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Editorial.

THE NEEDED MAN.

The disciplinarian is the needed man. He is not more needed now, however, than in the past. He is not needed because there are no disciplinarians, but because of the nature of his work. To say that there is a demand for discipline in the Church does not necessarily imply that the Church is unusually corrupt or worldly. The need for discipline is the need for the Church itself. The one is coexistent with the other.

Two kinds of mistakes are often made. One is that disciplinarians are needed only in very worldly Churches; and the other is that to be a disciplinarian means to turn people out of the Church and otherwise exercise the double function of policeman and judge. The object of discipline has been regarded by some to be retributive in its nature. This august character, who stands for the rigid enforcement of the law, is the avenger of an injured and suffering Church. The purity of the Church is the end of the law to him, and the way to the end is to cast out every member with the taint of uncleanness upon his garments.

No matter what methods of discipline may be chosen (if any respect whatever be paid to the grade of offense) it must have in it the retributive idea. If reproof be the cure, let it be given publicly so as to sting and mortify the offender as much as possible to show the world just how the Pharisee even was wanting in strictness. He is unpopular, and his presence dreaded of course. The weak fear him, and the children grow dumb in his presence, but he consoles himself in the fact that John was beheaded and the Lord crucified.

The true end of discipline is the salvation of the individual. Correction and not punishment is its end. It is not to vindicate the purity and honor of the Church by the punishment of the offender that discipline should be exercised in any form. There is the tendency, and therefore the danger, of making the Church a mere abstraction, the purity of which abstraction is greater than the individual members of the Church. It will not do to forget that the Church is nothing more than the individuals who compose it, and that the purity of the Church in the abstract is a mere notion. It is not the purity of the Church that should concern us, but the purity of the individuals who compose it. For this the Church itself exists. It is a society whose end is the salvation of souls. It is to keep itself pure not by casting out every offender, but in the use of the means of grace given it to correct and purify the individual. Casting out is the last resort of wise discipline. The incorrigible and gross criminal, of course, must be cut off. But the end of the expulsion even then is to protect and save the individual who would otherwise be corrupted through the offender. Moreover, it is best for the offender. Let it be remembered that no course which harnes the offender can be for the good of the Church. And, conversely, no disciplinary procedure which results in correcting the offender can ever injure the Church. No higher praise can be given any Church than that it keeps itself pure by correcting and saving from sin and worldliness its erring members. That is infinitely more glorious than to cut off or drive from its fold every offending member by a Pharisaical rigidity in the enforcement of rules in the letter.

The genius of true discipline is love. The greatest and most needed disciplinarian is the pastor, who has the most of that wisdom which is from above and which "is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." This wisdom is the love of the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians. It has long since been discovered that the best disciplinarian in school and family is the teacher or parent who commands the respect of the children by commanding their affection. The rod of the tyrant has been supplanted in all well-governed schools and families by the scepter of love. In fact, there never was good government under the tyrant's rod anywhere. What is true of school and family is true of the Church. The best disciplinarians in the Church are

the most universally and best loved pastors. Those who command respect of the head through the affections of the heart are the masters of the world in all circles.

A loose sentimentalism, however, must not be taken for the discipline of love. There are none more devoid of the disciplinary grace than those who suffer their members to continue in any errors of conduct inconsistent with a pure Christian life. To let the worldliness of a few go uncorrected until the whole lump is leavened by the evil, is the most fatal mistake any pastor can make as respects the administration of discipline. It is criminal negligence, and shows the want of that moral courage which is always characteristic of great love. He who loves not the flock, loves not the Lord.

METHODISM TEACHING.

Arbitration for the settlement of difficulties is growing more and more in the world's favor. Several national difficulties have been already settled in this way. A proposition from this side to arbitrate all questions of difference in this way instead of an appeal to arms was received not long since with great enthusiasm in the British House of Commons. The most obstinate obstruction to this reasonable way to make peace on grounds of justice seems to be capitalists. The great strike of the A. R. U., now causing so much inconvenience and loss to the general public, could be settled in a very little time if the Pullman Company would only yield to the proposition of arbitration. If these men really wish to do the right and reasonable thing, why should they not commit the grounds of their action to the judgment of disinterested parties? No doubt there are rights of capital and rights of labor—there are rights and wrongs on both sides; why not, then, let both sides be weighed and adjudged by third parties?

But he it opposed by whomsoever will and as much as they may, the enlightened Christian civilization of this age is going to force all classes to settle the difficulties involving any great interests by arbitration.

And here is but another instance in which Methodism has shown herself to be the prophesy of better things in the future. Arbitration is the disciplinary method Methodism has prescribed for differing brethren in the stead of brother going to law with brother, which latter often means no less than civil war between neighbors and brethren. Silently it may be, but surely Methodism has been teaching the world in this as in other respects a more excellent way. The fact is, the more society is influenced by Methodism, and the more her principles prevail in governing the affairs of men, the better for the world. The nearer the world gets to Methodism the nearer it gets to the best exponent of Christianity.

METHODISM UNSHAKEN.

In these restless times when the spirit of reformation and revision is abroad in the land, and when creed crusades and theory explosions are as common as thunderstorms and earthquakes, and when nearly every other denomination has had to repair its confession of faith and explain its doctrinal whereabouts, it is comforting to know that Methodism remains unshaken, holding calmly and serenely to "the faith once delivered to the saints." Catholicism is trying to adopt itself to the intelligence of the age and to the genius of the Government of the world, and the several branches of Protestantism are endeavoring to place their doctrines in an attractive light. The old God-dishonoring creed of Calvin, which undervalues the teaching of so many denominations, is being modified, and predestination, the pagan doctrine of fatalism revamped, is being shelved by its once ardent supporters, who now come forward with a gospel "for all men."

In the midst of all this iconoclasm the doctrines of Methodism not only hold the fort, but serve as a guide and a pharos to those ship-wrecked mariners whose ecclesiastical crafts have gone to pieces amidst the storms of higher criticism and modern thought. There is scarcely a Church to-day, especially in this nation, that whatever it holds in its printed creed does not preach from its pulpits a gospel of free grace and urge as the only hope of dying man, "repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus

Christ." The prayer-meeting, the class-meeting, the revival—all the means and measures which Methodists have employed from the first to attract the sinner and build up the saint—are being adopted by our sister Churches and used effectively in the work of saving souls.

This shows not only the reasonableness and Scripturalness of our doctrines and methods, but demonstrates at the same time the wisdom and precedence of our fathers, and as the light grows brighter and Methodism is better understood, these facts will be appreciated more and more by the better thought of the Christian world.

VIOLENCE IN LOVE.

Did you ever see anybody fall violently in love? Of course you have, or you have never been about young people much. Perhaps you have had experience yourself. But this article does not refer to falling in love with one of the fair sex at all. Perhaps every Methodist who has any age in the Church has observed more than once how a good brother will fall violently in love with some weaker Church than the one to which he belongs. Who is it that has any soul in him at all that does not sympathize with the weak? Sympathy for the weak is always beautiful, but it is especially attractive when it takes on a practical form. Then it merges into love which is ever seeking to do good. What could be more beautiful, therefore, than for a member of a strong and prosperous Church where all of his relations are of the happiest nature to fall violently in love with some weak Church, and move his membership there at great sacrifice of social and Church privileges only to help the weak. The violence of the desire to do good is often just overwhelming in its manifestations. But let us behold when the change is made the help to the weak Church amounts to just about one-fourth or half as much as the former help to the strong Church. The violently in love and sympathetic brother pays \$25 or \$50 to help the weak Church, whereas he only paid \$100 or \$150 to help the strong Church when he was a member there. That is sympathy and love for the weak with a vengeance!

The moral is that when he gets into the weak Church he pays according to his real character. While in the strong Church he paid an extra \$50 of \$75 to keep up appearances. The desire to help the weak turns out to be a desire to lessen a burden.

WE DRAW THE LINE.

Since our last issue the glorious Fourth of July has come and gone. In many places it was celebrated with great pomp—notably in the North and especially in the cities. Since the civil war there has not been as much enthusiasm in this day as there once was, but it is returning. We are feeling more and more like a united people, and the present generation especially, in all sections, are more National than the generation which witnessed the troubles of 1861-65.

In Dallas there was an effort to celebrate in great style, and notwithstanding the intense heat a large multitude assembled at the State Fair and Exposition grounds to hear speeches, see races, drink lemonade, and in some cases red liquor, and to dance and to see dancing done.

Of course these last two items and the horse racing were flies in the ointment to the religious part of the people; and right here we rise to a question of order, if not also one of privilege: As the majority of the substantial supporters of our county and State institutions are members of the Church, why is it that the wild, harum-scarum crowd are allowed to inject their pleasures and immoralities into every public meeting and on every special occasion? It has come to pass that no order, brotherhood, lodge or corporation can have a public meeting without a ball or a wine supper being tacked on to it. Yes, even our State University, at its recent commencement, had to open up with a ball in the State Capitol! Our State and county fairs, where all classes of people are expected to attend, and which are kept up and supported by the patronage of Christian people in the main, have come to be regular gambling concerns where every fake known to the world of crooks is worked upon unsuspecting men and boys. Not only so, but liquor is sold on the

grounds, and one of the main attractions is dancing and high kicking. At the last meeting of the State Fair in this city, this ballet dancing and variety theater conduct was carried to such an unblushing extent that many men and women left the hall in disgust, vowing never to return until the feelings of decent people should be respected by the management, and the revels of the brothel be expunged from the program of the Fair.

The TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE spoke out against it at the time, and we warn our people thus early that if a similar disgraceful program is proposed for the coming Fair to stay away and keep their children from such debasing associations. We are not opposed to the Fair. We favor the exhibition of those things that minister to the education and recreation of our people so long as they are not injurious to them, and we wish to see the Dallas Exposition a great success, both as it concerns the State generally and the managers in particular, but when the love of money impels these managers to outrage every principle of common decency and place a premium upon lust and immorality we draw the line and the sword at the same time. This paper represents about 170,000 Methodists in Texas—a people as thrifty, intelligent and enterprising as any other body of people in this State—and in their name and in the name of the principles and practices they represent, we protest against the hoodlum element predominating on these public occasions. If men and women want to drink and gamble and kick up their heels let them repair to the dives and dance halls and not be allowed to flaunt their lewdness in the face of decent people.

RED NOSES TO THE REAR.

It is quite a mystery to himself people how a man who calls himself a Christian, and has solemnly vowed to support the institutions of the Church, can take and read from one to a half dozen political papers, but cries "hard times" when he is solicited to subscribe for the ADVOCATE.

But the solution of the problem is very simple: He is only pretending to be a Christian, and is in dead earnest about politics. A man always puts his money where he thinks it will do the most good. If he believes that the religious and moral training of his children is best for him and for them, then he will take the Church paper; but if, on the other hand, he has no care for these things and only holds on to the Church and religion as a side issue, he will act like a coon fishing for crawfish—reach one way and look another way. This explanation of many people's inconsistencies may seem blunt and devoid of sentiment, but it is the naked truth. "Where the treasure is, there is the heart also," and where the heart is there goes the money and the influence and the all.

One of the saddest sights anywhere to be seen is a Methodist with the vows of God and the Church upon him, standing for hours in the hot sun listening to and vociferously cheering the incoherent rantings of an old red-nosed demagogue whose only care for the "dear people" is to secure their votes. And after the race is over and the poor deluded man has subscribed for "National Liberator," or "The People's Friend," or some such campaign sheet, to see him crawl into his wagon and drive home, reading his "sample copy" as he trots along, while the sweaty demagogue retires to a saloon, and over a mug of beer or a glass of whisky laughs about how he has caught "Old Hayseed"—these things are sad enough to make an angel weep!

In the name of all that is decent, in the name of our children, in the name of our beloved Church—yes, in the name of our blessed Lord; whose we profess to be—we appeal to the people called Methodists to cease following these vagaries and apply themselves to the practice of those virtues and the prosecution of those ends that redound to the temporal and eternal welfare of them and their families.

SHOULD PROMPT HIM.

A young chap pretending to represent among other interests one of our Church schools, and armed with a letter of introduction from one of our chief dignitaries, called at this office one day last week. In conversation with one of our book-keepers he saw proper to fling out an oath or

two as an evidence, we suppose, of his worldly wisdom and business snap.

We incline to the opinion, however, that in the capacity of Church college canvasser he should sing a different tune; and that his employers should have prompted him to at least seem moral—especially when he was in hearing of a religious reporter.

BISHOP HARGROVE AS A GUARD.

The following comes from the Wesleyan Christian Advocate by way of the Philadelphia Methodist:

Dr. Morton, Secretary of the Church Extension Society, tells a good joke on Bishop Hargrove, of what happened to him during his Western tour. He came to El Paso, which is just on the border of Texas. As he was walking along one of the streets, he came up to where a convict was working on the street. The guard stood on the sidewalk, with his gun in hand, ready to shoot the prisoner if he attempted to escape. As the Bishop came up, and before he had time to say a word, the guard turned suddenly and said: "Mister, please watch that fellow till I come back," and immediately ran away and disappeared inside the building. Here was a predicament. The Bishop hardly knew what to do. What if the fellow should stay any length of time? Suppose the convict should run and be hard to shoot!

While there will be no hesitation or vacillation in the decisive treatment of the guilty, this warning is especially intended to protect and save the innocent.

In testimony whereof I herewith set my hand and cause the seal of the United States to be hereto affixed. Done at the City of Washington, this 8th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighteenth.

THE WATCHTOWER.

The A. R. U. Strike.

Since our last issue, as many of our readers have learned through the daily press, the American Railway Union strike, or rather the Pullman boycott, has grown to immense proportions. The strike is extending over the United States. It has reached Texas, and on yesterday the members of the union on the Santa Fe went out under an order from Deb, the President of the A. R. U. There has been much destruction of railway property in Chicago. President Cleveland has been called upon for the military by the officers of the Federal Courts to protect the United States mails and prevent interference with interstate commerce. He has answered by sending troops to Chicago and other places where needed, and by proclamation warning the rioters to disperse and not to interfere with interstate commerce and the United States mail service. The President seems determined to enforce the laws of the Federal Government wherever necessary and to the fullest extent. There have been several clashes between the military and police forces on one side and the strikers and their sympathizers on the other, resulting in several deaths on both sides. The militia is either being called out in most of the Northern and Western States and some Southern States, or else warned to be in readiness for any emergency.

The papers say, at this writing, that trains are moving more regularly at Chicago and other points, and that the backbone of the strike-boycott is broken. But, on the other hand, the leaders of the strike express themselves as quite confident of success and continue to order out men on new roads almost daily. It is to be hoped that the end will come soon. The country is little able in these string-tight times to bear the losses entailed by such destructive strikes.

Following is President Cleveland's proclamation issued near midnight July 8:

Whereas, By reason of unlawful obstructions, combinations and assemblies of persons, it has become impracticable in the judgment of the President to enforce by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings the laws of the United States within the State of Illinois and the city of Chicago within said State; and, Whereas, That for the purpose of enforcing the faithful execution of the laws of the United States and protecting its property and removing obstructions to the United States mail in the State and city aforesaid, the President has employed a part of the military forces of the United States;

Now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States,

do hereby admonish all good citizens and all persons who may be or may come within the city and State aforesaid, against aiding, countenancing, encouraging or taking any part in such unlawful obstructions, combinations and assemblies, and I hereby warn all persons engaged in or in any way connected with such unlawful obstructions, combinations or assemblies to disperse and retire peaceably to their respective abodes on or before 12 o'clock noon on the 9th of July last.

Those who disregard this warning and persist in taking part with a riotous mob in forcibly resisting and obstructing the execution of the laws of the United States or interfering with the functions of the Government, or destroying or attempting to destroy the property belonging to the United States or under its protection, cannot be regarded otherwise than as public enemies.

Troops employed against such a riotous mob will act with all moderation and forbearance consistent with the accomplishment of the desired end, but the necessities that confront them will not with certainty permit discrimination between guilty participants and those who are mingled with them from curiosity and without criminal intent. The only safe course, therefore, for those not actually unlawfully participating is to abide at their homes or at least not to be found in the neighborhood of riotous assemblies.

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(Signed) GROVER CLEVELAND.

By the President:

W. Q. GRESHAM,

Secretary of State.

A similar one was issued by him later in covering San Francisco, Cal., and some of the Western States and Territories. The proclamations are regarded as practically proclaiming martial law.

LATER.—The Federal Grand Jury, after receiving the instructions of United States Judge Grosscup, July 10, this afternoon, returned indictments against Eugene V. Debs, President of the American Railway Union; George W. Howard, its Vice-President; Sylvester Kelcher, Secretary, and L. W. Rogers, one of its directors, and shortly thereafter the four were arrested. They are charged with conspiracy to commit an unlawful act—that is, to block the progress of the United States mails. They readily gave bond in the sum of \$10,000 each. Chief Sovereign, of the Knights of Labor, has ordered that organization also to strike in sympathy with the A. R. U. Its membership is said to reach 1,600,000.

In Conference.

The United States Senate is doing some work on appropriation bills, while the House is attending to the District of Columbia and other matters of minor importance. The one item of business before the country, the tariff bill, is in conference. The Democratic members of the committee are holding secret sessions and working on the bill, while a will, of course, came out a compromise between the House and Senate bills. After the Democratic majority agree on a compromise bill, the Republican members of the committee will be allowed to vote against it, when it will be submitted to and adopted by both Houses.

Fitzmaurice and Fritz.

Although the French are the descendants of the ancient Gauls and Belgians, who were "distant cousins" to the Germans, there has been for centuries a war-like feeling between the land of fashions and the Fatherland. Indeed, while there is much in common, so far as appetite and custom are concerned, in natural proclivities and characteristics they are as diverse as the poles.

The French are light, flippant, impulsive people, very industrious, but variable and of weak morals. They are capable on occasion of great deeds, but their staying powers are far below the average. On the other hand, the German is heavy, solemn and dogged, and while he is equal in industry to the Frenchman or any other man, he is persistent and determined and never knows, it would seem, when to change his course.

The French are sometime rated as patriotic above all men, and especially above their German rivals, but a recent writer, speaking of the

Franco-Prussian war, puts it about right when he says that the French fought for their leaders and the Germans for their country. It is well known that since France got the worst of that struggle she has been more bitter toward Germany than ever. This was natural. She had not only been whipped, but had been forced to surrender some of her best territory and to pay in addition to that an enormous sum of the German war debt. The result was that she has been looking out for an opportunity to help some other nation flag the Germans, and has kept a large standing army for that emergency. In the meantime the Germans have not been sleeping. They knew the temper of the defeated antagonists and have maintained a large and costly armament in order to be ready for any conflict that might ensue. These Nations have kept Europe in a ferment for years and threatened to precipitate what many have predicted—a general European war.

Just now, however, there seems to be a possibility of a great change in the mind of all Europe, and especially in the minds of those two belligerent Nations. The sad and untimely taking off of President Carnot of the French Republic has awakened a general sympathy all over the world, and no Nation has expressed its kindly condolence more warmly than has Germany. The Emperor has outdone all the diplomats in his expression of regret and sympathy, and if the cooler heads can have their way Fitzmaurice and Fritz may yet become friends.

CURRENT THOUGHT.

Drawn, not Dragged. The gospel must be made attractive. Men must be drawn, not dragged, to the Cross. Take care, though, that the message be not so dressed in beautiful speech that men will be drawn to you instead of to Christ. There is such a thing as making the Cross of mean effect by words of men's wisdom.—Nashville Advocate.

The Root of Bitterness.

The patrons of the saloon are in most cases the very men who can least afford to spend a single penny of their hard-earned wages. The millions which they pour into the pockets of saloon-keepers in this country mean bread and clothing and comforts denied to home and children. One of the evils of the traffic is the monstrous waste of money it involves.—Central Christian Advocate.

Hiding Their Own Little Faces.

There is a class of men—not a very small class—who seem to think it a sign of superior ability to belittle and underrate the work of other people. Somehow they do not often manage to do anything worth noticing on their own accounts. Would it not be well for them to abandon the critical mood till they themselves are ready to exhibit some really worthy performances to the world?—Nashville Advocate.

More Meaning Than One.

No word has a greater variety of uses than the word "enjoy," and derivatives. In a memorial notice we read that the deceased "was always fond of enjoyment," and are informed that "she enjoyed good health up to the time of her death." It is to be regretted, however, that a large portion of the population of the United States "enjoy poor health," though some Christians testify to enjoying self-denial. There was a person whose suicide was explained by the statement that, owing to a certain transaction, "he had enjoyed the contempt of the public for many years, and being worn out with loneliness, took his own life."—N. Y. Advocate.

How to Get in W. B.

Twelve years ago the Christian Advocate announced that it was impossible to edit the paper and pay respect to the votes of preachers' meetings, conferences, or societies of any kind with regard to the publication of papers read before them. A paper that requires twenty minutes in the reading will cover three columns of the Christian Advocate, or about one-quarter of the space available for contributions. There are literally hundreds of preachers' meetings and other assemblies constantly listening to papers that sound well in the reading, but would not look well in cold type. The notions are usually made at the close of a paper, quite well read, or read by a popular person. In no case do we publish such papers. If the topic is of great importance, and the reading of a paper shows us that the author has ideas worthy of a wide circulation, we sometimes write and ask him to prepare an article on that subject of a certain length for the paper. But not always; for it frequently happens that there are on our table accepted articles on the same subject, and the mere fact that an article has been read to an assembly after we have accepted a paper is no reason why it should supersede the same or make it time by pre-empting the ground.—New York Advocate.

AT LITTLE WASHITA.

Myself and the two teachers from our school at Anadarko are down at Little Washita spending a few weeks on Bro. Butterfield's work, having attended his Indian camp-meeting and also been for a few days at Natchez, the portion of his work in the Chickasaw Nation. Now, as he is a Texas preacher, I know some items from his work will be appreciated by many Texas friends.

Last year Bro. Butterfield came to this work and faithfully served it without any appreciation, trusting only to Him who said, "I, I am with you;" came in faith, knowing that He who sent him would supply his needs. And He did—never suffering him to want, though letting eatables get scarce sometimes to try his faith. In the midst of this lack of finances the lightning struck his church and tore out one end, but by means of money sent—a little by this one and that, friends of the Master, and by doing the carpenter work, mostly by his own hands—he put it back all right. But this spring, in one of the storms we had, the church was blown from its foundation and so badly damaged that it had to be taken down in order to save such part of the lumber that could be used again. Now, what should he do? No time left him to seek help abroad, as the church had to be put right up in order that his little flock might not suffer spiritual damage, as there was no other place where they could worship. Couldn't he do as you do in the States—borrow a sister church to worship in, for there was none nearer than twenty miles.

Dear Bro. Methvin, God bless him, came forward with \$50; but it would take the very least \$100, not counting Bro. Butterfield's own work on it as carpenter, which he meant to give. Two others gave—one \$10 and the other \$5. This, lacking \$85, had to come out of his own pocket, and did, besides which he worked early and late, only hiring such help from carpenters as he was obliged to have. I would love for some of the "dwellers at ease in Zion" to think of the life he lived during these weeks of toil, rising at 4:30 in the morning and never getting to rest till 9 at night. I think some of our friends have the mistaken idea that our workers out here have an easy time; let these things I have told you open your eyes to the facts of the case. The fact is, God has very little use for a preacher out here that is not sufficiently an "all-round man" to carpenter, build fence or run a farm, manage stock, dig a well, or plaster a claim if necessary; know something of medicine, so as to minister to his Indian members, for they are convinced that he knows all about it; besides having a thousand and one other kinds of knowledge that exist, laid down in the course of study for preachers, to say nothing of going to the kitchen, and taking your place there in cooking and washing when she happens to be sick, for you can't hire anybody here for love nor money. Now, don't all you Texas preachers speak at once for a transfer to our work out here this fall!

The parsonage here is about one mile and a quarter from the church. It had been nearly finished, and a little yard fenced before he came; but there was no garden, no pasture, no field, all of which had to be fenced, the money for wire and fencing material costing \$30; this, again, coming out of Bro. Butterfield's pocket, not to mention the labor of fencing, which, as I said above, is one of the many little things that a pastor out here is supposed to occupy his leisure moments at. Now, my friends, this doesn't seem to me a fair division of labor and money; and, as owing to the distance, you couldn't lend a helping hand in the carpentering and fencing, would you, one and all, help to pay back this money, \$100 in all? I remember that this had to come out of a salary of less than \$300.

May God bless these plain statements of facts to you, and help you to see that he needs your help. Oh! how I wish you could see his work, and how grandly and patiently he is toiling here for the Master, counting nothing a hardship. Why, I have seen him, since I have been here, labor fifteen hours one day, and twenty the next in order to have his work up so that he might go on with his meetings.

Now there are some other hard pieces to go over yet. He has no stable or well, both of which will have to be made this fall. He is hauling water from the church, a mile and a quarter away, and when he is away from home, as he often is for days, attending to the other part of his work, dear Sister Butterfield has to drink water that has been heated all that while, say by herself, besides doing a dozen and one little things in attending to the stock that are much too hard for her.

What a true little woman she is! Never thinks of complaining or trying to hold Bro. Butterfield back from his duty that takes him away from her. I know she wouldn't like it if she knew I was telling on her. God bless her. What a true wife and helpful helpmeet she is to Bro. Butterfield.

Take these facts to your hearts, take them to your closet of prayer, and then send a helping, cheering letter to your old friend and pastor, A. E. Butterfield, Natchez, I. T.

HELEN BREWSTER.

LITTLE WASHITA, I. T.

TO THE PREACHERS OF EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Last year the class of the third year of the East Texas Conference met in Orange two days before conference, one day before examination, and spent the day and half of the night reviewing the studies embraced in the course for that year.

We derived so much benefit from this that we decided to meet again this year and spend several days in a more extensive review of the studies

of the fourth year. Thinking this would be a great help to all of the young preachers, I spoke to quite a number of the brethren in regard to the matter and find that it meets with their approval. Having enlisted some of the older members of the conference we decided to suggest the following plan for this year: That we meet about a week before Annual Conference, either at the seat of the conference or at some adjacent town where we can get entertainment. By this means we won't be put to extra expense for travel, etc.; expense is usually an item, especially with the undergraduates. Each class will spend the time reviewing the studies they have been pursuing for the year, and a competent man will be charge of each class to give them such assistance as they may need. In addition to this general review we will have two or three lectures each day by men well qualified on these subjects. By this means each one will not only get a clear idea of the books studied during the year, but will get a general review of the entire course.

In addition to the regular conference course, we will have a course for all who may wish to take it, embracing New Testament Greek, mental and moral philosophy, ecclesiastical history, theology, etc.

Thus we may have the advantage, not merely of a correspondence school, but each student will come in contact with the instructor once a year and will have the benefit of personal instruction for several days.

Now this is the plan we have to offer; if any of the brethren has a letter on it, we would be glad to have it either directly or through the Advocate.

It is a well-known fact that many of our preachers never can master our conference course of study without help. They are kept on it for years, and at last when they get through they know but little more about it than when they began. This should be remedied, and can be, I think, in this way. Most men who have not had good advantages in school will wrestle all the year with Porter's Intellectual Science or Tupper's Logic, and yet know but little about it, when just a little help would make it plain to them.

I hope all of the young preachers, at least, will join in this. Let all who will send their names at once to me or to Rev. V. A. Godbey, Trinity, so you may be enrolled. We want to arrange the program for this year as soon as possible.

Let's learn to do the work of a preacher, and to do it right.

A. J. WEEKS.

CENTER TEXAS.

UNFRIENDLY CRITICISM OF OUR BISHOPS.

An eminent preacher was once asked by a distressed mother to use his influence on her wayward son, and answered: "Madam, I have no influence with your son; I have only talked it away." The only ground for this retort was the fact that she had enlisted, probably in a good-humored way, his more marked peculiarities of manner and style. This same preacher who thinks that the sacredness of his office should shield him from adverse comment in the social circle is firmly of the opinion that it is the proper thing to keep the Bishops of his Church in due subjection by advertising their faults and shortcomings in the public prints.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

I am sorry that more than one of the same "opinion," and that there is so much adverse criticism of our Bishops in some quarters. Our Bishops do not claim infallibility, and hence it may be expected that they will make some mistakes. They are men of prayer, wisdom and experience, and doubtless make fewer mistakes than many of their clerical would make if placed in their stead, though many of them seem to think they could run the whole machinery of the Church without any friction whatever if they were only called to their leadership. They know just how everything ought to be done. They even impugn the motives and impeach the integrity of our General Superintendents. Has it come to this? Once we revered our Bishops. We honored them for their work's sake. There have always been a few, however, who were fault-finders, but the Church has moved rapidly on in carrying out the great commission, "Go preach the gospel to every creature." The wheels of Zion have succeeded so far in throwing off these clogs, and have gained in velocity, and the motto of the Church is, "Onward till the kingdoms of this world shall have become the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ." Who are they that have made the "desert rejoice and blossom as the rose," and are still engaging in the "border" of Zion and strengthening the "bulwarks"? The humblest members, who have gone and still go uncomplainingly to the work assigned them by our Bishops, and toll from morning till night, patiently waiting to see the reward of their labor. By "humblest" I mean not our faithful presiding elders, station preachers, editors, college presidents and professors. I also recognize the valuable work being done by many of our earnest local brethren. God bless them. Many of them would do more if they were encouraged. Of course we do not object to discussion; yet we think our General Conference sometimes legislates where legislation is not needed. But it is our law-making body, and we should acquiesce. O for the spirit of loyalty in all our preachers and members to the grandest system of Church government on earth! The record of the Church justifies the statement I have made in reference to the system of government. What Church has done so much in the way of evangelizing the world as the Methodist Episcopal Church (North

and South)? Let us pray that the pillar of cloud may continue to lead her by day and the pillar of fire by night. Let us pray for our Bishops that great grace may rest upon them. O that all our preachers and members would secede to the request our Senior Bishop made just before the last General Conference adjourned! Said he: "Brethren, pray for us." Their responsibility is great; their duties arduous. They need our prayers. If we would pray more for them we should see fewer grounds for criticism. The care of all the Churches is upon them. Probably on Annual Conference occasions, when making the appointments, they are sometimes "dull of tossings to and fro into the fulness of the day." Let us deal tenderly with them. While we do not object to criticizing their administration, and calling their attention to any mistakes which we think they have made, let it always be in a kind spirit. Let us not be guilty of "advertising their faults and shortcomings in public prints," and thus give our enemies a cudgel with which to strike us over the head. Has it come to this that we have such little confidence in the sincerity of our Bishops as to think it necessary to proclaim aloud their "faults and shortcomings" in order to keep them "in due subjection"? The man that thinks so ought to seek protection under the wings of some other Church. Brethren, what we now most need is a baptism of the Holy Ghost. Our chief pastors are worthy of the confidence of the Church; our machinery is all right. There would be no fiction if all the wheels were oiled with grace, and if we had the Holy Ghost as its moving power. Let us pray for baptism of the Holy Ghost, and that the next four years may be an epoch in the history of our Church—the most distinguished for conversions and success on all lines as in her previous record.

H. P. SHRAEDER, GRAPESVILLE, TEXAS.

OUR CHURCH AND OUR INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

I do not recall but one sentence spoken by Bishop Hendrix at the last session of our Annual (East Texas) Conference. That, I suppose, I will never forget. He said, when the question of education came up: "A Church is no stronger than her institutions of learning." This opens up a world of thought, and a field for investigation as extensive as the literature of the race from the beginning until now. If the saying is true, the question in our Discipline: "What I do for the cause of education" is one of the wisest of them all; but another question comes in just here: "Has it been wisely answered?" and more especially by Methodism in Texas? The condition of things in our Church in this State as relates to education is phenomenal. The growth of Methodism is wonderful. Statistics show that we have about 170,000 members in the M. E. Church, South. Many of these come from the Church in the older States by certificate. Leaving off these, our growth would not appear so marvelous. Looking at the Methodist Church as a way you will find you will find money enough to provide handsomely for the education of our people and all those who may come to us; but still our institutions are sadly in need of money. One of our choicest colleges, located at Waco, is likely to pass into the hands of the Roman Catholic Church for lack of money to pay an indebtedness that 30 cents per member in the State would remove. Appeal after appeal is made, but as yet there is no favoring tide to save our college at Waco. I have had the pleasure, as well as the profit, to visit that institution of learning. It is doing a noble work, a grand work, and it seems that it ought to be kept in our hands. Is there no one to come to its relief? Just now? Are we to lose that valuable plant with such a membership as we have in Texas and with so much wealth in that membership? Time will reveal, but the time is short.

D. F. C. TIMMONS.

PALESTINE, TEXAS.

MORE NOTES BY THE WAY.

Since my last I have glanced at Caldwell, Alvin, the town of fruits, flowers and vegetables, and at Houston. In the last city I had the pleasure of preaching for Dr. Rankin and Bro. Green, and of meeting the brethren in the preachers' meeting. Houston Methodism is in a healthy and growing condition. Shearn Church has let the contract to enlarge their building, so that they will nearly double their seating capacity and add greatly to the symmetry, beauty and comfort of their auditorium.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

I reached Hempstead in time to be at the opening of the Huntsville District Conference, and see Bro. Wootton commence his career as presiding officer of such a body. A large per cent of the preachers and lay delegates were absent, but those on hand took a hearty interest in the work. I heard but few of the reports, and hence am unable to say how the finances, etc., are getting on. This district, however, has had great revivals, and during my short stay with the brethren I learned several things which cheered and delighted me. I must give the readers of these incidents.

In the report of one young brother he told of a gracious revival in a community which had for years been given up to the Germans, and where our Church had died out and been dropped from the work. This revival was among the Germans themselves, especially their children, and out of it grew a strong Church, which is soon to build a house of worship.

The second instance was told by a pastor at the close of my speech in

behalf of our Southwestern University. He said a young man from a wealthy and skeptical German family had been sent to our University. He went there as if he felt, but during his stay was graciously converted and came back home a zealous and working Christian; and just a few nights before the preacher said that young man had brought his mother, sixty years old, and other members of his family into our Church. Can't you hear a note of victory in each of these incidents?

CALVERT DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

By traveling from 1 a. m. to 4 a. m. I reached Franklin, the seat of this District Conference, Friday, the 29th, and had the pleasure of spending the day with the brethren. The attendance was good, and the reports showed prosperity. Bro. Fred Allen is closing his quadrennium on the district with the universal love and esteem of preachers and people. I was greatly pleased with all I saw and heard at Franklin.

MARSHALL DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Saturday morning at the unseasonable hour of 1 I had to take the train for the Marshall Conference at Kilgore. I found here a District Conference and a K. and L. of H. barbeque in joint occupancy of the town. The barbeque dinner was a success, and the girls day promptly gave way to the conference at 3 p. m. Here, again, I met Vaughan, who, at Kilgore, was attending his fourth conference for the week. I thought I was doing well to reach my third.

The brethren gave up the whole afternoon to Vaughan and myself, and we had full swing for our respective causes.

Bro. Vaughan says that, in the last article, I created the idea that he had but one sermon. On his authority, if that is worth anything, I now declare that he has several.

I became quite "stuck" on Kilgore; in fact, I sat down on a rosinous step and liked to have not been able to pull loose.

These East Texas brethren, with Dr. Adams at their head, are a lovely lot, and I enjoyed my stay greatly, although the intolerably warm weather made me long for a prairie breeze.

Everywhere our University seems to be in good report, and the brethren have heard me in regard to it gladly.

JOHN R. ALLEN.

SOME MISDEEDS CONTRADICTIONS.

While we sweater in the heat for awhile, then drink ice-water in the shade, it possibly will be well enough to think, and I will write something about my work that I hope will not only provoke thought, but action, also.

The interest of the Orphan Home is meeting with high favor wherever I am able to go and present its claims to our people. I am adding about \$1000 per week to the subscription list, but do not get cash enough to pay current expenses.

There are eight children in the Home, and about forty more ready to move in as soon as we have means to provide for them. I think that we will have plenty of money this fall, but how are we to live till fall? The plan that has been before the Church since March is the only needed answer. Everywhere the orphan's claim has been presented by the pastor asking for a free-will offering. The response has been liberal and hearty.

Bro. brethren, the cause is worthy, the demand is urgent. Will you let your charge help by presenting the matter to each congregation at once?

W. H. VAUGHAN.

A PLEASANT VISIT.

First Sabbath in July was a red-letter day for South Bnham Methodist. This scribe dedicated one of the newest and cleanest chapels I have seen in North Texas. L. L. Naugle, the pastor, has done a capital work. The First Church gave liberally to build this house, and manifest an abiding interest in this infant Church. The spirit shown by Bro. L. L. Naugle, the pastor of First Church, and his people is worthy of imitation. Their liberality and sympathy make it possible for this Church to succeed. Bro. Yeager has a most excellent Methodist Sunday-school organized and in successful operation.

At night I preached for Bro. Leatherswood. He has a strong hold on his people, and has had a year of prosperity. Possibilities of Methodism are great. I spent the night with Bro. Wages, and the beloved drove me around next morning and showed me the city. Thanks to these brethren for a most pleasant visit. I brought away many new and memories of my visit, and I shall be glad to go again to this beautiful city. They are preparing for the conference in November, and will entertain it royally. I will add that Methodism has a fine property in the city, and the outlook is most hopeful.

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A LITTLE TRIP.

It was my good fortune to attend the District Conference of Kerrville District, which convened here last Thursday morning. I left the West Texas Epworth League Conference, at San Marcos, on Thursday night, and arrived at Kerrville a little after noon Friday. All the preachers, except one, Bro. Sims, and he was kept away by sickness, were present.

I wrote this letter to speak of one fact that was brought to light, and that was this: Bro. Black stated on Sunday night that there is one man in his district who has lived eight months on \$75, and to-day is not a dollar in debt. The worst of all, that he has a wife and four children; so you see that of them, and not one, have actually lived on \$75 since last conference, and are not in debt.

This statement was made by Rev. M. A. Black, as above said, and is doubtless true. You ask, how this brother, his wife and four children have lived on so small a sum of money? I tell you I do not know. This I do know, however, and that is that brother lives in a dry section of the country, and that is the reason of his small pay. Bro. Black says that this brother is not going to give up work, but is standing at his post of duty. Brethren and friends of Texas Methodism, pray for this brother, and as you pray don't forget that he needs something more substantial than your prayers.

I have written this letter without the knowledge or suggestion of any one.

Bro. Black is closing his fourth year's work on this district, and when he made his farewell talk "there was a regular shout in the camp." The people love him very much.

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TO OUR READERS.

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S. B. COOPER,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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CHARLES LAFLORE,
STARKTOWN, T. X.

Mrs. Lucy Kidd Key:
Having had my daughter in your school during the past term, am pleased to say that her progress and improvement were entirely satisfactory, and that, in my judgment, your school deserves the high reputation which it has attained. I hope to continue my patronage, as I prefer educating my daughters in Texas rather than sending them to another State. Especially is this true where the advantages are equal if not superior to those obtained elsewhere. Very truly yours,
A. M. UPHERGROVE,
GREENVILLE, TEXAS.

Mrs. Lucy Kidd Key, Sherman, Texas:
KIND MADAM: I am indeed pleased to see the North Texas Female College taking the first rank in the educational institutions of Texas and the South. I see no reason why it should not. No more healthy locality is to be found than Sherman. The surrounding influences are nowhere better. The management of the school is excellent by none and the economy taught and practiced in your school is a feature that in these times of money stringency no parent can afford to overlook. While I was a patron of your school I always knew at the beginning of the term what the cost would be. If I had 100 girls to educate I would send them all to the North Texas Female College. With best wishes for your success and that the school under your efficient management may continue to prosper, is the sincere hope of your friend and patron,
J. G. KEARNEY,
WILLS POINT, TEXAS.

"A religious education is the first great want of any people." If the above quotation be true, the moral and religious status of a school becomes a question of no little importance to three parents who content themselves with sending a young daughter to an institution of learning. Fortunately for the people of North Texas there is located at Sherman the North Texas Female College, presided over by that cultured, Christian lady,

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CHAS. E. LAMB,
Pastor M. E. Church, South, Pilot Point, Texas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

(Prepared by Rev. J. W. Clark, A. M.,
Paris, Texas.)

THIRD QUARTER, LESSON 4.—JULY 22.

PLIGHT INTO EGYPT.—MATT. 23:23.

GOLDEN TEXT: *The Lord shall preserve thy going and thy coming in.*—Ps. 121:8.

There are providential circumstances attending Jesus that show the proof of divine revelation. Had Mary been allowed to remain in Nazareth, the child would have been regarded as any other child, or it might have been confessed with some other child, born at Bethlehem at the same time.

God had not exhausted his demonstrative ability as to the divine fatherhood of this babe, and he is sent, under peculiar circumstances of personal danger, into Egypt.

The question is asked, how did Joseph and Mary escape the notice of their enemies under such vigilance as Herod had instituted?

The very difficulties were permitted to exist in the deliverance of Jesus God might show that the eye and hand of God were over him. No human skill could have performed this journey without detection.

Joseph and Mary were poor, and therefore unnumbered, and could move with little expense or trouble. They were obscure, and for this reason would be less likely to be taken for the castaways of this King whose life was sought. But it is natural that guards or spies should be stationed before notice could be given of the designs of Herod. Their early departure shows that they had been warned by God, for no other being outside the King's council could know the plot to take the child's life. Any man would have preferred to die in the caves of the mountains rather than risk the long and dangerous march into Egypt among strangers, knowing that their presence with the babe might suggest their mission and provoke a boycott.

There is no explanation of the incidents of the journey or the evasion of their pursuers.

The whole transaction is performed as the divine mind foresaw he would meet it, and the prophet says: "O of Egypt have I called my Son."

The world must see that the infant Jesus was reared in the cradle of a special providence, and that the glory of the Father shown in the face of the helpless babe. The cruelty of Herod could have been checked, and the lives of these children could have been saved, but they shed their innocent blood for him who afterward shed his blood for the whole race.

They were saved, for there are no children in hell, and doubtless many of them were fortunate to be among the saints, for their lives being spared, they would run the chances of being lost by personal transgression.

Herod was the most cruel of kings, and some of his acts are too bloody and obscene to bear rehearsal. He executed his favorite wife, Mariamne, for no other reason than brutal jealousy; and, on account of this heartless deed, he became violent, cruel and unrelenting in his thirst for blood. His own sons were slain; and many of his family, whose presence excited his jealousy, fell a prey to his tyrannical power. The decree to slay the children of Bethlehem was, therefore, in keeping with his former conduct.

His life closed with one of his most cruel acts. He had summoned the chief persons among the Jews to Jericho, and shut them up in the hippodrome and ordered Salome, his sister, to have them put to death as soon as he had been laid; but, he said, that by this act he would cause mourning among the Jews, and thus furnish mourners for his funeral. Salome and her husband, Alexander, broke their oath by opening the gates and turning loose the people thus unjustly imprisoned.

The angel of the Lord appeared. It does not say that Joseph dreamed this, but in a dream the angel appeared. It was a real angel, and the message was so communicated that Joseph did not doubt it. The impression as to duty remained after he awoke.

God can and does communicate to the human heart, and his spirit bears witness with our spirits as to the condition of our hearts.

We observe how Joseph renders willing and prompt obedience. Had he hesitated he would have obscured the clear light of God's purposes. If people would obey at once, and willingly God's demands, his spirit would plainly indicate to us. It is in obedient service that we have the richest experiences of grace.

Joseph waited patiently for God's orders, and so did all wait before they were permitted to enter upon responsible duties. Joseph had a very delicate charge committed to his keeping, and he and Mary must get ready for the trials that await them.

Simon had opened Mary's mind to some trials ahead of her, and now she is a wanderer with that blessed Saviour who had thought would deliver from all perplexities. A trial of faith is necessary for all who would live

godly and righteously in this evil world.

16. Sin maddens men, and this king had been so heartless and unfeeling and so unnatural that he had destroyed all the elements of heart or sympathy. He was mad and must have revenge; his selfishness must be gratified, if innocence suffers.

These states of the human heart come about by indulgence. This Herod was once a man of feeling, and his beloved Mariamne swayed his heart by her amiable and loving character, but continued sin brought remorse, and remorse sought retribution in more blood and crime, until the flood gates gave way and he was led by Satan captive at his will.

17. When Nebuzaradan had destroyed Jerusalem he brought his prisoners to Ramah, and slew many and imprisoned others, and the cry of the people was heard in Jerusalem; so when Herod slew the children, the lamentation reminded them of the sorrow of Ramah.

18. It is said that Herod's death occurred in three months after this cruel killing, showing the vengeance of divine wrath, and the speedy deliverance of his Son from Egypt.

20. God had used Herod's opposition in demonstrating his providence, not forcing him to act, but rather taking advantage of occasions as he found them, just as he used rebellious Judah in the matter of introducing his own people. When his purpose had been achieved, he permits him to die a horrible death.

The scene of Herod's death, as related by Josephus, is sickening and loathsome. Hate boils, and his cruel heart calls for blood, while the stench emitted from his putrid body is intolerable. His remorse of conscience is but the beginning of that hell whose fires are not quenched, and the unnatural cravings of his bitter heart are but the gasps of that worm that never dies.

21. He was warned of God that Herod and the other enemies were dead, and Joseph had learned wisdom, and God would permit him to exercise it on this occasion. Nazareth is usually considered as a reproach, on account of the poverty of the country and obscurity of its people.

Jesus was of this humble origin; for he became poor that we through his poverty might become rich.

He must be born at Bethlehem, must come out of Egypt, and must be called a Nazarene.

Can such a medley of contradictions be harmonized in one character? Is it possible that, by chance, any child would fill all these sayings?

They are contradictory words, but when the history is related, we not only see that it is true, but we behold the immediate proof of God's presence.

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word."

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

THE SECOND ANNUAL EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE OF WEST TEXAS CONFERENCES, M. E. Church, South, convened at San Marcos, June 27-29.

After devotional services, at 8:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. A. E. Rector, of San Antonio, it was announced that the President, Rev. W. W. Pinson, would not be able to attend the conference on account of sickness, and Rev. J. D. Scott, of Travis Park Church, San Antonio, was elected temporary President. The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Charles Brown, of the San Marcos League. Dr. W. D. Yett responded. Then the members of the conference were enrolled and announcements were made for morning prayers in the church at 9 a. m.

Much of the morning session was taken up in "Reports from the field." Some of the reports were spicy, some prosy; altogether they were full of interest to those who listened to learn. Rev. B. Harris read the new constitution and discussed its points.

Rev. Theo. Lee, of Dallas, presided on the topic, "The Importance of Personal Work." Several joined in the discussion. Bro. E. K. Denton gave an example of a brother who never let a prayer-meeting nor a Sunday service go by without speaking to some one personally for Christ. As a result that brother was worth a whole Church full of professing Christians who never speak a word for Jesus. The conference knelt in prayer for God to endue every League with the power of a personal worker for Christ.

Rev. A. A. Tilly, editor of the San Antonio Methodist, discussed the topic, "League Organs: Their Use, and Our Duty." He said every League ought to subscribe for the first issue of the Epworth Advocate, the general organ of the League. He scored the point that where the most copies of the San Antonio Methodist, formerly the organ of West Texas Epworth League Conference, were taken, that these were the best Leagues in the conference.

Dr. H. M. DaBose was present and consented to favor the conference with a speech on "The League and Revivals." His speech was beautiful, of course, for Dr. DaBose can't talk without saying beautiful things; but it was also tenderly spiritual. His speech was to the point that we make each day the occasion of some revival work. Amen!

SECOND DAY.

Rev. A. F. Cox opened the second day's business session with devotional service, and the first topic for the day was, "How the Pastor May Help the League." In brief, the answer given was: By keeping a general oversight of the League, pointing out to Leaguers what they may do, and by showing the Leaguers how to help themselves.

"How the League May Help the Pastor" was the next topic. At this point it became clear that Bayville has the best League in the conference, and Bro. J. C. Russell, the pastor, was called on for his experience. The answer to this question amounted to about this: The League may take much work off of the pastor by answering calls on the pastor for visiting and helping the poor; visiting and lifting up with the sick; holding religious services in homes; assisting in singing, and in personal work in revivals, etc.

The question was raised, "How Can Pastors Help the League Movement?" Answer: Let each pastor organize a League and train it to work for Christ and his Church.

Rev. J. C. Russell cut in on the discussion of "How to Use the Bible in Our Work," and several joined in. "We can't do our work without the Bible in it," said Bro. Russell. "We can't any more run the League without the Bible than the Democratic party can run without whiskey."

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. J. D. Scott, President; Rev. J. A. Biggs, First Vice-President; Prof. S. M. Grubbs, Second Vice-President; Chas. Brown, Secretary.

The place of holding the next conference was left to the selection of the Executive Committee.

Resolution was passed requesting the presiding elders to give the Epworth League movement a special service in their several District Conferences.

The Conference adjourned sine die, and the closing service, "The Jubilee Meeting," was turned over to Bro. I. T. Morris. This service was almost exactly an old-fashioned Methodist experience meeting. Here is the closing scene: The conference and many other Christians gathered around the altar to pray, and then separate, some to meet no more till we are all gathered at the bar of our God. B. O. A. F. Cox, the white-haired young old veteran of the West Texas Conference, led the prayer and got happy. So we adjourned.

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LEAGUE NOTES.

Our pastor, Rev. A. J. Anderson, organized an Epworth League here with twenty-nine members June 21, officers as follows: President, B. J. Gues; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Mary Moore, Kate Kili and Ollie Barnham; Secretary, Miss Ophelia Stroud; Treasurer, W. H. Gill.

Much interest is being manifested in the League, and we are moving off well on all lines.

B. J. GUES.

OLD AND YOUNG.

A PLUCKY BOY.

The boy marched straight up to the counter.

"Well, my little man," said the merchant complacently (he had just risen from such a glorious good dinner). "What will you have to-day?"

"Please, sir, may I do some work for you?"

It might have been the pleasant blue eyes that did it, for the man was not accustomed to parley with such small gentlemen, and Tommy wasn't seven yet, and small of his age at that.

There were a few whiffs of hair about the edges of the merchant's temples, and looking down on the appealing face the man paled at them. When he had done twinking them he gave the ends of his cravat a brush, and then his hands traveled down to his vest pocket.

"Do some work for me, eh? Well, now about what sort of work might you and your little man be able to do?"

"Why, you can't look over the counter?"

"O yes, I can, and I'm growing, please, growing fast; there, see if I can't look over the counter?"

"Yes, by standing on your toes; are they capped?"

"What, sir?"

"Why, your toes. Your mother could not keep you in shoes if they were not."

"Shoes can't keep me in shoes anyhow, sir," said the boy hesitatingly.

The man took pains to look over the counter. It was too much for him; he couldn't see the little toes. Then he went all the way around.

"I thought I should need a microscope," he said very gravely. "But I reckon if I get close enough, I can see what you look like."

"I'm older than I'm big, sir," was the next rejoinder. "Folks say I am very small for my age."

"What might your age be, sir?" responded the man with emphasis.

"I am almost seven," said Tommy, with a look calculated to impress even six feet nine.

"You see, my mother

hasn't anybody but me, and this morning I saw her crying because she could not find five cents in her pocket. Look, and she thinks the boy who took the ashes stole it—and I—have—not—had—any—breakfast, sir."

The voice again hesitated, and tears came to the blue eyes.

"I reckon I can help you to a breakfast, my little fellow," said the man, feeling in his vest pocket. There, will that quieter do?" The boy shook his head.

"Mother wouldn't allow me to beg, sir," was the simple answer.

"Humph! Where is your father?"

"We never heard of him, sir, after he went away. He was lost, sir, in the steamer 'City of Boston.'"

"Ah, that's bad. But you are a plucky little fellow anyhow. Let me see," and he pecked up his mouth, and looked straight down into the boy's eyes, which were looking straight into his. "Standards," he asked, addressing a clerk, who was rolling up and writing on parcels, "is Cash No. 4 still tick?"

"Dead, sir, died last night," was the low reply.

"Ah, I am sorry to hear that. Well, here's a youngster that can take his place."

Mr. Saunders looked up slowly, then he put his pen behind his ear, then his glance traveled curiously from Tommy to Mr. Towere.

"O I understand," said the latter, "yes, he is small, very small, very small, indeed, but I like his pluck. What did No. 4 get?"

"Three dollars, sir," said the still astonished clerk.

"Put this boy down four. There, youngster, give him your name, and run home and tell your mother you have got a place at four dollars a week. Come back on Monday and I'll tell you what to do. Here's a dollar in advance; I'll take it out of your first week. Can you remember?"

"Work, sir, work all the time!"

"As long as you deserve it, my man."

Tommy shot out of that shop. If ever broken stairs that had a twist through the whole flight creaked and trembled under the weight of a small boy, or perhaps might be better said to laugh and chuckle on account of a small boy's good luck, these stairs that moment broke and joyed themselves thoroughly that morning.

"I've got it, mother! I've got it. I'm a cash boy! Don't you know when they take parcels the clerk calls 'Cash'?"

"Well, I'm that. Four dollars a week! And the man says I have real pluck, I deserve it, and don't you ever cry again, for I'm the man of the house now."

The house was only a little 10x15 room, but how those blue eyes did multiply it! At last the mother looked comforted; then she looked—well, it passed my power to tell how she did look as she took him in her arms and hugged him, kissed him, the tears streaming down her cheeks. But they were tears of thankfulness.

English Journal.

A FIELD FOR MOTHERS.

It is in America that we find boys and girls smart beyond their years, and with more nerve than they know what to do with. The little folks remind one of adult age; we may well call them "little men and women." They already know too much; they are active in temperament because they can not be otherwise; and even before they are grown they will be rounded into each day. The world around them moves fast, and they are racing with it. The child sits at his father's table, takes the same food and drink, and it will be well if he does not have on similar smocks after he is grown. So he resolves manhood he will have laid the foundations for dyspepsia, and his little sister will not be a great deal behind him.

Now, a practical question in this connection is what the mother can do to help her child. We need a great deal of what women are doing in science, literature, art, invention, and other fields of human industry. This is well; but what is suffering the physical well-being of the next generation? Bites and scratches, and the bodily tissues generally, are made from the food we eat;

and they are often badly deteriorated and the blood poisoned, either by taking food which is not suited to the needs of the system, or that which is spoiled with condiments. Surely he is a field for mothers. Let them see to it that the young child is not injured for life by any fundamental errors in its dietetic habits. No doubt the taste for strong drinks, tobacco and many forms of dissipation is too often acquired in the house and at the family table. Mothers, it is to be feared, do not sufficiently realize the importance of this subject, nor the close connection which exists between the tastes acquired in early life and the habits which persist in later years.—*Democrat's Magazine.*

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CONSUMPTION

SURELY CURED.

To the Editor:—These letters from readers that I have received recently for the above named disease, by its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy free to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their names and post office address. Respectfully,
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NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTIONS.—LAW.—For
general information, we give the following
summary of the decisions of the United
States Courts touching newspaper subscrip-
tions:

1. Subscribers who do not give express or-
ders to the contrary are considered as want-
ing to receive their subscriptions.
2. If subscribers order the discontinuance
of their periodicals, the publisher may con-
tinue to send them until all arrearages are
paid.

3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take
their periodicals from the postoffice to which
they are directed, they are responsible until
they have notified their bills and ordered their
discontinuance.

4. If subscribers move to places without
informing the publisher, and the papers are
sent to the former address, they are held re-
sponsible.

5. The courts have decided that refusing to
take periodicals from the office, or removing
and leaving them uncollected, is proof of
evidence of intentional fraud.
6. If subscribers pay in advance they are
bound to give notice at the end of the time if
they do not wish to continue taking it; other-
wise the publisher is authorized to send it
and the subscriber will be responsible until
an express notice, with payment of all ar-
rearages, is sent to the publisher.

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FAITH! hope! love! a golden chain;
The first link binds us to God, and
the last to man.

The grace of God is offered to the
chief of sinners that they might be-
come the chief of saints.

It is much easier to preach or pro-
fess holiness than to live it, yet the
latter is not the least important.

"He will give grace and glory."
Glory is only the superlative degree
of grace. Grace is glory in the bud;
glory is grace in the flower.

MANY will assent to the advocacy
of good principles, but demur when
the teacher or preacher insists on their
being carried into practice.

INSINCERITY never stands alone;
for, when pressed by moral earnest-
ness to cease trifling and become real,
it reveals the demand as an imperi-
ous necessity.

The kingdom of God implies right-
eousness as well as grace. It is made
a kingdom of grace to begin with,
that it may become a kingdom of
righteousness to end with.

The question with every child of
God is not whether he is free from
temptation, but what attitude does he
sustain to the temptations of the
world. "When I am tried," exclaims
Job, "I shall come forth as gold."

The mother needs no instruction
in how to regulate the tones of her
lullaby song. Her mother-heart
teaches her that. So love worketh
no ill to his neighbor; therefore, love
is the fulfilling of the law.

KNOWLEDGE is the accumulation
of facts; wisdom is the ability to
properly employ them. The fear of
the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
Knowledge puffeth up, but charity
edifieth. The sinner can know the
law, but it takes the help of God's
grace to keep the law.

REJECTION of Grace is not the only
sin against grace. There are those
who take advantage of God's good-
ness without taking pains to culti-
vate the virtue that becomes those
who are admitted into close relations
with him. "See that ye receive not
the grace of God in vain."

The New York Advocate is in
favor of exterminating the anarch-
ists. It calls attention to the fact that
between 1848 and 1878 there were
twenty-eight attempts to assassinate
rulers. The New York maintains
that not only should the actors in

such bloody work be punished
with death, but their abettors, as
speakers, writers, etc., should be im-
pounded for life with a legal en-
slavement against the pardon of such a
wretch.

THE Churchman thinks that the
absence of spread eagle oratory on the
Fourth of July in this end of the
Century is due to two causes: First,
the Nation is sobering down; its
childhood stage is passing out and,
secondly, the strikes, tramps and dis-
graceful dickerings of Congress with
monopolies and trusts leave the or-
ator nothing to brag about.

The faithful nurse watching at the
bedside of a human sufferer in the
poorest cabin is as worthy of honor
as the Archbishop who in the same
hour officiates in the cathedral be-
fore the great congregation. Both
are servants of God in serving men,
and the Lord of both will give to
each his due meed of praise at the
proper time.

By reference to the plan of Episco-
pal Visitation, published in another
column, it will be seen that the North
Texas Conference is held earlier than
any other Texas Conference and ear-
lier than it has been held for twenty
years—November 8. The brethren
had better hurry up their collections
or they will bring up a deficit—a fact
to be greatly deplored at this time
especially. In the meantime, let the
stewards bestir themselves lest their
pastor be compelled to leave his
charge without getting his salary.
Get a move on you, brethren.

PRESIDENT LLOYD.

The following special to the Dallas
News, from Fort Worth, under date
of July 6, explains itself.

Dr. J. W. Addison has resigned as
President of the Polytechnic College
in this city, and will apply to the
Northwest Texas Conference, to con-
vocate at Hillsboro in November, for
pastoral work. The Board of Trustees,
comprising Bishop Joseph S. Key,
Revs. W. L. Nelson, W. P. Wilson, W.
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C. C. Armstrong, Rev. J. L. Annie,
Rev. George Washington Owens and
Hon. George T. Jester met to right,
and with general reluctance accepted
the resignation of Dr. Addison. By
a unanimous vote the Presidency was
tendered to Dr. W. F. Lloyd, pastor of
the Fourth Street Methodist Church
in this city.

Dr. Lloyd is thirty-eight years of
age, was born in Columbus, Ga., and
is among the foremost ministers of the
Methodist Church in the South to day.

Dr. Lloyd was in no wise an aspirant
for the position.

Well, well! And will wonders
never cease? Who thought of Dr.
Addison giving up the "Polity"?
But it is all right; he desired to illu-
minate, and he is a magnificent preach-
er and can serve any change in his
conference. As to Bro. Lloyd, he is
a close and pleasant fit anywhere he
is placed. As Dr. A. would go, the
trustees have been fortunate in secur-
ing so able and worthy a successor as
Dr. Lloyd. The ADVOCATE wishes
prosperity to both these brethren in
their new spheres of labor, and be-
speaks for them the friendship and
co-operation of all the brethren.

THE CHURCH PRESS.

Concerning the crying need of the
present hour in our business and in-
dustrial departments as emphasized
by the Pullman strike and its far-reach-
ing consequences, the Northwestern
Christian Advocate says:

Striking railway men have no more
right to determine whether or not a
certain road shall haul a car of a given
kind than to decide whether the en-
gine shall burn wood, coal, or coke, or
transport live or black-eyed people.
The arm that touches a car or engine
to construct a train belongs to a rioter,
and it should be paralyzed instantly,
but legally. Unhappily the very road
in question may have been snatched
from fraudulent innocent stockholders,
"wrecked" by dishonest stock jobbers,
and then bought up in a sham sale at
10 percent by some of the very men
who are now resisting the strikers. As
against the latter, the roads deserve
no sympathy, but meantime the peo-
ple who chartered the road are being
delayed and injured by the dual con-
testants. Right there enters the public's
right to an arbitration to find out who
is the real offender against the rights
of the public. Public in general de-
sires inconvenience as long as they
laxly abstain from all care of public
interests until a strike occurs.

The same paper refers to the adage
that "all work and no play" makes
Jack a dull boy," and puts in the
following in the interests of tired and
worn-out pastors:

Jack is made a dull boy, not by con-
stant work, but rather by constant
work in the same place and under
unvarying conditions. The genuine
pastor is helped vastly by occasional
undertakings, and by the praise and ap-
probation implied in the vacations
granted by his grateful people.

The Nashville Advocate tells a
colossal truth in the following:

The paragraph, as a distinct form of
literary composition, may almost be
said to be a product of this generation;
only within recent years have the text-
books on rhetoric conceded to dis-
cuss the laws that regulate its struc-
ture. No one doubts it is a most effi-
cient instrument in the hands of a
man who knows how to use it. But
we suppose that very few persons have
any conception of the labor which is
involved in making it fit for its office.

The general impression is that pa-
graphs are "thrown off" ad libitum to
fill moments. In very truth, the
best ones require as much labor as the
expensive and the lapidary in polishing
a gemstone.

We would remark in this connec-
tion that the editorial paragraphs in the
Nashville are unusually fine.

The Holston Methodist, speaking
of the restless, feverish North, with
all its heresies and confusion, drops
this welcome to all who wish to come
to Dixie:

The general freedom from dangerous
fumes and the adherence of our people
to the old time religion, is causing eyes
to look southward that never looked
this way before; and with the return
of prosperity there will be a steady mov-
ing in this direction as has never been
dreamed of. No section of the country
has more to offer to well-meaning and
industrious people than the South.
Fertile soil and water, productive lands
and exhaustless mines await the com-
ing of good citizens, to whom the right
of fellowship will be cordially given.

The North Carolina Christian Advo-
cate has the following editorial
note, which we commend to earnest
consideration of Dr. Arthur Ed-
wards, of the Northwestern Advo-
cate at Chicago:

The American Railway Union, in
session at Chicago, refused to recog-
nize the colored men to the organization. That
is their own business, but it is another
proof that, North, as well as South,
the color line is ineluctable.

The same paper says:
Most of the District Conferences will
be held during the month of July, and
we have arranged to have a representa-
tive of the Advocate present at each
conference. Let every subscriber look
at the label on his paper, and if due
anything on subscription, hand it to
his pastor, so that he may bring it up
to the District Conference. Attend to
this now before you forget it, and we
will greatly appreciate it.

We have a fine District Conference
newspaper speech which is getting a
little worn in Texas, but which
would be quite fresh in the old North
State, and which we will copy and
transmit to the editor of the N. C.
Advocate for a slight consideration.
What say you, Dr. Atkins? Before
we dismiss this paper we desire in all
sincerity to say that Methodism in
North Carolina ought to be proud of
their Church organ. Drs. Atkins
and Grison are making a first-class
paper in any country.

The New York Freeman's Journal
(a Roman Catholic paper) is out in a
Fourth of July edition. It would be
well, perhaps, if it should also issue
a St. Bartholomew number, as that
day is more in keeping with the
principles and practices of that hier-
archy than the "glorious Fourth."

The Churchman wisely and timely
remarks:
All this may well be solemnizing to
the American citizen who listens to
the reading of the Declaration of In-
dependence next Wednesday. And yet
there is reason for encouragement,
as well. If Americans have been liv-
ing in a fool's paradise, the first neces-
sity is that they should be turned out
of it. Then they will be ready to consid-
er what are the real factors in national
well-being; they will be ready, per-
haps, to listen to some of the wis-
doms that have been written lately as
to what it is that constitutes superior-
ity of race and insures the continued
supremacy of a people. And surely it
is encouraging to find that the very
latest statements from the scientific
world upon this supremely important
subject seem but a repetition of the
words of an elder wisdom, which de-
clared that "Righteousness exalteth
the nation," that "Blessed is the nation
whose God is the Lord;" and "The
nation and kingdom that will not serve
Thee shall perish."

This is in keeping with our edito-
rial last week on "Coccyism as a Dis-
ease."

The same paper repeats what it
substance has often been said and
will be repeated again and again:

It is not, perhaps, so fully realized
as it should be that the financial con-
dition of a congregation or parish very
directly and powerfully affects its spiri-
tual life and growth. Where there is
a heavy incubus of debt, Church ac-
tivities are interfered with and impeded
in every direction. The income—
and money, in religious effort as in
everything else, unquestionably con-
stitutes the sinews of war—is in part
diverted to the meeting of the inexor-
able interest on our own debt, and, what
practically, also to the reduction of the
debt itself; a use of funds, of course,
not only commendable but necessary,
where debt exists; but which, just so
far, lessens the working efficiency of
the parish, hampers its growth, and
often gradually deadens its ambition.

The Memphis Advocate speaks as
one having authority and not as the
scribe:

Hating people is a very unprofitable
thing. It creates too much worry and
restlessness to be of any avail what-
ever; besides it is contrary to our re-
ligion which teaches us to love our
enemies, and to be at peace with all
men.

Looking ahead and hoping for the
best the same paper heaves a long
drawn sigh and exclaims:

The fusillade of fusers will end
some time. It is not usually, neither
is Christian, to always be croaking. If
the world and the nation are not as
good as you would have them be,
don't "moan," but get yourself up
and help make them better.

In the language of Queen Cath-
arine, we hasten to add: "May the
Lord mend all!"

The Methodist Recorder records
a great truth in the following:

A man who thinks to exalt himself
by pulling down others will sooner or
later wake to the fact that he has made
a great mistake.

As long as there are little men
there will be envious men, and as

long as there are envious men, will
there be traducers of those who are
trying to rise in the world.

The Recorder says of a prominent
New York preacher and reformer:

Dr. Parkhurst has been spoken of as
a candidate for mayor of the city of
New York. The transition from the
control of Tammany to that of Mayor,
such as we suppose Dr. Parkhurst
would be, is almost too much to hope
for. Yet we do not know that a better
thing for the interests of New York
city could happen than to place a man
in the management of its affairs such
as Dr. Parkhurst is known to be. In
the light of the corrupt police system
which has been disclosed by the inves-
tigation of the committee from the
New York Legislature, some such rad-
ical measure is necessary. It would
be a misfortune for the pilot to lose a
man like Dr. Parkhurst. But certainly
the city of New York would gain more
than the pulpit would lose. The hope
seems so vain, however, that such a
change could be achieved that we re-
gard it rather as a vision of millen-
nial possibilities than of a state of
things realizable in present time.

Let Dr. Parkhurst stay where he
is. Should he be elected to the office
of Mayor, it would give his and the
enemies of the cause he so ardently
espouses a club with which to do him
and good morals in New York much
harm. As an unofficial agitator he
is a power; as an officer he has every-
thing to lose and nothing to gain.

The Holston Methodist terms Dr.
R. N. Price, "Holston's own genius."
That prodigy says of Bishop Keener:

Bishop Keener is well preserved,
and certainly is not falling as a preach-
er. On the whole, he is a jolly old
fellow, full of kindness, and meli-
tious on heaven.

It is a fact well known to people of
general intelligence that from time
immorial actors and actresses
have been people of low morals. So
well understood indeed is this fact
that it is very common nowadays for
theater managers to advertise that a
certain play is decent, and that noth-
ing will be said or done to shock the
morality of respectable people. This
of itself is a confession that the
stage, as a rule, is immoral.

Yet some of our Methodists per-
sist in attending the theaters and
clapping and cheering those men and
women whose private acts would not
be tolerated in the parlors of any de-
cent theater-going. Apropos of this
private carrying on, Mrs. Martha B.
Ensign, who is now traveling in
Europe, writes in the Central Chris-
tian Advocate, concerning her voy-
age out, and says, among other
things:

I wish I could characterize this
stage as a whole with which I have
crossed. An Italian opera troupe was
on board. They were escorted out
from New York by a yacht and music,
but O tempora, O mores! To travel
with such a crowd, and to see the
experience! I think I will come out
in an article on "Dallusions," or
"Behind the Scenes." They came
into the saloon and monopolized ev-
erything, tables and stands, with bet-
ter of cards, and cards, and gam-
bling. Finally, one night after a very
annoying time with their noise—for
they made the night and day hideous
—one good old lady in the saloon
said to me, "My dear, my dear, do
you see, and we all joined her. You
ought to have seen them scatter-
ing stools, shawls, blankets, cards, poker
chips, and bottles flying in every di-
rection! They frequently threw the
chairs, stools, and benches, and, to
many are 'merely players.' But the
darkness lies before the sun; error
hides its face in the presence of truth;
the wicked flee when no man pursueth."

The St. Louis Advocate echoes our
sentiments in the following:

A little Christian forbearance exer-
cised by both parties to the recent coal
strike would have prevented much of
the difficulty and all of the violence.
If the principles of Christianity had
been observed by both, there would
never have been any strike, for the
employers would have offered fair liv-
ing wages, and the employees would
have been satisfied. The whole affair
is a strong commentary on the mat-
terialism which has come in with the
flood of foreign immigration.

The same paper says another thing
which ought to be read by every
Texas Methodist especially:

In view of the splendid facilities
afforded Methodist young people for
acquiring an education in the acad-
emies and colleges of our own coun-
try, it seems both unjust and un-
wise for Methodist parents either to
send their boys and girls out of the
State or to patronize other institutions
than those under the fostering care
of our Church.

And right here we rise to remark
that we have as good schools in
Texas as our people can find any-
where, North or South. It is ab-
surd, as well as hurtful to our home
schools, to ship our boys and girls out
of the State, especially when they are
not likely to be bettered in any way
whatsoever.

The New Orleans Advocate gives
its old hat a new slant, and, taking a
fresh chew of next year's tobacco,
remarks:

A prominent member of one of the
patronizing conferences writes: "The
Advocate ought to please everybody."
An esteemed sister who is active in
every good cause, says: "I could not
do without the Advocate. It is a feast
to my soul." Similar commendations
are coming to us continually.

We owe him of whom all men
speak well.

This paragraph, taken from the
Central Methodist, makes us sick at
heart:

There are four times as many saloons
in this country as churches, and six
times as many saloon keepers as there

are ministers, and we spend 200 times
as much for drink as we do for mis-
sions, and yet we claim to be a Chris-
tian nation.

But the following from the same
source relieves us to some extent, and
we hope for better times in the not
distant future:

The undeniable truth of the matter
is that the prohibition sentiment is
rapidly growing in this country, their
converts annually are numbered by
millions, and their workers are enthu-
siastic and untiring.

The Cumberland Presbyterian says:
We can not let God's people unless
we are givers as well as receivers. Our
giving should be as constant and regu-
lar as our prayers. It is as necessary
in the work of Christian development
and salvation as prayer.

This is the doctrine of those who
support the Church, but the member
who desires to dodge this responsi-
bility contends a man can ride free on
the car of salvation, or, rather, that he
can ride at the expense of those who
keep up the Church for his peculiar
benefit.

The same paper discusses the neces-
sity of training laymen to conduct
any and all kinds of services, so that
when the pastor is not present the
work of the Lord will not be retarded
thereby. This is good and whole-
some doctrine, and, though it applies
more especially to these Churches
that sometimes have no pastor—our
Church never gets in that fix—it is
well that the same policy be pursued
in our own connection. It some-
times happens in our Church that if
the pastor happens to be absent at
the mid-week prayer-meeting no can-
on be persuaded to lead the service.
We look for the Epworth League to
remedy this evil.

The Michigan Christian Advocate
waves its hat high in the air and
shouts to the nations across the sea:
Arbitration! Arbitration! Arbitration!
That is one of the watchwords
of the day. Let there be arbitration
between civilized nations, and let their
immense armies be scattered among
the industrious homes of the land.
Let arbitration intervene between the
strong willed men who are at the head
of great industries and the determined
men who seek by striking to coerce
them. There is some right on each
side, and there is apt to be wrong on
both sides. Arbitrate.

The same paper hits the nail
squarely on the head with this pa-
ragraph:

The Michigan Catholic deprecates
the internecine warfare between Protestants
and Roman Catholics, and warns the
young people of his Church against
marrying outside of their own faith.
His position is well taken. As a rule
marriage will not secure the unity con-
templated unless there is harmony of
religious principles. Estrangement
in the matter of religious faith is apt
to be followed by discord and possibly
divorce. For the same reason a Chris-
tian ought to refrain from marrying
an infidel or skeptic. Agreement of
conviction concerning the great under-
lying principles of life ought to exist.

PERSONALS.

TEXAS.

—Dr. John R. Allen, of South-
western University, passing through,
smiled on us this week.

—At the recent meeting of the
North Texas Medical Association at
Sherman, Mrs. Ky was made an
honorary member, and it is now Mrs.
L. A. Kidd, M. D.

—The Rev. W. F. Lloyd, of Fort
Worth, made us a pleasant call this
week. He is very hopeful of the fu-
ture of the Polytechnic College, of
which he is now President.

—The Rev. W. C. Ellsburn, of
Goldthwait, Texas, July 6, writes:
Judge J. A. Mosier, an old citizen
and a prominent member of the M. E.
Church, South, at this place, died
yesterday afternoon.

—A. P. Bell writes: On reading my
report of the Greenville District Con-
ference I notice that I failed to men-
tion that R. V. J. A. Wyatt, of Van
Alstyne, was there with a big speech
for the North Texas Female College.

—Rev. Jas. C. Wilson, of Halletts-
ville, Texas, writes: At this writing,
July 10, Rev. Wm. J. Sims, of Wil-
lamsburg, charge, West Texas Con-
ference, is lying very low with ty-
phoid fever, a relapse from a recent
former attack.

—Bishop Joseph Key having got
left by the Central on his way
from Fort Worth, where he had been
attending a meeting of the Trustees
of the Polytechnic College, appeared
at this office in a fine humor, good
health and in every way "sound on
the issue." He reports the recent
change in the Presidency of the
"Poly" as satisfactory to all parties,
and considers the future of that in-
stitution exceedingly hopeful.

—Bro. G. J. Penn, a member of
our Church in Waxahatche, writes
June 26: I reached home late yester-
day evening, June 25, to find my
home and all its contents burned up
at 3 o'clock p. m., Sunday evening
—all my family relics, with my
father's old family Bible, dating back
to 1770, all in ashes. My son Lee
and his young wife, living with us,
having come to visit her mother, also
lost all. Nothing was saved except
the clothes we had on. Our lovely
yard, wife's flower garden and green-
house, all in ashes. The beautiful
shade trees I planted years ago to sit
under in my old age, are now a desert
waste, but, thank God, we are all safe
and sound. [The above was left out-
last week by oversight.—ED.]

GENERAL.

—The address of Rev. E. G. Kilgore
is Seary, Ark.

—Rev. Quincy Ewing, an Episco-
palian preacher, formerly an assistant
of St. George's Church, St. Louis,
and afterward rector of Christ Church,

New Orleans, has surrendered his
credentials and gone into the practice
of law in St. Louis. He says there
is no way to get a man out of the
Episcopal Church when he once gets
in.

—The papers report the death of
Mount Sterling, Ky., of Mrs. Eliza-
beth Peters, wife of ex-Chief Justice
Peters, in her eightieth year.

—At the recent session of the Uni-
versity of Missouri the degree of
D. L. D. was conferred upon Dr. John
J. Tigert, our able book Editor at
Nashville.

—Mrs. Juliana Hays has resigned
the Presidency of the Woman's For-
eign Missionary Society, and he
place has been filled by the election of
Mrs. M. D. Wightman, widow of
Bishop Wightman.

—Bishop Galloway will sail for
Vancouver, July 16, on his episco-
pal visitation of the Japan and China
Conferences. He will be accompan-
ied by Rev. W. W. Wadsworth, of Wash-
ington, Ga., and they will visit the
Holy Land, and many places of in-
terest.

—Rev. E. W. S. Hammond, D. D.,
editor of the Southwestern Christian
Advocate, published at New Orleans
under the auspices of the M. E.
Church, North, is a colored man and
conducts a good paper, which is a cred-
it to himself and to his race. Instan-
cent issue of the N. O. Picayune
there is an extended notice of Dr.
Hammond's marriage to a colored
graduate of the New Orleans Univer-
sity. The nuptials were celebrated
in the chapel of that school in the
presence of a large and well dressed
congregation of negroes. The Picayune
says that the entire occasion re-
flected credit upon the bridal party
and the colored people in general of
that city.

SOUTHERN METHODISM.

—Temple Tribune: The Building
Committee let the contract for the new
Methodist Church on Monday, June
25, to Mr. L. C. Martin. The first
carload of rock for foundation has
already been unloaded on the ground.
The building will be of white brick,
trimmed with white stone, and will
be one of the handsomest and most
durable churches in Central Texas.
It will be set back fifteen feet from
the street, so as to preserve the beau-
tiful double row of trees. Rev. G. S.
Field organized the committee to
secure a church lot immediately upon
taking charge of the church the first
year. The result was the purchase of
the

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORENCE E. HOWELL.
All matter intended for this column should be addressed to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 28 Main Street, Dallas, Texas.

MY BEST.
I may perform no deed of great renown,
No glorious act, yet will not cease
To do my best.

I may not paint a perfect masterpiece,
Nor carve a statue to the world confessed
A masterpiece of art, yet will not cease
To do my best.

My name is not upon the roll of fame,
But on the page of common life I stand;
Yet I keep marking, marking just the same
To do my best.

Sometimes I sing a very simple song,
And send it forward to the East or West;
Altogether in situations it is strong,
To do my best.

Sometimes I write a very little hymn,
And send it forward to the East or West;
Altogether in situations it is strong,
To do my best.

And if I see some fellow traveler pass
Far, far above me, still with quiet tread
I keep on climbing, climbing toward the last
To do my best.

My very best, and if, at close of day,
When I sit down to rest, I say to myself,
I have done my best, I am content to rest,
To do my best.

It may not be the beautiful or grand,
But I must try to do my best,
For I know that to do what's best is grand,
To do my best.

And I'll keep on trying, trying to be true,
For I know that to do what's best is true,
And I'll keep on trying, trying to be true,
To do my best.

—Ann.

SCOTT'S EXERCISE FOR GIRLS.

Young women in search of physical culture are respectfully referred to the following rule, laid down by Mrs. Bridget McGuire, of New York:

"Take the *seize* in the hands, which should be held at half reach reversed grasp, allowing the bushy portion of the *seize* to rest upon the floor, and holding firmly to the upper end of the handle. Bend the body slightly forward, give the arms a horizontal movement, lift the *seize* slightly, and move one foot before the other. Repeat these movements until the *seize* has been brought in contact with every portion of the floor."

P. S.—*Seize* is the Latin word for broom!—Sunday School Visitor.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions convened in Atlanta, Ga., on the 8th of June, and continued its sessions in Trinity Church from day to day until 2 p. m., on Friday, the 15th.

The people of Atlanta received the members and visitors with the greatest cordiality and kindness. They attended the meetings well, and everything possible was done to make all welcome and comfortable.

In the absence of Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Wightman presided with her usual skill and grace. Thirty-nine members of the board were present, and the editors of the Woman's Mission-

ary Advocate, Little Worker, and of Leaflets.

It was gratifying to have a goodly number of missionaries present, who gave a pleasant variety to the proceedings, and created special interest in their respective mission fields. Miss Laura Haygood had just returned from China, and spoke several times to delighted audiences. Miss Jennie Atkinson was also from China, and all were pleased with her unaffected talks. Miss Mary Bruce, from Brazil; Mrs. McClendon, from Laredo, in the Mexican Border Mission, also represented their work clearly. Miss Carmen Cervantes, a native Mexican young woman, who was one of the three first converts in Laredo, was there. The impression she made by a recital of her conversion, and the quiet dignity, the simplicity and earnestness of her faith, made a profound impression.

Dr. D. C. Kelley preached the anniversary sermon, a unique combination of lecture and sermon, which was full of progressive ideas concerning the work of woman in the Church. The committee did their work faithfully, and their reports were generally adopted, though there were many spirited discussions in regard to the methods of carrying on the work at home and concerning the plans for prosecuting the foreign work, and making the appropriations. A minority report of one was brought in after the report on extension of work had been adopted. The appropriations were as follows: China, \$17,705; Brazil, \$9,270; Mexico, \$31,815; Indian Mission, \$5,000; Printing office and contingent, \$6,000. Total appropriations, \$70,190.

There were nine young women who had sent in their papers as missionary candidates: Misses Willie Bowman, St. Louis Conference; and Ida Shafer, Missouri; Miss Perkins, also from Missouri; and Miss Sanders, of South Carolina, were appointed to the Training School; Miss Lydia Glenn, of North Georgia, to Brazil; Miss Florence Steger, Southwest Missouri, to China; Miss Case, of the White River Conference Society, will go to Mexico; and Miss Ella Coffey's, of North Georgia, came before the board, but her papers are not yet received.

The report of the Secretary of Home Affairs was exhaustive in its suggestions and recommendations to the societies, and, if followed, will be a valuable help to the progress of the work.

The action taken by the General Conference was approved, and a resolution to that effect was unanimously adopted.

The election of officers for the next quadrennium closed this meeting, which had been one of special interest. Mrs. Hayes was elected Home Affairs President; Mrs. M. D. Lightfoot, President; Miss M. L. Gibson, Vice President; Mrs. D. H. McGee, Foreign Secretary; Mrs. S. C.

Trueheart, Secretary of Home Affairs; Mrs. T. B. Hargrove, Recording Secretary; Mrs. H. N. McCrete, Treasurer. Six Managers were also elected: Mrs. W. G. E. Cunningham, Mrs. D. W. Hendrix, Mrs. L. G. John, Mrs. H. H. Johnson, Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, of Nashville. The other members who compose this body are the C. responding Secretaries, who are elected by their own conference societies.

Dr. Walter Lambuth was with us two days with his educational exhibits of book, maps, and charts, and his talks were an inspiration to all.

There is not time nor space to write of the many prominent missionary workers who attended the meeting, nor of the ministers who were there to help and encourage.

Mrs. A. W. Wilson was elected editor of Leaflets.

Many thanks are due Dr. Walker Lewis, pastor of Trinity Church, for his continued kindness.—Nashville Advocate.

It is proposed by the Argentine Government to make an extended survey of the mineral resources of that country.

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is a dangerous condition directly due to depleted or impure blood. It should be allowed to continue, as in its debility the system is especially liable to serious attacks of illness. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the remedy for such a condition, as it purifies the blood, which prevails at the change of season, climate or life.

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PROGRAM FOR WAXAHACHIE DISTRICT SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONFERENCE.
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PREACHING PROGRAM.
Wednesday, 11 a. m., sermon by J. M. Armstrong.
Wednesday, 8.30 p. m., sermon by C. H. Boring.
Thursday, 11 a. m., sermon by N. B. Read.

8. S. CONFERENCE PROGRAM.
1. The best method of primary teaching, in an essay by Mrs. G. Rawlins.
2. Topic: The Pastor's Place in the Sunday-School, J. D. Odom, J. H. Edwards.
3. Wanted—More spirituality in the Sunday-school and how it is to be attained, J. M. Baker, J. E. Walker. Essay, by Miss Beale Patten.
4. Way: How to prepare a sermon for the children? J. A. Walkup, Prof. Wyck.
5. Should teachers hold teachers' meetings? Prof. W. W. Works and J. M. Armstrong.
6. Preparation of the lesson and how to teach it, Prof. Packard, C. L. Browning.
7. Are the International Lessons as used beneficial or harmful? W. H. Moss, W. A. Caffee.
8. Essay: How to induce young people to take greater interest in Sunday-school work, by Mrs. W. E. Ward.

9. Under what circumstances, if any, should we encourage union Sunday-schools? Prof. Bivings, J. L. Sullivan.
10. The importance of special efforts, at stated times, for the conversion of Sunday-school scholars, B. R. Bolton, Mr. Pankey.
11. How to succeed in mission Sunday-schools in town and cities, J. H. Summerlin, N. B. Read.

SECOND DAY.
Opening with religious services.
12. Upon what ground does the Sunday-schools deserve our sympathy and support of all good people, M. E. Hawkins, H. C. Jones (Milford).
13. Does the Sunday-school of help to make strong Christians of our young people, G. J. Irvin, J. V. Clark.
14. How are we preparing teachers for the future, and can anything be done to procure better teachers? M. R. Davis, A. M. Curry.
15. How to treat strangers, R. D. Moon, B. E. Forrester.
16. The importance of a uniform hymnal for Sunday-schools, B. A. Thompson, J. M. Edmondson.
17. Importance of Sunday-school conventions, S. W. Lowe, W. Crow.

THURSDAY, JULY 26.
Opening with religious services.
1. Subject—Organization of District Epworth League Conferences.
2. Epworth League as a spiritual force, W. E. Ward.
Attitude of Epworth Leagues toward worldly amusements, N. B. Read.
3. Epworth Leagues as a training

school for Church and Sunday-school work, J. M. Armstrong.
First speakers on subjects limited to ten minutes; others five minutes on discussion of topics. One delegate from each Sunday-school for every twenty-five members, two for fifty, same in proportion for larger membership. Each Sunday-school in the district is urgently requested to send one or more delegates. Superintendents of Sunday schools are members ex officio of this conference. Every body interested in Sunday-school work will gain much by attending.
JOHN S. DAVIS,
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A. M. DICMAN,
Committee.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONFERENCE.
The Sunday school Convention for Waxahachie District will meet here July 25 and 26. Opening sermon July 25 at 10 o'clock, as published in the program. Delegates will report at 10 o'clock. We hope to make your visit pleasant. Your diet will be light and cheap, thereby improving your health, and in turn we hope you will improve our minds. Come one, come all.
F. M. WINBURNE,
LANCASTER, TEXAS.

CHURCH DEDICATION AT CENTER.
Rev. W. C. Black, D. D., editor New Orleans Christian Advocate, author of "Christian Church and Home," will dedicate our church at the second Sunday in August. All former pastors are cordially invited to attend.
A. J. WEEKS,
CENTER, TEXAS.

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.
Change of Date.
After hearing the preferences of brethren I change the date of New Mexico Conference from October 4 to September 6.
JOSEPH S. KEY.

CONCURRENCE.
The delegates elected to the Annual Conference from the Greenville District: Wm. G. Perkins, Jas. Church, A. P. Ball and F. L. Coe. Alternates were Grounds and England.
F. L. COE,
ALLEN, TEXAS.

ANOTHER VICTORY.
Another victory for prohibition! The town of Windom went dry last Saturday by a majority of 6 to 1.
CHAS. H. PEELE.

LOST HORSE.
Dear brethren, I have lost my horse; got away Monday, the 2d of this month. He is gray, sixteen hands high, branded thus O—O on right shoulder, lamp in right nostril, brown spot on back, behind right shoulder. I will pay \$10 to any one that will deliver him to me at Winchester, Fayette County, Texas.
J. W. HARMON, P. C.

REUNION AT LULING.
We will have a "Church family reunion of members" in the Methodist Church, Luling, Texas, on the first Sunday in September, 1894. All former pastors and presiding elders invited. This includes Prairie Lea and Luling membership.
E. K. DENTON.

CAMP-MEETINGS.
There will be a camp-meeting at Cedar Bayou, Harris County, beginning July 27. We solicit the presence and help of Christian workers.
G. S. SANDEL, P. C.

The Milford Circuit Camp-meeting begins on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July and will run ten days or more.
S. W. LOWE.

UNANSWERED LETTERS.
JUNE 25.
Wm Sproule, sub. W. B. McKeown, sub. W. F. Mayne, sub. J. T. Bludworth, sub. B. C. Littlepage, sub. S. N. Allen, sub. J. R. Nelson, sub. M. W. Rogers, sub. C. A. Evans, sub. W. J. Sims, sub. M. S. Hotchkiss, sub. J. T. Stanley, sub. R. M. Stewart, sub. J. W. Story, sub. John Slaughter, sub. T. T. Booth, sub. J. H. Adams, sub. D. W. Ward, sub. F. B. Carroll, sub. G. S. Sexton, sub. T. E. Sherwood, sub. J. W. Morrow, sub. J. M. Alexander, sub. M. M. Smith, sub. G. S. Hardy, sub. C. W. Godwin, sub. J. C. Mickie, sub. J. P. Lowry, sub. J. W. Sanborn, sub. J. C. Archer, sub. E. G. Houston, sub. J. W. Murphy, sub. J. B. Adair, sub. Chas. Davis, sub.

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SAVED HER LIFE.

Nervous Debility the Result of Chronic Catarrh.

Mrs. D. C. Lewis, of Independence, Mo., writes: "The Peruna Drug Manufacturing Company—I had been sick for fourteen years with nervous debility and chronic catarrh. I had tried three of our best physicians, but failed to get any relief. I have taken five bottles of Peruna in connection with Man-a-lin, and feel entirely well. I know that Peruna has saved my life."

Depression of the nervous system from chronic diseases of any kind is quite likely to cause a condition of the mucous membranes of the nose and throat as nearly resembling catarrh that many times they are identical. Beside the usual symptoms of catarrh, the patient has brown specks before his eyes, slight dizziness, roaring in the ears, attacks of nervous headache, palpitation of the heart, flashes of heat, followed by slight chills, sensations of faintness, depression, despondency, forebodings, foolish fears, and many other symptoms. Peruna has, again and again, been found to be of great value in such cases. The first dose gives prompt relief, and the persistent use of it for a reasonable time will permanently cure cases of long standing.

A complete medical treatise on catarrh and catarrhal diseases will be sent free to any address by The Peruna Drug Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio.

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Nothing Strange.
Intelligent people should realize the important part the blood holds in keeping the body in a normal condition, and nothing strange in the number of diseases that Hood's Sarsaparilla is able to cure. So many troubles result from impure blood that the best way to treat them is through the blood, and it is far better to use only his medicines, vegetable compounds than to dose with quinine, calomel and other drugs. By treating the blood, with Hood's Sarsaparilla, scrofula, skin-rumors and other troubles called "humors," dizziness, catarrh, rheumatism, neuralgia, consumption and other troubles that originate in impurities of the blood or impaired circulation, can all be cured.

Australian provincial officials keep poison grain in their offices for the benefit of farmers who wish to destroy small birds.

WHERE WILL YOU SPEND THE SUMMER?
The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway has an attractive list of Summer Resorts reached via its lines. Before you decide where to go, ask some agent of the B. & O. S. W. for a copy or write O. P. McGary, General Passenger Agent, St. Louis, Mo.

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BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

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OUR NEWEST EDUCATIONAL ADVANCE.

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Attractive side trips to Niagara Falls, Toronto, Canada, Chautauque and other points by boat and rail, at cheap rates, will be arranged from Cleveland. Texas is the rallying point for the State. At 7:30 p. m., on Monday, July 16th, the special excursion cars will leave there over the "Cotton Belt Route" for Memphis and then via the L. & N. to Cincinnati and via the Big Four to Cleveland, arriving there in time for the opening exercises on Wednesday evening. This is the official route selected by Rev. H. G. Scudder, Excursion Manager for Texas delegates and visitors, who will give all necessary information and will mail an itinerary of the trip, giving details, to all persons writing him in reference thereto at Longview, Texas, or A. A. GLISSON, S. G. WARNER, T. P. A. & G. P. O., Tyler, Texas.

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A plant is being installed at Niagara which will produce a 200,000-horse power of electric current.

By some persons it is claimed that "be-leaguer" is the longest word in the English language, because there are three miles between its first and last letter.

When you go to Eureka Springs stop at Southern Hotel. Rates reasonable.

MARRIAGES.

FULTON—VALLEY.—On July 8, 1894, in Ferris, Texas, Mr. S. R. Fulton and Miss Roxie Valley, Rev. F. M. Winburne officiating.

GREENSHIELD—MAY.—Mr. W. H. Greenshield, of San Antonio, and Miss Ada C. May, at the home of the bride's father, in Schulenburg, Texas, on July 4, 1894. Rev. J. C. Wilson officiating.

OBITUARIES.

The space allowed for obituaries is strictly limited, and it is requested that notices should be brief and to the point. Notices should be sent to the printer at least one week before the date of publication. Notices should be sent to the printer at least one week before the date of publication. Notices should be sent to the printer at least one week before the date of publication.

POETRY CAN IN NO CASE BE INSERTED. Extra copies of paper containing obituaries can be procured if ordered when manuscript is sent. For five cents.

YEARGAN.—Nathan A., infant son of Ed. and Sule Yeargan, was born in Dallas, October 22, 1893, and died June 8, 1894, at the age of sixteen months. His father, Mr. Yeargan, was a native of the State of Texas, and his mother, Mrs. Yeargan, was a native of the State of Texas. They were both members of the Methodist Church.

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THE JEFFERSON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

On the 28th day of June the Jefferson District Conference met at New Boston in its twenty-eighth session, with Bro. O. P. Thomas, presiding elder, in the chair. The roll was called and the absentees, all among the lay delegation, were noted. W. A. Kelsey was elected Secretary and V. T. Burch, Assistant Secretary.

The business of the conference glided smoothly by with no friction whatever, while the religious feature of the occasion predominated. The brethren from the rural districts preached as good, if not better, sermons than we often hear from those who occupy more lofty positions. We went to have a good spiritual time, a genuine baptism of the Holy Spirit. We received it. We are all glad that we attended the District Conference at New Boston, and will always remember it with fondness.

Bro. Moore sang several solos for us that brought the conference to shout and tears. It seemed that the Holy Spirit was in the preaching, the singing and the talking.

The General Conference having changed the boundaries of the Annual Conference so as to place all of this district in the Texas Conference, a resolution was adopted requesting them to hold the session for 1895 within the bounds of the Jefferson District. Texasiana and Jefferson will be the probable candidates.

Bro. R. Lane was in attendance in unusual strength for one of his age, and preached Sunday morning at the Methodist Church. We heard no dissatisfaction whatever expressed at the action of the General Conference in placing the district in the Texas Conference. A more loyal set of people never lived than these members in the Jefferson District.

W. A. Kelsey, T. J. Wilson, J. T. Hicks, and T. W. Shackelford were elected delegates to the Annual Conference.

Daingerfield was selected as the place for the next session of the conference.

The good people of New Boston entertained the conference in royal style and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves to their utmost capacity.

Bro. Thomas presided with his usual ease and dignity that wins the love of his people. His ministry here has been a blessing to us.

W. A. KELSEY, Secretary.

TERRELL DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Terrell District Conference met in its twenty-sixth session at Will Point, Texas, June 28, 1894.

The presiding elder, C. B. Fladger, presided in the chair. The religious wisdom and tact in the manipulation of the District Conference. Questions of law, parliamentary usage, spiritual matters, and timely advice seem to be a part of his general make-up. From the very first the spiritual feature was paramount. God met with us often and every member felt strongly warmed within.

There were eighty-two members on the roll, fifty-three of whom were present. Only one pastor out of twelve was absent—D. J. Martin, who was absent because of a great revival in Kaufman. Out of twenty-six local preachers thirteen were present—just over half. By means of recent legislation their non-attendance will, no doubt, be permanently corrected. Among forty-five delegates eight were new members to the roll. The blinding case seems to have been the harvesting of grain crops.

Dr. McLean was on hand with his cheering account of Southwestern University and its prosperous condition. He preached a most excellent sermon on "The Safeguards to National and Individual Life." Rev. W. H. Vaughan appeared in the interest of our Methodist Orphanage at Waco. His convincing and pathetic address elicited the collection of \$205.15 for his cause.

The various topics discussed by the brethren revealed a rapid growth in all our interests and a happy progress in spiritual life. Throughout the district the pastors reported a healthy condition. Successful revivals have been held at some places. At others, the season of divine grace is just opening with every indication of a brilliant and triumphant year all over the district.

Revs. W. W. Graham, Kirby, Towns and Schofield were introduced as visiting brethren. The W. P. and H. M. Society failed to have a regular meeting in connection with the session. Sister Parcell and the district officials for some cause were not present. Sisters Ansley, of Kemp, and McLeod, of Terrell, were delegates present. Both by resolution and general sentiment the pastorate recognizes this movement as a decided aid to the preacher and a strong arm of the Church.

The Committee on District Parsonage reported on debt on property and its rental for \$10 per month. They report the building in great need of

repair, since it was purchased in a dilapidated condition. They recommended that after January 1, 1895, the presiding elder raise \$800 and, with the Board of Trustees as a building committee, proceed to apply the money as necessity demands and their judgment directs. The report was adopted.

Some resolutions of importance were passed by the body. A resolution calling for the revival of the old-time class-meeting; another directing that Sunday-school Superintendents employ none but religious teachers; another pledging our support to and labor for the Texas Christian Advocate; another commending and congratulating the W. C. T. U. of Van Zandt County for their warfare against whisky; and one of thanks. All were adopted by our session.

Two tributes of respect were ordered to be spread upon the record. One respecting the recent death of Sister B. H. Scott, of Terrell, the wife of one of our truest and noblest of Sunday-school workers. Another in reference to Geo. T. Nichols, the late presiding elder of Terrell District; a man who died mantled with loyalty and enshrined in human memory. Sleeping in the dust of Terrell District, his memory lived in the hearts of the entire pastorate, which he loved.

J. M. Franklin, Dr. W. B. D. Seafelds, J. W. Rueler and Rev. J. E. Russell were elected delegates to Annual Conference; alternates: R. W. Gillespie and J. M. Nickens. Forney was chosen to entertain the next session of the District Conference.

A. A. Thomas, Dr. McLean, P. C. Archer, L. P. Lively, D. T. Brown, J. H. White, J. Marvin Nichols, J. W. Hill, A. H. Brewer, J. B. Adams, J. A. Kerr and T. M. Kirk filled the pulpits during the conference.

But one objectionable feature could be found to the session, and that was the tendency among the members to go home on Saturday.

Withal it was a benediction, and the kindness and sympathy of the citizens of Will Point will always be a time of sweet remembrance to those who shared their hospitality.

J. MARVIN NICHOLS, Secretary.

CALVERT DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The twelfth annual session of the Calvert District Conference, Texas Annual Conference, convened in the Methodist Church, at Franklin, Texas, June 25, 1894. Fred L. Allen, presiding elder, in the chair.

All the pastors, except one, and eight local preachers were present. Our two superannuates, Bro. W. K. Turner and W. G. Nelms, were also with us, and both preached for us during the session. These veterans are full of zeal, and the old fire is burning yet; but their gray hairs show that they are now spiritually where, in their younger ministry, they were literally "on the border."

Eighteen delegates were present. Drs. S. M. Godbey and J. R. Allen were with us representing their respective schools; and both these brethren preached for us. The preaching throughout the session was harmonious, the people kind and appreciative, and, altogether, it will long be remembered by us as a gracious time.

Though only five Epworth Leagues were reported, these were represented as being in a healthy condition and growing. The sentiment against dram-drinking and worldly amusements is increasing among our members and getting stronger among the people generally; and the members of the conference pledged themselves to do all the harm they can on every available occasion to this great evil—this national curse.

There were 37 Sunday-schools, with 215 teachers and 2235 pupils, reported. Every school except one was represented as doing well. The committee, in making their report, affirmed that every member of the Church ought to be an official, a teacher, or a pupil in the Sunday-school. In connection with education they spoke in terms of high approval of the management and success of Chappell Hill Female College and Southwestern University, and urged that the pastors make it a part of their business to see that their people are fully apprised of the advantages offered by these schools.

The salaries of the preachers in the district are about 55 per cent paid, with the collections about 27 per cent in hand. Houses of worship and parsonages are, as a general thing, in very good condition. There is some missionary ground in our district unoccupied by preachers, and it was recommended that the necessary steps be taken to send the gospel to these within the bounds of our district who have it not.

The reports as to the spiritual condition of the Church were encouraging, the prayer-meetings are well attended, and interest in all departments of Church work seems to be increasing. The membership is growing in numbers and spirituality, and many things were noted that call for thankfulness on the part of preachers and people. Nevertheless, there is "somewhat against" us in the fact that some of our people have not that reverence for the Sabbath which they should have for the day of the Lord, and many omit family prayer. There were those in the conference "who could recollect when every head of a family, almost without exception, was the high priest of the family, and laid upon the altar the morning and evening sacrifice," and when the Sabbath was regarded as God's holy day.

Some of the Quarterly Conference Records were reported as having inaccuracies, but in the main they were well kept.

J. D. Stett, J. E. Crawford, J. C. Beard and W. C. Hart were elected delegates to the Annual Conference, and B. G. Gill and G. D. Rand were elected alternates.

Hearne was selected as the place

where the Calvert District Conference will convene in 1895.

All through the session of this conference the brethren did not lose sight of one fact, viz: that with this conference year is severed the official connection of our beloved presiding elder with this district, this being his fourth year of consecutive service in that relation. He has been over this district (with some slight intermissions) almost from its formation, twelve years ago, so that Fred L. Allen and Calvert District have almost grown up together, so to speak.

He found it a weak and tender plant, and leaves it a vigorous vine, spreading a sheltering foliage and yielding abundant fruit. On Saturday morning while the congregation sang, "O, for a closer walk with God," the people pressed forward and grasped Bro. Allen's hand. Later in the day the following resolution was read, unanimously adopted and the Secretary directed to have it published in the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE:

"Resolved, That we, the preachers and people of Calvert District, Texas Conference, tender to our beloved presiding elder, Rev. Fred L. Allen, our hearty expression of love and thankfulness for his faithful service in the discharge of his duties as presiding elder while upon this district; and, while we regret the severance of ties between us, we shall ever pray that God will abundantly bless him in his labors for Christ."

The congregation stood and sang "Blest be the tie that binds," and again the brethren and friends pressed forward, and while tears were flowing freely, gave Bro. Allen the parting hand.

A resolution of thanks to the hospitable citizens of Franklin was unanimously adopted.

Sunday morning we had a delightful love-feast—a rich and hallowed time. This was followed by a magnificent sermon by Rev. J. C. Mickle, and this by the administration of the sacrament. Rev. W. K. Turner, preached at night, and thus closed a memorable meeting.

The resolution of thanks to the citizens of which the preacher in charge, Rev. G. H. Phair, contributed much by his courteous and clever management.

T. S. WILLIFORD, Secretary Conference.

KERRVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The fourth District Conference of Kerrville (the old San Angelo) District met at Kerrville, Texas, June 23, 1894. M. A. Black, presiding elder, presided, and did it well.

The pastors were all in attendance except J. W. Sims, kept at home by illness of his wife.

The attendance of lay delegates was small. Considering the almost famine throughout most of the district, the reports of progress were remarkably good. The absence of special stringency! No such word expresses the condition on several of the charges in the western part of this district.

Starvation comes nearer telling it—many families of good working people going for months without a pound of meat in the house! When the preacher comes they have bread and a tea made from a wild weed. The presiding elder, after a large charge ate of the bread and drank of this weed tea, and found nothing else, and this the regular diet of these good people. Yet these have divided, and still divide with their preachers; and these preachers are staying and doing the work.

In some cases a preacher with six in a family—a man who can preach so bravely in the pulpit—has received for eight months' work less than \$75. He had nothing to begin with, and is still out of debt.

Some parts of the district are prospering. On an average for the district 37 per cent has been paid on salaries, and 12 per cent on conference collections. One charge reports all domestic mission money paid and sent off. Another, 50 per cent of all conference assessments paid. Another, all assessed in good subscriptions and over.

But better than all this, there have been fine revivals in some places, many accessions and clear conversions. The Sunday-school Committee in its report resolved the conference into holding a Sunday-school Conference Saturday afternoon. Had a good program and a good time.

League work is on the up-grade and shows hopeful signs. Conference, through their Committee on Books and Periodicals, recognized the official relation of the Epworth Advocate (or is it Era?) and pledged loyalty to it. And of the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, by the same committee, it was said, "Our own conference organ still holds the fort and covers the ground. We approve the work of our publisher and editors, and pledge them our continued sympathy and co-operation. We have one of the best, and I need no other conference organ. Feeling it to be a necessity to an intelligent Methodist membership in Texas, we recommend to laymen, as well as pastors, to spare no effort to put the TEXAS ADVOCATE in every Methodist family."

A special committee to whom were referred certain documents bearing upon the peculiar situation at Mason, in a report, which was adopted, brought in the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the cordial sympathy and endorsement of this District Conference be accorded the pastor, Rev. D. O. McAdams, and the trustees in their proposed appeal to the Board of Church Extension and to the Church at large for aid in acquiring such property as will secure the stability of our cause and make it possible for Southern Methodism to accomplish its mission in that important center."

Following are sundry resolutions passed by the conference:

"Resolved, That we request the Secretary to send a synopsis of the

proceedings of the conference, together with the resolutions passed, to the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE."

Resolved, Thanks to the secretaries for faithful and efficient work.

Resolved, That it be our very great satisfaction to have in the future at our District Conference Rev. J. B. Cox, of Southwestern University, and that we have heard from him with great pleasure of the marked and continued prosperity of the Southwestern University.

Also the following preamble and resolutions:

"Whereas, We learn with deep regret of the purpose of our brother and co-laborer, Rev. R. M. Chenault, to leave us and return to his former conference in the East,

Resolved, 1. That our association with him and his labors among us have been pleasant and profitable to us.

2. That we feel deep sorrow at the thought of being separated from our brother in our future labors.

3. That we beg to assure him that we shall follow him with our interest and prayers wherever his lot may be cast in coming years. Praying that none of the physical good he has gained from Texas' excellent climate may be lost by the change, and, above all, that the riches of grace may continue with him all along life's way.

Whereas, Rev. M. A. Black has now been with us four years in the capacity of presiding elder of the Kerrville District; and,

Whereas, Under the law of our Church he can not remain longer among us holding this relation to the Church and to us; therefore

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A very interesting and successful meeting of the Parsonage and Home Mission Society was held, several delegates being present. Mrs. Purcell made a fine impression that will certainly bear fruit in the future.