. P. Munsey.
Grow—To be supplied.
Durham—To be supplied.
Grand—W. P. Meador.
Hazelton and Ingersoll—To be supplied.
Grand Valley—W. A. Douthitt, supply.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE BROTHERHOOD ONCE MORE.

Inquiries in a letter from one of the most faithful members the Brotherhood ever had convince me of great misapprehension concerning our true status. The organization was never disbanded. It was simply merged into the Methodist Benevolent and Fraternal Association. Of course there was no effort to compel the members who did not desire to do so to go with the body into the association, and many did not go; but this fact did not nullify the existence of the Brotherhood in the new form. For this reason obligations existing in the Brotherhood before the merger are equally binding now. In fact, the moral feature is rather intensified. There were six assessments made during the last year of our existence in original form—two in January and four in July. Each member was under obligation to pay the first of the first two in thirty days and the second in sixty days, and in the same ratio of time those made in July. There was a provision for settlement of all at conference where it had not been possible to pay before. Hence the claimants were required by this provision to show this much forbearance to those who were scarce of money, but this very forbearance intensified the obligation to pay at conference, for possibly each claimant had been in as great need as those in arrears. Now I submit that for a member to come forward and say I will not pay what I ought to have paid months before, simply because the name and form of the organization is changed, is to show a moral obliquity unbecoming in any man, and even more so in a minister of the gospel. In addition to all this if delinquent members are not under the strongest moral obligation to pay their arrears, then the claimants are under moral obligation to refund to us who did pay the last year's assessment, and who would make such a claim? Finally no member need even yet lose his connection with the organization. The association is open to every one who wills to enter, and the protection is twofold better than it ever was in the Brotherhood in its individual form.

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