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## Editorial.

### THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF LAW.

Human law is the expression of the will of a majority of the people to be governed, enacted by their chosen representatives, subject to the restrictions of the constitution of the commonwealth, as interpreted by the courts of last resort. Law thus expressed has attached to it penalties sufficiently punitive to make its authority self-enforcing, and those who live under such law are expected to obey its authority or to suffer the consequences. No law is intended to take from or to unnecessarily restrict the rights of any citizen, but rather to protect these rights and to make them sacred. For instance, the law against murder is intended to protect human life and to punish the man who disregards the sanctity of life, because no man has the right to take the life of his fellow man only in so far as it is necessary to protect his own life against destruction. And this law is binding upon all citizens alike, for when it says, "Thou shalt not kill thy neighbor," it also means that thy neighbor shall not kill you. And the same principle underlies all other penal laws. You are not allowed to take by theft your neighbor's property, neither is your neighbor allowed by theft to take your property. Law will not permit you to despoil your neighbor's home, and this same law forbids your neighbor to despoil your home.

Anything that encroaches upon the rights of others is prohibited by law, and anything that vitiates the morals of the commonwealth or the community can be and ought to be restricted by law. For this reason our law prohibits gambling, houses of ill-repute, and public sentiment is coming to put the liquor traffic under the same prohibitive law. Without the operation of such law society could not exist and the peace and order of the community could not be maintained. Law is, therefore, the friend and protector of every law-abiding citizen. It is the guarantee of life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In the absence of law anarchy would prevail and human society would fall to pieces. The whole fabric of government is dependent upon the authority of law. Sometimes law has to be enforced even to the point of consigning men to the dungeon and occasionally to hanging them by the neck until they are dead. But this is not the harshness of law; it is the willfulness of the criminal, whose acts make him unfit to live under a civilized government. The good of mankind makes it necessary to thus punish the man who will not recognize the authority of law. God's law is the expression of his will. It has to do with moral and spiritual matters. We find it contained in the Holy Scriptures, for he has a government in this world. He does not enforce physical penalties in the same sense that human government enforces them. These penalties are moral. When we violate his law we suffer in mind and in

spirit, and sometimes in health and happiness. But in the life to come we will suffer punishment, in that we will be banished forever from his presence and the glory of his kingdom. Hence he appeals, in his law, not to our fear of physical punishment, but to our sense of right as intelligent moral beings. He points out the path of virtue, sobriety, honesty, truthfulness and rectitude of character. As a father who properly trains his children in the principles of obedience to parental authority, so God deals with us by appealing to the better and nobler side of our nature. Through the gospel he designs to make obedient children out of us, to save us from sin and to put us under the law of righteousness. All his laws concerning us are expressed in Christ's words: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy mind and with all thy soul and with all thy strength; and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Here we find the whole duty of man, and in it thy neighbor is required to love you as himself. God loves us with all his great nature, and it is the least that we can do to love him in return with all the powers we possess. Under this law of love we have the only ideal government that is possible to mankind. We are far from realizing it, but God is gradually bringing society up to its standard. When humanity reaches this state, then the end of perfection will have been achieved. The gospel contemplates this achievement, and this is why we preach the gospel to men; and it is the reason why we are commanded to preach it to all nations. It is a universal gospel because God is a universal Father, and he is looking forward to a universal brotherhood among all men. He is calling upon us to do our part to bring about this universal government of peace and good-will among men. Happy world this, when God governs it by his gospel of law!

### LET EVERY MAN CULTIVATE HIS OWN FIELD.

The conferences are all past and all the preachers are now at their posts looking after the work assigned to them. Many of them are in new fields and among new people. They are not there of their own choosing, but because the Church has sent them. And their duty is in their own charges, and not in the charges served previously by them. No man has any claim on the people from whom he has been sent, except to be pleasantly remembered for the work he did as their pastor. If he sees proper to visit them during the year, he ought to do it as a friend and not as their pastor. It is not his province to be going back to attend funerals, to baptize children, or to marry the young people. If he has been so indiscreet as to extort promises that make his return to render such service probable, he ought to make haste to withdraw any such promise and proceed to attend strictly to his own business in the field to which he is now assigned. And if for any reason he is called back to officiate in any family of his former charge, he ought to go with the understanding that

he is simply to assist the pastor who is sent in his place to look after all such services. To go and take charge of such occasions is to interfere with the work of his successor, and in doing it he violates one of the simple rules of ethics. The pastor is the man to look after the members and the people of his charge, and the preacher who permits himself to return and meddle with the work is very unbrotherly and does not understand the first principles of his duty as a pastor. It may be that the people do not understand these matters, but the preacher does, and he has no sort of business to pander to their whims and thereby have the present pastor ignored and set aside. It is not often that one preacher thus interferes with the work of his successor, but occasionally it is done. Whenever and wherever it occurs it is an unpardonable breach of common politeness—yes, it is a wrong of which he ought not to be guilty. Let every preacher stay in his own field and look after his own people, and persistently let those alone whom he served last year. If he visits them, let him do it as a friend and a brother, and not as a former pastor taking advantage of the love they had for him when he was their pastor. In this way every predecessor can materially help his successor. And he ought to do it.

### TRUNK METHODISTS.

The above title has been used to mean those people who were members of the Church "back at home," but who, on removing from one place to another, have failed to deposit their Church certificates with the congregation in their new home. There is another class who do not even possess such certificates and who, like the first, remain outside the Church in their adopted community. The result in both cases is the same. They and their children are lost to the Church, and alas! are often lost in the most serious sense of that term. But the mischief, bad as it is, does not stop there. Such people are counted with unbelievers, and their influence is against the very Church to which and at whose altars they pledged their loyalty and good faith. The Master's remark, "He who is not for me is against me," is painfully true in these cases. To occupy neutral ground is an impossibility. Men are achieving in one direction or another, whether they will or not. The Master said, "He that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad." And the great Apostle to the Gentiles said, "No man liveth unto himself."

This evil is especially manifest in this fast-developing Western country to which so many people are coming from the older States. Thousands of men and women who were respectable members of the Church before moving to this country, and whose children were in the Sunday-school in other days, are living among us as members of the unchurched masses and are going with the multitude to do evil. Fact is, the worst men in this country—the most outspoken unbelievers and enemies of the Church—were once children of its fostering care and, in

many cases, leaders in its praiseworthy achievements for God and the right. It is a law which no man can defy that inactivity produces stagnation, and stagnation ends in death.

Now, this crying evil calls for a remedy, and we suggest the following: First, let every pastor from whose charge a member goes write to the pastor in the bounds of whose charge that member locates, sending Church certificate accompanied by suitable "remarks" calculated to put the latter in a position to take up the matter with the newcomer. Secondly, let all our pastors exercise great diligence in looking up newcomers and lining them up with the Church at the earliest possible moment.

In conclusion, let it be borne constantly in mind that every ism and heresy known to the catalogue of error is industriously at work in this country, and newcomers and strangers are their easy prey. They do not seek to convert sinners. The gospel they preach does not save, but they hang a flower about the sacred text to sweeten it to the taste of a backslider and to those whose faith is not fixed and established. These heretical sects and new fangled cults are built up almost exclusively with proselytes from orthodox Churches and especially from those members who have recently come among us and who have taken no definite stand with and for the Church in this country. The undershepherds in Israel can neither shift nor avoid responsibility in these premises. They watch for souls—or are supposed to do so—as those who must give an account. They are not only to look after the lost sheep, but are to attend also to those inside the fold. Happy is the man who can say with his Lord, "Those thou gavest me I have kept in thy name."

The mother who leaves her children to the hired nurse while she spends the whole afternoon at some card party has not the first idea of maternity. She would not make a good stepmother, and she is very much out of place at the head of a family.

It is not the apparent discrepancies in the Scriptures that need to bother most people. The Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount have more in them to challenge our thought and obedience than all the problems involved in destructive criticism.

The man who imagines that he can make improvement on the gospel is either an ignoramus or an inflated egotist. In either case he is not a wise exponent of Christ's message to the world. The pulpit is infinitely better without him.

Some people put such a low estimate upon their religion as to make it contemptible in the eyes of their children and neighbors. They spend less time on it than they do upon their most trivial worldly affairs; they give less time to it than to secular pleasures and then wonder why they have such influence at home and in the community.



# Musings Upon the Rose of Sharon

By JAMES O'ROOK.

Not every land is clothed with verdure and blooming flowers, but at intervals in life's pathway is placed something to brighten the way.

From whence and whither are we journeying? From the cradle to the grave. Through varied and scene-laden plains, over precipitous mountains, and at times descending the gloomy canyon. Since the first transgression, humanity has been brother to sorrow and all have earned bread "by the sweat of the brow." Turn backward the pages of history and see in the lives of those who lived yesterday the promise of the great drama before the view today.

The earth, though robbed of some of its original attraction, still possesses many features pleasing to its keepers and vine-dressers. Indeed, the thistle is permitted to grow and become an enemy to man by crowding out more useful plants. The thorn grows to pierce his flesh, causing the sensitive nerve to thrill with pain. Yet it is folly to close our eyes to all but these tokens of affliction and sadness. From the thorn itself comes the most beautiful of flowers—one whose loveliness charmed the traveler many years ago as he wandered his solitary way, one which wise men and poets have woven into their themes for thousands of years and one which still holds that matchless title, "Queen of the floral kingdom." God intended that man should be attracted by the beauty of nature, and he who observes the modest little flower by the wayside or is pleased to pluck a rose in passing has not lost all his relation to the Divine.

Sharon was a province in ancient Palestine. It is merely mentioned a few times by the sacred writers, and is known to have been a fertile region, a place often visited by shepherds and flocks. But the principal things which distinguished Sharon from the surrounding provinces was the rose. The tired shepherd, pausing to rest in an inviting shade, had only to reach forth his hand and pluck the choicest specimens. There wreathed in their green foliage, perfect in every part, gently moving in the breeze, were the millions of these silent, though cheerful, emblems of God's love to man.

Suppose we retrospect this land as it existed 3000 years ago. It may be that one travelth into it from the South. He has a camel laden with luggage. Pausing, he exclaims, "I never saw such sight in my native land. There to greet mine eye was the burning sand and the thorn which the camel doth eat, but bears no flowers like these. Surely this is a goodly land." Behold, a small company ascending the hills from toward the great sea. 'Tis the captain of a barge, with a few of his men, who have come ashore to view the land. Then spake this maritime commandant to one of his company: "Thou knowest that we have visited many lands. We have seen the Aegean Isles to the north where groweth the olive and the fig. Then did we not behold the far country toward which the sun goeth down? But for loveliness what land saw we which can compare with this? Here are not only green fields, but see in what profusion the rose is blooming. Then answered the subordinate: "Truly, sir, the gods have seen fit to make this a beautiful land."

And yet another travelth into this land from the east. Before him he drives a small flock of sheep. Looking forth he exclaims: "My sheep will suffer no hunger in these green fields. By yonder still waters I will lead them to rest. Since I left my native fields in Chaldea no place has appeared so lovely. Then to cheer me while I sojourn are these beautiful flowers. The spirit of man may well rejoice in this place."

Thus the hearts of the ancients were made glad in Sharon by the beauty of nature.

When Florida is mentioned we think of orange groves and tropical

fruits; when Kentucky is mentioned we think of bluegrass and fine horses; when New York is mentioned we think of money corporations and marts of trade; when one of our Southern States is mentioned we think of cotton fields and a congenial climate. So in the days of David and Solomon when Sharon was mentioned people thought of the rose. And those permitted to visit Sharon no doubt went away with a vision stamped upon the mind which cheered the heart when dwelling in less favored regions. The earth is not robbed of all its original glory. But ever and anon we are confronted by some object that portrays by its beauty the artistic strokes of a hand Divine.

In the arena in which we are playing our parts how varied the scene! The great majority of men no longer rove with flocks and herds, nor follow the caravan across Arabian deserts. All has changed. But those in every grade and state of society are called to take some part in the task of life.

If in the past mankind has been compelled to toil for a subsistence, and the present and future generations have hope only in a similar course; what is there to give inspiration and cheer? Many forget the high ideals they are susceptible of attaining. While engaged in the task of life we are often inclined to pass over unobserved the things calculated to bring gladness to the human heart. About us are flower-decked fields and woodlands where nature takes on more majestic form. Many, indeed, are patrons of these teachers. And all who are enlisted by them are recipients of lessons sublime. How true the poetic statement:

"To him who in the love of Nature holds  
Communion with her visible forms,  
she speaks  
A various language; for his gayer hours  
She has a voice of gladness and a smile  
And eloquence of beauty, and she  
glides  
Into his darker musings with a mild  
And healing sympathy that steals away  
Their sharpness ere he is aware."

Surrounded by so much that is beautiful in this "home of the brave and land of the free," we should be encouraged to aspire to noble deeds and aroused to a high sense of appreciation. Of course we must work. The sluggard is unworthy of bread. But in this age of improvement work only makes the soul to shine. The task of the average man is such that he is not deprived of an opportunity to cultivate the higher faculties of his nature. A portion of time given to the consideration of the flowers and plants which bedeck field and prairie will not be lost. Also the care given those plants which adorn the homes of intelligent and cultured people will make men and women better and elevate their children.

The architect in building the mansion does a great deal of work simply for adornment. The Supreme Architect has not been less unmindful. But when he from chaotic material buildeth this splendid structure on which we live, he skillfully adorned it and pronounced it "very good."

Solomon, with prophetic vision, saw the beauty and glory of Christ's kingdom. Enraptured, he meditated upon the mutual love of Jesus Christ and his Church. Words failed him in expressing the beauty and glory of this spiritual kingdom established in the hearts of men. But as the nearest approach to expressing the beauty of the sublimest relation known to man, Solomon draws his figure from an obscure province and makes Christ to say, "I am the Rose of Sharon." How exalted the compliment that the rose is associated with the Son of God in this figurative way. Surely within its corolla of delicately tinted stamens and petals, arranged with such symmetry is the embodiment of esthetic beauty. God intends that man shall look up

on and contemplate the beauty and glory of all the earth. Happy is he who obeys this Divine decree.

## THE EDUCATION OF TEXAS MEXICANS.—NO. 1.

Perhaps not many of our Americans are acquainted with the fact that we have between 200,000 and 350,000 Mexicans in the Empire State. Probably few are aware that after all has been done there remains some 35,000 of their children within public school age who get no English education whatever. Allow me to add that the most of these 35,000 are without Spanish education and largely without religious instruction. The moral instruction which they receive is largely without patriotic motives, for at heart they are not Mexicans any longer and they have not yet become Americanized. San Antonio is doing fine work in the education of these people. No doubt a few other towns are making good headway. But the most of our small towns and rural districts are neglecting them.

This neglect is, in part, due to the timidity and indifference of the Mexicans themselves. It is partly due to their poverty, which forbids their building school houses. It is largely due to the fact that Americans have a habit of systematically enrolling Mexican children and then systematically applying the entire fund to the education of American children. A good deal of the difficulty comes from the social gap between the two races.

It is not necessary to blame anybody. This condition has gradually grown up among us. But it behooves all well disposed citizens of all nationalities to consider the peril of having a mass of aliens grow up in our midst without understanding our ideals, with a very meager knowledge of our language, cut off from all the currents of our best life and isolated from the culture, the patriotism, the inspiration of their own race.

The Jewish race maintains her ideals and hopes and national integrity in the midst of all sorts of adverse conditions and persecutions. But the Jewish people have had several millenniums of conscious national existence. The Mexican national existence is not much over 300 or 400 years old. Those who sit in among us from across the Rio Grande are easily assimilated if we only go at it right. If properly handled, they are willing to become the best American citizens in their power.

As a matter of fact, however, so large a body of people speaking one language, ignorant of English, and hence accessible only to the few Americans who happen to speak the Spanish, form a temptation too great for the average politician to withstand. And the fact is he does not withstand it. "That Mexican vote" is the plum for unscrupulous politicians all over Southwest Texas. They hold the balance of power and it is well understood. In a democratic government there is only one thing to do, and that is to develop every individual according to his aptitude and capabilities. The Mexicans are a capable race. They have demonstrated that in their recent marvelous advancement as a nation. There is a considerable sprinkling of leading Mexicans in this country who have high purposes, are well cultured, who love their own and our people.

To the altruistic Mexicans and Americans we must look for leadership in the development of Mexicans in Texas. The difficulties are not insurmountable at all. Lying at the very base of all progress is real education in the English language and in practical avenues for gaining a livelihood. The Mexican has a hard time preparing for a profession in English and in the United States. Consequently we have very few Mexican physicians or lawyers or civil engineers or members of any other profession. There are three methods of education which can reach the race, to-wit:

1. The kindergarten. This gets hold of the children at the impressionable age and at the age when language is most easily learned. The teacher has them under her personal supervision

during the whole school day. Every thing is recitation in the kindergarten. There is no going back to the seats to study alone. And, lastly, the kindergarten is part of a great system of education which comprehends literary, moral, religious, patriotic, industrial and aesthetic. I have no doubt that Froebel has had more to do with setting up the ideals at which the educational world is now aiming than any other educator since Jesus Christ.

I shall try in my next to set forth two other ways of developing our Mexican population. J. A. PHILLIPS.

## WESTERN NOTES.—NO. 15.

Now, immediately after the adjournment of the great conference at Amarillo the writer proceeded to go toward the south. Coming to a city called Canyon I found a disciple whose surname was Hawkins, who sent out notice that there would be preaching at the Church that night, and in a short time a good congregation was assembled to hear the gospel. Bro. Hawkins has things well in hand at Canyon, and will no doubt score another year of great success in this flourishing town.

While here I learned that a convention of representative citizens from the upper plains had been held taking steps to induce Uncle Sam to establish a National park in the great Paludra Canyon, near this city. Now, I wish Uncle Sam would do that. Will some one please write him a letter for me and tell him that I am in favor of it. The scenery in this great canyon is some of the grandest on the continent. Here the bear, wild cat, panther and wolf have their abode, also the deer, antelope and much smaller game abound. It is too far to go up to the Yellowstone Valley to see a natural park, so let Uncle Sam proceed at once to fix up one nearer home. I am sure that a few millions spent up here would be much more profitably spent than what was spent in bombarding the heavens a few years ago to produce rain. Let some one who is on good terms with the President write him and get him off up there on a bear hunt and he can look out the situation. The bear are in there all right.

Going on from thence I spent a Sunday at Silverton, the capital of Breco County. Here the Rev. G. R. Fort has charge for his second term as pastor. He keeps things moving.

From thence to Plainview, the town of many preachers. To all Methodist preachers who contemplate moving to Plainview I would say that Plainview already has her legal share of that tribe. Besides the presiding elder and pastor, Fair, Shuffler, Roberts, Carr, Dunn and Waddell also reside here. So she is very well stocked up with preachers.

From thence I went on to the Dickens charge and spent a day at Afton and one at Dickens. Bro. Clark is pastor here and has wrought well. We have at Afton a good frame church, well seated with nice pews. At Dickens the new church is nearing completion and is a beauty. It was a heroic undertaking for the little band we have over there to put up such a building.

Now, in the country about Dickens many quail abound. They are not so plentiful as they were in the camp of the Israelites on one occasion, but there are quails about in great numbers. Bro. Clark and the writer tried our marksmanship on a few droves of them and brought down enough for a big mess in a very short time.

Going on from Dickens I spent a Sunday in Roscoe and found Bro. Phelan just returned for his second year's work and rejoicing as a strong man to run a race. Roscoe has a new church and parsonage, both neat and well finished buildings, which do honor to the place. Roscoe is a rapidly growing town and will continue to grow. Track laying is now going on on the Roscoe & Snyder Railroad, which has junction here with the Texas & Pacific.

Reaching Bangs, in Brown County, toward the last of the week, I found that disciple called Harris quite sick,

but not unto death. He insisted that I should stay over and fill his pulpit Sunday, which I did, and preached twice to good congregations.

So my year's work as Western Evangelist was closed. Have traveled about 6000 miles, preached nearly 300 times, assisted the brethren in a number of meetings where there were scores of conversions and reclamations, and put more than \$1200 worth of good literature in the Sunday-school libraries and homes of the people.

One can find out many things by traveling as much as I have the past year. I find that there are only two denominations who make any approach toward covering the ground—the Baptists and Methodists. While the Methodists are considerably ahead in Church building and have more good revivals, still the Baptists seem to be in the lead in looking after the neglected points and scattering literature.

I have come to this conclusion after close observation: It is my opinion that there is a great leak in our religious plant that needs to be mended. People come into the centers where we have our great revivals and then drop back into the rural districts and a Baptist pamphlet or larger book is put into their hands and the next thing they are in the Baptist Church. Hundreds are lost to our Church this way who were our own converts and would have made just as good Methodists if they had received the proper instruction in time. Am sorry that some of our preachers are slow to learn this lesson. I met a preacher at conference who took the second hundred of "Bible Reading on Methodism" who stated that he used a hundred of the same last year to fine effect in saving his converts. I find in my extensive travels in both western and eastern districts that the presiding elder question is quite a live question among both laymen and preachers. Now that this question is up it is a right to air it thoroughly. I find that many brethren talk very freely who do not care to go into print. I think it is a mistake to conclude that the matter will be altogether adjusted by the four year limit plan. There seems to be more complaint among the brethren on the finance question than anything else. Many of the brethren, both preachers and laymen, do not understand why it should take so much more to support a presiding elder than a pastor. In other words, they do not understand why a preacher should demand from two to four times as much salary as soon as he is made presiding elder as he received before. The point seems to be well taken. It is difficult for preachers or laymen to see why a presiding elder should have a salary from three to five times as great as other preachers in his district with as good talent and who do just as much work and need the money much worse.

I know that it will be argued that the salary must be kept high in order to maintain the dignity of the office. But there is such a thing as getting too much dignity aboard. I know that the custom is for the salary to be kept up equal to that of his successor, or just as much as the circumstances will possible bear, for otherwise the district would be considered retrograding. Now I don't know so much about that. The way many of the brethren look at it just now, it would be very refreshing to them if a few presiding elders would kick off a few hundred dollars from their large salaries and let the small salaried preachers get the benefit of the same. That would be a species of unheard of dignity, but many of the preachers that I know of would admire it most. The fact is, I have already made up my mind to practice that doctrine the first time the office comes my way with a big salary. If all our Bishops practiced the Candler doctrine, who knows but what such a thing as that might take place in the far-distant future?

The traveling notes of this itinerant are now at an end. C. G. SHUTT.

Hutto, Texas.

Wetting the hair occasionally in a solution of salt will keep it from falling out.



## Devotional—Spiritual

### THOUGHTS FOR THE QUIET HOUR.

(Compiled by Mrs. Mary R. Lesesne.)

January 9.—Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—Matt. 11:28.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.—Phil. 4:7.

There are some things too good not to be true.

There are some words which, having once been spoken, must forever be believed. Never afterwards can you them quite away. You may argue against them, you may see things in life, or yourself may have experiences which contradict them, still they haunt you and offer themselves to you once more the moment you begin to relent.

Some reason deeper than our reasonings, and in the great passages of human life more powerful declares them to be true and worthy of all acceptance.

Such words representing insights, yearnings, revelations, have allies from beyond time.

Consider such a word as "Rest," or such a word as "Peace," or such a vision as "Our Father which art in heaven." These are too good not to be true; they do not wait for proof. They win their victory the moment they are heard. We take to them as we take to life; not for reasons given, but by an instinct.

They come home to us like music, or the aspect of a lonely sea; they lift up some everlasting door by which the King of glory comes in.

The fact is, we were made to hear such words and to surrender ourselves without looking back to their beautiful entreaty. They are as true, as substantial, as our soul which acknowledges them.—John A. Hutton.

Christ promised, not rest from life, but rest in life; not rest from work, but rest in work.

Heaven means rest from self; rest from sin; rest from anxious care.—A. C. Turberville.

Rest is not quitting  
The busy career;  
Rest is the fitting of self  
To one's sphere.

'Tis the brook's motion,  
Clear without strife,  
Fleeing to ocean,  
After this life.

'Tis loving and serving  
The highest and best;  
'Tis onward unswerving,  
And this is true rest.

—Goethe.

What comforts, Lord, to those are given

Who seek in Thee their home and rest;

They find on earth an opening heaven,  
And in Thy peace are amply blest.

—W. C. Dessler.

January 10.—The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.—Josh. 4:24.

How peaceful the slumber of those whose wills are submitted to God's.

January 11.—A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up strife.—Pro. 15:1.

Mastery of self is necessary for tranquillity of soul. Tranquillity of soul is necessary to enable one to give the soft answer when needed.

January 12.—That ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.—Eph. 3:19.

Who does not long for the cup overflowing? It is promised.

January 13.—Thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.—Ps. 21:6.

January 14.—He satisfieth the longing soul, and the hungry soul he filleth with good.—Ps. 107:9.

This our Savior emphasized in the beatitudes by his spoken words. A glorious promise.

January 15.—Then I said, I have labored in vain; I have spent my

strength for naught, and in vain.—Isa. 49:4.

God does not want the dregs of our lives, but the full developed strength of our beings, which in his service are not in vain.

### GOODNESS THAT IS FAULTY.

There is a sort of piety or goodness which, reverently speaking, God himself seems scarcely to know how to deal with. Read Hosea 6:4: "O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a mourning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away."

Evidently by this "goodness" or piety which is described as "a morning cloud and as the early dew" is not meant conscious hypocrisy. God knows very well and determines very quickly what to do with hypocrites. He tells them plainly enough that "their hope shall perish." The conscious hypocrite is threatened with the swiftest and most terrible judgments of God: his joy is but for a moment. "The hypocrite," it is said, "heaps up wrath"—that is, the longer he continues in deceit and willful sin, the less rational expectation can be had of his recovery; the wrath "heaped up" means character more and more hopelessly given over to ruin. The conscious hypocrite is not referred to in this passage under consideration.

By this "goodness" which is as a morning cloud and the early dew is not meant languishing or feeble piety. It is possible that the piety of a true believer may languish and decline. Most Christians so find it at times in their experience. There are seasons of religious illumination and enlargement when we forget and almost deny the possibility of falling into coldness and hardness. But few wholly escape this sort of backsliding. It is not a declining piety which is here described. The good God knows well enough what to do with a returning backslider. To all such he says: "Return unto me, and I will return unto you." The penitent backslider is not the person whose "goodness" is as the morning cloud and the early dew. But the apostate, the backslider in heart, is the person meant. God has said: "The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways." Again he says: "If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him."

This "goodness" which is radically defective and inadequate is the goodness of mere impulse, a goodness that is the result of circumstances, a goodness that depends on occasions, a goodness that ebbs and flows with the tide of external influence, changing like the wind, rising or falling like the thermometer, according to the temperature of the surrounding atmosphere. Such was the piety or goodness of the Jews here described.

When prosperous, their consciences fell asleep; their wickedness increased until the threatened judgments of God were visited upon them. Then they became alarmed and sought unto the Lord. Vows and promises were made, tears were shed, prayers were offered; all classes humbled themselves before God. God heard their prayer; the pestilence that walked in darkness was stayed; the rude alarms of war were hushed; prosperity again smiled on the land. But with returning prosperity came returning forgetfulness of God, the same profanity and indifference to religion reappeared. The vows they made in the day of trouble they forgot when the trouble was over.

There is also a "goodness" or piety which exhibits itself only on special religious occasions. Through the grace of God there come in our Churches certain seasons when, in addition to the ordinary means of grace, special agencies are employed to bring the great truths of Christianity before the minds of the people, and excite them to vigorous action in the matter of their salvation. These truths lose somewhat of their force if always presented under the same circumstances and in the same light. Therefore these special occasions are necessary and proper. The best Christians derive much help from them. But in connection with these extraordinary means of grace we find much of that sort of "goodness" which we are considering—a goodness like the morning cloud and the early dew. It is a religion of mere impulse, not the religion of principle. It is good as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. A good impulse once a year, and neglect and indifference all the rest of the time, is not true religion.

The fear of death sometimes produces this "goodness" which is as a morning cloud and the early dew. Death is an impressive preacher, reminding us of the vanity of human life, the sinfulness of sin, and the virtue of the atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ. Men in the prospect of dissolution will listen to appeals they refuse to hear when in health, and make vows of amendment. But let health return, and these vows are too often forgotten, and the former course of sin is resumed—"the recovery of health is the resurrection of sin." In a little while the late penitent is as worldly as ever; his "goodness" was as the morning cloud, and, as the early dew, it passed away.

It scarcely needs any argument to show the insufficiency of this sort of "goodness." To suppose that God would accept such devotions as these is to suppose that he will bless ingratitude. God represents himself here as a benefactor who bestows on us repeated and inestimable favors. These favors are abused and perverted. He remonstrates with us, and threatens us with punishment; we promise amendment; his favor is restored. Immediately we resume our former course of disobedience. Again punishment is threatened or inflicted; again promise is made of amendment—and so on and on in a persistent course of sinning and pretended repentings.

Such piety or "goodness" as this is unjust. It would seem that God does in some measure bless even the appearance of repentance, as in the case of Ahab. God was about to punish Ahab for his wickedness; but he covered himself with sackcloth and ashes, and lay in the dust with a humbled and penitent heart. Seeing this, God said to Elijah the prophet: "Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? Because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil." The Jews presumed on God's graciousness. "Come," they said, "and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us: up, and then we may return to our sins if we choose so to do. What can be done with folly like this?"

Such "goodness" or piety is contradictory. Either there is a God, a judgment, with rewards and punishments to follow, or these are fables or myths. If they are realities, no language can overstate their importance; if not, to eat, drink and be merry is the logical course.

Such "goodness" or piety is unsatisfying. A man may persuade himself that he is very cunning in thus uniting the reward of religion with the pleasures of sin. But this can not be done. The notion is absurd. A heart thus divided must be miserable. "Ye can not serve two masters." Such a divided heart is the battleground of contending forces, and has no rest until on the one hand it settles down into the dead calm of spiritual death, or on the other hand enters upon the repose of true religion by the victory of faith.

Finally, this sort of "goodness" of piety is unsafe. The partial transient devotion may suspend the execution of justice for a little while,

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but not always. In the very nature of the case this state of indecision can not continue.

Here, then, is our lesson: Let us not trust in such a defective goodness as that we have described. O friends, favored of God, long spared and greatly blessed, is it not high time that with you impulse had ripened into principle? Is it not time that you had resolved with purpose of heart to enter fully upon the service of the Lord? You have no assurance that you will live another year, or that you will see another Sabbath day. Make haste, therefore, and delay not to seek that true goodness which consists of holy principles and holy affections, the religion of principle instead of the goodness of mere impulse, which is so unstable and unsafe, ending in failure beyond recovery, ruin beyond remedy.—Nashville Advocate.

### ASHAMED OF HIS LITTLE FAITH.

A preacher had been told by the head of a great shoe factory that if he found any poor people who needed shoes, he could come to him and get them. In making his rounds one day soon afterward, the minister invited a man to attend his Church.

"I would like to go," said the man, but my shoes are so nearly worn out that I would be ashamed to go to meeting with them, and I am too poor to get any better."

"Well, that shall not keep you away," said the preacher; "I will get you a pair of shoes if you will come."

"But I wouldn't like to go without my wife," returned the man, "and her shoes are no better than mine." The preacher promised to get shoes for her too.

"It would hardly be right to leave our three children at home, and they are all barefooted too," said the man in a hesitating way.

The preacher saw that he was in for it, and promised that the children should also have shoes. He then got their measures and went to see his friend the shoe man. He

feared that he was presuming too much on the promise he had received, and thought the shoe man might feel that he was abusing his kindness, but when the situation was laid before him, the merchant smiled and said:

"All right! come with me." Together they took the elevator and went to one of the upper floors, where they landed in a large warehouse that was filled with shoes. The shoe man pointed to one whole side of the room, and said:

"All the shoes on these shelves are set aside for just such cases as yours, and when you have any more of the same kind just come here and help yourself."

Of course the preacher felt very small when he thought of how little he had expected from his generous friend, in proportion to what he was willing to give. How often we go to the Lord with just such dishonoring faith.—Ram's Horn Brown.

The Mount of Transfiguration lies often in the valley of the shadows of death.

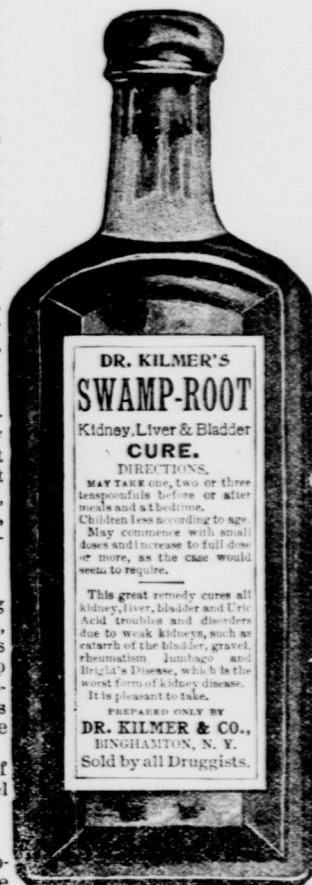
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## THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

The Christmas at the Methodist Orphanage was up to high grade. Presents and help came from our good people sufficient for all and some to spare. The children enjoyed it to the full. All are well and in school again. So we begin the New Year. Possibly it would be well that I state some facts that need to be remembered by our people all the time: (1) The current expenses of the Orphanage are paid by an assessment on the several patronizing conferences. The amount is sufficient for a living for the children equal to that enjoyed by the middle class of our people, which is always paid. The work would be easier if this assessment was paid in the first part of each year. (2) The Orphanage has two splendid brick dormitories, one the Mulkey building, for the girls; the other, the Miller building, for the boys. These buildings are moderately furnished and have a capacity for 200 children; and a farm of 170 acres, two miles in the country, with teams and Jersey cows, hogs, etc., all of which is worth at least \$75,000, one-third of which has been given and raised by Rev. Abe Mulkey and wife, of Corsicana, Texas; \$15,000 was bequeathed by B. Miller and wife, of Rusk, Texas, and spent on the boys' dormitory. The balance of \$35,000 has been raised by me. All our buildings, land, stock and equipment, as well as steam-heating plant, insurance and repairs, are the result of voluntary contributions, and kept separate from the assessment, which is sacred to the rearing of the children. Now, we need money to pay for insurance, for repairs, for furniture and for a manager's home or nursery for small children. A property joins us which can be used for either, which is offered us for \$5,000. I think that we ought to buy it, and would do so at once but for some things that I now state, not complainingly or finding fault, but just stating facts.

Brother Mulkey is willing to help us do anything for the Orphanage. He requests a hearing, and the reply comes: "Our Church has passed a resolution to have no public collections this year." A brother or sister somewhere in the State sends me a piece of money. In a few days I get a letter from the pastor, and he writes me that the money must go on the assessment. A good woman sends me the birthday pennies of the little tots, with a sweet letter to the children, but alas! here comes the request from the pastor that "pennies" must go on the assessment. Not the above only, but pages of this way of doing could be mentioned. Our people are puzzled. I get letters asking me if it is proper to send me money for the Orphanage, under this process of catching all the quail in one net. Our Orphanage is finished, and I want a new appointment.

## OUR WIN ONE CLUB.

As quite a number of brethren have written me making inquiries concerning our Win One Club, in connection with the Epworth League of First Church, this city, I thought it well to give a brief account of it in the Advocate, so that all might be answered at one and the same time.

## Origin.

When I took charge of the Church a little over a year ago, I noted among the many problems before me that most important one: How to reach the multitudes of young men who were dropping in here from every quarter and taking positions in the various schools and enterprises of the city. I remember that our last General Conference had sanctioned the organization of boys' clubs in connection with the Epworth League, and I decided to attempt such an organization among the young men of our Church. Having no precedents to guide me, I was conscious that any plan I might devise would necessarily be crude, but I resolved that simplicity and freedom from red tape and "machinery" should be the guiding principle in whatever was done.

So I announced one Sunday morning that on the following Tuesday evening in the parlors of the preacher's home

the young men of the church were invited to meet with the view of organizing a Win One Club as an auxiliary to the Epworth League. Seventeen young men responded to the invitation, and the organization was effected by the election of a President, Vice-President and Secretary. The object of the club, as stated by the pastor, was to seek out and invite young men to the various Church services and if possible, to "win" at least "one" each to Christ during the year. A Committee on Constitution and By Laws was appointed, which reported during the same evening. A committee was then appointed to district that part of the city lying contiguous to First Church, and certain members were appointed to have special oversight of the several districts and to secure each the co-operation of as many young men as he could to assist him. The club resolved at the same time to print several thousand invitation cards to be distributed as opportunity offered, and special committees were appointed to visit the different boarding houses, hotels and schools for the same purpose.

The work of the club became effective from the first, and its influence was felt in every department of Church work. Hundreds of young men are now attending our Sunday services, and great numbers of them are enrolled in our Sunday-school. The Epworth League has doubled its membership, and the club itself now numbers about seventy. We meet semi-monthly, on Tuesday evening—always in a private home. Informality and the most rigid simplicity characterize the deliberations. After Scripture reading and prayer the roll is called and minutes of the previous meeting are read. Standing and special committees then make their reports, after which the President calls upon everyone present for an individual report since last meeting. This report includes a number of cards distributed, acquaintances made and persons actually brought to some service of the Church. The names of these acquaintances, with the places of their employment, are noted by other members of the club, with a view of adding their attention to that of the reporter. There are no dues, but a free will offering is taken at each meeting to defray the incidental expenses. At the conclusion of the business meeting refreshments are served, and an informal program, consisting of music, readings, etc. (generally furnished by the hostess) is rendered and the meeting is over.

JAS. W. HILL.

Pastor First Methodist Church,  
Dallas, Texas.

## THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE FOR THE SOUTHWEST.

The third annual assembly of the Young People's Missionary Conference for the Southwest will be held at Sherman, Texas, from June 5 to June 14, inclusive, 1908. The largest attendance in the history of the movement in the Southwest is assured. The first two annual assemblies were held at Siloam Springs, Ark., which is an ideal place, in some respects, for a summer gathering, but the location proved to be a little too far from the center of our territory, as well as an inadequate supply of transportation accommodations.

Sherman, Texas, is a beautiful little city of 17,000 population, or more, in the heart of the celebrated black land belt of North Texas. There are seven lines of railroad reaching Sherman, and most of them are trunk lines.

The entire assembly will be entertained in the North Texas Female College building. This property has ample accommodation for the entire attendance, for both lodging and meals. Sleeping accommodations for approximately 400, and boarding accommodations unlimited; 350 can be served in the dining room at one sitting.

The auditorium in the main college building is seated with opera chairs, accommodating 650 people, and something like 100 more can be accommodated by adding chairs. This auditori-

um is furnished with a pipe organ and a grand piano, to be at these service of the conference. Ample and commodious class rooms are at the command of the conference for every requirement.

Mrs. Key will be responsible for the details of a first-class entertainment for all who will attend, whether they be patrons of the conference of officers, or teachers, or leaders, or platform speakers. She has agreed to entertain all who come at a reasonable daily rate. It is doubtful if there is a better arrangement anywhere for a thorough, working and successful conference. While those who attend these conferences expect first-class entertainment, they do not expect any devices for mere pastime; they attend these conferences to work and to learn to work.

The work done at this conference is identical with that done at the conferences held under the direct management of the Young People's Missionary Movement of New York City. In fact, it is expected that the Young People's Missionary Movement will, in the near future, take over this conference of the Southwest and manage it just as they do those in the East and South. Drs. Phillips, of Richmond, Va., and Ed. F. Cook, of Nashville, who are both members of the New York committee, are both also identified with this Southwest Conference at Sherman.

The work done at this conference will fall mainly under the following heads: Bible Study, Mission Study (both home and foreign), Institute Work and Sunday-school Mission Work.

In addition to this work, which will require application, there will be platform addresses twice daily—at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m. To these platform addresses the public will be admitted as well as the registered attendance. The management expects to be able to secure able platform men who will be capable of entertaining and instructing. We appeal to all the Sunday-schools of all the Churches and to Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavor Societies, the B. Y. P. U. and all the young life of the Churches to send representatives to Sherman June 5 to 14. Here we expect them to meet missionary workers and leaders of all the different denominations, as well as many returned missionaries, all full of missionary light and information and enthusiasm. Under such circumstances it is not a matter of wonder that these conferences are always a source of great spiritual power. The spiritual results alone amply justify the outlay. It is hoped that every pastor in all the denominations in the States of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas will begin at once to plan for one or more of his young people to attend the Sherman conference. Remember, this is an interdenominational movement whose sole object is missionary education.

The movement has the endorsement and support of the Mission Boards of the Protestantism of the United States and Canada; more, these same boards are responsible for the organization and maintenance of the movement.

A more particular statement of the specific purpose of the movement will be given in another article a little later.

JOS. B. SEARS,

Chairman Executive Committee.

## OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Your correspondent does not recall any subject matter in the New York Letters that has caused so much comment as that on the Planet Mars, save, perhaps, the Jerry McAuley Mission letters. Sensationalism is always studiously avoided in this correspondence.

The Planet Mars article drew forth a criticism from John H. Brunner, Hiwassee College, Tennessee. Now centuries ago, Columbus was ridiculed. I dare say his project to the then living appeared as impossible and impracticable as the Mars matter of today to the present generation.

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the shores of Mars nor receive any of its inhabitants here, but something is going to take place—what, is beyond my prophecy.

Now as to Mr. Brunner, I don't know if he is a student or professor at the college, but I do know he writes well and believe he means well, but he is all wrong, ascribing to me certain positions. A careful reading of the article he criticises will show I was furnishing, not my own, but conclusions of others—scientific persons who have made a study of the subject. The article reads that Prof. Todd, of Amherst College, engaged by Prof. Lowell, had headed an expedition and spent money and months in the lower part of South America—considered the advantageous spot, 7000 negatives were taken with the most improved instruments, etc.

The conclusions I gave were those of this expedition, not my own. While I cannot vouch for the absolute correctness of these views, yet I am inclined to attach considerable weight to them and more than from less scientific sources.

Mr. Brunner ridicules there being no rain there, consequently no need of canals. That is the very reason the means of conveying water are necessary.

In the article I did say, "A man is so full of conceit that he may not care to believe this, but for all that it may be possible."

This letter is to set the writer straight, and not intended to substantiate beyond question the conclusions of the expedition, nor to blame Mr. Brunner for attacking Prof. Todd's verdict, for if the expedition got things mixed they should be set right.

H. W. FINLAYSON.

450 Broadway.

## NEW SOUTHWESTERN AGENCY.

The American Bible Society has just established a new domestic agency, similar to its great foreign agencies, to cover the States of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. It has appointed as Agency Secretary for this region the Rev. Glenn Flinn, of the Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Mr. Flinn was born in Texas, July 1, 1877, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He was converted when he was 15 years of age and licensed to preach at 17. He is a graduate of the Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, and of the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University.

Both in the university and in the theological school he received honors for literary work and oratory, and attained distinction in his class and in the general life of the college community.

He has been pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Alexandria, La., and Galveston, Texas.

Mr. Flinn will soon develop an active system of colportage and place himself in touch with all the home missionary work of this great region.

This is the sixth of the new domestic agencies to be established by the American Bible Society.

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## MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

Notice is hereby given that we will have our Missionary Institute and Pastors' Conference at Timpson Wednesday and Thursday, January 29 and 30. District Stewards will meet at Timpson in connection with the institute at 5 p. m., the 29th. Let pastors and laymen come for a good time.

C. A. TOWER, P. E.  
Timpson, Texas.

## NEW AGENT FOR SOUTH AMERICA

The American Bible Society has appointed the Rev. F. G. Penzotti, who is well known in South American countries for his heroism in Christian work, as its agent for the La Plata Agency, with headquarters in Buenos Ayres, Argentina. This agency includes most of the Republics of South America, with the exception of Brazil.

Mr. Penzotti takes the place made vacant by the death of the Rev. Andrew M. Milne, and will have charge of a work of distribution that last year exceeded 50,000 volumes of Scriptures. Mr. Penzotti has had a varied experience in the service of the society and has been for many years past the agent in charge of its work in Central America and Panama.

## PREACHER SECURED.

I have secured a preacher for the Josephine Circuit. Let this statement answer all inquiries concerning the same.

J. F. PIERCE.

## READY TO HELP IN MEETINGS.

I wish to say to the brethren that I will gladly help in protracted meetings wherever I am needed and called upon to do so. You will address me at Merkel, Texas.

R. S. HEIZER.

## CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT.

Let all men hereby know that I have appointed Rev. W. C. Hughes preacher in charge on the Tatum Mission instead of Rev. H. T. Pitman who did not take the work.

C. A. TOWER, P. E.

Timpson, Texas, Dec. 30, 1907.

## CHINA SPRINGS CIRCUIT.

The Board of Stewards will meet at the church in China Springs, at 10 a. m., on January 21, 1908. Brethren, be sure and don't neglect this, as it is important that we have a full attendance.

O. C. SWINNEY.

## CALVERT DISTRICT.

The Missionary Institute and Pastors' Conference of the Calvert District will meet at Jewett January 21. Opening sermon by J. B. Turrentine, of Bryan. The work of the session will begin Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. We expect a full attendance. Let every pastor come up with a purpose to make it a helpful meeting. The railroad connection from all parts of the district is good both coming and going.

E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

## TO PREACHERS WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

It is the request of the Executive Committee of Board of Church Extension, West Texas Conference, that all church extension money collected be paid directly to F. J. Perrin, Treasurer of Board, Georgetown, Texas. If carried up to conference let it be in cash or in separate check, payable to Perrin as Treasurer of Board, so that it can be used immediately.

H. G. HORTON,  
Secretary of Board Church Extension,  
West Texas Conference.

## POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

Rev. B. T. James, Hassell, N. M.

## THE CARELESS CHILD.

There was a careless little maid  
Who sat with toes turned in,  
Until it really grew to be  
Her most besetting sin;  
Which mortified her mother,  
And horrified her brother,  
And caused the deepest sorrow  
To all her kith and kin.

What cured her of this dreadful trick  
You scarcely could surmise—  
An instantaneous photograph  
Which took her by surprise  
With feet well in the foreground!  
Where they'll never more be found  
She says, in that position  
Till the day she dies.  
—Elizabeth L. Gould, in Saint Nicholas.

The custom of the wife assuming as her own the name of her husband at marriage was established by a law sanctioned by Queen Elizabeth of England.



## Notes From the Field

### Jasper and Kirbyville.

We reached here on Thursday after conference in time to fill our first appointment after conference, and were taken to the home of Rev. J. A. Henderson, where we were royally entertained until Saturday, when Bro. Lindsey vacated and we moved into the parsonage. That afternoon, under the leadership of Miss Jessie Henderson, Miss Moore, Miss Jessie Swan and Miss Mary Powell, we received one of the most magnificent poundings we ever had—beat anything "ma" ever gave us for slipping off to the "wash hole" Sunday afternoons. That night the Epworth League gave us another, and there has not been a day since that some one has not sent something nice to us. This afternoon, while out calling, a good lady gave us a nice fat turkey for New Year. We are delighted with our charge and our people. Bro. Lindsey certainly wrought nobly here, and we only stepped into clover. Eddie is happy as a lark and Charlie, Jr., is living in the third heaven. We have made a good start on our conference collections and hope to have every dollar in hand by spring.—Charlie Hughes.

### Pilot Grove.

At the recent session of the North Texas Conference I was returned to the Pilot Grove charge, and no man in the conference was better pleased with his appointment than I. Our reception has been most cordial; our people received us with open arms. Cottage Hill, led by Sister Bowen, and Pilot Grove, led by Sister Davidson and Miss Callie Taylor, gave a splendid donation of good things, and Graybill and Blackman's Chapel will no doubt follow these good example. We were also remembered at the Christmas tree with a number of nice presents and an invitation to four turkey Christmas dinners. Our Board of Stewards met and made a liberal assessment for the pastor next year; they will pay \$300. This charge has grown in spite of the hard times from \$315 to \$300 in pastor's support in the last fourteen months, and other collections in proportion. We thank God for a progressive people, and the end is not yet. Our people are going to build a nice par-

sonage—something like they themselves live in—and the time is not far distant when Pilot Grove and Blackman Chapel will call for half time. We are entering the new year with the best of prospects before us and with the assurance that many things now in contemplation will be accomplished by the help of God and the co-operation of the best people on earth.—J. T. Turner.

### Mt. Vernon.

It was the good fortune of this writer and his wife to be returned to Mt. Vernon charge for another year, and the best of all was that the people seemed to appreciate the fact of our return. It would be a hard matter to find a more loyal people than we have at Mt. Vernon. They stand ready at all times, with willing hands, to do all within their power for the promotion of the cause of the Master and the Church. This preacher and his wife have been remembered in a very substantial way by many tokens of regard since their return here. Upon our arrival from conference quite a goodly number of our people were assembled at the depot to welcome us back again. It made us glad indeed as we took each one by the hand and looked into their faces and heard the words of welcome given by them. It made us feel that we were indeed among friends and brethren. Such treatment as the above has to be experienced to be fully appreciated, and when experienced it lightens many of the burdens incident to a preacher's life. While we had a most excellent year here last year, both spiritually and financially, yet we hope for a more successful one this year. Our people are fully alive to the importance of a living, vital religion. Our Leagues, both Senior and Junior, are in a flourishing condition, and are growing in interest all the time. The good laides have a most excellent Home Mission Society at Mt. Vernon and they are doing a splendid work. With such a society you may be sure that the parsonage does not want for anything, but that all of its wants are kindly looked after. Since our return from conference it has been our good pleasure to have an applicant for the ministry. Our first Quarterly Conference, which has just passed, recommended Prof. R. B. Curry to the District Conference for license to preach. Prof. Curry is one of the teachers in our school here, and I predict will make a splendid preacher. Our people at Weaver are making an advance along all lines. We have a most excellent people there. Our people at Creech's Chapel had a fine year; had about twenty-five additions. They contemplate building a new church house some time in the near future. Our people at Hopewell have their new church almost completed. The Advocate has many staunch friends among our people here, and I shall make it a point during the year to increase its circulation.—J. F. Holmes, Jan. 3.

### Childress.

We were returned by good Bishop Candler to Childress Station. Many tokens of kindness have come to the parsonage home, but on New Year's eve all of a sudden the noise of feet were heard. In they came. Well, well—there was flour and sugar by the sack; coffee, fruits, jellies, butter, turkey and when we saw a five-gallon can of good, fresh lard, wife said "amen." Many other things to numerous to mention. There is much work here to do. We are planning for great things. We are praying for a great revival and expect it. Our beloved is in high favor with my people. First Quarterly Conference past. Salary raised \$200 over last year. All the societies doing good work. Fine Board of Stewards. Good Sunday school. Spiritual League that is paying \$300 to keep Miss Lowe in Scarritt Training School. Childress is a fine field, but not to let.—J. T. Hicks.

### Bartlett.

When I reached this charge at midnight, thirteen months ago, I found those good men, Marion Pace and Rev. W. I. Ball, at the depot to receive me and my family, and to assist us in reaching the parsonage. At the latter place we found an excellent supper prepared by the ladies of the charge and also a number of nice things in the pantry that did us excellent service for many days. The W. H. M. Society put matting, linoleum, a sideboard and a bedstead in the parsonage, and when a new room was added to it they papered and painted it. The stewards made a nice assessment for the support of the pastor, and paid it promptly by the quarter. All the assessments were nicely met and an excellent report was made at Amarillo in November last. The Bishop spoke to me very kindly, said the Lord would take care of me, and sent me back to Bartlett. Thus far the Bishop's word has been verified; for the Lord has, through the kindness of the brethren and sisters of

this goodly charge, given me about all I have asked (and more, too), except a great revival of religion. On Monday night of last week, the inmates of the parsonage received a most delightful pounding from the men, women and children of the charge, and though the pounders hit hard with flour, meat, sugar, coffee, molasses and a number of tin things and feathered things, no bruises were made, but the very best feeling prevailed between the pounders and those who were pounded. If the loving and lovely pounders will pound us just as hard with their prayers, they may not be sorry the Bishop sent us back to Bartlett.—E. F. Boone.

### Lott.

After a hard year's work at Teague we were read out at conference for Lott and Durango. We confess we were caught napping, as we were quite sure we would be returned to Teague. However, a Methodist preacher can get ready to move on very short notice. So we were soon packed, and as soon as our little girl had sufficiently recovered from the measles we were on our way to our new field of labor. We arrived in Lott just in time to get into the parsonage before the rest of the family was taken with the measles. The good people of Lott tendered us a royal reception and put us under many obligations to them for their many acts of kindness while we were sick. Two days before Christmas we received a big pounding, including a fine turkey, and every few days something good finds its way to the parsonage. Truly our "Lott" is a pleasant one. We have made the round over the work and find it to be a rich and prosperous country. Many of our people have rich black land farms and good, comfortable homes. They seem prosperous and happy. We are well pleased with the outlook for the new year and expect to make it the best we have ever had. We enjoy being on the prairie again, where we can breathe the pure, fresh air and get a broad view of things. The Church has a right to expect great things of us here, and we are planning and praying for a prosperous and happy year.—Jno. W. Goodwin, Jan. 2.

### Ochiltree Circuit.

This is a new charge this year and includes all of Ochiltree County and all of Lipscomb County except the town of Higgins. Yes, there is plenty of work to keep one man busy and then he ought to have an automobile if he is to reach the points that ought to be occupied by our Church. After a move of 90 miles for ourselves and 200 miles for our stuff, we arrived here in the midst of very kind people on Saturday and good congregations to greet us on Sunday. We have received nothing but kindness from all the people since our arrival, but special kindnesses have been shown us by Bros. Gray, Payne, McMillan, Hanna and Fulton. These we shall never forget. When it was learned that Ochiltree was to have a resident pastor the people put their heads together and opened their pocketbooks, counted their money and then built a parsonage. It is a neat little home, and, while not quite done and is unfinished, it will be finished and also furnished, as the custom of our people is, doubtless by the end of the year. And then last Monday night the preacher was surprised by an "old-fashioned pounding." In fact, the pounding began with our first day in the parsonage and something has come in every day since as a token of the people's kindness to the pastor. Yesterday I conducted the funeral services of Mrs. Yokley, who died of consumption. She was a true Christian and consistent member of the Baptist Church. She was a daughter of Bro. Newton, the pastor of the Baptist Church at this place. She leaves a little child and a husband to mourn her departure. This is the fourth child that has been carried off by this dreadful disease from Bro. Newton's family. But the love and religion that he has so long preached to others sustain him in this trying hour. May God's blessings rest on those that are passing under this cloud.—J. C. Carpenter.

### Kirk Circuit.

We were returned to Kirk Circuit. We were glad the good Bishop sent us back and believe the people were, for a number told us so. We love the Kirk people and have a burning desire to serve them better. We have received no formal pounding, but every few days some gift finds its way to the parsonage. Our quarterly meeting has been put off until the first Sunday in February and Saturday before. All were glad of change for the roads have been almost impassable. We experienced the pleasure of a visit to our aunt who lives in Fayetteville, Ark. Arkansas is the State of my birth. Father and mother were born and reared there. Mother died there when I was a boy of four years. Father came to Texas a year or two later. I have but a very faint remembrance of my mother and of course of the kindred left there. Had planned for a number of years to visit my

mother's sister, Mrs. Lydia Wolf, so I spent Christmas week with her. I felt by going I would see the nearest likeness of mother on earth, and learn much of the early family history. Fayetteville is a town of perhaps seven or eight thousand. It is clean and beautifully situated on and among the hills. The climate is healthful, the water fine and the fruit excellent. It is the site of the State University. The court house is one of the finest in the State. Its business gives it the appearance of a Texas town. It has a number of very fine churches, but Methodism is much in the ascendency. Rev. P. C. Fletcher is the pastor. He is serving his fourth year. They seem to think he is the only man. They will be loth to give him up next fall. During the Civil War my father fought as a soldier in the Confederate army on the battlefield within the limits of this town. Now God's soldiers are fighting under the banner of Prince Immanuel. They have put the saloon to flight. It is a town of high grade of citizenship. The State University has an enrollment of a thousand or twelve hundred. So the town stands far beyond the average in literary attainment, moral development and religious experience. Have received three new subscribers to the Advocate since conference. It is a most welcome visitor to our home. We hope for its whole crew a pleasant, prosperous year.—Z. L. Howell, Jan. 3.

### Pleasant Mound and Reinhardt Circuit.

We have waited for several weeks in order to get our hearings before writing to the Advocate. We were not met by a brass band, neither was any guns fired to salute us on our arrival at Reinhardt. We believe that we served one of the most pleasant charges, all around, last year of our life, and the Lord graciously blessed our ministry among the people, but we are at this place in a magnificent two-story parsonage and have been given a warm welcome. We have some splendid congregations, especially at Pleasant Mound. Our membership is large; a splendid League and Sunday school. Rose Hill is also a good Church, doing good work. The charge all around is hoping and believing that we will have a good year. The good ladies of Reinhardt, Pleasant Mound and Rose Hill are getting ready to put in new caprets and chairs and making the parsonage a thing of beauty.—Matthew C. Dickson, Jan. 4.

### Mabank.

Well, a 200-mile move ought not to be a great terror to a Methodist preacher. We made it and drove through ahead of the freight train that brought our household goods; at least we got here ten days before the goods. Visited among the scholars three days, then finding the parsonage reasonably well furnished we took possession of it and camped the rest of the time until our goods arrived. Plenty of doors opened to receive us, and kind greetings to cheer us; but "There is no place like sweet home." The goods arrived after seventeen days' delay and now we are comfortably domiciled in the parsonage. We have had the regulation pounding in "due and ancient form," and still many tokens of love and kindness find their way to the parsonage, for all of which we are very thankful, feeling that they have done it unto us in the name of a disciple, and we are praying God that they may receive a disciple's reward. And may God give us a great year spiritually.—I. A. Thomas.

### Bomarton Mission.

This is the beginning of the first year of the history of this charge, therefore we enter the year's work with much enthusiasm. We have built a new parsonage on the work and we are now comfortably housed in it. The people have given us a hearty welcome and we have received an old-fashioned Methodist pounding consisting of groceries, money, corn, etc., and the beautiful part is that we are still receiving every day. One of our Churches gave the pastor a nice watch for a Christmas present. We have some loyal Christians on our work and we realize that we have much to do. We are praying for a great year in our revivals. This is our first work.—B. E. Kimbrow, Jan. 3.

### Edna.

A few weeks ago with nothing but faith in Edna Methodists to ground the statement upon, and my own trust in God for guidance, I wrote to this page in the grand old Advocate and said: "A good year and full reports have started in this charge." If that was prophecy, then note its fulfillment: The church light plant has been repaired, the parsonage has been improved and refurbished; a good League with seventeen members has been organized and several copies of the Epworth Era ordered, so, with the banners held in strong young hands, ruled by devoted hearts, this League must go forward. Fifty-three per cent of our conference collections have been paid—not subscribed—but paid. This preacher don't ask for subscrip-

tions to be paid later; promises to pay, like good intentions expressed, sound fine but do not support orphanages, rescue homes and missionaries. Some Methodists who have settled in our land of Canaan but left their membership beyond Jordan in Goshen, are authorizing the pastor to send for their letters. Brother C. Williamson, of Port Lavaca, tells of a Northern Methodist preacher, an elder, in his charge, who came to live on our fertile plains where the "breezes are always balmy" without fetching his credentials. Well, we are getting along nicely in Edna. To God be all praise.—A. Y. Old, Jan. 4.

### Montague.

We have returned to Montague for our third year and have been gladly and generously received. The pounding came in due and ancient form until the dining table fairly groaned beneath its burden of good things. For these material things we are glad, but more so for the good will that prompted them. Our prospects are most promising for a good year. Have a fine Sunday school at Montague doing good work. Our Senior League is flourishing. Have a new mission study class of twelve just organized, led by the pastor. Our Home Mission Society is taking on new life and our mid-week prayer meeting is well attended and enjoyed. Our first Quarterly Conference was held December 21. Bro. Jno. E. Roach, our new presiding elder, was with us, giving great satisfaction in his preaching and presiding. He came on Thursday and visited all the points save one, preaching at each. Saturday, the conference day, was most disagreeable, the services being rained out. Notwithstanding during our quarterly meeting Bro. Roach delivered five sermons, besides addressing the League at length on missions and the officers and teachers of the Sunday school on the "Organized Sunday school." It is the universal verdict that we have an earnest, energetic, wide-awake presiding elder. Long live the presiding elder's office, and may it ever thus be magnified. Our Board of Stewards raised the salary of preacher and presiding elder \$87.50 over that of last year. The payments, however, were small at our first Quarterly Conference on account of the bad weather and financial conditions. We are working, praying for and expecting larger things this year by the help of the Lord.—S. M. Black, Jan. 4.

### Greenwood.

We arrived in Greenwood on December 1, 1907, and began work at once. We have been kindly received by this good people. I have made one round and find good people at every appointment. Have not had a regular pounding yet, but good things are finding their way to the parsonage almost every day. Greenwood has a fine school, with Bro. Bryant, our Sunday-school superintendent as principal. He has a good corps of helpers. We are expecting a good year. Our first quarterly meeting has not yet been held, so our new presiding elder has not been with us, but he is a hustler and we are expecting a great time at our first quarterly meeting. We find several Advocates taken and are expecting to put it in several more homes soon. My stewards have not made the assessment for the preacher yet, but I am sure they will not fall behind last year's assessment. We have a fine board. We regretted very much to leave our many friends on the Bonita Circuit, but we have found good friends here, and are praying and hoping for many more as the days come and go. I like the plan our presiding elder, Bro. Barton, is adopting; he keeps in touch with his preachers. He has organized a Fifth Sunday Institute and I like it.—J. K. McMillan.

### Gunter.

After the appointments of the Sherman District were read out and became history, I wondered if heaven would not be doubly sweet to some of God's servants, when everything would be smooth and reliable. But in spite of the disappointments the rains, mud, etc., our Heavenly Father has blessed every step of our way from conference to this good time. Before conference I was confidentially told that there was nothing in this mission; so much so that I felt free from its nothingness, and it had no parsonage, but imagine. Well, I came to Gunter and preached the first Sunday in December and then told the officials I must live among them to do them good. They, with others not of our Church, rallied their wills and secured a comfortable home at \$8 per month and paid on the rent in advance \$74. The night before we left the Preston work the Methodists came by families to show their love and good feeling for us and bade us farewell. It was a pleasure indeed. Then when we were settled at home in Gunter we received a generous pounding by Methodists, Baptists and others. I understand that the principal part of the town was represented. We had music, songs, talks and prayers until

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## DOCTOR'S ORDER WAS: 'CUTICURA'

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## The Home Circle

### OMNISCIENCE.

God knows, not I, the devious way  
Wherein my faltering feet must  
tread,  
Before into the light of day  
My steps from out this gloom are  
led.  
And, since my Lord the path doth see,  
What difference if 'tis hid from me?

God knows, not I, how sweet accord  
Shall grow at length from out this  
crash  
Of earthly discords which have jarred  
On soul and sense, I hear the  
clash—  
Yet feel and know that on His ear  
Breaks harmony, full, deep, and  
clear.

God knows, not I, why, when I'd fain  
Have walked in pastures green and  
fair,  
The path He pointed me has lain  
Through rocky deserts, bleak and  
bare,  
I blindly trust—since 'tis His will—  
This way lies safety, that way ill.

And he knows, too, despite my will,  
I'm weak when I should be most  
strong  
And after earnest wrestling, still  
I see the right, yet do the wrong.  
Is't that He'd have me learn at length  
Not mine, but His, the saving  
strength?

His perfect plan I may not grasp,  
Yet I can trust Love Infinite,  
And with my feeble fingers clasp  
The Hand which leads me to the  
light.  
My soul upon His errand goes,  
The end I know not, But—God  
knows.

—Selected.

### MOUNT VERNON.

M. E. Whitten.

There is ever a touch of sadness  
and a commingling of tender emotions  
in every heart at the mere mention of  
Mount Vernon.

We think of it as the sacred spot  
where George Washington and his  
faithful wife repose in quiet slumber.

Mount Vernon guards with jealous  
care our Nation's sacred trust,  
As erst we blend our hallowed tears  
above our hero's dust.

The fact that Mount Vernon is  
George Washington's last resting place  
seems to eclipse the truth that it  
was his childhood home as well, and  
when we contemplate it as such, it is  
divested of its sombre hue, and we  
delight to think of it in a brighter,  
happier light. This property was  
bought and improved by the father of  
George Washington, when George was  
very young. His father died when he  
was only nine years old, and Mount  
Vernon was willed to an older brother,  
Augustine, with the provision in  
the will that if Augustine died with-  
out children Mount Vernon should re-  
vert to George, which it soon did; and  
so he became a land owner and the  
possessor of real estate at the early  
age of eleven years.

Here, with his loving widowed mother,  
the glad, happy days of childhood  
were passed. Here he engaged in all  
the sports and enjoyments incident  
to boyhood, such as jumping, wrest-  
ling, climbing, playing, cantering away  
on his fleet-footed pony and anon row-  
ing his tiny boat over the placid wa-  
ters of the grand old Potomac, flow-  
ing as it does in a short distance  
of the house and laving the entire  
grounds with its crystal tide.

'Twas here, on grassy lawn or 'neath  
the quiet shade,  
Alone, or with his mates, he often  
fondly played;  
And here in sweet repose, when slum-  
ber locked his eye,  
The river sweetly sang his low, quaint  
lullaby.

'Mid these beautiful grounds and in  
these sylvan scenes he grew to a no-  
ble, stalwart manhood, with fine phys-  
ique, with piercing eye and noble  
heart, to take his place 'mid earth's  
stirring scenes and go forth conquer-  
ing, and to conquer for the right to  
lead his armies through fearful odds  
on to victory; to deliver his oppressed

countrymen from galling claims of  
bondage and oppression, and usher in  
a reign of peace and prosperity, and  
make his loved America "the land of  
the free and the home of the brave."  
And here at Mount Vernon, when war's  
dread alarms were hushed and the  
banner of peace was waving in stain-  
less beauty o'er all the land,

When old age was creeping on apace,  
And had set his seal on form and face,  
he retired to the quiet haunts of his  
childhood's home to pass his declin-  
ing years in the sweet embraces of  
Mount Vernon, and here to breathe  
his last, as he gave back the soul to  
its Maker and passed out into the  
great unknown.

No other earthly potentate has been  
loved, venerated and cherished as  
Washington, especially in the grand  
old State of Virginia—the scene of  
so many of the stirring events of his  
early life, and his later years. Though  
the centuries are fast passing, yet they  
diminish nothing from the adoration  
accorded to Washington. Nay, rather  
the sentiment of true veneration  
is on the increase, not only in our  
own land, but far across the seas  
where'er our banner is unfurled, o'er  
all the peopled world the name of  
Washington—the soldier, the patriot,  
the hero, the statesman—whose pure,  
untarnished character challenges the  
admiration of the world, he is every-  
where honored and revered as the  
centuries pass.

In every passing breeze from sun to  
sun,  
Is borne the name of Washington.

In these days of greed and graft,  
when money is the end sought—the  
god worshiped by the multitude—  
when colossal fortunes are amassed by  
trusts on "corners," etc.; when multi-  
millionaires are made every day "by  
fair means or foul"—oh, in the midst  
of competition like this, the pure, un-  
sullied name and upright Christian  
character of George Washington  
stands out "like a star of the first  
magnitude" in the world's galaxy.

Mount Vernon, with its colonial  
mansion overlooking the Potomac;  
with its broad stretch of grassy lawn,  
with here and there great forest trees  
towering upward to the sky in all their  
primitive beauty; with beds of bloom-  
ing plants and flowers; with gardens  
all abloom; with graveled walks and  
boulevards; with climbing vines and  
rare exotics from foreign lands—all,  
all conspire to make this one of the  
loveliest ideal spots e'er seen by mortal  
eye, as fresh and beautiful as if  
just from the hands of the Creator.  
The old house, so perfect in its ap-  
pointments, with its large banquet hall,  
its library, its upper and lower halls,  
its broad, easy stairs, its beautiful  
sleeping rooms, its banisters, mantels  
and parlor ornaments, made to order  
in Europe for this building and still  
well preserved, stand in silent grand-  
eur overlooking the crystal waters  
of the Potomac, seemingly as fresh  
and beautiful as when its corridors  
re-echoed the footfalls of George  
Washington and his family and  
friends. Time has dealt lightly with  
this grand old home.

So perfectly has it been preserved  
that it may be said to defy the rav-  
ages of decay and ruin. We pause  
with bated breath upon the threshold.  
We bare our heads in reverential awe.  
The place where we stand is holy  
ground. The home of Washington, the  
place where his feet once trod,  
where he went in and out. So fresh  
and well preserved is this home in all  
its appointments that it would seem  
he had just passed out for a walk or  
a ride, soon to return.

We are permitted free access to  
the library and banquet hall. Here  
we find mementos treasured in a  
glass case, even to a brass button that  
was once worn on his coat. We may  
not enter the upper bed rooms; there  
are restrictions that forbid any-

one entering or handling aught with-  
in these rooms; but we may look  
through grated bars, may feast our  
eyes on the beauties and furnishings  
contained in these sleeping rooms;  
the bedstead with snowy lace cur-  
tains, the rugs, chairs, carpet, dresser  
and other articles of furniture, all so  
fresh and well preserved they seem to  
indicate but recent occupancy, as if  
he had gone out for a time, soon to  
return.

No picture of Mount Vernon that we  
have seen does justice to the place.  
So many attractions that go to beau-  
tify it, and that enter into its make-  
up, are omitted. The piano, or music  
room, the gardener's cottage, the serv-  
ants' rooms; the stalls for the pranc-  
ing horses that he drove, now empty  
and unused; the carriage house, con-  
taining the old carriage, which is still  
on exhibition, but looking worn and  
"worse for wear," soon to fall into de-  
cay—all these are omitted in pictures  
of Mount Vernon. And the Potomac  
River encircling the entire grounds on  
two sides, and in the bend of the riv-  
er, near the water's edge, stands a  
small glass house, where, it is said,  
George Washington loved to linger,  
reading some interesting book, writing  
absent friends and anon gazing out  
on the beautiful river that danced and  
sparkled just below his seat. All these  
are omitted, and the graves—no not  
graves. Washington and his faithful  
wife repose in snow-white marble cas-  
kets inside the vault. Through grat-  
ed doors we could see the snowy cas-  
kets in their beauty.

Where those who loved in quiet slum-  
ber rest  
With folded hands upon each peaceful  
breast.

Among the many beautiful attrac-  
tions of Mount Vernon, the noted cher-  
ry tree and the far-famed hatchet are  
not in evidence. Tradition does not  
state whether that famous chopping  
proved fatal to the cherry tree; per-  
haps it did, and now the tree and  
hatchet both in dark oblivion rest.  
Mount Vernon has long since passed  
from the possession of the Washing-  
tons. Strangers pass in and out  
through its sacred scenes, and stran-  
gers hold the reins of ownership. It  
has been bought by an association of  
women of America—we failed to get  
the name of the association—but it  
was bought as a financial invest-  
ment, they paying \$1000 per acre  
for the entire property of over  
200 acres. It is a paying investment,  
we judge, when from one thousand to  
fifteen hundred visitors go there every  
day except Sunday. No trolley cars  
to Mount Vernon on Sunday. Guards  
are in evidence everywhere at inter-  
vals over the grounds, lest some van-  
dal (?) hand should pluck a leaf or  
flower from Washington's home, and,  
besides, no one is allowed to carry a  
parcel or box, or anything of the kind,  
through the grounds. All such are  
left (by special command) at the tick-  
et office until their return from the  
grounds.

### WHITTIER'S "IN SCHOOL DAYS."

In visiting the birthplace of Whit-  
tier at Haverhill, I saw upon the wall  
the sampler made by the heroine of  
that sweetest of all poems of child life,  
"In School Days." The family by  
whom it had been treasured for so  
many years thought that it would be  
an appropriate addition to the large col-  
lection of heirlooms in this house.

A friend and myself walked from  
the homestead up the beautiful coun-  
try road to the site of the schoolhouse  
made famous by the poem. We called  
at the house, too, where Whittier was  
wont to call for this child that he  
might walk to school with her, no  
doubt preferring the company of a lit-  
tle girl to that of an average boy,  
whose native robustness would be like-  
ly to be distasteful to one of his poetic  
temperament. By the way, it is said  
that the boy Whittier instead of doing  
his sums in school, would be writing  
verses on his slate.

A niece and grand-niece of the little  
heroine showed us her school books  
and a beautiful piece of needlework  
she had made. She also spoke of the

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friendship which existed between her  
family and Whittier's. She showed us  
a cane the poet had sent her father  
when he became aged and in need of  
such. We were also shown an origi-  
nal poem Whittier had written for his  
old friend and neighbor. Many visi-  
tors often visit this little house and  
are most heartily welcomed. In front  
of the house was a beautiful large tree  
called the Whittier tree, under which  
the poet and his little sweetheart were  
wont to play.

We continued our walk to the site  
of the schoolhouse. Had we not been  
directed hither, we could have found  
the place by the abundant growth of  
sumach and blackberry vines still to  
be seen there. The placard which  
marked the spot had been taken down,  
but a lady who lived across the road  
told us the exact place where the  
building had stood—much nearer to  
the road than a schoolhouse would  
have been built in this time—in fact,  
almost upon the road, from which it  
was separated by a stone wall, yet to  
be seen. The schoolhouse is not now  
standing. It was moved from its origi-  
nal site and in its new quarters suc-  
cumbed to fire.

In the Whittier homestead hangs  
the picture of his schoolmaster, Jos-  
hua Caffin, the historian of Newbury-  
port.—Alice May Douglas, in American  
Boy.

### HONEY GUIDES.

"Mother, what are those lines on the  
morning-glory for?"

"Those are honey guides," said  
mother. "Each one of these lines run  
into the center of the flower where the  
honey is. God put them there, so  
when a bee lights on a flower it can  
go right into the honey; and that is  
what the bees go into the flower for,  
you know—to get the honey in the  
center of the flower. Now go out and  
sit under the morning-glory vines and  
watch the bees for a little while, and  
see for yourself."

So Nellie ran out under the vines  
and sat down, and pretty soon a little  
brown bee came buzzing up to the  
flowers and settled down on one of  
them.

Nellie bounced into the house. "Oh,  
mother!" she cried, "the bee d'd fol-  
low the line right up from the outside  
to the middle of the flower, and he  
got some funny yellow stuff on him  
too."

"That was pollen," said mother;  
"the bee will take that home to feed  
the babies."

"Well, isn't that queer?" said Nel-  
lie, and she ran back to learn some  
more about the bees.—Selected.

### THE WEAKNESS OF OUR STRENGTH.

There are times when man's own  
greatest strength counts for nothing.  
Though he may summon every ounce  
of energy and power and resistance  
that he has, he feels things going  
against him so surely that he knows  
that here there can be but one end.  
Those are the times when God longs  
to help and when he can help if man  
will let him. Then that which was  
stronger than all the powers of man  
is turned aside by the slightest touch  
of the power of God. Whether it was

temptation or illness, or financial  
pressure, or any other disaster that  
threatened, the least hint of God's  
presence counts more in averting the  
danger than all concentrated resources  
of the man. For "the weakness of  
God is stronger than men," wrote one  
whose own personal strength and  
force of will were as far beyond the  
average man's as was his working  
knowledge of God's resources. Paul  
had learned to value his own prodig-  
ious strength apart from God at its  
true worthlessness; and he had come  
to realize that the least particle of  
God's power outweighed all the forces  
of the world and the devil.

### THE BEST CAPTAIN.

The New York Sun contained quite  
an interesting interview with Captain  
E. J. Smith, of the new White Star  
Line steamship "Adriatic," one of the  
greatest ships ever floated. After re-  
lating in detail the duties of a sea  
captain, and stating particularly that  
in all his forty years at sea he had  
never had an accident and had seen  
but one vessel in distress, and all  
ended well then, that he was never in  
any predicament that suggested disas-  
ter in any way. The reporter bade  
him good-day and started off, when an  
officer touched his arm and said:

"Don't forget when you write of the  
captain's 'uneventful life to put in that  
it is the great captain who doesn't let  
things happen." This was a new point  
of view.—Selected.

### CLOUDED BRAIN

**Clears Up On Change to Proper Food.**

The brain cannot work with clear-  
ness and accuracy if the food taken  
is not fully digested, but is retained  
in the stomach to ferment and form  
poisonous gases, etc. A dull, clouded  
brain is likely to be the result.

A Mich. lady relates her experience  
in changing her food habits, and re-  
sults are very interesting.

"A steady diet of rich greasy foods  
such as sausage, buckwheat cakes  
and so on, finally broke down a stom-  
ach and nerves that, by inheritance,  
were sound and strong, and medicine  
did no apparent good in the way of  
relief.

"My brain was clouded and dull  
and I was suffering from a case of con-  
stipation that defied all remedies  
used.

"The 'Road to Wellville,' in some  
providential way, fell into my hands,  
and may Heaven's richest blessings  
fall on the man who was inspired to  
write it.

"I followed the directions carefully,  
physical culture and all, using Grape-  
Nuts with sugar and cream, leaving  
meat, pastry and hot biscuits entirely  
out of my bill of fare. The result—  
I am in perfect health once more.

"I never realize I have nerves, and  
my stomach and bowels are in fine  
condition. My brain is perfectly clear  
and I am enjoying that state of health  
which God intended his creatures  
should enjoy, and which all might  
have, by giving proper attention to  
their food." "There's a Reason."

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**THE DENTON DORMITORY.****The Purpose of Its Establishment.**

It is sometimes asked, For what purpose was the Denton Dormitory established? Was it only to afford a home for the Methodist girls who attend a State educational institution? Certainly not. While this is a great work, yet that is the smallest feature of the undertaking. The purpose of its establishment was to make it

**A Training School for Missions.**

The State furnishes to Texas girls a literary and industrial education at the College of Industrial Arts at Denton. The Methodist Church has no college that gives an industrial education, and to establish one would cost a great deal. Yet, every woman missionary who goes out from our Church needs a thorough industrial education to fit her for her work, either in the home or foreign field. She must not only teach what to believe, but how to live. On the other hand, the State can not teach the Bible nor prepare its pupils for special religious work nor give them religious training. The Woman's Home Mission Society, under the leadership of Miss Belle Bennett, saw an opportunity of getting the benefit of all that the State proposed to do for Texas girls, and yet give the girls all that they needed from a religious and denominational standpoint. So they purchased eight acres of land within a stone's throw of the main building of the College of Industrial Arts and erected on it a magnificent brick Dormitory. This building is one of the handsomest and most suitable for its purpose in the State. It will domicile fifty girls, besides furnish rooms for the superintendent's family and the deaconesses and teachers needed for religious training. The Dormitory has class rooms for its special religious work. The money accruing from the board of the fifty girls domiciled there will pay its usual running expenses. Thus the Methodist Church will get the benefit of the State's literary and industrial education at no cost to herself, and the board from the girls will largely pay for the operation of the training work. The only outlay will be the purchase of the grounds and building and furnishing the Dormitory. This will approximate \$3400. As Texans, we have a right to all that the State is doing for her daughters. As Methodists, on our own ground, in our own building and in our own way, we have the right to teach the Word of God, prepare our girls for special religious work and worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. In this way we will accomplish a distinctive religious work largely at the State's expense. There is no injustice in this, for Methodists all over this State are paying taxes to operate this College of Industrial Arts, and we are but getting back the money we put into it. There is no conflict between Church and State in this plan, for we in no way interfere with the State's plans to give Texas girls a literary and industrial education while we look after our religious work on our own ground, where none can "molest or make us afraid." Could any but a set of consecrated Home Mission women have ever devised such a scheme? They propose to harness a State educational institution and make it do the Lord's work! And the College of Industrial Arts is glad

to do this work! They do this work for Texans and not for Methodists. Methodists are Texans, and therefore have a right to their service. So it is a glad service all around, and other denominations have the same privileges, if they would use them.

But what are the benefits to come from this plan? They are too numerous to mention. I will point out a few:

1. Many a Methodist girl will attend this college to get the benefit of the industrial training for some secular work. This Dormitory, with its religious atmosphere and noble inspiration, will tend to turn them back into domestic and Church life. Like a switchman, who turns a train from a side-track to the great through line so will we turn the currents of these young lives back from secular activities to the great work for Church, home, God and humanity. Where we fail to enlist them in definite religious work, and where they go into secular work, still we may reasonably hope to send them into that secular field with nobler ideals and higher aspirations.

2. While attending this college they will be safely cared for, with all the barriers thrown around them of a refined, cultured, religious home. This can not be too greatly emphasized. It will influence for time and eternity many a life.

3. Many a Methodist girl in Texas wants to prepare herself for religious work, but has not the means or the opportunity. This Dormitory will throw wide open the door of opportunity and bid her enter. The West Texas and the Texas Conferences already have two such girls in the Dormitory preparing for the deaconess work at the expense of those conferences. Others will follow.

4. One of the greatest needs of the Church is a consecrated and well-trained womanhood. We need it in city and rural work. We need it in home and foreign mission fields. We need it in local Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues and the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies. We need it in our Settlement Homes, Rescue Homes, kindergartens and slum work. We need it as helpers for the pastors and in deaconess work. We need it for teachers in our own educational institutions and in the schools of the State. We need it in every-day home-life. Give Texas a consecrated and well-trained womanhood and her future is secure. This Dormitory is to help in this great work. It will be one of the most effective agencies, for it will have advantages enjoyed by no other institution. The College of Industrial Arts gives the very highest literary education, so that her graduates have lifetime school certificates to teach in Texas schools. To this she adds an industrial training, consisting of stenography, book-keeping, type-writing, photography, domestic science, millinery, dressmaking, fine arts, laundrying, dairying, manual arts, poultry raising, bee culture, floriculture and horticulture. Specialists teach in each of these departments. Now, when we add to this all the religious influences, Bible studies and mission training, we have a combination to be had nowhere else. Hence, the graduates will go out from this school and Dormitory equipped as no others will be, or can be. As fast as the graduates come from this school lucrative positions await them as teachers of domestic and industrial science, and they go into positions of influence and prominence. Is it a surprise that our Methodist women should have wanted to secure such advantages for our beloved Church? They have gone in to capture many of these trained women for our Church. Four years ago Miss Belle Bennett said she could give one hundred of such women as was being turned out from this college lucrative employment in Methodist institutions. The demand is greater now than it was then. It is to equip our girls and supply this great need of our Church that this Dormitory was established.

I am gratified to state that the Dormitory building is just completed and is now occupied to its full capacity. Dr. F. B. Carroll and his refined and

cultured wife are in charge. That last statement is sufficient guarantee of its successful operation. A better selection for that position could not have been made in the Church. It is already doing a great work, but the mission training features are not yet in full operation, and can not be until we get the financial work a little better in hand. This we hope to accomplish soon.

At the last session of the North Texas Annual Conference, on recommendation of the Conference Board of Education, Bishop Warren A. Candler appointed the undersigned Financial Agent of the Denton Dormitory and Training School. He assigned to me the duty and responsibility of liquidating its indebtedness and placing it on a sound financial basis. I gladly take up the work, for I regard it the greatest field of usefulness in the State. I find that the building has been accomplished by securing loans and selling bonds. We are now due the contractors, outside of the loans and bonds, approximately \$6000. We need to raise as soon as possible this \$6000, and then go forward and pay off the loans and retire the bonds. To this end we will call upon the whole of Texas Methodism, the 12,000 Home Mission members, the Women's Foreign Missionary Societies, the Texas Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues and the public generally. We could pay off this indebtedness in a day if we would but try. My policy shall be to try and pay it all off this year, and not allow the work to drag through several years wearily. Let us unite to this end and bend our energies to its accomplishment.

I would appreciate a postal or letter from all who read this statement, and who would like to aid in this work. I will then send to each further definite plans for work. Let me hear from you. Address me at Denton, Texas.

T. H. MORRIS,  
Financial Agent.

**CONCERNING ORPHANAGES.**

As there has been so much said and written about Orphanages lately, and what to do with the children, I thought, as I had lived nine years in one, it would not be amiss for me to say a few things.

When Mr. Vaughan was appointed to the work it was not by his suggestion, and I am sure that I, his wife, was not consulted. He is a Methodist, a believer in the itinerancy, and in obedience to the powers that be. I do not know what he thought about the limit to his work, but I am certain I thought when the money was raised his part would be done. This was a mistake. We found to make the work a success we had to invest ourselves. After all the ups and downs, the trials and tribulations, we find that we are the gainers by so doing. There has come to us a richer and broader knowledge of human nature and many, many other things that go far toward the education of head, heart and hand.

Sitting by my own fireside now and thinking over the past, I find that the pleasure outweighs the trouble. Very pleasant and sweet is the memory of the evenings after the work was done when all would gather on the long gallery of the Mulkey Building and the children would sing the Sunday-school songs. Frequently people driving by would stop to listen.

The babies and little ones would be grouped around the teachers and helpers. There was no timid, shrinking ones as is described in William Thom's "Mitherless Bairn" in the verse,

"When a'ither bairnies are hushed to their home  
By auntie, or cousin, or frecky grar-dame;  
Who stand last and lanely, an' nobody carin'?"

'Tis the poor doited loony, the mitherless bairn."

And when bed time came they were always put to bed, and not like the "Mitherless bairn," with none to cover "his cauld back or hap his bare head." Then every child that was old enough knew the Ten Commandments, the

Apostles' Creed, the twenty-third Psalm and the Lord's Prayer.

In the dining room it was the law that children, teachers and helpers should fare alike and, with one or two exceptions, I think that all employees have lived up to that rule to this day. I know in the nine years I was there I did not break it.

We made mistakes. We did not expect our plans to be perfect or to please everyone. On my porch this last summer I had a box of Wandering Jew which won the admiration of those that saw it, but one neighbor would always say before she had time to think, "How pretty," and then in the next breath, "You ought to reset it." Her remark always brought to my mind one particular day at the Orphanage. We had cleaned up everything, the children had had their bath, had on clean clothes and we were all feeling like we had fought a battle and had won it. A lady visitor made her appearance and asked to go over the building. Somehow or other she seemed to be disappointed—the children were not as ragged and dirty as she had expected and we hated to tell her she came a little too late. Miss Georgia Warlick was combing and brushing the little girls' heads. Our visitor then turned to me and said, "These children ought to have mothers to look after them." Now, Miss Georgia was doing her best with the comb and brush, and I could not for the life of me see why she said it unless she was determined not to be pleased.

With two exceptions, the mothers we have employed have not been good help. A Mrs. Miller whom we took in with her child, did good work for the Orphanage for three years, and the other exception is still at the Orphanage.

Much has been said and written only among the very poor that the tragedy of being the oldest girl comes in. There have come to us girls, hardly knowing how to read and write, whose hands were hard from the labor of caring for a tribe of younger brothers and sisters (for race suicide is unknown in that class). And it is to give these poor older sisters a chance that has brought upon Orphanages such unjust condemnation. How often have I heard it said, "These girls ought to be at work," when, poor girls, they know nothing else but work! We cry over the woes of a girl in Mexico who is reaching out after a higher education, and over girls in Brazil, and girls in China and Korea, but the girl at our own door meets with little sympathy (I believe in foreign missions.)

We have had many hard and cutting things said about our work and it seems to me now that my head was always aching from my efforts to answer suitably. One Jewess said to me she had despaired of getting good work out of the negro and wanted a girl as one of the family to do the work. And a man, the son-in-law of a "Mother in Israel," said that "as negro labor was so uncertain they wanted an orphan girl to do the work." This family consisted of the "Mother in Israel," three single daughters, the married daughter and husband and two children. Well, I spoke and in my speaking forgot about the "soft answer" and the other wholesome things the Bible tells us to do. The next day he came back and reported me to Mr. Vaughan, but it did not do any good.

Neither the Jewess nor the man mentioned wages. A long time ago Richard Brinsley Sheridan said to a large audience that he could tell almost to a man the leading thought of everyone present, and on being challenged, said, "Get all you can and pay as little as you can." He won.

We have tried as much as in us is to make the Orphanage a home. Our boys and girls can work and do work, and are not above it. But if any of them are capable and desire a higher education they are entitled to it. The placing of children into homes has been no easy matter. Some have been returned to us, not giving satisfaction in their work, the parties forgetting they only wanted the children for "company."

Sitting in the congregation of one of

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our Churches not long ago was a frail, delicate sixteen-year-old girl from the Orphanage, whom, by the help of some good man or woman we had placed in college. I do not know what the preacher's text was, but the theme was Orphanages, and the Waco one particularly. As he raved and ranted and abused, the girl sobbed and cried. The Orphanage was the only home she had known for seven years or more. Of course she wrote it back, and oh, the indignation it created!

Some two or three weeks ago while we were on the farm gathering peacans, one of the girls said to me, "What have they done to that preacher?" Now, I had forgotten about it and had to ask, "What preacher?"

"Why, the one that told all those stories on the Orphanage." She really thought he deserved punishment.

I believe in Orphanages. There everyone is on the same footing. No pampered children hushed to their sleep while others stand lonely, nobody caring. For girls from thirteen to eighteen years old a far safer place than many a seeming good home. This is no ghost story. Read the scandals in the courts of our State and country. The evidence is there.

MRS. W. H. VAUGHAN.

**THANKS.**

Live your life to be a help to everyone;  
Let good deeds and kindly words be yours always;  
Let contentment be yours only when duty is done;  
And Thanksgiving will be yours all the days.

GEO. K. HOLLAND.

**FOUND A WAY****To Be Clear of the Coffee Troubles**

"Husband and myself both had the coffee habit and finally his stomach and kidneys got in such a bad condition that he was compelled to give up a good position that he had held for years. He was too sick to work. His skin was yellow, and I hardly think there was an organ in his body that was not affected.

"I told him I felt sure his sickness was due to coffee and after some discussion he decided to give it up.

"It was a struggle, because of the powerful habit. One day we heard about Postum and concluded to try it and then it was easy to leave off coffee.

"His fearful headaches grew less frequent, his complexion began to clear, kidneys grew better until at last he was a new man altogether, as a result of leaving off coffee and taking up Postum. Then I began to drink it too.

"Although I was never as bad off as my husband, I was always very nervous and never at any time very strong, only weighing 95 lbs. before I began to use Postum. Now I weigh 115 lbs. and can do as much work as anyone my size I think.

"Many do not use Postum because they have not taken the trouble to make it right. I have successfully fooled a great many persons who have drunk it at my table. They would remark, 'You must buy a high grade of coffee.' One young man who clerked in grocery store was very enthusiastic about my 'coffee.' When I told him what it was, he said, 'why I've sold Postum for four years but I had no idea it was like this. Think I'll drink Postum hereafter.'"

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The Supreme Court of the State of Illinois has decided that Church parsonages are taxable the same as other property not devoted exclusively to religious purposes. This decision was in a suit brought by the tax commissioners of Cook County, Illinois, which embraces the city of Chicago, to compel certain Churches to pay taxes assessed against their parsonages. There are in the three districts of the Rock River Conference, which includes Cook County, sixty-one Methodist parsonages, valued at \$278,000. A few of these parsonages are outside the county, but they will be subject to taxation under the ruling, as will parsonages of all other Churches in all parts of the State.

Just why a parsonage should be taxed we are at a loss to understand. It is just as much Church property as a place of worship. In Texas the Attorney Generals, from time to time, have ruled they are taxable; but neither the city, the County nor State hardly ever levies a tax against such property, and it ought not to be done.

We have a letter from Rev. O. S. Thomas written from Mesquite and we are going to quote a part of it: "Saturday evening at our quarterly meeting Brother H. D. Humphreys said if I would send the Advocate to all the official members of that charge not taking the Advocate and they became dissatisfied with it and did not want to pay for it at the end of the time that he would pay for it himself. I at once proceeded to take the census of the board and found that just twelve of them were not taking the paper. Most of them, however, are new members and this may to some extent account for the large number of them not taking it. From this time on Mesquite's official Board will be reading the Advocate." Brother Thomas is the presiding elder and Brother Humphreys is one of the best Stewards in this section. They both know how much better those officials will discharge their duty when they read the Advocate, and hence this effort to put it in their hands. Brother Walter Douglass is the pastor and he will look after the situation. When our leading laymen read their paper their liberality will increase and so will their interest in the Church. Good for Brother Thomas and good for Brother Humphreys!

#### A FEW DAYS IN LIPSCOMB COUNTY.

Last week we took a trip to Lipscomb County. It is a long distance from Dallas and it took some time to reach our destination. It is just five hundred miles, for Lipscomb County is in the northwest corner of the State and borders on Oklahoma. As we wheeled along over the Fort Worth and Denver Road we could but think of the last trip we made over that line. Then we were on a special car with two hundred preachers on our way to conference at Amarillo. This time we were with strangers and did not recognize one of them. Daylight came upon us above Quanah and from there we sat and read till we reached Amarillo, which was about half past twelve o'clock. As we passed Clarendon we looked out and saw the college. The people were getting ready to break dirt for the new fifty thousand dollar building which is now to go forward until completed. When done, it will be an imposing structure. Rev. W. B. Wilson has almost wrought a miracle in raising fifty thousand dollars in cash and good subscriptions for the enterprise, right there in the town of Clarendon. No one dreamed that he could do it when he began, but he did, and the people are delighted that he has made it a success. The college had reached a point when it was absolutely necessary for it to take a forward step. The old buildings had about served their purpose, and new ones had to be erected. When they put Brother Wilson at the task they selected the right man. He never stopped until he talked, begged and persuaded those people into his schemes and plans. Rev. G. S. Slover is taking hold of the work as President of the institution in dead earnest, and the school is filled with pupils. With the new building and improved dormitory facilities, Clarendon College will meet a long-felt want in the Panhandle country.

At Amarillo we had a lay-over till six in the evening. We put in the time calling on Brother Fergusson, the pastor of our Church. He is still prospering with that enterprising congregation. The conference left a good spiritual glow upon the people, and we have no better Church in that conference. We also dropped in to see the families of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Manning, the good Tennessee family that entertained us during the conference, and also upon the family of Major A. C. Boyce, known to nearly all the members of the Northwest Texas Conference. It was very pleasant, indeed, to meet those good people again and hold communion with them.

A few weeks ago Potter County voted out the saloons. Amarillo is the only town in the county that had them. But she had enough to supply the rest of the county with all the booze and other devilment necessary to disturb the peace and order of the country for miles around. But the ants are dying hard. They always die hard, and sometimes they come to life again. Last Friday they went before Judge Browning for an injunction, but he promptly turned them down. So local option will go into effect the 16th of this month. In the meantime the thirsty gang are trying to drink the saloons dry. We have not seen so many motley folk in saloons gulping down liquor as we saw in Amarillo. They are making up for the time when booze will be no more.

The Santa Fe was an hour late coming into the city and it was half past six o'clock when we pulled out for Higgins, the leading town in Lipscomb County. We were scheduled to reach it at 12:30, but seventy-five miles out and just beyond Miami, we encountered a freight break-down and there we tarried for three hours. Then when the way was clear we proceeded until we got to Canadian and just beyond there about a mile we ran into a wreck of ten freight cars and there we tied up until ten the next morning. So when we reached Higgins, just one mile this side of Oklahoma, it was nearly twelve o'clock. Eighteen hours making one hundred and thirty miles! Was not that traveling? But Rev. George Harris, the pastor, was at the depot to

give us a welcome. Soon he had us started back home. At Canadian Rev. installed in the delightful home of Mr. J. G. Miller, the presiding elder of the Clarendon District, boarded the car and we had brotherly communion as far as Miami. He is an amiable Christian gentleman, endowed with good common sense and possessed of practical ideas and plans. He has one of the largest districts in Southern Methodism, and he manages to keep his hand upon all parts of it. All his preachers are starting off well and nearly all of them have had a raise in their salaries. That country is beginning to give the ministry a good support. For a long time they had to have missionary appropriations to help them through the year. But with the most of that section that need has passed. The people are moving in, church houses are being built and the membership is growing. Instead of a drawing on the board for missionary money, nearly all those charges are a source of income to the board. That is destined to be a great section of Texas. Brother Miller is most hopeful of the conditions and he is keeping an eye upon all the openings. In fact he is a wise man in that field.

At the depot in Amarillo we had an hour's chat with Rev. G. S. Hardy of the Plainview District. His is the youngest district in the conference. Much of it is yet missionary ground, but a great deal of it is developing rapidly. He is on the constant watch to get in an organization wherever it is possible. He has a heroic band of preachers and they are busy looking after our interests in that promising field. Towns are springing up and church houses are being built. Brother Hardy has been in that country a great many years, and he understands the situation thoroughly. He is the right man in the right place, and by the time his quadrennium is past his field will be well cultivated.

We reached home on Tuesday morning, having traveled one thousand miles. And it was a most enjoyable trip, for when we left Amarillo it was a new country. We were glad of an opportunity to visit it and meet its people. We put in some good work for the Advocate, and the people treated us royally.

Since writing an account of our visit to Lipscomb County we have received a telegram telling us that the county went dry by about forty majority. This is simply splendid! The vote in the entire county is not much over two hundred and Higgins had a number of ants who were anxious to carry the election. So that forty is a good majority. Now there is but one county in all the Panhandle from Wichita Falls to Texline where there is a saloon and that is the last county in the State—Dallas; and our next point of attack will be that stronghold. With Potter and Lipscomb counties dry, there is now not a saloon along that line of the Santa Fe road from Kansas City, Mo., to Roswell, New Mexico. On with the battle!

We clip the following item as a matter of curiosity from the Daily News of last Saturday. It appeared as a dispatch from Chicago, Ill. We are sure that our good Baptist brethren of Texas would not stand for such a practice as this, provided it is true, as reported. If a man needs a suit of clothes and is not able to purchase them, then it is an act of charity to buy them for him. But to give them as an inducement to get men to join the Church is scarcely in keeping with New Testament customs.

A Record-Herald dispatch from Garrett, Ind., says: Adams Stewart's clothing store was stormed yesterday by 200 men who claimed suits of clothes as recompense for accepting the Baptist faith. Mr. Stewart is a loyal Baptist and recently announced that he would present a suit to each man who came into the Church. Rev. Dan Shannon, Baptist revivalist, has been holding meetings here during the last three weeks, and quite lately has increased the number of his converts at a surprising rate. Apparently every citizen in the place who needed a suit of clothes was coming to the front on the evangelist's call. Shannon and Stewart will decide who of the converts are actually converted. These will be given new wardrobes.

#### MEN WILL BE NEEDED AT AUSTIN.

The liquor people are putting forth special effort to get their side to pay up poll taxes, and they are quietly working to get just as many men as possible favorable to their cause in the Legislature at the primaries next summer. Local option people need to be on the alert in order to hold their forces steady this year. We are entitled to a large majority in the next Legislature, and we will need them. Beyond the local option view of the situation the Advocate will take no part in the coming primaries. Our people need to see to it that their poll taxes are paid before the first of February. They can not vote unless this is the case. There will be more than half of members of the Senate to be elected. Some of the holdovers have moved out of their territory and have resigned. Now, it is the purpose of these liquor folks to capture a majority of those to be elected to the upper House. If they succeed in this, they will be able to block any effort made in the interest of local option legislation.

Cooke and Grayson Counties make up one senatorial district, and there is a vacancy there. One man who is an avowed anti and another one who is not an open local optionist are already announced. It may be that Judge Robert E. Cofer can be induced by the local option people of the two counties to stand for that vacancy. If so, no better man can be found in the State of Texas to represent our cause. Let the local option people of Cooke and Grayson keep an eye on the situation. We will need a man of no uncertain standing on this question from that district. Judge Cofer can be depended upon on all parts of the ground. He is a first-class Christian gentleman, a fine lawyer and true to our cause. Let local optionists keep none but this sort on guard.

#### AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

The Local Option Association of Texas, together with a large number of representative workers in the cause, will meet in this city the 16th to discuss the advisability of a State campaign. It ought to be largely attended and its object ought to be wisely discussed. If this is the time to spring this issue, wild enthusiasts ought not to be permitted to spring it. It ought to originate in some responsible source. If this is not the time, then these who bear the brunt and the burden of the issue ought to say and not leave it to others whose judgment is not wise. So every good local optionist who is able ought to make it a point to attend this meeting.

#### GOLDEN WEDDING.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Edwards, of this city, celebrated their golden wedding on the evening of the 6th inst. at the home of their son and daughter in Oak Cliff. It was largely attended and a most joyous occasion. There were a great many of their friends present to congratulate them, and many who could not attend from a distance wrote them words of good cheer. They were otherwise remembered once substantially. For fifty years these two good people have come down the stream of life together, participating in each other's pleasure and responsibilities, and their course has been blessed of God. May they continue with us many years to come in the prayers of the Advocate family.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Rev. W. A. Pounds is already installed in his parsonage at Burke, and he has been pounded in due and ancient form. He is delighted with his reception and feels encouraged to put forth the best effort of his life to save souls and build up the kingdom of Christ in those regions. May he have abundant success.

Rev. Bruce Meador, one of the best workers among the members of his conference, has already reached Haskell and settled himself for another year of devoted service. He has had



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several services and all of them have been marked by conversions. That is his way of doing. He has added to the Church, in the past few weeks, fifty-odd members. He proposes, if the money stringency subsides, to project and build a new church not to cost less than \$25,000. The stewards have placed his salary four hundred dollars in advance of last year. He is in the midst of a great country with large possibilities.

We are in receipt of a copy of the printed minutes of the Northwest Texas Conference. It is a neat pamphlet gotten up in good style and it is very complete in its details. The Secretaries of the conference have evinced enterprise in the expeditious manner in which they have gotten out the minutes, and we thank them for our copy.

One of the members of the Church at Buckholts writes a kind word for Rev. J. W. Hennessee, the pastor at that point. They are expecting to have a revival at an early date. The Advocate is read with interest by the people of that charge. We are sorry that Milam County voted saloons back on the town. But maybe we will move them out again at the next election.

Rev. C. C. Williams is beginning his third year at Lake Creek, and a great pounding has taken place at the parsonage. He has already had two good years with this people, and the third promises to be an improvement, even on the preceding ones. A good preacher makes a good people, and a good people often make a good preacher, too.

Rev. A. H. Hussey moved from Hale Center to Emma; and while he loved the people of his former charge very much, yet he loves those in his present work equally as well. They have received him kindly and made him feel very much at home. He is out on the plains, but it is a great country, and in the near future it will be a thickly populated section. All it needs is people to settle up its fine lands.

Rev. J. P. Rodgers, having transferred to the West Texas Conference, is stationed at Lometa. He had not been there long until he had Brother Ballard, of Sherman, to go over and look after an obstreperous brother of another faith who was making a little trouble for us at that point. The brother was attended to in proper form and all is now peace and quietude in the flock. Brothers Rodgers took a long move, but he likes his new charge and is hard at work.

Rev. R. D. Steward recently came from Missouri, and this year he is placed at Avoca, a nice little town far out on the Texas Central. We spent a night once upon a time in that cozy little parsonage among the mesquites, and we know it is a delightful home. He has a good charge and they have made good provisions for his support. He has gained his voice and is now all right for a year of good work.

Rev. L. H. McGee, after three years at Center, was sent this year to Mineola. He found things in readiness for him. The brethren met him at the train, conducted him to the parsonage and the good ladies did the rest. The stewards have placed his salary at \$1000. His Church is well organized. It has some of the best people in East Texas. McGee is one of the truest men ever sent to any Church. We saw him tried once upon a time when this writer was just about facing a mob of toughs, and he faced the situation without flinching. We are always ready to underwrite for McGee.

Rev. Jesse N. Baldrige has been given a royal welcome at Duffau. He is young, vigorous and strong, and his field is an inviting one for service. His predecessors wrought well, and

he is wisely beginning just where they left off. He has a host of good people and they will give him splendid co-operation.

Rev. Mac M. Smith, after a few weeks in the Sanitarium in this city, undergoing a severe operation, has returned home in a most hopeful condition. He is one of the most faithful field hands in his conference, and his appreciation of the kindness shown him while here and afflicted is touching. Well, we are only sorry that we could not be more attentive to him; but we rejoice that he has about recovered and hard at work on his charge at May.

Rev. R. L. Jameson, of Matador, goes back for the second year. His stewards were so well pleased that they raised his salary one hundred dollars. He has one of the best Home Mission Societies in the Panhandle. They have already raised one hundred dollars and promise continued helpfulness to their pastor. The year is already very promising.

Rev. R. F. Dunn seems to think that he has fallen into one of the best places in the conference at McGregor, and he is not far wrong. We have been among those people and they are among the best. He and his family have been the recipients of many good things since their arrival, and a good year is promised.

Rev. S. T. Cherry, of Dunn, has met a warm welcome and time fails him to tell of the extras left at his parsonage by those good people. After all, the Methodist preacher finds many remunerations for the hardships of a long and expensive move. He leaves good people, but he finds the same sort when he reaches his new field.

Rev. J. E. Ellis had a long and muddy move to reach Giltown, but his welcome upon arrival made him forget the inconveniences of his change. His parsonage was ready for him, and many good things were in evidence. He has a large field, but he is the man to cultivate it, and he has already started in on the first round.

Rev. P. B. Summers had a long move from Mason to Flatonia. He found the Church in good condition and ready to receive him and his family. He has a good Sunday-school, a fine Epworth League, and a working Mission Society. He is already encouraged in his work, and the year promises good results.

Rev. James I. Weatherby had a move by private conveyance of one hundred miles—Alto to Canton, his present charge—and he found everything in readiness for his arrival. He is well pleased with his location in the Free State of Van Zandt, and he is most encouraged in what the year promises him in the way of results.

Rev. B. C. Anderson begins his third year favorably at Minden. Last year he prospered in things spiritually and materially, and he begins the third with high hopes. His people received him gladly, and his pastorate is a good fit all round.

Rev. W. A. Manly has reached his new field at Meridian, and his enumeration of the articles left at the parsonage makes the less fortunate envy his reception. But Jim Robertson and other good people live there, and the like of it was expected. That the year will be a great one, all the tokens indicate.

Rev. J. M. Mills has begun his third year at Redwater and his people seem rejoiced to have him returned. He is bending his energy to make this one of the best years in his ministry, and he is doing good work for the Advocate.

Something new under the sun was the pounding the other night of a presiding elder in the case of Rev. C. M.

Harless and family of the Sherman District. It is customary to pound pastors, but rarely ever does the "beloved" come in for such favors. But why not? They are among our hardest worked brethren and they are entitled to some tokens of appreciation. Let them be remembered also. But if an editor were to receive such an expression it would be among the great wonders of Methodism!

Rev. M. W. Clark moved from Crowley to Tolbert at the close of the conference at Amarillo, and found himself at a comparatively new charge. He found two new church buildings and he is planning for a third. He has an excellent new parsonage and it is well furnished. He did two very fine years of work at Crowley and left it a comfortable station. And he will put things in order this year, for these Clarks are all noted for hard and successful work.

We are often told that a station pastor has no time to devote to the Advocate. There is no busier pastor, we are sure, than Rev. E. D. Mouzon, of Travis Park, San Antonio, yet he has found time to look after renewals and promises a good list of new subscribers. In fact, the very busy pastor appreciates the help to his work of the Church paper in the homes of his people.

#### PERSONALS.

Brother J. R. Bourland, of Lewisville, dropped in to see us the past week. He is a devoted layman of his charge, and he loves the Advocate.

We appreciate a good letter from our old and tried friend, Rev. R. C. Armstrong, D. D., of Fort Worth. He is one of the true and tried men of his conference, and he is always ready for every good word and work.

Rev. G. A. LeClere writes us that his health is now restored, and that he is in fine spirits. He had quite a seige with affliction, and his brethren of the Texas Conference will be glad to know of his improved condition.

We have a telegram from Rev. C. B. Cross, of Colorado Springs, announcing the death of his wife. The sad event transpired on the third of this month, and all his brethren and friends in Texas will deeply sympathize with Brother Cross.

Rev. Glenn Fliinn, now connected with the Bible Society work, with headquarters in this city, made us a pleasant visit the other day. He is now working from Dallas as his center, and all correspondence addressed to him at this point will reach him.

Mrs. M. D. Sanders, Seguin, Texas, renews her subscription to the Advocate. She is 87 years of age and has been taking the paper since 1854. She has a sister in Virginia who is 97 years of age. Mrs. Sanders is an old-fashioned Methodist.

We are sorry to announce the death of that excellent woman, Sister Crutchfield, the wife of Rev. Sebe Crutchfield, known to all our Texas preachers and thousands of our people. She served her generation well, and has left a rich heritage to the Church she so much loved.

We had a pleasant visit recently from Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Dickson, of Pleasant Mound. Pleasant mound is now a half station, and pays toward the support of the pastor \$350. This is a pleasant charge, and it has a good pastor and a pastor's good wife to serve it.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Benz, Sr., of Nashville, Tenn., have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Anna Dorothea, to Rev. J. E. Crawford, our pastor at Bardwell, Texas. The event will come off the 10th instant, and we extend the young couple our sincere congratulations.

Brother and Sister W. H. Asherton, now of Duke, Okla., but for a long time residents of Rockwall, were in the city recently, and naturally gravitated to this office. They are devoted readers of the Advocate, and feel an interest in everybody connected with it. We were all glad to see them and shake hands with them.

Rev. W. F. Mayne, a most useful local preacher, and father of Rev. J. W. Mayne, our pastor at Houston

Heights, died at Lindale last Friday. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his departure, but their hope is bright and buoyant. He lived a good and noble life, and has passed to his sure reward.

#### JOINT BOARDS OF MISSIONS.

To the Executive Committees of the Conference Boards of Missions for Texas:

At our recent session in the city of Houston, our Conference Board of Missions requested their Executive Committee to invite the Executive Committees of the other Boards in Texas to unite with our Executive Committee in a joint meeting at Galveston, early in January, 1908. The object of the joint meeting is a free conference on the problem of the incoming foreigners so rapidly flowing into our State, especially with a view to doing something in a special way for the foreigners coming through the port of Galveston. This work really needs an institution at the port of Galveston.

This joint meeting is to be held in the First Methodist Church, Galveston, Tuesday, January 14, 1908, at 9 a. m. It is hoped that every member of every Executive Committee in Texas will attend. JOS. B. SEARS, Secretary Texas Conference Board of Missions.

#### WHAT IS THE OUTLOOK FOR RELIGIOUS JOURNALISM?

Perhaps you have heard people say that religious papers are not what they used to be, and that religious journalism is a very different "proposition" today from what it was twenty years ago. When people talk that way, they mean either that religious journalism is decadent, or that there is no longer a great field for it, or both. Are they right?

Let us try to base an opinion upon something better than hearsay, and look at certain facts.

Twenty years ago there were 581 religious periodicals in the United States. Five years ago there were 836; three years ago there were 818; last year there were 809; this year there are 804. These figures include quarterlies, monthlies and weeklies. Twenty years ago four of the 581 religious papers had a circulation of 100,000 or over. Today, thirty-six of the 804 have an average circulation of 100,000 or over. Of this thirty-six, it is possible to trace, from published reports in N. W. Ayer & Son's American Newspaper Annual, the varying circulations of twenty-six during the last few years. Nine of the twenty-six have a smaller circulation today than they had at one time or another during the last six years; seventeen show their largest circulation today.

In other words, the total number of religious papers today is almost half as large again as it was twenty years ago. The 100,000 class today is nine times as large as it was twenty years ago. Less than one per cent of the religious papers of twenty years ago circulated 100,000 copies; four and one-half per cent of the much larger number today have that circulation. And the largest circulation today is seven times as large as the largest of twenty years ago. These facts do not look as though the field of the religious paper had disappeared yet. But the total number of religious papers has been slightly decreasing in the last five years.

We can set it down that religious papers are not in the business of entertaining, though many legitimate secular papers are. The religious paper can make little appeal to the lighter or the purely secular side of people's interests and sensibilities; in any such attempt it is wholly outclassed by the journalism that finds a chief field there. But it has a clear title to the field of the deepest interests of men and women. And this field will go on of existence when the art of reading and the kingdom of God are done away with. Not before.

Are religious papers measuring up to their field? For if they are not, it will be taken away from them, and the great needs of that field will be met by other agencies. The figures of de-

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crease in the total number of religious papers in recent years would seem to show that some papers did not measure up. The decrease in circulation of certain papers that have survived the sharp struggle would seem to show that they have not done all they might do to meet the demands of the religious life of the age. The past few years have been a time of weeding out and a time of discipline; costly, but richly profitable in the end, as such experiences always are.

But there are religious papers that have increased in circulation—which means in the scope of their appeal—during this very period when some were having the opposite experience. What is the reason? Simply this: They have been getting closer to the everyday needs of the religious life of everyday men and women. They have dropped preconceived editorial notions of what people ought to have, and they have sought to discover what people really needed, and how to give it to them in usable shape.—Sunday School Times.

#### PERSONAL.

To My Many Friends Who Are Readers of the Advocate:

I hope the Advocate will let me say a word to my many friends who are scattered over this Empire State. I want them to know that my health is so poor and my duties so manifold I do not find time to write to them as I would be glad to do. Still I remember them and their many tokens of kindness while I was their pastor's wife in the days gone by. I wonder if they still pray for me! If not, may I plead with them to do so? I would especially ask their prayers that the incoming year may be the best every way that we have ever known. We will soon be on the retired list. We are growing old. On New Year's Day three score years and one will be the days of the years of my husband's pilgrimage and oh, I do so long that this, our third year at Leesville, may be a record breaker for the lengthening of souls. I was intending to have a birthday reading on New Year's night in commemoration of Mr. Burke's birthday and for the purpose of raising funds to help finish this unfinished parsonage, but my health is so poor Mr. Burke was not willing I should undertake it, and so I leave it alone, saying:

"Not what I did oh, Lord!  
But what I would have done!"

Your bugle blast for temperance is refreshing. May the day speedily come when temperance shall be universal. MRS. J. D. BURKE.

Leesville, Texas, Dec. 30, 1907.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE.

All the brethren who subscribed to the fund for Rev. J. O. Phenix at the last session of the District Conference of the Sulphur Springs District, held at Cumby last June, are hereby earnestly requested to send the amount of their subscription to Bro. Phenix, at Terrell, Texas. He has a list of the subscribers, with the amount each subscribed, and will receipt for same. Brethren, do not neglect this but act at once. Bro. Phenix is in school at Terrell preparing himself for the ministry, and needs all of the help that he can get, and the amount of this subscription will help him greatly. Address Rev. J. O. Phenix, Terrell, Texas.

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### NOTES.

A Happy New Year to all our readers.

We begin this week the publication of a sketch of our trip into Mexico last summer following the close of the Encampment. This was one of the most enjoyable outings we ever participated in and the best wish we could make for our League friends is that each one might make this trip for himself. The illustrations as given were made from kodak views taken by us especially for this article.

We hope no one will fail to read the poem, "A Little Girl in Mexico," published in this issue. This is original, from the pen of our State Superintendent of Junior Leagues and shows what a resourceful woman she is when occasion demands it.

We are glad to start the new year with communications from several of our League workers. Nothing so inspires the heart of a League Editor as these evidences of interest on the part of those in the field. We should be glad if each of our League Chapters would appoint a correspondent for this department. G. W. T.

### FROM BROADWAY LEAGUE, GAINESVILLE.

Just a word, lest you forget that we are here. On November 5 we organized at Broadway League, our Mission Study Class, with twenty-one members. I hear you say, too large—but it has not proven so as yet; in fact, we have a very fine class. I can prove it to you best, perhaps, by telling you that the most interesting meeting we have had was during our City Street Fair, with its many attractions (?).

Broadway League is doing fine work this year. We are educating a young Mexican girl at Saltillo, and this work has been a great blessing to us. Doing things is the only way to get interested. We hope to accomplish more in the future than we have in the past and are striving to press toward the mark of the high calling as it is in Christ Jesus. We hope to be at Epworth-by-the-Sea in 1908 with a goodly number of our young people.

We are, of course, looking for better things at Epworth, although our stay there last year was a source of inspiration, and every day its influence is felt in our lives. God bless and keep you in your work. Yours in His name.

MRS. MINNIE F. ARMSTRONG.

### A THOUSAND MILES THROUGH MEXICO.

At the close of the 1907 Encampment of the Epworth League, held at Epworth-by-the-Sea, a party was formed for a trip into Mexico. The League Editor was one of this number, and it is the purpose of this article to deal somewhat with the experiences of this trip. The personnel of the party is given in full, as follows: Rev. George S. Sexton and wife, Houston; Dr. C. C. Cody and wife, Georgetown; Mrs. J. R. Patterson, Tyler; Rev. L. S. Barton, Dallas; Gus W. Thomasson and wife, Van Alstyne. Accompanying us, on their return to the Republic, were: Rev. F. S. Onderdonk and little daughter, Mary Elizabeth; Miss Norwood Wynn and



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her Mexican teacher, Miss Rebecca Tehara, all of Guadalajara. Mrs. C. S. Mills and Miss Seaton, of Corpus Christi, became members of the party en route, starting the day following and joining us at San Luis Potosi.

We started out by getting left! The train was due to leave the Mexican Central Station at Corpus Christi at half-past seven o'clock on Monday morning, August 12. To those of us who had to pack bag and arrange baggage after the close of the Encampment on Sunday night, and traverse the length of the city the next morning, this seemed an uncommonly early hour. But, with the aid of automobiles, the first contingent of the party reached the station shortly after seven o'clock, and proceeded at once to the ticket office. Everybody was busy getting tickets signed up, when the shrill whistle of a locomotive was heard, and then the clanging of a bell. It dawned upon us too late that the train was leaving and none were aboard. A frantic effort was made to stop the train, but without avail. Either the train crew did not see or hear the signals, or did not want to stop. On they went. Just as the train had gotten out of sight the second contingent of the party reached the station, and in this was Brother Onderdonk. He had been busy getting his and Miss Wynn's numerous packages of baggage ready, and had not been able to reach the station earlier. Of course, everybody was amazed. Only one train a day makes this run, and it began to look as if the party would have to wait over a full day in Corpus Christi. And that, too, after working the most of the night and getting out early the next morning in order to be off on time. Just at this critical moment the General Passenger Agent of the Mexican Central Railroad Company, Mr. E. Muenzenberger, emerged from the ticket office and took in the situation. He stepped across the platform to a crew of another train which was making ready for its run later on in the day and held a brief consultation. He returned to the office and sent a dispatch. In a few minutes he said to us: "We will take a special of one coach and an engine and overtake the regular train." The outlook began to look promising. A special train and record-breaking speed loomed up in the prospect. Swish, swish, sounded the engine, and then, coupling onto the coach, the special was in readiness for us: "All aboard," was called, and

the party filed hurriedly in. Then, one of the other tables! The fare off sped the train. It seemed to fairly fly. We did not know when we should overtake the other train. We just know we were after it. The novelty of the situation was decidedly charming. It took just forty-five minutes for us to catch it, and this was at Robstown, with the passengers of the regular train craning the necks to see what all the commotion was about. The League party, as it filed off one and onto the other of the trains, must have presented an interesting spectacle, for in the mass of baggage were band boxes and everything else except bird cages. As if to atone for leaving us in the first instance, the officials ushered us into one of the manager's private cars, and here we remained during the entire day's travel.

The first day out is anything but pleasant. There was dust and lots of it. But we had been told of this, and expected it. In the afternoon we reached Laredo. Here we had a distant view of our Church property, the school and else. At Laredo we changed our money into Mexican currency and coin, and had our baggage inspected by the Mexican officials. The stop here for this purpose occupied something over an hour. But the sight of it all was interesting. A bride and groom were aboard our train, as it developed, and the way the officials handled their baggage proved very interesting to the ladies of our party.

Here we took the through sleeper, paying the sum of \$7.15 in Mexican coin as fare to San Luis Potosi. We asked what the 15 cents was for, and were told that it was for the conductor! At Lampasas we got our first meal on Mexican soil. This is the railway meal station, and the price we paid was one dollar each, "Mex." Everything is counted in "Mex." But we thoroughly enjoyed it, and the night came on with its cooling breezes, so that we forgot all about the heat and dust of the day, and lay down to dreams of the morrow.

The first thing which met our view the next morning was the range of mountains which stretches itself through the length of the Republic. Some of them showed traces of snow, and all were beautiful in scenic effect. There are many villages along the way, and at each station are to be seen numerous urchins of all sizes with outstretched hands for the pennies which are showered into them in



MR. E. MUENZENBERGER,  
T. P. A., Mexican Central Railroad.

greater or less degree by the tourists. The little fellows will scramble in rough-and-tumble fashion for a penny tossed in their midst, and members of our party did a good deal of coin tossing as we went along. A few minutes after passing the station at Catmore we came to the monument which marks the line between the Temperate and Torrid Zones. It is rather imposing for its kind, and resembles a small stone house in its construction. We experienced more heat and dust during the day, but as we approached San Luis Potosi these disagreeable features began to disappear, and we were told that the rest of the trip would be unmarred by them. And this we found to be true. We reached San Luis Potosi at 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon and took dinner at the railroad station. We had hardly seated ourselves when we noticed the negro porters from the train come into the dining-hall and take their places at

San Luis Potosi has a population of more than sixty thousand, of whom only about 600 are Americans. English is but little spoken. The proprietor of the hotel where we stopped could speak our language just inaccurately enough to seem comical to us. We had quite a time getting our rooms assigned as we wanted them. But we finally succeeded. We had been advised to drink no water except that which had been boiled. We tried to order hot water for drinking purposes, and the results were comical, ridiculous and pathetic, all combined. We ordered towels, and the bell boy



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would count the number in the room and bring a towel to each one. We would enter the dining-room, and the only English-speaking waiter in the employ of the hotel would ask us in great deference of manner and much broken English what style of cooking we wanted, American, French or Mexican. We tried each during our stay. It was all experience, and that was what we were out for, so we saw only the humorous side of our difficulties. Dr. Cody became indisposed here, and, upon the advice of a physician, remained over a day after we had taken our departure for Mexico City. While we were in San Luis Potosi we met our Methodist pastor, Brother E. T. Campbell, and his good wife, and they took us in charge soon after our arrival and added much to our enjoyment in showing us the sights of the city. Of course, we visited our Church and school property here, and were delighted to find such substantial buildings and such evidences of progress as our Church is making here. Our properties at this place are worth \$60,000.

We left San Luis Potosi at 2:35 o'clock on the afternoon of the 14th, after having spent twenty-four very delightful hours in the city, being joined on this train by Mrs. Mills and Miss Seaton. An afternoon and a night's ride brought us to the point of our destination—Mexico City—the hour of our arrival being half-past six in the morning. The air was bracingly cool, and as our train wended its way slowly into the city we could see evidences of the quaint character of the inhabitants, for which it is so famous.

### TO EPWORTH LEAGUES OF NORTH TEXAS.

We presume it is negligence that caused so few Leagues to send in a list of officers, and we plead with you, as one interested in your soul's welfare and in the interest of our co-workers in the North Texas Conference, who are so anxious to bring up good reports at our next Annual Conference, that the first New Year's resolution you fulfill is to send me a list of your local Chapter officers, the number of members, and, if possible, your five cent per capita North Texas Conference League dues.

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Are you surprised at not hearing personally from the North Texas officers?

We had a glorious conference at Paris. Let's make the one at Denison far more enthusiastic and helpful. The life of the Epworth League in North Texas depends on our conference. Will you do your part toward making it a success?

We ask ever pastor and Epworth Leaguer who reads this notice to bring it before their local Chapter at its next meeting (devotional or business). Don't wait for some one else to do it, but do it yourself.

Upon your promptness depends the efficiency of our officers' work. Will you longer drive them to despair? Yours, all for Christ,

O. L. HAMILTON,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

Lewisville, Texas.

### FROM ATLANTA JUNIOR LEAGUE.

The Junior League of Atlanta, Texas, was organized in October, 1906. From the date of organization to October, 1907, we raised \$126.88, \$100 of which was sent for foreign missions. In the last month we have raised \$50 on the new year.

Our devotional meetings are well attended, in which we have a general discussion of the lesson, and also an interesting program.

The fourth Sunday is always devoted to the study of missions, and the first Friday to the business meetings of the officers, to which each one brings a written report of the work done in his or her department during the months. In the spring we had an open missionary program in the church, and were encouraged by a large crowd.

Our superintendent gave each one of the Leaguers a nice book for a Christmas present. The League and Sunday-school joined heart and hand and had a beautiful Christmas tree in the church.

We average two socials a quarter, and are doing fine work in every department, except the Third Vice-President, and as our time is employed in our school duties, we are not trying that.

Our officers for the following year are: President, Harlan Powell; First Vice-President, Enola Hope; Second Vice-President, Gladys Johnson; Fourth Vice-President, Louis McClung; Secretary, Fannie Jeter; Treasurer, Henry King; Press Superintendent, Onie Pepper; Superintendent, Mrs. I. C. Jones.

ONIE PEPPER,  
Press Superintendent.

### TERRELL LEAGUE SOCIAL.

One of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season was given by the Epworth League at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Jeffries on Friday evening, December 6, in honor of the Northwest Texas University students.

To say that such a magnificent home as this is open to the young people is always a guarantee of a good time. Upon this particular occasion it was brilliantly lighted inside and out, and



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the already beautiful parlors and libraries were made more attractive by ferns and other greens.

In the spacious dining-rooms, from a bower of green, delicious punch and wafers were served.

Special amusement was provided, which all enjoyed heartily.

When the hour for departure came the good-byes were reluctantly said, and, with an old-fashioned Methodist handshake, the young people paid their debt of gratitude.

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Note by Mrs. Cannon, Third Vice-President.

Nothing can eclipse the hospitality always extended in this home. If space would permit, we'd tell you how the young people enjoyed this occasion, and of all the nice things to eat what they found there. But we'll leave it to you to guess. Those who know the League will have no difficulty in doing so.

We want the Leaguers of the North Texas Conference to know that this department is wide awake, and that the young people of the Church can have a good time.

SADIE CANNON,

Third Vice-President North Texas Conference Epworth League.  
Terrell, Texas.

### FOR THE JUNIORS.

Since material on Mexico is so hard to find, perhaps some perplexed superintendent will accept the following bit, of which necessity is the mother:

#### A Little Girl of Mexico.

I wonder if you'd like to know  
About the girls of Mexico;  
How they dress and how they live,  
How much pleasure life can give  
To a girl in Mexico.

If a poor girl's home we seek,  
'Tis, perhaps, beside a creek,  
Little, but a hut of sticks  
Or 'dobe used instead of bricks;  
This small house in Mexico.

Our maiden wears a coarse white gown,  
Of cotton, plain and reaching down  
To her slender ankles quite;  
This her garment, day and night—  
This poor girl of Mexico.

A dark rebozo on her head,  
Perhaps on Saint's Days, ribbons red  
To tie back her coarse, black hair;  
If to market she should bear  
Their handiwork of Mexico.

Woven baskets, jars of clay,  
Linen drawn work, or it may  
Be only flowers in their stead,  
Balanced safely on her head—  
That's their cart in Mexico.

Scanty pleasure comes her way,  
She hardly knows what we call play;  
She soaks the corn and pounds it small,  
To make tortillas, that is all  
She has for bread in Mexico.

Her only learning, possibly,  
The names of saints, and which may be  
The one to ask for love or wealth,  
Or which will send returning health,  
O, superstitious Mexico!

Little girl, if you could go  
To our schools and let them show  
You how to play, to learn, to read,  
'Twould broaden out your life indeed,  
This narrow life of Mexico.  
MRS. W. F. ROBERTSON,  
State Junior Superintendent.  
Gonzales, Texas.

FROM GONZALES JUNIOR LEAGUE

Program Public Missionary Service,  
December 15.

Subject: Our Neighbor, Mexico.  
Hymn, "O, Zion Haste;" Prayer by superintendent; Bible lesson, "Our Neighbor," Luke 10:25-37, the President; Roll call; responses, Facts about Mexico; "Does Mexico Need the Gospel?" service by four boys; "I Don't Believe in Missions;" Hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War;"

"What Can We Do?;" "Two Heroes of Protestantism—Alejo Hernandez and Sostones Juarez;" Spanish hymn, "Santo! Santo! Santo!" Senior League Quartette; "What Boys can Do," four boys; "A Little Girl of Mexico;" Hymn, "I think when I Read That Sweet Story;" "Our Neighbor;" "Our Library," superintendent; "The Cruise," head of Missionary Department; Offering for our library, congregation; Song, "That Will be Glory," with Spanish chorus; Awarding certificates; "Two Surprises;" Closing hymn, "Now, the Day is Over;" Junior benediction.

The program given was the close of several meetings given to the study of Mexico. Material had been gathered from various places, and some excellent pictures added much to the regular meetings, though they were not large enough to be of service at the public review. The subjects covered by this program included Early History and Religion, Conquest by Spain, Conversion of Natives to Catholicism, the Catholic Church in Mexico, Beginnings of Protestantism, Child Life in Mexico, Our Schools and Missions.

As indicated on the program this was also the close of the year's study course work and nine members received the certificates for completing that and the Reading Course.

Of the two surprises mentioned, one was an unexpected quiz on the Methodist drills, which was answered in an eager and accurate manner that delighted the audience.

The other surprise was the gift of enameled League badges to two of the members who had not been absent during the year—the Fourth Vice-President, Minnie Ella Cook, and the Secretary, Irene Wolf.

MRS. W. F. ROBERTSON.

### MY SAY ON ROMANS 6:4.—No. 2.

I am surprised at any Methodist ever for a moment supposing that this baptism is water baptism and that it does not put us into Christ. Let us take three facts:

1. From the third chapter of Malachi, Matt. 3:11 and Acts 1:5 we learn that spiritual baptism was to be the baptism of the New Testament, from which all real benefits were to be obtained.

2. Paul tells us (1 Cor. 12:13) that we are all baptized into one body by the Spirit; and

3. Here in Romans 6:4 he tells us that they were baptized into Christ. Another fact seems to have escaped the notice of the writers after whom I have read. That is that we are put into Christ, dead, buried and raised with him by circumcision. And if this be true there is no chance to escape the fact that it is a spiritual work. As the preacher said, "It is ungetarroundable."

In the Old Testament, circumcision expressed the condition of the converted or regenerated heart and in the New Testament Paul tells us that the body of the sins of the flesh "is put off by the circumcision made without hands," and this is the same as leaving the old man crucified, and this again is the same as being baptized into his death. This forever excludes the idea of immersion being necessary to a burial.

A. C. BENSON.

### A WASP NEST.

Christmas day, 1907, was clear and pleasant for the season. In the afternoon I took a stroll in the orchard, for exercise and meditation. Seeing a wasp nest of unusual size hanging on a twig about as large as an ordinary pencil, I brought the twig and nest to the house to show them to the family. The nest was twenty-two inches in circumference and contained six hundred and nineteen cells, not for

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storing honey, after the manner of bees, but for the rearing of young wasps. These cells are hexagonal and made of pulp gathered from old rails, boards, or decaying timber, worked up by the mandibles of the wasps and wet with their saliva. Wasps were paper makers long before man went into the business. They took out no patent right.

The hexagonal form of cells made by bees and wasps displays perfect wisdom. The greatest mathematicians have shown that this form combines the economy of material, of space and of strength. Call it instinct in the insects, or wisdom in their Creator, the form can not be improved by all the Solomons of all the ages!

Apples are supported on the trees by very tough stems. Wasp nests are supported by artificial stems. These stems are the first part of the structure made—small at first, but enlarged to meet additional demands. In the nest now before me, the stem is an inch in diameter and capable of supporting a weight of many pounds, in stormy weather!

The cells all open on the lower side of the nest. The upper side is smooth but somewhat concave. It would hold water if the nest were held level; but it was built with one side lower than the other so that the rain would run off readily. Wise builders these!

Who can tell how many wasps were reared in this nest? After a cell has been used in rearing a wasp, it is again used in rearing others—it may be many times in a year!

Nota Bene—I have said this nest was found in the orchard. Without wasps or other insects to flit from flower to flower, to convey pollen from one to another, apple trees would be unfruitful.

Of the wasp nest it may be said that it has its uses in nature. "O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom Thou hast made them all."

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### NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

El Paso District.—Second Round.

Artesia, Jan. 11, 12.  
Dayton and Lakewood, at L., Jan. 15.  
Dexter, Jan. 18, 19.  
Hagerman, Jan. 22.  
Roswell, Jan. 25, 26.  
Pecos, Feb. 1, 2.  
St. Stockton, at Grand Falls, Feb. 5.  
Odessa, Feb. 8, 9.  
Deming, Feb. 15, 16.  
Lordsburg, Feb. 19.  
Lake Valley, Feb. 22, 23.  
Las Cruces, Feb. 26.  
La Mesa & Clint, at C., Feb. 29, Mch. 1.  
Sanderson, March 7, 8.  
Alpine, March 11.  
Marfa, March 12.  
Tularosa March 14, 15.  
Carriazo, March 21, 22.  
Trinity, El Paso, March 25.  
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Albuquerque District.—Second Round.

San Marcial, February 1, 2.  
Gallup, February 5.  
Albuquerque, February 8, 9.  
Watrous, February 12.  
Cimarron, February 15, 16.  
Tucumcari, February 19.  
Logan, February 22, 23.  
Puerto, February 28, 29.  
Grady, March 4, 5.  
Taiban, March 7, 8.  
Roosevelt, March 11, 12.  
Floyd, March 14, 15.  
Melrose, March 17.  
Clovis, March 19.  
Texico, March 21, 22.  
Portales, March 24.  
Elida, March 26.  
Elida Cir., March 28, 29.  
Kenna, April 4, 5.  
Monument, April 11, 12.

District Conference April 22-26, at Clovis. Conference sermon by Rev. G. H. Givan Wednesday evening, April 22.  
B. T. JAMES, P. E.

## A Lazy Liver

May be only a tired liver, or a starved liver. It would be a stupid as well as a savage thing to beat a weary or starved man because he lagged in his work. So in treating the lagging, torpid liver it is a great mistake to lash it with strong drastic drugs. A torpid liver is but an indication of an ill-nourished, enfeebled body whose organs are weary with over work. Start with the stomach and allied organs of digestion and nutrition. Put them in working order and see how quickly your liver will become active. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has made many marvelous cures of "liver trouble" by its wonderful control of the organs of digestion and nutrition. It restores the normal activity of the stomach, increases the secretions of the blood-making glands, cleanses the system from poisonous accumulations, and so relieves the liver of the burdens imposed upon it by the defection of other organs.

If you have bitter or bad taste in the morning, poor or variable appetite, coated tongue, foul breath, constipated or irregular bowels, feel weak, easily tired, despondent, frequent headaches, pain or distress in "small of back," gnawing or distressed feeling in stomach, perhaps nausea, or "sour risings" in throat after eating, and kindred symptoms of weak stomach and torpid liver, no medicine will relieve you more promptly or cure you more permanently than Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Perhaps only a part of the above symptoms will be present at one time and yet point to torpid liver or biliousness and weak stomach. Avoid all hot bread and biscuits, griddle cakes and other indigestible food and take the "Golden Medical Discovery" regularly and stick to its use until you are vigorous and strong.

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### WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Llano District.—First Round.

Bandera, at Bandera, Jan. 11, 12.  
Center, Jan. 14, 15.  
Kerrville, Jan. 18, 19.  
THEOPHILUS LEE, P. E.

Cuero District.—First Round.

Port Lavaca, Jan. 11, 12.  
Nursery, Jan. 13.  
El Campo, Jan. 18, 19.  
Hope, at Williamsburg, Jan. 25, 26.  
R. A. ROWLAND, P. E.

Beeville District.—First Round.

Mathis, at Mathis, Jan. 11, 12.  
Alice, Jan. 18, 19.  
Brownsville, at B., Jan. 25, 26.  
F. B. BUCHANAN, P. E.

Austin District.—First Round.

University Church, 11 a. m., Jan. 12.  
South Austin, 8 p. m., Jan. 12.  
JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

San Antonio District.—First Round.

Moore Circuit, Jan. 11, 12.  
Rock Springs Cir., Jan. 18, 19.  
Barksdale Miss., Jan. 20.  
Atascosa Cir., Jan. 25, 26.  
City Miss., Jan. 29.  
A. J. WEEKS, P. E.

San Marcos District.—First Round.

Dripping Springs Cir., at D. S., Jan. 11, 12.  
Tilman Cir., at Harrison Chapel, Jan. 18, 19.  
Waelder and Thompsonville, at T., Jan. 25, 26.  
San Marcos, at San Marcos, Feb. 2, 3.  
Belmont Cir., at Nixon, Feb. 8, 9.  
D. K. PORTER, P. E.

San Angelo District.—First Round.

Miles, Jan. 11, 12.  
Water V., at Water V., Jan. 14.  
Sterling, Jan. 15.  
Garden, at G. C., Jan. 17.  
Midland, Jan. 19.  
W. T. RENFRO, P. E.

Austin District.—Second Round.

Bastrop, Jan. 18, 19.  
Elgin, Jan. 25, 26.  
Manor, Feb. 1, 2.  
Liberty Hill and Leander, L., Feb. 8, 9.  
Bertram, at B., 1 p. m., Feb. 10.  
Cedar Park, at C. P., Feb. 15, 16.  
Webberville, at Hornsby, Feb. 22, 23.  
Manchaca, Pleasant Hill, Feb. 29, March 1.  
McDade, at Beauviss, Mch. 7, 8.  
Smithville, Mch. 14, 15.  
LaGrange Mch. 21, 22.  
West Point, Winchester, Mch. 28, 29.  
Weimar, County Line, April 4, 5.  
Eagle Lake, Chesterville, April 9, 10.  
Columbus, April 12.  
Walnut, Merrittown, April 18, 19.  
Tenth Street, 11 a. m., April 26.  
First Street, 8 p. m., April 26.  
University Church, 11 a. m., May 3.  
South Austin, 8 p. m., May 3.

District Conference will convene at Smithville, Wednesday, March 18, at 9 a. m.

JOHN M. ALEXANDER, P. E.

Serofa, with its swollen glands, running nose, inflamed eyelids, cutaneous eruptions, yields to Hood's Sarsaparilla.



## The Woman's Department

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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.

### HOW MUCH SHALL I GIVE THIS YEAR FOR MISSIONS?

#### A Little Argument with Myself.

(1) If I refuse to give anything, I practically cast a ballot in favor of the recall of every missionary, both in the home and foreign fields.

(2) If I give less than heretofore, I favor a reduction of the missionary forces proportionate to my reduced contributions.

(3) If I give the same as formerly, I favor holding the ground already won, but I oppose a forward movement, forgetting that the Lord never intended His army should simply take refuge in a fort. All of His soldiers are under marching orders always. They are commanded to "Go."

(4) If I advance my offering beyond former years, then I favor an advance movement in the conquest of new territory for Christ.

Shall I not join this class? If I add 100 per cent to my former contributions, then I favor doubling the missionary force at once. If I add 50 per cent, I say, send out half as many more; and if I add 25 per cent, I say to our Executive Committee, send out one fourth more than are now in the field.

What shall I do? I surely do not favor the recall of our whole missionary force, or any part of it. Neither am I satisfied simply to hold our own so long as the great majority of the heathen world as yet have not heard of Christ. I do believe in greatly increasing the present number of our missionaries, therefore I will increase my former offerings to missionary work.—Selected.

### W. H. M. SOCIETY, NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

#### Supplies and Their Qualities.

Now that the new year is ushered in by the steady "march of time," and we are all resolving to do better things for the Lord through its days, let us talk awhile about supplies. Either we are falling greatly behind the last year in donations or they are not reported to me. So when we come to our annual reports we will feel great regret and disappointment on a deficit in this line.

I have written to all our presiding elders to inquire if there are any needy preachers. Have as yet had but one reply—that in the negative. But two letters that have come under my eye lately show me that the days of sacrifice are not yet passed, and I am led to conclude there are cases where want of comforts are not only borne in silence but hidden from the eye by our brave preachers' wives. I note from a letter, not meant for my personal, from a young preacher's wife, who for four years has endured privations in the far West, and now has been moved farther on. She has two little children. She writes: "My husband has more preaching places than he can reach, necessarily keeping him away most all the time. Our parsonage is a two-room box house on top of the ground, with a half 'dugout' underneath; the walls not papered; our financial state about as usual. The less said about it the better. Fuel is very high and I am planning to dress myself and children next spring in seersucker to avoid the expense of fuel for ironing. I love these broad Western plains, but sometimes it is disagreeable when a cold norther is coming and no fuel in sight."

She goes on to say, "I had thought of asking for a box, but the one sent me from — had little in it that I could make use of." I should rather have let the curtain drop on this last statement, but in answer to an inquiry about another box I heard about the same. I had sent measures for the children. They were needing warm clothing for the winter. But the mother wrote confidentially to me:

"There were some things in the box that will be useful to me, but not a garment for my children, and they were greatly disappointed." Dear sisters, our preachers' wives are ladies with the same delicate feelings we have. They seldom ask for a box. When dire necessity forces them to ask or to accept let us not send such things as we would not use ourselves. True, in families without children, there are often good garments which can be sent that can be profitably cut down for the little ones, and such are no doubt very acceptable; but do not fill a box with half-worn, thin skirts and waists and out of date, flimsy finery when there are little forms suffering for warm garments. I have heard of such to my deep sorrow. To return to the other letter written from the extreme frontier. The obedient preacher goes to the new little town where no parsonage awaits him, the people badly in debt for their church, will do what they can, but without help it will be spring before he can bring his family, and they sick from being in a damp locality in a distant State. Such conditions are bravely met and borne that Methodist people may have the benefit and comfort of the "preached word" for themselves and families. I must not stop without saying that if any of our auxiliaries wish to send a donation of comfortable clothing to the little wife and children first mentioned, I will send name and address. She might not dread the sweep of the cold north blast so much when "no fuel was in sight" if she and little ones were better protected by good, warm clothing.

#### MRS. C. C. ARMSTRONG.

Supt. Supply Dept. Conf. Society. Weatherford, Texas

### A TEXAS ROOM AT SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL, KANSAS CITY, MO.

Two new rooms are ready to be furnished and named, at present writing, in the Training School, and Texas is asked to take one of these rooms.

The small sum of \$100 will be sufficient to make a room neat and comfortable. That is not much. First Church, Fort Worth, puts down \$10 cash to start with. Vernon and Clarendon will assist. Let us have a Northwest Texas room and do it right away. This is a business call and is authorized. It is addressed to the auxiliaries throughout the conference. Let all who want to have a part in this write me at once, stating the amount and send the money to Mrs. Harper. This small amount can be raised quickly without burdening anyone or interfering with their other work. Many States have their names inscribed on the doors of rooms in our great training school, but the name of Texas is not found there. This is our opportunity.

#### A Request.

So many have written that they may avail themselves of the use of the local press. We want to ask all these to clip these monthly bulletins from the Advocate and have them printed in their home papers. They come out the last week in each month and you should arrange with your editors before hand to secure space. They contain the fresh news from our conference and also matter from the foreign field, and we ask you to assist us in giving it circulation.

#### Personalia.

Miss Valma, our Brazilian student at Scarritt, is engaging much interest as a girl of fine promise.

Miss Gibson will not be satisfied to send her back to her people as a teacher without giving her a year in English in some good college. She asks Fort Worth District to continue her support for that much longer that she may be properly equipped. We are sure they will do it, for they are not

the people to begin a good work and then stop short of its completion.

A private letter from Miss Lowe brings the assurance that she is happy in her new work and finds the environment very helpful in confirming her choice. She is only sorry that she did not yield to the call earlier and asks for prayers that she may give herself fully to the Lord's leading in her life.

We are glad to note the return to Texas of Rev. C. H. Buchanan and wife from the Baltimore Conference. They came in search of health this time, but we know the mettle of this son and daughter of old Virginia and give them a welcome with the offer of plenty of work. Mrs. Buchanan was corresponding Secretary of the Texas Conference Society some years in the past.

Mrs. A. C. Johnson writes: "News has just come that Miss Richmond's parents have lost their home by fire. Nothing saved and no insurance. Mrs. Richmond is reported to be painfully hurt in saving her ninety-year-old invalid father. This is a sad calamity and will fall very heavily on the daughter, who is so bravely trying to prepare for her life-work. Let all remember her when they pray."

Miss Neale, when just ready to leave for Scarritt, encountered hindrances which forced her to abandon her purpose for the present, at least.

We close, invoking for all and each a richer vision than ever before at this the opening of the New Year—a vision stirring our hands to eager labor and our feet to joyous marches; for, behold! with our own eyes we may catch the vision of a world redeemed.

#### MRS. S. C. FOLLIN.

Press Supt. W. F. M. Society, Northwest Texas Conference. Ft. Worth, Texas.

#### "Live larger life."

Stay not in narrow places;  
Take a broad outlook  
Over men and days.  
Oh! little soul, be great,  
Show sweeter graces.  
Live, love and labor  
In God's largest ways."

#### MRS. S. C. FOLLIN, Press Supt.

### A FEW REMARKS ON CHRISTIAN WOMANHOOD, ALSO ON HOME MISSION WORK.

(A paper read by Mrs. W. H. Reeves, during the Week of Prayer, at Rusk, Texas.)

This subject is a deep one, a broad field upon which to gather much information. Should be in the hands of one thoroughly conversant with Church history and thoroughly imbued with diversified knowledge to enlighten, enthuse, to instruct our workers in this great cause. But instead I fear you have it in the hands of one who cannot give the subject justice. The wisest thing I see to do is to show a willingness to try to perform my small share, while there are others more competent to do a greater, a more heroic work. Perhaps I can in a small way suggest some new thought or idea which might be a helper to greater things. No doubt my hearers remember that it was only a thought suggested to Lew Wallace on his way home from a noted Republican convention which caused Wallace to write Ben Hur. Consequently if a thought of mine should take root and produce some good result I shall feel amply repaid.

Let us compare the woman of unchristianized time to the present. Before the advent of Christianity women were treated as serfs and slaves—had all the mental labors to perform; do their master's bidding, no matter what he saw fit to do or what disposal to make of them. His mandates were at once executed without even an investigation of whether it was right or wrong. What a change! Oh! woman, who among you could help but enthuse, uphold, maintain, the work of Christianity! A woman in Christian lands is now placed on an equal footing with man where she is endowed with capacity. She may sally forth in the world, earn her honest bread

in any avocation she may choose, be protected and shielded from all evil. Some are lawyers, doctors, nurses, architects, blacksmiths, farmers, ranchwomen, teachers, type shorthand writers, authors, preachers, filling all important places in Church affairs, leading all the works of charity, aiding, uplifting all humanity.

Some of our greatest reforms were the work of women. In ancient as well as modern times our prisons were a reeking place of filth for suffering, degraded humanity until a noble woman conceived the idea of benefiting conditions. To-day our prisons all over the civilized world are in fine humane conditions in every way.

Our Church work was much retarded and restricted until the Churches consented for woman to appear on the scene of action and become one of the leading factors in waging war against sin and iniquity.

Another work where woman has fought many hard battles is in the temperance cause. She has won many laurels, has many struggles to endure before her work is complete, but if we had a few more Carrie Nations (who has, with her hatchet, made a National reputation), they would smash things generally. Whether it would be a lasting good is a problem I shall leave to wiser heads to solve.

Many schools have been established to educate the poor, the foreign children; various orphan's asylums; nurseries for the little ones, whereby the working mother is enabled to leave her little ones and have them properly cared for. Playhouses and grounds are being provided for the vaudeville districts, giving pure, fresh air to many tender little children which will be so conducive to health and strength, improving their minds and morals and decreasing crime and wickedness.

I would like to suggest a few thoughts along some other lines which to my mind are a powerful agency in increasing immorality. One is the great foreign influx of people to the United States who are, as a rule, the lowest, the most vile element of every country on the globe. Oh, what a herculean task it is to make good citizens out of such crude, vile material. Another is these colossal fortunes which are being made or lost in these stock exchanges. These gambling places, for that is what they are, are driving men and women insane; while those who are fortunate enough to win live in such grand style that I verily believe they would shock the old Roman, and, too, this gambling is of the worst nature possible, making meat, bread and all the necessities of life higher. This in itself oppresses the poor, arraying one class against the other, which is a great danger point. Now, it behooves the Christian people of the land to take hold of this monster and throttle him. Now, women and men, here are two problems which if righted and properly adjusted we would not have so much work to do. Our work would make rapid strides where it now stagnates. I appeal to you in the name of a powerful, a Christianized, a leading nation of the world, to enter into this work with your minds, hearts, a determination to put these gamblers, this low foreign element out of business, as their evil influences and mischief-making are felt far and wide. When you adjust these matters and suppress two of the most powerful agencies for evil in existence, you have accomplished one of the greatest works of the age.

Now, we must say something of our home mission work. The Woman's Aid Society was organized in the early 80's with a membership of 12. Following are the original: Uncle and Aunt Woolam, Bro. Tom Smith and wife, Mesdames Georgia Bonner, T. Y. T. Jamerson, Gregg, Comer, Wightman, Simmons, Dickinson, Grandmother Perkins and Miss Gigger. Miss Gigger was the instigator of this good and noble work, ably assisted by Mrs. Comer. There were many more who soon enlisted in the cause. It was organized strictly for local purposes to help the poor, to maintain the parsonage, defray the incidental expenses of the Church. It remained an Aid So-

cety until 1894, when, through the influence of Bro. Godbey and wife, it was added to the connectional work, whereby half the funds were kept for home work, the other half going for the support for other parsonages, schools in mountainous and coast districts. We now have forty-three members doing good work. We are not satisfied with this number. We want every Methodist lady in this town to come and work with us, we need your information and advice in all we do and say.

We would like to organize a Mothers' Club in connection with our society, having the same afternoon for both purposes, but different hours; for much good would emanate from this Mothers' Club. We might be able to devise means and plans to entertain our boys and girls, to shield them from wickedness and temptations. We older ones should enter more into their social lives, be more charitable to them when they make a foolish and unwise mistake, tell them kindly that it is only an error of the head and that you feel sure that they will not repeat it, make them feel that you have confidence in their ability to do something worthy of themselves. Do not speak unkindly to your children or to your fellow-creature; show them the road to contentment and happiness as far as you are capable of advising.

I would like to suggest a thought, that is to build a playhouse or nursery where our poor, tired mothers can leave their little ones, come to Church and our societies, for many more would come if there was a suitable place for the little ones. Now, if we will only try we can build this nursery, furnish it with things to amuse the children. Some good person will be found to take charge or preside over it. So much good would emanate from this source that I feel that we would be amply repaid. The good influences thrown around the little tots would be far-reaching, guard their tender little feet over many rough places, fortify their minds to resist many temptations because of having such good influences thrown around them in their early childhood.

#### The Spirit of Winter.

The Spirit of Winter is with us, making its presence known in many different ways—sometimes by heavy snows and gliding snows, and sometimes by driving winds and blinding storms. To many people it seems to take a delight in making bad things worse, for rheumatism tells harder, twinges sharper, catarrhs become more annoying, and the many symptoms of scrofula are developed and aggravated. There is not much poetry in this, but there is truth, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of these ailments. The medicine that cures them—Hood's Sarsaparilla—is easily obtained and there is abundant proof that its cures are radical and permanent.

#### UNANSWERED LETTERS.

Jan. 1—J. L. Maser, sub. W. H. Crawford, sub. A. R. Nish, sub. L. E. Conkin, sub. C. A. Sprague, sub.  
Jan. 2—C. V. Oswalt, sub. L. R. Saxon, sub. J. D. Whitehead, sub. G. W. Kinchloe, sub.  
Jan. 3—J. M. Barcus, sub. G. W. Kinchloe, sub. J. T. Hooks, sub. E. D. Stewart, sub.  
Jan. 4—W. W. Watts, sub. J. M. Wynn, sub. J. H. Stewart, sub. E. E. Hightower, has attention.  
J. F. Garrett, sub. C. B. Meador, sub.  
Jan. 6—W. A. Pritchett, sub. W. E. Caperton, sub. J. W. Bowden, sub. L. E. Conkin, trial sub.  
R. C. Hicks, sub. I. M. Boyce, sub. J. P. Rodgers, sub. I. T. Morris, sub.  
Jan. 7—W. A. Pritchett, sub. J. W. Tinscher, sub. M. W. Rogers, sub. E. R. Barcus, sub. A. E. Caraway, sub. T. H. Morris, sub. W. A. Stuckey, sub.  
Jan. 8—W. P. Garlin, sub. S. M. Black, sub. J. A. Stafford, sub. J. T. Hicks, sub. R. S. Pierce, sub. J. H. Wiseman, sub. J. H. Clark, sub. J. P. Rodgers, sub.  
Jan. 9—J. M. Woodward, sub. R. B. Moreland, sub. R. F. Dunn, sub. J. S. Tunnell, change. E. A. Smith, sub. C. F. McKinney, sub. R. E. L. Sturtis, sub. R. C. Ansley, sub. J. E. Ruttle, sub. J. S. Ogil, sub.

#### Clarendon District.—First Round.

Shamrock Cir., at S., Jan. 11, 12.  
McLean Cir., at McLean, Jan. 13.  
Groom Cir., at Groom, Jan. 14.  
Panhandle Miss., at P., Jan. 18, 19.  
Higgins Sta., Jan. 23.  
Ochiltree Miss., at O., Jan. 25, 26.  
Hansford Miss., at H., Jan. 28.

J. G. MILLER, P. R.

#### Llano District.—Second Round.

Burnet, at Lake Victor, Jan. 25, 26.  
Kingsland, at Moore's Chapel, Feb. 1, 2.  
Mullin, at North Brown, Feb. 8, 9.  
Goldthwaite, Feb. 9, 10.  
Center City, at Sta., Feb. 15, 16.  
Lometa, at Lometa, Feb. 22, 23.  
Kempner, at Ogles, Feb. 23, 24.  
Cherokee, at Valley Springs, Feb. 29, March 1.  
San Saba Cir., at Chapel, March 7, 8.  
San Saba Station, March 8, 9.  
Lampasas, March 14, 15.  
Willow, March 21, 22.  
Johnson City, at Round Mt., Mar. 26, 27.  
Blanco, March 28, 29.  
Llano, April 4, 5.  
Kerrville, April 11, 12.  
Center Point, April 12, 13.  
Bandera, April 15.  
Boerne, April 18, 19.

THEOPHILUS LEE, P. R.



## SECULAR NEWS.

The Tradesman's Journal of Chattanooga, Tenn., annual issue contains, among its important features, an elaborate review of Southern progress during 1907, in which the following interesting facts are given:

The principal crops were as follows: Hay, all kinds, 7,590,000 tons; wheat, 91,433,000 bushels; corn, 959,743,000 bushels; oats, 67,338,000 bushels; tobacco, 437,139,000 pounds; rice, 21,412,000 bushels.

Two notable increases over the previous year are shown by these figures. Despite the fact that 1907 was unfavorable to agriculture throughout the country, the Southern hay crop was 25 per cent greater than in 1906, and the rice crop increased nearly the same percentage.

During the last five years, however, agriculture has made such progress in the Southern States that the corn crop has increased nearly 50 per cent. The rice crop is five times greater, while, as already stated, the fodder crop has enlarged 25 per cent in a single year. In 1900 the value of products of vegetable gardens of the South was \$13,000,000; at present the annual yield of orchards and vineyards in this section is over \$30,000,000, making the sum total of the annual fruit and truck product of the South fully \$150,000,000.

During the last cotton year we sent out of the country about 8,500,000 bales of raw cotton—fully two-thirds of the crop—but such is the growth of the cotton industry in the United States that the South now contains 700 mills, operating nearly 10,000,000 spindles, and 1908 will add fully twenty more plants. The States of North and South Carolina are American Lancashires, the two having no less than 400 plants with 6,300,000 spindles, and more to come.

The metal industry, including the mining of ore, shows a notable increase compared with previous years. The total tonnage of iron produced by the Alabama furnaces during 1907 will aggregate about 1,750,000 tons, including the month of December, with a value of \$32,000,000. This is 100,000 tons more than the record for 1906, and about 150,000 tons more than the record for 1905, while the value has increased within the last two years nearly 50 per cent. This remarkable gain is, of course, due largely to the rapidly rising price of iron, but the expansion in the smelting industry is also notable.

Such is the activity in this industry in the State of Kentucky that while the total tonnage of pig iron produced in 1905 was about 64,000 tons, a gain of fully 100 per cent in two years, while the value of the output of the smelters has actually more than doubled in two years.

Tennessee also shows remarkable progress, for the tonnage of pig iron made in this State in 1905 was but 372,692 tons, while for the present year it will be about 450,000 tons, representing a value of about \$7,500,000, compared with \$5,260,000 in 1905.

The review contains a statement of the capital invested in general industry in each Southern State in 1905 as compared with 1900, also the value of the industrial output of each State for the same year.

These figures offer, perhaps, the most convincing proof of the condition of the Southern States, for the total investment of capital in miscellaneous industries increased no less than 50 per cent in the brief period of five years, while the value of the manufacturers has increased 25 per cent, and in 1905 exceeded the total investment in Southern industrial plants by the sum of nearly \$200,000,000.

The review contains an introduction of Edwin A. Alderman, President of the University of Virginia, in which he states that the greatest factor in the future progress of the South is in an educational system which will reach all of its people. Dr. Alderman outlines the system as follows:

"The system of education I have in mind is a complete unity extending from the primary school to the university. It involves technical training for industrial efficiency. It involves agricultural training, for in our land lies our wealth; and it involves such a co-ordination of the secondary, the lower and the higher education as will make it possible for every fit youth to be wisely trained for life in this country. The most far-reaching and transforming thing in our civilization today is the educational processes that are being set in motion to give suitable training to all the people in the Southern States."

A National bureau of health for the regulation of the people's physical welfare, planned by the leading specialists of the United States, and endorsed by President Roosevelt, may take its place in the Federal departments of the Government within the year, through the efforts of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The ultimate reduction of the death rate in America by one-half is to be the aim of the new Governmental

board, and it is deemed a promise not impossible of fulfillment.

Plans for the bureau were announced recently at the University of Chicago by Prof. Irving Fisher, the Yale University economist and Chairman of the committee of 100 distinguished scientists and educators who have charge of the undertaking. They have been assured that the first steps in the organization of the health bureau will be taken at the present session of Congress, and the President has sent his personal encouragement and indorsement to the committee. According to Prof. Fisher, it is believed probable that President Roosevelt will send a special message to Congress this month on the subject.

Medical science is soon to accomplish the transfer of sound vital organs and tissues from the lower animals to man. The substitution of healthy organs for the diseased parts of the human body will be made possible through the new experimental surgery and vivisection, and will revolutionize modern medicine. The successful transplanting of arteries from one animal to another is the first step toward the end.

These are the conclusions drawn by Prof. Simon Flexner of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in a paper on pathology written by him for the American Association for the Advancement of Science and read recently before the physiological section of the society of the University of Chicago by Prof. Ludwig Hektoen of the University. Prof. Flexner's paper also contained accounts of a series of experiments on rats and mice performed by himself and his associates, leading to important discoveries concerning the biological conditions of tumor growth. Pathological problems have been enormously affected by recent experiments in vivisection, according to the New York Scientist.

Judge Trieber, in the Federal Court of Little Rock, Ark., has upheld the constitutionality of the anti-futures bill passed by the last Legislature at the request of the Farmers' Union. The decision establishes a precedent for the Southern States. A firm of Chicago brokers instituted the suit, declaring the law to be in violation of the interstate commerce act. The Court declares that the State did not exceed its powers in enacting the statute as a police regulation to protect the morals of the public.

Twelve months ago General Booth, of the Salvation Army in London, started an anti-suicide bureau in various cities of the world, and now he has issued a review of the year's work. Altogether 1125 men and ninety women sought the assistance of the London bureau to save them from self-destruction, while at least an equal number applied at the bureaus in other cities. It appears from the review that the seekers for help belonged mainly to the middle classes. More than half of them attributed the desire to end their lives to financial embarrassment or hopeless poverty.

From the small number of women applicants, General Booth deduces that they are better able to bear up under sorrows and trials than men. He thinks it safe to say that seventy-five per cent of the applicants have been diverted from contemplated suicide and helped to surmount their difficulties.

By unanimous decision the Isthmian Canal Commission will recommend to the Secretary of War that the locks on the canal be constructed at their present projected width, namely, 100 feet, holding that this will be ample for all commercial shipping for years to come. If, however, it is the judgment of the Navy Department and of the President that the proposed width be increased to 110 feet, this can be done at reasonable cost.

The suggestion for increased width originated with the navy, where among some of the officials the opinion prevailed that this may be necessary to meet naval developments in the increased beam of war vessels of the future.

The Malcolm McDowell coffee wagon was operated in Chicago last Wednesday night, and in two hours 600 hungry men from the lodging houses of the Englewood Ward were given food and drink without the cost of a cent.

For an hour before the appearance of Mr. McDowell and his wagon several hundred men stood in line at the spot where the welcome restaurant on wheels was expected to appear and serve as on New Year's night. Only a few in the long array had the protection of overcoats; the great majority shivered in the biting wind while awaiting the advent of their "banker friend," as McDowell is styled.

"I have received unexpected and gratifying offers of financial aid for this work from more than fifty different persons or organizations," said McDowell. "I believe that within a week

there will be three of these coffee wagons on the West, North and South Sides. Another probable outcome is that vacant stores will be hired in the poor districts, from which to feed the numerous hungry ones among Chicago's 100,000 unemployed."

As a New Year's gift to the University of Chicago, John D. Rockefeller presented the institution bearing his family name with \$2,191,000. This sum makes the total of Mr. Rockefeller's donations to the university \$25,000,000.

The closing of the gambling dens at Petersburg, Colo., by decision of District Attorney J. W. B. Smith of Arapahoe County, marked the passing of the last gambling table in the vicinity of Denver. The prize fight that was to have been held at Petersburg was declared off.

Pythagoras, the toad, took his first meal in one thousand years at the Bronx Zoo. Four flies and an earth worm composed the meal of the little black creature that had been buried for so many centuries in limestone rock 500 feet down in a silver mine at Butte, Montana.

The toad is slowly recovering his eyesight and the use of his limbs, and is gradually turning green again, as he was in the Middle Ages. He has already emitted several sounds, but the croak has not come back.

Men who are fond of figures say that New York's New Year celebration cost \$1,750,000. It is estimated that 100,000 people took supper at 100 hotels and restaurants. At one restaurant that night's receipts were over \$20,000. At this restaurant 2000 quarts of champagne were drunk. It is estimated that the diners around town made away with 42,000 quarts of champagne and 66,000 quarts of claret, not to mention the barrels of other drinkables consumed.

Souvenir hunters were out in force, and every hotel and restaurant lost great quantities of glass and silverware, the guests carrying away everything, from small coffee spoons to silver wine coolers.

## MARRIED.

Pearce-Jernigan.—At Tom Snapps, near Red River, November 10, 1907, Mr. S. A. Pearce and Miss Eddie Jernigan, Rev. J. K. McMillan officiating.

Hall-Stove.—In the road near Denton Creek, December 22, 1907, Mr. T. H. Hall and Miss Florence Stove, Rev. J. K. McMillan officiating.

Barnett-Rowlett.—At the home of the bride, near Rush Branch, Texas, December 22, 1907, Mr. H. W. Barnett and Miss Moley Rowlett, Rev. J. K. McMillan officiating.

Griffitt-Baton.—At the home of the bride, near Greenwood, Texas, December 23, 1907, Mr. David Griffitt and Miss Clara Baton, Rev. J. K. McMillan officiating.

Summers-Gregory.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Leesville, Texas, on December 25, 1907, Mr. James H. Summers and Miss Della Gregory, Rev. J. D. Burke officiating.

Lively-Martin.—On January 2, 1907, at the residence of the bride's uncle, David Livingston, three miles east of Lingleville, Texas, Mr. Richard H. Lively and Miss Ida E. Martin, Rev. Chas. D. Spann officiating.

Tracy-Glasen.—At the Methodist Church, Reinhardt, Texas, Mr. D. J. Tracy and Mrs. D. N. Glasen, Rev. M. C. Dickson officiating.

Laughlin-McDade.—At the Methodist Church in Bellville, Texas, on January 1, 1908, at 8:30 p. m., Mr. Eric Young Laughlin, of Waco, Texas, and Miss Nena McDade, of Cameron, Texas, Rev. W. H. Long officiating.

Burnett-Strieler.—At the parsonage in Pinkerton, Texas, December 29, 1907, Mr. J. L. Burnett and Miss Ollie Strieler, Rev. M. M. Beavers officiating.

Whitley-Awalt.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Shive, Texas, December 15, 1907, Mr. M. C. Whitley and Miss Elby Awalt, Rev. T. W. Sharp officiating.

Lewis-Haynes.—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hartman, Evant, Texas, December 18, 1907, Mr. W. A. Lewis and Miss Hallie Haynes, Rev. T. W. Sharp officiating.

Billingsly-Edwards.—At the Methodist Church in Evant, Texas, December 22, 1907, Mr. Ben Billingsly and Miss Della Edwards, Rev. T. W. Sharp officiating.

Moseley-Clements.—At the home of the bride's parents in Coppars Cove, Texas, December 25, 1907, Mr. A. W. Moseley and Miss Madine Clements, Rev. T. N. Sharp officiating.

Greer-Cox.—At the home of the bride's mother, near King, Texas, December 25, 1907, Mr. Fred Greer and Miss Myrtle Cox, Rev. T. W. Sharp officiating.

Shipp-Grantlander.—A quiet wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Grantlander, December 26, 1907, when their daughter, Miss Clyde, was married to Mr. R. W. Shipp, Rev. B. R. Wagner officiating.

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Bratcher-Darr.—December 19, 1907, Mr. E. Bratcher and Miss Myrtle Darr, Rev. W. H. Crawford officiating.

McWilliams-Branam.—At the Methodist parsonage, May, Texas, December 29, 1907, Mr. Scott McWilliams and Miss Nola Branam; both of Green's Chapel community, Brown County Texas, Rev. Mac M. Smith officiating.

Mertz-Hunt.—At the home of the bride's father, Mr. Peyton Hunt, November 20, 1907, Mr. Guy W. Mertz and Miss Lavonia Hunt, all of Mexia, Texas, Rev. S. J. Rucker officiating.

Dortch-White.—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. White, parents of the bride, on November 26, 1907, Mr. Ben M. Dortch and Miss Bessie White, all of Abilene, Texas, Rev. Sam'l J. Rucker officiating.

Scarborough-Lambeth.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lambeth, parents of the bride, on December 24, 1907, Mr. Frank L. Scarborough, of Big Springs, and Miss Georgia I. Lambeth, of Abilene, Texas, Rev. Sam'l J. Rucker officiating.

Crist-Rollins.—At the Methodist Church in Abilene, Texas, on December 26, 1907, Mr. Frederick H. Crist, of Birmingham, Ala., and Miss Brynlee Rollins, of Abilene, Rev. Sam'l J. Rucker officiating.

Goodwin-Babb.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Center Point, Texas, December 24, 1907, Mr. Hart Goodwin and Miss Eula Babb, Rev. T. N. Barton officiating.

Faupel-Rudasill.—At the Methodist parsonage, Kerrville, Texas, December 26, 1907, Mr. Louis Faupel and Miss Bessie Rudasill, Rev. T. N. Barton officiating.

Knight-Hardman.—At the residence of R. M. Hardman, Prof. H. H. Knight and Miss Mabel Hardman, December 24, 1907, at 8 p. m., Rev. H. H. Goode officiating.

Oberthier-Sealy.—At the home of the bride's parents, 5 miles west of Mt. Calm, Mr. Gus Oberthier of Henderson, Texas, and Miss Sudie Sealy, December 22, 1907, Rev. Claude B. Smith officiating.

Billington-Rush.—January 1, 1908, at 7:45 o'clock in the Methodist church at Mt. Calm, Mr. Henry Billington and Miss Winnie Rush, both of Mt. Calm, Rev. Claude B. Smith officiating.

## STAMFORD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Through the kindness of President Duncan I was present and had the privilege of addressing the students at the opening of the Stamford Collegiate Institute after the Christmas holidays.

To say that I was plesed with the situation but mildly expresses it. The main building is a magnificent three story stone structure, not counting an ample basement. The class rooms are large, well lighted and furnished, and are models of convenience. In the upper stories are ample dormitory facilities for boys.

Just across from this is the dormitory for the girls. I can testify that the girls are fitted up even as President Duncan reported to us at conference. This is an elegant three-story building heated by steam, lighted by electricity, and with the most modern sanitary plumbing. Prof. and Mrs. Woodward seem perfectly fitted to preside over the girls' dormitory. Fortunately indeed is the girl that finds such an elegant school home.

President Duncan has chosen an excellent faculty, both in number and qualification. I marvel that such a high class of instructors could have been secured, but it is all in line with the policy of the President and pro-

moters of the school that the best is none too good. The school is in hearty sympathy with our general plan of education and does not have to apologize for its existence or for its work in any particular. Stamford, the Abilene District, the West is to be congratulated on having such a school in their midst. No school that I know of is better prepared, few so well prepared, to do high grade secondary school work. Most heartily do I commend the school to our people.

Rev. R. E. Goodrich, the new pastor, is on the ground, master of the situation. He has made a fine beginning and with the hearty support of the good people of the town and the school, the outlook is bright for his work. My communion with him, President Duncan and others was sweet.

SAM'L J. RUCKER.  
Abilene, Texas.

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO CORSICANA DISTRICT.

We have been knocked out so often by the rain and mud that I am obliged to revise my first round. The following appointments are now included in the plan:

Kirk Cir., at Prairie Hill, Feb. 1, 2.  
Munger Cir., Munger, Feb. 8, 11 a. m.  
Coolidge Sta., Coolidge, Feb. 9, 11 a. m.  
Horn Hill, at H. H., Feb. 15, 16, 11 a. m.  
Preachers' Conference and Missionary Institute at Blooming Grove, February 19 and 20.

HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

## BLOOMING GROVE SCHOOL.

The Blooming Grove University Training School took up its work today, after two weeks' recreation, with a growing student body.

The record made by this school is such as to call for congratulations. Not only is good work being done, but the boarding students double the number of any former session. This school has a strong faculty under the leadership of Prof. A. Webb.

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J. H. WISEMAN.

## A CARD FROM BROTHER DEETS.

Well, the year 1907 is now a matter of history, and the duties of the new year confront us. We had a nice Christmas—no drinking, no fire works. Peace and good cheer was the order of the day. At night our presiding elder preached a fine sermon very appropriate to the occasion.

This, to my mind, ended a day more appropriate to what it represents than any I have ever passed in life. I had a fine year in 1907; preached 329 sermons from March 1 to October 10. I am praying that God will make the present year the best in my ministry. I have already booked a fine meeting, and would be glad if those wanting my help would let me know as early as possible. My postoffice is Duncan, Okla.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

Departed this life at high noon on Wednesday, November 13, 1907, Mr. M. C. Clark ("Father Clark," as he was affectionately called), of Fort Worth, Texas. To die young is beautiful, going in life's morning like buds of roses half-blown with the dew yet sparkling on their fragrant petals. To die in middle life is glorious, lying down with the fire of conquest yet burning in the eye and a heart still beating high with longings for the noble strife. But what shall we say of a spirit destined to walk the full length of the sounding aisles of this grand cathedral world all the way from birth to old age? Father Clark trod the full measure of man's appointed time on earth, living out the four-score years, and then wrapped about in the soft and fragrant folds of the mantle of the invisible, he passed into the great beyond to enter upon "eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

His illness extended through many weeks and his sufferings were intense. His mind was much clouded, but was still active, and in all his wanderings was employed with the themes he loved most in health. The Church and the things of God's kingdom engaged him even in his dreams and his utterances were fragments of prayer and praise and Scripture texts. He was a devout man and a Christian of the olden type. He had a very vivid assurance of his acceptance with God in his conversion, and he kept the fire burning brightly on the altar of his heart by the daily use of the means of grace. In the class-meeting and the prayer-meeting he was always ready to bear testimony to the power of religion to keep men from sin. He was a regular attendant upon the worship, and by hearty response attested his interest. He wrestled with God in the secret place and grew strong; he learned his lesson from a daily study of the pages of holy writ and could give a reason for his hope. The family altar in his home was a place of accustomed sacrifice where his children learned to honor God and follow in the footsteps of their father. Such a life can not be lost. He is gone, but his work will abide. His was not a perfect life; he had his faults and made mistakes, but they are not remembered now; only his virtues remain, just as the good we do will be perpetuated in eternity and the faults will be as though they had never been. He was a member of the Methodist Church fifty-four years. He held the position of steward, trustee, class-leader. Missouri Avenue congregation sprang from a mission Sunday-school which he founded. His house was the home of the ministry, and he greatly enjoyed their conversation and companionship, and many of them will remember him affectionately. He was a reader. The standards of the Church were on his book shelves and he was familiar with their pages. Fresh books, papers and periodicals were his companions, and their perusal was his daily employment. He had battled with the stern experiences of life, giving up two manly sons by accident in one year, and the fluctuations of fortune had taught him the uncertainty of her favors. He was born in Henderson County, Tenn., February 12, 1829; married to Miss Nancy Chappell September 2, 1852. A frail wife and six children—two sons and four daughters—survive him. He looked upon his descendants of the fourth generation. Few have realized in greater measure the fulfillment of the promise that "your children shall rise up and call you blessed," for filial affection never had a more beautiful exemplification than in the devotion of the children of this aged couple.

Mrs. Connelly, the widowed daughter, was his faithful attendant day and night during his long illness, never desisting to rest or yielding her place to another.

His friend and former pastor, Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, conducted the funeral services. The large assembly present attested the esteem in which he was held—neighbors and friends of other years with whom he had shared the joys and vicissitudes of days gone by coming up to pay the last tribute of friendship and affection. The sun of a golden autumn day was sinking out of sight as he was laid away under the sod, and beautiful flowers piled above his dreamless bed. He lived his life ripening in the mellow suns of a noble old age and went in God's own time to be forever with him. "Amen, so let it be!" But he is missed. In the Church his seat is vacant. The sound of his cane is no more heard

upon the familiar places and his form is absent along the garden paths. The south winds have an altered tone as they play among the vines above the home roof, and leaf and flower wear a tinge of something gone. These were his charge. His hand planted and trained them, and year by year as the spring crept on, he watched them come forth in a new resurrection. Wherefore, if God so clothe the flowers, will he not much more raise this mortal to put on immortality, this corruption to put on incorruption?

"Thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (MRS.) S. C. FOLLIN.

HEIZER.—Mrs. Lurana J. Heizer (whose maiden name was Jenkins) was born in Ellis County, Texas, January 16, 1862, and died at Merkel, Texas, July 19, 1907. She was first married to Rev. J. B. Elder. This union was blessed with three children—two boys and one girl, whom she raised. Her husband, J. B. Elder, died in Weatherford February 28, 1899, and she was a widow seven years and married Rev. R. S. Heizer April 11, 1906, in Sweetwater, Texas, who was then pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at that place. Of Sister Heizer it can truly be said, "She hath done what she could." Having married a Methodist preacher, she recognized at once, not only the responsibility involved, but the opportunities afforded for doing good, and to these she applied herself with a zeal which commended her to the friendship as well as the admiration of those to whom she was sent with her husband as pastor of a charge. In the Sunday-school and Mission Societies she was an efficient and ready worker. In fact, there was no interest of the Church which did not have her full sympathy and she furthered on by her in the fullest sense of the term as opportunity afforded. During her seven years of widowhood she was sad because of the peculiar and weighty responsibility that devolved upon her in raising and training two boys and one girl for usefulness in life and a home in heaven at last. Of this she did the very best she could under the circumstances and lived to see them grown and two of them married—Susie first and Lee next, who were the two youngest. James W., the eldest, on whom she had leaned for counsel and support mostly in her loneliness, went to California for health, but was soon sent back a corpse and laid to rest at Merkel. Shortly after this her health gave way entirely and for three months she lingered amidst much suffering until her immortal spirit took its flight to the clime of unalloyed peace and rest. During her illness Bro. Heizer and many friends at Merkel did all that could be done, not only for her recovery, but for her comfort. She was followed by a large procession of friends to the cemetery at Merkel, where the writer performed the burial service and we laid her body away to await the resurrection morning. We cherish her memory with tenderest recollection, believing that her labors have not been in vain, but will follow. May the peace of God rest upon the bereaved ones left behind and new purposes formed in each heart to strive for heaven with the zeal that characterized the life of her who is gone before and beckoning them to come. C. A. EVANS.

HORTON.—M. A. Horton was born August 21, 1829, in South Carolina. When a boy he moved with his parents to Alabama. There he lived till he grew up to manhood and married Miss S. A. Whorton, and in 1866 they moved to Texas and settled in Smith County, near Whitehouse. To them were born seven children—six boys and one girl. Bro. Horton was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in the year 1867, under the ministry of John S. Mathis. He remained a faithful and true member of Whitehouse Church till removed by death to the Church triumphant, which occurred July 22, 1907. Bro. Horton was an official member most of his life until he became so deaf he could scarcely hear. His children that survive him are all good boys and efficient members of the Church. May they all meet their father in heaven. C. H. SMITH.

LEWIS.—On December 8, 1907, our little Mae went to sleep here to awaken with her Heavenly Father. What a joy she was to her home! But God needed one more angel, and he took her unto himself. We feel that all heaven sang a glad song at her coming. While the dear ones left behind are lonely for her, heaven is richer for them, for little Mae is there waiting and watching for them to "come home." While the days will be dreary and the nights long, you will recall His tender words, "I will not leave thee, nor forsake thee," and His "Suffer little children to come unto me," will ring in our hearts with a gladder, truer message than ever before, and some day we will meet our darling where sickness is forever unknown and death is an everlasting stranger.

AUNT NETTIE.

GRIZZARD.—Mrs. Mattie Lois Grizzard, daughter of Rev. Jas. Mackey, of sainted memory, was born Feb. 22, 1867, in Arkansas, and came to Texas in 1876. Her naturally bright mind was trained by thorough education. She was married August 1, 1888, to Rev. R. M. Shelton, of the Northwest Texas Conference, who died the following year. She then came to Abilene, Texas, her future home, and devoted herself to teaching music. Here she met Dr. L. A. Grizzard, to whom she was most happily married December 23, 1890. Five children blessed this union, three of whom remain. Sister Grizzard was converted when quite young and was a life-long member and worker in the M. E. Church. She was most efficient and indefatigable in her work at the organ, in the Sunday-school, in the missionary societies, at the altar and elsewhere. She was an invaluable assistant of her pastor. In all her work and everywhere she was deeply spiritual. She adorned every relation of life, whether as daughter, wife, mother, sister, neighbor, friend, Church member or child of God. Not only her children, but thousands of others now rise up and call her blessed. Her end was triumphant. She saw without fear her approaching dissolution, gave her dying charge to her children, by faith pillowed her head on the Father's bosom, and sweetly fell on sleep. The end came December 11, 1907. The gospel that so long comforted her now comforts her devoted husband, children, aged mother, sisters and brothers. May the circle again broken on earth one day be unbroken in heaven. Her pastor, SAMUEL J. RUCKER.

DOUGLASS.—Elbregge Geary Douglass was born in Missouri, April 16, 1844; died in Gatesville, Texas, December 19, 1907. He was reared in Grayson County, Texas, where his parents came before the war. He was married to Martha Jane Anderson, of Sherman, February 20, 1867, who survives him with their two sons and two daughters. One child died when small and one in young womanhood. He joined the Methodist Church while young, and afterwards became dissatisfied and in young manhood obtained a satisfactory experience which he maintained to the day of his death. He never used tobacco, swore an oath or took a drink of intoxicating spirits as a beverage. He served two terms as Sheriff of Grayson County: in the Senate one term; four years in charge of the Rusk penitentiary; four years on the Johns and Bu leson farm; eight years on Harlem farm, and one year in charge of the Reformatory, where he fell at his post. His record as a father, husband, citizen, officer and a Christian is unspotted. G. L. BOYD, Chaplain.

ROW.—Elijah Row was born in Missouri July 5, 1852. While yet a small boy his parents, George and Agnes, came to Texas and settled in Hood County. Here Bro. Row grew to manhood and lived all the remainder of his early life. He was characterized by a quiet, unobtrusive spirit in social life; diligence, frugality and integrity in business, and gentleness, faithfulness and sincerity in Church and home life. He had the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He was converted at the age of twenty-one years, and lived a consistent Christian to the end. He was a member of the Methodist Church, often being called upon to fill responsible official positions, which he always did with fidelity and cheerfulness. He was serene and peaceful to the last, arranging his affairs as if it were an ordinary matter for a Christian to get ready his final homegoing. He fell asleep in great peace at his home in Granbury, Texas, September 24, 1907, leaving a wife, two sons, a brother and two sisters, who mourn his departure. We shall meet him again. Till then may these sorrowing ones be sustained by the tender ministrations of Divine grace.

W. H. TERRY.

BISHOP.—Bruce Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bishop, was born in Dodge City, Kan., March 31, 1900, and died in Cimarron, New Mexico, December 3, 1907. He was a child of sunny disposition, carrying joy and happiness wherever he went. He was obedient to his parents and kind to his playmates. Recently he had started to school and exhibited an ambition for excellence in knowledge; one of his last acts being the preparation of his lessons. Seven years on earth is a short time, but if they are lived as little Bruce lived they are of infinite value. It is hard for us to give up so precious a jewel, but we can be assured that we can meet him. He is now watching for the ones he loved here. He cannot come to us, but we can go to him. There we shall know him, for he will be the same little Bruce as he was when he left us; he will grow no older or larger. Dear ones, let us look forward to the meeting beyond the skies. J. ALFRED MORGAN.

RYAN.—Mrs. Mary Ann Ryan (nee Otis) was born in Amite County, Mississippi, July 24, 1827. She joined the M. E. Church, South, at Old Ebenezer Church, in Copiah County, Mississippi, at the age of 15; was married to John I. Ryan October 12, 1848, in Copiah County, Mississippi. To this union were born ten children. She and her husband came to Texas in June, 1864, and settled in Angellina County and helped to build the first M. E. Church in the county (Ryan's Chapel), of which she was a member since 1874 until her death, which occurred December 27, 1907. Her husband died September 24, 1887; also three of her children have preceded her to the home above. She entertained in her home the Texas pioneer preacher, Milton Jones. She has eighty-two grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren, most of whom are in the Church and following her beautiful example. She bore her four weeks of sickness with great patience, and after expressing her desire to go to her heavenly home she passed away in great peace. We laid her body to rest in the old home cemetery. Be true, dear ones, and we shall meet grandma by and by.

W. A. POUNDS.

HUDSON.—James G. Hudson was born in Alabama, May 23, 1847. He came to Texas when but a boy. He was a citizen of Johnson County from that time till the date of his death. Bro. Hudson, by his energy and economy, had gained quite a good deal of property; but best of all he had laid up treasures in heaven. He was a deeply religious man. He joined the Methodist Church in 1865, from which time he was an active member. He served as Sunday-school Superintendent for more than twenty years in succession. His heart to heart talks at prayer meetings, etc., were deeply impressive and many were led to the Savior through his efforts. Without the pain of a lingering sickness he passed away to the home of the good, from his residence near Lillian, Texas, December 21, 1907. He leaves a wife, daughter and four sons to mourn their loss. Funeral services were conducted at Cahill Chapel, in the presence of a large congregation of friends who had met to pay to his memory their respects. Our brother is not dead, but sleepeth. We will meet again. May the family be comforted. C. E. LINDSEY.

PRICE.—Mrs. S. A. E. Price was the daughter of D. M. C. and Emily Chance. She professed religion in her thirteenth year and joined the M. E. Church and lived a devoted Christian the rest of her life. She was born in Milam County, Texas, November 3, 1855, and died in Stephens County, Texas, July 29, 1907. Oh, I miss her from our home, and I miss her from her place. A shadow o'er our life is cast. I miss her smiling face and kind and willing hand and fond and earnest care. Our home is dark without her. I miss her everywhere. Oh, how lonely and sad I feel, but I have the good Lord with me to help me. Her husband, G. N. PRICE.

BICKLEY.—On the morning of November 9, 1907, at 10 o'clock, the messenger of death visited the home of Bro. and Sister T. J. Bickley, of Bronson, Texas and took from their fond embrace their baby child and only boy, Clyde. Clyde was born October 11, 1899, and lived 8 years and 28 days. His stay on earth was short, but long enough to entwine himself about the affections of father and mother and two sisters. For the past twelve months he suffered a great deal, but bore his suffering patiently and often spoke of death as a release from pain, and said he would be no stranger in heaven with Jesus and grandma. The messenger of death came and found him ready; the pulsations of his heart ceased to beat against its prison walls, and his soul took its flight to the world on high. Heaven is nearer and dearer because he is there. May God's Spirit direct the broken-hearted parents and sisters to the city of our God.

W. S. EASTERLING.

Caro, Texas.

CASNER.—Miss Lucy Casner, the daughter of James W. and Sarah Casner, was born in Travis County, Texas, May 18, 1856. She departed this life December 11, 1907, being 51 years and 6 months old. Miss Lucy was a member of the Church for over thirty years. She was one of those quiet, unassuming yet pious Christians who worship the Lord in their own way. While she never was active in the affairs of the Church, she was nevertheless a regular attendant upon its services. She went gradually to her rest from the dread disease, consumption; nor did she go without leaving a clear statement that her faith was in the Lord and heaven her home. We laid her to rest December 12, 1907, to await our Lord's call on the great day. Two brothers and one sister survive, who, together with a host of friends, expect to meet her when we reach the other shore. H. LEE VINCENT, P. C.

CROSS.—Mrs. Annie Cross, wife of the Rev. C. B. Cross, pastor of the First M. E. Church, South, of Colorado Springs, in the Denver Conference, Colorado, died January 3, 1908. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ferrier, of Dalby Springs, Texas. She was born July 9, 1870, being 37 years, 5 months and 24 days old at the time of her death. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1897, and was united in marriage to Rev. C. B. Cross January 5, 1898, and from that hour until her death Sister Cross took a deep interest in all departments of Church work and was a wise and safe counselor and a great help to her husband in his pastoral duties and successful ministry. She possessed many beautiful virtues of heart and mind, and although of a very modest and timid nature, she was strong and courageous when duty called her for any work she could do in the cause of her blessed Master. She possessed a sweet and amiable disposition and lived a most beautiful Christian life, and by reason thereof drew about her a large circle of loving friends. Sister Cross has never been strong, and by reason of her poor health, through the kindness of Bishop Key, Bro. Cross was assigned or appointed to this station (coming here from Atlanta, Texas) with the hope that the change would prove beneficial in giving her renewed strength, health and vigor. And while her last illness was of but few days' duration, her suffering was intensely severe, yet she bore it with much fortitude and Christian resignation, and when she realized that death was approaching she called her husband and little children to her bedside and told them not to weep and mourn, as she was safe in the Savior's love, bade them all good bye and asked them to meet her in that beautiful city in "the far away home of the soul." She leaves a fond and loving husband and four little children, a baby boy only five days old, a little daughter, the oldest child 9 years old, and two little sons to mourn the loss of a devoted, faithful wife and a tender and loving mother. The funeral services were held in the church Sunday afternoon, January 5, and conducted by Rev. P. T. Ramsey, presiding elder of the Denver District, and she was buried in Evergreen Cemetery in this city. H. G. A.

PARKER.—George Wiley Parker born in Goliad County, Texas, September 10, 1877; died in Belmont, Texas, December 5, 1907. He came to Gonzales County in 1883. On February 9, 1902, he married Miss Carrie Rosell, of Gonzales County. To this union were born three children—Margaret Hazel, George Alton and Ida Zula. Bro. Parker was a member of the M. E. Church, South, and died in full triumph of the Christian faith. He bore his prolonged suffering with exemplary patience and Christian fortitude. In his last hours he gave his loved ones the assurance that all was well with him. His faithful wife will greatly miss him, but her companion has won an imperishable crown of glory and she may confidently guide the feet of her little ones to that blessed land where their papa awaits them. May the faithful wife and children, with the devoted brothers and sisters, be an unbroken family in glory. N. G. OZMENT.

HOWARD.—On December 13, 1907, our little friend, Claude Howard, went away to live in the Father's home. We did not think he was dangerously ill until the day before the messenger called. How surprised and grieved we were when they told us Claude was dead. A little more than eight years the Lord had loaned him to make the home bright; but he was a plant too tender for a clime like this. So He took him to his own home, where pain is not felt and grief is not known. Kind hands brought tokens of love to his grave. All who knew him loved him. Claude was a bright, obedient, manly boy. Why he had to go we can not tell. This we know, heaven is brighter because he is there. We say he is dead, but he is not. In the springtime, when the birds come back from their winter home and you go to plant flowers on his grave, do not think he is there, but turn your tear-dimmed eyes to the home of God and listen to the voice of Him who said, "I am the way." O grief-stricken ones, "while we sorrowfully say he is gone, they of the better world are exultantly shouting, he has come." His pastor, H. M. LONG.

HOLBROOK.—Mrs. T. A. Holbrook was born in Georgia May 5, 1822, and died in Flint, Smith County, Texas, September 12, 1907. She professed religion in her early girlhood and joined the Methodist Church, in which she lived and labored until the end. She loved her Church, her Bible and the Texas Christian Advocate. Thus she developed into a strong Christian character, which not only gave her great comfort, but left its impress upon her family and the entire community. She lived what she professed, and many will call her blessed. We laid her by her husband and other relatives



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left no parting words, but we are sure  
that all who knew her know where  
to find her. May the God of all grace  
who sustained this good woman for  
more than seventy-five years sustain  
and comfort and finally bring together  
around our Father's throne in heaven  
all the children and loved ones left be-  
hind. Her old pastor,

T. T. BOOTH.

#### MRS. MATTIE CARUTH.

This good woman was born in Ken-  
tucky on September 7, 1836, and emi-  
grated with her parents to Mississippi,  
and during the war between the States  
refugee to Texas. In 1859 she was  
happily married to Capt. Wm. Caruth,  
of the City of Dallas, and she departed  
this life November 25, 1907. Death is  
no respecter of persons. It takes the  
good and useful as well as those who  
are otherwise. We are often bewildered  
when we see those taken who make  
home and community better and hap-  
py, while many are left who are mere  
drifters in society, and often worse. In  
our short-sightedness we look only at  
this side of human destiny and wholly  
fail to look at the other and brighter  
side, which the Christian religion alone  
reveals. Our viewpoint is a selfish  
one. We cling to our loved ones, and  
for our enjoyment of their sweet asso-  
ciation would keep them in this world  
of sorrow. We forget our Divine  
Father has translated them to his own  
mansions, where they have escaped the  
sorrows which now make our hearts  
bleed. If we could for a moment draw  
aside the veil and see the ineffable joy  
upon which the dead in Christ enter, we  
would realize, perhaps, as never be-  
fore the truth and force of Paul's  
statement that "To live is Christ, but  
to die is gain;" and "I have a desire  
to depart and be with Christ, which  
is far better."

The above reflections were awaken-  
ed in my mind after standing at the  
open grave of Mrs. Mattie Caruth and  
committing her body to the earth to  
await the voice of Christ, who is the  
resurrection and the life. During these  
sad rites I leaned against the beautiful  
marble shaft, which Sister Caruth had  
erected to the memory of her dear  
husband, who died many years ago.  
We stood in the shadow of Caruth  
Chapel, which stands as a memento of  
the piety and liberality of the Caruth  
Brothers. Their landed estate being  
large and their tenants numerous,  
many of whom were poor and unable  
to reach other Churches, they, like their  
Master, determined the poor should  
have the gospel preached unto them.  
Therefore, at their own expense and  
on their own land, they erected a beau-  
tiful chapel and comfortable parsonage  
as a home for the preacher. This  
Church at once became a half station.  
They paid the preacher's salary and  
practically met all the expenses of  
that Church. Some years after the  
death of Bro. Caruth, a storm destroy-  
ed the church. Sister Caruth, without  
delay, at her own expense, rebuilt and  
continued to pay the preacher until  
conversion of the farm from cotton to  
hay diminished the number of tenants  
until the congregation was so small  
the appointment was abandoned. Many  
who were converted in this house will  
rise up in the judgment and call them  
blessed. Only one son, with a large  
circle of relatives, of whom she was  
the center and idol, are left to mourn  
her departure. God bless them all.

To this only son I would say, you  
have a worthy and noble ancestral  
record. "Go thou and do likewise." Fol-  
low them as they followed Christ.

W. H. HUGHES.

Dallas, Texas.

WODSON.—Parthenia, wife of G. W.  
Wodson, was born February 9 1849, in  
the State of Missouri; came with her  
husband to Texas September, 1888;  
was converted and joined the M. E.  
Church, South, in 1892, at Spring  
Creek Church, and lived a faithful  
member until her death, December 2,  
1907. Her body was laid to rest in  
Spring Creek Cemetery.

R. D. STEWART, Pastor.

DOBBINS.—Mary Hortense, daugh-  
ter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Dobbins, was  
born August 29, 1897, and died in Ros-  
coe, Texas, October 5, 1907, after sev-  
enteen days' illness of typhoid fever.  
It was a life all to brief, for it was  
as full of promise as a child's could well  
be at that age. And yet brief as it  
was, the writer has scarcely known  
one of that length that has left so  
sweet and enduring an influence. She  
was a child whom everybody instinctively  
loved, a spirit of angelic purity  
and gentleness; and her religion, her  
simple, all-confiding trust in Him who  
is the children's friend, seemed as nat-  
ural as her breathing. She had a good  
home here, but all the care and love  
of father and mother could not safe-  
guard her from sickness and pain and  
death. The malady that took her seemed  
more malignant in her case than  
usual, and her sufferings brought forth  
sympathy and tears from every heart  
that watched by her bedside. But the

scorching fever could not dim her  
vision of better things, and we know  
that she has long since forgotten her  
bed-ridden days in the joys of the oth-  
er world.

M. PHELAN.

WALLER.—Madison L. Waller was  
born in Okalona, Miss., December  
25, 1850; was converted and joined  
the M. E. Church, South, in 1874. He  
lived a consistent Christian life and  
served a number of years as steward.  
He was married to Miss Henrietta  
Belk September 10, 1874. To them  
were born three children, two sons  
and a daughter, the latter having died  
some seven years ago. His wife and  
the two sons, James and Matt, survive  
him. Bro. Waller had been sick for  
twelve months, and had suffered a  
great deal, but through it all he was  
patient and hopeful. He died in the  
triumphs of a living faith December  
21, 1907, at his home in Wone City,  
Texas, surrounded by loved ones and  
friends. The funeral services were  
held in the church in Wolfe City Sun-  
day, December 22, 1907, at 2 p. m., by  
Rev. R. B. Moreland, of Celeste, an old  
friend of the family, assisted by the  
writer, after which we laid his body  
to rest in the cemetery at Old Mt.  
Carmel to await the resurrection.

J. P. LOWRY, P. C.

LYON.—On Sunday, December 22,  
1907, was laid to rest the body of Mrs.  
Martha M. Lyon (nee Powell), after  
a very brief illness. Sister Lyon was  
born in Georgia September 9, 1821;  
married to Capt. H. C. Lyon April 1,  
1844. She was converted under the  
ministry of Dr. Jas. D. Barbee, in Ten-  
nessee, when a young woman, and  
through her long life was a devout  
Christian. She was practically shut in  
for years because of age and feeble-  
ness. But God gave her a good home  
with her daughter, Sister Jno. Carter,  
in which she was always congenial  
and happy. Her light was ever bright,  
and there were many windows of vir-  
tue through which her true light light-  
ed the way for others, glorifying her  
holy religion; never gloomy or  
sad, but cheerful and full of charity—  
the charity this world needs, wise, true  
words, generous sympathy, a helpful  
face and warm heart. She has crossed  
the river to be with God and loved  
ones of other years.

G. J. IRVIN, Pastor.

#### NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE

Waxahachie District—First Round.  
Waxahachie, Jan. 10, 12.  
Red Oak, at Red Oak, Jan. 11, 12.  
JAS. CAMPBELL, P. E.

Colorado District—First Round.  
Clairemont, at Clair, Jan. 11, 12.  
Snyder Miss., at Bethel, Jan. 14.  
Hermleigh, at Hermleigh, Jan. 15.  
Rocoe and Loraine, at R., Jan. 18, 19.  
Gail, at Gail, Jan. 23.  
Coahoma, at Coahoma, Jan. 25, 26.  
Lamesa, at Lamesa, Feb. 1, 2.  
Seminole, at Seminole, Feb. 8, 9.  
Stanton Sta., Feb. 15, 16.  
Big Springs Sta., Feb. 22, 23.  
Colorado Sta., Feb. 29, March 1.  
J. T. GRISWOLD, P. E.

Georgetown District—First Round.  
Taylor, Jan. 11, 12.  
Hutto, at Hutto, Jan. 12, 13.  
Belton, Jan. 18, 19.  
Florence, at Gravis, Jan. 25, 26.  
B. R. BOLTON, P. E.

Corsicana District—First Round.  
Purdon, at Mt. Zion, Jan. 11, 12.  
Brandon, at Mertens, Jan. 18, 19.  
Frost, at Frost, Jan. 19, 20.  
Barry, at Barry, Jan. 25, 26.  
Kirk, at Prairie Hill, Feb. 1, 2.  
HORACE BISHOP, P. E.

Vernon District—First Round.  
Munday Station, Jan. 11, 12.  
Wellington Miss., at Kelley, Jan. 18, 19.  
Wellington Station, Jan. 19, 20.  
Quail, at Quail, Jan. 20.  
Paducah, at Paducah, Jan. 25, 26.  
Goree, at Goree, Feb. 1, 2.  
Bomarton, at Bomarton, Feb. 2, 3.  
Spring Creek, at Spring Creek, Feb. 5.  
W. H. HOWARD, P. E.

Plainview District—First Round.  
Turkey, at T., Jan. 11, 12.  
Lubbock, Jan. 16.  
Brownfield, at B., Jan. 18, 19.  
Gomez, at G., Jan. 19 night, 20.  
Hockley, Jan. 22.  
Emma, at E., Jan. 25, 26.  
Tahoka, at T., Feb. 1, 2.  
Post City, at P., Feb. 4.  
Friona, Feb. —  
G. S. HARDY, P. E.

Weatherford District—First Round.  
Ranger, at Ranger, Jan. 11, 12.  
Wayland, at Gunsight, Jan. 17.  
Crystal Falls, at C. F., Jan. 18, 19.  
Breckenridge, at B., Jan. 19, 20.  
Whitt and Bethesda, at W., Jan. 25, 26.  
Grafton, at Grafton, Jan. 26, 27.  
Peaseter, at Agnes, Jan. 29.  
Farmer, at Hawkins Ch., Feb. 8, 9.  
Graham Sta., Feb. 9, 10.  
Graham Mis., at Connor Ch., Feb. 10.  
Throckmorton, at T., Feb. 13.  
Ellisville, at E., Feb. 15, 16.  
M. K. LITTLE, P. E.

#### Brownwood District—First Round.

May, at May, Jan. 11, 12.  
Rising Star Station, Jan. 12, 13.  
Sipe Springs, at Sipe Springs, Jan. 13.  
Pioneer, at Pioneer, Jan. 14.  
Burket, at Burket, Jan. 15.  
Santa Anna, at Santa Anna, Jan. 18, 19.  
Winchell, at Winchell, Jan. 22.  
Taipa, at Taipa, Jan. 25, 26.  
Valera, at Valera, Jan. 26, 27.  
Gustine, at Gustine, Jan. 31.  
Comanche Cir., at White Point, Feb.  
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Comanche Station, Feb. 1, 2.  
JAS. S. CHAPMAN, P. E.

#### Gatesville District—First Round.

Fairy and Cranfill's Gap, at Help,  
Jan. 11, 12.  
Crawford, at C., Jan. 18, 19.  
Chawla Springs, C. S., 11 a. m., Jan. 21.  
Gatesville Mis., Jan. 25, 26.  
Turnersville, at Mt. Zion, Feb. 1, 2.  
Pearl, at Paddock, Feb. 8, 9.  
Copperas Cove, at Topsy, Feb. 15, 16.  
J. M. SHERMAN, P. E.

#### Abilene District—First Round.

Rule, at Rule, Jan. 11, 12.  
Haskell, Jan. 13.  
Weinert, at Weinert, Jan. 14.  
Tuxedo, at Fairview, Jan. 18, 19.  
Hamlin, Jan. 20.  
McCauley, Jan. 21.  
Truby, at Hodges, Jan. 25, 26.  
Capps, at Buffalo Gap, Jan. 27.  
Nudia, at Nudia, Jan. 29.  
Haskell Mis., at Plainview, Feb. 1, 2.  
Denton at Dudley, Feb. 8, 9.  
The District Stewards will meet in  
Abilene at the district parsonage,  
Jan. 9, 1908, at 5 o'clock p. m.  
JOHN R. MORRIS, P. E.

#### Fort Worth District—First Round.

Kennedale, at Kennedale, Jan. 11, 12.  
Polytechnic Sta., Jan. 12, 13.  
Grandview, at Chappell Hill, Jan. 24.  
Covington, at Covington, Jan. 25, 26.  
Main St., Cleburne, Jan. 27.  
Anglin St., Cleburne, Jan. 28, 29.  
Muney Memorial, Jan. 29.  
First Church, Jan. 30.  
Central, Feb. 1, 2.  
Greenwood, Feb. 2, 3.  
Missouri Ave., Feb. 5.  
Arlington, Feb. 8, 9.  
North Fort Worth, Feb. 9, 10.  
Weatherford St., Feb. 15, 16.  
O. F. SENSABAUGH, P. E.

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Morgan, at Morgan, Jan. 11, 12.  
Bosqueville, at Greenwood, Jan. 15.  
West, Jan. 19.  
Aquila, at Aquila, Jan. 22.  
Penelope, at Malone, Jan. 25, 26.  
Axtell, at Axtell, Feb. 1, 2.  
W. L. NELMS, P. E.

#### Dublin District—First Round.

Carlton Cir., Jan. 11, 12.  
Iredell Miss., at 10 a. m., Jan. 16.  
Duffau Miss., Jan. 18, 19.  
Bunyan Cir., at 11 a. m., Jan. 22.  
Gorman Sta., Jan. 25, 26.  
Desdemona Miss., Jan. 26, 27.  
Stephenville Sta., at 8 p. m., Jan. 29.  
Proctor Cir., Feb. 1, 2.  
DeLeon Miss., Feb. 8, 9.  
DeLeon Sta., Feb. 9, 10.  
Carbon Cir., Feb. 15, 16.  
Glen Rose Mis., Feb. 22, 23.  
J. G. PUTMAN, P. E.

#### NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Greenville District—First Round.  
Merit Cir., Merit, Jan. 11, 12.  
Commerce Miss., Central C., Jan. 18, 19.  
Commerce Station, Jan. 18, 19.  
Lone Oak Cir., L. O., Jan. 25, 26.  
Floyd Cir., Floyd, Feb. 1, 2.  
Leonard Cir., Leonard, Feb. 8, 9.  
Campbell Cir., Campbell, Feb. 15, 16.  
Wesley Sta., Feb. 22, 23.  
Kavanaugh Sta., Feb. 22, 23.  
JNO. H. McLEAN, P. E.

#### Paris District—First Round.

Shady Grove Cir., at S. G., Jan. 11, 12.  
Deport Cir., at D., Jan. 12, 13.  
Annona Cir., at A., Jan. 18, 19.  
Emerson Cir., at Bethel, Jan. 25, 26.  
Paris Cir., at Hopewell, Feb. 1, 2.  
Bonham Street Sta., Feb. 2, 3.  
Woodland & Kanawha, at K., Feb. 8, 9.  
Clarksville Miss., Liberty, Feb. 15, 16.  
Clarksville Sta., Feb. 16, 17.  
Avery Miss., at A., Feb. 22, 23.  
Bagwell Miss., at B., Feb. 29, March 1.  
Centenary, March 7, 8.  
Lamar Avenue Sta., March 8, 9.  
J. M. SWEETON, P. E.

#### Gainesville District—First Round.

Rosston Cir., at Rosston, Jan. 11, 12.  
Marysville Mis., at M., Jan. 18, 19.  
Collinsville and Tioga, C., Jan. 25, 26.  
Aubrey Cir., at Aubrey, Feb. 1, 2.  
Denton Sta., Feb. 2, 3.  
Bonita Cir., at Bonita, Feb. 8, 9.  
Wesley and Burns, at W., Feb. 15, 16.  
Dexter Mis., at Dexter, Feb. 22, 23.  
D. H. ASTON, P. E.

#### Terrell District—First Round.

Kemp, at Kemp, Jan. 11, 12.  
Kaufman, at night, Jan. 15.  
Crandall, at Seago, Jan. 18, 19.  
Mabank, at night, Jan. 22.  
Rosser, at Bethel, Jan. 25, 26.  
College Mound, Feb. 1, 2.  
Terrell, Feb. 4.  
Elmo, at Eden, Feb. 8, 9.  
Chisholm, Chisholm, Feb. 15, 16.  
O. S. THOMAS, P. E.

#### Decatur District—First Round.

Jacksboro Sta., Jan. 11, 12.  
Jacksboro Miss., Jan. 12, 13.  
Chico, Jan. 18, 19.  
Gibtown, Jan. 25, 26.  
Greenwood, Feb. 1, 2.  
Rhame, Feb. 8, 9.  
Alvardo, Feb. 15, 16.  
Bridgeport, Feb. 22, 23.  
Ponder and Krum, Feb. 29, March 1.  
Justin, March 7, 8.  
Bryson, March 14, 15.  
L. S. BARTON, P. E.

#### Dallas District—First Round.

Argyle, at Argyle, Jan. 11, 12.  
Trinity, Jan. 12, 13.  
Lewisville, Jan. 18, 19.  
Oak Lawn, Jan. 19, 20.  
Grand Prairie and West Dallas, at  
West Dallas, Jan. 25, 26.  
City Miss., Feb. 1, 2.  
Hutchins and Wilmer, at W., Jan. 8, 9.  
Oak Cliff, Feb. 15, 16.  
J. L. MORRIS, P. E.

#### Sherman District—First Round.

Pecan and Friendship, Jan. 10-13.  
Denton, Wapies Memorial, Jan. 19.  
Denton, Trinity, Jan. 19.  
Preston Mission, Jan. 24-26.  
Sadler Circuit, Jan. 31, Feb. 3.  
Whitesboro Station, Feb. 7-10.  
Howe Circuit, Feb. 14-17.  
Gunter Mission, Feb. 21-24.  
Bells Mission, Feb. 28, March 2.  
Southmayd, March 6-9.  
C. M. HARLESS, P. E.

#### McKinney District—First Round.

Celina Station, Jan. 11, 12.  
Farmers Branch and Carrollton, at C.,  
Jan. 18, 19.  
Renner Cir., at Renner, Jan. 25, 26.  
Plano Station, Jan. 26, 27.  
Josephine Cir., at J., Feb. 1, 2.  
Wylie Cir., at Wylie, Feb. 2, 3.  
Weston Cir., at Weston, Feb. 8, 9.  
Anna Mission, Feb. 9, 10.  
J. F. PIERCE, P. E.

#### Sulphur Springs District—First Round.

Cumby Sta., Cumby, 2nd Sun. Jan.  
Pecan Gap, and B. F., P. G., 3rd Sun.  
Jan.  
Purley, Harmony, 4th Sun. Jan.  
Klondike, Good's C., 1st Sun. Feb.  
Birthright, Mahoney, 2nd Sun. Feb.  
Sulphur Bluff, Dike, 3rd Sun. Feb.  
Brashear, Bonanza, 4th Sun. Feb.  
Lake Creek, Enloe, 1st Sun. Mch.  
Kelly Springs, Parks C., 2nd Sun. Mch.  
Yowell, Pecan, 3rd Sun. Mch.  
J. F. ALDERSON, P. E.

#### Bonham District—First Round.

Ector Cir., at E., Jan. 11, 12.  
Bailey Cir., at B., Jan. 18, 19.  
Lamasco Mis., at L., Jan. 25, 26.  
South Bonham and Ravenna, at R.,  
Feb. 1, 2.  
Trenton Cir., at Marvin, Feb. 8, 9.  
Gober Mis., at G., Feb. 15, 16.  
Ladonia Sta., Feb. 22, 23.  
Brookston and High, at B., Feb. 28,  
March 1.  
Petty and Whiterock, at W., Mar. 7, 8.  
M. L. HAMILTON, P. E.

#### Bowie District—First Round.

Bellevue Cir., Jan. 11, 12.  
Iowa Park Miss., Jan. 18, 19.  
Blue Grove Cir., Jan. 25, 26.  
Fruitland Miss., Feb. 1, 2.  
Crafton Cir., Feb. 8, 9.  
Byars Miss., Feb. 15, 16.  
Holiday Miss., Feb. 22, 23.  
Post Oak Cir., March 1.  
Archer City Miss., March 7, 8.  
JNO. E. ROACH, P. E.

#### TEXAS CONFERENCE.

##### Pittsburg District—First Round.

Gilmer Cir., at Hamel's Ch., Jan. 11, 12.  
Gilmer Sta., Jan. 12, 13.  
Dalby Springs, Godl Praj., Jan. 18, 19.  
New Boston and DeKalb, at N. B.,  
Jan. 19, 20.  
Nash, at Nash, Jan. 25, 26.  
Texarkana, Hardy Memor'l, Jan. 26, 27.  
Redwater, at Redwater, Feb. 1, 2.  
Texarkana, Central, Feb. 2, 3.  
Winfield, at Winfield, Feb. 8, 9.  
Mt. Pleasant Sta., Feb. 9, 10.  
Coffeaville, at Cox Chapel, Feb. 12.  
Pittsburg Cir., Reeves Ch., Feb. 15, 16.  
Pittsburg Sta., Feb. 16, 17.  
Kelleyville, at Shiloh, Feb. 22, 23.  
Jefferson Sta., Feb. 23, 24.  
Cason, at Alina, Feb. 29, March 1.  
Daingerfield, at Daingerfield, Mar. 1, 2.  
Naples and Omaha, at N., March 7, 8.  
Quitman, at Quitman, March 12.  
Leesburg, at Maple Spgs., Mar. 14, 15.  
R. A. BURROUGHS, P. E.

##### Huntsville District—First Round.

Anderson Cir., Anderson, Jan. 11, 12.  
Stoneham and Plantersville Cir., at S.,  
Jan. 12, 13.  
Crockett Sta., Jan. 18, 19.  
Huntsville Sta., Jan. 19, 20.  
Trinity and Onalaska, at O., Jan. 26, 27.  
Willard Cir., at Carmona, Feb. 1, 2.  
Groveton Sta., Feb. 2, 3.  
San Jacinto Cir., at Farris, Feb. 8, 9.  
Sheppard and Cleveland, at Fostoria,  
Feb. 15, 16.  
Cold Spgs. Cir., Waverly, Feb. 22, 23.  
H. C. WILLIS, P. E.

##### Beaumont District—First Round.

Corrigan Cir., at Moscow, Jan. 11, 12.  
Laurelia Cir., at Laurelia, Jan. 15.  
Nederland Cir., at Port Neches, Jan.  
18, 19.  
Saratoga and Batson, at B., Jan. 22.

Port Arthur, Jan. 26, 27.  
Burkeville Cir., at Newton, Feb. 1, 2.  
Call Cir., at Call, Feb. 5.  
Orange Sta., at Orange, Feb. 8, 9.  
Brownell and Brookline, at Brownell,  
Feb. 12.  
Jasper Cir., at Byerly Camp-ground,  
Feb. 14.  
Jasper & Kirbyville, at K., Feb. 15, 16.  
Warren Cir., at Warren, Feb. 19.  
Woodville Cir., at W., Feb. 22, 25.  
Camden Cir., at Camden, Feb. 26.  
Livingston Cir., at Goodrich, Feb. 29,  
Mar. 1.  
Amelia Cir., at Port Bolivar, Mar. 4.  
Wallisville Cir., at W., Mar. 7, 8.  
Liberty Cir., at Dayton, Mar. 14, 15.  
D. H. HOTCHKISS, P. E.

##### Calvert District—First Round.

Petteway, at Petteway, Jan. 11, 12.  
Calvert Sta., Jan. 15.  
Lott and Durango, at D., Jan. 18, 19.  
Marlin Sta., Jan. 22.  
Reagan and Stranger, at R., Jan. 25, 26.  
Hearne and Millican, at H., Jan. 29.  
Fairfield and Dew, at F., Feb. 1, 2.  
Teague Sta., Feb. 2, 3.  
Jewett, at Jewett, Feb. 7-9.  
Franklin Sta., Feb. 9, 10.  
Travis and Chilton, at T., Feb. 15, 16.  
Iola Miss., at Iola, Feb. 22, 23.  
Centerville, at C., Feb. 29, March 1.  
Wheelock, at Wheelock, March 7, 8.  
Bryan Sta., March 14, 15.  
E. L. SHETTLES, P. E.

##### Tyler District—First Round.

Wills Point Circuit, Jan. 11, 12.  
Wills Point Station, Jan. 12, 13.  
Grand Saline Station, Jan. 14.  
Mt. Sylvan, at Red Springs, Jan. 18, 19.  
Lindale Station, Jan. 19, 20.  
Tyler Cir., at Center, Jan. 25, 26.  
Tyler, Cedar Street, Jan. 26, 27.  
Chandler, Feb. 1, 2.  
Edom, at Ben Wheeler, Feb. 4.  
Colfax, Feb. 6.  
Canton, at Morris' Chapel, Feb. 7.  
Edgewood Station, Feb. 8, 9.  
Mineola Station, Feb. 12.  
Meredit, at Eustace, Feb. 15, 16.  
Harleton, at Harleton, Feb. 19.  
Waskom, at Waskom, Feb. 21.  
Harrison Cir., at Union, Feb. 22.  
Marshall, North Marshall, Feb. 22, 23.  
Marshall, First Church, Feb. 23, 24.  
Whitehouse at W., Feb. 28.  
Tyler, Marvin, March 1, 2.  
THOS. H. MORRIS, P. E.

##### San Augustine District—First Round.

Center Cir., at Newburn, Jan. 11, 12.  
Center Sta., Jan. 12, 13.  
Teneha, at T., Wednesday, Jan. 15.  
Shelbyville, at Shelbyville, Jan. 18, 19.  
Minden, at M., Wednesday, Jan. 22.  
Gary, at Clayton, Thursday, Jan. 23.  
Geneva, at Milan, Jan. 25, 26.  
San Augustine Sta., Jan. 26, 27.  
Timpson, Wednesday, Jan. 29.  
Tatum, at Ward's Chapel, Feb. 1, 2.  
Beckville, at Beckville, Feb. 2, 3.  
Hemphill and B., at H., Wed., Feb. 5.  
Garrison, at G., Feb. 8, 9.  
Carthage, Wednesday, Feb. 12.  
Kennard, at Kennard, Feb. 15, 16.  
Nacodoches Miss., at Appleby, Fri-  
day, Feb. 21.  
Melrose, at Melrose, Feb. 22, 23.  
Keltys, at Keltys, Friday, Feb. 28.  
Burke, at Burke, Feb. 29, March 1.  
Lufkin Sta., March 1, 2.  
C. A. TOWER, P. E.

##### Brenham District—Second Round.

Milano, Jan. 11, 12.  
Rockdale, Jan. 12, 13.  
Giddings, Jan. 17, 18.  
Caldwell Miss., Jan. 25, 26.  
Caldwell Sta., Jan. 26, 27.  
Bellville, Feb. 1, 2.  
Sealy, Feb. 2, 3.  
Somerville, Feb. 7, 8.  
Davilla Cir., at Friendship, Feb. 14, 15.  
Maysfield, Feb. 22, 23.  
Fulshear & Brookshire, Feb. 29, Mar. 1.  
Bay City and Matagorda, March 7, 8.  
Glen Flora and Lane City, Mar. 14, 15.  
Wharton, March 15, 16.  
A. A. WAGNON, P. E.

##### Jacksonville District—First Round.

Alto, Cold Springs, Jan. 11, 12.  
Rusk, Jan. 12, 13.  
Troupe and O., at T., 7 p. m., Jan. 15.  
Brushy Creek, at Brushy, Jan. 18, 19.  
Neches, at Neches, Jan. 19, 20.  
Centenary, at 7:30 p. m., Jan. 20.  
Malakoff, at Malakoff, Jan. 25, 26.  
Athens, Jan. 26, 27.  
Kilgore, at Kilgore, Feb. 1, 2.  
Henderson Cir., at Buford, Feb. 8, 9.  
Hallville, at Winterfield, Feb. 15, 16.  
Longview, Feb. 16, 17.  
La Rue, at Poyner, Feb. 21, 22.  
Jacksonville Cir., Tatums, Feb. 22,



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## Leesville.

Returned to this charge the third time. These good people have accorded us a welcome that we highly appreciate. Our lot has been cast among a good people. We hope to make this the best year of our ministerial life. The first Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. It was very well attended. The salary of pastor advanced; financial report very good, all things considered. On New Year's night the pounders came. They left their pounds, and these tokens of their love and esteem are received by us as a call to deeper service in their spiritual interest. We are here for "business for our King" and shall do all we can to "persuade men to be reconciled to God."—J. D. Burke.

## Buckholts.

I wrote Bro. J. W. Reeder I was making my arrangements to be here on December 10, and when we arrived he and several others met us at the depot and conducted us to the parsonage where we found several others who had a roaring fire in the fireplace. After getting acquainted and warming we found the dining table was filled to overflowing with good things to eat. Sister Adams, a good Presbyterian sister invited us to take supper with her. We did not decline. I received a notice the other day there was a box of freight in the office for me. Not having ordered anything, I

was anxious to know what it was and where it was from. It turned out the good people of Salem had sent us 80 pounds of groceries. Truly these are good people and they have given us a royal welcome. Bro. Wagon, the beloved, was with us December 28 and 29, and gave us the benefit of his first experience in holding Quarterly Conferences and we are glad of the results of the experiment. He preached three sermons that will be remembered by us, and they have already borne much fruit. We are all in love with him and we heartily recommend him to the other brethren. Sunday morning he gave us a religious sermon on tithing and at the close he told the people he wanted \$45.00 as their part of the conference collections and before we had time to stop we had \$61.50 subscribed, and he had to quit before he got through. Have received four by certificate. Will begin a meeting here January 5. Bro. A. T. Walker, of Reagan, will be with us. We are all expecting a great meeting. The people seem hungering and thirsting for a great revival.—John W. Hennessee.

## Alvin.

We have been kindly received by the people; made comfortable in the parsonage with many things added to it, and the stewards have made us feel easy as to our support. We are well pleased, well fixed and hopeful as to the future. Our desire is to make this a successful year in the work—helpful to all. The Texas Christian Advocate will be remembered.—A. G. Scruggs, Jan. 6.

## Celina.

Shortly after the adjournment of our epoch-making conference at Sherman I packed our movable goods, chartered a car, bade farewell to the good people at Clarksville and pulled out for my new charge. After thirty-six hours of stops, jerks and rough riding I pull up at Celina, my present charge. Celina is twenty-seven miles southwest of Sherman, in the western part of one of the best counties in anybody's country (Collin County) and is located on the Frisco railroad on the direct route from St. Louis on the north and Fort Worth and Dallas on the south. The town is five or six years old and has less than one thousand souls. For fertility of soil, fine water in abundance, healthy climate and clever people no better place is in the knowledge of the writer. The next morning after my arrival these clever people brought their wagons (of their own accord) and by noon they had my car unloaded and in the parsonage. The good ladies had two rooms of the parsonage papered, put a nice mat in the family room and put a nice dining table in, and then that night the pounding came in "due and ancient" order. I can not enumerate the good things they brought. They kept us in their homes for several days while the parsonage was undergoing repairs and insisted that we should stay longer. They have had my whole family to dine with them several days since and still they are inviting us. After a ministry of twenty-four years I have never had a more cordial and brotherly welcome. Such dinners in kind and amount as they do set! I believe our editor and Bro. Little would improve their physical appearance if they were here awhile. I have made a good, big lot for my cows, hired the stable cleaned out, rebuilt the chicken house, made some walks about the parsonage, and now my committee is building a walk from the church to town, and from the parsonage to the main walk. The stewards met and set the pastor's salary next to the highest assessment he ever had made. I once held a meeting and a debate for these people. I am now within fifteen miles of my old charge where I spent four very pleasant years as a pastor. We are expecting and praying for a good year here. All this charge needs is a new church. We hope to have it at no distant day. My congregations are all I could reasonably ask. We start well.—T. J. Beckham.

## Celeste and Lane.

I came and filled my first appointment after conference at Celeste, found a fine congregation and had a good service. Rev. Jno. E. Roach, presiding elder of Bowie District, preached for me at night. Bro. Roach was raised here and had never preached to the people at Celeste. They were glad of an opportunity to hear him and appreciated his sermon very much. We moved the next week, but before we arrived the Woman's Home Mission Society met and arranged for the pounders, which came on Wednesday night, good and strong. The best selected and most substantial we ever received in our lives. It was from both appointments, Celeste and Lane. God bless the donors and especially the women's societies who planned it. I don't know what a preacher would do without the Home Mission Society. Our first Quarterly Conference was held yesterday. Dr. McLean came Sunday afternoon and preached an excellent sermon for us Sunday night and then held the confer-

ence yesterday morning. It was well attended both by officials and members. Reports good, both financially and spiritually. I have had two conversions during the month and have received 17 into the Church. The stewards made good collections for their preacher, and raised the salary \$200, making \$800. This is only returning to their former salary. I am enjoying the treat of my life in music. R. D. Kennedy is our most efficient choir leader and well it is done. I don't believe he has a superior in the South as a gospel singer. We start out with great encouragement for a great year's work. May the Lord give it to us.—R. B. Moreland, Jan. 7.

## Waller.

After some delay we are now very comfortably situated in the parsonage at Waller. We have six appointments on this charge and have met the people at each place except one, where the weather would not permit. The people have been exceptionally good and kind to us on this charge. On the arrival of our wife and little ones the good ladies prepared an excellent dinner, which was served at the parsonage, of course. This we enjoyed very much, but the dinner was not all. We were well provided with such things as usually go to fill the pantry, such as flour, sugar, coffee, tea, rice, potatoes, bacon, syrup, butter, eggs, canned goods, fruit, etc. We sincerely thank the good people for this expression of kindness and trust that during the year they will be abundantly rewarded. We feel encouraged as we begin the year's work. We are trusting and praying for the best year of our lives.—C. M. Myers, Jan. 7.

## PREACHERS' MEETING OF HOUSTON.

The first Methodist preachers' meeting of the present conference year was held in Shearn Church Monday morning, December 16, with Dr. J. B. Lucas in the chair. After devotional exercises, reports were made of Sunday services, and the following officers were elected: President, Dr. J. B. Lucas; Vice-President, A. E. Rector; Secretary and Treasurer, S. W. Kemmerer; G. A. LeClere and H. M. Whaling, Jr., were appointed as Committee on Programs.

The recent session of the conference was declared to be a great blessing to the Churches of the city. The new pastors had already taken up their respective duties, and a hopeful spirit pervades.

The following brethren are enrolled, in addition to the officers: Bishop Seth Ward, George Sexton, J. W. Mayne, P. L. King, W. H. Crum, C. C. Bell, Charles F. Smith, J. W. Moore, J. L. Murray, J. F. Carter, J. E. Green, W. M. Sherrell, J. T. Browning, E. A. Konken, W. A. Knolle, S. C. Lamb.

Sessions were held on the 23rd and 26th, reports made and general discussions followed. Bishop Ward's presence at every meeting has been greatly appreciated by the brethren, and his addresses enjoyed. Several visitors have been present, and addressed the meetings. Among these were Dr. B. F. Riley, of the Texas Anti-Saloon League; Dr. J. B. Searles, of the Missionary Society, and the Revs. Clifton Pledger and D. Shepherd, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The City Pastors' Association meets next Monday, January 7, and the Methodist pastors accepted the invitation to attend.

S. W. KEMMERER,  
Secretary.

## FORT WORTH PREACHERS' MEETING.

The meeting was called to order January 6, 1908, by Vice-President L. A. Webb, President W. H. Matthews having been called to conduct a funeral. F. E. Singleton was appointed Secretary. O. P. Kiker being sick.

College, W. H. Long: Attendance good; one profession and accession by baptism. Weatherford Street, Ashley Chapel: House filled; three conversions and accessions.

Glenwood, F. E. Singleton: Two conversions.

Riverside, C. A. Bickley: Fifteen new pupils in Sunday-school; good services; two additions by certificate.

First Church, H. D. Knickerbocker: Over 150 present at prayer-meeting; held sacrament, great service. A "Win One Club" organized. Eight accessions—five by letter, three on profession.

Rosen Heights, D. A. McGuire: Great services; two accessions on profession, two by letter.

Diamond Hill, N. A. Phillips: Good services.

Stove Foundry, W. F. Singley: Work progressing nicely.

Missouri Avenue, O. P. Kiker reported over 'phone: Good services; one addition.

Mulkey, W. H. Matthews: Three additions; steady growth.

Central, L. A. Webb: Seven additions; outlook encouraging.

Brother R. C. Armstrong was present and made a brief report.

Brother J. A. Walkup reported work

in the city among the brethren. He has been greatly blessed in it.

Brother Paul H. Finn, of Central Church, Kansas City, Mo., made a very encouraging report on the progress of Southern Methodism in his city.

L. A. WEBB,

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## MORE PROHIBITION IN OKLAHOMA.

If any man among the Texans happens to hear that the Oklahomans are not in "dead earnest" in the enforcement of prohibition in the new State, let him here and now be undeceived. Three brief items will indicate that "something is doing" in these parts:

1. A big brewing company of Oklahoma City had 75,000 gallons of beer. It could not be sold, nor given away, nor shipped out. So the only thing to do was to confiscate it and turn it into the gutters and sewers. One day last week this was done, and many a thirsty fellow drank to his full from the flowing stream. One negro who had absorbed about all he could contain, dipped up another "jug" and made another pull and said: "I thinks there's gwine to be a mighty long dry spell now." And so we all. Thousands of people saw this wonderful and interesting sight and rejoiced for the triumph of prohibition.

2. Police Judge Higley, of the same city, bears this testimony: "I was just glancing over my records. Things are not what they used to be. Look here: 90 drunks in the last 16 days of October. Now glance at this: 8 drunks in the first 14 days of this month. We have had 95 cases in Police Court this month, against 192 cases in the latter 16 days of October." The dates in October were under saloon reign. The other under prohibition.

3. In my own town, Lawton, the records show 10 cases of drunkenness for December, 1907, under prohibition, while they show 50 cases for December, 1906, under saloon reign. So, you see, it prohibited 40 drunks, if no more. Twenty-six saloons were closed in this town by the law, and the latter state is better than the first. Our officers are enforcing the law without fear or favor.

Tell the folks that prohibition in Oklahoma is like Haygood's negro—"here to stay." Texans, go and do likewise.

W. J. MOORE.

Lawton, Okla.

## UNCLE "DICK" TO THE PREACHERS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I wish to say to my brethren of the conference that upon my return from our annual meeting at Houston I was taken sick with malarial fever and have been confined to my bed ever since. The brethren have been very kind to me—many of those at a distance writing loving words of sympathy, and those living in Dallas have been especially attentive in coming to see me. I appreciate these kindnesses very much, and from my bed of pain and affliction I send you heartfelt gratitude.

At the conference it will be remembered I took up a subscription for Sister J. W. Thompson, of Round Rock, the widow of one of our brethren who has "fallen on sleep." That subscription was to pay off a mortgage on her home, and is now due. Many of the brethren have sent me the amounts subscribed, but I am still short of enough by some \$25 to take up the paper. If those subscribing who have not yet paid will send me their amounts, I can go ahead and place this mortgage in the hands of our sister.

I am still quite sick, but we all hope that the worst is over. Pray for me.

REV. R. W. THOMPSON.

Dallas, Texas, January 6.

## IS PREPARED FOR ADDITIONAL WORK.

I desire to announce to the pastors that my understanding with the Board of Trustees of the Polytechnic College allows me such latitude that I can assist them in any kind of pulp ministry they may desire. After laboring almost continuously as financial agent for a term of five years, begets in me an ardent desire to at least interlay the material work of the Church with that which pertains to immediate results in the salvation of men. First of all, and above all, I am ready to assist in evangelistic services. I am always prepared to discuss any of the doctrines held by our Church, having studied our doctrines carefully and critically. I have a series of sermons on worldly amusements, and a series of lectures on Christian Science, so-called, and am also prepared to discuss Roman Catholicism. While I have not surrendered the agency, I am not putting in full time, and expect at no distant day to give it up entirely, except to wind up the work in hand.

R. C. ARMSTRONG.

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## CLARENDON COLLEGE.

Thursday was a great day in Clarendon and in the history of the Church in the Panhandle. We broke the dirt on the college campus for our new \$50,000 building. The work will be pushed as rapidly as possible until its completion, which we hope to see by September next. This is the first of several buildings to be added to our splendid college plant here. The equipment is better and the attendance best in its history, despite the financial panic.

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## Leesville.

Returned to this charge the third time. These good people have accorded us a welcome that we highly appreciate. Our lot has been cast among a good people. We hope to make this the best year of our ministerial life. The first Quarterly Conference is a thing of the past. It was very well attended. The salary of pastor advanced; financial report very good, all things considered. On New Year's night the pounders came. They left their pounds, and these tokens of their love and esteem are received by us as a call to deeper service in their spiritual interest. We are here for "business for our King" and shall do all we can to "persuade men to be reconciled to God."—J. D. Burke.

## Buckholts.

I wrote Bro. J. W. Reeder I was making my arrangements to be here on December 10, and when we arrived he and several others met us at the depot and conducted us to the parsonage where we found several others who had a roaring fire in the fireplace. After getting acquainted and warming we found the dining table was filled to overflowing with good things to eat. Sister Adams, a good Presbyterian sister invited us to take supper with her. We did not decline. I received a notice the other day there was a box of freight in the office for me. Not having ordered anything, I

was anxious to know what it was and where it was from. It turned out the good people of Salem had sent us 80 pounds of groceries. Truly these are good people and they have given us a royal welcome. Bro. Wagon, the beloved, was with us December 28 and 29, and gave us the benefit of his first experience in holding Quarterly Conferences and we are glad of the results of the experiment. He preached three sermons that will be remembered by us, and they have already borne much fruit. We are all in love with him and we heartily recommend him to the other brethren. Sunday morning he gave us a religious sermon on tithing and at the close he told the people he wanted \$45.00 as their part of the conference collections and before we had time to stop we had \$61.50 subscribed, and he had to quit before he got through. Have received four by certificate. Will begin a meeting here January 5. Bro. A. T. Walker, of Reagan, will be with us. We are all expecting a great meeting. The people seem hungering and thirsting for a great revival.—John W. Hennessee.

## Alvin.

We have been kindly received by the people; made comfortable in the parsonage with many things added to it, and the stewards have made us feel easy as to our support. We are well pleased, well fixed and hopeful as to the future. Our desire is to make this a successful year in the work—helpful to all. The Texas Christian Advocate will be remembered.—A. G. Scruggs, Jan. 6.

## Celina.

Shortly after the adjournment of our epoch-making conference at Sherman I packed our movable goods, chartered a car, bade farewell to the good people at Clarksville and pulled out for my new charge. After thirty-six hours of stops, jerks and rough riding I pulled up at Celina, my present charge. Celina is twenty-seven miles southwest of Sherman, in the western part of one of the best counties in anybody's country (Collin County) and is located on the Frisco railroad on the direct route from St. Louis on the north and Fort Worth and Dallas on the south. The town is five or six years old and has less than one thousand souls. For fertility of soil, fine water in abundance, healthy climate and clever people no better place is in the knowledge of the writer. The next morning after my arrival these clever people brought their wagons (of their own accord) and by noon they had my car unloaded and in the parsonage. The good ladies had two rooms of the parsonage papered, put a nice mat in the family room and put a nice dining table in, and then that night the pounding came in "due and ancient" order. I can not enumerate the good things they brought. They kept us in their homes for several days while the parsonage was undergoing repairs and insisted that we should stay longer. They have had my whole family to dine with them several days since and still they are inviting us. After a ministry of twenty-four years I have never had a more cordial and brotherly welcome. Such dinners in kind and amount as they do set! I believe our editor and Bro. Little would improve their physical appearance if they were here awhile. I have made a good, big lot for my cows, hired the stable cleaned out, rebuilt the chicken house, made some walks about the parsonage, and now my committee is building a walk from the church to town, and from the parsonage to the main walk. The stewards met and set the pastor's salary next to the highest assessment he ever had made. I once held a meeting and a debate for these people. I am now within fifteen miles of my old charge where I spent four very pleasant years as a pastor. We are expecting and praying for a good year here. All this charge needs is a new church. We hope to have it at no distant day. My congregations are all I could reasonably ask. We start well.—T. J. Beckham.

## Celeste and Lane.

I came and filled my first appointment after conference at Celeste, found a fine congregation and had a good service. Rev. Jno. E. Roach, presiding elder of Bowie District, preached for me at night. Bro. Roach was raised here and had never preached to the people at Celeste. They were glad of an opportunity to hear him and appreciated his sermon very much. We moved the next week, but before we arrived the Woman's Home Mission Society met and arranged for the pounding, which came on Wednesday night, good and strong. The best selected and most substantial we ever received in our lives. It was from both appointments, Celeste and Lane. God bless the donors and especially the women's societies who planned it. I don't know what a preacher would do without the Home Mission Society. Our first Quarterly Conference was held yesterday. Dr. McLean came Sunday afternoon and preached an excellent sermon for us Sunday night and then held the confer-

ence yesterday morning. It was well attended both by officials and members. Reports good, both financially and spiritually. I have had two conversions during the month and have received 17 into the Church. The stewards made good collections for their preacher, and raised the salary \$200, making \$800. This is only returning to their former salary. I am enjoying the treat of my life in music. R. D. Kennedy is our most efficient choir leader and well it is done. I don't believe he has a superior in the South as a gospel singer. We start out with great encouragement for a great year's work. May the Lord give it to us.—R. B. Moreland, Jan. 7.

## Waller.

After some delay we are now very comfortably situated in the parsonage at Waller. We have six appointments on this charge and have met the people at each place except one, where the weather would not permit. The people have been exceptionally good and kind to us on this charge. On the arrival of our wife and little ones the good ladies prepared an excellent dinner, which was served at the parsonage, of course. This we enjoyed very much, but the dinner was not all. We were well provided with such things as usually go to fill the pantry, such as flour, sugar, coffee, tea, rice, potatoes, bacon, syrup, butter, eggs, canned goods, fruit, etc. We sincerely thank the good people for this expression of kindness and trust that during the year they will be abundantly rewarded. We feel encouraged as we begin the year's work. We are trusting and praying for the best year of our lives.—C. M. Myers, Jan. 7.

## PREACHERS' MEETING OF HOUSTON.

The first Methodist preachers' meeting of the present conference year was held in Shearn Church Monday morning, December 16, with Dr. J. B. Lucas in the chair. After devotional exercises, reports were made of Sunday services, and the following officers were elected: President, Dr. J. B. Lucas; Vice-President, A. E. Rector; Secretary and Treasurer, S. W. Kemerer; G. A. LeClere and H. M. Whaling, Jr., were appointed as Committee on Prerequisites.

The recent session of the conference was declared to be a great blessing to the Churches of the city. The new pastors had already taken up their respective duties, and a hopeful spirit pervades.

The following brethren are enrolled, in addition to the officers: Bishop Seth Ward, George Sexton, J. W. Mayne, P. L. King, W. H. Crum, C. C. Bell, Charles F. Smith, J. W. Moore, J. L. Murray, J. F. Carter, J. E. Green, W. M. Sherrell, J. T. Browning, E. A. Konken, W. A. Knolle, S. C. Lamb.

Sessions were held on the 23rd and 30th, reports made and general discussions followed.

Bishop Ward's presence at every meeting has been greatly appreciated by the brethren, and his addresses enjoyed. Several visitors have been present, and addressed the meetings. Among these were Dr. B. F. Riley, of the Texas Anti-Saloon League; Dr. J. B. Searles, of the Missionary Society, and the Revs. Clifton Pledger and D. Shepherd, of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The City Pastors' Association meets next Monday, January 7, and the Methodist pastors accepted the invitation to attend.

## FORT WORTH PREACHERS' MEETING.

The meeting was called to order January 6, 1908, by Vice-President L. A. Webb, President W. H. Matthews having been called to conduct a funeral. F. E. Singleton was appointed Secretary. O. P. Kiker being sick.

College, W. H. Long: Attendance good; one profession and accession by baptism.

Weatherford Street, Ashley Chapel: House filled; three conversions and accessions.

Glenwood, F. E. Singleton: Two conversions.

Riverside, C. A. Bickley: Fifteen new pupils in Sunday-school; good services; two additions by certificate.

First Church, H. D. Knekerbocker: Over 150 present at prayer-meeting; held sacrament, great service. A "Win One Club" organized. Eight accessions—five by letter, three on profession.

Rosen Heights, D. A. McGuire: Great services; two accessions on profession, two by letter.

Diamond Hill, N. A. Phillips: Good services.

Stove Foundry, W. F. Singley: Work progressing nicely.

Missouri Avenue, O. P. Kiker reported over 'phone: Good services; one addition.

Mulkey, W. H. Matthews: Three additions; steady growth.

Central, L. A. Webb: Seven additions; outlook encouraging.

Brother R. C. Armstrong was present and made a brief report.

Brother J. A. Walkup reported work

in the city among the brethren. He has been greatly blessed in it.

Brother Paul H. Finn, of Central Church, Kansas City, Mo., made a very encouraging report on the progress of Southern Methodism in his city.

L. A. WEBB,

Vice-President.

F. E. SINGLETON,

Secretary Pro Tem.

## MORE PROHIBITION IN OKLAHOMA.

If any man among the Texans happens to hear that the Oklahomans are not in "dead earnest" in the enforcement of prohibition in the new State, let him here and now be undeceived. Three brief items will indicate that "something is doing" in these parts:

1. A big brewing company of Oklahoma City had 75,000 gallons of beer. It could not be sold, nor given away, nor shipped out. So the only thing to do was to confiscate it and turn it into the gutters and sewers. One day last week this was done, and many a thirsty fellow drank to his full from the flowing stream. One negro who had absorbed about all he could contain, dipped up another "jag" and made another pull and said: "I thinks there's gwine to be a mighty long dry spell now." And so we all. Thousands of people saw this wonderful and interesting sight and rejoiced for the triumph of prohibition.

2. Police Judge Highley, of the same city, bears this testimony: "I was just glancing over my records. Things are not what they used to be. Look here: 90 drunks in the last 16 days of October. Now glance at this: 8 drunks in the first 14 days of this month. We have had 95 cases in Police Court this month, against 192 cases in the latter 16 days of October." The dates in October were under saloon reign. The other under prohibition.

3. In my own town, Lawton, the records show 10 cases of drunkenness for December, 1907, under prohibition, while they show 50 cases for December, 1906, under saloon reign. So, you see, it prohibited 40 drunks, if no more. Twenty-six saloons were closed in this town by the law, and the latter state is better than the first. Our officers are enforcing the law without fear or favor.

Tell the folks that prohibition in Oklahoma is like Haygood's negro—"here to stay." Texans, go and do likewise.

Lawton, Okla.

W. J. MOORE.

## UNCLE "DICK" TO THE PREACHERS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE.

I wish to say to my brethren of the conference that upon my return from our annual meeting at Houston I was taken sick with malarial fever and have been confined to my bed ever since. The brethren have been very kind to me—many of those at a distance writing loving words of sympathy, and those living in Dallas have been especially attentive in coming to see me. I appreciate these kindnesses very much, and from my bed of pain and affliction I send you heartfelt gratitude.

At the conference it will be remembered I took up a subscription for Sister J. W. Thompson, of Round Rock, the widow of one of our brethren who has "fallen on sleep." That subscription was to pay off a mortgage on her home, and is now due. Many of the brethren have sent me the amounts subscribed, but I am still short of enough by some \$25 to take up the paper. If those subscribing who have not yet paid will send me their amounts, I can go ahead and place this mortgage in the hands of our sister.

I am still quite sick, but we all hope that the worst is over. Pray for me.

REV. R. W. THOMPSON.

Dallas, Texas, January 6.

## IS PREPARED FOR ADDITIONAL WORK.

I desire to announce to the pastors that my understanding with the Board of Trustees of the Polytechnic College allows me such latitude that I can assist them in any kind of pulp ministry they may desire. After laboring almost continuously as financial agent for a term of five years, begets in me an ardent desire to at least interlay the material work of the Church with that which pertains to immediate results in the salvation of men. First of all, and above all, I am ready to assist in evangelistic services. I am always prepared to discuss any of the doctrines held by our Church, having studied our doctrines carefully and critically. I have a series of sermons on worldly amusements, and a series of lectures on Christian Science, so-called, and am also prepared to discuss Roman Catholicism. While I have not surrendered the agency, I am not putting in full time, and expect at no distant day to give it up entirely, except to wind up the work in hand.

R. C. ARMSTRONG.

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## CLARENDON COLLEGE.

Thursday was a great day in Clarendon and in the history of the Church in the Panhandle. We broke the dirt on the college campus for our new \$50,000 building. The work will be pushed as rapidly as possible until its completion, which we hope to see by September next. This is the first of several buildings to be added to our splendid college plant here. The equipment is better and the attendance best in its history, despite the financial panic.

W. B. WILSON.