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EDITORIAL

PREACHERS AND LIBERTIES.

One of our Texas legislators is getting alarmed. "If the preachers be allowed to push their muzzles into our legislation much longer, all our liberties will be taken away." This was the loose expectation of his speech a few days ago at Austin.

Guizot, in writing the history of democracy, said: "Liberty came to Europe in the small boat that brought to the West the Apostle Paul." And the great Daniel Webster asks, "Where have the life-giving waters of civilization sprung up save in the footprints of the Christian ministry?" Still, there are little fellows whose brains are "naturally weak and exhausted by cultivation," and who never open their mouths but to subtract from the sum of human knowledge, ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the wholesome fact that Christianity and liberty are synonymous terms.

The call of the Church is to enter into, to sympathize with and to perpetuate whatever is pure, noble, right and of good report in society, in laws, customs and institutions. She is to emphasize the sacredness of secular interests and duties, and protest against dividing the field of conscience and assigning to one part a greater sanctity than to the other. Our salvation depends as certainly upon our behavior in things relating to social, civil, political and industrial life as in things relating to what is commonly called the service of God. It is no part of the duty of a Christian to abdicate his responsibility for the problems that involve the wholesome life of the community and the State. It would surely be a great mistake to suppose that the Church has no direct teaching to give on the vital questions which arise with regard to the organized, common life of mankind. The State is but the "armed conscience of the community." It is right that this conscience be instructed that the State may become the noble organ of right living between man and man.

The Church can not afford to hold itself aloof from the great currents and movements of that over-flowing and ebbing human life in which it shares, which it has to redeem, to purify and to quicken. That is an emasculated gospel which restricts itself to doctrinal dissertations and theological homilies, and gives no place for instruction concerning the relations of God and his government to social and national life. That is a questionable wisdom which would restrict the pulpit to a class of subjects conventionally called religious, and forget that true religion must be ethical. The notion that the ministers of the gospel are to preach against sin only so long as it is kept separate from political issues, and cease to do so whenever the iniquity becomes a question of politics, does not find its warrant either in the Scriptures or in common sense. For the political duties of the Christian are as truly religious as any which he is called upon to per-

form; and no man can lower his plane of life in politics without bringing it in religion just as low.

The old inspired prophets understood and taught that God had to do with politics. They warned both rulers and people that sin made national by government sanction was ruin to the State. They admonished truckling teachers, unfaithful magistrates and dissolute Kings. Drunkenness, bribery, oppression of the helpless, were rebuked with courageous fidelity. They denounced dishonesty, fraud and corruption, and warned the people of God to keep clear of the sin of "helping the ungodly." They lifted up their voices against the godless schemes of the political, social and commercial rings of their day. They stood forth to rebuke abuses begirt with power. They asked not what is safe, but what is true, not what is popular, but what is right; they craved fellowship, but dared to go without a following, if only with God; they dared to speak an act alone, if for the right; braced for hardship and braving loss, if in a good cause; hearing but one voice, the whisper of inmost conviction; seeking but one reward, the testimony of a good conscience.

And to pretend that Christ did not touch the questions which are now burning in all the thought and feeling and work and life of the civilized peoples is to handle the word of God deceitfully. Let not the minister of the gospel misuse the fact that the Lord and his apostles did not bring forth specific measures of civic and social reforms by making it an apology for attempting to cure evils and abuses by platitudes and generalities. With them the time for organization and experiments had not come. Neither the political condition of their age nor the facilities for free, voluntary combinations made sociology a practical science. A great change has been effected in governments by the embodiment of Christian principles in our modern civilization, the enfranchisement of the people, and the placing of the onus of the Government on them. One's personal relation to politics where the Government is wholly beyond the reach of the individual, as in the days of Christ, is very different from the relation he sustains where every individual becomes responsible for the character of the Government, for the laws enacted, for their execution, and for the social and moral atmosphere in which the community lives.

Were Jesus to visit the earth today, in person, can we suppose that he would regard us in harmony with God while we adorn shrines, sing his praises, support missionaries and dispense charity to those who suffer from the legalized wrongs and evils of the time, so long as those wrongs and evils exist by the sufferance of those who profess loyalty to him, and have a ballot in every palm to show their faith by their works?

Thank God the Church has come to demand of her ministry to come down out of the church steeple and go to the front of every reform movement of the people; to

not only lead the flock, but to fight the wolf; to lead the people along ethical and spiritual lines and not merely to follow. If the pulpit become, by the demand of politicians, so narrowed in its teachings that it will not grapple with sin wherever found—in the individual, Church, State and Nation—then will it be unfaithful to its high trust and unworthy of its true mission.

If men who name the name of Christ will not depart from iniquity, but trade and work and vote as if Jesus were not at their side, then the true prophet should cry out as of old, "Wash you; make you clean; your hands are full of blood; seek justice; relieve the oppressed; bring no more vain obligations; thy princes are companions of thieves; put away your evil doings, ye people of Gomorrah!"

THE IDEAL MINISTER'S WIFE.

The ideal wife of the minister is not only a blessing to him, but equally to the Church over which he happens to preside. She has about as much to do with his success as a minister and a pastor as he does himself. She not only takes charge of his home and its affairs, looking after the children and after all domestic matters, but she aids him greatly in her relation to the work of the women of his congregation. Wherever she turns her thought or her hand she leaves the touch of refinement and the impress of prudence and discretion. When she speaks her words are wise, and when she makes suggestions they are to the point and helpful. She knows when to refrain from speaking, and the idle gossip of the day never finds expression through her lips. When she enters the home of any member of his flock she brightens it and makes those she visits glad that she came. She is free from fits of temper and boisterous explosions. She is low of voice, gentle in disposition, patient in service, a lover of her children, positive as to moral convictions and a veritable balance-wheel in the movements of the whole domestic machinery. Her price is above rubies because she is one of God's very few angels upon earth.

Often the income upon which she has to live and provide comforts for her household is rather meager; frequently she has to reduce economy to a science; often there are provocations that come to her hard to resist; occasionally she has to endure criticism from those whom her husband serves; and at all times there are irritating exactions made upon her time and talent; but she moves along gracefully in the even tenor of her way, performing her duties and devoting herself to her drudgery without a murmur or an audible complaint. The public records do not always make mention of her virtues and sacrifices, but God has her name written high upon the list of those designated as his jewels. The Church would be poor indeed without the gift of this sort of a woman to the manse or the parsonage. The wives of all ministers are not of the ideal sort, but here and there you find them, and the home thus blessed with one is thrice times over a blessed home, and her household is ideal.

PREACH THE WORD.

St. Paul stands pre-eminent in the Christian Church. His equal has not yet arisen. He was a great scholar, a great thinker, a great writer, a great missionary and a great preacher. He clearly comprehended the full import of his work. He was thoroughly trained and worked under the direct guidance of the Holy Spirit. Though "called out of due season" he understood his great mission and set himself to the accomplishment of the work whereunto he had been sent. He never hesitated and never doubted. By special revelation he had a clear and definite understanding of his work. As a preacher the burden of his message was Jesus Christ crucified. He readily saw this as the central idea of the gospel message. He uttered no uncertain sound. In writing to the Corinthians, he said: "The Jews require a sign and the Greeks seek after wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified." Though many desired another message, he held steadily to this. He made Jesus Christ crucified the central thought of his great message to the world. Under all circumstances he preached Jesus. Little did he care for the temporal things around him, only as they related to Jesus and his kingdom. In writing to Timothy, his son in the gospel, he solemnly charged him to "preach the word." He desired that he preach the word and nothing but "the word." A sermon from Paul on "Western Supremacy," or "Alexander the Great," is unthinkable. Some modern preachers might learn a valuable lesson from the example of Paul. In these latter days a sermon is sometimes delivered in which the Christ is not referred to in the remotest way. Such can hardly be called a real sermon. It may be well to lecture on many subjects, but the true gospel preacher must ring out the message of a Christ crucified for the sins of men. There are many phases of this central thought and many texts bearing on the theme. These great texts ought to be selected more often, their meaning thoroughly mastered and their great doctrines presented with all the power possible. A great text is a good beginning. It lays the foundation for the best effort possible. The preacher should preach his best every time. No true man can afford to do less than his best every time he enters the pulpit. The congregation is entitled to the best he can do, and the best is always about the Savior of men. Like the story of love, it never grows old. Christian men and women never tire of hearing of the Savior who died to save them. It has ever been that the true gospel minister should "preach the word," and it will be true to the end of time.

Men who believe in expediency rather than righteousness, and who exalt money above manhood, have always criticised the ministry for their active participation in the issues of civic righteousness, and so have some of the secular papers. This has been the case from the beginning, but a faithful and a fearless ministry is not only the hope of the Church, but also of the State.

Unitarianism and M. E. Churches

By REV. J. DITZLER

During the late Presidential campaign much was published in the religious, secular and magazine literature of the day. But if any of them treated of the moral, not to say spiritual, effects of either system, we did not see such articles. It is more to look at the two systems—Unitarian, i. e., "heterodox," and Trinitarian, or "orthodox," that we mainly shall look at them. But in a day when the mass of our Protestant members know almost nothing about our Church doctrines, they not being preached nor much on exhibition in our literature in our day, it may be well to detail some facts as to what Unitarianism is as now taught. It is quite the same with infidelity as taught by the old school of infidels, such as Voltaire, Rousseau and even Tom Paine, all of whom believed that Christ (Tom Paine excepted) was the sublimest teacher, wisest and best the world has ever known. Pre-eminently the late M. Renan so taught, and the greatest that ever would appear. As they all paraded Jefferson, the third President of the United States, as the most prominent Unitarian, and by long odds the most influential of all its personal adherents, we will let him tell what he believes. He is so wary in his words at times, it is not easy to tell just what he meant. Letter to Wm. Short, Correspondence, Vol. IV, pages 325-329: "That Jesus did not intend to impose himself on mankind as the Son of God, physically speaking, I am convinced." Who ever pretended that Jesus, physically speaking, made any claims. From this alone we would feel no disposition to object to Jefferson's view. But, while he believed in future rewards and punishments, so did Tom Paine. If he believed in prayer to God, so did Paine. Now hear him: "In Christ definitely, Christ was justifiable, therefore, in avoiding these (Jews) by evasions, by sophisms, by misconstructions and misapplications of scraps of the prophets, and in defending himself with these, their own weapons, as a sufficient ad hominem, at least." (Page 327.) "He absolutely falsifies Moses and the prophets, distorts them horribly. The Jews as taught by Moses had presented for the object of their worship a being of terrific character, cruel, vindictive, capricious, unjust. Moses had bound the Jews to many idle ceremonies, mummeries and observances, of no effect towards producing the social utilities which constitute the essence of virtue." Of the character of his biographers, we find "two distinct descriptions; first, a ground work of vulgar ignorance, of things impossible, of superstitions, fanaticisms and fabrications." To show how reckless Jefferson was of characters whom he disliked: On "mystical theology against those who believe in one God only, the Presbyterian clergy are the loudest, the most intolerant of all the sects, the most tyrannical and ambitious. * * * ready to put the torch to the pile, and to rekindle the flames in which their oracle, Calvin, consumed the poor Servitus," etc. Here the old slander on the man who did more to establish education and constitutional government than any man that ever lived, save Moses, is disgustingly repeated. Calvin never had Servitus burned, but did all he could to prevent it. Pages 358, 359, Vol. IV, he says: "In Boston Unitarianism has advanced to so great strength as now to humble the haughtiest of all religious sects." Page 360, he writes, 1822, of Unitarianism: "It is dawning in the West and advancing toward the South, and I confidently expect that the present generation will see Unitarianism become the general religion of the United States." Yet he says, same letter, page 361: "I take no part in controversies, religious or political." And what are all these writings of immense elaborations but controversy, and of the most bitter kind? Hear

him again on Calvin, whose motives he holds to be "of crazy imaginations." (Page 349.) Yet he expresses the hope, pages 349, 350, "that there is not a young man now living in the United States who will not die a Unitarian." Page 363, to John Adams, 1823, he writes of Calvin: "He was indeed an atheist, which I can never be. If ever a man worshiped a false God, he did." page 321, Jefferson says: "I * * * leave the latter to the stupidity of some and roguery of others of his (Jesus') disciples. Of this band of dupes and impostors, Paul was the great Coryphaeus, and the first corrupter of the doctrines of Jesus." He has an equally bad opinion of Moses and the prophets. And yet Jefferson, being the leader in the Virginia Assembly that inaugurated a just rebellion against and secession from England (Vol. I, page 5), resorted to "the appointment of a day of general fasting and prayer" to wake the people to the situation, and they appointed the first of June, 1773, "for a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, to implore heaven to avert from us the evils of civil war, to inspire us with firmness in support of our rights, and to turn the hearts of the King and Parliament to moderation and justice." Anyone reading only this

written by Jefferson would set him down as an old-time orthodox believer.

That grand old orthodox Christian, Ben Franklin refers to these proceedings in his speech moving the Assembly in 1787, that made the Constitution, and added, "God heard their prayers." (See his speech in full, Madison Reports, Vol. II, page 9850.) While Jefferson was a great patriot, and the most conversant with the greatest variety of subjects of any man in the United States in his day, yet on religious subjects he was intensely prejudiced and very ignorant. He relied, as he states, on Priestly for his information on religion. And his hopes of the success of Unitarianism in all the land shows a want of study that is astounding. For a wise man on these matters does not want any denomination, even of the best and purest type, to be the religion of a land, i. e., the denomination, and only denomination, in a land. Any such would rapidly become intolerant, resort to arbitrary measures, persecute. Hence Jefferson's views and prejudices are utterly superficial. Yet he was by immense odds the most scholarly, taking all the range of his vast attainments, of any man then in America. In statesmanship Madison was by great odds the wisest and safest; next to him, George Washington. I will reserve my strictures on the fruits of Unitarianism for a second article. Prospect, Ky.

Prohibition in Augusta, Ga.

Rev. L. G. Johnson, pastor of St. John's Methodist Church, Augusta, Ga., handed me your recent letter to him with the article taken from the Fort Worth Record, written by one Clarence Ousley. I do not know Mr. Ousley, but there are glaring inaccuracies in his article. Notwithstanding the fact that he says it is written by one who is unbiased, and who is simply seeking the truth, it bears upon its face the fact that it is written by one who is prejudiced against prohibition. Take some of his inaccuracies: He says that Savannah has been paying the near beer tax since last September, and Augusta only since January 1. Neither of these statements are correct. Savannah did not pay any near beer tax from September 1 to January 1, while Augusta did. I freely admit, sir, the law is not enforced as it should be either in Augusta or in Savannah. In Savannah it is more flagrantly violated than in any city in the State, and this has brought its own results, for Savannah is the only city in the State that has an increase in crime, the arrests for 1908 being 116 over 1907. In Augusta, in spite of the fact that we have a Recorder who is strongly opposed to the law, and states so in open court, and says it gives him pain to enforce it, and in spite of the near beer saloons, blind tigers and the South Carolina dispensary across the river, the number of criminals in 1908 was 194 less than in 1907.

When Mr. Ousley says that the Christian people of Augusta do not favor the law, he is so far away from the truth that no man would accuse him of even trying to tell it. I have preached in six Methodist Churches in Augusta, two Baptist and one Presbyterian, and have talked with officers of all these Churches, and I unhesitatingly say that almost every officer of the Church is in favor of the prohibition law, and will say that it has done good. Only a couple of weeks ago I was in the Court House in Augusta, Ga., while Hon. W. H. Fleming, ex-Congressman from this State, and one of the most high-toned gentlemen of the city, and member of one of the leading Churches, stated: "I was not at first in favor of this law. I doubted the wisdom of it; but I do not hesitate to say that the State is a thousand times better off because this prohibition law was

passed; and we will never recede and go back to the legal sale of liquor in this State."

Mr. Ousley says that there are many of the original prohibitionists who are now opposed to the law. I have made in the last twelve months about four hundred trips to different sections of the State, and have not found one single real prohibitionist who favors the repeal of the law, though I have interviewed hundreds. On the contrary, I have found scores and scores who were against the law when passed who are now heartily in favor of it. In Albany, Ga., a member of the Town Council stated to me: "I was one of those utterly opposed to prohibition because I thought it would ruin our town and leave one-half of our business houses unoccupied. But I have seen such good come out of it, and my town so vastly improved, that nothing could induce me to go back to the sale of liquor." Said a conductor on the Southern Railroad: "I have been a conductor on this road for twenty years, and before this law was passed I carried through all the winter months an average of three drunken men a day. Since prohibition has been in operation, which is twelve months and thirteen days, I have had only two drunks on my train." Another conductor running on the Georgia road said he formerly had from one to three drunks every day. Under the first year of prohibition he had only three drunks for the whole year. Said another conductor on the G. F. & A.: "During Christmas week of 1907 I had over two hundred drunken men on my train. In fact, the drunkenness was so great and the disorder so bad that the women and children had to cease riding. During Christmas week of 1908 I carried six thousand passengers and only four drunken men." Two conductors running on the Georgia Northern Railroad told me on the 5th day of December, 1908, that prior to the adoption of prohibition they had never run a train out of Albany one single day without having trouble with drunken men, and that since January 1, 1908, they had not had trouble with a single drunken man. I have interviewed scores of other conductors on almost every railroad in the State of Georgia, and they all bear testimony to the good effects of prohibition. Now, sir, let me give you some figures: In the town of Brunswick crime

has been cut down 82 per cent; Albany, 60 per cent; Rome, 61 per cent; Macon, 48 per cent; Atlanta, 39 per cent (58 per cent among the whites). The man who will go through Georgia and say that prohibition has not done great good is either as blind as a bat or will not tell the truth. Take the Atlanta Constitution, and for years it has been one of the strongest advocates of the whisky power, and has fought every form of prohibition, and yet this paper was compelled to say in a recent editorial that the closing of the bar-room had unquestionably worked a great good for Georgia, and that they would never come back. In fact, sir, the prohibition law has cut down crime throughout the State more than 50 per cent. This letter you can publish anywhere around the world, and I have plenty more facts like the above. I can write you the facts if you want them, or I can come out there and talk to your folks about it.

C. M. LEDBETTER.

District Superintendent Anti-Saloon League, Augusta, Ga.

A MISSOURI REVIVAL.

So many Missouri and Colorado boys have crossed over the line into Texas that it is no wonder that many of our hearts are drawn down that way. So I feel moved on this cold and muddy February day to write about our great revival which continued for near three weeks and closed on Monday night, the 15th.

Evangelist J. B. Andrews, of Siloam Springs, Ark., now well known in Texas, and his cultured singer, R. E. Huston, of Windsor, Mo., with Mr. Lucius Anderson, a brand plucked from the burning at Greenville, Texas, had charge of the special services and led the entire campaign successfully. The preaching of the evangelist was scriptural, spiritual and fearless. It went straight home to the mark and brought forth results.

The attitude and delivery of the preacher and the point and pith of his sayings remind one more of Sam Jones than any other living man. The leadership of the big chorus by Prof. Huston was a drawing feature, and contributed much to the success of the special effort.

And Lucius Anderson is a sample of what the grace of God can do for a wayward man. His presence here was a benediction. All my people learned to love and admire him, and were sorry when he and the others went away.

There have been some conversions reported since this was written; others have gone elsewhere to take a stand for Christ; boys have been sent back home, and other remarkable things are growing out of this work. Our first prayer-meeting last night was doubled in attendance and quadrupled in interest and zeal for the Master.

Brother Cornelius Pugsley, now at Greenville, formerly pastor here, did much for the success of our effort by endorsing Brother Andrews and exhorting our Clinton people to rally around him. Thanks to this refined, modest and cultured son of the gospel. His works do follow him.

The dear old Texas Advocate comes week after week to our parsonage home as a letter from a far-away friend. Not only do I read it with both pleasure and profit, but scarcely a week passes unless my presiding elder or some other pastor visits me, picks it up, reads it, and then says, "I must subscribe for the 'Great Texas.'" We all declare it to be one of the best religious periodicals in America. With what great pleasure we read the letters of our giant, C. H. Briggs, of Springfield, and wish they were longer, and that he would write oftener for your paper.

But I must close. The item of absorbing interest now to all Missourians is the great Gypsy Smith revival campaign in Kansas City at Convention Hall. Many, if not a majority, of our preachers will go and hear this wonderful Moody of our day. St. Louis reports 4000 conversions as a

result of the great meeting there. No doubt Kansas City can surpass that. A company from here are arranging to go Monday.

Our Missouri boys in that goodly Texan land have already noted with genuine sorrow the loss to our Southwest Missouri Conference since September last of the old pioneer preacher and presiding elder, R. S. Hunter; of the accidental and tragic end of J. L. Sullens, and the noon-day death of that promising young man, J. J. Pritchett. An abundant reward awaits them. They have entered into rest.

"When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again."

H. A. WOOD.

Clinton, Mo.

THE DOING MAN.

I have written in the last month 300 personal letters to pastors and enclosed in each a self-addressed postal card. These letters ask for just a little, a mite from each charge, to build two needed superannuate homes. I have received twenty-two answers, and they are a "mixtry." They would make a little book of interesting reading. Some of them are from "The Doing Man," others from the undoing man, some from "The Helper," some from "The Helpless," etc., and some answers that never came from the "Never Doing Man," and some that will yet come from the always helping man. Now read. H. D. Knickerbocker on the same Sunday raised near a thousand dollars for the Dallas Rescue Home. Said to me: "Yes, I got your letter asking for \$20. I'll raise \$50 for those homes. Put it down."

W. H. Harris, of Pearl, said: "Yours just received. I mentioned it to my people yesterday and passed the hat and enclose you a check for \$10. Nothing easier."

G. S. Wyatt says: "Yes; certainly I will gladly raise \$10 for your cause."

A dozen other big-hearted doing men have promised to help and have encouraged the work. And then. No I'll not quote from the other side. Some are so little. Ain't it strange how little a preacher can get when he begins to "swink up?" We are going ahead. These homes must be built. They are an absolute necessity, and there are many brethren who have not had time to answer yet, and they will rally to this cause.

How easy this would be if each brother would just mention the need and pass the hat. I got \$2 from a good woman who said: "This is the tenth of my chicken money, and it is the Lord's, and I have been holding it to know the best place to put it, and I send it to you for the work of the old preachers."

Preachers! there are hundreds who are waiting on you to mention this need and pass the hat, at least every "doing man" will present the cause and not ignore this tender work. I hope in the course of a month to send the Advocate a list of the helpers in this cause. This money will all be paid by or during the conference.

But I urge the pastors to sign and return the cards that I may have a basis to go ahead on. I have a few dates to fill in yet, if you want me. Set the time and write me and I'll let you know at once.

CHAS. E. BROWN.

Fort Worth, Texas, Route 4.

AN ACROSTIC.

Be on time at Sunday-school,
Endeavor to be true.

Our Master wants us to do this;
Now say, my friend, won't you?

Time and tide will never wait,
I must improve upon the past;
Mother, father, sister, brother,
Eternity at last.

J. A. McCONNELL,
Superintendent of M. E. S. S.
Crockett, Texas.

Devotional—Spiritual

PEACE.

O'er crowded high-roads, footsore
and oppress,
A weary traveler I:
And once I said, "Is anywhere sweet
rest
Under this burning sky?"

I dreamed of water under grey, cool
skies,
Where tall trees, mirrored, sway;
A spot remote, where sleep might
steal on eyes
Dazed with the glaring day.

A spot remote; and still my road
doth lead
Where crowds go hurrying by:
And once I cried, "To gain the peace
I need,
Might I lie down and die?"

My peevish cries did alter not my
lot;
The road I steadfast keep;
Now on my fretful soul—though
death comes not,
Nor spot remote for sleep—

There falls a peace, than sleep or
death more blest:
Calm on my road I press,
He doth not murmur of this truth
possest—
Peace comes through faithfulness.

E. E. Beighton.

THE CHRIST SPIRIT.

Dr. Josiah Strong tells the story of a young Russian Jew who came to America, and managed by hard toil and heroic sacrifice to work himself through Columbia University. On the day of his graduation he wrote to a friend somewhat after this fashion: "I am now a free American citizen, ready to enter upon my life-work. As I think of my future, I have just one desire: so to live that I may help to make the world better and happier." "That young Russian," adds Doctor Strong, "was a better American and that young Jew a better Christian than many a self-complacent church member who boasts of his blue-blooded American ancestry."

The Spirit of Christ is the spirit of service. "I am among you as he that serveth." "The Son of Man came, not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." The place of honor in his kingdom is the place of usefulness. "Whosoever would become great among you shall be your servant; and whosoever would be first among you shall be your bond servant." This is the new thought of life and life's meaning introduced into the world by the great Teacher. If it is often found today among those who do not acknowledge his authority, this only goes to show that his influence reaches far beyond the circles of his avowed disciples.—The Adult Student.

THE LOVING SPIRIT.

Dr. Marcus Dods, in a sermon on "The Good Samaritan," says:

"Love does not ask, What claim has this man and that man on me but, What does this or that man need that I can do for him? It must have been, and it still is, an edifying sight to see the completeness of the Samaritan's attentions—to see him kneeling with the interested, anxious eye of a friend by the side of the Jew, gently raising his head, cleansing his wounds, mollifying them with oil, binding them with strips torn from the first thing that came to hand, restoring in him the grateful desire of life, and greeting his return to consciousness with the strength-giving congratulations of genuine affection. We might suppose he had now done enough. How is his own business to go forward if he thus delays? But love is not so soon satisfied. He sits by him till

he is strong enough to be set on his beast, and does not resign his charge to any other. He does not feel that the robbed man is off his hands when he has got him to an inn. He has himself to go on his journey, but he will not on that account, nor on any account, disconnect himself from the man; he will disconnect himself from him only when he needs no more assistance. This is love's way. To be asking, How far am I to go in helping others shows we have not love. To be asking, To what extent must I love? Where can I stop? Whom can I exclude? and From what sacrifices may I reasonably turn away? is simply to prove that we have not as yet the essential thing, a loving spirit; for love asks no such questions, but ever seeks for wider and wider openings.

"This, then, is our Lord's answer to the question, How shall I inherit eternal life? The answer is, Love as this Samaritan did. You will not

SIN DEFINED

By BISHOP O. P. FITZGERALD

Conscious wrong-doing is the New Testament definition of sin. Willful ignorance is included in this definition.

receive eternal life as the reward of doing so, in the sense that, having now helped men and sacrificed for them, you shall enter into an eternity in which you may cease doing so, and live in some other relation to them. Not so. But by loving men thus you hereby enter into that state of spirit and that relation to your fellow men which is eternal life, the only eternal relation possible. What more can you be asked to do than to love those you have to do with? It is that which will alone enable you to fill all duty to them. You need not ask, What is due to this man or that, how much service, how much assistance, how much substantial help? These are very useful questions where there is no love, but they are never sufficient, and they are therefore all summarily dismissed by Paul in his brief rule, "Owe no man anything, but to love one another"—that is the one debt always due, never paid off, always renewed, and that covers all others. You are meant to live happily and strongly and sweetly; the relations of society part to part are meant to move as sweetly as the finest machinery, and love alone can accomplish this. It is a mere groping after harmony and order and social well-being that we are occupied with while we try to adjust class to class, nation to nation, man to man, by outward laws or defined positions.—From "The Parables of Our Lord."

THE GRANDEUR OF OUR FUTURE.

"It is not made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him." How strangely great is the destiny here foreshadowed! The writers of the New Testament know how impossible it was to express in the stammering tongue of the earth the sublime facts of the eternal universe, and they do not attempt it. Clever men have sought to reduce to musical notation the songs of the birds, so that they might be played on the piano, but when the composer had done his best the representation was so crude that nobody could recognize the music until the name of the songster was revealed. How impossible, then, for human speech and imagery to express the transcendent life and spectacles of the highest

worlds! Yet, despite the mystery that necessarily rests upon the details of the unseen, there is nothing unreasonable in entertaining the vastest hopes of humanity. We possess one strange faculty, the faculty of growth, and who may pretend to fix its limits! What wonderful creatures we are continually and rapidly becoming! What wings the telegraph has given us! The naturalist records with amazement the wonderful vision of insects and birds; but the microscope, the telescope, the spectroscope, the camera have given us far more splendid eyes! What hands we have developed! Our scientific and mechanic apparatus have endowed us with a myriad of hands, ranging from the most colossal fist to fingers of indescribable delicacy! What a voice and ear the telephone have created us! What an enlarging and heightening of our bodily powers and organs are constantly taking place! Looking at this bodily and intellectual equipment one might think that the resurrection was already past. "He maketh his angels winds, his messengers a flame of fire." The progress

win friends for myself; faith rather than doctrines, hope rather than satisfactions, love rather than achievements.

To remember: That, as God is in the material world fashioning his universe, so is he in each human soul fashioning a man after his likeness; that all things, whether joy or sorrow, success or disappointment, visions of the truth or veils of the truth, are but elements in that universal travail which is destined to work out a far more exceeding weight of glory than has yet been revealed, even the glory of the only begotten Son of the Father.—Thomas Curtis Clark, in Evangelist.

THE ROYAL ROAD TO LIFE.

Still another reason why life is so serious is because we must give account of it all. Jesus hinted at the large meaning of this truth when he said that for every idle word that men speak they must give account. If for the idle words—light, trivial, empty words—how much more for the words which are filled with bitterness, or with malice, or with the evil of falsehood, of envy, of irreverence! We are not done with life as we live it; we shall meet it all again.

These things being true, how should we enter upon the new year? For one thing, we should begin it with Christ. Who is sufficient for the serious problems of living without the divine grace and help? There is no other hand that can guide us safely through the new and strange experiences.

Another suggestion for a prosperous new year is that we should fill its every hour with duty well done. Duty is a large word. It includes all that we owe to God—honor, love, obedience, faithfulness. It includes all that we owe to men. No year can be happy or beautiful with God left out.—Rev. J. R. Miller.

SOFTENED BY SORROW.

When sorrow or the sight of sorrow makes us compassionate and forgiving, we are like our Lord. A little 8-year-old newsboy was so persistent in his determination that a gentleman should buy a paper of him that the man rebuked him in a way which the moment afterwards he regretted. The child felt hurt and insulted, and answered: "Never mind, old man, I'll grow up and give you the awfulest licking." They met daily for nearly a year, and many times the man heard the little lad say: "There goes a fellow I am going to lick, if it takes me fifty years." But one day the man was surprised to receive a call from his little enemy. The boy extended his hand with the words, "Say, let's quit." "I'm agreed," "I said I'd lick you, and I meant it all along, but—but—" "What has happened to change your mind?" "Mother's dead—died Monday, and I don't want to fight anybody, for nothing. If you'll forgive me, I'll forgive you." The man took the child's hand with assurance of forgiveness, and the lad went away comforted.

OVERCOME BY EVIDENCE.

"There was a time in my college life," says Mr. John R. Mott, the founder of the student Christian Federation, who is now visiting this country, "when I did not believe in the deity of Jesus Christ. I was specializing on historic studies and other studies preparatory to the legal profession. I was led to begin a study of the resurrection. I carried it on as well as I could without special leadership. It required a long time. I shall not forget the day, and never will my life lose the inspiration which came, when, after I had spread out on paper the evidence, I came to that position where in my case, to be intellectually honest, I had to concede that Jesus Christ rose from the dead, and could say, with feeling and conviction: 'My Lord and my God!'"

Can You Tell the Cause of Your Trouble?

Are you sometimes discouraged, and think you'll never be any better? Can you tell the cause of your trouble, or what makes you sick? Do you know that about nine-tenths of all sickness is caused by kidney trouble?

Have you ever stopped to think that your kidneys may be the cause of your poor health?

Most people do not realize how much work the kidneys are required to do every day.

Every drop of blood in the body must pass through and be filtered by the kidneys thousands of times a day.

How can they do their work well if they are sick?

If your kidneys need treatment, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the wonderful kidney remedy, will prove to be just the medicine you need.

If you will write to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., every reader of this paper, who has not already tried Swamp-Root, the great Kidney, Liver and Bladder Remedy, may receive a sample bottle by mail, absolutely free. You can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles at all drug stores.

THE NOBLEST CULTURE.

I will this day try to live a simple, sincere, and serene life; repelling every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, self-control, and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust, and a child-like trust in God.—From a calendar by Bishop John H. Vincent.

Do we not know that more than half our trouble is borrowed? Just suppose that we could get rid of all unnecessary and previous terror; just suppose that we could be sure of final victory in every conflict, and final emergence out of every shadow into brighter day; how our hearts would be lightened! How much more bravely we should work and fight and march forward! This is the courage to which we are entitled and which we may find in the thought that God is with us everywhere.—Henry van Dyke.

I'd laugh today, today is brief.

I would not wait for anything;

I'd use today that can not last.

Be glad today and sing.

Christina G. Rossetti.

The Knock-out Blow.

The blow which knocked out Corbett was a revelation to the prize fighters. From the earliest days of the ring the knock-out blow was aimed for the jaw, the temple or the jugular vein. Stomach punches were thrown in to worry and weary the fighter, but if a scientific man had told one of the old fighters that the most vulnerable spot was the region of the stomach, he'd have laughed at him for an ignoramus. Dr. Pierce is bringing home to the public a parallel fact; that the stomach is the most vulnerable organ out of the prize ring as well as in it. We protect our heads, throats, feet and lungs, but the stomach is utterly indifferent to, until disease finds the solar plexus and knocks us out. Make your stomach sound and strong by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and you protect yourself in your most vulnerable spot. "Golden Medical Discovery" cures "weak stomach," indigestion, or dyspepsia, torpid liver, bad, thin and impure blood and other diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" has a specific curative effect upon all mucous surfaces and hence cures catarrh, no matter where located or what stage it may have reached. In Nasal Catarrh it is well to cleanse the passages with Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy fluid while using the "Discovery" as a constitutional remedy. Why the "Golden Medical Discovery" cures catarrhal diseases, as of the stomach, bowels, bladder and other pelvic organs will be plain to you if you will read a booklet of extracts from the writings of eminent medical authorities, endorsing its ingredients and explaining their curative properties. It is mailed free on request. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. This booklet gives all the ingredients entering into Dr. Pierce's medicines from which it will be seen that they contain not a drop of alcohol, pure, triple-refined glycerine being used instead. Dr. Pierce's great thousand-page illustrated Common Sense Medical Advisor will be sent free, paper-bound, for 21 one-cent stamps, or cloth-bound for 31 stamps. Address Dr. Pierce as above.

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THE TWELVE LABORS OF HERCULES.

In Greek mythology Hercules was the son of Zeus and Alcmene. He was worshiped as the god of strength and courage. He seems to have been mortal, but his mother consented for him to become immortal if he would perform twelve tremendous tasks that seemed almost superhuman or quite so. These tasks were as follows: The strangling of the Nemean lion; the killing of the Lernean hydra; the capture of the Ceryneian stag; the capture of the Erymanthian boar; the cleaning of the Augean stables; the slaughter of the Stymphalian birds; the capture of the Cretan bull; the capture of the man-eating mares of Diomedes; the capture of the girdle of Hippolyte, Queen of the Amazons; the seizing of the red oxen of Geryon; the capture of the golden apples of Hesperides; the capture of Cerberus, the last named being the guardian dog of hades, and bringing him to the upper world. Of course all these references are mythological and must not be considered as history in themselves, though they were true and real conceptions of the Greek mind at a certain stage of its development. A description of these labors in detail would occupy too much space for this column. Any extended work on mythology would give the details, Anthon's classical dictionary being an excellent authority as a work of reference on this subject.

THE DRACONIAN LAWS.

We often hear something said about the Draconian laws, but not so often do we realize the full import of references to them. Draco was an Athenian. He lived several decades before Solon and several centuries before Lycurgus. To him belongs the distinction of formulating the first real code of laws for his country. The general low conception of absolute right among men at the time made it necessary to have a severe criminal code. As men rise in the scale of civilization they need not only fewer laws but less restrictive laws. Self-government is the highest form of government. But Draco saw that severe measures were necessary to meet the barbarous doings of the times. His system of laws was notorious for their numerous severe penalties. Under his system the death penalty is applied to more crimes than under any other known set of laws. For this reason the Draconian laws are usually spoken of as being merciless, even brutal. They are often spoken of as "written in blood." That is the most usual idea when these laws are referred to. But we must not, on this account condemn the man for lack of legislative ability, nor for want of statesmanship, nor yet for absence of humanitarian sensibilities. He was dealing with a pagan people, two thousand, five hundred years behind ours, and the standard of right in the minds of his people was far closer to might than to fraternity.

THE GUILLOTINE.

The form of guillotine as first used in France was operated at the beginning of the French Revolution, in 1792. It is commonly understood that a physician and surgeon named Guillotine invented this machine of death, but he did not. He was a member of the Constituent Assembly of France in 1789, and he strongly advocated some such machine as a means of executing criminals, but he did not himself invent it. Doubtless through his advocacy of such an instrument it was invented by Dr. Antoine Louis, and for a time the machine was called the Loissette. Previous to this time all decapitation was effected by means of sword or axe. But this is not the first machine of its kind in history. It is a frame in which a knife is fixed, and,

falling upon the victim's neck, cuts off his head. It was abandoned in France as brutal, but recently there is a strong sentiment in favor of its use again.

THE DOMESDAY BOOK.

In the battle of Hastings, in Southern England, in 1066, William, the Conqueror, defeated Harold, the last of the Saxon Kings. During William's reign he had the tale and description of all the lands and other property in England tabulated in twelve large volumes. It is a marvelously efficient and reliable account of lands, tenants, life-stock and all other property at the close of the preceding reign of Edward, the Confessor, who had himself prepared a somewhat similar list but a less reliable one. It is claimed that Alfred the Great had also required such rolls of all property to be made, but, if so, they are not extant. These written descriptions of William, the Conqueror, are now kept in the public record office of England. In many respects they constitute a model for the tax rolls of any country.

PERNICIOUS WHITE LIES.

This paragraph is for older persons as well as for children. When you thought a little child had had enough candy, did you ever give him a small piece and then put the little paper bag containing more up on the mantel or in a drawer, saying: "That's all, now; there isn't another piece left." If you did, you gave that child his first lesson in lying. Children are naturally truthful. They learn their little tricks of deception from older persons. Tomorrow, when you feel that the same child may safely have another bit of candy, you go to the same shelf, or drawer, and form the same little paper bag you produce that other bit of candy and give it to the child.

Children are not fools. This child ments together and in another moment he knows that you have been lying. But this is not the worst part of the deception in the formation of character. He sees that you are not distressed over your lying, and he soon convinces himself, out of confidence in you, that he may deceive you just as you have deceived him, and that the remembrance of it will not be painful.

Then comes another gross inconsistency and cruelty on your part. The first time he lies to you you punish him. This is just a little story often enacted in our homes, but it bears a significance as deep as life and as awful as the ruin of character. Whenever you feel disposed to switch a child for deception or falsifying, recall the events in your own conduct toward him that insidiously beguiled him away from the truth, and, instead of switching him, bare your own back to the lash of conscience, ask God to forgive you for lying, and henceforth deal honorably with all children. Their bright, sunny natures will repay you for the anguish you may suffer for your own deceptions, the child-heart will seem what it really is, a dreadfully sacred thing, and your life will be rewarded an hundredfold.

NEW CHURCH IN SEGUIN.

H. G. H.

Last Quarterly Conference requested me to write something for the Advocate about our new church. It is being modeled very much after the one in Elgin. It will be 68 feet in length and 42 feet in width, constructed of Pearson and Elgin brick. The old concrete church was torn down and material sold. The new church occupies the exact spot of the old one. It will have white rock facings, rock steps, two entrances, Sunday-school room, a place for pipe organ, hand-some carpets, and present a stately and beautiful appearance. Seating ca-

capacity five hundred. Its cost will approximate \$10,000. Over \$9,000 has been subscribed. Since the first quarterly meeting of current year over \$5,000 in cash has been paid in for all Church purposes. During the late Mulkey meeting about \$8,000 was subscribed. The women have pledged \$2,000 and are rapidly raising it. The Northern German Church have subscribed nearly \$1,000, and outside Germans ran it up to \$1,200. Epworth League gives \$250; Senior League, \$25; Sunday-school, \$250, and large numbers of outsiders various amounts. John Goodrum has the contract. Most of the windows will be memorial windows. Geo. W. Backenridge sent \$100. The whole Church is working like beavers with a splendid Building Committee for the completion of the church. The corner-stone will be laid soon. We want one of our Bishops to dedicate it when finished.

We retain our bell, fine oaken seats, pulpit, chairs, etc. It will be brilliantly lighted. Pastor Hartsfield is justly proud of the interest the people are taking in the enterprise. We hope to come out clear of debt. The people are paying up the other regular claims right along. Some of the specials must necessarily lie over until next year. The people now have as much as they can carry. Dry weather is upon us, but the people are determined to swing to this enterprise until it is successful.

DR. JNO. H. BRUNNER AT EIGHTY-FIVE.

On the 12th of this month I entered upon my eighty-fifth year. My wife is my junior by eleven months. We were married in 1856. My eyes are growing dim, my ears dull of hearing, my natural strength more feeble; but my hope of immortality abides. With Dr. Alexander, once President of Princeton College (now University), I join in his prayer:

"O most merciful God, cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not, if my strength faileth. May my hoary head be found in righteousness. Preserve my mind from dotage and imbecility, and my body from protracted disease and excruciating pain. Deliver me from despondency in my declining years, and enable me to bear with patience whatever may be thy holy will. I humbly ask that my reason may continue to the last, and that I may be so comforted and supported that I may leave my testimony in favor of the reality of religion and of thy faithfulness in fulfilling thy gracious promises. And when my spirit leaves this clay tenement, Lord Jesus, receive it. Send some of the blessed angels to convey my unexperienced soul to the mansions which thy love has prepared; and O may I have abundant entrance administered unto me into the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." J. H. BRUNNER. Hiwassee College.

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT PREACHERS' MEETING.

The preachers of the Gainesville District were called by the presiding elder, J. M. Sherman, to meet in the city of Hamilton on the 23rd of last month, for the purpose of considering questions of vital interest concerning our work. A splendid program had been prepared by Bro. Sherman, and men had been designated to discuss certain topics pertaining to the work of the Church; but owing to the fact that several of the brethren were prevented from attending the meeting, it was impossible to carry out the program in detail. However, we had three days of Christian fellowship and counsel, which were most profitable.

One of the most interesting and profitable features of the meeting was the study of the Word of God. Our presiding elder is a splendid expositor of the Holy Scriptures, and with our Bibles in hand he led us through some of the cardinal doctrines in such a way as to positively establish them in our minds as the teachings of the Scriptures. One of these most important doctrines was that of the divinity of our Lord. Instead of consulting what men have said, we found what the prophets had foretold and what God had promised and said and what Christ said of himself; and the conclusion reached was that Christ was very God and very man, and the Savior of the world. We also took up the study of the subject of prayer; discussing such phases as, "How to Pray," "Who Can Pray," and "Hindrances to Effective Prayer," etc. These Bible studies were indeed very profitable. We also had some splendid speeches on the Laymen's Movement, the women's work, the Sunday-school and other features of our Church activities.

We were delighted to have with us the representatives of the Board of

MR. L. BLAYLOCK, PUBLISHER OF THIS PAPER, ENDORSES WARE'S BLACK POWDER

Dallas, Texas, March 15, 1909.

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Ware's Black Powder for Stomach and Bowel Trouble

Trustees of the Meridian Training School, who gave a most encouraging report of what had been done toward the erection of our main building. They reported that work was being done on the third story, and that the entire building would be completed early in the spring. After hearing from them a statement as to the financial status of the enterprise, and discussing ways and means of raising the funds necessary for the completion of the work, the following resolutions were adopted by the pastors and recommended to the laymen and others of the district:

Whereas, We have heard with great pleasure the report of the Board of Trustees of the Meridian Training School; and whereas we rejoice in the measure of success already attained; and whereas this is an enterprise of the Gatesville District; therefore be it

Resolved, by the pastors of said district in preachers' meeting assembled, first, That we do hereby express to the Board of Trustees our sincere thanks for their untiring and unselfish efforts in behalf of the institution.

Second, That we most heartily sanction their plan of issuing bonds as a means of raising the necessary funds for the completion and equipment of the magnificent building which is now almost ready for occupancy.

Third, That we, as pastors, throw open our charges to the representative of the board, and, as far as possible, assist in the placing of these bonds.

Signed:

GEO. F. CAMPBELL,
W. J. MAYHEW,
NEAL W. TURNER,

Committee.

After hearing the report from the trustees, and learning that the building would be completed so soon, it was thought wise and best that the next session of our District Conference be held there. Therefore a resolution was introduced and passed to the effect that we ask China Springs, through our presiding elder, to allow the change, with the understanding that we would vote for the next session of the conference to go to China Springs. Respectfully submitted.

NEAL W. TURNER, Secretary.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Report of Superintendent Supplies and Rescue Work, Rescue Home, San Antonio:

Seguin, box \$1.50, cash \$3.00	\$4.50
South Heights, box \$1.10, cash \$3.14	\$4.24
Alice, box	22.50
West End, S. A., two boxes	30.00
Eagle Pass, box	50.00
Columbus, box	15.00
Kerrville, box	19.00
Llano, cash	5.00
Cotulla, box	20.00
Travis Park, cash	30.00
Travis Park, supplies	5.00
Total	\$215.00

Waco orphanage—
Alice, box \$25.00
Mexican Church—
West End 10.00
Total \$250.00
Quarter ending Feb. 29, 1909.

MRS. W. E. SMITH,
217 Guilbeau Street, San Antonio.

A COMING EVENT.

Cards will soon be out announcing the marriage of Rev. W. C. Hinds, of Ft. Warran and Miss Mattie Gardner, of Hobbs, Texas, on or about April 12.

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FREE DEAFNESS CURE.

A remarkable offer by one of the leading ear specialists in this country, who will send two months' medicine free to prove his ability to cure Deafness, Head Noises and Catarrh. Address Dr. G. M. Bramman, 1219 Walnut St., Kansas City, Mo.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Waxahachie District.

Candidates for license to preach in the Waxahachie District will please meet the committee at the Methodist Church in Milford, at 1:30 p. m., April 1.

C. E. LINDSEY.

Brenham District.

Committee of Examination:
For License to Preach—J. W. Johnson, J. M. Adams, J. C. Huddleston.
For Admission on Trial—A. S. Whitehurst, A. A. Kidd, I. E. Thomas.
For Deacon's Orders—W. W. Golliugh, C. C. Childress, G. C. Cravy.
For Elder's Orders—T. J. Milam, W. W. Horner, J. L. Russell.
A. A. WAGNON, P. E.

Terrell District.

The Terrell District Conference will meet at Rockwall, Friday, May 28, at 2 p. m.

Committees on Examination:
License—T. N. Weeks, J. E. Vinson and Minor Bounds.

Admission—J. F. Alderson, W. R. McCarter and G. W. Whisler.
Deacon's Orders—A. R. Nash, W. A. Thomas and J. B. Adair.
Elder's Orders—E. W. Alderson, I. A. Thomas and W. J. Palmer.

M. L. HAMILTON, P. E.

El Paso District.

The El Paso District Conference will meet at Alpine April 15-19. Opening sermon by J. A. Trickey, Wednesday evening, at 7:30. Committees:

License to Preach—W. V. Teer, J. M. Armstrong, J. W. Aker.
Admissions—W. R. Evans, J. P. Wheeler, H. M. Smith.
Deacon's Orders—J. A. Trickey, W. J. Wright, J. F. Hedgpeth.
Elder's Orders—J. Allen Ray, B. W. Allen, Geo. Ward.
J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.

San Augustine District.

The San Augustine District Conference will convene at Tenaha, Texas, May 26-30. The opening sermon will be preached Wednesday, 8 p. m., by Rev. W. A. Manly. The following committees are appointed:

For License to Preach—L. M. Fowler, H. B. Smith, W. A. Pounds.
For Admission and Readmission—J. W. Mills, C. M. Kennedy, M. I. Brown.
For Deacon's and Elder's Orders—J. A. Stafford, S. W. Thomas, W. R. Arnold.

The following are the chairmen of the several committees to be appointed: On Missions, C. U. McLarty; on Sunday-Schools, W. A. Manly; on Epworth Leagues, W. H. Vance; on Spiritual State of the Church, A. Nolan; on Financial System, L. B. Saxon; on Quarterly Conference Records, W. C. Huntington; on Bible Cause, W. A. Craven.

I have named the chairmen of the committees to be appointed that they may make all necessary preparation for their work.

C. A. TOWER, P. E.

A CURE FOR THE TOBACCO HABIT.

Mrs. M. Hall, 2037 South Fourth St., Raton, N. M., has discovered a harmless remedy for the tobacco habit. Her husband was cured in ten days, after using tobacco for over thirty years. All desire for its use is gone. Can be filled by any druggist. Mrs. Hall will gladly send prescription to any one enclosing stamped envelope.

McASHAN LEADS.

Foreign and domestic missions and Bishops' fund paid in full. This puts McAshan in lead of all the charges in Houston District. West End has reported in full on foreign missions. Who next? CHAS. F. SMITH.

Notes From the Field

Artesia, N. M.

The work here under the leadership of our efficient and congenial pastor, Bro. J. Allen Ray, is going forward with rapid pace. Nearly every service the church is crowded and each Sunday for some time we have had accessions; in fact Bro. Ray sometimes receives certificates before the people arrive. What do you think of this? We have the "banner" Sunday-school in New Mexico, and the contract for the new Methodist College will be let next Friday. All in all, Methodism is in the forefront in our "fair little city," and we are much encouraged. —Geo. R. Ray, March 9.

Coleman Station.

We have just closed a great meeting here, after continuing twenty-eight days. The services for the first week were held only at night, and were conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. S. L. Culwell and H. F. Brooks. On February 14, Brother J. T. McClure, of Waxahachie, came and stayed with us thirteen days. His preaching was plain and direct, yet saturated with love and persuasive power. The wicked man felt that he was the one to whom the preacher was speaking, and either surrendered or ran away. The indifferent, worldly Church member was dug up and portrayed in such a light as to make him blush for shame and mend his ways or get busy hunting for an excuse to run from the meeting. McClure's sermon to parents was one of the best I have heard and will bear fruit in the years to come. It will pay any Church to get him to preach it and then follow with a children's service as he did here. Brother Whitehurst, presiding elder, also preached a half dozen very strong sermons. Then Brother C. E. Brown, of Fort Worth, came and remained with us to the close of the meeting. The singing during the whole meeting except a few days at the last was under the leadership of Dr. C. R. LaBlond, of Waxahachie. He won all hearts at once and his work was of the very best quality. He is a fine spirit and a splendid personal worker. Pastors needing help of this kind will

do well to secure him. We want him again. Not the least of the apparent results is the deepening and quickening of the spiritual life of the Church—all the Churches in town—for they all worked with us in a most beautiful and harmonious spirit. Sixty-five have been received into the Methodist Church to date and quite a number applied for membership in the other Churches of the town. We raised \$282 as a free-will offering for Brothers McClure and LaBlond and our pianist. Then at the close Bro. Brown presented the work of providing homes for the old preachers and raised \$1254, practically all cash, besides obtaining the partial promise of a home in Coleman in the near future. The Church here is getting on higher ground. The Sunday-school was never better than now. We have recently organized Baracca and Philathea classes with twenty-five members each and still growing. These are all practically new additions to the school, and the coming of these classes has quickened and enlarged every class in the school. —W. W. Moss.

A Revival in Henderson, Texas.

The old town of Henderson has just had the greatest spiritual awakening ever known in the history of its existence—a revival that began February 18 and closed Sunday night, March 8. It was planned and arranged for a year ago by Rev. J. A. Hornbeak, pastor-at-large of this Presbytery of the U. S. A. Church, but was co-operative throughout and held in the court house. While its beginning dates back a year, no visible preparation was made till the last prohibition campaign in November. Seeing the vast forces of the enemy put a determination into the hearts of the Christians to work for a greater reformation than merely keeping out of the saloon—that of converting the drunkards and saloon-men—and accordingly they have worked to that end. Rev. N. F. Crafton, of Leonard, came first and preached a week. He is a man of great ability; his sermons were just what was needed to get the town ready for the coming evangelist; they were simple, yet eloquent, and aroused an intense interest among both the Christians and the unconverted. Mr. Crafton is one of the most forceful speakers of the Texas ministry. Mr. Adair came on the 26th ult., since which time the demonstration cannot be described. More than 200 have professed the Christ. Each day he held a morning and evening service, and in the afternoon there were eight prayer-meetings, aggregating 300 in attendance. He held the largest audiences ever gathered together in this town for religious worship, and strong men and women, as well as children, were brought to a knowledge of Christ as a personal Savior. No man can describe this preacher or explain his power, except that he is full of the spirit of God. All of the ministers of this town, with their workers, the evangelist singer, Victor Howell, Mr. Ford, of Jacksonville, and a great many ministers of the county, co-operated with Mr. Adair. —(Mrs.) J. E. Watkins.

Burke.

As we were observing Fast Day on Friday, March 6, Bro. J. M. Fairchild drove to the parsonage with a variety of groceries and an order for some chairs for the parsonage, all of which he said was a supplement to the preaching by our Burke people recently. These folks certainly make us feel good. Our first Quarterly Conference was a great occasion. Bro. Tower preached two big sermons and one little one. Some of our people say we should substitute "p" for "t" in his name. Our Board of Stewards raised pastor's salary \$125, and paid a little more than the first quarter. So we are expecting great things of the Lord. —W. A. Pounds.

Sour Lake.

Sour Lake has been on a boom lately. Houses have been moved to make room for the oil derricks, and everything has been in a rush, and it did not seem to be a very propitious time to have a protracted meeting, but we began on February 24, and continued until Monday, when Rev. J. W. Cullen, from Cedar Bayou, came in. He preached twice a day and three times on Sunday. He preached in demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit. He condemned sin in every form and in a way that the people had never heard it condemned before; but there was no bitterness in his preaching; he was in sympathy with the man that wished to turn from sin, and he plead with the people to turn to God and be saved. The closing meeting, Sunday night, March 7, will be remembered for many days to come. The people thronged around Bro. Cullen and asked for prayers and promised to live better lives. Many said the

next day, "You closed too soon." I said, Yes! And when Gabriel shall blow his trumpet at the end of this age, many will say, "Gabriel, you blew too soon." The results of this meeting will not pass away, but it will remain to the glory of God. We have received into the Church 22 members, baptized nine of them (adults), baptized two infants, and we have the promise of others who will unite with the Church next Sunday. We hope to begin a meeting at China, March 20. Rev. Calvin Adams will be with us to do the preaching, and we pray for a good, religious revival. Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss will hold our second Quarterly Conference on March 20, 21. Bro. Calvin Adams will (D. V.) be with us March 22, 1909.—Geo. H. Phair, March 9.

Electra Mission.

At the last session of the North Texas Conference the Electra Mission was formed from a division of Iowa Park Circuit. We are 140 miles from Fort Worth on the F. W. & D. C. R. R. Our little town is very progressive. We have a church building here and preach two Sundays a month in Electra, the other two Sundays being given to country appointments. We have seven appointments in all. This is a very promising charge. We have already paid in full our assessment on foreign and immigrant missions, Orphanage and Bishops' fund, and have received ten into the Church, organized one Church and Sunday-school. Our services are very well attended. On last Sunday we had a good day. At an evening appointment several came forward for prayer. We are praying that God will wonderfully bless the people of Electra Mission this year. Brethren, pray that God will bless us as we, a young minister, try to lead these people to a higher and better life. Our presiding elder, Bro. Roach, is all that could be desired as an over-pastor of the flock. We serve a good and appreciative people. It shall be our endeavor, by the help of God, to be a blessing to the Church and its members and, above all, a glory to God in our humble efforts in the Master's service. Praise God for a place in his vineyard to labor. —E. H. Coburn, March 11.

Cauley, N. M.

We are moving with success. Bro. B. T. James, presiding elder, has held our quarterly meeting, March 4. The members of the Quarterly Conference were present, doing what they could for the cause of Christ. Just closed a three weeks' meeting at Arch with a good spiritual awakening among the members of the Baptists as well as Methodists, with several conversions and additions to the Church. —J. D. Wagner.

Coleman.

I have been for eight days in this growing town. For one month the Methodist Church has been in a revival. Bro. McClure, of Waxahachie, and his choir leader, Bro. LeBlond, opened the meeting and waged the battle for two weeks, and extra good work was done by them, and they are in great favor in Coleman. The meeting accomplished great good. The Church is in fine shape, and the meeting added some 70 members to its ranks. The pastor, W. W. Moss, is in the saddle and at the head of the column. He is a worker and a pastor, beloved of his people. The Church has grown on all sides under his guidance, and his wife is not behind him as a worker and helper in her department. The fact is, Moss and his family are a fit in Coleman. In my work I found some great hearted folks who are in full sympathy; one of these, a noble and faithful woman and worker in the Church, gave me her check for \$1200 to build a superannuate home, and did not make conditions so as to hamper or trammel the work; also another faithful woman has it in her heart to build a home in Coleman, and I am sure it will be done before next conference. The people are liberal and broad in their views of Church work, and in collections they are not backward as was in evidence in this meeting, as they paid liberally all their helpers, and Bro. Moss is not afraid, but, like Knickerbocker, believes if you want a good cow strip her every time you milk her. —Chas. E. Brown.

Larue Circuit.

Our first Quarterly Conference for Larue Circuit was held at Larue, March 6, 1909; Rev. Ellis Smith, our noble presiding elder, in the chair. He preached an excellent sermon at 11 a. m. We all love Bro. Smith. Our new preacher in charge, Rev. L. J. Power, was called the day before to the bedside of his dying father-in-law. Churches well represented, especially New York; Board of Stewards assessed preacher's salary at \$600, or \$690, for both. At last session of Annual Conference Frankston and Sand Flat were added to our circuit. We are widening out; we are growing; we are building; we have four railroad towns on our work and eight appointments—two important old Churches, New York and Fin Castle. Bro. Power is a fine

young preacher, and is moving off nicely. He lives in our parsonage at Larue. Amount collected for him first quarter \$73.60. New York has a live Sunday-school; no winter quarters, no place, no time for it. Good attendance. We pay for our literature annually, hence no Sundays missed. Organized a Sunday-school which is helpful to your pastor. Let's raise a crop of boys and girls that will be "submissionists and State-widists." Teach them in the Sunday-school.—B. C. Hall, March 8.

Wellington Mission.

I never met a better and more loyal class of men and women. Our dear good Sister Mayhan, who is a prominent member of our Fresno Church, went among the good sisters and brethren and made up a bountiful pound which filled our kitchen with such delicious things that a preacher and family like to eat. And Brother Black came to us yesterday with a large bunch of fowls. With this noble band of workers we are moving forward in the Lord's work. They are now opening their purses and lending their hands to build a parsonage at Wellington, which we think will be completed within a month. We are grateful to God for the spirit of progress in evidence in the charge and we are especially striving this year for a great revival at every point. —G. P. Rice, P. C., March 8.

Prosper.

We are well advanced in the second year on Prosper Circuit. Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Zion Church 6th inst. Zion is one of the old Churches of this country, but by emigration its membership has been reduced to a very small number, but they are "a faithful few." We had a good attendance. All the stewards present except two and several other officials. Bro. J. F. Pierce, presiding elder, preached a most helpful sermon at 11 o'clock, after which a bountiful supply of good things to eat was spread. Uncle Charlie Smith and Bro. Beverly Rogers, J. J. M. Harper, the pioneers of Methodism in this part of the country, were present, and their presence was an inspiration to the occasion. May the old men of the Church be recognized as the heroes in establishing the cause of our Lord in all these lands of ours. The stewards made very satisfactory report. Orphanage assessment paid in full in December. Foreign mission assessment will be paid in full in this month. At each appointment—four—a good Sunday-school, two prayer-meetings and praying for a great revival. —A. P. Hightower.

Quannah.

At the last session of the Northwest Texas Conference I was appointed by Bishop Key to Quannah Station, which place I reached on November 24, just a few days after the close of the conference. We were entertained for a few days at the homes of Bros. Swindell and McDonald. We were royally entertained and made to feel at home from the first. Such courtesies as were shown us by these brethren and their wives are not very soon forgotten. After a few days we found ourselves comfortably domiciled in the parsonage. We found a very comfortable home, on which some substantial improvements had been made by Bro. J. W. Fort last year. I find here many visible footprints of Fort, Bonner and Ferguson and others. I very much appreciate the work done by all these brethren. I am happy to say that the year has started off very hopefully with us. Congregations have been fine and good interest manifested in the services. The large number of men in attendance is one of the marked features of our congregation. According to previous announcement our revival meeting opened up on the fourth Sunday in February. Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss did the preaching and Bro. Coffey, of Fort Worth, led the singing. Bro. Hotchkiss preaches a soul-stirring gospel. In my humble judgment there is nothing superficial about any of the work that he does in a revival, and he is a sight when it comes to missions. If you want to hear a rustling in the valley of dry bones on missions, send for Hotchkiss. Bro. Coffey is a consecrated singer and does his work well. He will prove a blessing to any Church and choir. There were some forty-five or fifty conversions and reclamations and forty additions to the Church, making sixty-one in all that we have received since conference. And this is not all. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was doubled in membership, which makes it the banner society in the district. The society now has fifty-two members, together with ten honorary members. This society has undertaken the support of two scholarships and also pledged \$150 for some special work. This is not all. May I not say the best of all, if it is possible to make a distinction, is that three of our choicest young ladies placed themselves upon the altar for the foreign fields. These young ladies —Miss Eliza Billings, Miss Eunice

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Swafford and Miss Annie Thwing—hope to make the preparation for this great work at the earliest date possible. In short, the meeting was a great blessing to our Church. We only held eight days, but I never saw as much accomplished in the same time in a meeting. We ought to have had more time. Bro. J. H. Stewart, our new presiding elder, has held our second Quarterly Conference. Bro. Stewart gives every evidence of a painstaking and conscientious presiding elder. He fully impresses you with the fact that his heart is set on advancing every interest of the Church and to fortify the pastor on every hand. We are serving a fine people from many view points. Quannah Station has a great future, if her men will only awaken to their possibilities and obligations to God, to home and to community. We need and must have a new church. We have not the room and equipment to do the work that needs to be done just now. —W. E. Lyon, P. C., March 9.

Estelline.

Sunday was a good day for us here. Nine members received at the 11 o'clock service. I went to a ranch at 1:30 and married a couple at 3. Then back six miles and assisted in the installation service of the new officers of the Home Mission Society at 4 o'clock, and preached again at night. There is not a better H. M. S. in Texas than they have here. This charge could not be better to its preacher. Surely the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places. I have had a spell of rheumatism; that is my first in life, but during it all these good people have been as thoughtful of myself and family as a parent could have been. They have helped Mrs. Smith with her sewing and furnished a lot of the goods to sew. They sent this preacher so much good to eat that he just had to get well to keep from dying with

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THREE CURES OF SEVERE ECZEMA

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The Home Circle

THE REAPER AND THE FLOWERS.

There is a reaper whose name is Death,
And, with his sickle keen,
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath
And the flowers that grow between

"Shall I have naught that is fair?"
said he,
"Naught but the bearded grain?"
Though the breath of these flowers is
sweet to me,
I will give them all back again."

He gazed on the flowers with tearful
eyes,
He kissed their drooping leaves;
It was for the Lord of Paradise
He bound them in his sheaves.

"My Lord hath needs of these flowers
gay,"
The reaper said, and smiled;
"Dear tokens of the earth are they,
Where He was once a child,

"They shall all bloom in fields of light,
Transplanted by my care,
And saints upon their garments white
These sacred blossoms wear."

And the mother gave, with tears and
pain,
The flowers she most did love;
But she knew she would find them all
again
In the fields of light above.

Oh, not in cruelty, not in wrath,
The Reaper came that day;
'Twas an angel visited the green earth
And took the flowers away.

—H. W. Longfellow.

THE SCRAPBOOK LEAGUE.

"I do wish we lived in a city instead
of 'way out here in the country on a
farm," sighed Alice discontentedly, as
she folded up the letter which she
had been reading for the dozenth time
since receiving it. "Then perhaps I
might belong to a sunshine club such
as Cousin Grace writes about. She
says they do such lovely things to
help other people, besides having nice
times among themselves."

"Huh!" exclaimed Ted. "A sunshine
club may do very well for girls, but
I'd rather belong to a boys' brigade.
They wear real uniforms and have
drills, and go into camp once a year.
I tell you, it must be fine. Will Rogers,
that city boy who was visiting
at Deacon Brown's last summer, told
me all about it. They had one in the
church he attended, and he belonged."

"I wished it was against the law
for it ever to rain on Saturdays," wailed
Fay, as she flattened her nose
against the windowpane and watched
the rain trickle down its outer surface.
The others were too used to Fay's odd
remarks to heed this one.

"If I hadn't this old cold I wouldn't
have to be shut up in the house with
a pack of little girls, rain or no rain,"
grumbled Ted.

"Why, Ted Robinson!" cried Alice
indignantly. "I'm a year and nine
months older than you are."

"You play dolls, anyhow," taunted
Ted.

"Children, children," called their
mother from the kitchen, "it isn't nice
to quarrel."

"We are not quarreling," spoke up
Alice promptly. "We are only arguing."

"Well then," said her mother,
"please argue in the future in tones
that don't sound quite so much like
quarrel tones."

The children laughed, and so the in-
door storm which had threatened was
averted.

"It's a club, it's a club," chanted little
Beth happily from her perch be-
side the dining room table, as she
bent her curly head over the scrap-
book she was making. She had caught
the new word from the conversation
of the older children, and this was
her own quaint little way of learning
it.

"You're a love, anyway," declared
Alice, rushing over to her small sister
and giving her a big bear hug.

"What do you know about clubs,
baby?" Ted asked in tones of good-
natured banter. Boylike, he could not
resist an opportunity to tease.

"I do," insisted little Beth, who was

proof against all teasing. "It's a scrap-
book club, all myself."

"O Ted!" exclaimed Alice excitedly.
"Let's be a Scrapbook League, and
wear badges, and make scrapbooks."

"I used to make scrapbooks when I
was a child," remarked Fay patroniz-
ingly.

Alice and Ted choked back their
laughter with difficulty, for Fay was
only nine and a half now, and they
did not wish to hurt her feelings.

"We'll make 'em just like Beth's,"
grinned Ted.

Beth's scrapbooks were folded
pieces of brown wrapping paper on
which she pasted recklessly and often
upside down, much to the amusement
of the older children, the pictures which
she cut from old newspapers and flow-
er catalogs with her wide-bladed,
blunt-pointed kindergarten scissors.
She never seemed to tire of making
them nor to long for some new pas-
time.

"There are lots of old papers and
magazines which we might have, in
the attic," continued Alice, ignoring
her brother's remark. "There are
pieces in them that are worth saving,
and I know mamma will make us
some of the nice starch paste which
she makes for Beth."

"But where will we get our scrap-
books?" queried Ted, at last really in-
terested.

"I have several stiff-covered, five-cent
copybooks which I bought for
Beth to scribble in," said their mother,
who had entered the room in time
to hear their plan. "They will make
nice books to keep, if the pieces are
pasted in neatly, and they are not so
large that you need grow discouraged
in your attempt to fill them. I can
easily get Beth some more the next
time I go to town."

The old papers and the copybooks
were produced, and the children were
soon gathered about the big table,
busily engaged in cutting out pieces
and pictures and pasting them into
their scrapbooks. They became so in-
terested in their new employment that
they forgot all about the rain which
had threatened to spoil their holiday.

Their mother showed them how to
paste one wide column or two narrow
newspaper columns of printed matter
down the middle of each page, leav-
ing a margin of an inch or more on
each side. This made it possible for
the book to be closed when it was filled
without having to cut out any of the
pages.

She also suggested that instead of
filling their books with clippings on
various subjects, as people usually do
when they set about making a scrap-
book for their own amusement, each
select some special subject and fill
the book with articles about it.

Alice took "Holidays" for her sub-
ject, and was surprised to find so
many pieces in the papers about the
origin of the various holidays—
Thanksgiving, Christmas, St. Valen-
tine's Day, Easter, etc.—and the man-
ner in which they are celebrated in
her own or in other lands. Ted chose
"Air Ships" for his subject and be-
came intensely interested in it. Fay
filled her book with pictures of dogs
and anecdotes and information about
them.

Of course that first afternoon was
only the beginning, but the time sped
so rapidly that the children were
amazed when their mother told them
they must put away their work, as it
was time to set the table for supper.

"I never knew an afternoon in the
house to be so short," Ted remarked.

Other stormy Saturdays and parts
of the long winter evenings, after the
lessons for the following day had
been prepared, were spent upon the
scrapbooks.

When the first ones were finished
they made a nice addition to their
small supply of books, and as each
had read not only all the pieces which
he had put into his own book but
those the others had used as well, all
had acquired quite a little interesting
and instructive information.

The children had enjoyed filling
their first books so much that they
were eager to start new ones, and
their father said that he was willing
to buy them all the copybooks they
needed, as he considered it a cheap
price for keeping them happy and con-
tented. Ted filled several books with
pieces about the President of the
United States, learning much without
realizing that he did so about the his-
tory and government of his country.

A little later a book filled with puzzles
helped crippled Joe Lester to pass
many weary hours pleasantly. Another
filled with cheery verses found its
way to the home of lonely old Mrs.
Bowman.

And so the work and influence of
the Scrapbook League spread out.
Other children joined it. Most of them
lived so far apart that the league never
tried to hold any real meetings,

but the members wore their pretty
blue ribbon badges with "Scrapbook
League" printed on them, and worked
upon their scrapbooks as they had op-
portunity.

The members not only filled their
own books, but when they came
across pictures or pieces on some
other member's subject they passed
them along to him. Thus they ac-
quired the habit of reading the best that
was in the papers and magazines,
even those which they could not cut
up, and cultivated a taste for good
literature.

The teacher of the little country
school found that by means of these
simple scrapbooks she could enlarge
the tiny school library at small ex-
pense. Books were filled with pieces
about animals and birds, poems for
recitation, and information about
places and people studied about in the
geography or history lessons. She
supplied the books and clippings and
pictures, and the league did the work.

And so the ball which was set roll-
ing one rainy Saturday afternoon by
the unconscious influence of little
Beth, rolled on and on, bringing pleas-
ure and instruction to many.—The In-
terior.

BOBBIE'S FISHING SHANTY.

It was during a summer sojourn in
Prince Edward Island that I came to
know Bobbie well.

One morning, having finished some
small duties in the front of the house,
I came to the kitchen to know if I
might be of service there.

My hostess looked up as I entered,
and smiled approvingly.

Then the foolish idea of entertain-
ing me crossed her mind, and she
called to her son:

"Bobbie, I want you to hitch up the
horse and take Bessie for a drive. She
has had hardly any (a pardonable ex-
aggeration) since she has been here."

"Ah, mamma, won't it do to-morrow?
I'm busy to-day," Bobbie objected,
dropping the fishing tackle he was
putting into shape, and looking up
with anxious eyes.

"Yes, of course it will," I interrupted,
hastily. "Any day will do."

But mamma was ironing and hot,
and the idea worried her like a per-
sistent mosquito, so she insisted, and
Bobbie, because he was fond of me,
and fonder still of his mother, and,
moreover, because he was naturally a
little gentleman, consented.

However, I did not intend to permit
the sacrifice, and I followed Bobbie
out through the laundry into the gar-
den.

"Look here, Bob," said I, "I'm not
going to let you take me for a drive.
If you'll hitch the horse for us after
dinner, your mother and I will go by
ourselves."

Such a look of gratitude as I re-
ceived! I was his friend for life.

"But what are you so busy at?" I
inquired, scarcely able to keep back a
smile.

"I'm building my fishing shanty, and
I want to get it done before school
starts. I'll show it to you if you like."
And he led the way to the other side
of the driving shed.

I was quite amazed at the undertak-
ing of the youngster. Here was a
structure about five feet square, roofed
and partly floored, the sides lathed,
ready for the tar paper which lay on
the ground beside it.

"What is it for? Where do you take
it?" I asked.

"It's for catching smelts," he ex-
plained. "I take it away down the river
on sleds when it gets cold, and cut a
hole in the ice and put a fire in the
little stove, and sit there and fish,
nice and warm, when it's storming out-
side."

Bobbie's eyes glowed in anticipation.
Though only twelve years old, he was
reputed to be the best fisherman in the
village—a high standard where there
were many experts. I enjoyed his en-
thusiasm rarely, as I had often before
enjoyed the fruits of it—luscious
speckled trout. In our drives along
the country roads he used to point
out to me where he had shot his first
duck, the little streams—almost empty
from the tide—where in the autumn
the smelts came up, and he had
gathered them in his net by the score,
and the place up near the mill, where
he kept his boat, and the exact spots
where he was sure of finding the best
trout. I confess to the reader that I
do not fish myself, both because it
seems to me too idle a sport, and be-
cause I could not bring myself to put
a poor struggling worm on the hook,
so, when Bobby used too many tech-
nical terms and got into too many de-
tails about pickled minnows and the
several varieties of flies, I felt rather
lost. But when he described to me
how he and two other boys rose
one day at 4 o'clock in the morning,
and, unwilling to return without a cer-
tain number of fish, waited till nearly
noon, then, half starved, had to stop
on the way home, build a fire, and
cook and eat them—then I was in my
element, for that seemed to me real
bohemianism. I remember vividly yet

Do Children Need Alcohol?

Ask your doctor how often he prescribes an alcoholic stimulant for children. He will probably say, "Very, very rarely." Ask him how often he prescribes a tonic for them. He will probably answer, "Very, very frequently." Then ask him about Ayer's non-alcoholic Sarsaparilla as a tonic for the young.

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the house where they borrowed the
kettle and got the water and the grassy
spot where they built their fire. It
was high above the river, the beauti-
ful view of which was partly hidden
by sweet-smelling spruce. The road
sloped up, winding from an old wood-
en bridge, and the sun shone sparkling
on the dewy grass and trees. I re-
member, too, thinking with possibly
a tinge of envy, of how much ro-
mance and nature boyhood was pos-
sessed.

But here was Bobbie explaining
about the fishing shanty, and I must
pay attention.

"The river all freezes over," he was
saying, "and people drive on it. Then
we take the shanty up near the mill
where it's shallow, just a little below
the dam, cut a big hole in the ice and
put one corner of the shanty over it.
Then we get the stove in the other
part and a good fire going, and sit
near the hole with the bait and a lan-
tern to see the fish and then we speer
them. They just come around by the
dozens."

"Isn't it cruel?" I suggested. "Does
it not hurt them dreadfully?"

"No," he answered, not scornfully, as
I expected, but rather thoughtfully.
"The spear goes through the backbone,
and they die instantly."

"What do you do with them all?"

"We eat them at home and give them
away. Some of the men up at the
mill, though make lots of money.
When they have a holiday they make
more fishing smelts than when they
are working. They always fish Christ-
mas and New Year's. You can get
from ten to fifteen cents a dozen for
them. I'm going to make some money
on them this winter."

However, I knew the lad was a regu-
lar little spendthrift, and what with
his generosity to other boys and his
expenditures on sporting equipment,
home-made steam engines, books and
his special make of maple cream, not
much money would go into the slot of
his savings bank.

The next morning a surprise awaited
me. The rest of the family had sea
trout for breakfast, but on my plate
lay a slender, silvery smelt. This was
my reward for refusing the drive. Bob-
bie had been up since daylight, had
walked up the river path through the
fragrant woods to his boat, had
launched it on the quiet, misty water,
and, having captured his prey, was now
at home enjoying it.

"There aren't any smelts, hardly,
up the river yet, but I caught one,"
he said triumphantly. "I wanted you
to taste a fresh one before you went
home."

And now, back in Ontario, as I sit
here writing, this blustery, wintry day,
I am thinking of Bobbie, probably
working away in his little fish house,
"nice and warm," while the wind blows
up the river and the snow whirls white
above it.—The Christian Guardian.

ST. BOTOLF AND BOSTON.

Algy was a little Boston boy, very
fond of asking questions about what
happened before his "Great-great" (as
he called his father's grandfather) was
born.

"Why did they call this place Boston?"
he asked his mother one day.
"Was it because there were so many
bossy-cows around before people came
to live here?"

"But, mamma, I really want to know
how it got its name," said Lionel, who
was much older than Algy. "I never
heard of any other Boston, did you?"

"Yes, there's a Boston in England,
a few miles from the sea, where the
'Great-great' (as Algy calls him) came
from. It is very likely that some fam-
ily from there proposed the name for
their new home. It is not a big city
like ours, but it is very old—prob-
ably a thousand years. There is a
little town near by that is known to
be twelve hundred years old, and it is
because a good Christian man came
from Boston that its history has been
preserved. You know the Saxons, who
conquered Britain, were pagans until
St. Augustine came, and Botolf, of
whom I'm going to tell you, must have
been one of his early converts. He
went to the continent of Europe for
further study, and then came back to
England. Now, it happened that there
were two Saxon princesses being
taught the Christian religion in the
same 'Religious House' where he
lived. He wanted very much to build
an abbey like it on his own river, and
talked to them about it. They asked
their brother, the king of East Anglia,
to help him."

"And did he?" interrupted Lionel.

"Yes, he gave him some land on the
River Witham to build upon. But

the sea often comes up and washes
over the land in Lincolnshire—in fact,
there's a gulf there called 'The Wash.'
This is the reason why there are no
remains left of the abbey."

"But what has that to do with Bos-
ton?" Lionel asked, impatiently.

"Wait, son, and you'll hear," she re-
plied. "Botolf always felt so sorry for
the sailors out at sea. So many were
shipwrecked within sight of land—if
they could only see it, those dark, wild
nights! This is what he says his aim
was: 'To make a mark both by sea
and land to guide the shippers that
ride upon the haven, and upon the
mayne sea, which is six miles off Bos-
ton.' This he doubtless did in building
in Boston a 'life-saving church,' with
a beacon-light."

"Has it been there all this time,
mamma?" asked Algy, quite interested,
for his mother had explained to him
about the sailors' "Lantern Church."

"The tower of it stands to this day,
three hundred feet high, and the light
was seen for miles out on the North
Sea. The church was dedicated to
St. Botolf, as he was afterwards called
by the Church. Indeed, the Boston
that I'm telling you about was named
for him—'Botolf's ton,' or 'town.' You
can understand how, in talking quick-
ly, people left out, in process of time,
the four middle letters, 't o l f,' and
shortened it to Boston. So, after all
these years, we can think of the first
Boston being named for that good-
hearted, big man, St. Botolf!"—Zion's
Herald.

WHERE TOOTHACHE IS BAN- ISHED.

The Lakes of Killarney in Ireland
have been famous in legend and song
for many generations. Each bay, each
island, and nearly every prominent
rock along its shores has its own story,
dating back to that mythical past
whence spring all legends. None know
these traditions better than the Kil-
larny boatmen, and it is their delight
to reel off stories to the tourists.

As the boat swings into the Middle
Lake from the Long Range that ex-
tends from the Upper Lake, the boat-
man sings out: "Vender ahead is the
Toothache Bridge. Dip your hands in
the water as we go underneath and
rub your gums and never again will
you have toothache." Of course, ev-
ery tourist in the craft, be he teenth
natural or artificial, carries out in-
structions, and becomes immune—un-
til the next tooth wants to ache.—
F. C. Bryant, in the Sunday-school Ad-
vocate.

RECIPROCITY.

I like the times when grandma comes;
She brings me toys and sugar-plums;
And there's another reason, too:
Whatever naughty things I do
Why, even if I slam the door
Or spill my porridge on the floor,
My grandma says, so sweet and kind:
"He is so young! We mustn't mind;
For 'Children will be children.'"

Of course, my grandma has some
faults;

She sniffs those foolish smelling salts;
She makes me come in from my play
To speak my piece six times a day.
And then I always have to keep
So awful still when she's asleep.
But she is old, and so, you see,
I don't let such things bother me.
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THE MINISTERIAL SUPPLY

By REV. JOHN D. MAJOR.

The call in the Nashville Advocate for one thousand strong men is timely. The recruiting of a thousand strong men called of God and reinforced by a genuine experience of religion would be hailed with enthusiasm and delight by every lover of Methodism. And none would be more enthusiastic than the seven hundred and fifty supplies who have rallied to the support of the Church and who now supplement the itinerant ministry. This is also true of all the men who are bravely serving the hard and difficult places in our beloved Church. The only thing to be regretted is the implication that the call is made imperative by the weakness and inefficiency of the men now in the field. I will not dispute the assertion that "The general superintendents are frank to say that they are often put to it to find competent men for the best appointments in the Church," and that "the mission fields are calling with a loud voice for strong men;" or that "no person and no field is clamoring for the untutored, inefficient, or semi-inefficient men." I haven't the least doubt that the Bishops are often put to it to find competent men for the best appointments. There are doubtless many questions and problems involved in that delicate and responsible task. Bishop Candler stated in a heart-to-heart talk with the brethren of the North Texas Conference that his greatest difficulties arose, not with the placing of the ordinary preachers, but with the extraordinary.

This sentiment was expressed with characteristic emphasis, and I doubt not that the whole College of Bishops would concur in it. But if it is implied that the entire stock of competent men is often exhausted before the best appointments are supplied, and that the general superintendents are forced to fill up the hard appointments with incompetents, I think it a most unfortunate admission, not to say an unwise one. For what competent General, desiring to recruit his army, would think of advertising the weakness and incompetence of the men who have fought his battles, and with whom the new recruits must fight if they should enlist. Is it at all likely that strong young men of "large vision" will be encouraged to enter a field where patient, devoted and self-sacrificing men have been discounted as inefficient?

It is bad enough for the preachers on the hard country circuits to endure the privations and hardships incident to their difficult field of labor, but it is entirely too bad if they are discounted by the very Church which they are devotedly trying to build up. The world has ever looked upon the ministry as weak and inefficient. It was said of the disciples of Jesus that they were "ignorant and unlearned." The rank and file of the Methodist army has not escaped the world's contemptuous judgment. But we despise its false standards and its unjust imputations. Much less are we willing to be discounted by any part of our own organization. No class of the Methodist ministry is weak or inefficient, and, least of all, can this be said of the men who go to the hard appointments in the rural districts. Their efficiency is easily demonstrated by their achievements. By these they are willing to be judged, but they are somewhat tired of being prejudged, and, consequently, misjudged. They are quite tired of being rated by the cloth they wear and the salaries they receive. They are not a lot of hangers-on who look to the Church for a living, but they realize themselves to be a part of a great and aggressive army, and the largest and most important part at that. They are not afraid of being brushed aside and supplanted as long as they are able to shoulder arms. When they have to yield to the infirmities of age their heart still goes with the advancing column. They cheer their comrades on. There is nothing little about

them but their meager salaries and small appointments. They have a contempt for the world's cheap twaddle about weakness and ignorance. They merit honor, and in the end they will have it. They are furnishing the Church with its preachers, the schools with most of their teachers, and the commercial world with its best brains. Sometimes they have felt aggrieved, but they have gone nobly forward. They are not all out of our colleges. Possibly they are not all out of our best homes, nor yet out of the "most dependable of society," but the Church is depending on them as a man depends on his right arm, and the great (?) leaders who are now being trained in our universities will have to depend on them if there is to be any real fighting done in the near future.

It is asked, "Why should not the country districts be as well cared for by the Church as the city populations? Shall money determine the appointments of all our best men? and shall the country, from which has always come our leaders in society and the Church and the intellectual life of the city be left to the incompetent service and instruction of poorly equipped, inexperienced and exhausted men?" In the first place I will say that up to the present the country districts have not suffered in the quality of ministerial service as compared to the city if we are to judge by results. There is some slight difference of opinion as to who are "all our best men," but it is commonly understood that "all our best men" go to all our best appointments which are, by common consent, the best paying appointments. If some of our best men were perchance to stray into some of our poor appointments, it is likely that they would be rated accordingly. Herein is an evil that ought to be righted. We are teaching that humble and poorly remunerated service is dishonorable. We are putting a premium on the unholy scramble for the uppermost seats, which the Almighty God certainly does despise. It is certainly a poor way to stimulate the heroic spirit, and it is entirely out of harmony with the teaching of Christ. However, I am not willing to concede that the rural districts are being served by "incompetent, poorly-equipped and exhausted men."

The editor says, "We would not in any way reflect upon the men who are doing their best in these places, but is it fair to expect of them service which they are not prepared to render? These difficult fields demand trained laborers." Nor do we think any reflection is intended, but it is a reflection nevertheless. But the reflection is not new, or peculiar, to Dr. Winton, and we are getting somewhat accustomed to it. No matter what may or may not be expected of these supplies and country preachers, the question is, Are they rendering acceptable service? Are they succeeding in their difficult fields? Are they succeeding as well as their well-trained and well-equipped brethren of the city? Let us answer these questions not by wholesale and generalized assertion, but by an appeal to facts.

I haven't the time for an extensive study of statistics, but assuming that the North Texas Conference is a representative one, I will attempt to compare a few items in the pastors' reports for 1908:

At the conference at Sherman in November, 1907, Bishop Candler found about a hundred and seventy-four or seventy-five preachers saying, "Here am I, send me." Most of them were effective itinerants. Some were exhausted men, but asked to be placed on the firing line. Some were raw and untrained recruits. About fifteen local preachers offered themselves as supplies.

I presume the Bishop and his counselors followed the orthodox policy of sending the best men to the best appointments. He sent forty-nine to

stations in the towns and cities. About a hundred and ten were sent to the circuits and missions. The fifteen supplies were appointed to what was left after the regular itinerants were placed. About twelve months later the good Bishop returned to reckon with those men, and when he learned of their progress he expressed great satisfaction. The forty-nine strong men who had been sent to the good appointments in the cities reported five hundred and ninety-two adult baptisms, or about an average of twelve each. The circuit riders who went out to grapple with all kinds of difficulties did better. They reported one thousand, eight hundred and eighteen, or about sixteen each. But the supplies did even better—reporting three hundred and thirty-nine—being an average of fully twenty-two each.

Analyzing these statistics more closely I find that one two-thousand dollar appointment reports but two adults baptized, and four strong appointments, paying from fifteen to eighteen hundred dollars, reported each one adult baptized. One fifteen-hundred dollar appointment reported no adult baptized. Ten good appointments, ranging in salary from one thousand to fourteen hundred dollars, averaged only a little more than three adults baptized each. Six of the best appointments in the conference, paying an average salary of more than twenty-three hundred dollars, reported one hundred and thirty adults baptized, being an average of 21.3-10 each—a little less than the general average for the entire fifteen supplies. Selecting six of the best reports from the supplies I find that they baptized two hundred and six adults, or an average of 34.1-3 each.

If all the station preachers had succeeded as well as the fifteen supplies who received an average salary of about four hundred and twenty-five dollars, they would have reported one thousand and seventy-eight instead of five hundred and ninety-two. This is the showing of the ministerial "scrub" as compared to the picked men of the conference. They went forth with the old-fashioned gospel sling and a few smooth stones out of the brook. They had no expensive and complicated equipment to hinder them, and they gave themselves to the one important business in hand.

It was a wise apostle who said, "For you see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called." But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty."

If the seven hundred and fifty supplies of Southern Methodism, about whom Dr. Winton seems to be alarmed, succeed as their brethren of the North Texas Conference, they will report an army of more than sixteen thousand and five hundred adults baptized into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Let those who are alarmed over the increasing number of supplies possess their souls in patience.

It is a good sign when such an army of men called of God who, for some reasons which are needless to explain, as no one cares to know, for a long time have been inactive, are now coming forward and taking the lowliest places in the Master's great harvest field. These unpromising stones, once rejected by the builders, may yet become heads of "corners" in our beloved Zion.

The writer was in a city Church some years ago when the membership were reminded that from the beginning of their history as an organization no preacher had been given to the work by them.

In order to remove the reproach of barrenness it was finally decided to call on the Lord of the harvest to send some of their number into his wasting fields. The prayer was led by the pastor who did not pray like Israel's meekest man, "O Lord, I pray thee, send by the hand of him whom thou wilt send," but after the idea of

Dr. Winton that the Lord might send "the best young men of our colleges, schools and homes, the most dependable young men in society, the most promising young men in the membership of the Church." From the way the Lord was advised of the style of representatives wanted it was clear that any other kind would have met but slight recognition and encouragement—if called.

It is most likely that the Lord will use his own judgment in choosing the instruments and agents of salvation. It is also likely the Church will continue the wise policy of sending out the humble men who stand at the base of her conference saying, "Here am I, send me." After all, the strong young men of "large vision," the "most dependable in society," may decide to go into the professions or into business. But the work of the Church will go on and the plain, common-sense boys from the farms and the shops will become polished shafts in the quiver of the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Be it far from this writer to disparage the noble band of men whom the Church has placed in the towns and cities. They are grappling with problems that are difficult of solution. They are confronted with the deadening and blighting influence of greed for gold and best for pleasure. They are assigned the dangerous and difficult tasks of plucking brands from the burning. They are worthy of honor and none appreciate them more, nor are prouder of their attainments and success, than are their country brethren. The comparison indulged in was provoked by unjust implication and a manifest lack of appreciation of the rank and file of the ministry, and especially of the local ministry.

The "rough riders" of Methodism have ever been the strong arm of her fighting force. They may look small from the intellectual heights where some men imagine themselves, but a close comradeship in actual conflict will discover most of them to be "mighty men of valor."

Brookston, Texas.

HEADQUARTERS.

That is what Jacksonville is, headquarters—headquarters for everything most that is good; headquarters for good preachers. There is Watts, the pastor of the First Methodist Church. Great fellow, Watts is! He is neither dark nor blonde, just betwixt. Did you ever see him? Then you ought to. Always bald-headed, always smiling; tells a good yarn almost as good as "Mas Warren" can. Did you ever hear him preach? Then you want to hear him again. What's he doing? O, nothing much. Just pottering around, preaching to crowded houses, running one of the biggest and liveliest Sunday-schools in the conference and building a \$25,000 church. Doing these things sorter between times. That's Watts. Headquarters for good preachers? Yes, that's it. Here is Ellis Smith, too. He is presiding elder. We see lots of things about elders, such as our "beloved presiding elder," etc. Well, Ellis is the beloved "beloved" here; but we don't say so very much about it; we fear some other district might get to want him. Can he preach? Outpreach a Comanche Indian. Does he stir? Send a telegram to Palestine and beat it there. Did you ever see him? No. Then just shut your eyes and think of a handsome young man, always neat, of medium weight, medium height, straight as an arrow, with jet black hair. That's Ellis. One of the best all-round young presiding elders in the South.

Is that all? Oh, no. There's Campbell, pastor of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Methodist Churches of Jacksonville Circuit. He is not as large as Dr. James Campbell (they are no kin), of Corsicana, but he is a live wire and when he gets a hump on himself (Campbell-like) he brings things to pass.

No, that's not all, either. There is Strother, Rev. W. K. Strother, President of the Alexander Collegiate Insti-

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Well, is that all? Yes, all but me.

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SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY HOME-COMING.

The citizens of Georgetown, irrespective of Church lines, are manifesting a great deal of interest in the "Home-coming." An enthusiastic mass meeting was held on the 9th inst. and appropriate committees were appointed with a manifest determination to make the occasion a great success. It is now believed that at least two thousand ex-students will spend the 21st of April with us and our people will give free and handsome entertainment to them all. This day will without doubt be a monumental day for Georgetown and the Southwestern.

JNO. M. BARCUS.

SENATOR THOMAS EXPELLED FROM THE SENATE.

One of the last acts of the Senate last Saturday before the adjournment, sine die, of the regular session of the Legislature, was to expel Senator H. Bascomb Thomas, of Hopkins County, from the membership of that body. Some time ago the Senator made a speech on the submission issue, in which he charged the presence and influence of a whiskey lobby at the Capitol, and he used language that offended a number of the Senators. At that time they ordered an investigation and amicably settled the differences between them and their colleague. But when the committee having charge of said investigation made its report later on, Senator Thomas had a speech prepared to deliver before the body; but the previous question was ordered on the report and he was not allowed to address the Senate. He then gave out the substance of the undelivered speech to the press, and in it he charged that certain evidence against some members of the Legislature anent poker playing at the Driskill Hotel with a whiskey lobbyist, and for which offense said members were arrested and paid fines, was excluded from the report, and he further charged graft and corruption were rife in the Legislature. This gave great offense to his colleagues and they construed his language as a reflection upon their integrity. The Lieutenant-Governor took greatly to heart some things given out by Senator Thomas to the press. The result is that they arraigned him for trial before the bar of the Senate, and demanded that he either prove his charges or retract them. He refused to retract, but said that he alleged no corruption or graft personally against the members of the Senate. But he was not able to prove the charges he is supposed to have made. So twenty-one members of the Senate voted to expel him.

While Senator Thomas made the mistake in assuming well-known rumors to be facts and gave them out as such, and while he was very indiscreet in the language he used about his colleagues, and while he needed to be severely censured by them, yet we are of the impression that they made a serious mistake in the severity of their verdict. Nothing short of high crimes and misdemeanors would justify the drastic penalty of expulsion from that body. At most the deposed Senator could only be charged with grave indiscretion and apparent misrepresentation, and the extreme harshness of the sentence thus passed upon him is greatly in excess of the offense committed. There is just truth enough in the serious rumors now floating around the Capitol, connected with the spectacular investigations which have been in progress for weeks in the Legislature, to arouse the suspicion in the minds of the people that there are some things going on down there not in keeping with the highest ideals of Legislative ethics, and all this will create sympathy for Senator Thomas, and those who expelled him will suffer more in public esteem because of their harsh act in this instance than the man whom they have sought to disgrace. All conservative people will get the impression that twenty-one members of that body were merciless and cruel in their effort to take off the official head of a brother Senator. Men of pure character and lofty motives do not suffer in the public esteem because of vague and indiscriminate charges against the body of which they are members. People generally find out whom to distrust among their public servants.

Therefore those Senators who beheaded their colleague after he told them that he meant no reflection upon the honor of his associates, ought to have acted with more leniency and with less malignity. A public reprimand, with a few days of suspension, would have met all the demands of justice and sufficiently punished Senator Thomas for his imprudence and indiscretion. But instead of this, they went beyond the bounds of reason and treated him like a convicted criminal and sent him back to his people with

STAMFORD DISTRICT, PLEASE GIVE ATTENTION!

I desire to make the month of April resultful for the Texas Christian Advocate. Will all pastors, official and private members assist in carrying this out? When you read this ask the Lord to help you influence some one to take and read this excellent paper. This will be real preaching. The Advocate is the greatest preacher in Texas, and has the largest congregations, but should have more. Here is the plan: Let the pastors in stations work their fields closely, by personal effort or otherwise, and at 11 o'clock on the second Sunday make a strong appeal. For the following two weeks, as they have opportunity, let them continue to press this claim. The brethren who have more than one appointment, as they visit each congregation let them urge this interest before the people, and appoint an Advocate leader in that congregation to press the work there until the close of the month. Then the fourth Sunday in the month let all of us—presiding elder, pastors and Advocate leaders—do our best for the paper that day. In this way this splendid Conference Organ is face to face with all the people of the district the same hour. This, I believe, will bring results. I trust that every Methodist in Stamford District will be a reader of the Texas Christian Advocate. Your efforts God will bless, for it is important. Yours for victory,

J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Stamford, Texas, March 10, 1909.

their odium stamped upon him, and they have left that Senatorial district without representation in that body during the rest of the term. Fair-minded people who believe in a square deal will not sustain the radical sentence inflicted by them upon Senator Thomas.

Senator Thomas is one of the most high minded and honorable citizens in Hopkins County, and beyond the fact that he is sometimes a trifle erratic in his leadership of reform movements, his character is above reproach, and his standing among his home-folks is without a blemish. Therefore, we repeat that the Senate has added nothing to its credit for justice and fair dealing in this cruel treatment of a brother Senator. And while we do not condone the offense of Senator Thomas, yet we exceedingly regret the verdict as a whole, and especially the ugly spirit shown by some of his colleagues in this transaction.

POKER PLAYING AT AUSTIN.

Some ugly things are being exploited at Austin. The Senate expelled one of its members and the lower house deposed its Speaker. In the former, the Senate was unnecessarily harsh, but in the latter the House of Representatives could not have done otherwise.

But in the investigations that preceded the action of the Senate, the rumor seemed to develop that a number of the members of both Houses had been engaged, prior to that time, in poker playing with men alleged to be lobbyists, and that while those engaged they were arrested as violators of the laws of the State and accordingly fined for the offense in the justice court. Whether these rumors are facts or not we do not assume to say, but no one of the members toward whom suspicion is supposed to point has risen to a question of personal privilege in either House and disclaimed any such offense. Now if these things are true, the eyes of the people ought to be opened to the conduct of a few men who are sent to Austin to make laws for us. If they themselves are law-breakers and have to be punished in a court of justice for their acts, how can we expect wholesome laws at the hands or the votes of such men? Yet some people seem to greatly regret that when the people go to the polls and say by a majority of their votes in the primary election that they want the privilege of amending their constitution so as to remove a great moral curse from the State, hold up their hands and wonder why such legislation fails! When rumor fixes a lot of those Legislators in a hotel playing poker with a supposed whiskey lobbyist, in violation of law, can the people of Texas expect their will to always be registered at the legislative session. We bring no charges against any man in

the Legislature, but insinuations and statements were made in the Senate last Saturday afternoon concerning these things sufficient to make moral people bow their heads in shame!

DR. McMURRY IN NEW MEXICO.

In a letter from Dr. W. F. McMurry, our Church Extension Secretary, he adds the following note of his observations in our New Mexico Conference: I am just home from a four weeks' tour, largely devoted to New Mexico. This is your territory. I found the Texas Christian Advocate at almost every stopping place.

If I had time and the gifts of some of my editorial friends, I would like to use some of your space to tell of the wonderful opportunity for our Church within the bounds of the New Mexico Conference. The work is being organized faster than we can supply men and build houses to conserve the organization. I know of no more promising field. Think of a presiding elder's district with 30 odd pastoral charges, 118 societies and 13 houses of worship! Not less than 50 additional societies could be organized between this and the Annual Conference if the presiding elder could give his time to it, or could secure men to cover the territory. The men there are doing heroic work, and laying the foundation for a great Church. They are entitled to the sympathy and the financial support of the Church at large. Vigorous young men who are willing to pay the price of success will not be able to find a more promising field in which to invest their labors. The whole field is white unto the harvest. The reaping cannot be postponed without tremendous loss. Cochran, of the El Paso District, and James of the Albuquerque District, are in labors abundant, and have wrought marvelously. They must be reinforced.

THE MEETING AT TRINITY CHURCH.

Rev. Bob Jones, of Alabama, is aiding Dr. Bradfield at Trinity Church in a revival service. This is the second week of its continuance and great success is resulting from the effort. The church is crowded at every service, and conversions are reported from each meeting. Last Sunday Bush Temple was packed with men, and it was a great service. That congregation has never had such a revival in years, and its influence is wide-spread and uplifting. When the meeting closes the evangelist will begin another one at McKinney.

MR. OUSLEY MAKES REPLY.

On another page in this issue Mr. Clarence Ousley, the versatile editor of the Fort Worth Record, and who recently made a trip through Georgia on a tour to inspect the workings of the prohibition law in that State, makes reply to his critics. We cheerfully insert his article since he prefers to be heard in our columns rather than take the controversy into the Record. Besides this, Mr. Ousley is a delightful gentleman, and writes as such in the statement of his side of the question. He quotes from the Advocate, in his

reply; but we must confess that we do not see where the Advocate paragraph in any way sustains his contention. But as to this we will let the readers judge, as our controversy with Mr. Ousley on the question of his Georgia observations is a closed incident.

Rev. V. G. Thomas, our preacher in charge at Corpus Christi, Tex., has had a gracious season the past week. Methodism has been stirred and its membership aroused to the importance of building a new church. Bishop Morrison fanned the revival flame into a blaze and the following is what Bro. Thomas has to say about it:

The Methodists of Corpus Christi have been enjoying a rare treat. Bishop H. C. Morrison began a meeting for us here March 7 and preached as only he can preach every day for eight days. Today we raised \$15,000 toward the erection of a new Methodist Church. This amount will be increased in a day or so to over \$20,000, as a large number of our members are yet to be seen. It has been decided to build a church, which, when completed, shall cost not less than \$40,000. Congratulations are in order.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS

Dr. Wilbur Chapman and his force of evangelists will leave this country the last of this month for Australia for revival work in that country. They will visit four of the largest cities with a month's campaign in each.

Rev. Warner Moore, D. D., one of the oldest and one of the most prominent members of the Memphis and pastor of our Church at Ripley, Tennessee, died March 4. He had filled the prominent pulpits of his conference and had often represented his conference in the General Conference.

Rev. Collins Denny, D. D., of the Vanderbilt University, will fill the pulpit of St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City, during the three months' absence next summer of Rev. Percy Knickerbocker in the Orient. The St. Luke people will hear preaching up to a high-water mark during the brief pastorate of Dr. Denny.

Trinity College, North Carolina, will have at their next commencement the noted Dr. Hugh Black, of Union Theological Seminary, New York, to preach the baccalaureate sermon, and Senator J. P. Doliver, of Iowa, to deliver the literary address.

Rev. Herman Knickerbocker, brother of Rev. H. D. and Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker, who retired from the ministry of our Church sometime back while pastor of Trinity Church, Los Angeles, has retraced his steps and again entered our Church, and is now pastor at West Plains, Missouri. He succeeds Rev. G. M. Hull, who has withdrawn from us.

Bishop W. A. Candler has finished his work in Mexico and returned to his home in Atlanta, Georgia, in good health. He says the Church is making progress in our neighbor Republic, and among other of his official acts he ordained to our ministry a former Roman Catholic priest.

Bishop Galloway has accepted a place on the International Epworth League program to meet this year in Seattle. While his health has not been overly robust for some time past, yet he is holding up well and rendering fine service to the Church. Long may he live to bless our Zion.

Bishop Fitzgerald, while far advanced in years and feeble in strength, is still wiry, and he is using his pen to good advantage. Everything he writes is fraught with the fragrance of love and good will, and its spiritual influence is of the highest order. He is one of our most cheery, happy-hearted and saintly men. His epigrams once in a while in the Advocate are gems.

Dr. Dickey, President of Emory College, is leading a strenuous campaign in the interest of an endowment fund; and his work last month netted ten

Spring Humors

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PUBLISHERS' DEPARTMENT

The Effect of the Church Paper in the Home and in the Community

Recently, I had occasion, as I thought, to do as the people in the story books, visit the scenes of my childhood. But behold, though I arrived at the place, the scenes were not there. A flourishing village occupies an erstwhile cornfield; woods, commons, have given way to valuable farms, the old "worm" fences have been converted into fuel, and barbarous barbed wire and page woven wire (or some other sort) now inclose said valuable farms. The people, ignorant or otherwise of Will Carleton, have in several cases adopted the sentiment of his best known poem and moved

"Out of the old house—
Moved up into the new."

Bewildered, I walk unrecognized; mechanically, I turn my steps toward the site of the old church, where in youth's fair morning I had responded to the call of the white-haired preacher, who said: "Give me your hand, the Church your name and God your heart." This last, an often-used, but ever-impressive expression of the time-worn, God-honored preacher.

On the way, I met old Brother Brown (so-called here because that isn't his name), whose religion in the days of old was of an austere, repellent type, and whose pocketbook resembled his eldest son, in that it was rarely seen in the sanctuary.

When we made sure that we knew each other, we shook hands like two Methodist preachers at District Conference.

"Well, John, it does me a power of good to see you."

"I'm glad to meet you again, Uncle Brown; glad, indeed, but where's the old church?"

As he pointed to the eastward, I looked and beheld a new and modern structure, which in the former days would not have been pictured to the vision of the most iridescent dreamer.

"Come down to my house'n stay all day'n, I'll tell you about the changes." No second invitation was given, for I had accepted the first.

When I came in sight of the once woe-begone-looking premises, complete and overwhelming astonishment got hold on me.

Flowers, shrubbery, shade and ornamental trees graced the well-kept lawn, and the ramshackling old house has been made up-to-date and in keeping with the surroundings.

Brother B. had always characterized all care bestowed on appearances as "so much trouble fer nothin'."

As I turned toward him he seemed to see interrogation points written all over my benign countenance, and remarked as we settled for a talk: "John, I see you look rather bumfuddled at our fine fixins; and no wonder—'twas dreadful the way it was when you were a boy among us."

"And this," said he, pulling from his pocket the latest Texas Christian Advocate, "is the secret of all the change."

"You see, 'twas this way: Our preacher gave us a whole sermon on religious literature. I go into your homes and find no sign of a Church paper. I see there the little county paper, a leading political paper, and the cheap story paper, filled with nasty advertisements, but the Church paper is rare. If your children are going to be intelligent Methodists, you need for them a Methodist paper. You would not expect them to become

thousand dollars. Emory is one of our oldest and most useful institutions, and she deserves the largest success.

Some ten days ago Bishop Hoss had a slight setback in his progress to-

ward recovery, but the telegrams assure us that the complication has been relieved, and that he is now regaining his lost ground. The prayers of the Church everywhere are going to a throne of grace in his behalf.

able lawyers, doctors, or even farmers without reading the literature of their profession. Then, why not a religious paper to teach them religion? Brethren who take no Church paper, you have no idea of the help that comes from learning of the work that thousands of others are doing all over the world. It is a great encouragement and incentive to you in your work to know of successes achieved elsewhere.

You cannot be an intelligent Methodist and yet be ignorant of the ways discussed, plans tried, and work carried on by our people at home and abroad, the advancement of our young people in Christian effort, and the reports of our various conferences, one of which I would like to welcome here. (Old Father Black said Amen, so did I, but very weak; knew I would have to help entertain it.) The only way to attain this knowledge is through the Church papers. And, brethren, it is to your shame that you are more familiar with everything else than with the blessed Master's work in our own loved Church.

Well, he went on, winding up with a special call for subscriptions to the Texas Christian Advocate. By the time he had finished, I was so worked up that I put my name down first, and seventeen others did the same. We began a new life from that day. The whole Church, mind you, and that wasn't the end; the Nashville, Era, Go Forward and Woman's Missionary Advocate, each have a good list among our people now, and we just couldn't do without them.

If our preacher touches on certain Church matters now, we know what he is talking about, for we have already read something of it. If he mentions a Bishop's name, we know something of him, and I don't get caught any more inquiring after one who has been dead three years.

And, say, you remember how Father Black (the only one in our class who took the paper in those days) used to hold up his opinion on political and current events of the day till he had read the news of the week in the Advocate.

There are more of us doing that now because it is reliable.

Why, I said to my wife the other day: "Mary, the old Texas is the best paper in the world." And it is, for Southern Methodists who live in Texas.

Why, we did not know anything about anything before we took it. Our new church, and our Leagues and missionary society are all the outgrowth of that day. Now we can talk with our P. E. or P. C. about Church matters, and know what we are talking about.

I am just as anxious to have the preachers around now as I used to be to shift them on somebody else.

Enjoy it? Why, I kept six of them at our District Conference here last spring and gave them all they could eat, and—speaking of eating, that's the dinner-bell now—walk out into the dining room." I walked!

J. W. PATISON.
Santa Anna, Texas.

I am at Farmersville assisting Rev. J. G. Forester in a meeting, and we have just read your editorial, "The Houston Post and the Ministers." Our hearts and voices are: God bless you. We are with you. Amen.

D. F. FULLER.
J. G. FORESTER.

PERSONALS

Rev. S. W. Turner, of Midlothian, was a pleasant caller at this office not long since. His work is prospering.

Rev. D. L. Coale, of Mundy, was in the city last week and we had the pleasure of a pleasant visit from him.

Rev. J. D. Odom comes in to see us often. His home is now in Oak Cliff and he is doing effective work in the temperance sphere.

Rev. J. H. Scrimshire, of Reinhardt, dropped in to see us recently. He is not far from the city and he often mingles with the brethren hereabouts.

Mrs. Lucy A. Fant, of San Antonio, has announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Lucille, which took place at her home March 10 to Mr. James B. South. The happy couple will reside in San Antonio.

We had a pleasant visit this week from Brother A. N. Cannifax, of Mill-sap, and three of his sons, L. E., T. F. and C. E. Cannifax. Brother Cannifax and his family have been readers of the Advocate for many years.

Bishop Seth Ward will dedicate our Haynie Memorial Church at Rice May 15. The church is now about completed at a cost of \$20,000, and it is due to the liberality of the good woman whose name it bears. Rev. H. B. Henry and his good people hope to occupy the building by the fourth Sunday in this month.

Rev. T. S. Armstrong, presiding elder of the Waxahachie District, dropped in to see us pleasantly the other day. His new work seems to agree with him, and he is bringing things to pass over his way. From all parts of his district we often hear complimentary words of his efficiency and work.

Brother R. C. Dial, formerly of Greenville, but now of the Clarendon Live Stock Journal, was in Dallas a while back and made us an interesting visit. He likes the west, though his life has been spent so far in the black land. He is one of our truest men and always found on the right side of all questions.

Rev. W. T. Morrow, of Wichita Falls, was in to see us recently. He is greatly pleased with his work, and he and his people are arranging to build a \$40,000 church edifice. Work will begin in the course of a month or so. That town is building up rapidly, more than fifty people having joined the Church by certificate since conference.

Rev. S. W. Thomas, of Timpson, and his people are now working on their new church enterprise. When completed it will cost \$18,000, but it would cost a great deal more if further removed from the lumber region. Col. T. S. Garrison and other leading laymen over there are taking a great deal of interest in the movement.

A godly woman who is too modest to give her name to the public has given her personal check to Rev. C. E. Brown for \$1200 with which to build a superannate home. It will likely be built on Polytechnic Heights. Another good woman has promised him to build another home of this sort at not a distant day. Brother Brown is doing good work for this great interest.

Rev. R. E. Goodrich, of Stamford, spent some days in the city last week looking after the plans for his new church enterprise now taking shape for that excellent congregation. It will be nearly a duplicate of Trinity Church in this city, with some few changes to suit the new lot, etc. When completed it will be the handsomest church edifice in our western section.

The Hon. John Marshall, of Grayson County, who was elected Speaker of the lower House of the Legislature

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Who Should Attend.—Every preacher should, of course, be there. He is the man behind the Sunday-school after all, and should get all the enthusiasm and ideas that are going round. All teachers and officers should be there, but the superintendent and primary teachers should by all means attend.

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Prof. C. M. Woodward, of Stamford,

Texas, writes: "I congratulate you on the very excellent program. The choice of talent could scarcely be surpassed, and the selection and arrangement of subjects could not be better." Mr. J. R. Pepper, Memphis, Tenn., says his only criticism is that it contains too many good things for any one program. W. C. EVERETT, President.

ATTENTION, GATESVILLE DISTRICT.

Owing to the Interdenominational Sunday-school Convention at Fort Worth, March 25-29, and the Methodist Sunday-school Conference at Waco, Texas, in April 13, 14, we do not think it best to have the League and Sunday-school Conference at the date mentioned at first—April 6, 7. The date will be announced later just when the meeting will be held.

C. C. HIGHTOWER,
District President.

STAMMERING Cured by Mail

Dr. G. W. Randolph, that noted Specialist of the voice, who has been curing thousands of stammerers in all the cities of the South, is now at Peacock Hotel, 421 Elm St., Dallas, Texas, to cure many stammerers, both in person and by mail. He charges \$25.00 for personal treatment, under a guarantee, and \$15.00 by mail—\$7.50 cash and \$7.50 in 60 days after the patient is cured. He does this to help out the poor. Dr. Randolph is well known all over the South as a great voice teacher and a minister of ability. He is now an old man, and wants to cure as many stammerers as possible while he lives. That is the reason he charges so little. We saw many of his patients in Dallas eight years ago. They all talked fluently. No one should hesitate a moment to give him a trial. Hand this to a stammerer, please.

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GUS W. THOMASSON, EDITOR

Van Alstyne, Texas.

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EPWORTH-BY-THE-SEA.

I spent a day this week at Epworth and wish that I could have had with me the President of every League in Texas to see the great work we have begun and to plan for the things we must yet provide to complete our plant. We must have cement walks this year by all means and we have appealed to our Junior Leagues over the State to provide the funds. Only one League so far has responded with their portion—this, of course, is Orange Junior. Miss Sells, always a friend to Epworth and a liberal one, too, remits \$10 to be applied on the walk fund. Two laymen have written me to call on them for ten dollars each when we are ready, and we are expecting a like response from at least a hundred Leagues and friends. We have estimate of cost of five-foot walk from the hotel to the bay and from the hotel to the auditorium and it will require at least \$500. In addition to this we must have walks extending each way throughout the tent section and a wide walk from the auditorium to the bay. You who have been there know that we must have this and will of course cheerfully remit so that we may begin the work. Let's do this much now and later on put in walks along the bay front.

We are also right now very anxious to put a good coat of paint on the hotel and to paint the interior of the rooms—cream ceiling and dark green walls. I have asked Bro. Knight to have one room painted so that we can tell about what it will cost. The property must be protected and our League folks must pay for same. It is ours, owned and operated by us and we must make it succeed.

We are taking steps also to put our water system in better shape and will need two more five-thousand gallon tanks. We can get these if we have the money. Won't some of you ship them down?

Brother Knight has taken excellent care of the property through the winter season and has a number of families in the hotel, and they all seem to be delighted with Epworth as a recreation resort. Several are from the North and say they are coming every winter.

We need very much to hear from the six hundred Leagues who have bought no bonds. Can you send Judge Walsh a remittance and thereby help very much the good work. A. K. R.

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THE FUND GROWING.

The fund for the purchase of a typewriter for Miss May Dye continues to grow and we now have nearly three-fourths of the required amount in hand. We have selected the machine and it is now ready to go forward as soon as the full \$100 is received. Will not our friends over the State respond with contributions at once and help us close up this matter as soon as possible? It is so nearly completed that the small balance should not be the cause of further delay. Below we give standing of the fund to date:

Previously reported\$65 25
Miss Ella Mae Smith, San Antonio 50
Frank L. McNeny, Dallas 2 00
Ruby Kendrick League, Plano 5 00

Total\$72 75

In this connection the following letters will be of interest. Alex S. Kendrick, Secretary of the Ruby Kendrick League, Plano, writes:

"Enclosed find money order for \$5 for the May Dye typewriter fund. We are glad indeed to be able to help raise money to help a missionary from our own town. We hope the work of the League will greatly prosper this year."

Little Miss Ella Mae Smith, 217 Guilbeau Street, San Antonio, writes: "I send fifty cents to help get Miss May Dye a typewriter. She was my Sunday-school teacher one summer at Epworth and I am glad to help, if only a little bit."

WHAT A FEW OF OUR REAL FRIENDS HAVE DONE.

Some times since to meet a very urgent demand on us by a number of our creditors we asked by letter and through the Advocate for a loan from fifty of our friends of one hundred dollars each for one year, promising them interest and our best efforts to raise the funds in time to meet the payments. So far we have received the following amounts from parties named for which we have given our note:

A. A. Hughes, San Antonio\$100
Mrs. D. B. Wright, San Antonio 100
Mrs. Lucie A. Fant, San Antonio 100
T. H. Marberry, Henrietta 100
W. J. Philp, Guffey 100
J. H. Griffith, Taylor 100
Dr. E. E. Rall, Austin 100
Mrs. Will Jones, Corpus Christi 100
C. T. Rucker, Humble 100
B. W. Jackson, Dallas 100
John Ragsdale, Jacksonville 500

The last named is not a Methodist, but is a firm believer in the cause and will do his full share. We still need about \$4000 in order to wipe out all our outstanding account—some for lumber, some for labor, borrowed at the bank and some for furniture, etc. Many of these accounts have run for more than a year and we are ashamed of the fact that we have not been able to meet them. The subscription made at Epworth has been well paid, only a few so far not paying the full amount. This enabled us to reduce our indebtedness a little more than five thousand dollars, but we still owe nearly as much that must be paid. We had hoped ere this to publish a full statement of all receipts and just where the money has been paid and will get this out right soon. Is there not some one man or woman who will advance us on our bonds enough money to meet our indebtedness and then work with us to make this a success? It has great possibilities and a great future, but we must pay up and keep paid up or our reputation as an organization is in some quarters very much impaired. Won't you help a little, if not do it all? Write me if you are willing to lend the League Board as much as \$100. I will send you a note of the board and indorse it myself if you prefer. I have faith in the work in the Leagues and believe that it is only a question of time until we are

on a firm footing and have a property and are doing a work that we will all point to with pride.

A. K. RAGSDALE.
San Antonio, Texas.

STATE NOTES.

In response to our call recently for names of those who would like to make the trip to Seattle for the International Convention we have received letters from two preachers and one layman. This is a good beginning, but in order to form a creditable party we must do better than this. The round trip rate to Seattle in effect after May 30, with return limit to October 31 via Billings, will be \$57.50, returning or going one way through California, will be \$68.75 from Texas points. The plan is to go via Yellowstone Park, possibly starting early enough to make some Colorado side trips and return via California, stopping en route at such places as the party may desire. These rates are open to individuals, of course, but the idea of making up a congenial party of Texans to make the trip together would add much to the pleasure of it, and possibly reduce the expense on incidentals. Please communicate with Secretary McNeny, or with A. K. Ragsdale, as early as possible.

Indications now point to a very large attendance at Epworth this summer. We have received a number of requests for rooms at the Inn and have on file applications for tents. Please bear in mind that you can have any arrangement made that you desire, if you will begin in time, to make your stay comfortable. We want to thatch some tents with palms similar to the Palm cottages on the Pacific Coast, and if you would like one of these let us know so that we may arrange. Will test this right soon so that we can say just what this will cost you. Bro. Boaz writes that he and Dr. Hay will have a party of fifty or more from Fort Worth. Dallas will have to begin early to hold the laurels their delegation won last summer. We are especially anxious for our young people to come, as our program and the inspiration of the Assembly is primarily for them.

Miss Head writes us that they wish to begin the "Woman's Building" in ample time to have it ready for the summer session. Plans have been submitted and as soon as they are approved we will start the work. We also would like very much for each each district to establish and maintain their individual headquarters on the grounds. These could be occupied at various seasons of the year and in time could be made attractive and beneficial to our property and to the District League as well.

We still require about \$4000 in order that we may square up and push sale of bonds to meet this. Our auditor will soon have a complete financial statement showing our investment up to date where the money has come from and where it has been spent.

Bro. A. W. Wilson, of Gonzales, writes us that the bond credited to him in our published statement some weeks since should have been credited to Gonzales League, as it was paid for by them.

Prof. R. F. Youna, of Georgetown, also calls our attention to the fact that he holds one bond for which he has paid and no mention was made of it. We gladly publish this correction. Prof. Youna's name is on the book and he has the bond—but has not sent it in yet for the interest.

Judge C. C. Walsh, of San Angelo, our Trustee, is ready to make interest payment on outstanding bonds. These bonds must be mailed to him in order that he may indorse on the

bond the fact of the payment and he will then return the bond to you with check. If you have held a bond for as long as a year you are due one year's interest. This may seem to be some trouble, but they are not coupon bonds, and if interest payment is not noted on the bond it might get into other hands some time in the future and claim made on us for back interest. A large number of our friends have written me to turn in their interest on the current expense. We appreciate this, but are trying to operate this as a business proposition and expect to meet our interest payments.

I wonder if the Leagues of Texas really appreciate the fact that we have large property interests at Epworth-by-the-Sea depending solely on their efforts and support for its very existence? More than six hundred of our Leagues have never contributed one cent to it and seem to be absolutely indifferent as to whether it fails or succeeds. This is a League enterprise and our State pride ought to make us keenly interested in making it go. A very little help from all would enable us to have there the greatest Assembly of its kind in the entire South. If you have not helped you are legally and morally bound to do something. It is by and for the Texas Leagues, and the Texas Leagues will support it if the Texas pastors will simply call it to their attention and lead out on it. This work means too much to the young life of our Church and the older life as well for us to let it fail. A bond or share of stock only costs \$25. Surely all of you can easily raise that. Will you do it? A. K. R.

PRESCOTT METHODISM, ETC.

I arrived at Prescott on the 21st of November and at once took hold of our little mission Church here, and I am glad to feel that the Church took hold of me also. And our faith and hope have grown with time, and I now feel that we are on the very borderland of a period of marked success.

Our Church has had a long period of battle and discouragement, which hindered us much, and for a time seems to have us well-nigh swallowed up, and as such have embarrassed us till this good hour. Some of these things I will mention: First, our work was organized in this city in the '60's. I think it was in '64. But some years later we lost the property, which was under mortgage to a man of the Northern Methodist Church, who turned it over to that Church, and they immediately organized a Methodist Episcopal Church in the house which was and ought to be ours now. This was some years after we had built the church. This M. E. Church has poured in its money and kept its best men here, and as a consequence has held the crowds and harvested most of the Methodist money that has come to this place. We were embarrassed by a new church proposition, a new location, a shortage of men and lack of money, and, most of all, the lack of sympathy in the Church at home (in the South). But we are overcoming, and now what seemed to be an undesirable location is proving to be the best in the city; located in West Prescott, where the new city is building, and where we have a field entirely to ourselves. We have a small, unsightly building that must be replaced by a new, modern structure in the very near future. And our little band of seventy members have their heads and hearts together for a forward movement. And the Church in the South, under the leadership of Bishop Atkins and Dr. W. F. McMurry, has begun to look with hopeful assurance in this direction. And we hope to have good things to say to you later.

We have just closed a great union revival, under the direction of Dr. A. C. Dixon and D. B. Townes, of Chicago, of three weeks' duration, which resulted in more than a hundred professions and many reclamations.

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Our Church decided to continue the meeting, and the pastor is preaching with much encouragement. We are expecting great things from the Lord.

This territory is in a great temperance fight, with what seems to be a very favorable outlook for our cause. We will give particulars later.

And now, lest this paper find the waste basket. I had better hasten to a conclusion. With love to all the brothers of the Texas Conference, I am yours respectfully.

CARTER M. CAGLE.

LOOK UP.

Look up, weary heart, do not faint, There is comfort which e'er comes with morn;

The dark clouds that lower o'er your way,

By and by will be rift by the dawn!

Look up! bravely up to the heavens, Where the star-shine thro' clouds brightly gleams;

They are cleaving thro' sorrow's dark night,

And will light the dark way with their beams.

Look up! sorrow's night will not last, For Hope ever treads in its wake;

And Peace spreads her calm wings above,

Shielding hearts that would else surely break.

Look up, faint not, God is near, There is light while His love bids us cheer.

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From the Clarendon District

The Clarendon District Missionary Institute, Preachers' Conference and Educational Rally was held in the Methodist Church at McLean, Gray County, Texas, on Wednesday and Thursday, February 24, 25, 1909. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. M. E. Hawkins, of Canyon City, on Tuesday night. It was an earnest and thoughtful deliverance on "Christ, the Revelation of God."

On Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, after devotional exercises led by Bro. Morrison, the institute was called to order by Rev. J. G. Miller, presiding elder, who in a few appropriate and felicitous words set forth the objects and interests of the meeting, emphasizing the demands that confront us, and expressing his faith in the Church as able and ready to meet all the obligations resting upon her.

Then we were launched into a program of carefully selected subjects bearing upon the many phases of the work of the Church in the evangelization of the world, and the best methods for enlisting and operating the various organizations and societies of our Methodism.

It was regretted that for various reasons some of the pastors were not present; yet there was a good attendance. A noteworthy feature was the presence of a number of our good laymen and their earnest participation in the discussions. Thanks to the wisdom and good taste of our tactful "elder," the laymen had been given a prominent part on the program; and under the enthusiastic leadership of Dr. J. W. Cartwright, of Amarillo (our district leader), they contributed in no small way to the success and profit of the meeting. The Laymen's Missionary Movement was given wide and special consideration.

It can be truthfully said that there was not a dull or dry half-hour during the entire conference. Everyone seemed in the best of humor and conspired to make the meeting a success, which it was in the full sense. It was characteristic for the openness and freedom of all the discussions, and was spiced throughout with lively humor and sparkling repartee. Each speaker had prepared himself, and delivered his message with an earnestness that was convincing and elicited a hearty response from the hearers.

A resolution was adopted unanimously favoring the bill before the Legislature against race track gambling, and endorsing the brave stand of Rev. W. D. Bradfield and his coadjutors in their fight for the passage of said bill. (Our people out this way are loyal citizens and stand for the right in morals and in politics.)

The best of all is that the Holy Spirit was with us from the very first service, and manifested his presence among us.

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Rev. G. S. Wyatt, of Canadian, preached on "Christ, Our Passover Sacrifice for Us." It was truly a great sermon, full of the gracious and comforting doctrines of our holy religion, and made our hearts feel "strangely warmed." There was an old-fashioned Methodist handshaking and much rejoicing. Penitents came with bitter tears to the altar for prayer. Again at the night service, after a "three-cornered" discussion of "The Origin, Polity and Achievement of Methodism," by Bros. Wyatt, Sensabaugh and Ferguson (respectively), each speaker having sounded the evangelistic note and stirred the revival fire, the service naturally resolved itself into a revival. Men came to the mercy seat, and one man past middle life happily surrendered to Christ. Again there was "noise in the camp." Our presiding elder announced that we would not get too lousy at any hour to stop and call penitents. In fact, he is the "leading exhorter in these parts." (Let some old grouchy Methodist who complains that our Methodism has lost her fire sit up and take notice.)

But I shall not take space to mention all the good things we enjoyed. A fitting climax to the meeting, and one of practical value, came with the closing session which was on Thursday afternoon. The meeting had attracted the people. The public school dismissed for this closing service and marched in a body to the church.

Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, of Amarillo, made a masterful deliverance on "The Necessity for a Churchhouse for Every Congregation and a Parsonage for Every Pastor." At the conclusion of his address, which so strongly emphasized the high ethical value of these material expressions of things holy and divine, Bro. Miller undertook to close the meeting, but by the automatic manipulation of Methodist machinery, suddenly found himself taking a collection to build a new parsonage at McLean, and in a few minutes secured \$500, which will be a basis for further operations.

The McLean people and our estimable host, Bro. M. L. Moody, did the handsome thing in the way of entertainment. Every visitor was lavish in expressions of genuine appreciation.

F. M. NEAL, Sec.

KEEPING THE CHURCH REGISTER.

Though very careful provisions have been made by the law of the Church for the faithful keeping of the Church register, still many registers are very far from this requirement. This, too, in face of the fact that once a year every register is supposed to pass under the scrutinizing eye of the Quarterly Conference, or a special committee appointed for that purpose. It is very evident that these committees too often either do not take the pains to see what disciplinary requirements are, or they take too many things for granted. Every committee should consult paragraph 89 of the Discipline before reporting to the Quarterly Conference, and find out whether the register is kept according to the directions of the same. This paragraph requires that the Secretary shall enter in chronological order the full names of all who shall join the Church.

It would be interesting to know how few registers will come up to that full name requirement. It is very seldom that this pastor has ever had the pleasure of looking into one. Initials are generally taken instead of the full name. The preacher in charge is about as often to blame in this as the Secretary. In fact, I don't know that I would put it too strong if I should state that he is always to blame. He is appointed preacher in charge, not only to do work for the Church, but also to see that it is done according to the laws of the Church. Then if a Secretary brings up a list of applicants for membership with only

initials, let the preacher in charge send him back after the name. It is a fact worthy of note that the preacher in charge himself often takes only the initials and not the names of the applicants, and then turns them in that shape into the hands of the Secretary. Then the Secretary should demand the full name as the law requires. This full name requirement is of greater importance than is generally supposed. I have no doubt that failure to comply with it is the secret as to why so many names are lost from the register. To illustrate: Andrew Milton Smith is added to the Church, and the Secretary takes down his initials A. M. Smith. In a short time thereafter Alice Malinda Smith is added to the same Church and the Secretary again takes down initials A. M. Smith, etc., Mrs. or Miss, to indicate whether she is a man or woman, married or single. The pastor who receives them may know which is which, but no one else. A new preacher comes on and finds that A. M. Smith is entered on the register twice and concludes that one of them is a mistake, and is entered as a mistake, or in some dismissal column, and Andrew Milton Smith or Alice Malinda Smith one drops out. Now this is no far-fetched piece of imagination, but an illustration of things that are actually taking place. The one left out may never find out that he or she is not enrolled unless by chance some time at roll call. I have gained as many as eight or ten members by frequently calling the roll, but I make it a rule to get up the sure-enough names of folks before I would risk calling the roll.

C. G. SHUTT.

CALVERT DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

The Calvert District Missionary Institute was held in Calvert March 2 to 4, under the leadership of Presiding Elder E. L. Shettles. Almost all the preachers of the district were in attendance. A splendid program was prepared bearing upon the practical and vital interests of missionary problems, and the discussion of such topics by those to whom they had been assigned proved to be a source of information and inspiration to all present. Special stress was laid upon the importance of securing full collections during the month of March, which some have already done. The entire session was characterized by a spirit of true devotion and brotherly love. The preaching was done by Revs. T. M. Brownlee, of Kosse, and C. T. Tally, of Cameron, who are among the recent transfers to our conference, and Bishop Seth Ward. Their messages were uplifting and inspiring. The reports of pastors showed great material improvement throughout the district. Rev. I. F. Betts is planning the erection of a church at Marlin to cost \$20,000. Rev. R. W. Adams is just completing a church at Teague which cost \$11,000. Rev. S. S. McKenney is proceeding with plans for a new church at Rosebud to cost when finished \$20,000. Rev. G. W. Riley is just about to complete a church at Milano costing about \$10,000. Rev. T. M. Brownlee is improving the church and parsonage at Kosse at a cost of not less than \$1,500. Rev. C. T. Tally is renovating the church at Cameron. Rev. J. R. Murray, of Jewett, is renovating his church and parsonage, and Rev. S. D. Horger is painting his church at Chilton. Nearly all our pastors are planning revival meetings for their churches, and all are hoping and working for a prosperous year.

S. S. MCKENNEY, Secretary.

Rosebud, Texas.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Austin District—Second Round.

McDade, at Alum Creek, Mar. 27, 28. Columbus, at Columbus, Apr. 3, 4. Smithville, at Smithville, Apr. 10, 11. Walnut, at Merrittown, Apr. 17, 18. Eagle Lake, at Rock Island, Apr. 24, 25. University Church, Austin, 11 a. m., May 2. First Street, Austin, 7:30 p. m., May 2. Tenth Street, Austin, 11 a. m., May 9. South Austin, Austin, 7:30 p. m., May 9.

N. E. READ, P. E.

Llano District—Second Round.

Center Point, March 27, 28. Kerrville, March 28, 29. Bandera, at Bandera, March 31. Boerne, at Comfort, April 3, 4. Kingsland, at Moor's, April 10, 11. Blanco, April 17, 18.



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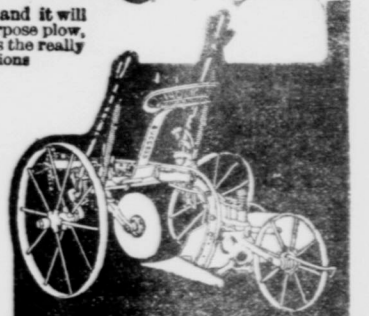
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Johnson City, April 24, 25.
Cherokee, at Salem, May 1, 2.
Willow, at Oxford, May 8, 9.
THEOPHILUS LEE, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round.
Buda Cir., at Lyton Springs, March 27, 28.

District Conference and Missionary Institute will convene at Luling, April 2 and 5, inclusive.
Waelder and Thompsonville, at T., April 10, 11.

Lockhart, April 17, 18.
Dripping Springs Cir., at Fitzhugh, April 24, 25.
Harwood Cir., at Clark's Chapel, May 1, 2.

Belmont Cir., at B., May 8, 9.
San Marcos, May 15, 16.
D. K. PORTER, P. E.

San Augustine Dist.—Second Round.
(In part.)

Camden, at Chester, March 27, 28.
Tenaha, at Lone Oak, April 3, 4.
Center Cir., at Good Hope, April 7.
Corrigan, at Moscow, April 10, 11.
Timpson, Wednesday, April 14.
Nacogdoches, Thursday, April 15.
Minden, at Glenfawn, April 17, 18.
Geneva, at Sexton, Wed., April 21.
San Augustine, Thursday, April 22.
Gary, at Tennessee, April 24, 25.
C. A. TOWER, P. E.

Cuero District—Second Round.

Palacios, at Midfield, March 27, 28.
Buckeye, at Markham, March 29.
Cuero, March 31.
Stockdale, at Caddo, April 3, 4.
Leesville, at Hancock's Chap., April 6.

Smiley, at Davy, April 10, 11.
Port Lavaca, at Traylor, April 17, 18.
Nursery, at Thomaston, April 19, 20.
Shiner, at Sweet Home, April 21.
Yoakum, April 24, 25.
Hope, at Light's Chapel, April 26.
R. A. ROWLAND, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round.
Rockport Cir., at Ingleside, Mar. 26-28.
Runge, Apr. 2-4.

Floresville, Apr. 9-11.
Pleasanton Cir., at Fairview, Apr. 16-18.
Oakville Cir., at Oakville, Apr. 23-25.
Corpus Christi, May 1, 2.

Sinton Cir., at Gregory, May 7-9.
A. L. SCARBOROUGH, P. E.

San Antonio District—Second Round.
Travis Park, March 27, 28, 11 a. m.

Prospect Hill, Mar. 27, 28, 7:30 p. m.
South Heights, April 3, 4, 11 a. m.
Alamo, April 3, 4, 7:30 p. m.
Moore Cir., at Tehuacana, Apr. 10, 11.
Eagle Pass, April 16.
Del Rio, April 17, 18.

Sabinal and Utopia, April 24, 25.
Carrizo and Batesville, May 1, 2.
Atascosa, at Oak Island, May 8, 9.
A. J. WEEKS, P. E.

San Angelo District—Second Round.

Paint Rock, March 27, 28.
Sherwood, March 30.
Sterling City, April 3, 4.
San Angelo, First Church, Apr. 10, 11.
Garden City, April 17, 18.
Midland, April 24, 25.
Junction City, May 6.
Menardville, May 7.
W. T. RENFRO, P. E.

The Woman's Department

Mrs. Florence E. Howell, Editor, 170 Masten St., Dallas, Texas.

All communications in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Mission Society should be sent to the address of the Editor of the Woman's Department.

IRRETRIEVABLE.

The moving finger writes; and having writ,

Moves on: nor all your piety nor wit Shall lure it back to cancel half a line, Nor all your tears wash out a word of Nor all your tears wash out a word of it. —Omar Khayyam.

It was of course noticed by our readers that there was no space given for the Woman's Department in last week's issue of the paper. The various departments (Woman's Department, Epworth League Department, etc.), were all omitted last week by arrangement of the publisher, but this week's issue comes with the usual routine of the departments of the paper.—Editor Woman's Department.

A PLEASANT VISIT.

The visit which this writer made to Plano by invitation of the Auxiliary Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Church there is one which she recalls with pleasure, and one which deserves more than the short reference which she made to it in the Woman's Department of a recent issue. A more extended notice of the occasion would have appeared before this date but for the fact that all the special departments were omitted from the columns of the paper last week and there was therefore no opportunity for presenting the same to our readers. The special occasion for which the visit was made was an open meeting of the auxiliary held in the Church on Sunday night, February 21. The program for the evening had been arranged by the President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. J. H. Bowman, and was both instructive and entertaining. The paper read at this hour by Mrs. Bowman, telling of her visit last year to Cuba and especially to the Eliza Bowman School in Cienfuegos was full of information connected with this school, in which the W. F. M. Society of the North Texas Conference is especially interested, and it gave such information as she had not before had an opportunity to bring before a congregation of her own Church in Plano. This account of the visit to Cuba and to the mission fields there, given by one who went with a heart full of enthusiasm for the advancement of the work, and of love for her Lord and for humanity, and who had an intelligent conception of the needs there, was a narrative of blessed facts as she saw them, and right eloquently did she bring those facts to her hearers, as all can testify who heard her read this graphic account of her memorable visit to Cuba. It will be recalled that Mrs. Bowman read this paper last year at the annual meeting of the W. F. M. Society of the North Texas Conference in Gainesville. This paper has also been used on several occasions since to much advantage by other auxiliaries in holding open meetings, giving as it does, facts in connection with conditions in Cuba as an intelligent eye-witness saw them. Another important item on the program of the evening and one which made a marked impression upon the audience was a paper on Mexico by a native of that country, a young lady of Mexican parentage, who, by invitation of Mrs. Bowman, has been a member of her household since last September, being in Plano for the purpose of taking a course in English and in vocal and instrumental music. This young lady, Rebecca Tejada, has been an assistant teacher in the school in Guadalajara, Mexico, of which Miss Norwood Wynn, missionary from the W. F. M. Society of the North Texas Conference, is the head. She came with Miss Wynn last summer when the latter came for a vacation visit to her parents in Dallas, and many of the members of auxiliaries have there-

fore had an opportunity to become acquainted with her, and to learn something of her record in connection with the work in Mexico, she being one of the sacredly precious trophies gained in that field by missionary effort under the leadership of Norwood Wynn.

As this young girl stood there that night in Plano and read in well chosen English, expressed intelligently, the paper telling of her native country, Mexico, of her life there, and finally of the blessed influence which came into her life through the efforts of the missionary bringing her out of the bondage of Catholicism into the marvelous light and liberty of the gospel of Christ as offered by Protestantism, we realized indeed the transformation which can come about through the agency of the word of God, where it has free course and can have access to the human heart. Her changed condition spiritually, intellectually and physically bears testimony to this transforming influence, she being a living example of the power of God and of the Holy Spirit upon the individual. Miss Tejada has made application through the President of the W. F. M. Society of the North Texas Conference to become the beneficiary of the permanent scholarship of this Conference Society in the Scarritt Bible and Training School for the next term, opening in September. Her application was brought before the meeting of the executive officers of the society held recently in Dallas and her case will be duly considered and finally acted upon at the coming annual meeting of the society, to be held in Grace Church, Dallas, June 1-4. Meantime the prayers of the membership of the society will go up to God for this dear young woman who is thus desiring to further fit herself for a special service for God among her own people of Mexico. All are feeling thankful, too, for her that God has opened up the way for her in this special advantage she has had for the past several months in Plano, while finding a temporary abiding place with our dear co-worker, Mrs. J. H. Bowman, who has so kindly opened her heart and home to her.

At the exercises of the open meeting of which we here write, a talk was given by this writer, reviewing somewhat the general work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, and the part in particular which the W. F. M. Society of the North Texas Conference has had in that work, giving items of information in connection with the work which it is earnestly hoped may be helpful to the hearers, and which may stir the membership to renewed activity in the cause. The exercises were enlivened by appropriate music by the excellent choir, and well rendered solos, sung by Miss Mary Kendrick, sister of our dear departed missionary, Ruby Kendrick, and by Mr. Henry Bowman. A collection was taken for the benefit of the Eliza Bowman School, the exercises closing with timely remarks by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Fladger, a long-time friend and advocate of the work of the W. F. M. Society, who is ready at all times to give an encouraging word or lend a helping hand for the cause.

The regular monthly business meeting of the auxiliary was held on Monday at 3 p. m., in the home of the President, Mrs. Bowman—an occasion which this visitor was privileged by special invitation to enjoy. The prompt and intelligent way in which the business was dispatched showed this auxiliary to be in active touch with the advancement of the work in every department. We were glad to read to the members a letter recently received from their own much loved missionary, Miss May Dye, who two years ago went out from the Church

at Plano to the foreign field, and is now at work in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It was also a sweet privilege to read to them a letter from Ruby Kendrick, their now ascended missionary, the last which she had written (only a short time before her death in Korea), and addressed to the Conference Society in annual session at Gainesville last year, but which came too late for that occasion. It was a sweetly solemn communion which we thus held at that hour, and the sacred influence of the Holy Spirit was felt as Ruby Kendrick's message to her co-workers in the home land was thus given to her home auxiliary—a message which proved to be her parting words. At the close of the business session dainty refreshments were served, and a social hour was enjoyed. This brief visit to Plano will be treasured in memory, too, because of our sojourn for the time as the guest in the home of my dear friend, Mrs. Bowman, with whom I have been associated all these years in the work which is so near to the hearts of both of us—a work which has drawn us both more closely to our precious Savior, more closely to our precious Savior and more closely to each other. As I reflect upon the association of these years and upon the blessing of such friendship, I can but exclaim from my heart: "Praise God for Christian fellowship!"

Editor Woman's Department.

FROM THE THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT, WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, WESTERN DIVISION.

Miss Sophia Manns, Shanghai, China, reached San Francisco February 26. A telegram from her there, "ordered home to rest," was our first intimation of her return, although we knew she had not been well for some months. She arrived in Fort Worth Friday, March 5. Her nervous condition made it necessary for her speedy return to America.

We have every assurance of her complete recovery, but it will take time and patience. When she has grown stronger we will all the more enjoy the messages from China and the story of her own two and a half years' work there. Miss Manns is now with her mother in Mexia.

We know she has the love and prayers of all for her speedy recovery. Truly "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform."

After the 15th instant we will be in our own home, 1518 Cooper Street. Please note the change of address.

MRS. W. F. BARNUM.

Fort Worth, Texas.

NOTICE.

Please announce a meeting of the W. H. M. Society of Waco District, at Austin Avenue Church, Waco, Texas, Tuesday, March 30—an all day and evening session. Our Conference President, Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth, will be present. Entertainment will be given those who attend. We hope for a good attendance from the entire district.

MRS. J. R. MILAM.

District Secretary.

407 N. 12th St., Waco, Texas.

NOTICE TO W. F. M. SOCIETY, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

The March Bulletins have not reached me yet, and on this account they will be late this month in getting to the various Press Superintendents. I do not understand the delay, but am sure they will come within the next day or two. The Conference Bulletin will appear in next week's Advocate.

MRS. J. C. MIMMS.

Mexia, Texas.

W. F. M. SOCIETY.

The Oliver Creek Foreign Missionary Society, Decatur District, was organized February 13, 1909, by Mrs. W. W. Williams, of Decatur, with a membership of ten. Our first meeting was held February 25 at the home of our President, Mrs. E. W. Brown.

All the members were present, with one exception, which, owing to the high winds that prevailed, goes to prove that our little band is not to be daunted, but has gone to work in real interest in this good cause.

After listening for a few minutes to a very impressive talk by Mrs. Louis Barton, we feel more than ever our duty to do all in our power in the great missionary cause, for the Lord has said "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

Every member of our society will be a reader of the Woman's Missionary Advocate this year.

We meet again March 10, at which meeting we expect to receive more new members. While our society is only in its infancy, and we have many difficulties to overcome, being a country society, we hope soon to be second to none in the Decatur District.

MRS. J. W. HORNBACK,
Corresponding Secretary.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE W. H. M. SOCIETY BULLETIN FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1, 1909.

By Mrs. Frank Bennett, Press Superintendent.

Introductory—For two years it has been our dream to get out a North Texas Conference Bulletin as a sort of supplement to the General Bulletin, which would contain in short, pithy paragraphs the news of our own conference and auxiliaries. But the expense of the extra printing in addition to the already heavy expense account of the press department was so great as to be prohibitive.

The recent purchase of a new Rotary Mimeograph, which saves its cost in time and labor, has made it possible for us to attempt this undertaking. It must necessarily be on a very modest scale, and we shall merely get out a quarterly instead of a monthly bulletin for the present year. We are accordingly sending out with the regular General Bulletin for March our first quarterly North Texas Conference Bulletin, with an earnest prayer that it may contain something of suggestion, inspiration or help for each auxiliary in the Woman's Home Mission Society of North Texas Conference.

At the great annual gathering of religious forces at Epworth-by-the-Sea, Corpus Christi, on whose programs the Home Mission Societies of Texas have a permanent place, it was decided last summer to build a cottage which should be the joint property of the Home Mission Societies of Texas. The estimated cost to each Conference Society is \$200, the rest of the money being already in hand. Our North Texas Conference Auxiliaries must raise their pro rata—\$2.00—at once, or fall far behind the others.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee in Dallas in November it was decided to again use the installation programs gotten out last year. Wherever these were observed they were interesting and impressive, and a benefit both to auxiliaries and audiences.

It was also decided to call for the small assessment of 5 cents per member to defray expenses of printing the minutes. This should be collected and sent to the Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Jackson, at once.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which usually occurs in April, will not be held this year until October, at Savannah, Ga.

Mount Vernon, Rockwall and Henrietta have each written us mentioning the preparation of year books. We are rejoiced to know this, and trust these progressive auxiliaries will not forget to prepare one extra copy and forward to the Conference Superintendent to be used in her press exhibit at the various conferences, including the board meeting.

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Mrs. L. P. Smith, our gifted and well beloved Conference President, together with the ladies of Henrietta Auxiliary, has prepared and had printed a sufficient number of copies of their year book to furnish a sample copy to each auxiliary in the North Texas Conference. Surely we can all have year books now. Pottsboro, Texas.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.

March 2.—D. A. Williams, change. W. T. Harris, sub. J. T. McClure, sub. W. S. P. McCullough, sub. 2 cards, A. B. Keen, subs. W. C. Hinds, sub. J. W. Childers, sub. J. T. Hicks, has attention. W. W. Horner, sub. L. G. Rogers, sub. S. W. Stokely, sub. A. G. Scruggs, sub. N. C. Little, has attention. S. B. Johnston, subs. J. T. Osborn, subs. C. P. Martin, subs. M. W. Hester, sub. J. F. Sherwood, sub. J. G. Putman, sub. T. K. True, sub. P. E. Riley, sub. J. P. Chambers, sub.

March 3.—H. A. Matney, sub. V. A. Godbey, sub. M. L. Story, sub. H. P. Shrader, sub. T. H. Morris, sub. J. W. Holt, subs. T. B. Hilburn, subs. E. F. Boone, sub. Frank Huguen, sub. R. P. Shuler, sub. F. O. Miller, sub.

March 4.—W. D. White, sub. J. D. Young, sub.

March 5.—A. E. Carraway, sub. L. O. Lewis, sub. J. J. Calloway, sub. E. C. Escoc, sub. W. S. Huggett, sub. J. Rucker, change. A. C. Biggs, subs. Lee Sanders, subs. G. W. Harris, subs.

March 6.—J. T. Turner, sub. A. P. Hightower, subs. J. W. Head, sub. V. G. Thomas, sub. W. T. Singley, subs. O. S. Thomas, sub. C. M. Myers, subs. J. B. Kilgore, sub. Ben Hardy, sub. J. H. Averitt, sub.

March 8.—M. L. Story, sub. M. M. Beavers, subs. E. R. Barcus, sub. J. R. Atchley, sub. C. G. Shutt, sub. B. E. Kimbrow, subs. R. A. Waltrip, sub. W. B. Wilson, sub. J. F. Pike, sub. L. M. Fowler, sub. C. A. Evans, subs. B. H. Kennedy, subs.

March 9.—O. C. Swinney, subs. W. H. Vance, subs. J. H. Clark, sub. L. A. Reavis, sub. C. Pugsley, sub. E. W. Potter, subs. L. O. Lewis, subs. J. S. Tunnell, sub. J. W. R. Bachman, sub.

March 10.—M. W. Hester, sub. F. M. Atchison, sub. J. L. Sullivan, sub. C. M. Myers, sub. M. W. Rogers, sub. B. R. Goodwin, subs. W. F. Campbell, sub.

March 11.—J. D. Hudgins, sub. O. F. Hotchkiss, sub. M. I. Brown, subs. E. R. Barcus, sub. W. D. White, sub. W. E. Caperton, subs. J. C. Moore, subs. C. N. Morton, sub. H. Lee Vincent, subs. S. J. Drake, subs. R. E. L. Stutts, sub. I. E. Hightower, sub. J. O. Peterson, sub. R. B. Moreland, sub. E. R. Barcus, sub. W. S. Huggett, sub. M. L. Story, sub.

March 12.—M. M. Morphis, has attention. E. F. Boone, sub. J. Kilgore, subs. I. M. Bryce, sub. J. E. Green, sub. H. G. Williams, sub. A. E. Carraway, sub. W. A. Belcher, sub. C. A. Evans, subs. A. T. Walker, sub. has attention. H. M. Glass, change. E. L. Silliman, sub. G. A. Nance, sub. A. W. Wilson, sub.

March 13.—L. B. Saxon, sub. B. Hardy, sub. W. T. Singley, sub. J. A. Old, subs. J. A. Laney, subs. Thos. C. Sharp, sub and change. M. L. Story, sub. J. W. Allbritten, sub.

March 15.—W. R. Arnold, subs. W. A. Govett, subs. J. R. Murray, sub. S. W. Stokely, subs.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD

(Continued from page 5)

the gout. God help us to be of great service to these good people in ever leading them aright. God is good to them and us, and they appreciate it. We are praying for 100 conversions and reclamations here this year, and an equal number of additions. Many people who were once members of the Church back at home have come to this country and left their religion back at the old home. I wonder how many in the West who will read this are in that same condition. How sorely we need their help and if they but knew it how badly they need the joys that once were theirs. Pray for those who have wandered when you read these lines, that they may be restored to the Church of God. We don't intend to come short on our new list of subscribers for the Advocate this year. They need the paper far worse than the paper needs them.—J. W. Smith, P. C.

Eastland. This station is moving up. We have two live men at head of our Sunday-school, with a splendid body of teachers, with classes increasing each Sunday, with a growing prayer-meeting; in fact, every department of our Church show signs of progress. We are now pleasantly housed in our beautiful new parsonage; no better preacher's home is to be found in this district, if it is not the best one in the district. It is a monument to the love and liberality of my Church. Fourth Sunday inst. Bishop Key will dedicate our splendid church.—C. S. Cameron.

Beggs, Okla. We have just closed a revival effort of some days at Beggs, Okla., for Rev. H. G. Summers, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, and in which the pastor of the Baptist Church and members of all the Churches took part. As a result, forty-five joined the Methodist Church, or were baptized. Six infants were baptized, being the first infants baptized in that place in eight or ten years, if ever. We have the same pastor at Mounds, Okla., but no house of worship. We are holding a meeting in the Presbyterian Church. Expect to close here on Sunday, March 21, and then go West.—W. H. Evans, Mounds, Okla., March 12.

Gilmer Circuit. The second Quarterly Conference of the Gilmer Circuit was held March 6-7 at Soule Chapel. It was a delightful occasion, socially and spiritually. The dinner at the church on Saturday was all that the physical man could desire, while the three deeply spiritual sermons preached by the elder, H. T. Cunningham, were indeed a feast to the soul. He also looked well after the material interests of the Church. The prospects on Gilmer Circuit are encouraging. Some say it is in better condition than it has been in

for years. We are working and praying for great revivals this year. We are making special efforts to create and increase interest in mission work. Have organized two W. H. M. S., and hope to have either a Home or Foreign Mission Society at each appointment by the close of the year. One of the greatest hindrances in this work is the lack of religious literature in the homes of the people. I am making every effort to put the Advocate in every Methodist home. Not more than 10 per cent of them take any religious paper.—S. W. Lowe.

Abbott.

This scribe and his family feel that they are in the hands of a good and worthy people. Beginning with a fine turkey sent in by Sister Mike Young about Thanksgiving and followed by a nice pounding during the Christmas holidays, reaching a grand climax of back bone, spare-ribs, etc., at hog-killing time, "the good work went on," and on. All this added to many other kindnesses done us, and the many kind things said to us, and about us—well, to tell "the whole truth and nothing but the truth," makes us love them very dearly. Our plucky little W. H. M. Society of Abbott is doing fine work. They have renovated the interior of the parsonage throughout, at a cost of upward of \$100. They have installed lights and they are fine, too, in the church at a cost of \$40.00. Besides this, they have other "big things" in mind, which with the blessing of God will no doubt materialize in due time. Our Sunday-schools are doing good work. Have recently reorganized at Willow with Bro. Sid Harvey as Superintendent. Many of our best people there are rallying to his assistance, and the outlook seems hopeful indeed. Our work at this place—Willow—gives great promise in every way. Some real indications of a revival are manifest. Have about 50 per cent of the conference collections secured. Have received about forty members one way and another. Many of our members, both men and women deserve honorable mention, but others will excuse me for naming three of the quiet ones, whose interest in the prosperity of the Church, the parsonage, etc., is constant. I refer to J. V. Young, W. F. Jameson and T. H. Shaw. Our first Quarterly Conference, held February 27, 28, was quite an occasion indeed. The stewards advanced the salary of the P. C. \$100 over former years. The attendance both of officials and visitors was splendid. Bro. Nelms maintains his usual hearty and heartfelt interest in all the details of his work; and one of the highest compliments ever paid to the Master can also be paid to him: "The common people hear him gladly." It was the great pleasure of Mrs. Turner and myself to have the official board with us for dinner on Saturday. Bro. Nelms was also one of them that sat at meat. They all, both by work and deed, complimented Mrs. Turner's dinner very highly. Bro. Nelms delivered the toast, and while his utterances were entirely unconventional it breathed the spirit of brotherly kindness, and apostolic fervor. Our next Quarterly Conference goes to Bell Springs; where we are expecting "dinner all day and meeting on the ground." Perhaps I should say if Bro. J. B. Gunter who had a heavier list than any other member of the board, and who has always been successful in his office had not been hindered by sickness it appears probable the salaries would have been paid up to date. A good showing was made as it was. One of Lowell's superb and vigorous lines has been ringing in my mind to-day like a chime from the bells of heaven.

"My strength is as the strength of ten; Because my heart is pure."

—M. A. Turner, March 15.

Colfax Circuit. Colfax Circuit is the home of my childhood days. At Colfax (Tunnell's Chapel Church) I spent the most of my school days, and was here received into the Church and licensed to preach. This is my second year as pastor of this people. They are very loyal and a kinder people I have never served. The first Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. Bro. C. B. Garrett, the presiding elder, was on time and made a good impression. The Stewards made a liberal assessment and a good report on first quarter. We have just completed a \$325 addition to the parsonage, which makes the preacher's home equal to the best in these parts. All Church work appears to be moving nicely.—P. R. White, P. C., March 10.

Valentine Charge. On last Saturday, March 13, our second Quarterly Conference convened, with the preacher in charge in the chair. We certainly missed our good presiding elder, but the conference was well attended and the devotional service and the business part of the conference moved off nicely, and at

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the end of the appointed hour we pronounced the benediction. The reports showed that all points on the charge were in a healthy condition; the three prayer-meetings growing in attendance and in spiritual force. All the auxiliaries doing good work. The financial report was good all save the pastor's salary, which was short at Sierra Blanco and Van Horn. It has never been our lot to fall into a community where work was responded to quicker than on the three points of this charge. The people are responsive and pleasant to work among, and God has certainly prospered his work here in the last fifteen months. All that is necessary to take this great West for God is to have plenty of strong healthy men in the field who are willing to irrigate these broad prairies with the sweat of honest labor. The Christians of early days lighted the streets for cruel Nero. We need men to burn themselves out at good hard work for the Master. Let us both ministers and laymen reconsecrate our lives to God and give him the very best there is in us, and then when the life is finished we can stop to sing of victory through Jesus' name.—R. H. Levelling, March 15.

Brashear.

We have been received very kindly on this charge. We were initiated by the people of Brashear with a real good pounding. We arrived on the charge just three days before our first Quarterly Conference, being the third man assigned to the work. So our report for the first quarter was necessarily short. On account of a severe cold Bro. Mountcastle did not preach but one sermon at our first Quarterly Conference, but this one was an inspiration. We have been very busy through this quarter. We find ourselves in the midst of a good people. We have large, appreciative congregations. Our second Quarterly Conference embraced the 6th and 7th of March. Bro. Mountcastle came on Friday, preached a good sermon on Friday night to the people of Brashear. Our people were greatly benefited by this service. We drove to Bonanza by eleven o'clock Saturday; found a congregation; had a good sermon by the presiding elder. The good people of Bonanza had dinner on the ground—almost enough to feed an Annual Conference. These people certainly know how to prepare for a Quarterly Conference. Bro. Brown, P. C. at Reily Springs, came over and spent the day with us on Saturday. We certainly enjoyed his presence, songs and prayers. Bro. Mountcastle preached at night; also Sunday at eleven. The people were greatly helped by his presence and practical sermons. I believe we have made some progress. We are hopeful for a good year.—M. C. Sooter, P. C.

PERSONAL.

I am here in my dear mother's home, having been called to her bedside. Poor mother! She is suffering greatly; can't tell how long she can last. She is more than 70 years old and as I sit in her room and see her suffer so and think of my boyhood days and how she would apply cold cloths to my fevered head and how she has always toiled and tried to care for her children, it nearly breaks my heart. But it is glorious to know that when she leaves here she will go where no suffering or death come. I will return to my home in Grazer, Texas, the latter part of this month. My work in some respects is doing well.

SAM Q. BASS.

Corinth, Miss., March 13.

THANKS—APPEAL.

I wish to thank those who responded to my appeal in the Advocate of October 29, 1908, for help to build a church house near Floyd, N. M. If there are others who mean to help us will they please to hurry up a little? We haven't enough to make the first payment on the lumber and we need a house so badly! Below is a list of those who have contributed. While each of these has been liberal yet the number of contributors is somewhat disappointing. But we are on the Lord's side and therefore we know that we shall succeed. If our preachers and Sunday-school Superintendents will only call the attention of their congregations and Sunday-

schools to our need we can assemble our children in a church and teach them the way of eternal life ere this summer is gone. My appeal was not over-drawn. Our need grows as time moves on. My long silence has been on account of sickness. I was sick a long time. Then just as I got up my baby got sick. We are just about well now and you will not hear the last of me until we have a house of worship. Send postoffice money orders to Portales, as Floyd is not a money order office. Contributors:

Edna Sunday-school, Geo. F. Simons.....\$10 50
M. S. Leverett.....1 00
Mrs. E. J. Gurley.....58
J. F. Ledbetter.....2 50
Rev W. J. Joyce.....5 09

Total.....19 58
MRS. A. J. STEWART.
Floyd, N. M.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

To the Officers and Members of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Archer City, Texas:

We, the committee appointed to draft resolutions of love and respect to the memory of our departed sister and co-worker, submit the following: Whereas, Our all-wise Father has seen fit to remove from us our most faithful and worthy President, Mrs. S. C. Walker, one whose place cannot be filled, and whose loyalty cannot be surpassed; the memory of whose genuine devotion and Christian character we shall ever cherish; and

Whereas, The Woman's Home Mission Society has sustained a great loss, and this auxiliary a most faithful and efficient President, one who ruled with kindness and love, always looking to the best interests of the Church; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones, and that we may ever strive to emulate her sunny Christian life; and be it

Resolved, That while we cannot understand why God should take from us a life so full of kindly use, we bow in humble submission to our Father's will; and "well we know that he himself will lift the veil that hides," and some sweet morn in yonder blissful place when we with joy shall clasp the Savior's hand and rest our eyes upon his matchless face, our happy hearts will clearly understand; and be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the bereaved family, a copy be spread on the minutes of our auxiliary and a copy be furnished the Archer City papers, also the Christian Advocate, Dallas, Texas.

MRS. G. E. ENGLEHART,
MRS. S. B. COOK,
MRS. W. E. FORGY,
Committee.

A FIELD NOTE AND ELSE.

This old charge is moving along after its usual way. There is some improvement in the Sunday-school, Epworth League, prayer-meeting and attendance on the preaching of the Word. Taken as a whole, the charge is slightly on the upgrade. Have paid 50 per cent of the collections ordered by the Annual Conference. The powerful pounding came off soon after conference, for which the pastor and his family are thankful. Expect to hold protracted services here in May, lasting two weeks or more.

Rev. J. D. Major takes Dr. Winton to task in your last issue in good style, and, in my judgment, justly so. Many of our people, and especially many of the preachers, think Dr. Winton ought to make his teaching conform to the doctrines of the Methodist Church, or step down and out. It seems to this writer that he is honorable to do one or the other.

Some are amused, not to say disgusted, at the ignorance of some would-be politicians who have been writing of late about preachers in politics. In the first place, they betray their ignorance as to what are real politics; and in the second place, in reference to the rights and duties of the preachers, and thirdly in regard to the gospel. It is no use to give them definitions of the terms, politics, rights and duties and the gospel, for they are either too blind to see, or too ignorant to understand. Poor fellows, they are in a fix, and will be fixed in a few years from now.

The Texas Advocate bearing date of the 11th inst. is a superb copy. Editorial, "Houston Post and the Ministers," articles by Major, Steel, Puckett, Smith and others are up to date, and have the right ring. This fight will not down until the Church is free from heresy, and the State and Nation from whiskey.

P. B. SUMMERS.

Flaton, Texas.

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL RALLY.

Friday before the third Sunday in February our preacher, Bro. Thomas, invited Bro. Chambliss of Albany; Bros. Hyder and Terry, of Anson, also Bro. Nobles. They preached some strong doctrinal sermons, which greatly revived and did all of us good. We had services Sunday morning, evening and night, also dinner and supper on the ground.

The following Sunday our presiding elder had another Church rally at Hawley, with the presiding elder of Abilene District, from Friday until Sunday, which also resulted in a glorious time; reorganizing a Sunday-school with sixty pupils, also organized a W. H. M. Society. Bro. Thomas is a strong, spiritual preacher and is doing everything he can for the betterment of his charge. L. G. R.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

On the night of March 13, at Celeste, just as preaching began, the light plant of the M. E. Church, South, became disordered. Brother R. B. Moreland, our pastor, went to adjust it when the gas exploded, seriously burning his face and hands. His son, Earl, who was near, was slightly singed; also a young man, Mr. Anson Cunningham, was badly burned about the face. Thanks to a kind Father none of them were fatally injured or permanently maimed. Our meeting here of 19 days closed last night. We had a good meeting. Much good was accomplished in and out of the Church. C. L. BALLARD.

Sherman, Texas.

FORT WORTH PREACHERS' MEETING.

Dr. Monzon preached for Dr. Knickerbocker; five additions by certificate. Weatherford has revival services in progress at present; 15 conversions to date.

Bro. Long has projected a plan for building a fine new parsonage at the College.

Missouri Avenue had seven additions.

Dr. Monzon was present and reported having raised \$975 at First Church. This amount was taken for the Theological Department of Southwestern.

DEDICATION OF CHURCH.

The Lamar Avenue Methodist Church in Paris will be dedicated on April 4, being the first Sunday in the month. Dr. W. F. McNairy, of the Church Extension Board, will be the officiating minister. All former pastors not only invited, but urged to be present. R. C. HICKS, Pastor, Paris, Texas.

CLEBURNE DISTRICT.

Blum, at B. May 8, 9. For good reasons the Epworth League and Sunday-school Conference, at Morgan, has been changed from May 7-9 to May 14-16. E. A. SMITH, P. E.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Rev. Thos. C. Sharp from Minden, Texas, to Mt. Enterprise, Texas.

MARRIED.

Davis-Hardie.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Sour Lake, Texas, March 10, 1909, Mr. Geo. I. Davis and Miss Lucile W. Hardie, Rev. Geo. H. Phair officiating.

Oliver-Newton.—On February 24, 1909, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. John Newton, Mr. James S. Oliver and Miss Venus Newton, Rev. S. W. Turner officiating.

Noble-Cone.—At Cone Texas, August 12, 1908, Mr. Walter R. Noble and Miss Eula Cone, Rev. J. R. Bollinger officiating. All of Cone, Texas.

Copeland-Carlyle.—In the Tenth Street parsonage in Austin, Texas, March 13, 1909, at 5:15 p. m. Mr. Leslie C. Copeland and Miss Minnie Carlyle, Rev. V. A. Godbey officiating.

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RANEY.—Rev. Morgan C. Raney was born in Lawrence County, Arkansas, May 17, 1839, and died January 4, 1909, in Wise County, Texas. He was a son of R. E. and Hulda Raney. Bro. Raney was married to Nancy P. Whitlow, October 22, 1863. To them were born eight children, all of whom are still living. Bro. Raney professed religion in 1860 at the old Flat Creek camp-ground, but did not unite with the Church until after the war. He united with the M. E. Church, South, at Pleasant Hill; was licensed to preach 1877; ordained to deacon's orders 1888. When his country called for volunteers he was among the first to respond. He enlisted in Adams' Regiment, McAlexander's Company of volunteers, fighting for his country, and waged a deadly warfare on sin as long as he lived. He loved his church and its doctrines. To his labors and zeal now stands a beautiful church at Slidell where he fell. Bro. Raney came of Methodist blood. Three of his uncles were Methodist preachers; also one cousin now in the Texas Conference, I. T. Morris. Bro. Raney had been praying that it might be clear at his burial. Twenty minutes before he died he exclaimed, "It looks so bright and beautiful." God had heard his prayer; it was indeed a beautiful day when we laid him to rest in Greenwood Cemetery. We had the pleasure of visiting Bro. Raney many times in his affliction. He was a patient, and would say, "I am waiting for the summons." He was anxious to go to that country where no sin can come. We will say to Sister Raney and children, husband and father is waiting to welcome you at the beautiful gate. It can be truly said of Bro. Raney, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." His pastor, J. A. ELLIS.

Greenwood, Texas.

PARKS.—Mrs. Mary Lugenia Parks (nee Willeford) daughter of Britton and Elizabeth Willeford, was born in Alabama May 13, 1839, and came with her parents to Mississippi, where death soon deprived her of the care of a loving mother. In 1853 she came with her father to Texas, and settled near the town of Gonzales, where she grew to womanhood. She was converted at the age of 14 and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to which she was ever afterward devoted. She was married to Mr. J. E. Parks June 17, 1873. To this union were born four children—two girls and two boys. In 1886 she removed with her husband and children to Coryell County, near the town of Killam, where she lived until January 1, 1909, when she was translated from the care and sorrow of earth to the freedom and joy of heaven. Her life was beautiful and consistent as a Christian, faithful and devoted as a wife and loving and tender as a mother. She was always ready with an effort to relieve the suffering of their troubles in body and soul. Truly hers was the sympathetic nature, which is the perfection of the human so beautifully exemplified in her divine-human Lord. Her children were all with her during her last illness and, with loving hand, administered to her for many days. When the summons came, she passed quietly and peacefully to rest, to await the glorious dawn of the resurrection morning. She leaves a husband, four children, a sister and a host of friends to mourn their loss; but her precious memory will be to them "as ointment poured forth," for they "weep not as those who have no hope." They shall see her again.

R. B. YOUNG.

WILLIAMS.—William Elbert, infant son of Terry and Minnie Williams, was born December 8, 1908, and died December 8, 1908. Little Elbert was a sweet little babe. It seemed to that God had sent little Elbert to this sinful world to suffer the death agony, but yet while he suffered he left an example of patience to all who witnessed his death. May God ever over these broken-hearted ones, and may they so live that when death knocks at the door for them they will be as pure as this sweet little babe who has gone on before, for we know we shall become as a little child we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. Little Elbert has gone where pain and sorrow never come.

GERTRUDE WILKERSON.
Greenwood, Texas.

DOWNES.—Eliza Perritt was born September 29, 1843, in South Carolina, and died near Canton, Texas, January 29, 1909. Her father moved to Alabama in her childhood and on to Texas when she was but a ten-year-old girl. December 26, 1867, just after that awful struggle between the States, she was married to Charles M. Downes, one of the boys who wore the "gray," and they set up their humble home in Panola County, Texas. Twenty-nine years ago they moved to Van Zandt County, Texas, where they have since resided. She was the mother of seven children—Rebecca died in infancy, Mollie was burned to death in childhood, and Sam, the only son, lived to be grown and married, dying only a short time before his mother. She joined our Church in girlhood and lived a quiet, unobtrusive yet loyal member of it till her death. Her life was full of toil and suffering. The ploughshares of sorrow ran deep into her soul. She knew what hard work, aching limbs, poverty and a burdened heart meant. Yet her pathway was not shadowed all the way; there were frequent sunlit spaces. Though the drama of her life was played amid scenes that are commonplace, "far from the maddening crowds' ignoble strife," she acted well her part as one of the many millions of earth's care-worn toilers, and now it is sweet to think that at last she has lain down to rest. Husband, children, sisters—broken fragments of the old home—we shall soon be brought together again in the other room of God's great house. Let us have patience to wait awhile. Her sister, MRS. ANNIE M. DOWNES.

CHAMBERS.—December 8, 1908, the spirit of John G. Chambers took its flight from earth to heaven. He was born in Red River County, Texas, near Clarksville, on September 12, 1883. He was married to Fannie Sherwood December 26, 1883. To them were born four children. One died in infancy; three still live—Mrs. Mary Lena Danford, Annie Belle and Joe Chambers, all of whom were present at their father's death. Our subject had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, for thirty years, and had served as steward for twenty-seven years. The writer of this sketch has known him since he was a child, and I hesitated when asked to write this obituary because he was so near to me. John Chambers was one of the best men I ever knew. He was honest and true, a good husband and indulgent father, always providing well for his family. He was always ready to help any one in distress. He was the preacher's best friend and everywhere he lived. Of all my friends I miss John more than any one I ever gave up. But our loss is his gain, so we bow in humble submission to the will of God and expect some day, bye and bye, to meet him up yonder where parting will be no more. To his loved ones I will say, look up, press on, the storm will soon be over, and let us all meet him over there.

J. F. SHERWOOD.

Paris, Texas.

PRICE.—John Theodore Price died at the home of his parents at Eolian, Texas, March 3, 1909. Theo was born November 25, and would have been 15 years of age had he lived until his next birthday. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a good Christian child. I have never heard people give a boy a better name than was given this one by the people of his home community. He was a grandson of that old hero for Christ and our Church, the Rev. T. M. Price, who is still spared to help all men he can to live better lives. His father is Frank E. Price, one of our best stewards in the Church, one who loves God and his fellowman. On the maternal side there was good blood in his veins, and his mother, Sister Grace Chalker Price, is a consecrated woman, who trains her children to be ready for death at any time. The boy was ready, and to-day is with the Savior. While we would love to have him still upon the earth, his Father in heaven can use him there, and some day we believe there will be a great reunion in the skies where all will find Theo waiting. The Christian religion is the consolation of this family in the dark hour that has come to their home.

J. HALL BOWMAN, Pastor.

MOYERS.—Mrs. J. C. Moyers (nee Keith) was born in Rhea County, East Tennessee, March 26, 1841, and died at her home near Gainesville, Texas, January 6, 1909. She was married to Mr. M. A. Moyers in 1867. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life, and ever lived a sincere, devoted Christian. She leaves a husband, one daughter, four sons, two sisters and two brothers to mourn their loss. She was a sister of the late Rev. John H. Keith, D. D., of the Holston Conference. Some bright day we will meet dear sister in that happy land where there is no parting. A sister, MRS. T. M. W.

Eldorado, Okla.

COCKRELL.—Edward Franklin Cockrell, son of John A. and Elvira Cockrell, was born in Faulkner County, Arkansas, March 13, 1877, and died at Seaborn, Texas, February 4, 1909. He came with his parents to Clarksville, Texas, in 1892, and lived in that section of country several years; was married to Miss Rosie Lee Hughes, January 11, 1899, and the widow and one child survive him; also his parents, four brothers and three sisters. Coming west in 1908, he settled at Seaborn, Texas, and was energetically and hopefully engaged in improving his little home when stricken down. There was no warning, no premonition. Well and happy in the morning, in the night time his soul returned to his Maker. But he was ready to go, and with the words upon his lips of, "Heavenly Father, take me home," he triumphantly entered into his rest. Converted at the age of 19, he united with the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent Christian life. While the burdens and trials of life were many, and the testings many times were severe, his beautiful life of patience and Christian fortitude is a heritage to cheer those that follow on. Peace to his ashes. For a little while the family circle is broken, for he has gone on before, but he awaits their coming in the home of God.

J. W. CADWELL, P. C.

TRAYLOR.—At her home, one mile east of Bailey, Texas, February 27, 1909, and as the shadows of evening had lengthened until darkness was cast over the face of nature, the songs of the birds had ceased, and the wind was singing a sad requiem in the tall trees in front of her home, our little friend, Clara Traylor, breathed her last, aged 13 years. It was a shock to the whole community, for she was loved by everybody. Two years ago she learned to love our Savior, joined the Methodist Church, and has since lived a true Christian. While talking with her during her last illness, I spoke of her work in the Church and she answered, "Yes, when I get well again I purpose never to miss Sunday-school, and do all the good I can to everybody." Hers was a beautiful life indeed. God gave her a mission and she has performed it. Her leave-taking has filled her loved ones and friends with the deepest sorrow; but we are assured the angels bore her away to be with her mother, her Savior and the praising host around the white throne of God. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

E. L. SULLIVAN.

SHEPARD.—Bro. Presley O. Shepard was born in Missouri March 14, 1847; he moved to Texas in 1869; was married to Miss Sarah J. Howe January 11, 1872. To this union were born two daughters, Lizzie L. and Laura Angeline, the younger preceding him to the better world in 1884. Bro. Shepard professed religion in 1879, and joined the Methodist Church, in which he served God as a faithful steward to the day of his death. He was highly trustworthy in all the relations of life, true to his family, his neighbors and his God. He was sent to Austin for medical treatment in October, 1907, but gradually grew worse until death relieved him February 2, 1909. He was buried at Panhandle, Carson County, near his home, on February 6. Bro. Bowman conducting the services. May God comfort the heart of the lonely wife and daughter, and guide the only grandson, Oliver Walte, to a noble manhood to take his grandfather's place in his great Church is our humble prayer. His former pastor, M. E. HAWKINS.

KADENHEAD.—The death angel has visited the home of Brother L. E. and Sister Fannie Kadenhead, and claimed for its victim their oldest son, Padron, aged 14 years. He was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, last summer, and has lived a true Christian life. He was always in his place in Sunday-school, and knew his lesson well. To know him was to love him because of his noble character. I would say to his fond parents, brothers and sisters, look by an eye of faith to that bright celestial city where you can ever be with Padron, and where parting comes no more. His Sunday-school teacher,

MRS. J. H. OVERSTREET.
Anna, Texas.

OAKS.—Mrs. Sarah Ann Oaks (nee Pollard) was born August 30, 1842, and died at her home near Owlet Green, Texas, Friday, February 19, 1909. She was married to James K. Oaks December 9, 1866. Sister Oaks leaves a husband, four children and a number of grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She joined the Methodist Church, South, when a girl, and all her life was a true Christian. She was a patient and wise mother, a devoted and true wife. Sister Oaks is with us no more, but her influence abides because of the life she lived. She leaves an influence that will speak for years to come. May the Comforter abide with those who are left lonely and sad. P. R. WHITE.

WREN.—Mrs. G. L. Wren was born in East Tennessee, near Coghill, August 4, 1868. She came to Texas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Payne, in 1877 or 1878, and settled at Hardy, in Montague County. She was married to Mr. G. L. Wren, now principal of the public school at Valley View, Texas, September 21, 1892. To them were born three children—Eileen, Clarice and Mae-Vance, who, with their father, mourn their great loss. Sister Wren was converted and joined the Church when she was 12 or 13 years old. She was a good woman, a splendid Sunday-school teacher, the leader of our choir at Valley View, and a soul-winner for Jesus. Her funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Revs. Johnson and Harris, at Myra, Texas, in the presence of a very large congregation of relatives and sympathizers. A goodly number was unable to get seated in the church. Friends were there from all over the county. About 100 attended her funeral from Valley View, her home. She has gone home. May God's richest blessings rest upon the husband and children, and may they all meet her in glory. Her pastor,

J. R. ATCHLEY.

PHILLIPS.—W. A. Phillips was born in Macon County, Alabama, January 10, 1845. In early manhood, with his wife and first born daughter, he moved to Texas; and, after a time, permanently settled in Comanche County, where he lived an honored and respected citizen till called to the eternal home, February 20, 1909. He had long been a member of the M. E. Church, South, and was loyal to her doctrines. His last illness was brief—two days of intense suffering—and then a sweet release forever. To his sorrowing friends and stricken family he testified to the saving grace of his Savior, saying in this last hour of human need that his way was clear and his future bright. God graciously permitted him and his faithful wife to rear to maturity four sons and five daughters, all of whom are walking the "upward way" of life. God be gracious to the sorrowing ones.

TABIE PHILLIPS.

MASK.—James Loyd Mask, little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mask, of Olan, Texas, was born October 12, 1907, in Roosevelt County, New Mexico, and departed this life February 25, 1909. Little James Loyd spent but a few days in this life, but God has taken him to heaven to spend an endless eternity with him. Little James was a bright little boy. The last time I was in his home before his death he measured the floor several times with his little feet, but the next time I went his spirit had taken its flight to the glory world. He is now viewing his and father's, mother's and sister's home that is not made with hands. He is beckoning his little hands to father, mother and sister and saying, "Come and spend eternity here with me." May the Lord bless the bereaved ones. His pastor,

HENRY FRANCIS.

Grayford, Texas.

GOODWIN.—Bro. John Goodwin was born in Jefferson County, Ala., in June of 1844, and died at his home in Nash, Texas, March 4, 1909. Bro. Goodwin had long been a member of the Methodist Church and was always diligent in the discharge of his Christian duty. He was one of our best citizens; was well known and greatly loved by the people of this community. Bro. Goodwin leaves a wife, seven children, five brothers, two sisters and a host of friends to mourn his death. We will miss him in the home, in the Church and in the community. But let us remember that "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of 'The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away' the bereaved."

J. F. KIDD.

HENDLEY.—May Hendley (nee Allen) was born in Van Zandt County, Texas, November 12, 1882. She was married to Sam Hendley October, 1901. She died at her home in Mineola, Texas, February 27, 1909, and was buried at Tunnell's Chapel February 28, 1909. She was converted and joined the Church at the Tunnell's Chapel Camp-ground at the age of 17, at which place she held her membership at her death. May was a loyal Methodist, a devoted mother, a true wife. She leaves a husband with three children, also an aged mother, one brother and three sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. May the hand of our Father guide the life of the motherless children.

P. R. WHITE.

GREESON.—Mrs. Mary J. Greeson, wife of T. J. Greeson, was born in Howell County, Missouri, January 23, 1877, and died in Ellis County, Texas, March 8, 1909. Converted when quite young she was, for many years, a consistent member of the Methodist Church. The mother of seven children, six of whom survive her. And her death is one of those things for

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which we can see no reason. Why was she taken from the good husband and six children, and placed beside the little one that sleeps under the daisies? We cannot tell, but God knows, and in his own good time he will show us. She is gone, but we know where to find her. "Let me die the death of the righteous." K. P. BARTON.

BROWN.—Alfred Brown was born April 5, 1842; died March 8, 1909. In 1861 he espoused the cause of the Confederacy and was faithful till peace was declared. In 1865 he was converted, and by his life was his faith known and proven till he was called to his reward. He was a steward in our Church for a quarter of a century, and gave up his place as such only when forced to do so by his broken health. His presence and zeal gave courage to the younger brethren and his face in the audience an inspiration to the preacher. We will not preach to him again, but we shall see him in the great congregation of saints. He is survived by three sons and four daughters. A wife and three children were waiting to greet him when he crossed the dark river. May there be a complete reunion of that family in the great day!

K. P. BARTON.

BOW.—Mrs. Carrie Jane Bow, the oldest daughter of Rev. W. K. Wilson, was born in Nacogdoches County, Texas, July 5, 1848. She was married to J. S. Bow March 7, 1877. To them were born six children—three boys and three girls. Five of them are still living and all grown. Sister Bow joined the M. E. Church, South, in early childhood at Wilson's Chapel, five miles from Kaufman, which Church was named for her father. Her father was one of the pioneer preachers of this section of the State whose work still abides. Sister Bow died very suddenly February 5, 1909. The funeral service was conducted the next day at Wilson's Chapel by the writer, her pastor, Rev. Minor Boudens being absent from his charge at the time, and the writer having been her pastor once for four years. In the community where she lived so long and so well, and labored so faithfully for the Church, she was greatly loved and will be sorely missed. She was a fine type of early Texas Christian womanhood. She was kind, tenderhearted and sympathetic in her nature, and always ready to do what she could for the bodily comfort and spiritual good of those with whom she came in contact. Brother Bow will be lonely now since she who for so long cheered him in life's duties, and comforted him in his trials, is gone. And the children will greatly miss their mother's presence and helpful counsel, but her life and example will ever be a constant source of comfort and strength to inspire and help them in all their future lives. May the blessings of a kind heavenly Father ever be upon Brother Bow and his children. A. R. NASH.

Kaufman, Texas.

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Brenham District—Second Round.

Thorndale, March 27, 28.
Bellville, April 3, 4.
Sealy, April 4, 5.
Bay City, April 10, 11.
Wharton, April 12.
Glen Flora, April 17, 18.
Giddings, April 24, 25.
Hempstead, April 4.
Waller, April 5.
Caldwell Miss., May 1, 2.
Caldwell Sta., May 2, 3.
Rosenberg, May 7.
Richmond, May 8, 9.
Lexington, May 15, 16.
Somerville, May 22, 23.
Fulshear and B., May 29, 30.
A. A. WAGNON, P. E.

Houston District—Third Round.

Shearn, 11 a. m., March 28.
Brunner, 8 p. m., March 28.
League City and Texas City, Apr. 3, 4.
St. Paul's, April 6.
Alvin, April 10, 11.
Grace, 11 a. m., April 18.
Harrisburg, 8 p. m., April 18.
CHAS. F. SMITH, P. E.

Calvert District—Second Round.

Travis, at Chilton, March 27, 28.
Iola, at Normangee, April 3, 4.
Fairfield, at Mt. Zion, April 10, 11.
Teague Sta., April 11.
Lott and Durango, at Pleasant Valley, April 17, 18.
Rosebud Sta., April 24, 25.
Centerville, at Evans' Ch., May 1, 2.
Maysfield, at Ben A., May 8, 9.
Wheelock, at Edge, May 15, 16.
Franklin Sta., May 16, 17.
Jewett, at Jewett, May 22, 23.
E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

Jacksonville District—Second Round.
Elkhart, at Antrum, March 27, 28.
Cushing, at Cushing, April 3, 4.
Caro, Haywards Mill, April 4, 5.
Neches, at Pleasant Grove, April 10, 11.
Centenary, April 11.
Eustace, at Elm Grove, April 17, 18.
Kilgore, at Hickory Grove, April 24, 25.
Troupe & Overton, at O., April 25.
Mt. Selman, at Cove Springs, May 1, 2.
Bullard, May 2, 3.
LaRue, May 8, 9.
Athens, May 9, 10.
Jacksonville Cir., at Pierce's, May 15, 16.
Jacksonville Sta., May 16, 17.
Brushy Creek, Pace's Ch., May 22, 23.
Grace, May 23, 24.
Malakoff, at Oakland, May 30, 31.
ELLIS SMITH, P. E.

Pittsburg District—Second Round.

Nash, at Nash, March 27, 28.
Hardy Memorial, March 28, 29.
Central, Texarkana, April 3, 4.
Redwater, at Maud, April 10, 11.
Winfield, at Bridges' Chap., April 17, 18.
Mt. Pleasant Sta., April 24, 25.
Pittsburg Cir., at Pleasant Grove, April 30.
Pittsburg Sta., May 1, 2.
Winsboro, at Maple Springs, May 8, 9.
Quiltman, at Liberty, May 15, 16.
Daingerfield, May 21.
Hughes Springs, May 22, 23.
Naples and Omaha, May 29, 30.
R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

Marshall District—Second Round.

Gilmer Sta., Mar. 27, 28.
Fairview, preaching 3 p. m., Sunday, Mar. 28.
Rhodesboro Cir., at Marvin's Ch., Apr. 3, 4.
Henderson Cir., at Carlisle, Apr. 10, 11.
Hallville, at Lagrone's Ch., Apr. 17, 18.
Longview Sta., preaching Apr. 25.
Longview Sta., Quarterly Conf., May 3.
Beckville Cir., at Ebenezer, May 1, 2.
Harleton Cir., at Coffeeville, May 8, 9.
Marshall, First Ch., Quar. Conf., May 12.
Marshall, Summit St., Quar. Conf., May 19.
Waskom, at Waskom, May 15, 16.
Harrison Cir., at Union Ch., May 22, 23.
Kelleyville Cir., at Moore's Ch., May 29, 30.
Jefferson Sta., May 28, 30.
H. T. CUNNINGHAM, P. E.

Huntsville District—Second Round.
Madisonville Miss., at Midway, March 27, 28.
Madisonville Sta., March 28, 29.
Gradeland and Lovelady, at Lovelady, April 3, 4.
Navasota Sta., April 6.
San Jacinto Cir., at Union, Apr. 10, 11.
Augusta Cir., at Percilla, April 17, 18.
Crockett Sta., April 21.
Willis Cir., at Old W., April 24, 25.
Conroe Sta., April 26.
Bryan Sta., April 28.
Cold Springs Miss., at Farley's, May 1, 2.
Dodge Miss., at Riverside, May 4.
Huntsville Sta., May 8, 9.
Groveton Sta., May 15, 16.
Willard Cir., at Westville, May 16, 17.
Shepherd and Cleveland, at Shepherd, May 22, 23.
H. C. WILLIS, P. E.

Tyler District—Second Round.

Edgewood Cir., at Creagleville, Mar. 27.
Grand Saline, Mar. 28, 29.
Mt. Sylvan, at Center Point, Apr. 3, 4.
Lindale, Apr. 4, 5.
Canton, at Todd Hill Apr. 10, 11.

Edgewood Sta., Apr. 17, 18.
Mineola, Apr. 18, 19.
Murchison, at Wanda, Apr. 24, 25.
Edom, at Sexton Ch., May 1, 2.
Colfax, at Oakland May 8, 9.
Tyler Cir., May 15, 16.
Cedar Street, May 16, 17.
Alba, May 21.
Emory, May 22, 23.
Marvin Church, May 26.
Whitehouse, May 29, 30.
C. B. GARRETT, P. E.

Beaumont District—Second Round.

First Ch., Beaumont, Mar. 28.
Cartwright and Spindletop, at S., Mar. 28, 29.
Port Bolivar and A., at Stowell, Apr. 2, 4.
Silsbee, at Silsbee June, Apr. 10, 11.
Jasper Sta., Apr. 16.
Brownell and Brookland, at Bk'lnd, Apr. 17, 18.
Kirbyville, Apr. 23, 25.
Jasper Mis., at Magnolia Spgs., Apr. 24, 25.
Kountze, at Olive, Apr. 28.
Warren Mis., at Spurger, May 1, 2.
Orange, May 5.
Woodville, at Colmesneil, May 8, 9.
Dayton, May 12.
Call Mis., at Buna, May 15, 16.
Cedar Bayou, at C. B., May 19.
Liberty Cir., at Devers, May 22, 23.
Saratoga and Batson, at B., May 26.
Aldridge Mis., May 30, 31.
Burkeville Cir., at Newton, June 1.
District Conference, Newton, June 14.
Port Arthur, June 9.
Wallisville, June 12, 13.
D. H. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Sherman District—Second Round.

Tom Bean Cir., at Cedar, April 2-4.
Trinity and Preston, at Trinity, April 11, 12.
Waples Memorial Sta., April 14-18.
Pottsboro Sta., April 21-25.
Southmayde Cir., at Hagarman, May 1, 2.
Whitesboro Sta., May 5-10.
Sadler Miss., at Dixie, May 15, 16.
Pecan and Friendship, at Pecan, May 22, 23.
District Conference will be held in Whitesboro, May 6-10.
C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

McKinney District—Second Round.
Frisco Cir., at Lebanon, March 27, 28.
Farmersville Sta., April 3, 4.
Princeton Cir., at V. G., April 10, 11.
Nevada Sta., April 17, 18.
Josephine, at Copeville, Apr. 24, 25.
Farmers Branch and Carrollton, at F. B., May 1, 2.
Wylie Cir., at St. Paul's, May 8, 9.
Weston Cir., at Roseland, May 15, 16.
Celina Sta., May 16, 17.
Blue Ridge Cir., at Henslee Ch., May 22, 23.
Anna Cir., at Melissa, May 29, 30.
J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

Greenville District—Second Round.
Wolfe City, at Wolfe City, Mar. 27, 28.
Lone Oak Cir., at Lone Oak, April 3, 4.
Lee Street and Jones-Bethel, at Jones-Bethel, Apr. 10, 11.
Campbell Cir., at Caney, Apr. 17, 18.
Floyd Cir., at Caddo Mills, Apr. 24, 25.
Merit Cir., at Harrel's Ch., May 1, 2.
Wesley Sta., May 8, 9.
Commerce Mis., at Center Ch., May 15, 16.
Commerce Sta., May 22, 23.
Kingston Mis., White Rock, June 5, 6.
Kavanaugh Sta., June 13, 14.
Celeste and Lane, Celeste, June 20, 21.
R. G. MOOD, P. E.

Sulphur Springs Dist.—Second Round.
Pecan Gap and Ben Franklin, at Ben Franklin, March 27, 28.
Mt. Vernon Cir., at Weaver, April 3, 4.
South Franklin Miss., at Holmes Chap., April 10, 11.
Hagansport Miss., at Prairie View, April 17, 18.
Sulphur Springs Sta., April 24, 25.
Sulphur Bluff Cir., at Sulphur Bluff, May 1, 2.
Lake Creek Cir., at Brushy Mound, May 8.
Cooper Sta., May 9, 10.
Klondike Cir., May 15.
Yowell Cir., May 16.
Riley Springs Cir., May 22, 23.
W. D. MOUNTCASTLE, P. E.

Paris District—Second Round.

Deport Cir., at Milton, Mar. 27, 28.
Shady Grove and Marvin's Ch., at Pat. tonville, Mar. 28, 29.
Annona Cir., at Coleman Springs, Apr. 3, 4.
Whiterock and Williams Ch., at W. C., Apr. 10, 11.
Rosalie Cir., at McKinzie Ch., Apr. 17, 18.
Detroit Sta., Apr. 24, 25.
Blossom and Sylvan, at B., Apr. 25, 26.
Avery Mis., at Cedar Creek, May 1, 2.
Clarksville Mis., at Bethel, May 8, 9.
Clarksville Sta., May 9, 10.
Paris Cir., at Reno, May 15, 16.
Bonham Street, May 16, 17.
Bagwell Mis., at B., May 19.
Centenary, May 22, 23.
Lamar Av., May 23, 24.
J. M. SWEETON, P. E.

Bonham District—Second Round.

Honey Grove Cir., Mc. Ch., Mar. 20, 21.
Ector Cir., at Ravenna, Mar. 27, 28.
Telephone Mis., at Telephone, Apr. 3, 4.
Randolph Mis., at Edhube, Apr. 10, 11.
Bonham Sta., April 11, 12.
Gober Mis., at Center Point, Apr. 17, 18.
Ladonia Sta., April 18, 19.
Trenton Cir., at B. Ch., Apr. 24, 25.
Brookston and High, at B., May 1, 2.
Petty and Whiterock, at P., May 2, 3.
Petty Mis., at Maxey, May 8, 9.
South Bonham and Savoy, at B., May 15, 16.
Dodd and Windom, at Dodd City, May 22, 23.
Honey Grove Sta., May 23, 24.
Bailey Cir., at B., May 26.
J. B. GOBER, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round.

Cedar Hill and Duncanville, at Duncanville, March 27, 28.
Wesley Chap., 7:30 p. m., Mch. 28.
Oak Lawn, 11 a. m., April 4.
Oak Cliff, 7:30 p. m., April 4.
Lancaster, April 10, 11.
Trinity Church, 11 a. m., April 18.
Ervey Church, 7:30 p. m., April 18.
Cochran Cir., at Cochran, April 24, 25.
Forest Ave., 8 p. m., April 25.
Wheatland, May 1, 2.
Grace Church, 11 a. m., May 9.
First Church, 8 p. m., May 9.
Oak Cliff, 11 a. m., May 16.
Oak Lawn, 8 p. m., May 16.
Hutchins and Wilmer, at Hutchins, May 22, 23.
J. M. PETERSON, P. E.

Terrell District—Second Round.

Crandon Cir., March 27, 28.
Garland Sta., April 4, 5.
Fate Cir., April 10, 11.
Rockwall Sta., April 11, 12.
Elmo Mis., April 17, 18.
Tolosa Mis., April 24, 25.
Mabank Mis., April 25, 26.
Kemp Cir., May 1, 2.
Kaufman Sta., May 2, 3.
Royce Sta., May 9, 10.
Pleasant Mound Cir., May 15, 16.
Mesquite Cir., May 22, 23.
Forney Sta., May 23, 24.
College Mound Cir., June 5, 6.
Chisholm Cir., June 12, 13.
Terrell Sta., June 13, 14.
The District Conference will meet at Rockwall, Friday May 28, at 2 p. m.
M. L. HAMILTON, P. E.

Gainesville District—Second Round.
Sanger & Bolivar, at B., March 25-28.
Denton Street, March 28.
Broadway, April 4.
Myra & Hood, at M., April 9-11.
Aubrey, at Friendship, April 16-18.
Woodbine, at Callisburg, April 23-25.
St. Jo, April 30-May 2.
District Conference, at Sanger, May 6-10.
Denton Station, May 16.
Pilot Point, May 21-23.
Collinsville and Tioga, May 27-30.
D. H. ASTON, P. E.

Decatur District—Second Round.

Argyle, March 27, 28.
Jacksboro Sta., April 3, 4.
Chico Sta., April 10, 11.
Chico Cir., April 17, 18.
Ponder and Krum, April 24, 25.
Justin, April 25, 26.
Decatur Cir., May 1, 2.
Bryson, May 8, 9.
Bridgeport, May 15, 16.
Mexican Miss., May 17.
Oak Dale, May 22, 23.
L. S. BARTON, P. E.

NORTHWEST TEX CONFERENCE

Corsicana District—Second Round.

Dawson, at Harmony, March 28, 29.
Purdon, at Dresden, March 31.
Corsicana Cir., at Pleasant G., April 3.
Eleventh Avenue, at Eleventh Avenue, April 3, 4.
First Church, at 1st Ch., April 4, 5.
Groesbeck, at G., 7:30, April 9.
Horn Hill, at Big Hill, April 10, 11.
Thornton, at Locust Grove, Apr. 11, 12.
Kirk, at Ben Hur, April 13.
Richland, at Grape Creek, April 17, 18.
Kerens, at Bazette, April 20.
Barry, at Cryer Creek, April 22.
Munger, at Callina, April 24, 25.
Coolidge, at Coolidge, April 24, 25.
HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round.

Britton, at Britton, March 27, 28.
Maypearl, at Maypearl, April 3, 4.
Lillian, at Cahill, April 10, 11.
Ovilla, at Onward, April 17, 18.
Midlothian, April 18, 19.
Venus, at Mountain Peak, Apr. 24, 25.
Bethel, April 25, 26.
Lovelace, at Berry's Chap., May 1, 2.
Milford, at Derr's Chapel, May 2, 3.
Red Oak, at Boyce, May 8, 9.
T. S. ARMSTRONG, P. E.

Cleburne District—Second Round.

Grandview Cir., at Bethany, March 27, 28.
Alvarado, March 28, 29.
Covington, at C., April 3, 4.
Morgan, at Kopperl, April 6.
Joshua, at Egan, April 8.
Cleburne, Main St., April 11-28.
Granbury Mis., at Post Oak Apr. 17, 18.
Granbury Sta., April 18, 19.
Cresson, at Acton, April 20.

Grandview Sta., April 24, 25.
Glenrose Mis., at White Ch., May 1, 2.
Glenrose Sta., May 2, 3.
Epworth League and Sunday-school Conference at Morgan, May 7-9.
Blum, at B., May 15, 16.
Godbey, at Bono, May 18.
Burlison, at Everman, May 22, 23.
Walnut Springs, May 29, 30.
E. A. SMITH, P. E.

Bowie District—Second Round.

Crafton, at Red Bud, March 27, 28.
Fruitland, at F., April 3, 4.
Nocona Sta., April 10, 11.
Montague, at M., April 11, 12.
Electra, at Beaver Ch., April 17, 18.
Wichita Falls, April 24, 25.
Bowie Sta., April 25, 26.
Nocona Cir., at Barrel Sprg., Apr. 29, 30.
Archer City, at Annerine, May 1, 2.
Iowa Park, at Burkburnett, May 8, 9.
Post Oak, at Antelope, May 15, 16.
Byers, at Charlie, May 22, 23.
Bonita, at Spanish Fort, May 29, 30.
Bowie Mis., June 1-3.
Holliday, at Dundee, June 5, 6.
Henrietta Sta., June 12, 13.
Henrietta Mis., at Riverland, June 19, 20.
JNO. E. ROACH, P. E.

Colorado District—Second Round.

Clairmont, March 26-28.
Gail, Gail, April 2-4.
Fluvanna, F., April 4, 5.
Stanton, April 10, 11.
Stanton Mis., Slaughter, April 11-13.
Lamesa, Mullins, April 15-19.
Seminole, Shafter, April 23-26.
Colorado Mis., April 30-May 2.
Colorado Sta., May 2, 3.
Dunn, May 8, 9.
SIMEON SHAW, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round.

Taylor Sta., March 27, 28.
Hutto, Robinson Ch., March 28, 29.
Temple, 7th St., April 3, 4.
Temple Sta., April 4, 5.
Moody Sta., Apr. 6, 7.
Granger, Jonah, April 10, 11.
Georgetown Sta., April 11, 12.
Bartlett Sta., April 14, 15.
Florence Cir., Wesley Ch., April 18, 19.
Rogers Sta., April 24, 25.
W. H. VAUGHAN, P. E.

Stamford District—Second Round.

McCauley and Silvester, at Silvester, March 27, 28.
Stamford Miss., at Corinth, Apr. 3, 4.
West Stamford and Liberty, at L., April 10, 11.
Stamford Sta., April 11, 12.
Avoca, at Bethel, April 17, 18.
Haskell Miss., at Sagerton, Apr. 24, 25.
Weinert, at Pleasant View, May 1, 2.
Haskell Sta., May 2, 3.
Tuxedo, at Fairview, May 8, 9.
Pinkerton, May 15, 16.
Rule, at Rochester, May 16, 17.
Knox City, at League, May 18.
Munday Sta., May 22.
Goree, May 29, 30.
Bomarton, May 31.
J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round.

Aledo, at Benbrook, March 27, 28.
Breckenridge, at Pisgah, April 3, 4.
Crystal Falls, at Baker, April 6.
Wayland, at Aker, April 8.
Peaster, at Poolville, April 10, 11.
Whitt, at Garner, April 12.
Mineral Wells, April 17, 18.
Graford, at Oran, April 19.
Graham Miss., April 24, 25.
Graham Sta., April 25, 26.
Farmer, April 27.
Ellasville, April 29.
Throckmorton, May 1, 2.
Davis Miss., May 2, 3.
M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

Plainview District—Second Round.

Lubbock, March 27, 28.
Axtador, at White Flat, April 3, 4.
Dickens, at Cottonwood, April 6.
Gomez, at Plains, April 10, 11.
Brownfield, at Meadow, April 13.
Barton, April 15.
Emma, at Estacado, April 17, 18.
Tahoka Sta., April 24, 25.
Post City, April 27.
Turkey, May 1, 2.
Silverton, May 4.
Hereford Mission, May 8, 9.
Wildorado, May 11.
Dimmitt, May 15, 16.
Plainview Sta., May 22, 23.
G. S. HARDY, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round.

Talpa Cir., at Norwood, March 27-28.
Indian Creek Cir., at Zephyr, 10 a. m., Wednesday, March 31.
Comanche Cir., at Indian Creek, 10 a. m., Friday, April 2, and 11 a. m., Sunday, April 4.
Gustine Cir., at Hebron, 10 a. m., Saturday, April 3.
Comanche Sta., 8 p. m., Monday, April 5.
Blanket Sta., 8 p. m., Tuesday, April 6.
Coleman Cir., at Blanket, 10 a. m., April 10-11.
Valera Cir., at Milligan, 10 a. m., Saturday, April 17.
Santa Anna Cir., at Santa Anna, April 18-19.
Bangs Cir., at Salt Branch, April 24, 25.
Brownwood Sta., April 25-26.
J. A. WHITEHURST, P. E.

Ft. Worth District—Second Round.

Boulevard, March 28, 11 a. m.
McKinley Ave., March 28, 8 p. m.
Handley & D. Hill, Apr. 4, 11 a. m.
Riverside, April 4, 8 p. m.
Mulkey Memorial, April 11, 11 a. m.
Missouri Ave., April 11, 8 p. m.
First Church, April 15, 8 p. m.
Kennedale, April 18, 11 a. m.
Mansfield, April 25, 11 a. m.
Smithfield, April 28, 8 p. m.
Grapevine, May 2, 11 a. m.
Brooklyn Heights, May 3, 8 p. m.
Azle, May 9, 11 a. m.
Arlington, May 12, 8 p. m.
SAM R. HAY, P. E.

Waco District—Second Round.

Aquilla, at Aquilla, March 27, 28.
Fifth St., April 4.
Lamar, at Mooreville, April 10, 11.
Hewitt, at Hewitt, April 11, 12.
Peoria, at Minlow, April 17, 18.
Bosqueville, at Mt. Zion, April 24, 25.
West, at West, May 1, 2.
Reisel, at Reisel, May 5.
Elm St., May 6.
Axtell, at Axtell, May 8, 9.
Mt. Calm, May 15, 16.
Abbott, May 22, 23.
Mart, May 29, 30.
W. L. NEILMS, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round.

Spring Creek, March 27, 28.
Olney, at Olney, March 29.
Quail, at Quail, April 3, 4.
Wellington Mis., at Fresno, April 10.
Wellington Station, April 10, 11.
Childress Mis., at Carey, April 17.
Childress Station, April 17, 18.
Seymour Mission, April 23.
Seymour Station, April 24, 25.
Crowell Station, April 28.
Vera, May 1, 2.
Estelline, May 4.
J. H. STEWART, P. E.

Gatesville District—Second Round.

Killeen Sta., March 27, 28.
Clifton Sta., April 3, 4.
Nolanville Mis., at Brookhaven, April 10, 11.
Jonesboro, at Jonesboro, April 16, at 11 a. m.
Evant Cir., April 17, 18.
Hamilton Sta., April 19, at 8 p. m.
Gatesville Cir., at Rowlin's Chapel, April 24, 25, at 11 a. m.
Gatesville Sta., April 25, at 8 p. m. and Monday, 9 a. m.
Turnersville, at Mt. Zion, May 1, 2.
Pearl, May 8, 9.
Coppers Cove, May 15, 16; will meet Bro. M. Mills' people one hour.
Fairy and Lanham, at Fairy, May 22, 23.
Crawford, at Compton, May 26, 11 a. m.
China Springs, at Mill's Chapel, May 27, 11 a. m.
JAMES M. SHERMAN, P. E.

Abilene District—Second Round.

Lawn, at Lemon's Gap, March 27, 28.
Albany, April 3, 4.
Caps, at Caps, April 10, 11.
Nubia, at Elm Grove, April 17, 18.
Tye, at Rock Crossing, Apr. 24, 25.
Escota, at Newman, May 1, 2.
Dudley, at Elmdale, May 8, 9.
Cross Plains, at Dossy, May 15, 16.
Sabanno, May 16, 17.
Moran, May 18, 19.
GUS BARNES, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round.

Miami Cir., at Mobeetie, Mar. 26.
Wheeler Mis., at Wheeler, Mar. 27, 28.
Shamrock Cir., at Shamrock, Mar. 29.
MeLean Cir., at Alamo, Mar. 30.
Groom Mis., at Washburn, Apr. 3, 4.
Canadian Sta., Apr. 8.
Glazier Mis., at Glazier, Apr. 9.
Higgins Sta., Apr. 10, 11.
Toline Mis., at Toline, Apr. 17.
Dalhart Sta., Apr. 17, 18.
Stratford Sta., Apr. 24, 25.
Hansford Mis., at Hansford, Apr. 27.
Ochiltree Mis., at Ochiltree, Apr. 28.
Dumas Cir., May 1, 2.
Channing Sta., May 3.
J. G. MILLER, P. E.

Dublin District—Second Round.

(First part.)
Huckabay Cir., March 27, 28.
Stephenville Cir., Mch. 29, at 11 a. m.
Stephenville Sta., Mch. 29, at 8 p. m.
Carbon Cir., March 31, at 11 a. m.
Harbin Cir., April 3, 4.
Bunyan Cir., April 6, at 11 a. m.
Carlton Cir., April 10, 11.
Duffau Cir., April 12, at 11 a. m.
Tolar and Lipan, April 24, 25.
Iredell Miss., April 17, 18.
J. G. PITMAN, P. E.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

El Paso District—Second Round.

Dayton & Lakewood, Mar. 27, 28.
Carlsbad, Apr. 3, 4.
Malaga, Apr. 4, 5.
El Paso, Trinity, Apr. 6.
J. B. COCHRAN, P. E.

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THE SUNDAY SERVICE

We got our optional Sunday service of Roman Catholic tinge from the M. E. Church. Before we take it up we had better ask if the M. E. Church has been spiritually benefited by her use of it. It may be correctly said that the service as used by the congregations of the M. E. Church adds dignity and decorum to the worship. All for mation in worship partakes of that character, and the more formal and liturgical the service the more dignified and decorous it becomes. The service of the Episcopal Church is more stately in its goings than is that of the M. E. Church, because it is fuller and because the responses accompanied by the organ make it more fascinating.

The Roman Catholic service is supreme in dignity and decorousness. In the Catholic Church the reverent awe pervading the whole congregation, the great organ oratorios, the chanting, the intoning, the silent, reverent bowing of the whole audience, and the solemn processions—these all combine to make the Catholic Church full of reverence and worship. If, therefore, the advantage to the Methodist Church to be gained through the parts of the liturgy belonging to the Episcopalian and to the Catholic Church is to be discovered in the dignity and reverence produced thereby, we must confess that we are to be satisfied with a very little of dignity and reverence, or we shall in time be reaching out after more liturgical service in order that our worship may more nearly approach the marvelous reverence and sanctity pervading a Catholic Church. But the question is to be answered, Is it a spiritual advantage to any Church to increase her forms of worship? And when one studies the past history of liturgical Churches, observes their liturgical reverence and worship, reads their pure and earnest exhortation to lives of devotion to Christ, and then sees the almost uniform worldliness, and, in some cases, irreligion of those who are reverent at Church, one is forced to ask in all seriousness, Do not all forms of liturgical service and worship tend to lower the tone of spirituality and to destroy vital godliness?

The M. E. Church, after a third of a century's use of the Sunday service as indicated in the bracketed parts of our directions for Sunday worship, does not manifest an increased spirituality over the earlier Methodist Church, which, while it discarded Mr. Wesley's Sunday service, sought to keep a clear and distinct line between the Church and the world, and was aflame with revival fire.

Some things indicate that in her progress in the use of liturgy, she has retrograded toward the world in the ideals of Christian living. The sad facts that a leader in the Epworth League movement was incinerated in

the holocaust of the Iroquois Theater of Chicago, and that a leading member said in justification of his being an habitue of the theater, "Our pastor attends the theater," may be very isolated cases—one in Chicago and one in Boston—but nevertheless they are symptoms, and may show, upon thorough diagnosis, that the pimple on the face is from poison in the blood, and might show that our great sister is growing in dignified and decorous worship without increasing her spirituality and without developing more vital godliness in her membership.

J. E. HARRISON.

"PALMER HOUSE."

My health has been moderately good. Wife has been up most of the winter. She was in bed sick some ten days but she is feeble.

The people of Nocona and community treat us very kindly. The Nocona people are well pleased with Bro. S. P. Ulrich as preacher and pastor. He has been doing some excellent work for the Church. He held a meeting of some fifteen days, preaching only at night except Sundays. Good seed was sown, but there was no special revival. Bro. Ulrich proposes to try again in the near future, and our prayer is for a great revival.

The Sunday-school is doing well. Bro. J. F. Barlow, Superintendent, with a good band of teachers, is going on from success to victory. Bro. Ulrich lends his assistance, which is a great help.

The Leagues are doing very well. The Woman's Home Mission Society is taking on new life, proposing better things for the future, wanting to be of use to God and his Church.

What shall I say for the Nocona Circuit? Bro. Humphries is at his post of duty, looking after the Church and members. Good reports reach us from different points of his charge. Prospects are favorable for a good year at this time.

Today Bro. Billy Nutting told me Dr. Neely was quite sick, and perhaps the end was near.

Brethren, I feel much interest in reference to the success of the Church. I am making afternoon appointments around Nocona. I help Bro. Barlow in the morning. Then he takes me out to the points I preach and deliver my message to the country folk.

L. F. PALMER.

NOTICE.

In the appointments of the North Texas Conference the name of L. F. Chapman does not appear. It should appear under the appointments of Decatur District as being a student in Vanderbilt University and instructions to so place him have been received from the Bishop in charge.

R. G. MOOD,
Secretary North Texas Conference.

ASSIST NATURE.

You have been told to "hitch your wagon to a star"—that Nature will assist you. That's all right. There are times, however, when you should assist Nature, and the spring is one of these times. Nature is now undertaking to cleanse your system—if you take Hood's Sarsaparilla the undertaking will be successful, and your complexion bright and clear.

HON. CLARENCE OUSLEY REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS.

While I shall not be drawn into a newspaper controversy, and for that reason I refrain from answering the several unkind and unfair letters of your correspondents concerning my articles on "Prohibition in Georgia," I must ask a little space in the Christian Advocate. What I shall say is presented in the hope that it may induce a more temperate attitude upon the part of your correspondents and readers, in order that they may intelligently consider the great question of temperance reform to which all decent men are committed.

It is impossible to solve this question by mere denunciation of men, and while I do not hope to still the tongue or stay the pen of uncharitable zeal, not to say downright scandal, I do entertain the confident expectation that when the good people of Texas put their minds studiously upon the solution of this problem they will find the means of expedient and expeditious relief from saloon evils.

Passing over the repeated reflections, both by way of insinuation and by direct charge, that I was dishonest in my study of prohibition in Georgia, I beg to remind readers of the Advocate that I am not alone in the view that the cities of this State are not yet ready to accept a prohibition statute. I deplore the fact, but I cannot change it, and assuredly it is well for reformers to know the truth when they undertake to apply their ideals of relief.

The editor of the Advocate a year ago doubted the wisdom of State-wide prohibition at this time. The Advocate on February 11 in an editorial on the refusal of the Legislature to submit a prohibition amendment said this:

After all it may be that the present condition of things is better for us than if submission had won. Several of our leading workers were of the opinion one year ago when State prohibition was sprung that we were not quite ready for the State field, but when a majority of them thought differently we waived our judgment and went in for State-wide prohibition.

I take it that the editorial "we" represents the editor. At any rate, whether the editor of the Advocate himself a year ago doubted the wisdom of State-wide prohibition at this time, we have the testimony of the Advocate that "several of our leading workers" entertained the doubt.

Among many letters and personal expressions that I have received in reference to my articles on prohibition in Georgia is a private communication from a Methodist minister of this State—a man of the highest professional and personal character whose motives none will question. He says:

In the first place I want to say that I have read with a great deal of pleasure and interest your report on the Georgia situation, and to say that I am convinced of the fact that you gave to us a candid, careful and impartial view of the situation, many overzealous people to the contrary notwithstanding. I also want to say from what experience I had had in matters of this kind that I was not at all surprised with your presentation of the matter. As to the matter of applying the Georgia situation to Texas, as you did in the last Sunday's Record with reference to the extermination of the saloon and the regulation of same, I want to say that I followed you closely, and have thought carefully over the matter since then, and I am just about convinced that you are right. Of course you understand that I am against the saloon and expect to do all in my power to exterminate the thing from our State, but then there are ways and ways of doing the matter. Of course I expect to vote the State prohibition ticket any time I have the opportunity, could hardly do otherwise, but I am afraid that we are not ready for State-wide prohibition.

I desire only to add in conclusion for the information of the reader that the last article to which this letter alludes contained the suggestion that by progressive limitation—that is, by earlier closing, by narrower saloon limits, and by more severe penalties applied from time to time—during the course of a few years we could bring the cities of Texas to understand that every hour of closing is a contribution to temperance, and that finally they would be educated to the wisdom of

closing the retail whiskey saloon altogether. I believe that such a method will reach the desired end sooner than State-wide prohibition. The minister whom I quote agrees with me; "Several of our leading workers" a year ago believed that the State was unready for State-wide prohibition. The difference is purely one of detail and of method.

Now I ask fair-minded readers why it is that a layman who entertains these views must be scandalized and abused while prohibition workers who entertain similar views, or who are doubtful about the wisdom of State-wide prohibition, escape without reproach.

CLARENCE OUSLEY.

HISTORY OF METHODISM IN TEXAS.

As published in the Advocate of the 4th inst., the committee constituted by the several Annual Conferences of the State, and to which was committed the promotion and prosecution of the work of the proposed history, met in Waco on the 24th ult., effected permanent organization of the Historical Association by the election of officers, the adoption of a constitution and by-laws, which provide for the collection of historical data, through the appointees of the several conferences, and also for the publication of an Historical Quarterly of about one hundred pages, the first number to appear the first of July.

The chief object of this writing is to request the presiding elders at their approaching District Conferences to give an hour to this interest, in soliciting members for the association, upon the payment of the annual fee of \$1 per member (clerical or lay), which fee of \$1 also entitles the member to the Historical Quarterly for one year. It is to be hoped that the number of members secured at each District Conference will not be less than the number of members of the Annual Conference embraced in that district (clerical and lay), and if possible exceed that number.

The constitution further provides that the payment of \$25 will entitle one to life membership, and the payment of \$100 to honorary life membership. Secure life members if practicable. The funds secured from these several sources will be used in the publication of the Quarterly and in collecting historical data from private sources. The interest shown in the enterprise through the District Conferences will largely determine its success. The Quarterly, I am sure, will be replete with interesting matter, and contribute much to the success of the enterprise.

The committee adjourned to meet at Waco, Wednesday, April 14, 4 p. m. Austin Avenue Church. It is to be hoped there will be a full attendance for the further perfection of the organization and the promotion of the work in hand.

Prof. C. C. Cody, of Georgetown, was made editor of the Quarterly and custodian of historical data, with Rev. E. L. Shettles, of Calvert, as First Vice-President and assistant editor; Rev. R. G. Mood, of Greenville, Secretary-Treasurer and Business Manager of the Quarterly. The other Vice-Presidents, Revs. H. G. Horton, H. Bishop and J. E. Roach, will also solicit and prepare contributions for the Quarterly and for the history.

JNO. H. McLEAN, Pres.
R. G. MOOD, Sec.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the committee appointed by the last sessions of the Texas conferences, relative to the history of Texas Methodism, will be held at Austin Avenue Church, Waco, on Wednesday, April 14, at 4 p. m. Please arrange to be present.

ROBERT GIBBS MOOD,
Greenville, Texas.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL INSTITUTE AT WILLS POINT.

According to previous appointments Bro. C. J. Oxley, Sunday-school Field Secretary of the Texas Conference, held an institute at Wills Point Feb. 17-21, inclusive, which was a great

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success. All the adjoining and nearby stations and circuits were invited to attend this institute, Wills Point providing entertainment. There were representatives from Wills Point Circuit, Edgewood Station and Circuit, Canton Circuit, Grand Saline and Colfax. Only one of these—Canton—was at all properly represented so far as numbers were concerned. Many of the Sunday-school workers of Wills Point, of all the Churches, got the benefit of Bro. Oxley's work.

Having seen his work I do not hesitate to say to the brethren, "You ought to have him; he will do you more good than it will cost to get him." Oxley is well equipped for the place and has a thorough practical knowledge of all the modern methods of Sunday-school work, and is without a fine lecturer. He is bright, crisp and full of life, and never allows his crowd to go to sleep on him. And in addition to his regular lecture course bearing the various specific features of the Sunday-school and its methods he is a splendid preacher, and in his sermons on the "Sunday-School Idea" and "The Sunday-School and Soul-Winning" he is inspiring to any congregation of workers. Besides all this he is deeply spiritual throughout the whole course.

Being a member of the Texas Conference Sunday-school Board have felt like this much at least is due both him and the board. So satisfactory was his work that in the short space of about five minutes fifty persons in our Sunday morning congregation gave to this work, and gave cheerfully, one dollar each. Brethren, if your school lags get Oxley; he will do you good.

W. F. DAVIS.

Wills Point, Texas.

PROTRACTED MEETINGS—AUGUSTA CIRCUIT.

Bellview, June 26-July 2; Augusta, July 4-10; Percilla, July 11-16; Center Hill, July 18-25; Liberty Hill, July 30-August 5; Enterprise, August 6-14; Pleasant Grove, August 15-21; Tadmor, August 22-27; Weches, September 10-16.

S. W. STOKELY,
P. C. Augusta Circuit.

DIDN'T REALIZE

How Injurious Coffee Really Was.

Many persons go on drinking coffee year after year without realizing that it is the cause of many obscure but persistent ailments.

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