

Devotional and Spiritual

LONELINESS OF HEART.

That is the pathos and trial of all real living—the utter loneliness of the human heart. High fellowships are ours, and rich communions. Sweet intimacies enrich our lives, and noble companionships. But all of them have their limitations. There is a point beyond which they cannot go, and a depth they cannot discover. The spirit has its unexplored and untraversed ways. Far beyond the frontiers of life there is the sacred and inviolable shrine, where the spirit communes with itself; where purpose is conceived, desire born, battles fought, and destinies decided. Men may be all about us, pressing in on every side, and our ears may be full of their babbling voices. But all that only accentuates the loneliness of the innermost life. The soul is shut in within its own sanctity, with its agency and its rapture, its incompetence to utter its deep thoughts and deeper feelings—alone. The shrine echoes to no footfall, no palpitating presence fits itself to our need, no heart renders to ours a complete and harmonious response. We are alone! That is one of our chiefest characteristics, one of our bitterest disciplines, one of our deepest needs.

And the explanation of this is not far to seek. It lies in part in our very individuality. Every man is a distinct creation. In temperament and character there are no two men exactly alike. Each has his own thoughts and tastes, and dispositions and character. And these create his faculty of inner vision, his angle of perspective, his outlook upon life. No two men have lived precisely the same way, have built their character into precisely the same form, or of the same materials, and no two go in quite the same direction. To our poor eyes lives may look very much alike, but to the careful observer they widen out into multitudinous variety and difference. Every life has its own uniqueness, its individual combination of qualities and defects, its own specific capacities and mission, its own appointed goal and end. And

it is just this which invests life with loneliness. While the Jungfrau companions with the other mountains that help to compose the range, she has fellowship, but when she leaps beyond them, and lifts her head to the pale glory of the stars, she is quite alone. That is her uniqueness, and that her lonely glory. And so it is with us men. Our identities link us together, and give us sympathy and fellowship. But the least bit in which we differ from others creates that loneliness which is more or less the fruitful atmosphere of every human spirit.

And this loneliness of the heart has another root. It arises from those experiences which in their deepest reaches are peculiar to the individual spirit, and which he can never quite share with another. Both in joy and sorrow, there is a deep element of loneliness. A man stands at the center of his highest rapture and of his most poignant sorrow without a fellow. The joy that makes the transport of his spirit, and the agony that with cruel hands tears his heart and breaks it, is his, his only. Men may guess at the ecstasy of the one and at the bitterness of the other, but they are both beyond their deepest divining. They are only completely related to one human spirit, and he traverses the path of their going quite alone. In every great experience of the heart, there is a point beyond which he who goes through it is solitary, isolated, lonely. When the ideal unveils her face, only his eyes see it. When some holy desire is quickened into purpose, and an hour of decisive choice confronts him, his will has to determine the way of his going. When before God, he bows his soiled face in penitence, or lifts it glowing with the glory of the Lord in lowly adoration, no man shares the pain of the one or the glory of the other. When some loss leaps upon him out of the dark, and he stands amid the wreck and ruin of his fairest hopes, it is his heart that carries the load, it is he only who creeps along the most darkened ways. And, when some new joy lights her lamp in every room of life, and the farthest horizons blaze with an infinite glory, he and he only really knows all that it means, and rejoices in an incommunicable joy. In all the deepest aspects of our life, we are lonely men, with desires and hopes, pains and raptures, that we cannot tell and cannot share.

This is that which creates life's greatest need—the need for God. There are great qualities in God which fit themselves into our deepest life, and make him to be the one satisfaction of the human heart. His comfort fits our sorrow; his forgiveness our sin; his sympathy our loneliness. Let us turn to him who is ever near, and, yielding to him our lonely life, he will fill it with his gracious presence, and lift it into completeness of fellowship and the full satisfaction of our deepest necessity.—Exchange.

COVETOUSNESS.

The word "covet" is sometimes used in a good sense, as when Paul says, "Covet earnestly the best gifts." In this case it means to desire earnestly that which is good, but it is usually employed in a bad sense: "Covetousness is idolatry." In this case it means to desire earthly good inordinately, or without regard to the rights of others. It is overbearing avarice, the love of money.

Being rich is not covetousness. A rich man may be free from this evil passion, while a poor man may be consumed by it. Money is not evil. Wealth is not sin. Riches are good when honestly acquired and wisely used. Wealth is an important element in the strength of a nation. It may be made to do service in the

establishment and maintenance of educational benevolent institutions, and in sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth. We must never despise a rich man because he is rich, nor condemn riches as though they were evil in themselves.

But the love of money is a great curse. It is a root of all evil. It hinders one from entering into the kingdom of God. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." It is not his wealth that hinders, but his covetousness. It is very hard to be rich and not love money.

Covetousness leads men to use all sorts of crooked and dishonest schemes to get money. When one reads the story of certain great trusts and corporations he trembles at the gigantic iniquity practiced by men in order to make money. Covetousness is not confined to millionaires and financial syndicates. Certain organizations of laborers and proprietors appear to have been formed in some of our great cities, not for the protection of the rights of their members and the promotion of their interests, but for purposes of robbery. The history of these institutions has been made public, and the world knows the scandal. Recent investigations make plain the fact that too many public servants make use of their office, not to serve, but to rob, the government.

Our country is full of suspicion, feverishness, and want of confidence in the very midst of the highest tide of prosperity that ever visited a people. All this is the result of covetousness. The Creator has wonderfully favored us, but in our greed and selfishness we are abusing his mercy, and rushing madly down the steep incline toward the abyss of social, industrial, and financial calamity.

But one says, "I do not love money for its own sake. I only desire it for what it can do for me." This is true of most covetous persons. Very few love a silver dollar, a bank note, or a gold coin for its own sake. Perhaps the miser does; but most men who run greedily after gain are seeking it merely for what it can do for them. What can money do? It makes its possessor prominent in the community where he lives. It sets him on a pinnacle where he is observed. There are men who are widely known merely because they are rich. They have no other distinction whatever. Men seek money for the sake of the prominence it gives.

Money is power. One who is rich can control a newspaper, an election, a legislature, and other important institutions and forces. Some men wield a powerful influence in the city and the State and the Church, not because of superior intelligence or sound judgment, but merely because they are wealthy. Money also furnishes comforts and luxuries. When one rides by the magnificent mansions of the rich, and sees in what luxury they live, the temptation to covet is strong. Most men love comfort, and many greatly desire luxury. Few are content to live plainly when their neighbors have more than they can use.

But whether we love money for its own sake or for what it can do for us it is all one. Greed is a curse. "Thou shalt not covet." "Take heed, and beware of covetousness." It is far better to be rich toward God. One who is rich toward God may not have worldly distinction; men may not gaze upon him with wonder and envy; his name may not be found in the daily papers; his neighbors may not stand in awe of him; but he holds a high place in the favor of the King of kings. He may not wield the kind of power that men covet, but the power of God rests upon him; he may not enjoy the luxuries, or even the comforts, of this life; but he has "a

house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

No man is rich toward God unless he is rich in faith, in love, in good works. Anyone may be rich who is willing to buy of Christ gold tried in the fire. We may all have a treasure which nothing can corrupt and nothing destroy. Being rich toward God we shall have an investment which will yield the largest dividends and never pass away. Financial institutions on earth often fail. But whoever lays up his treasure in heaven is secure against all accidents and calamities for evermore.—The Christian Advocate.

THE HARD LIFE.

The transgressor's life is hard in its deprivations. The question is sometimes raised whether the sinner does not, after all, get more out of the world than the true disciple. He who has turned from evil to live with God never raises that question. He knows that the earth, without peace of heart, without joy in right and sympathy with good, without the happiness of God's presence and delight of service, is a hard and narrow and unhappy place. The true and full inheritance of the earth belongs to the children of God, and to no others.

Far back, also, in every transgressor's consciousness lies the hard trial of self-contempt. He may not admit it to his thought. Conscience may be ill-educated and under careful discipline; but in the moments when he sees clearly the sinner is self-judged. God has let us sit upon the seat of counsel, and we see what value we have put upon our souls in bartering with evil.

"Still, as of old,

Man by himself is priced;
For thirty pieces Judas sold
Himself, not Christ."

It is hard to fear to meet one's own thought sitting as the judge; to dodge and shift and evade the quiet hour that brings self-condemnation. It is hard to be, amid whatever passing joys, without God and without hope in the world that is so full of hope and so bright with the presence of our heavenly Father.—The Congregationalist.

THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Let our temper be under the rule of the love of Jesus. He cannot alone curb it—he can make us gentle and patient. Let the vow, that not an unkind word of others shall ever be heard from our lips, be laid trustfully at his feet. Let the gentleness that refuses to take offense, that is always ready to excuse, to think and hope the best, mark our intercourse with all. Let our life be one of self-sacrifice, always studying the welfare of others, finding our highest joy in blessing others. And let us, in studying the divine art of doing good, yield ourselves as obedient learners to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. By his grace, the most commonplace life can be transfigured by the brightness of a heavenly beauty, as the infinite love of a divine nature shines out through our frail humanity.—Andrew Murray.

RE-ENFORCING.

What a world this would be if we formed one vast circle of re-enforcements! From the window of my sick room I lately witnessed a street living tableau. A little boy was standing on a corner weeping bitterly; he was evidently lost, and there were no passers at this moment. He was too far off for me to console. Soon a little boy ran up and stood on his left, and then another on his right. In a moment more a little girl ran quickly up, and this three formed a most loving bodyguard and led him off in triumph. I suppose to his home. No wonder every tear was

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dried, and every trouble banished. In his hour of distress he was re-enforced!

It set me to thinking, and I wish mature Christians may learn a lesson from those little ones. Dr. Talmage said: "Blucher re-enforced Wellington in the day of peril and won the battle. Grouchy failed to re-enforce Napoleon and he lost the day!"—Ringwood.

"At times the best way to progress is to stand still. An ocean steamer, caught in a fog in a dangerous channel, wisely drops its anchor and waits. To every life comes times when it should simply stand still and wait. To go backward is needless; to go forward is rash. Just to be still and see what God will do is often highest faithfulness, as it is always the hardest duty. Waiting is a severer test of faith than working."

Though we place all our money at our Lord's disposal, and rejoice to spend it all for him, directly or indirectly, yet I am certain it is a great help and safeguard, and, what is more, a matter of simple obedience to his commands, to set aside a regular and definite proportion of our income or receipts for his direct service. It is a great mistake to suppose that the law of giving the tenth to God is merely Levitical. Search and look for yourselves, and you will find that it is like the Sabbath, a far older rule, running all through the Bible, and, indeed, not abrogated by Christ himself.—Frances Ridley Havergal.

DIDN'T BELIEVE

That Coffee Was the Real Trouble.

Some people flounder around and take everything that's recommended to them but finally find out that coffee is the real cause of their troubles. An Oregon man says:

"For 25 years I was troubled with my stomach. I was a steady coffee drinker but didn't suspect that as the cause. I doctored with good doctors and got no help, then I took almost anything which someone else had been cured with but to no good. I was very bad last summer and could not work at times."

"On December 2, 1902, I was taken so bad the Doctor said I could not live over twenty-four hours at the most and I made all preparations to die. I could hardly eat anything, everything distressed me and I was weak and sick all over. When in that condition coffee was abandoned and I was put on Postum, the change in my feelings came quickly after the drink that was poisoning me was removed."

"The pain and sickness fell away from me and I began to get well day by day so I stuck to it until now I am well and strong again, can eat heartily with no headache, heart trouble or the awful sickness of the old coffee days. I drink all I wish of Postum without any harm and enjoy it immensely."

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Secular News Items.

The United States is still working on the Panama treaty and many speeches on the subject are yet to be made. The body moves slowly.

The war cloud is still hovering over Japan and Russia, and the diplomats are doing their best to dissipate the impending storm.

Mrs. Florence Maybrick, the American woman serving a life sentence in London on a charge of having poisoned her husband, has been released by the English authorities.

Mr. Bryan, since his return from Europe, has been much in the public prints. He is persistent in his plea that free silver must be made an issue in the next Democratic platform; but he seems to have lost out with the leaders of his party, and his advice will not count for much in this respect.

The inroads on British commerce that are being made by foreign shipping can be seen in the reports of tonnage from the great South Wales docks of London. In 1897 at five of these docks there arrived 16,122 British ships with a tonnage of 10,741,000 tons, and 2,640 foreign ships with an aggregate of 1,875,400 tons. Thus the British tonnage was about 85 per cent of the whole. In 1902 the corresponding figures were 13,969 British ships of 9,745,200 tons. Thus the British tonnage was about 73 per cent of the total. The foreign tonnage had increased 92 per cent and the British decreased 9 per cent.

President Loubet, of France, attributes his good health to taking long walks every pleasant morning between 6 and 8 o'clock about the streets of Paris.

The distinguished French archaeologist, Charles Magnien, has long suspected that old Roman remains lay concealed in the Rue Cassini, in the heart of Paris. Recent explorations in that spot have brought to light some interesting relics, among them the cover of a tomb on which is sculptured in bas-relief a Roman blacksmith wearing his apron, and in his left hand brandishing a long pair of pincers and a forceps. From the fact that a piece of money of the time of Nero was found near the tomb, it is judged that the work is of the first century.

Mr. Gordon H. Cilley writes to the Philadelphia Ledger that as a matter of fact, Gen. John B. Gordon was never a Lieutenant General, though he was officially designated and recognized as "acting Lieutenant General" at Appomattox. Furthermore, there are three Confederate Lieutenant Generals now living—Stephen D. Lee, A. P. Stewart and Simon R. Buckner.

Alderman Bromberg, of Boston, the only Republican elected to the City Council at the November polls, has been placed upon thirty-three committees. It has long been regarded as the proper thing for the minority party to be represented on each committee, and in respect for this sentiment the Democrats were given no other alternative than to place Alderman Bromberg's name upon a respectable number of them. He is given the Chairmanship of the Auditing Committee.

In the presence of the Joint Assembly of the Ohio Legislature, January 13, Marcus A. Hanna was declared re-elected United States Senator for six years, beginning March 4, 1905. Senator Hanna received the largest majority of votes ever given to a Senator from Ohio.

Prof. Izoulet, of the College of France, is giving a course of lectures upon religious problems in America, which practically amounts to a chair of American questions. Last year Professor Izoulet treated of American economic questions.

The Government of Peru has authorized the running of freight trains over the new American railway line between Oroya, 95 miles from Lima, to Cerro de Pasco, the capital of the Department of Yunin. Cerro de Pasco is 107 miles northeast of Lima, and is 14,200 feet above sea level. It has one of the richest and most extensive silver mines in the world.

Thus far the reports of the trust companies of Greater New York for 1903 show in the aggregate smaller resources and profits and larger dividends paid than for the year 1902. In resources, only thirteen of the companies show increases, the others falling behind from a few hundred dollars to \$15,000,000. One company increased its resources over \$19,000,000. The profits of the companies here considered were \$4,200,000 less than in 1892, but sixteen of the old companies increased their profits over the preceding year. The dividend paying companies show increases in eleven cases, and one company, which paid no dividend in 1902, declared \$150,000 in dividends last year.

There is loud dissatisfaction at Little Rock with Carl Bitter's Arkansas statue on the St. Louis Fair grounds—a colossal seated figure, hanging on to a bear cub. "It must have been exe-

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cuted," says the Democrat, of Little Rock, "while the eminent sculptor was asleep. There are no lines of artistic beauty in the whole monstrous figure. The face is that of a haggard, bilious old woman, harsh and repellent."

Sixty more American marines have arrived at Seoul, and the guard at the American Embassy has been increased. Escorts have been provided for American women and children while on the streets. The general situation in Korea is grave. French and German marines have been sent to Seoul.

The Democratic National Committee has selected St. Louis as the place for holding the next National Convention, which will convene on July 6. Senator Stone, of Missouri, the particular friend of Senator Gorman, actively interested himself in securing the convention for St. Louis.

Senator Hanna, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, has issued the call for the National Convention, to meet in Chicago, June 21. Mr. Hanna's ill health and preoccupation with private affairs are said to have been the sole and sufficient cause for the seeming delay in issuing the call.

The official statement of the postal receipts at fifty of the largest postoffices in the United States for December, 1903, as compared with December, 1902, shows a total of \$6,398,744—a net increase of \$526,814, or almost 9 per cent. The receipts at New York were \$1,429,853—an increase of 10.93 per cent.

A number of ship-owners and shipbuilders appeared recently before the House Committee on Merchant Marine, in Washington, in support of a proposition for the appointment of a commission to prepare a plan for fostering the development of the mercantile fleets of the United States. The Maritime Association is unanimous in advocating the adoption of the bill.

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The perfection of God's work does not depend wholly on the polish of the instrument.—Ram's Horn.

THIS TESTIMONY

Will surely interest many readers of Texas Christian Advocate.

James G. Gray, Gibson, Mo., writes about Drake's Palmetto Wine as follows: I live in the Missouri swamps in Dunklin County and have been sick with Malarial fever and for fifteen months a walking skeleton. One bottle of Drake's Palmetto Wine has done me more good than all the medicine I have taken in that fifteen months. I am buying two more bottles to stay cured. Drake's Palmetto Wine is the best medicine and tonic for Malarial, Kidney and Liver ailments I ever used or heard of. I feel well now after using one bottle.

A. A. Felding, Knoxville, Tenn., writes: I had a bad case of sour stomach and indigestion. I could eat so little that I was "falling to bones" and could not sleep nor attend to my business. I used the trial bottle and two large seventy-five cent bottles and can truthfully say I am entirely cured. I have advised many to write for a free trial bottle.

J. W. Moore, Monticello, Mo., makes the following statement about himself and a neighbor. He says: Four bottles of Drake's Palmetto Wine has cured me of catarrh of Bladder and Kidney trouble. I suffered ten years and spent hundreds of dollars with the best doctors and specialists without benefit. Drake's Palmetto Wine has made me a well man. A young woman here was given up to die by a Minneapolis specialist and he and local doctors said they could do no more for her. She has been taking Drake's Palmetto Wine one week and is rapidly recovering.

The Drake Formula Company, Drake Bldg., Chicago, Ill., will send a trial bottle of Drake's Palmetto Wine free and prepaid to any reader of Texas Christian Advocate. A letter or postal card is the only expense to get this free bottle of Drake's Palmetto Wine.

The Congress of the United States seems disposed to help out the effort to overcome the boll weevil pest in Texas and other sections of the cotton belt. Liberal appropriations to this end are being advocated.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections; also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOLAN, 347 Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y.

For the first time in the history of German universities, a deaf mute has succeeded in obtaining a doctor's degree. Dr. Walter Kuntze, on whom the University of Leipzig has conferred a Ph. D., is a comparatively young man. His thesis for the degree is regarded as one of the best in recent years.

CIGARETTE CURSE.

I have the cure. DR. J. S. HILL, Greenville, Texas.

Advance bookings for passage from European ports to New York, says the Sun, indicate that this is going to be a record-breaking year in cabin travel across the Atlantic. Engagements of berths already exceed those at this time last year by 20 per cent. The St. Louis Exposition will be the chief attraction for voyagers from abroad; but, apparently, it will not appreciably affect the tide of travel to Europe, which, the steamship agents say, will be heavy. The exodus to Mediterranean ports has been unusually large this winter and promises to increase before the end of spring. The White Star service to the Mediterranean, by way of Boston, has been a success, and the Cunard, North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American liners plying between this port and the Mediterranean are doing a fine business.

It is a matter of history, I believe, says "Tip," in the New York Press, that the entire coinage of the Confederate States consisted of four half-dollar pieces. Where are they? What are they worth—numismatically? The obverse side had a goddess of Liberty (same as United States coins) in an arc of thirteen stars, in her right hand a shield on conventional design, with "Liberty" thereon, and below the date—1861. On the reverse side was an American shield beneath seven stars—representing a Liberty cap, a union containing seven stars, representing the seven seceding States—the whole surrounded by a wreath; at the left cotton in bloom, at the right sugarcane. The legend was "Confederate States of America." In the exergue, "Half Do." The borders were milled and the edge was serrated.

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DR. JAMES WILLIAM KIDD.

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The Home Circle

A NURSERY ELF.

Dear little feet, how you wander and wander.
Little twin trunants so fleet!
Dear little head, how you ponder and ponder
Over the things that you meet!

Dear little tongue, how you chatter and chatter
Over your innocent joys!
Oh, but the house is alive with your clatter,
Shaking, indeed, with your noise!

Can't you be quiet a moment, sweet rover?
Is there no end to your fun?
Soon the old dustman will sprinkle you over,
Then the day's frolic is done.

Come to my arms, for the daylight is dying,
Closer the dark shadows creep;
Come, like a bird that is weary of flying,
Come, let me sing you to sleep.

—London Answers.

SARA'S TRAMP.

Sara Allen was standing on the porch one morning, when a ragged, surly-looking tramp opened the gate and came up the walk.

The two were a striking contrast as they stood facing each other, and the traveler realized it. He knew only too well that he was ragged and filthy, and that many of the good housewives had looked their doors against him, as he had come through the street.

But Sara was utterly unconscious how sweet and dainty she looked. She only knew that it was a beautiful morning and she was very happy. Indeed, she was so happy that she could not help feeling sorry for the wretched-looking man as he stood before her.

"Give me something to eat will you? I'm hungry," he said abruptly.

He did not understand it but somehow he felt uncomfortable, and wished vaguely that he had not come in here.

"Certainly, I will get you something," answered Sara, promptly. "Sit down and rest while I get it." It was characteristic of her that she put up a dainty little lunch, just such a one as she would for her brother Ralph. "Poor man!" she thought as she made sandwiches, "he doesn't look as if he had ever had anything nice. I wonder why it is some people have so much to make them happy, and others so little!"

"I'm afraid that I have more than my share, so I must try to do all that I possibly can for those who haven't as much."

When she took out the lunch wrapped in a pretty Japanese napkin, the man looked in surprise, first at the lunch and then at Sara.

"Is that for me?" he asked.

"Why, of course; haven't I just put it up expressly for you? I hope you will enjoy it very much," replied Sara, smilingly—though her eyes filled with tears, for he did look so forlorn and wretched.

"I'm afraid that you've had a hard time, and I'm ever so sorry for you. I only wish that I could do more for you."

The man hesitated; he was not accustomed to having any one speak to him like that, and he hardly knew what to do; then he made an awkward attempt to touch his apology of a hat.

"You've done more'n any one else has done," he said, "and if I was fit, I'd say God bless you; but I ain't."

"All the same I feel as if I had been blessed," said Sara to herself, as she watched him go slowly down the road, her lunch untouched in his hand. Hungry as he was, he did not taste it; somehow he could not. There was something about the fair young girl that reminded him of his mother, who had died when he was a little boy.

He wondered, as he sauntered along, if he would have come to this if she had lived!

Her hair had been light and fluffy as this girl's was, and her eyes blue. He could think just how she looked, even now, after all these years, and he remembered how she would put his cap and mittens on, and tie a little scarf around his neck, and kiss him good-by every morning when he started off to school. Oh, if he could only go back and be an innocent little boy again, and feel his mother's kiss on his lips once more! What would she say to see him now! How thankful he was that she could not; and then he remembered her last words to him, though he had not thought of them for years.

They had carried him to her bedside in the night just before she died, and she kissed him for the last time, and whispered, "Be sure to meet me in heaven, Robbie—I'll be waiting for you."

Heaven—what prospect was there of his going to heaven! Here he was planning to break into a man's house this very night to rob him. If he

should resist—well, it might be murder!

And his mother was waiting for him in heaven, and that pure, sweet-faced girl said that she was sorry for him! He stopped under a big tree, and pulling his hat down over his face lay there for a long time busy with his thoughts. The longer he thought the more he loathed himself as he was, and then he began to wonder if it was possible for him, at this late day, to be different, to live the rest of his life so that he could meet his mother again.

When he thought of himself as he was, and remembered the life he had lived, his heart sank within him. There could not be any hope for such a wretch as he!

He got up, and thrusting the lunch into his pocket went hurriedly on his way. He would waste no more time thinking. There was no use, he was past all hope; he might as well finish up as he had begun.

But though he plunged along furiously, he could not get away from his thoughts; he seemed all the while to hear his mother saying, "I'm waiting for you, Robbie, be sure to come."

He had gone a long way, when suddenly he stopped in the middle of the road.

"I'll go back," he said to himself. "She said she wished that she could help me, and I believe she meant it. Perhaps I can see her again; if I do—I'll ask her if she supposes there's any chance for such as me. If there is—I'll have it."

Just as he turned to go back he heard a woman's voice crying piteously for help.

The road was close to the railroad track, and there, only a few rods from him, was a woman, her foot caught in some way between the tracks, and they could both hear the heavy rumble of an approaching train; it would be round the curve in a minute or two. There was not an instant to lose. The tramp sprang forward, caught the woman and hurled her from the track, trying at the same time to put himself out of the way.

But he missed his footing, and fell across the rail, and the heavy train thundered by.

He was badly mangled, and they saw at once that there was no chance for him, so they laid him gently on the grass by the roadside.

He moaned feebly once, and some one bending over him, heard him say, "Mother—God—be merciful!"

There was another little moan, and it was over.

"Oh, mamma!" said Sara, when she heard of it, "that was my tramp, I'm sure. Don't you know I told you how sorry I was for him? I wish that I could have helped him; but he hadn't even touched his lunch, so my little effort was a complete failure."

"Perhaps not, dear. It is a comfort to know that he thought of his mother and his God at the last, and it may be that your kindness and sympathy had touched his heart."

"Well, I shall always feel as if he had blessed me—even if he did say he wasn't fit," replied Sara.—American Messenger.

CAT ADOPTS A WOLF.

A singular outcome of a wolf hunt near Byron, Ogle County, only about two hour out of Chicago on the St. Paul Railway, is that a two-weeks-old snarling wolf whelp has been adopted by a cat owned by J. G. Blanchard who lives on a farm near that town. The motherly animal is at the same time rearing a kitten that doesn't belong to her.

One day recently Mr. Blanchard found on his farm a wolf den, from which he dragged ten whelps that were not more than a few days old. Nine of these were killed and the bounty of one dollar a scalp was paid for them. Mr. Blanchard's folks thought they would like to have a pet wolf, so the remaining animal was carried home and placed in Tabby's nest along with the black kitten. The motherly animal at once began to lick the dogish little brute as if he belonged to the cat family. The black kitten also took up with the stranger, wrestled with him at meal time and played with him as if he were his brother.

The kitten is older than the wolf, has his eyes open, while the "blinkers" in the little round head of the wolf are still sealed. The kitten thus has the advantage of the wolf in feeding, but when the latter fails to fully appease his hunger he sets up a snarling and wailing that quickly brings one of the Blanchard children. A nursing bottle is then produced, the whelp is given a hold of the nipple and he keeps it until the bottle is empty.

This is the regular season for catching and killing Illinois wolves; and although it is not generally known that many of the gray fellows are left to tell the story of pioneer times the

county clerks count a good many scalps and pay out a considerable sum in bounties. The usual price is one dollar a scalp for the young, while ten dollars is paid for the scalp of an old she wolf.

The old wolves generally know when their dens are being robbed of their young and set up a dismal howl that may be heard many miles. The night is made hideous with their barking and wailing, the mother making a fruitless search for the young that have been taken from her.

A man who lives within an hour's ride of Chicago has successfully raised and tamed a black timber wolf. The animal was the only one of three that were caught at the same time that could be tamed. The owner taught him to do all kinds of tricks and the wolf now now hunts foxes for his master, distinguishes coins, rides a horse with the bridle rein in his mouth, distributes handbills and does many other interesting things. The owner called him Teddy and wanted to give him to the President, but Mr. Roosevelt declined the gift.—Chicago Daily News.

LET THE BOYS HELP.

"Let us meet here at a quarter of seven and have a moonlight coasting party!" cried Fred Baker. "We all have supper at six, and that will give us lots of time to get here."

"I can't come until half-past seven," said Will Adams, after the other boys had shouted a noisy assent. "I have to wash the supper dishes and put the room to rights."

There was a chorus of derision. Wash dishes—a boy wash dishes! Who ever heard of such a thing?

"I have," said Will, quietly. "I know of three boys in the Hamilton Hotel who wash dishes three times a day."

"Oh—but they are paid for it." "Well, do you mean to say that you would do for pay what you wouldn't do to help your sick mother?"

This was silencing, if not convincing, as the boys were "good" boys, as boys go. Yet one and all felt that Will Adams had belittled himself in some way by doing what they called "girls' work."

Is it not strange that these ideals should prevail not only among boys, but among the boys' mothers as well?

Many a smart boy wants to help his mother, but does not know how, beyond bringing in wood and water and going on an errand. There is nothing that will injure him in learning how to wash dishes, make beds, sweep, set the table or cook a plain meal of victuals. Indeed, all these things are accomplishments which may prove valuable in after life.

In this topsy-turvy world a young man may save himself from beggary at some stage of his career by learning how to cook.

To claim that these things are girls' work is nonsense. There are men who make a living by sewing, cooking, washing and ironing. Not a boy's work! It is a positive harm to a boy's moral character to allow him to be idle while his overworked mother is staggering under the household burdens.—Columbus Dispatch.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF A DEAF AND BLIND BOSTON BOY.

Among the graduates of the Boston grammar schools in June was Tommy Stringer, a blind and deaf boy, who had held his own in all studies except music and drawing. At the graduating exercises of his school he had an important part in the program. He sat beside his teacher, Miss Helen S. Conley. In silence he imbibed the spirit of the moment, and gave expression to it in happy gestures, and through the sense of touch he followed the exercises with manifest interest, though not a note of music reached his ear, or a ray from the bright picture his veiled eye. His teacher kept him informed of what was going on in the hall. Through the sense feeling in the palm of his right hand she brought intelligence to his mind of what the boys and girls said, and his laugh, though it came a little late at times, was hearty. Electricity was the subject of his graduation address. This element he has mastered and understands, and he proceeded to illustrate to the audience some of its qualities. Apparatus of his own construction was placed before him on a table. He examined it with his hands, adjusted the battery, and through the medium of his teacher told the audience what he intended to accomplish. Switches were opened and the current completed. He waited for the effect. A bell near by should ring, but there was no response. How Tommy noted the defect the audience could not understand, but he raised his head and said, in sign language, "Too bad." Turning to his teacher as if to reassure her, he made a "never mind" motion with his hands. The jarring which comes from sound had not touched the sharp nerves at the tips of his fingers. The failure of his battery to respond in this case was due, he said, to disarrangement in transit. Other experiments were



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more successful, and for his efforts he received an enthusiastic ovation, which reached his senses only through the brief description made in the palm of his right hand.—Exchange.

THE ROCK THAT MOSES "SMOTE."

The famous "Rock in Horeb," anciently called the "Rock of Massah" and at present known throughout the Orient as the "Stone of the Miraculous Fountain," being the identical rock which Moses struck with his rod in order to give water to the children of Israel, is religiously preserved and guarded even down to this late date, Dr. Shaw in his book, "Shaw's Travels," says, "It is a block of granite about six yards square lying tottering and loose in the middle of the valley of Rephidim and seems to have originally been a part of Mount Sinai."

The action of the waters of that miraculous fountain, as related in the seventeenth chapter of Exodus, followed a channel about two inches deep and more than twice that broad across the face of the rock, this not upon unsupported testimony, but upon the word of such men as the Rev. Dr. Shaw, Dr. Pocock, Lieutenant Clogher and other eminent scholars and travelers. M. Beaumont, a German nobleman who visited the "Rock of Horeb" in the year 1597, declares his belief in the generally accepted story of it being the rock of Moses' famous fountain.

BEECHER AND HIS TEACHER.

Henry Ward Beecher certainly owed a debt of gratitude to his teacher in mathematics, not only for the knowledge acquired through his tuition, but for lessons tending for strength of character. He tells this story to illustrate the teacher's method.

He was sent to the blackboard, and went, uncertain, soft, full of whimpering.

"That lesson must be learned," said the teacher, in a very quiet tone, but with terrible intensity. All explanations and excuses he trod under foot with utter scornfulness. I want that problem; I don't want any reasons why I don't get it," he would say.

"I did study it two hours." "That's nothing to me; I want the lesson. You need not study it at all, or you may study it ten hours, just suit yourself. I want the lesson."

"It was tough for a green boy," says

Beecher, "but it seasoned him. In less than a month I had the most intense sense of intellectual independence and courage to defend my recitations. His cold and calm voice would fall upon me in the midst of a demonstration. 'No.'"

"I hesitated, and then went back to the beginning, and on reaching the same spot, again 'No,' uttered with a tone of conviction, barred my progress."

"The next, and I sat down in red confusion."

"He, too, was stopped with 'No,' but went right on, finished and sat down, and was rewarded with 'Very well.'"

"Why," whimpered, I, "I recited just as well as he did, and you said, 'No.'"

"Why don't you say 'Yes,' and stick to it? It is not enough to know your lessons. You must know that you know it. You have learned nothing till you are sure. If all the world says 'No,' your business is to say 'Yes,' but prove it."—The Bull's Eye.



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HOLSTON NOTES.

Bleak winter's chilly hand is now on the Tennessee hills and the Holston itinerants who serve country charges must contend with frozen mud and icy streams, attending services with the Churches. It is, however, the best season of the year for evangelistic work among the upland farmers of this part of Holston. Beginning in November, soon after the preachers get settled in their new homes, for two or three months this is a good time for protracted meetings in the country villages. One of these meetings, held recently at a new church house, resulted in 79 conversions and 43 additions to the Church. It was a gracious revival for that community.

The Methodist circuit preacher ought to be a genuine evangelist. He may be a good pastor of the flock already gathered, a worker in Sunday-schools and a good collector of money for the benevolent enterprises of the Church, all of which are of great importance, but without the spirit of true evangelism he can not meet the demands of the country work. The Methodist preacher who has no aptness in getting people to hear the gospel, which calls to repentance and faith, and whose preaching does not bring these results, needs a new commission. This country needs to be evangelized as often as new people come into it. Those brought to repentance in other years often move away to towns and cities or have turned away from the truth and need to be converted anew. Children in Christian families often turn away from the gospel as presented in the rounds of circuit preaching. They must be awakened and brought to Christ by persistent effort and faith. The country Church can not expect and does not get the labors of the great evangelists. Only the cities and larger towns secure them.

Sunday-schools in Holston have increased in numbers and in the scholars reported. The returns for 1903 showed more than 51,000 Sunday-school scholars in the Holston schools. This increase is largely in the cities and new towns which are springing up in some portions of the territory. Country schools in much of the work are not improved. The old-time custom of dismissing them for the winter continues. Even in the spring and summer time, the circuit pastors can not give them much attention and so few laymen qualify themselves for this work that with all our modern equipment there is only a small improvement over the schools of 40 or 50 years ago. Every Sunday-school lesson ought to be made a sermon to the young people, pressed home to the heart by the spirit of Christian faith. The circuit preacher who depends on the modern Sunday-school alone to build up the Church membership of his charge will find the increase of members very small from year to year.

It is not out of place here to say that the work of efficient local preachers is still exceedingly needful in our country, as well as in the pioneer settlements farther west. We still need them here. The list of local preachers in our conference has hardly increased for many years and in 1903 we find the number less than ten years ago. Many of the locals on the roll are truly superannuated. Others are in the cities and do not reach the country Churches. A very small proportion are former itinerants, who located after much hard work. It would indeed be well for the country Churches to lay hands on the brightest of the farmer boys and pray the Lord to call them into the local ministry. Laymen in other Churches are coming forward to supply the lack of pastoral service while our Methodist Churches are in some measure losing the work so efficiently done by the local preachers in other years.

While we note the apparent decline in portions of our country work, it is true that other denominations are doing no better. Baptists and Presbyterians have no more success in country Churches than the Methodists. Pastorates are barely sustained in the best country Churches. Baptists have monthly preaching and many of the Presbyterian pulpits are vacant, supplied only a few services during the year by the synodical evangelists. I write these things not to discourage your zealous works in the far west, but to give a reason for the small increase in our numbers and the decline of many strong charges in this stronghold of Methodism.

It may be of interest to some of your readers to hear of the success of local option in Tennessee. The law of our last "Assembly" permitting the people of the smaller towns to vote out the saloons has worked admirably and nearly every town of not over 5000 people has voted the saloons out. The jug trade, by means of the express companies, is resorted to in some cases and reports have it that more liquor is sold this way than by the saloons, but we do not believe such stories. Good citizens rejoice that court days and public gatherings are in a great measure free from drunken rowdies. The men who persist in bringing liquor into the towns and

country places to divide out among the old disturbers of the peace, will soon be known and will suffer the merited contempt of good citizens.

The contest with intemperance is still on hand and will be for some years to come. The cities of this State must be reclaimed by some means. In these local option will have its hardest contest.

The Churches need also to free their members from tipping habits and teach the young to keep themselves free from the vicious influences of the liquor habit so long prevailing in good old Tennessee. This is to our shame. The Holston Churches have suffered for a hundred years from this whiskey traffic and we can not afford to let this revolution go backward now. Hence the grace of temperance should be cultivated by old and young. We believe every pastor will make an effort to forward the good cause.

Your campaign in Texas gives great comfort and we are proud of the record made by the Holston men who now labor in Texan fields. May the Lord grant you continued success in freeing the great State from the corrupt influences of the open saloon. May you also have still greater rejoicing in winning souls by the preaching of the gospel of Christ. J. R. PAYNE, Limestone, Tenn.

METHODISM IN SAN ANTONIO.

The dense and homogeneous population, almost wholly American, surrounding Dallas, the seat of our publishing interests and of Texas Christian Advocate, makes it a matter of great ease and convenience to gather news from various parts of the State. You are at the focal point of our Methodism in the State, save this Southwestern portion and especially of San Antonio. But our Methodism is one, and although we are far down in

a corner of our great State, we are persuaded that our people would be willing to hear what their brethren are trying to do in the way of building up our Zion in this region.

First as to our city. Ours is possibly the largest city in the State, but it is needless to say we have peculiar difficulties to meet in this field. The Roman Catholic Church is strongly and powerfully entrenched here. With seemingly limitless resources she is evidently making this a strategic point for the reconquest of Mexico and also to bring our State under her influence. Since the various orders were suppressed in Mexico the authorities of this Church have concentrated here, bringing immense revenues with them. Their wealth is immense. A gentleman who ought to know assures me that their real estate is about one-tenth of that of the city. This may be an exaggeration, but I will say that their educational institutions in San Antonio exceed in value the whole amount invested in the State by the M. E. Church, South, for a similar purpose. Two large male colleges, some five convents, parochial schools in different wards of the city with a large plant for the education of priests, and an immense structure called a retreat—you may form some idea of the resources of this Church here.

In the second place, we have a cosmopolitan population. On the streets of San Antonio you will meet with people from every nation on the globe. Besides, we have a large foreign element who have but little regard for the Sabbath and the institutions of Protestantism. Our American people come from every State in the Union. The process of assimilation goes on surely but slowly, and I am sorry to say that many of our people, instead of maintaining our peculiar American customs, seem to fall in with the ways

and customs of the effete peoples of some parts of Europe.

But with all these embarrassments our Church is not asleep. Indeed, I doubt whether in our whole State our Methodism can show any harder worked ministers or that any more strenuous efforts are being made to advance the cause of our religion than at this point. We are slowly but surely coming to the front, and we fully expect to bring our Church to such a degree of strength and power that we soon hope to compare favorably with the work done in other cities of our State. Our presiding elder, Rev. W. J. Johnson, has recently organized a city Church Extension and Evangelistic Board and we are taking steps to put our Church upon a solid and substantial basis.

We have within the city seven Churches and our San Antonio Female College. We have also a Rescue Home—governed by a committee appointed by the conference. Of these Churches and their pastors and the institutions mentioned I propose to write in another article. I regret that our Advocate has not the circulation among our people that it should have. Wherever the paper goes our cause is strengthened. In hope that some news items from this section will aid in extending its circulation, with your consent I purpose to furnish such facts and incidents as may be of interest.

B. HARRIS.

GATESVILLE DISTRICT MEETING.

The Preachers' Sunday-school and Missionary Conference for the Gatesville District was held in the Methodist Church at Gatesville, Dec. 29-31. Thirteen of the sixteen pastors and about fifteen laymen were in attendance. Dr. Horace Bishop, our Conference Missionary Secretary, was with us for a

day, making a number of shorter talks, and preaching two excellent and thoroughly enjoyed sermons. We will always give Dr. Bishop a hearty welcome anywhere within this district. Bros. J. S. Tunnell and B. A. Snoddy each gave us a good, thoughtful sermon. Our presiding elder, Rev. S. W. Turner, had prepared no formal program, but merely suggested live topics vital to a preacher's or Church's success, which were discussed in an easy, but interesting manner. Thus the peculiar needs and problems of the district were brought out and the interest and co-operation of all pastors and laymen were sought that the district might measure up on all lines. The broad and commendable policy of Bro. Turner is to make the district and each charge strong, and self-supporting, paying salary and claims in full, and with all the societies in successful operation. He is a true friend to each pastor and Church, and labors unselfishly for the good of all. Altogether our meeting was a success, and we each returned home resolved to be more abundant in labors that God's cause as represented by the Methodist hosts should prosper within the bounds of the Gatesville District.

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Rev. J. A. Wyatt, of Annona Circuit, writes: "When I came to this charge, a little over two years ago, I found seventeen Advocates on the circuit. There are now sixty with more to follow. How is that for progress?"

RECEPTION TO BISHOP HOSS.

Last Thursday night the Methodists of the city gave a public reception to Bishop Hoss in the lecture room of First Church. It was a large representative gathering from all our congregations in the city. Dr. J. M. Moore presided, and addresses were made by Rev. I. W. Clark and the writer in behalf of the ministry, and Dr. A. V. Lane spoke for the laity. The response of the Bishop was very felicitous and appropriate. Everybody was introduced to him, and the occasion was exceedingly pleasant. After a couple of hours enjoyment, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dr. H. A. Bourland, and all pronounced the reception a delightful success.

SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Medical Department of Southwestern University, located in this city, is moving gradually though surely to the front. It began with a small number of matriculates for two reasons: First, it began late in the season to advertise its opening term; and, second, it erected a high standard and had to turn down many applicants who could not measure up to the requirements. But it has gone right along increasing in patronage until it is now on solid ground. It has the support and the co-operation of forty of the leading physicians of the city, and they are giving their work to it without monetary remuneration, and they are actually putting their money into it. They have already purchased an eligible lot preparatory to erecting a suitable building for its exclusive use; and Dr. H. A. Bourland is in the field working for its accomplishment. Drs. Hyer and Cody were here last week in consultation with Dr. McReynolds, looking to the bringing out of a catalogue for the ensuing year. The outlook is most encouraging and we want our Methodist people throughout the State who know of young men who are going to enter the medical profession to turn them to our own school, for it is the best equipped institution for our use in Texas. It does first-class work.

THE WACO CHURCH LAW-SUIT.

Elsewhere will be found the facts connected with a law-suit brought at Waco several months ago against the Church within the bounds of the Northwest Texas Conference, on account of our connection with the old Waco Female College. Our people down there could have taken advantage of the statute of limitation in the case and avoided the expense of the suit; but they took the position that if the Church owed anything they were ready to pay it. They felt that they were in no way responsible for the debts of the defunct institution. So suit was entered and the jury brought in a verdict against us. At the time it was rendered, the consensus of opinion was that no such verdict was ever recorded by a court before, and that it could not stand before the Appellate Court. So it was appealed by the representatives of the Church, and last week the higher Court reported as follows: "Reversed and rendered." This means that the litigants had no case and was practically thrown out of court. Thus the Church was vindicated by this high tribunal and our rights in the premises maintained. Now read the statement of the case in this issue and see the facts for yourself, and this will give an adequate and a correct idea of the matter. Much credit is due to our lawyers, Boynton and Boynton, for the masterful way in which they presented our side of the issue and pushed it finally to a successful conclusion.

AN EVENING AT ROYCE.

One afternoon last week I ran up to Royce and spent a night with Brother Aston and his people. The ladies wanted me to lecture for them, and though the night was cold, yet we had a good audience present, and I trust they realized something for their Church enterprise. I spent a portion of the time at the house of Bro. J. C. Russell and family, and the night under the hospitable roof of Bro. H. E. Abernathy and wife. In both these good homes I had excellent entertainment. Royce is a town on the M. K. & T. road, just this side of Greenville, and it has a population of twelve hundred. It has the appearance of a prosperous community. The business houses and the residences are modern and up-to-date. They have two banks, a cotton gin and other large interests. Brother Aston and his people are building a handsome new church. It will cost, when completed, some \$6000. It will be a credit to Methodism, and an ornament to the town; and it will be the means of large influence for moral and religious good in the community. And they are paying for it as they build. We have a splendid membership for the size of the town, the largest of any denomination there. Our good women are wonderfully interested in the enterprise as well as the brethren. Brother Aston watches it day and night. He is remarkably popular with his people. In fact, they are perfectly devoted to him, and he is doing them fine work. The Advocate is popular there. Our list of subscribers is large and I felt very much at home among them.

FUNERAL OF REV. T. J. DUNCAN.

The funeral services over the remains of Rev. T. J. Duncan, pastor of the Church at Ennis, took place in that city at the Methodist Church last Thursday afternoon at four o'clock, and then his remains were taken to Nashville, Tennessee, for interment. Bishop Hoss, Rev. Horace Bishop and the writer went down from this city, and some fifteen or twenty of the members of the Northwest Texas Conference were present to pay their loving devotion to the dead pastor and comrade. The church was draped in deep mourning, the business houses all closed out of respect to the occasion, and every inch of the auditorium was packed with sorrowing friends. The large choir sang, as the remains were brought into the building, "Lead, Kindly Light," and there was not a dry eye in the congregation. Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh had charge of the ser-

mons. The lessons were read by Brothers Putman and Pace, and Rev. Jno. M. Barcus lead the prayer. Then Bishop Hoss announced the hymn, "Servant of God, Well Done," and after it was sung, he preached a wonderfully appropriate sermon. His text was, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth, there is a crown of righteousness," etc. The discourse was a lucid exposition of the text and couched in language exquisitely beautiful and tender. It brought sweet comfort to the hearts of all, and enabled them to meet the sorrow of the hour with Christian submission and hopefulness. After the sermon, the writer and Dr. Bishop made brief addresses, followed by one of the city pastors and one of the officials of the congregation. It was a touching and loving service. The sorrowing widow, the two sons and the daughter were present, and if expressions of love had the power to relieve them in their hour of affliction, surely that service gave them great consolation. At its close, we passed round and looked into the serene face of this noble man of God, and then bade him adieu, till we meet him in the conference beyond the river.

Brethren who have kindly written for the Advocate will have to be a little patient, for this is the season when we have much matter on hand for publication. All will get a hearing in due time.

We are in receipt of a copy of the minutes of the West Texas Conference. Rev. Sterling Fisher is the editor and publisher and he has done a good job. To date we have received the minutes of the Northwest and the West Texas Conferences. We hope to get the others soon.

TEXAS PERSONALS.

We had a pleasant visit last week from Rev. J. W. Clifton, of Nevada. He is much pleased with his new field.

Rev. L. A. Humphreys, of Harrisburg, tells us in a private note that his work is prospering along all lines.

We had a delightful visit last Monday from President H. A. Boaz, of Polytechnic College. He reports his work in fine shape.

Bishop Hoss spent last Sunday in Houston, and we are confident that the brethren down there used him to the fullest extent possible.

Rev. I. F. Betts, of Bryan, is moving off finely. He has good congregations, and he has received eleven into the Church since conference.

Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, of Weatherford, Indian Territory, is visiting relatives in the city, and he preached an edifying sermon at Grace Church last Sunday morning.

We had the past week a pleasant call from the following gentlemen: J. L. McKamy, of Frankford; W. R. Bishop, of Carrollton, and W. V. Moore, of Jefferson City, Tenn.

One of Dr. S. H. Werlein's members at Austin, in a private note, says: "Our new pastor is fast getting hold of his people, and the work, I am sure, will prosper under his ministry."

Rev. E. L. Spurlock, of Celeste, was in the city this week and made us a pleasant call. He is one of the warmest friends of the Advocate, and he makes everything move in his charge.

Brother Owens, of Springtown, aided by Brother Birdwell, has had a great meeting and numbers joined the Church. Brother Birdwell, who has great success in revivals, did the preaching.

Rev. E. L. Shettles and his people at Pittsburg have projected a \$20,000 church enterprise. The plans are already drawn and the work will not long be delayed. Brother Shettles is at home when an enterprise of this character is needed.

Rev. F. M. Winburn, of the Northwest Texas Conference, has been on a visit to his old Arkansas friends at Ozark, and he had a great time. He still has attachments for his old associations up that way, and every once

in a while he makes a pilgrimage to them and preaches and sings and shouts of old.

The venerable father and mother of Rev. J. W. Moore, of San Antonio, are visiting their son's family. We have known Rev. Enoch Moore and his good wife for many years. He is now a superannuated member of the Holston Conference.

A NOTE OF THANKS.

I write this brief note to thank all my brethren and friends who have been kind enough to welcome me to Texas. A great many letters have reached me, and have been read with the deepest interest. I should indeed be a vain man if I were to ask for a more cordial reception than that which has been offered me. While profoundly conscious of my limitations, I shall certainly try to show myself worthy of the confidence and love of the Church. As soon as the parsonage is ready for my occupancy, I shall bring my family to Dallas, and become a permanent resident of this city. Until then I shall give as much of my time and service to the Church in this State as my duties elsewhere will permit. Engagements already made will occupy me till the first of March. Beyond that, it is not possible for me now to speak definitely, as I must look after affairs in my Episcopal district, and make some preparations for my journey to England, whither I shall go, God willing, about the first of June, as fraternal messenger to the British Wesleyan Church.

Invoking the blessing of Almighty God upon all those who are engaged in the spread of his kingdom, and soliciting the prayers of all Christian people in my behalf, I am, fraternally yours,

E. E. HOSS.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES.

Bishop A. Coke Smith has been assisting the Presbyterians of Norfolk in a revival service.

Rev. W. A. Dodge, of the North Georgia Conference, died at East Point, Georgia, January 16th.

Dr. F. S. Parker, a son of the late Bishop Linus Parker, of the Louisiana Conference, has been appointed assistant editor of the Epworth Era by Dr. DuBose.

Dr. Samuel Smiles, who has had so much to do with "Self Help," on December 23, celebrated his ninety-second birthday. His daughter says he never knows what it is to be ill.

Emory and Henry College, one of the oldest and best known of our Southern Methodist institutions, is reported as being full of boys. It is not coeducational and does not admit very young boys.

The next annual meeting of the Home Mission Society will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, in April. The work this society is doing is an inspiration, or should be, to our entire Church.

The minutes of thirty-eight Annual Conferences of our Church show an increase in number of Leagues of one hundred and seventy-five, an increase in League membership of six thousand five hundred.

Rev. George R. Stuart has been chosen as the leader of the religious "World's Fair Movement" at St. Louis for six months during the Exposition. He has agreed upon certain conditions to accept the position.

It is reported that the son of Rev. C. L. Chilton entered upon the itinerary at the same conference session that announced his father's withdrawal from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Church.

Over the grave of Hugh Price Hughes a Celtic cross of unpolished granite has been erected bearing this inscription: "Hugh Price Hughes, minister of the Methodist Church, who entered into the joy of his Lord November 17, 1902, aged fifty-five years. 'Thou, O Christ, art all I want.'"

STATEMENT OF FACTS IN THE WACO FEMALE COLLEGE LAW-SUIT MATTER.

1. Certain parties brought suit against the M. E. Church, South, for \$17,500 and interest, money they claim to have lost as Trustees of the defunct Waco Female College.

2. By the method of government of the M. E. Church, South, each and every Church or college is separate and independent of every other similar institution and is itself a corporation,

with a Board of Trustees, in whom the title is invested and which can sue or be sued.

3. The M. E. Church, South, or any part thereof as for example, that within the bounds of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference, has no legal entity, but is only an association of Churches or congregations banded together for religious, educational and charitable purposes.

4. The law of the M. E. Church, South, as shown by its Discipline, requires that before Trustees or any persons can undertake a church or college building, "in order to prevent the contracting of debts which cannot be discharged, three-fourths of the money shall be secured," and in case of violation of this instruction members of the church are required to decline to aid in paying off debts so incurred by agents, in violation of their authority.

5. The Discipline of the Church protects Trustees or any authorized agents by providing that if they become responsible for debts created in carrying out their instructions to build, the property of such undertaking may be sold to pay same.

6. The Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in adopting a college as a Church school has no power to assume and never assumes any financial obligations of said school, promising only to give it a moral support and recommend it to the people.

7. The Trustees of Waco Female College, when they tendered their local enterprise through their agent, Dr. F. T. Mitchell, to the Northwest Texas Conference, understood that no financial aid would be given, as no financial benefit would accrue to the conference, but the help desired would be in securing patronage and moral support generally.

8. The Northwest Texas Conference agreed to adopt Waco Female College as a conference school on the following conditions, which are preserved to this day in the minutes of the conference, and were published to the world in the conference proceedings of that session.

(a) Said transfer would not be accepted until the Trustees of said school had secured not less than six acres of land, unencumbered by debt, in a suitable location in the city of Waco, upon which to build new buildings, and, in addition, subscriptions which could be cashed in bank for \$25,000.00; said subscriptions not to include the value of the six acres of land, nor the proceeds which might be left from the sale of the old buildings and grounds, after payment of the existing debt of \$10,000.00 on the same.

(b) The Board of Trustees of Waco Female College should have until the close of the next conference year (by which was meant the next meeting of the Northwest Texas Conference), in which to meet such conditions.

(c) That in case the transfer of the college property was made "this body (meaning Northwest Texas Conference) strictly forbids the Board of Trustees and their successors who may hereafter control and manage the affairs of said college ever to contract any debt for which said property may become liable, and we insist that this condition be incorporated in the deed of transfer."

(d) That in case the transfer was made in compliance with said conditions the Northwest Texas Conference will commend said Waco Female College to the favorable consideration of said Church and the denomination.

9. These conditions were not complied with and have never been discharged until this day. The Trustees, through their agent, Dr. Mitchell, represented that the conditions had been met and the matter was so reported to the next Annual Conference, but at that time they had purchased no location for the new college, and of the \$25,000.00 bankable subscriptions required by the conference, they had only \$16,450.48, unconditional, \$5000 additional, conditioned on a location. In the minute book of the Waco Female College, November 13, 1888, is found the following entry: "Resolved, that our agent, Dr. Mitchell, be authorized to report an aggregate value of subscriptions in money and land offered at \$40,000, this being done to meet the demands of the Northwest Texas Conference, and not as a finality with reference to the questions of location." No transfer was in fact ever made of said property embodying these conditions to anyone to hold for said conference.

10. Said Trustees had full notice of the facts herein set out when said debts were created and they were willing to assume the personal obligations for the benefits which would accrue to the college by the erection of said college buildings and to the individuals who were interested in 217 acres of land where the college was located. At the very time the \$10,000 was borrowed, for which suit is now brought against the Church, they were duly warned of the law of the Church and the resolutions of the conference not to involve the college in debt, even some members of the Board resigning then and there. Their own minutes show, October 22, 1889, that

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the Board of Directors were authorized "to borrow \$10,000, upon the individual credit of the members composing said Board, who were willing to secure the same."

11. It was not only understood that the Church was under no obligations to reimburse them for any money they might have lost, but for more than ten years they asked no redress in any courts of the Church.

12. The first notice the Church had of the grievance of these Trustees was a citation to appear in the Civil Courts of the land.

13. The matter is still pending in the Civil Courts and no doubt will be finally adjudicated in equity and justice to both the Church and the Trustees.

14. Recent published statements in the daily press, having the appearance of being paid matter and emanating from the lawyer of the other side, are misleading and damaging to our Church, therefore the above is a correct and true statement of facts involved in what is known as the Waco Female College law suit. While we regret that anyone should lose money in the name of the Church, yet the Trustees of the defunct Waco Female College have no one to blame but themselves since they had the sole management of the enterprise all the time, were duly warned and transcended their authority.

JNO. R. NELSON.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The students of Southwestern University are for the first time in the history of the institution getting out for the public a college annual. For this annual the name "Southwestern" has been chosen. It is being published by the Athletic Association of the University under the management of Mr. O. T. Cooper, of Arlington, editor, and Mr. S. M. Black, of Krum, manager.

It will be a volume 8x11 inches and will contain some two hundred and fifty pages made up of pictures and information covering all phases of the school and its work, and a short literary department. It will be dedicated to the memory of Rev. Francis Ashbury Mood, D. D., the first and honored Regent, and will contain a full page engraving of that illustrious man. The cover will be full cloth, black with gold design on front cover. It will also contain a short history of the institution and a mention of some of her alumni who have gone out into the arena of life and reflected credit upon their alma mater. The medical department at Dallas will also be duly represented.

This will be a neat and creditable volume representing Southwestern and her work and deserves a place in every Methodist home. It will be sold at \$1.50 at Georgetown, or \$1.75 by mail. Any one desiring a copy may obtain it by sending \$1.75 to Mr. S. M. Black, Georgetown, Texas. This is a forward step among the students of Southwestern and a very commendable one indeed.

Dr. G. W. Briggs lectured for us on the 25th inst. upon "The American Girl."

This is examination week, and all parties are immersed in work.

Owing to the difficulty in securing the proper time for the Biblical Institute, the closing day of commencement has been changed from June 8 to June 6, and Monday will again be commencement day, and the exercises will follow the program of former years, and not that published. Next year we will change, as proposed, to Wednesday, which will thereafter be commencement day.

THE MAY MEETING.

The Committee on Program and Arrangement for the great Texas Missionary Conference, to be held in Waco in connection with the annual session of the General Board of Missions next May, had an enthusiastic meeting in this city January 8. Present, Dr. Seth Ward, Assistant General Missionary Secretary; J. B. Sears, Mission Board Texas Conference; R. C. Hicks, Mission Board, North Texas Conference; A. L. Scarborough, Mission Board, West Texas Conference; H. Bishop, B. R. Bolton, Jno. R. Morris, M. S. Hotchkiss, Mission Board, Northwest Texas Conference; A. E. Reector, German Mission Conference, and Jno. R. Nelson and S. A. Barnes, local pastors.

A fine program was planned for the conference. Committees were appointed on different phases of the work. The conference will be a delegated body, and the following is the basis of representation, all traveling and local preachers elected as follows: Three from every Quarterly Conference; two from each congregation, and one from each Sunday-school, Epworth League, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Home Mission Society.

It was estimated there would be an

attendance from 2500 to 3000 delegates and visitors.

Board for the occasion in private families and at hotels can be had at the rate of \$1 to \$2.50 per day; good board in private families at \$1 per day. The Bishops, members of the General Board of Missions, members of the Conference Boards of Missions and those on the program will be the guests of the Methodist Churches of Waco.

A large tabernacle will be built by Austin Avenue Methodist Church, or Waco's fine auditorium will be utilized to accommodate the great audiences that will be gathered from all parts of the country.

Waco is alive to the importance of this occasion. Her enterprising Commercial Club sent a committee to meet Committee on Program and Arrangements, and give assurance of hearty co-operation in the entertainment of the conference. The Conference Missionary Secretaries or Secretaries of Conference Boards of Missions will furnish certificates to delegates of membership as fast as names are furnished them by presiding elders, pastors, Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues and Foreign and Home Mission Societies.

The meeting will be the 10th of May, so it is in order now to elect delegates. Let the tide roll.

JNO. R. NELSON.

MAGAZINE NOTICE.

The Home and State Magazine for February is before us, and it is one of the best numbers of this popular periodical. It opens with a story by George Shelton Clark, "A Romance in a Country High School," followed by a thrilling adventure by Tilmann Tilford, the famous author of "Butternut Jones," a Texas writer who has already acquired fame. Will Harben comes next with a splendid story. He was one of the most distinguished story writers in the South, and his works are known the world over. Then come three departments edited by the editor of the Advocate. First, "Men, Measures and Events;" second, Home Circle Page; and third, Progress of Reform. After these are divers and sundry articles, stories and the like for the women, the boys and the girls. Prof. Burkhead has a fine contribution on Sidney Lanier. The front page of the Magazine has a splendid picture of Senator Joseph W. Bailey; and the inside editorial page has a fine cut of Mrs. L. L. Jester, of Tyler. Most all of the stories are beautifully illustrated. The Home and State is published in Dallas at fifty cents a year.

ACTION OF THE NORTH TEXAS FEMALE COLLEGE BOARD.

I was requested to write a few lines with reference to what was done at the called session of the Board of Managers of the North Texas Female College yesterday. After an informal discussion of the situation for quite awhile, the following resolution was offered by F. B. Dillard, and adopted: Resolved, That the proposition of the citizens of Sherman to raise \$10,000 to build a dormitory on the North Texas Female College property; provided, that the Trustees rebuild the brick dining hall, recently burned, and the Church or conference raise \$5,000 to add to the said dormitory fund be accepted.

Resolved, further, That the buildings be commenced by February 15, if the citizens by that time raise the promised \$10,000.

The financial agent, Rev. J. M. Binkley, was authorized by the Board to put an agent or agents in the field to travel through the bounds of the conference and raise such funds as are necessary, in addition to the amount on hand, and to be raised by the city of Sherman, in the erection of the buildings, to replace those destroyed by fire.

Rev. J. M. Binkley, H. N. Tuck and P. C. Archer were appointed an executive committee to make contracts for the new buildings, and to superintend the work. The Board also arranged for the purchase from Mrs. Key the lot upon which the "Annie Nugent" building stood, about 52 feet front, running through the whole length of the lot, about 300 feet, upon which there are two other buildings—the "infirm" and a large stable.

P. C. ARCHER.
Sherman, Texas, Jan. 13, 1904.

A CARD OF THANKS.

I take this method of expressing my heartfelt thanks to my sister and many friends for their kind words of sympathy during this the saddest period of all my life. Although I know my precious mother is forever at rest and free from pain, I cannot restrain the sadness, loneliness and tears that come to me at all hours. We will strive to meet her where parting will never come. Dear friends, let your prayers be with us and especially upon my dear little sisters and myself.

GERTHA NANCE.
Clarksville, Texas.

Eruptions

Dry, moist, scaly tetter, all forms of eczema or salt rheum, pimples and other cutaneous eruptions proceed from humors, either inherited, or acquired through defective digestion and assimilation.

To treat these eruptions with drying medicines is dangerous.

The thing to do is to help the system discharge the humors, and strengthen it against their return.

Hood's Sarsaparilla permanently cured J. G. Hines, Franks, Ill., of eczema, from which he had suffered for some time; and Miss Alvina Walter, Box 212, Algona, Wis., of pimples on her face and back and chafed skin on her body, by which she had been greatly troubled. There are more testimonials in favor of this great medicine than can be published.

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Promises to cure and keeps the promise. Don't put off treatment. Buy a bottle of Hood's today.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

The next session of the Summer School of Theology will be held at Georgetown June 6-17, 1904. There has been arranged already the following work:

(a) The full undergraduate course with instruction, and the examination to be provided by the Examining Committees.

(b) Instruction in the subjects required of applicants for license to preach, and for admission on trial.

(c) A post-graduate course somewhat fuller than last year.

(d) Public lecturers are men of international recognition.

The post-graduate course will include the following:

(1) Tigert's Constitutional History of American Methodism.

(2) Kirkpatrick's Doctrine of the Prophets.

(3) Salmond's Christian Doctrine of Immortality.

These books are each in the post-graduate course of the Correspondence School, and as their selection by us was announced in the bulletin of the Correspondence School issued last October, a copy of which was put in the hands of every preacher, it is very much hoped that many of the preachers are already taking the correspondence course in one or more of them.

In addition to the three books mentioned above, the following courses will also be given in the post-graduate work in the Summer School of Theology:

(4) Beach's Geography of Protestant Missions.

(5) Harris' Self-Revelation of God.

(6) New Testament Greek.

(7) Psychology of Religion.

(8) Hebrew History and the Monuments.

The course in New Testament Greek is intended for those who have already some knowledge of Greek, and will consist of readings in some part of the New Testament, very likely in the epistles of the first captivity.

No text-book has been selected for the course in Psychology of Religion. The work will be in charge of Dr. John R. Allen, whose pastoral experience and philosophic research alike guarantee the character of the course. The course in Hebrew History and the Monuments will also be given largely by the lecture method, and will be in charge of the present writer. Many remarkable discoveries in the field of Oriental inscriptions have been made in the past century, and perhaps the most remarkable of all within the last three years. It will be the purpose in this course to show just what these discoveries are, and just what their bearing is on the field of Old Testament study.

Fuller statements about each of these courses will be made in succeeding issues of the Advocate. This brief announcement is now made that the preachers may without further delay provide themselves with books and prepare for the work.

As seen from the above statement, there will be eight courses in the post-graduate section. Of these no preacher can take more than four, and it would be well for each one immediately to select the four courses which he intends to take, and to arrange his reading and study somewhat with these courses in view.

As lecturers there have been already secured Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Dr. W. R. Lambuth, Rev. J. L. Cunningham, and Rev. Collins Denny. In addition to these we are in correspondence with several others in the United States, Canada and Europe. Their names will be announced as soon as arrangements are completed.

One of the surprising features of last year's institute was the low price

of board. For this year the price of board at the Annex is kept at the same rate, \$4.50 for the entire time, everything furnished; and at Giddings' Hall we have arranged this year for a rate 50 cents cheaper than last year, \$4 for the entire time, everything furnished.

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A NOTE FROM MEXICO.

I enclose extract of a private letter just received from my son, who is now presiding elder of the Guadalajara District, in the State of Jalisco, Mexico.

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The Sunday-School Department The Epworth League Department

First Quarter, Lesson 7, Feb. 17.

JESUS FORGIVES SINS.
Mark 11:1-12.

Golden Text: "The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins."—Mark 2:10.

Topical Outline: I. The Paralytic Brought to Jesus. (Verses 1-4.) II. The Paralytic Cured. (Verses 5-12.)

Time: The events of this lesson followed immediately upon the close of the ministry recorded in Mark 1:38-45—A. D. 31.

Place: The city of Capernaum.

Memory Verses, 3:5. Reference Word, "Forgive." Lesson Hymn, No. 418.

In the Sunday-School Magazine, Dr. Paul Whitehead says:

The doctrinal lesson of this incident in this early part of our Lord's ministry is stated in our Master's own language: "The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins." That his enemies, the evil-doers sitting there, might know this truth, he performed, in their presence, the miracle of curing the palsied man, on whom was instantaneously bestowed power to rise, take up that whereon he lay, and go to his house a cured man. This amazing sight they beheld spell-bound and overwhelmed.

As the eager friends of the paralytic went to the house top, uncovered the thatched roofing, and lowered with cords into the midst of the room the couch of the helpless invalid, Jesus, beholding the evidence of their faith in his power to heal, gave a blessing they had not asked. He said to the paralytic: "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." A feeling never before known ran through the sick man's soul. Possibly he essayed to speak and declare his gratitude for so great a mercy; possibly he was overwhelmed with glad surprise and dumb from excess of joy. Ere anything else transpired, the thoughts of the scribes were busy with the idea: "What blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God only?" Jesus read their hearts and answered their unbelief with a question swift and to the mark: "Whether it is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?" As a matter of talking, "sound and fury signifying nothing," one is as easy as the other. But now to the proof whether this declaration of forgiveness is empty talk; and turning to the invalid, he spoke with majesty: "Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house." They had no time to linger in doubt. Immediately the paralyzed man was on his feet; stooping, he took on his shoulder "that whereon he lay" (not a very light load for a well man; with the bed frame and the sick man it had been "borne of four") and "went forth before them all." "We never saw it on this fashion," burst forth on every side. Did the doubting scribes join in the exclamation? It may be some of them did. But there was a vanishing from every candid soul in the room of all doubt whether this "Son of man" (as he called himself) could "forgive sins" also. And probably from not a few there rose a cry, since voiced by Charles Wesley:

"O let me hear thy quickening voice And taste thy pardoning grace."

What a glorious doctrine is this! Our sins, though many as the hairs of our heads, though like scarlet or crimson in the dye of their turpitude, may be blotted out "when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" of glory. They may be forgiven instantaneously and consciously. We may "know our sins forgiven."

"Jesus' blood through earth and skies Mercy, free, boundless mercy cries!"

We may all "look into his breast" and see that "mercy is all that's written there." (See our Hymn No. 378.)

On this important subject the teachings of Methodism give no uncertain sound. It is one of our joys and glories that our preaching, our literature, our experience, our history, are all alive with the emphasis placed upon "the forgiveness of sins" through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. The entire system of Methodism seems to ring "through all the earth abroad" the joyful proclamation of the jubilee of grace.

"The year of jubilee is come! Return, ye ransomed sinners, home!"

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And God has honored our ministry with the conversion of thousands upon thousands to whom we have preached "the unsearchable riches of Christ" in this respect.

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

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Topic for February 14: "The Perfect Law of God."—Psalm 19:7-14.

God's law is twofold—natural and spiritual. In the preceding verses of this chapter, its natural aspects are considered, but in the verses of the lesson its spiritual application and results are prominent. When applied by the Holy Spirit, it converts the soul and transforms the life and character. It is permanent in its effect, and it endures forever. It brings to the heart an experience of a very decided and pronounced type and there is joy in the soul embracing it. It brings spiritual perception to the spirit, for it enlightens the eye of the believer. Its value cannot be overestimated. Silver and gold cannot be compared with it. It brings the mind and heart into sympathy with all that is good and noble and true. And it is sweeter to the mind than honey is to the taste. And such is its regulative power that our words and meditations become acceptable to God.

CABINET MEETING.

The Cabinet of the North Texas Conference League met in Gainesville January 23. All members of the Cabinet were present except the First Vice-President, John A. McDermitt, who was in East Texas at the time and could not reach the seat of the conference. President Harry Halsell and Junior League Superintendent Miss Clara Wood, of the State Cabinet, were present and assisted in the work. Brother Pierce, of Denton Street Church, and Bro. Nichols, of Broadway Church, also rendered valuable assistance.

Much business of importance was transacted. The date for holding the conference was set for July 28-31. At first glance this would indicate a four days' session, but in reality only two full days will be given to actual work. The train connections make it impossible for the majority of the Leaguers to reach Gainesville earlier than 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and so the first session was scheduled for 8:30 o'clock Thursday evening, July 23. The conference proper will be opened next morning and the whole of Friday and Saturday will be given to the consideration of the practical side of League work. On Sunday the day will be devoted to religious exercises of various kinds. Two of our well-known Bishops were scheduled for sermons and a number of prominent educators and laymen were drawn on for service. We hope to give the program in detail in due season.

We were particularly impressed with the interest manifested by the Gainesville people. They have already begun preparations for the conference, and are full of enthusiasm over it. Brother Marvin Nichols is, of course, at the head and has the co-operation of both his own Leaguers and those of Brother Pierce's Church at Denton Street. We are not the least apprehensive as to what the Gainesville people will do. We have already seen enough to know that the conference will be well received and royally entertained. We are concerned now in arousing interest among our young people throughout the conference. Nothing must be left undone that will contribute to the success of the meeting. Extensive plans were agreed upon by the Cabinet and the outlook is regarded as promising.

NOTES.

President Halsell has not yet decided upon an appointee for State Secretary. He is taking his time and is going carefully over the field. He expects to announce the appointment within a short time.

Brother Marvin Nichols will leave about the last of February on a four months' Oriental trip, and it was partially to accommodate him that the date for holding the conference was set after his expected return. Brother Nichols has two fine Leagues, the Senior having 60 members and the Junior 80 members. They marched nearly 100 strong to the Junior League Rally at Denton Street Church Sunday afternoon. Miss Wood, the State Superintendent, presided at this rally and conducted an interesting service of an hour or more, in which she was assisted by State President Halsell

and Conference Superintendent Miss Carrie Moseley.

A reception was tendered the visiting officials at the palatial home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Culwell, two of Broadway's staunch members. Nearly 100 of Gainesville's best young people were in attendance. A joint committee composed of Denton Street and Broadway Leaguers, met the guests and ushered them into the reception rooms. A string band, composed of Messrs. Guy Jones, John Ewald and Guy Rogers, discoursed sweet music. Some special instrumental solo numbers were rendered by Miss Maggie Burns. Light refreshments were served at an appropriate hour and the occasion was indeed a most happy one.

A Senior League Rally was held at Broadway Church Sunday night. The house was taxed to its full seating capacity and nearly four-fifths of the audience were young people. President Halsell and the writer divided time and addressed the meeting. An old-fashioned handshake followed the addresses and concluded the services of the evening. Among the many other nice things which may be said of Gainesville Methodists is this: They are good listeners. The most perfect attention prevailed throughout the evening. And another thing about these good people, they can sing. We have fallen much in love with them.

Only three districts—Bonham, Sulphur Springs and Paris—are at this time unorganized. Miss Langley, to whom was entrusted the work of completing district organization, expects to report all these organized within a few weeks. We hope our presiding elders will aid Miss Langley in this work. She has the sympathy and endorsement of the Cabinet and has already proven herself faithful and efficient. We believe the North Texas Conference League is second to none in point of organization. On with the work!

Brother Sessions contributes another excellent communication this week. He is faithful and true, and more like him would give this department a much greater interest.

Brother Lee Woods sends us an interesting note from San Antonio and has this to say in a personal way. "It appears that the Leagues are not sending in many letters to the League column in the Advocate." We hope others will become interested enough to send in letters.

We have been given a tip that the State Conference, or Assembly, as it is now to be called, will be held in August. This season will be selected in order to facilitate camping out, which is to be a feature of the meeting.

Miss Gervis Fulton has the affairs of Sherman District well in hand. The committee will meet in Sherman soon to prepare the program for the next District League meeting.

We are about to forget to say that Harry Halsell has announced that he is not a candidate for Governor of Texas. He seems to prefer League work.

FROM SAN ANTONIO.

Only half our Churches here have Leagues, but we hope to get one started in nearly all of them. Our union is composed of four Leagues, Trinity Methodist making one of the number, and by the way, they are doing more work than any of us.

We contemplated having lectures all during the fall and winter months, but the strike, quarantine, etc., interfered, and so our first one didn't come off till Jan. 15 this year. It was splendid, specially adapted to young people, but only a few were present to hear it. Our plan is to have one lecture each month for some time yet. We think they will be good for our Leaguers.

We are now working up a revival for next month. W. G. LEE WOODS, Pres. League Union.

TO WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

During the month of March, in various parts of Leaguedom will be held by the local chapters another "Forward Day." This is eminently fitting as many of you will witness with me the wholesome effect upon our Leagues of a similar move held only a year ago. Our Editor-Secretary in Epworth

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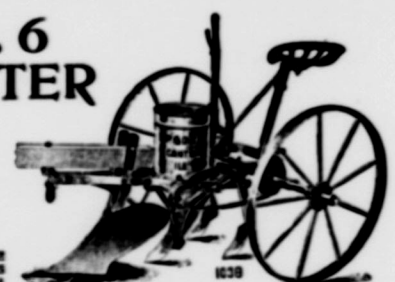
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THE EPWORTH LEAGUE AND THE ERA.

A Statement by the General Secretary.

My I ask a little space to make a general business statement to the members and friends of the Epworth League throughout the connection? First, that the year just closed shows the greatest prosperity in League work that we have yet been able to report. The increase is about 175 chapters, and 6,500 members. The activity in League organization at this time is most gratifying. We are earnestly seeking to effect an organization in every congregation in the Church. The League has fully vindicated the claim which was made for it in the beginning. Second, that the subscription income of the Era has been so considerably increased that we are now in sight of a long wished for consummation, namely, the overcoming of the annual deficit. The margin is now so small that any considerable immediate movement amongst the Leagues to extend the circulation will more than balance the accounts. The fiscal year ends April 1, next. Will not our League chapters everywhere read our meaning out of this? Faithfully,

H. M. DuBOISE,
Gen'l Sec'y and Editor.

A NEW MOVEMENT.

At the request of many friends, including the publisher, I send you this statement for the Advocate: For several years I have felt a growing conviction of duty toward that class of children called incorrigibles, prospective criminals and the crippled of the poor. The crisis came and I asked to be relieved of the pastorate at the last session of my conference (the Northwest Texas), in order to undertake the establishment of a system of industrial schools for their benefit. The fact need not be argued that this is the source of the most serious causes menacing the social, political and religious institutions of the country. These, especially the former, are our heathen in our byways and hedges, even in the doorway of every citizen. The other is that condition of poverty where utter hopelessness reigns in spite of moral conditions; poverty duplicated by being crippled. These are the really first-class charity claimants upon a Christian citizenship. We are caring freely and liberally for the orphans, but these are worse than orphans, though their appeals come not to us in tears; and sometime, some how and somewhere must be cared for and expenses paid, whether we will or not. After the act of criminality the arrest, trial and imprisonment follow with the inevitable cost bill—to be continued; and under existing conditions but little, if any, hope of reformation is prophesied or possible. And the case is utterly lost with no abatement of expense or prospect of relief to the public. They are on our hands. The question is when is the time to take cognizance of them, and how is the better way to provide for them, and where is the better place to put them—both for their sakes and ours as citizens—schools or prisons?

The only financial question that can enter into the subject is, which is cheaper? And anybody can see that as "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure," even so will such a course of treatment in industrial schools in early youth be cheaper, if nothing else. So that, aside from the Christian idea and obligation, what does the simplest wisdom dictate? Our duty is clear. What our Lord would have us do everybody knows, and unhesitatingly.

The plan: At least one school for girls. And as many, say four, as demand and means may cause for boys; and location for convenience, with the best surroundings, and largest bids offered. With a good farm for each boys' school, for both support and scientific demonstration. Because the interest is to make experimental practice in both agriculture and horticulture for self-support as far as possible, as well as scientific instruction. With shop facilities for teaching all manner of wage earning vocations—real man-

ufacturing concerns. All under skilled instructors. In every case and all the time the main thing is the personal salvation of each pupil; for reformation without divine grace is not vital, if possible. Then sufficient education for practical uses with an apprenticeship in some trade, each child is put in condition to make useful citizens.

It is known by some of our readers that the Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police Associations of Texas have been discussing this question for three years and appealing to the ministry to aid them. These men know the situation. This one movement is to enlarge on their plan and to make it a Texas Christian citizenship matter; a Texas movement on her own scale of greatness, wholesomeness and enlightened sense of worthiness.

It is non-sectarian, non-partisan in every particular, though Christian fully. Here are a few of the many expressions received already: "It is the best and biggest thing of all; I had rather do that than anything I can think of."—Dr. R. C. Buckner. "That is the best thing I have ever heard of. It will solve the problem."—W. C. Everett. "It is the thing; I had rather do that than anything in the world."—Prof. P. A. Gates. "It is worth a life to put such a great movement into being."—Rev. F. A. Downs. "It is the only plan; you lead and we will follow."—Judge J. M. Robertson. "The movement meets with my unqualified approval. It will result in more good for Texas than can be brought to pass by the combined efforts of all the Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police. I am sure it will meet with the approval of all classes of people."—L. Blaylock. "I think this is a matter that ought to be discussed from the pulpit by the clergy at large, and well aired through the press."—W. F. Forrest, Chief of Police, Houston. "It is necessary for the good and welfare of the community to find means for the proper correction and tuition of juvenile offenders; it is imperative that these schools should be established."—J. F. Rowan, Chief of Police, Galveston.

We shall soon have a charter and Board of Directors. "The Texas Good Samaritan Association." We ask for prayer and an open door.

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A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Absorbent Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

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Mrs. W. T. DETHLOPE.

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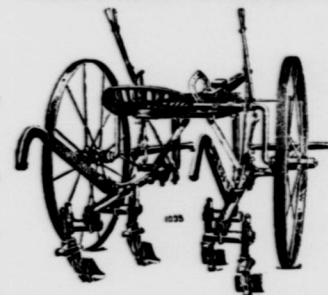
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WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

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To the Auxiliaries of W. H. M. Society, North Texas Conference:

I want to talk to you a few minutes through the Woman's Department of Christian Advocate. I wish I knew that every member of every auxiliary in the North Texas Conference was a subscriber to this most excellent paper, our Texas Advocate. I know it would be of inestimable value to our auxiliaries were such the case. But I feel sure that at least one or more members have it in their homes. I ask those who read this article to preserve it and read same to your auxiliary at next meeting. In these years that I have been trying to stimulate a better work in the department of parsonages I find there is not the interest manifested in selecting your First Vice-Presidents that should be. Of course some auxiliaries look closely after this matter; but as a whole I fear we do not seriously consider the importance that the incumbent of this office sustains towards our local parsonage work as we should. Just now, remembering that we are so soon to elect our officers for the ensuing year, I am prompted by an earnest desire for the success of the parsonage department to admonish you through love for this work to elect such women to the office of First Vice-President whom you believe will work zealously for your parsonage. You know one of our by-laws reads thus: "There shall be a local committee to co-operate with the First Vice-President as chairman in looking after the parsonage work." So far as concerns our local parsonage work, I deem it more essential for the First Vice-President to be more deeply interested if possible in that special work than even the President, for if the President is not an obtrusive woman, she leaves that work entirely to the supervision of the First Vice-President, including the rest of the committee appointed by her. We hope our newly elected Presidents will be careful to select women for this committee who are in hearty sympathy with all necessary local parsonage work, and have them, with First Vice-President as chairman, to be prompt in reporting quarterly to her auxiliary the work that should be done as well as work that has been done. We insist that the committee visit their parsonage and with willing hands and loving hearts endeavor to supply the needs of same. Let us begin early in this new year to plan for our parsonage work, striving to do our full duty in this department of our home mission work. Send me the names of your First Vice-Presidents as soon after your election of new officers as convenient. Give your best efforts to this special work, when planning for local work in your auxiliary, remembering that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

MRS. W. W. WILLIAMS,
Supt. Parsonage Department,
Decatur, Texas.

IN MEMORIAM.

Monday, Jan. 11, 1904, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held memorial services at the First Methodist Church, Corsicana, for Mrs. Helen Halbert Gordon, who had died a few days before. Mrs. Gordon was a charter member of the auxiliary, as well as a life member, which honor was bestowed on her by the society a number of years ago. She had served the society as officer in every capacity of the organization, and was a real lover of the work. Many beautiful tributes were paid to her, and many loving testimonials from absent friends were read—all showing that Mrs. Gordon was a great-hearted woman of a many-sided character, but that all her talents had been used in the service of her Lord and for the betterment of

mankind. She was a busy woman, and while caring for her home and family, worked in Sunday-school, missionary societies, women's prayer-meetings, all the regular services of the Church, temperance and jail work, visiting the sick, strangers, needy and afflicted. Truly hers was a long life, well lived, full, rounded out, a ripened shock of wheat. At this meeting it was decided to put a memorial in the church in the form of a pipe organ. The Young Ladies' Aid Society of the Church pledged \$1,000 and the other organizations of the Church will make handsome pledges to this beautiful memorial. This is considered an especially appropriate memorial to Mrs. Gordon, because she loved music and her life was full of harmony and praise.

MRS. A. C. JOHNSON,
Pres. W. F. M. Society,
Corsicana, Texas.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of Treasurer of W. H. M. Society, Northwest Texas Conference, for quarter ending Dec. 20, 1903:

Dues	\$599 93
Baby Roll	13 50
Baby Mite Boxes	12 31
Adult Mite Boxes	1 05
Specials	58 75
Twenty per cent fund for Dallas Home	10 00
Florine McEachern Mite Boxes	2 70
Life Membership Dues	29 25
Week of Prayer	148 32
Deaconess' Scholarship	17 00
Deaconess' Home Fund	124 85
Minute Fund	2 75
Gen'l Treas'y for expense	70 86
Expense Fund	29 30

Total receipts for quarter	\$1120 57
Gen'l Treasurer, Dec. 20, 1903	896 56
Conf. Sec'y, 2d qr. exp.	18 75
Conf. Treas. 2d qr. exp.	18 75
Mailing Minutes	20 56

Total disbursements for qr.	954 62
Cash in bank Sept. 20, 1903	255 49
Receipts for quarter	1120 57

Grand total cash for qr.	1375 97
Disbursements	954 62

Bal. in bank Dec. 20, 1903	421 35
Amt. in Gen'l Treas. Sept. 20	290 11
50 per cent dues Dec. 20	299 97
Returned from Olustee	50 00

Total in Gen'l Treas'y	640 08
Appropriations—	
Richland	\$125 00
Cross Plains	100 00
Expense	70 86

Total from Gen'l Treas'y	295 86
Balance in Gen'l Treas'y Dec. 20, 1903	344 22
Fal. in bank Dec. 20, 1903	421 35

Total cash on hand Dec. 20	\$765 47
Local Work—	

Amt. spent on parsonage	\$774 50
Amt. spent on local Ch. work	886 74
Supplies sent off and reported	246 17
Supplies given locally	524 69
Sent to Waco Orphanage	163 35
Dallas Mission Home	25 00
Local rescue work	41 00
Relief of needy	144 50
Salary of pastor	50 00
City mission work	458 23
Deaconess' Home in Waco	640 17

Total exp. locally	\$3953 96
Total for conn. work	1120 57

Grand total for qr.	\$5074 53
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But one quarter remains for use in this year and only \$56.75 have been sent for the Deaconess' Scholarship. We should have at least \$150 more. Of the \$2000 pledge only \$236.55 have been sent in. I trust the Treasurers will urge both of these claims so they may be reported full at our annual meeting in June.

As the old year leaves us, I wish to thank the faithful Treasurers for prompt performance of duty, and pray that God's blessing may rest upon each this new year, so that much may be accomplished for the cause we represent.

MRS. NAT. G. ROLLINS,
Aspermont, Texas. Treas.

HELP WANTED.

A storm struck part of my work the 21st of this month and blew Ward Chapel, one of our churches, off the blocks. It will have to be rebuilt. The people are not able to do this alone. Will all who read this help us all they can? Any amount sent will be gratefully received. Send money to me at Travis, Texas.

D. W. GARDNER.

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DR. J. S. HILL, Greenville, Texas.

INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Mangum Circuit.

A Subscriber: We are doing very well financially, or have done so in the past year. We paid our preacher up and met all other claims so far as I know, and we had the pleasure of hearing very few sermons from our pastor, too, as he was prevented from appearing on his monthly rounds by bad weather, sickness, and so on. I find the people here more liberal in paying Church dues than in some parts of Texas. In addition to meeting the Church calls for money the Sunday-school here took up a foreign mission collection on Rally Day of \$12.30. Now how is that for a small country Sunday-school? And besides this, we have now in progress a plan for the erection of a church. Have collected some money for it already. The land to build church on has been very generously donated by an invalid lady member. It is hoped that the church will be completed within this year and ready for use earlier. There are many more instances I could mention to show that this people, generally speaking, are up with the times financially. There is another Church to be supported at this place too. Spiritually we are doing very well. During the meetings in the summer several of our young people were converted and some reclaimed. Though at present everything seems dull, but who can tell the outcome? Our pastor only fills one appointment monthly here, but M. E. preachers fill the place two other Sundays in the month, the remaining Sunday being occupied by the Baptist preacher. In having a sermon every Sunday we are much better off than some of the neighboring communities. Not far from here in various places are schoolhouses where they have no church at all month after month. One young lady taught a four months' school in this county and during the time heard one sermon where she was teaching, and more than that there was none near so she could attend. So this is a place for workers, and if there are any extra preachers there or anywhere, who are pretty well educated (this is a progressive country educationally), and willing to work with all their might in the cause, come at once.

Harrison, O. T.

W. P. Meador: We are moving along very well in our new field of labor. On the third Sunday in January we closed a meeting in which we had ten conversions and a number of backsliders reclaimed. It was a great spiritual uplift to the whole Church. Several have been added to the Church.

WOOD CIRCUIT.

M. C. Ellis, Jan. 26: Last Saturday and Sunday was the time for the first Quarterly Conference for the Wood Circuit. Our efficient presiding elder, Rev. C. F. Roberts, was on hand looking after the interests of the Church and preaching to the edification of all who heard him. His sermon on Sunday from the text, "Surely this was the Son of God," was well calculated to strengthen the faith of any who might be disposed to doubt the divinity of Christ. Every point on the circuit was represented. The Board of Stewards made a very liberal assessment for the preacher in charge. The largest that has ever been made in the history of the charge. Over one-fourth of the assessment was paid this quarter. With Rev. I. N. Haun, as our pastor, we are expecting to come to the front. We look forward to the time when the Wood Circuit will be the best in the Weatherford District. This will be so when we get our own houses of worship.

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C. P. WRIGHT,
Sec. Bd. Ch. Ex. N. W. Tex. Conf.

Waxahachie District—Second Round.	
Milford, at Milford	Feb. 25, 26
Foreston, at Falls	Feb. 25, 26
Venus, at Cahill	Feb. 12, 13
Ferris, at Cahill	Feb. 12, 13
Bristol, at Maypearl	Feb. 19, 20
Maypearl, at Maypearl	Feb. 26, 27
Hillshoro	Apr. 3, 4
Lovelace, at Lovelace	Apr. 3, 4
Itasca	Apr. 10, 11
Bardwell, at Byrd	Apr. 17, 18
Palmer, at Palmer	Apr. 24, 25
Offutt, at Sardis	Apr. 30, May 1
Midlothian	May 7, 8
Ennis	May 11, 12
Alvarado	May 14, 15
Grandview	May 21, 22
Waxahachie	May 28, 29

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"AT REST."

"He giveth His beloved sleep!" In the holy calm of a Sabbath morning, as the sun burst through the clouds of dawn, after a night of restful slumber, which seemed but a pause at heaven's threshold, that the wearied spirit might enter the new life refreshed and buoyant, thus at God's whispered summons sweet sleep came to our precious mother like a benediction. For years her daily petition at the family altar had been, "Give us a peaceful hour in which to die," and her prayer was granted in fullest measure. With husband and children clustered round her bedside, and an expression of deep content, she sank to rest as sweetly as a trusting child in its mother's arms. Mrs. Elizabeth Peyton Fain was the daughter of one of the pioneer Methodist preachers of Kentucky, Rev. Wm. Hart and his wife, Susan Peyton Hart, and was born at Hartford, Ky., Jan. 6, 1831. Brought into the Church of God by baptism in infancy, she grew up in the religious atmosphere of a consecrated home. From childhood she was a devoted student of God's Word, and in the first flush of young maidenhood she gave her heart to God in fullest consecration. She at once joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which she remained a devout and consistent member for nearly three-score years. From both father and mother she had inherited an intensely spiritual nature, rare tenderness of heart, and that nobility of soul which is shown in unswerving rectitude. When the Christ of faith had set its seal upon her life hers was an ideal character. On Feb. 16, 1899, she was happily married to Dr. E. K. Davis and removed at once to Louisiana. Here her zeal for the cause of Christ was shown in the open door of her house, which was called the preachers' home, in the plantation church built by her husband, of which she was the inspiration, in the Sunday-school organized and fostered by her efforts, and in much religious instruction gladly given to the young and ignorant, for whom she had always a fitly spoken admonition. God bless this unwearied service, and she was found worthy to lead many souls into the light of life. Then came the loss of her husband, and dark days of sorrow, but she still said, undaunted, "My faith looks up to Thee!" On May 22, 1895, she was married to Mr. John A. Fain, of Weatherford, Texas, a congenial co-worker in the Christian life, who survives her. They lived for some years in Weatherford, then in Denton and Georgetown; but for three years prior to her death had resided in Coleman among friends doubly dear because of their love for her sainted young daughter, who had preceded her to the beautiful beyond. But wherever her lot was cast her friends were legion, for she was always the earnest Christian, supporting all work of the Church, not only by her influence, but by her personal service. A loyal wife, a devoted friend, she gave of her best to all who touched her life. The ideal mother of a large family, she has left to her children the heritage of her godly life, her steadfast principles and her kindly charity, and such lives are an inspiration to all who are stepping heavenward. Stricken with paralysis on the last day of the year, she lingered until Jan. 34, an occasional glance of joyful recognition gladdening the hearts of her husband and children. Her last hours were a fitting prelude to her new existence, for dropping all cares and forgetting all pain, as the radiance of the new life dawned upon her, she looked the embodiment of peace. Funeral services were conducted Jan. 4, 1904, at the home by her pastor, Rev. J. W. Herron, and as he read the 31st chapter of Proverbs he paid a fitting tribute to this mother in Israel, whose happy life had been full of labor and was blest with its rich rewards. Her chosen friends sang her favorite songs, and brought offerings of the flowers she loved so well, and we left her at rest in a beautiful spot in God's acre at Coleman, there to await the resurrection morn, where "some sweet day" we shall be a reunited family. As long as love kisses the lips of death so long will loving hearts grieve because of loneliness when dear ones are called home; but we know that she was "satisfied when she awoke with His likeness," and the God in whom she trusted will comfort us in our sorrow.

HER LOVING CHILDREN.

BROWN.—Mrs. Sallie Brown, wife of our now sainted Dr. B. J. Brown, was born in Greenville District, South Carolina, Feb. 28, 1835. She was married in Forsyth County, Georgia, March 31, 1857, and died at her home in Crawford, Texas, Feb. 21, 1903. Her death was sudden, but not unexpected, to her most intimate friends. Neither did it find her unprepared to go. For many years she had been shaping her life to this end. No time was given for a dying testimony. None was needed. Soon after her marriage she was converted and joined the Methodist Church. She was undemonstrative, but her life was beautifully consistent. She was faithful to God, and loyal to her Church. She was a true friend to her pastors; and many weary itinerants have found rest and refreshment in the quiet of her Christian home. That Christian home was largely the result of that unobtrusive life whose influence, working as silently as heaven, brought everything under the spell of a noble Christian character. Her light shone most in her home and among her neighbors. Here her influence wrought its legitimate results: Developing Christian character in the home, pointing her friends to that which is highest and best in life, and to the reward beyond. Shall we say that a life is not a mighty influence because its sphere is limited, and its processes so quiet as to attract little attention? It is like love—soft in expression, but mighty in results. Such was that life whose sun went down Feb. 21, 1903. But as the material sun hides his face at the close of day, leaving the horizon all aglow with his reflected glory, so sets the sun of such a life. Its glowing splendor tells us that it is still shining "beyond the sunset's radiant glow."

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ROENSCH.—Mrs. Annie Roensch was born in Alabama Nov. 25, 1859. Her maiden name was Annie Talley. She was converted when a little girl and joined the M. E. Church, South, of which she was a worthy and consistent member until her death. She came to Texas with her parents in 1870; was married to Mr. Max M. Roensch Nov. 25, 1877; passed to her reward at Winchester, Fayette County, Texas, Dec. 19, 1903. She was a faithful, devoted wife; a loving, gentle mother, and kind neighbor. She was a Christian woman and the fruits of the Spirit adorned her character. Those who knew her life had unbounded confidence in her. "She was a good woman," was the high compliment we heard from her neighbors as they stood weeping over her remains. She was the mother of four children. Three of these and her husband survive her. May the Lord bless them in this their sad bereavement. Their loss is great, but she has gained her long-sought rest in the land where there is no pain or sorrow. Gone, but we know where to find her, and we will meet where "we will never say good bye."

E. G. HOCUTT.

HARDMAN.—The subject of this sketch, whose mortal remains were laid to rest in Hillside Cemetery, Brownwood, Texas, Jan. 9, 1904, was one of those wholesome spirits whose presence breathes a benediction. Had she been spared until Oct. 15 of this year she would have reached the "three-score years and ten." Forty years she "walked with God," and now she is "not, for God took her." On the 8th day of January, 1852, she was united in matrimony to Mr. Leonidas Hardman, with whom she lived happily until his death, which occurred Feb. 25, 1892. Five children that are still spared came to crown this union. Mr. H. B. and Miss Marietta Hardman, of this city, were accorded the sad yet sweet privilege of ministering tenderly at her side during the last sufferings. Her other children, Mrs. W. J. Evans, of Austin; Mrs. D. K. Taylor, of Terry County, and Mr. L. P. Hardman, of Devall's Bluff, Ark., arrived in time to join them and her many friends in attending her remains to the place where the bodies of "them that sleep in Jesus" shall rest until raised to join their glorified souls on high. It was on the fifty-second anniversary of her marriage that Christ Jesus, the eternal husband of all saintly souls, exalted her to his heavenly kingdom. Her sufferings during the last illness were intense and protracted, but were borne with characteristic fortitude. Her heart through all the night of trial seemed able to say: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." She realized the all-sufficiency of Christ as a Savior. Her life was noble, her death was beautiful. "So fades the summer cloud away." She rejoiced in the piety of the dear ones around her, and for those whose feet still stray on the perilous steps of unbelief her heart yearned intensely. In her Christian life she exhibited the solid piety that does good and eschews evil. She was a regular attendant upon the services of her Church (the Methodist), and her demeanor in the sanctuary bespoke the Christian whose private devotions prepare for a heart-felt participation in the public worship. She was a neighbor ready to do the kind deed and to utter the noble word. She was a mother whose children can "rise up and call her blessed."

A FRIEND.

DODGENS.—Sallie Frances Dodgens was born in Cobb County, Georgia, June 30, 1865. When she was about 15 years old she was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent life until the day of her death, Jan. 12, 1904. The end came peacefully; she passed away. Miss Sallie, as she was called by every one, came to Quitman to spend the holidays, and was sick all the time she was here. Her faithful, loving brother came to see her from near Winnsboro. She improved so much he carried her home; but, alas! it was only to die. With the assistance of Bro. Morgan, her former pastor, we buried her. She sleeps in the tomb to await the resurrection morning. Her spirit is no doubt rejoicing with spirits of father and mother and other loved ones gone before.

HER PASTOR.

FERGUSON.—Sydney Hugh Ferguson was born in Perkins County, Alabama, Oct. 6, 1829, and died in Owensville, Jan. 1, 1904. He married Miss Martha Pettigrew Feb. 20, 1856; united with the M. E. Church, South, in 1865; came to Robertson County, Texas, in 1876. He was a Royal Arch Mason and an Odd Fellow, but, above all, a good Christian and a true, devoted friend. His brethren, and especially the preachers, always found a hearty welcome at his home; calamities met him in the path of life; fire destroyed his cotton gin, but no complaint against the providence of God ever escaped his lips. Faith in God remained with him unto the end. His beloved wife, Sister Ferguson, survives him. She has been a true helpmeet, comfort and support in all his trials, cheering and consoling him to the last. We pray that the God of all comfort may fill her bereaved heart with that "peace which passeth all understanding." One sister of Bro. Ferguson is yet living, Mrs. Beard, in Birmingham, Ala. His late pastor,

GEO. H. PHAIR.

WALL.—Little Mack Allen Wall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wall, was born May 11, 1891, and departed this life Jan. 15, 1904. He was a grandson of Mrs. M. C. Wall, who went before him just a few days. Perhaps they have reunited before this time and are now rejoicing together. The parents are deeply grieved over the loss of the little one, but are not without a star of hope. The future may reveal to them the wisdom of the early departure of the sinless child. The little fellow goes away undeveloped, but he has before him eternity in which to unfold and perfect his powers. How comforting the thought that the grave is not the goal. We commend the sorrowing ones to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build them up, and to give them an interitance among all them that are sanctified.

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ROGERS.—Mildred M. Rogers, daughter of Rev. J. H. and Mrs. M. C. Rogers, of Rush Springs, I. T., was born at Mountain Park, O. T., Sept. 22, 1902; died at her parents' home, Jan. 6, 1904. She was an interesting and sweet child. Now free from the dark, dusty and dangerous places of earth, by faith we see her in the midst of the heavenly throng; in the best society; with superior teachers; better appliances, and no harmful limitations to hinder her growth or happiness. May God's grace sanctify this bereavement to his glory.

H. J. BROWN.

Marlow, I. T.

HANSON.—Martha A. J. Hanson (nee McDaniel) was born March 16, 1834, in Warren County, Miss.; married to C. J. Hanson Jan. 26, 1853, in Arkansas, and died in Haskell County, Texas, Jan. 13, 1904. She professed religion in Navarro County, under the ministry of the Rev. R. C. Armstrong, and joined the M. E. Church, South, about twenty years ago, continuing a member of that Church until her death. For several years she was a sufferer from a chronic disease, but when the end came, it was peace. She was known to say on several occasions before her death that she did not fear to die. Her husband and eight children mourn her departure; five children have preceded her to the spirit world. She can come to her loved ones here no more, but they can go to her.

J. H. CHAMBLISS.

GREEN.—John Fitzgerald, son of Brother George and Sister Sarah Green, was born in Pottsboro, Grayson County, Texas, March 26, 1853; converted under the ministry of our sainted, T. E. Sherwood, in 1896, and joined the Methodist Church, of which he made a faithful member, ever ready to testify for his Lord, until Dec. 5, 1903, when he was called from his parental home, in his native town, to the mansions above. Knowing him from his infancy, we know whereof we speak. Johnnie was a model young man; modest, courteous and manly, respected by his inferiors, honored by his equals, and loved by his many friends. A life adorned by grace, showing the fruits of a Christian home. Though young and laudably ambitious, when the messenger came he was ready to lay down his earthly plans and go into the fields of light. An immense concourse followed his remains to the cemetery, where in tender love his body was laid away to rest until the resurrection morning, when, with all the glorified host, he shall join in the grand coronation of the heavenly king. Then, Brother and Sister Green, your now bruised hearts will then know no more aching, but will join your saintly children in everlasting praise.

J. E. VINSON.

Wolfe City, Texas.

HARPER.—Margaret Harper (nee Wood) was born May 28, 1828, in Knoxville, Tenn.; died at her home, near Henderson, Texas, Dec. 30, 1903. Sister Harper came to Texas in childhood, professed religion in girlhood and joined the Presbyterian Church, to which Church she was a faithful member until some time in the forties she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and remained a faithful member until death. She was one of the charter members of Bethel Church, six miles south of Henderson. She was married in early womanhood to Henderson Birdwell. Three children were born to this union—one, with his father, preceded her to the "glory world." She married again in 1869 to J. H. Harper. To this union five children were born. Three of them have preceded mother to the "glory land." Sister Harper was a devoted wife and Christian, an affectionate mother and a true friend and neighbor. The memory of her pure, spotless life will doubtless inspire many to higher lives of usefulness, so that she being dead will yet speak through her influence. Weep not, dear loved ones, as those who have no hope. Live true to your mother's, grandmother's and companions' God, and one of these days you will meet your loved one where there will be no more separation forever and ever in that "house not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

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JACKSON.—Mrs. Catherine Jackson (nee Whitten) was born in Grayson County, Kentucky, Aug. 1, 1824, and died at her young son's, near Willis, I. T., Dec. 23, 1903; professed religion in her 17th year; was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church before the division, and was a member of the Methodist Church, South, at her death. She lived a consistent Christian. Her home was the preachers' home for more than forty years. She was married to W. H. Jackson. To this reunion nine children were given. One lives at Paris, Texas, and some in Kentucky, and two preceded her to the glory land. She leaves her companion—79 years old—and seven children to mourn their loss. The funeral was a benediction to the writer. May God's blessings be with her companion and loved ones. May they live to meet her in that land above.

J. A. GRIMES, P. C.

Lebanon, I. T.

PLUMMER.—Gifford Melvin Plummer was born Oct. 31, 1892, and departed this life Dec. 22, 1903. He was taken sick in the morning and died in the evening. Such short illness! He only suffered a few hours until the death angel came and took him, where suffering and trouble are unknown. Gifford was a loving child, obedient to his parents, devoted to his sisters and kind to his brothers. I having stayed in his home a short while, became very fond of the little fellow. He was very kind and always ready to grant favors. His life was like a blade of grass that springeth up today and to-morrow withereth; like a flower that is planted on earth to bloom in heaven. Such short life is a warning to us to watch, for we know not the day nor hour. I would say to relatives and friends, weep not as those who have no hope, for one day we shall meet our loved ones where parting is no more.

KATIE SLATTON.

SMITH.—Miss Myrtle, daughter of Taylor and Laura Smith, was born near Pilot Point, Denton County, Texas, April 16, 1882; died after an illness of one week with pneumonia, Jan. 11, 1904, at Denton, in the home of D. W. Brown, where she was boarding. She was a member of the Junior Third Class of the North Texas State Normal. The funeral service was held by her pastor in the college chapel, Prof. Kendall, Rev. T. H. Morris and Rev. Curry taking part. Four hundred normal students followed her to the Odd Fellows' Cemetery, where her body was laid to rest until the resurrection of the dead. She held in her hands four white flowers—one for her father, one for her mother and one each for her two sisters, which she leaves behind. She was received into the Methodist Church by Rev. W. T. Harris at the age of thirteen; and has lived a beautiful Christian life. In her last hours she repeated the twenty-third Psalm, sung a hymn and talked of the marriage of the Bride and the Lamb. The flowers spread on the grave are emblems of her life, and the odor of her influence she has left.

GEO. F. BOYD, Pastor.

BONNER.—Mrs. Elizabeth Patience Bonner died of pneumonia after a short illness on the first day of January, 1904, aged 72 years. She was the daughter of Dr. Job Taylor, an eminent physician and minister of the gospel in the Methodist Church, well known in Eastern Texas, where he lived many years. She came with her parents from Mississippi to Marshall, Texas, in 1848, and in July the next year she was married to M. H. Bonner, who became a distinguished lawyer and Judge of the Supreme Court of Texas. He was a noble Christian gentleman. Immediately after their marriage they moved to Rusk, Cherokee County, where they lived twenty-three years, and then moved to Tyler in 1873, where Judge Bonner died in 1883, and Sister Bonner was left in widowhood. She was the mother of ten children, five of whom—two sons and three daughters—survive her. They are all worthy citizens and useful members of the Church. Sister Bonner was an exemplary member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, all her life from her girlhood. It may be truthfully said that her whole earthly life was adorned and made beautiful by the Christian graces. She was one of the best women I have ever known in this world—intellectual, cultured, refined in a high degree. She was a blessing to her children and her neighbors. Her brightness, her cheerfulness, her kindness, like Mary's precious ointment, filled all the house wherein she dwelt, and the circle wherein she moved. The community, the world, has been made better by her sojourn in it. She died as she lived, blessing her children and grandchildren, and rejoicing in the Lord and in hope of heaven. We revere her memory, and will meet her in the resurrection. "For the just shall live forevermore, and their reward is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the Most High; therefore they shall receive a kingdom of glory and a crown of life at the hand of the Lord."

JOHN ADAMS.

IRBY.—Died at her son's home, near Pleasant Hill Church, in Franklin County, Texas, Dec. 27, 1903, Mrs. Sarah Irby, widow of William E. Irby, deceased, in the 68th year of her age. She was converted in early life, joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent Christian till death. She loved her Church and all her pastors will bear me witness that her home was the preachers' home. We all loved Aunt Sarah; will miss her in Church, in the sick room, and O, how she will be missed in the home. But we know where to find her. She has gone to be with loved ones on the other shore; has left four children and a host of friends, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope. She left a living testimony that she was going home. May we all emulate her pious example and meet her in "that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

HATTIE DOUGLAS IRBY.

Penn, Texas.

TADLOCK.—Wm. S. Tadlock was born April 29, 1856, and departed this life Nov. 8, 1903. Not being physically strong he was never married, but lived with his father, Uriah Tadlock, until his death. In 1887 he was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South. He evidenced his love to God and the Church by the promptness with which he responded to their demands. He was one of the most faithful attendants upon all the services of the Church that I have ever known. He has carefully preserved all of the Sunday-school Quarterlies, and has an unbroken file from near the time he joined the Church until he went home to heaven. Bro. Tadlock was one of the most conscientious and scrupulously honest men I ever knew. He was in the grocery business at the time of his death, and his record stands as a rebuke to all crookedness and dishonesty. We miss him from our ranks, but hope to meet again.

T. B. HILBURN.

ARMSTRONG.—Mrs. Kate Armstrong, wife of Rev. E. L. Armstrong, and daughter of William C. and Nancy Sanders, was born in Leon County, Florida, Feb. 25, 1838, and died at her home in Corsicana, Texas, Jan. 2, 1904. Her childhood was spent in Thomas County, Georgia, and Jasper County, Miss. In 1853 she came to Jasper County, Texas. Her conversion took place in 1855 and she was received into the M. E. Church, South, by William P. Sansom, father of J. W. Sansom, who died a member of the Northwest Texas Conference. During this year her mother died and for five years she conducted all the affairs of the home. The children and negroes loved and obeyed her. On Nov. 15, 1859, she was married to Rev. E. L. Armstrong and for forty-four years, sometimes working, sometimes suffering, they journeyed side by side. She was the mother of seven children, one of whom died in infancy. She also raised her sister and brother and her sister's child, Annie. This last named was taken to her home when eight days old and was her mainstay in all her last sufferings. All the children were present at the funeral, four of them reaching her bedside in time to see her pass away. The verdict of husband, children, friends, is that an honest, truthful, Christian woman, a devoted, loving wife and mother and a kind, unselfish neighbor has gone. The last few years were full of pain and suffering, but God was with her to the end, giving songs in the night. Just a few nights before the end came, when the house was still and she supposed all were asleep, her husband heard her quote many of the Bible promises, lift her voice in prayer and then sing, "And let this feeble body fail" and "O think of the home over there." Bro. Armstrong, though still a great sufferer and unable to even be carried into her room and see her die, exhibited great fortitude during the trying hours of her death and burial. He misses the presence of her frail form and feels lonely without her, but his strong faith in God sustains him. To his wife's memory he pays this tribute: "Whatever success I achieved in an active ministry of thirty-seven years is attributable to her devotion. She stayed by the stuff, cared for the home and children, and never said stay when the time came for me to go. Think what a true wife should be and she was all of that to me. If I am permitted to decide, she shall wear the brightest crown in glory. I feel sure she is at home now and I will soon join her and be free from pain and care." May the good Father abide with his suffering servant while the evening tide falls and grant that his afflictions may work out for him an exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

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and teachers, among whom are Brother and Sister Brooks, the former a member of Cedar Bayou Church for fifty years; Capt. Will Hefey, an old "salt," wise, tender, a little frigid, but religious; Ed Hefey, retiring but true; Bro. Tompkins, timid but faithful; Brown, the local preacher, zealous and pure, a true yoke fellow; Miss Clarence Perry, willing and earnest; Miss Sophronie Davis, the stay of an afflicted mother; Miss Errettie Hefey, active and prompt, and Mrs. Urquhart, the preacher's wife, who manages, amid many domestic cares, always to take active work in the Sunday-school. It was never my pleasure to witness such cheerful responsiveness as was manifested when I called upon the church for their pledges to the conference collections; every man, woman and child in the congregation, with only three or four exceptions, making some contribution, the total reaching \$85. All told they have already contributed in cash and subscriptions about \$120, and will pay the full \$200 willingly and gladly. Our remittances will begin to go forward in a few days. This same spirit was manifested in the steward's meeting, called by the pastor, when every member of the Board, without exception, was present, and gave every evidence of tender solicitude for the comfort of the preacher and his family. It was the great pleasure of the pastor and his family on that occasion to have every steward of the circuit dine with him, and I believe good will come of the day's work. The social feature of our religious life is being overlooked everywhere, and here, Religion fosters and develops the social nature. So true is this that it is well-nigh safe to say that the social life is the true exponent of the religious life. Realizing this we are planning for the rehabilitation of our social nature and expect soon to have a general Church reunion, when Christian fellowship, amid the songs of Zion and good words of cheer, shall be inculcated. From Barber's Hill Society, which, with Cedar Bayou, comprise the circuit, we have many encouraging signs. First, because there are some excellent people making up that society and community. It was said of Bro. Vickers, who lives there, "He is the best man in all this country." That he is among the best, I am ready to bear witness. Then there is Dr. Shearer and Bro. Brown and Bro. Charlie Vickers and others whom I have not yet met, who love the Church and are kind to the preacher. They have taken the "old fever," however, and if they do not allow this malady to destroy their spiritual vitality, we hope for good things at that point. We are planning a meeting to begin at Cedar Bayou the second Sunday in March. All in all, we have many things to encourage and but few for discouragement.

COMO.

J. B. Adair: We are moving smoothly on this work, and surely. Our first Quarterly Conference was held the first Sunday in January. Our people are glad to have Bro. Fladger for the presiding elder. He is starting off well on the district and I guess by this time he has got the lick back. He said while with us he had lost the old lick of presiding elder, but he was catching on very rapidly while with us. We have been pounded. We are building two new churches on this work—one at Pickett, where we have had an organization for years, and have been worshipping in a school house, and in the Baptist Church. Several years ago we were stronger then at that place than we are now, but they decided last year to build and went to work at it, and now they are moving on nicely with the

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meetings, too. They not only talk of their religious experiences, but they kneel down and pray, because of it. Really we expect to be as good a League as there is in Texas. We also have a good Sunday-school. It is indeed a pleasure to see parents come with their children like they thought Sunday-school meant something. I love the Sunday-school. There is no better branch of work. Our prayer-meetings are interesting, spiritual and fairly well attended. We are expecting conversions in the prayer-meetings. Our congregations are good and increasing. We have received four into the Church since conference. We are doing what we can for the Advocate, but not as much as the Advocate is doing for us.

BLUE GROVE CIRCUIT.

J. P. Humphreys, Feb. 1: Our appointment to the Blue Grove charge for the second year has been kindly received, and the preacher is much glad because of it. These are good people. The first Quarterly Conference for this charge was held Jan. 25, 1904. Owing to the bad weather, our faithful presiding elder did not reach us. He is making a good record as he goes in and out here. We have made the rounds and started back. These people are true, loyal Methodists, doing the best they can for God, humanity and native land. They know how to pound their preacher and family, not with stones or objections and faultfinding, but with kindness and the necessities of life. This charge paid all the assessments ordered by the Annual Conference last year from Episcopal residence up. We hope to do as well this year or better. Success to the Advocate in its conflict with "alcoholism," and its defense of home, country, morality and religion. Let me say good morning to my brethren of the old Arkansas Conference, Greathouse, Van Zandt, I. F. Harris, Ross and others. Tender memories linger here.

KEMP.

Atticus Webb, Feb. 1: Our first Quarterly Conference was held by our presiding elder, Bro. Peterson, last Saturday. There was a fine attendance, every steward present; good reports from everything; finances well up, and everybody seemed hopeful of a good year. The stewards made a liberal assessment for the support of the ministry. We have two excellent Sunday-schools, and they are growing better. At Kemp a class of ten begins this week the teachers' study circle and will complete a book a month till all are taken. We propose to make it the banner Sunday-school in Terrell District. Our presiding elder preached two excellent sermons on Sunday that were much enjoyed by all, and he captured the parsonage socially. Bro. Mountcastle, of Kaufman, came along and preached two excellent sermons on Saturday. Our very kindly give me good congregations at the preaching services, and show many courtesies in various ways. We held a week's meeting that did much good; a few conversions and promise of many more till the blizzard froze it up, but the Church is on higher grounds and we are hopeful for the future.

SOUTH BONHAM AND SAVOY.

T. W. Lovell, Jan. 30: After eighteen days of social meeting at South Bonham Wednesday night, Jan. 27, the snow came in the meantime. Yet not a service was missed. This was one of the best meetings we have ever held. Rev. M. Harless did most all the preaching. He did it well. Rev. W. S. Spilawn and Rev. W. J. Finley preached one sermon. Bro. Charles Duncan, exhorter, conducted several day services. Bro. J. B. Powers, now layman, also conducted several services. All of the above mentioned help was first-class. We were never so blessed before with so much efficient help in any meeting. I preached only eleven times during the week. The good laymen and laywomen did faithful work. Resolutions about 20, 22 conversions and recommissions. 23 accessions to the Methodist Church. Three more have given me their names for membership. Several will join the Baptist Church. Our Sunday-school and League are flourishing condition. Had C. C. last night. Our sister asked for a withdrawal. It was consented to. One bright young man joined the Church by baptism.

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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

NEW BOSTON MISSION.

J. S. Ogile, Jan. 26: Our first Quarterly Conference has been held. Our beloved presiding elder, Rev. J. T. Smith, preached at 11 a. m., Jan. 16, to the delight of all present. It seemed that our people caught new inspiration. The sermon was full of spiritual food. Our Quarterly Conference was held at 2 p. m. at Shiloh. Rev. R. J. Smith, pastor of Redwater charge, was with us. We have made our second round on the New Boston Mission. Have been kindly received by the people. Have visited a great many of the homes. We haven't been pounded like some of our brother preachers, but I spent the night of the 16th with Brother G. A. Houston, and the next morning I noticed a sack of nice sweet potatoes had found its way to my baggage. I am in the best of the health. Last Sunday four young ladies—Misses Bessie Williams, Pearl Bell, Ollie Bell and Myrtle Bell—presented us with a nice quilt, which caused us to feel that the spirit of the Lord was guiding those girls. May the Lord bless them. They said: "This is not on your salary; it is a present." We are praying that God will bless our mission this year and give us great revivals.

MAYSFIELD CIRCUIT.

J. B. Gregory, Jan. 29: Having explored my entire field and served all around, I will now write a little about my charge and to encourage, if possible, the people to press forward in the Master's vineyard. I find the spiritual status about normal, but temporal conditions and prospects far in advance of that of last year. I am in the best of the health. The boll weevil ravages, and also border on the Brazos and Little Rivers, which have overflowed so much the last three or four years, and added the weevils in the

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destruction of crops, thus financially damaging the country and leaving the people crestfallen in spirit, but they are renewing their energies and I hope the field thus made difficult for the pastor to build up will yield a good harvest. I serve a kind people and congregations are good and attention and order good. I have a beautiful country and the lands are fertile. I have three Sunday-schools and two prayer-meetings, which have not gone into winter quarters. I hope to do the best year's work of my life. The people speak well of all the pastors who have preceded me. I think we shall build a church at one point on the work. Bro. H. T. Hart owes me twelve years' hard work. Wake up, Bro. Hart; I expect you to help me in my summer meetings, so I speak in time.

WALLER.

C. H. Adams: We are starting off very well this our second year on this charge. We had a very pleasant and in many respects a very profitable year last year. Had gracious revivals at almost every point on the charge. We had the sympathy and co-operation of all denominations. When the year's work came to a close all seemed anxious for our return, and so we were, to our own delight. Our first Quarterly Conference for the present year convened here the 23d and 24th. Bro. Chas. A. Hooper, our presiding elder, was on hand doing the full work that the Church has entrusted in his hands. The reports were very good. The stewards are a wise, industrious set of men that will not let their preacher suffer. They fixed the salary the same as last year, though we lost one Church at our last conference. We have paid our Orphanage assessment, also part of our missionary assessments. The Church and community at Manorsville gave us a very nice pounding. The workmen have finished our parsonage. We have a very comfortable home for the preacher. We are striving to make this the best year of our ministry. We want to make full proof of our faith. I pray this may be the best year Texas Methodism has ever seen and that our missionary assessments may be in full. May the Lord continue to bless the dear old Advocate and hasten the day when she will enter the doors of every Methodist home in Texas. She is truly the pastor's helper. I like her battle cry, "On with the battle!"

CEDAR STREET.

T. T. Booth, Jan. 28: We moved into the nice little parsonage here Dec. 31, 1903. Our predecessor, Rev. Leon Henderson, had wrought well and the prospects for the new year are encouraging. The preacher and many of his people are not only hopeful of a good year, but already they are enjoying the witness of the Spirit at almost every service. Our prayer-meeting is fast becoming a time of rejoicing, and hence the congregations at the prayer service grow. The Sunday service is well attended and the Word is heard with perfect attention by all, and we realize our greatest need is faithful pastors visiting. Soon after our coming here the people, without the knowledge of the pastor, gathered themselves together, and that after dark, came to the parsonage, walked in without any fear whatever, and scattered not only something good to eat all about in the dining room, but sunshine and a hearty God bless you in all our poor hearts. Surely it would be an ungrateful wreck who could help loving such a people. Language fails to express our feelings and determinations as regards the dear people. Our first Quarterly Conference was held by Rev. E. W. Solomon, our new presiding elder for the present year who preached and presided, to the satisfaction of all. A fair assessment was made for the preacher and is being paid monthly. Our Sunday-school, with Bro. B. E. Moore at its head, is doing nicely, with good prospects of growth and greater usefulness in the near future. The Advocate is taken and read by all our people, who love and care for Zion, and I am trying to increase its circulation. We have not only no trouble with all the Advocate readers, but they are our helpers. May their tribe increase greatly this year.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

GUILFORD.

H. M. Glass, Jan. 25: The first Quarterly Conference is past. Our beloved presiding elder preached three times, to the profit of all. Bro. J. C. Wilson is a decided success in the eldership, as a preacher, official and man of God. Such men will always sustain that important office in the Church. Our surroundings inspire hope of precious results. The Advocate claim is often presented and I expect to obtain many subscribers. We believe all our assessments will be met and scores of converted souls will be saved.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

Rev. J. P. Skinner, Fairfield, Texas.
Rev. O. J. Read, R. F. D. No. 4, Honey Grove, Texas.

BRETHREN, LISTEN!

The Executive Committee of the Church Extension Board of the North Texas Conference adjourned to meet Feb. 23, at Greenville. Let all applications for help from the Parent Board be in the hands of Bro. W. T. Morrow, Lone Oak, by that time. J. W. HILL, Pres. N. T. Conf. Bd. Ch. Ex.

CORNICANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Corsicana District Conference will be held at Dawson, Texas, May 12-15. Bishop Duncan will be present and preside. The opening service will be held on Thursday night, the 12th, at 8 o'clock. The preachers of the district are requested to arrange to give the fifth Sunday in May to the appointment where they are accustomed to preach on the third Sunday, and remain at the District Conference over Sunday.

JNO. M. BARCUS, P. E.

MINUTES WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

To the Preachers of the West Texas Conference: The Minutes of the Conference have been mailed to all of you. If any have not received them, please notify me, and I will send more. A copy is on file in the office of the Joint Agent at St. Louis, so that, in applying for your clergy certificates, you need only refer to the Minutes of the West Texas Conference for 1903. STERLING FISHER, Sec'y.

Austin District—Second Round.

Eagle Lake, at R. Island.....Feb. 20, 21
Columbus sta.....Feb. 23, 24
Weimar cir, at Weimar.....Feb. 27, 28
La Grange sta.....Mch. 5, 6
West Point cir, at Winchester.....Mch. 12, 13
Smithville sta.....Mch. 19, 20
Bastrop sta.....Mch. 22, 23
Crow Creek cir, at H. Prairie.....Mch. 27, 28
Elgin sta.....Apr. 2, 3
McDade cir, at Beauvais.....Apr. 9, 10
Manor sta.....Apr. 12, 13
Webbville cir, at Osborn.....Apr. 16, 17
Manchaen cir, at S. Chapel.....Apr. 23, 24
South Austin sta.....Apr. 24, 25
Walnut cir, at Morrilltown.....Apr. 29, May 1
H. Memorial sta, Austin.....May 1, 2
Tenth St., Austin.....May 7, 8
First St., Austin.....May 8, 9
E. S. Smith, P. E.

The Holston Conference, in its Sunday-school Year Book, reports an increase of thirteen in the number of its schools, and 4,266 in the number of scholars. The total amount raised by the Sunday-schools for the year is \$14,453, of which \$8,546 was for supplies.

25,000 Boxes Free!

Rheumatism Cured by a New Remedy That You May Try Without Spending a Cent.

On the theory "that seeing is believing," John A. Smith, of Milwaukee, wants every one to try his remedy for the cure of rheumatism at his expense. For that reason he proposes to distribute 25,000 free boxes among all persons sending him their address. Mr. Smith has suffered all the agony and torture from rheumatism, tried all the remedies known and yet utterly failed to find relief. At times he was so helpless that he had to take morphine, and after considerable doctoring he gave up in despair. He began studying into the causes of rheumatism, and after much experimenting finally hit upon a combination of drugs which completely cured him. The result was so beneficial to his system that he called his new-found remedy "Gloria Tonic." Those of his friends, relatives and neighbors suffering from rheumatism were next cured, and Mr. Smith concluded to offer his remedy to the world. But he found the task a difficult one, as nearly everybody had tried a hundred or more remedies and they couldn't be made to believe there was such a thing as a cure for rheumatism. But an old gentleman from Seguin, Texas, wrote him saying if Mr. Smith would send him a sample he would try it, but as he had suffered forty-one years and wasted a fortune with doctors and advertised remedies, he wouldn't buy anything more, until he knew it was worth something. The sample was sent, he purchased more and the result was astonishing. He was completely cured. This gave Mr. Smith a new idea, and since that time he has been sending out free sample boxes to all who apply. In Prosser, Neb., it cured a lady of 67 who had suffered 52 years. In Fountain City, Wis., it cured Hon. Jacob Sexauer, a gentleman of 79, who suffered for 23 years. In Perrysburg, Ohio, it cured a gentleman 79 years old. In Huron Lake, Minn., it cured Mrs. John Gehr, who had suffered for 29 years. Rev. C. Sund, of Harrisville, Wis., tested this remarkable cure on two members of his congregation, one who suffered 15 and the other 25 years; both were completely cured. In St. Louis, Mo., it cured Mr. F. Faerber, of The Concordia Pub. House. In Hennington, Vt., it cured an old man whom the best physicians of Vermont and Frankfurt, Germany, pronounced incurable. This old gentleman had walked for 30 years on crutches, both legs having been lame. He can now walk like a young man. Even prominent physicians had to admit that "Gloria Tonic" is a positive success, among them Dr. Quintero, of the University of Venezuela, to whom it was recommended by the United States Consul. In thousands of other instances the result has been the same. It cured many cases which defied Hospitals, Drugs, Electricity and Medical Skill, among them persons over 75 years old. Many were so decrepit and pain-racked that they could neither clothe nor feed themselves. Mr. Smith will send a trial box, absolutely free of charge to any reader of Christian Advocate, for he is anxious that everybody should profit by his good fortune. It is a remarkable remedy, and there is no doubt that it will cure any case of rheumatism, no matter how severe it may be. Mr. Smith's address in full is: JOHN A. SMITH, 324 Germania Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.