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Editorial.

THE OUTLOOK FOR PROHIBITION.

In the Dallas Morning News of March 23, we find the following interesting and encouraging interview:

Rev. George W. Owens, of Oak Cliff, who is the prohibition leader of Dallas County, met Round About yesterday and said: "The day is rapidly approaching when the word 'Texas' will be a synonym for sobriety. Surely men who read the News ought to be able to see the handwriting on the wall by this time. Under the local option laws of the State prohibition has been marching steadily on until at least one-half of the State's population is living under prohibition law. The work has but commenced and the predictions frequently made that within five years Texas will be a prohibition State is by no means an idle prophecy. As for the city of Dallas, you may say this for me: We have refrained from calling an election so far in order that men who have money invested in the whisky business might see the drift of events and close up their business and get into something else. Men who are putting money into the business with the present lights before them will have only themselves to blame if they are caught in the cyclone. It will not be in order for them to say that they invested their money in good faith without warning. The question is going to be fought out squarely."

"Are you going to have an election ordered for the county or for the city of Dallas?"

"We will make the fight in the city of Dallas when the time comes. The rural precincts are pretty well under prohibition law already. It will be a square up and down, straight out fight in the city, and from a close investigation I believe this city will place its stamp of disapproval upon the saloon in no uncertain manner. Conditions have vastly changed since 1887, and people of all classes have changed their views by the hundred. It has been pretty well demonstrated that whisky is not an element of progress, but an element that is threatening the ruin of our civilization."

We believe that the above is a fine summary of the facts. The friends of prohibition in Texas have every reason to rejoice. Within the last month three large counties, like Collin, Fannin and Johnson, have gone for local option. Several small counties have done so. A great many villages and precincts have done likewise. Elections have been ordered in many places, and it is a very significant thing that when prohibition is defeated it is by a very small majority. Denton County was saved to the antis by about 100 majority.

The people of Texas are quietly and deliberately making up their minds to close the saloons. The liquor men know it and are becoming alarmed. This recent declaration that the question of the constitutionality of the local option laws would be fought from the lowest courts to the highest is a symptom of the profound uneasiness and, at the same time, a bluff game. That a State in the exercise of its police powers has a right to prohibit the whisky business has been decided so often and so emphatically that to raise the point is proof either of downright imbecility or of an attempt to overawe chicken-hearted and timid friends of the cause. Prohibition is constitutional, and if there should happen to be some faulty points in our own special laws we can and will remedy them. If we could win on every other part of the ground as easily as we can on the purely legal aspects we would have a phenomenal walk-over.

The papers bring us good news every day. Let us hold the ground and win more. Let us settle it that we will fight to the bitter end. Let it be understood that every Methodist is an eternal and uncompromising foe of the liquor traffic. Let nothing turn us from our crusade. Let us see to it that our purpose to crush this giant evil ramifies and permeates our hearts. Let us listen to nothing that would turn us from this campaign—neither the siren voice that would bribe, nor the angry threat that would intimidate. Let us take our sons and daughters to the altar, and like the old Carthaginian, swear them to everlasting hostility to the foul domination of the whisky cause. Ah! the ruin wrought by this monster evil! No imagination can adequately conceive it, and neither tongue nor pen can adequately describe it. This old serpent has drawn its poisonous and slimy trail over almost every fireside, and he who has not been touched either directly or indirectly by his death-breeding fangs, is an exception to the rule.

In this battle we have already gained a splendid vantage-ground, and we must utilize it to the uttermost. We have heaped up an immense capital, and we must invest it so wisely that the future will yield magnificent returns.

All honor to the brave men who have led the vanguard, and who were the first to enter the breach! Let the friends of temperance draw the sword and fling the scabbard away. The fiat has gone forth. The hand-writing is on the wall.

CONNECTIONAL NEWS.

Louisville Methodism will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the convention of delegates which organized the M. E. Church, South. Bishop Hendrix will deliver the historical address. There will be other attractive features.

The Methodist preachers of Nashville, Tennessee, passed resolutions oppropriate to the death of Dr. John A. Broadus, the distinguished Baptist divine.

The committee appointed to select the place for the next session of the General Conference, will meet in Nashville, Tennessee, May 2, 1895. Dallas intends to bid for it and hopes to get it.

The late Dr. Landon C. Garland requested his daughter to present to the Randolph-Macon College, immediately after his death, a copy of Clarke's Commentary in eight volumes. This book was given to him by Dr. Stephen Olin. The college has received the valuable gift.

Dr. H. C. Morrison will preach the commencement sermon for Trinity College. Dr. W. F. Tillett will preach on a similar occasion for Wofford.

A great revival of religion is in progress among the students of Emory College.

Dr. D. C. Kelley, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., is conducting a protracted meeting of interest among the students of Vanderbilt University.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

The Rock River Conference of the M. E. Church will hereafter require all its undergraduates to undergo a written examination.

The Interior celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary by appearing in a most beautiful dress, and in a greatly enlarged form. Three thousand dollars were expended upon this single issue. The editorial genius of Dr. W. C. Gray and the business sagacity of Cyrus H. McCormick have produced a Christian newspaper which easily leads the procession.

The English Wesleyans are going to organize a movement similar to our American Epworth Leagues to be called the Wesleyan Guild. Abundant provision is being made for the lambs of the flock.

Michigan Advocate:

Rev. Dr. A. B. Leonard said at the St. Louis Conference: "Bishop Ninde in his visitation to China a few weeks ago made a profound impression which will not soon pass away. At one of our Chinese conferences he baptized 134 converts; at one time there were 500 kneeling about the great altar place at the camp-meeting. The testimonies were full of power; indeed, for a wonder, there were genuine explosive Methodistic shouts in some of the services. These facts indicate one phase of the victories won in China during the past year, which has been the greatest year of progress and triumph in our history as a missionary organization. Dr. Maclay spent nine years in China as our pioneer worker in Foochow, before a single convert was won. It took nine years of drilling down into the bedrock of heathenism before space could be made for enough gospel dynamite to blow out a single Chinese soul from its native setting. Now, however, there are in the Foochow Conference alone more than 10,000 native Christians."

CURRENT EVENTS.

China and Japan.

It is generally believed that peace will be made between China and Japan upon the following conditions: China will concede the independence of Corea, yield Formosa to Japan, pay a war indemnity of $250,000,000, and grant Japan the right to occupy Port Arthur and Wei-Hai-Wei for a term of years. Thus far there has been no cessation of hostilities. Japan is still in the field and the Japanese Parliament has granted an additional subsidy of 100,000,000 yen. Just as we go to press we learn from the dispatches that a young Japanese made an attempt to assassinate Li Hung Chang by shooting him in the face. The Japanese Government has disowned the act and done everything in its power to assure the Chinese Peace Commissioner of its sympathy and regard. The Government profoundly regrets the affair. A later report indicates that the wound is fatal.

Bismarck's Birthday.

Lately the German Reichstag refused to vote an address of congratulation to Bismarck on the occasion of his eightieth birthday. It seems that the Socialists and Radicals, who had felt the pressure of his iron hand in other days, defeated the measure. This stirred the nation, and now it is practically settled that March 31 will be a day given up to the lionizing and toasting of the aged statesman. Great Britain and Germany propose to stand by and honor their grand old men.

The Income Tax.

A tremendous effort is being made to have the income tax law declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court. The law has been assailed by Ex-Senator Edmunds and Joseph H. Choate, and defended by Attorney-General Olney and James C. Carter. The contest is said to have been a veritable battle of the giants. There is much popular interest in the matter and a decision is expected about April 1.

Arraigned for Libel.

Chas. A. Dana has been charged with criminal libel by Frank B Noyes. Mr. Dana was arrested and released upon his own recognizance. The suit grows out of a long-standing quarrel between two news-gathering agencies—the United Press and the Associated Press. The defendant is President of the one, and the plaintiff is a director of the latter. Mr. Dana is considered the Nestor of American journalism and this fact alone will give the case unusal notoriety.

The Louisiana Lottery.

The last Congress passed a law which is considered the death warrant of this thoroughly infamous institution. Senators Brice and Gorman made a desperate effort to prevent this legislation. To Senator Hoar belongs, primarily, the honor of having secured the passage of the bill antagonistic to the lottery. It was signed by the President just a few minutes before the adjournment of Congress.

The Bible of W. B. Travis.

The Senate passed a bill to purchase the Bible once owned by a Texas hero, W. B. Travis, who fell in the battle of the Alamo. The price to be paid is $1000. The bill was passed with practical unanimity and with considerable enthusiasm. Texas is beginning to show a just appreciation of famous relics of the War of Independence.

THE PRESS.

The Independent makes the following valuable and timely suggestion to those who have charge of missionary matters:

The unimpeded advance of Japan into the Chinese territory and the confession of defeat by China, implied in sending Li Hung Chang as a plenipotentiary to make peace, will compel China to recognize that she must accept Western education and culture as Japan has already done. This means that immediately after the war there is likely to be a very great call for Western teachers, and there should be developed a number of schools and colleges of the highest character in China. China should become immediately on the close of the war the great mission field of the Christian world. But this also means that it is not so much many missionaries that are needed as missionaries of the highest ability and culture. We therefore call upon our Mission Boards to exercise for the next ten years unusual care in the selection of missionaries, and to send not one that is a moderate man, not one that would not be regarded as a man of mark here at home. They should be men who are of very superior scholarship and of wisdom; men like three or four who could be mentioned, who have been worth a dozen ordinary missionaries in Japan. There will be wanted no narrow men, no cranks, no men lacking in sympathy, none who can not see what is good in Chinese life and character, or in the ethics which have been taught by Chinese sages. We need men there who have a sense of modern science and learning, a delight in it and a faith in it: that is, the very best men that our theological seminaries and our technical schools can turn out, and we want no others. It is better to have too few than too many. "Unum sed leonem" is a good motto.

The Outlook, in a recent issue, said some strong, plain things about the "social evil." In justification of his conduct the editor says:

"We are reluctant to speak of this topic in these columns; but there are times when the disagreeable is a duty. When there are politicians contriving plans that licentiousness may be made safe, doctors declaring that it is a hygienic necessity, lying defamers affirming that all men are impure, immoral moralists apologizing for vice, and even wives and mothers half persuaded that Christianity has no better message for the fallen woman than "Go and sin in safety," it is time to speak plainly.

In last week's issue of the Christian Advocate, New York, Gen. Rusling devoted some four or five columns to the attempt to prove that Gen. R. E. Lee was very much inferior to Gen. U. S. Grant as a military commander. The elaborate article undertook to show that the great Southernor was a second-rate General, and utterly unworthy of the high reputation which has been accorded to him so freely by Europe, and even the North. We were surprised to see the communication in this paper—a paper distinguished for the courtesy and justice with which it always treats the South. We were glad to see that in the next issue the editor dissents from the opinion of his correspondent. He says:

The article last week on Gen. Lee, by Gen. Rusling, attracted, as we supposed it would, much attention. The General's estimate, so frankly given, assigns to Gen. Lee a lower position than has been accorded to him by most of the critics of Europe and America, best qualified to estimate him strictly as a military leader. We know that we are incompetent to judge comprehensively on such questions. During the war, however, as we read with intense and never failing interest all accounts of battles, and conversed with various officers, from a corporal to Gen. Grant, we formed the impression that Robert E. Lee was a very great General. Our impression may be worth nothing; but this seems certain, that in the ratio that Lee's rank as a General is lowered, that of those whom he successfully resisted for four years must descend. Therefore we can but feel that the high elevation given most justly in the article to several of the eminent commanders who encountered Gen. Lee requirers a higher opinion of his abilities as a commander than Gen. Rusling seems to admit.

This is a question to be decided without respect to the right or wrong of the cause, and in a colorless state of mind, so far as feeling is concerned; otherwise a decision, right or wrong, is merely accidental.

PERSONAL.

TEXAS.

We are authorized to announce that the address of Rev. J. M. Martin is Short, Texas.

Capt. J. H. Collard, a Texas veteran and father of Rev. J. H. Collard, is reported dangerously sick in Abilene.

Bishop J. S. Key dedicated a new Methodist Church, six miles from Denison, Sunday, March 24. One thousand people were said to be present.

Rev. W. N. Bonner, of Tyler, has been confined to his home quite awhile from sickness. We are glad to note that he is rapidly convalescing.

We acknowledge a call from Dr. Patton, of Oak Cliff, and Prof. R. B. George, of Chicago, a teacher of vocal music and Director of Musical Festivals.

Rev. J. B. Cole, of Wheatland, called to see us also, and our absence from the city deprived us of the pleasure of meeting him. He reports his large work in fine shape.

Rev. Harry May has been elected Chaplain of the penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas. The appointment under the circumstances is quite complimentary. We dare that he will prove faithful and efficient.

The New Orleans Advocate says: Rev. R. M. Powers, of the North Texas Conference, preached two excellent sermons last Sunday at Carondelet Street Church. He is in the city on a visit to his wife, who is here under medical treatment.

Rev. W. L. Nelms, presiding elder of the Georgetown District, contributed an interesting and valuable article to the symposium in the interest of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Society in the Christian Advocate, Nashville, of recent date.

A birthday card was received this week from Rev. F. M. Winburn, of Richland, Texas. We shall not give away his age, but simply remark that by reversing the figures 45, the reader will have an idea of the number of years the brother has been on this sphere.

We had recently a highly appreciated call from Rev. I. S. Ashburn, the able and popular pastor of our leading Church in Sherman. Our very enjoyment of the chat caused us to forget to make the notice at the proper time. We frankly acknowledge that we "go wool-gathering" occasionally.

Bro. Beverly L. Rogers, a stanch layman of the Bethel Circuit, called to see us last week. We regret that we missed him. We have known him long and favorably, and would have enjoyed a talk with him. Bro. Rogers takes the Advocate and has eight married children, seven of whom do likewise.

Rev. A. B. Roberts, of the DeLeon pastoral charge, is in Dallas at this writing. He had a very delicate and difficult operation performed upon one of his eyes. The operation is considered successful, and Bro. Roberts is getting on as nicely as could be expected. His parishoners and friends will be glad to hear this good news.

The venerable mother of Dr. W. H. Howell, a most estimable local preacher of First Church, Dallas, died recently in Waynesville, N. C.; aged seventy-nine. His father, eighty-three years old, still survives. The Doctor, whom we have known for seventeen years and whose friendship we appreciate very highly, has our sincerest condolence in this affliction.

On March 12, 1895, Rev. Z. V. Liles was married to Miss Maud Fox in McKinney, by Rev. C. B. Fladger. Bro. Liles is the popular and efficient pastor of the Oak Lawn Church, Dallas. The wedded pair were given a most hospitable reception by the parishoners of the groom. The amiable and accomplished wife is a valuable and highly appreciated accession to our Oak Lawn Church and community. The Advocate wishes the pastor and his bride a long life and much joy.

Rev. C. A. Evans, of Granbury, who recently lost a son, has been afflicted again in the accidental death of another, Amos, aged fourteen, who was killed by a fall from the Polytechnic building. This bright, promising youth was a student there and was very popular with all who were connected with the college. We feel dumb and helpless in the presence of such a grief. We can only commend our brother and the grief-stricken circle to God and to his ever-present and always-sufficient grace.

SOUTHERN METHODIST.

Rev. J. B. Fearn, M. D., a nephew of Dr. C. G. Andrews, of the Mississippi Conference, is just on the eve of starting to China as a medical missionary.

Rev. J. W. Lowrance, of Kansas City, Mo., recently lost his wife, who died triumphantly in the faith. She was a most estimable Christian lady and her loss is deeply deplored.

Miss Edna Thornburgh, the accomplished daughter of George Thornburgh, publisher of the Arkansas Methodist, died very suddenly last week. Heart failure was the cause of her untimely and much lamented death.

Bishop R. K. Hargrove, who was to have dedicated our beautiful church in Plano last Sunday, was prevented by a spell of sickness which detained him in Nashville, Tenn. The service was rendered most satisfactorily by Rev. E. W. Alderson, the presiding elder of the Dallas District.

Christian Advocate, Nashville: We are sorry to learn that Bishop Haygood has found it impossible to accept the invitation to take part in the forthcoming dedication of the Methodist headquarters in the city of Rome. Some other Southern Methodist, we suppose, will be appointed in his place. But it is certain that no one could discharge the duties of such an occasion more acceptably.

Rev. Jesse Wood, in the Alabama Advocate, had this to say last week of a veteran Methodist preacher: "Our preachers are about half-and-half transfers and converts of our ministry on this coast. We have among us yet one of the veterans of 1852, Dr. J. C. Simmons, who came from Georgia with the first installment of missionaries "in the days of old, in the days of gold." He is still effective in every sense of the word, and in spirit more a boy than the average.

GENERAL.

Sir Henry Rawlinson, who died in England last week, was a man of fine character, of broad scholarship and great executive ability. He was called the "Father of Assyriology." He obtained the key to the cuneiform writings by studying the inscriptions upon the cliff of Behistun, just as Champollion obtained the clue to the hieroglyphics of Egypt by deciphering the characters upon the Rosetta Stone.

Herbert Ward, in the Interior, tells a story illustrating Lady Henry Somerset's indifference to consequences when a moral issue is raised. She was once invited, i. e., commanded, to dine where the Prince of Wales was the guest of the occasion. To quote Mr. Ward: "There were present entertainers of a sort to which she was not used. When a popular French actress began to sing songs that were impossible to a pure heart, our lady arose and without a word of apology or explanation quietly left the drawing-room 'What do you mean by this prudery?' she was afterwards indignantly asked by the royal lips. 'Some of the ladies present did not understand French.' 'You know that I did,' was the high-bred reply."

DOES THE CHURCH COMPREHEND CHRISTIANITY.

* * * More and more we are lengthening the time of human history and development. Some principles are so great that it takes a millennium to grasp and another to develop them. The greatest of all principles underlie the Church. But for the help of the Holy Spirit they would never be grasped or developed; but with this supernal help the utmost is not grasped nor thought of yet. The most important and interesting history in this world is the history of thought, especially Christian thought. A beautiful continuity runs through all from germinating radicle to perfected tree-bearing fruit. But if there could be a prophesied history of what Christianity would do and be in the next twenty centuries, it would not be understandable. We sometimes get prophecies, according to the taste of the writer, of what the theology of the twentieth century will be. But what would be of far more interest would be a conception of what the Church would do when it should come up to God's ideal and to his readiness to achieve.

The Jews did not comprehend a tithe of what God meant to do for them in Canaan, neither did they understand what Christ meant to do by them in his day. He had to say, Oh, faithless and thoroughly crooked generation, how long must I tolerate you?

The Church has moved on in distinct charges or rushes, and then halted to survey and fortify the ground acquired. Hence we have had Greek theology, Latin theology, that of the Reformation, and New Theology. We have had ages of monastic quietism and then of revival zeal and missionary enterprise. When God is at the bottom of anything it is too great for man to see and live. That is the reason why every age of earnest study and consecration finds more light to break out of God's Word. It is always better further on. We know a million times more about light than they did a hundred years ago. So we should of the Light of the World.

To his Church Christ gave promises that are not half fulfilled nor even believed. We may have entered into our Canaan, the glories of the kingdom of Solomon may have come, but God's designs for the Church are not nearly fulfilled. For many an individual perhaps they are, but for the Church, no.

The promises to individuals are incredibly rich. The Lord shall guide thee continually and satisfy thy soul in drought. Thy darkness shall become as the noonday. My peace I give unto you. I will pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it. Most people seem to live spiritually on about 10 cents a day, when they might have $10. A kind of impoverished, Chinese kind of a life. Some profess the peace, but are as lacking in power as others.

And the Church collectively only represents the spiritual wealth and power of its individual members. We have had many an argument to show that the results of the activity of the Church are greater works than those of Christ. But no man believes that Christ's thought has been fulfilled. We have scarcely touched the whole meaning of the promises of Christ. Ask whatsoever ye will in my name I will do it. We have to get higher critics to take away the evident sense of the plain words, "The knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea." With broad accomodation we interpret that "a nation shall be born in a day," that faith shall remove mountains. God does not thank us for making his promises easy to him. He would rather work to make them unspeakably true to us.

Surely any one looking at the Church and its little power of accomplishment sees a wide discrepancy between it and the greatness of promise. The product is not proportioned to the infinite power that waits upon it.

What is to be done? Surely, not discard the Church, declare it is not of God, recreant, and a Babylon to be come out of; for there is nowhere else to go. It alone has the words of eternal life. Nothing else approximates by one step in a million its purity and power.

On the contrary accept it and develop it. When our day first knew electricity it only showed force enough to bring down an armature on a magnet a little way off. But men studied and developed what little was known into the marvels of to-day. The little that was known was all right as far as it went. A thousand tests and experiments widened that little realm of knowledge into an empire of measureless power. So of the Church.

We would not minimize the work of the Church. We have no power to magnify it, nor even to state it as it is. But it is easy to see that its possibilities of accomplishment have not been attained. The world's hungers have not been fed, its woes have not been healed on the one hand, nor the fullness of Divine power exhausted on the other.—Bishop H. W. Warren, D.D., L.L.D., in the Independent.

Devotional.

Life's Little Days.

One secret of sweet and happy Christian life is in learning to live by the day. It is the long stretches that tire us. We think of life as a whole, running on for years, and it seems too great for us. We can not carry this load until we are three-score and ten. We can not fight this battle continually for half a century. But really there are no long stretches. Life does not come to us in life-times; it comes only a day at a time. Even to-morrow is never ours till it becomes to-day, and we have nothing whatever to do with it, but to pass down to it a fair and good inheritance in to-day's work well done and to-day's life well lived.

It is a blessed secret this of living by the day. Any one can carry his burden, however heavy, till night-fall. Any one can do his work, however hard, for one day. Any one can live sweetly, quietly, patiently, lovingly, and purely till the sun goes down. And this is all that life ever really means to us—just one little day. "Do to-day's duty, fight to-day's temptation, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you can not see, and could not understand if you saw them." God gives us nights to shut down the curtain of darkness on our little days. We can not see beyond, and we ought not to try to see beyond. Short horizons make life easier, and give us one of the blessed secrets of brave, true, holy living.—Northwestern Advocate.

Be of Good Hope.

A famous Scottish divine said in a recent lecture that preachers do not preach enough about the Christian virtue of hope. Faith and love receive their due emphasis in pulpit teaching, but hope is sadly neglected. That neglect is no doubt responsible to some degree for the subtle spirit of pessimism now diffusing itself through Christian thought, speech and activity. Other factors enter largely into the mood, such as the strain of living under high tension, the perplexing problems of a transition period in theology, and the pressure of an ever-enlarging conflict with the hydra-headed monster of evil. But these factors would be minimized in magnitude and influence did ministers of the gospel peal out more frequently the silver chimes of hope for their weary and discouraged hearers. Hope always brightens and strengthens. The living hope of Christianity has ever kept the stars burning in the darkest night, and carried new vigor to workers bowed down with oppressive burdens.

Hope is represented in Christian art as a maiden beautiful and buoyant, standing on a ship, with her face upturned, and her hand resting on an anchor by her side. Round about her the winds howl and the waves leap in anger, but she is calm and unmoved. The upward look and the anchor by her side explain the secret of a happiness no storm can drive away. Such a peaceful joy ought to be the possession of every Christian who can say, "Thou art my hope, O Lord!" for he has a hope which is as "an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the vail." The life anchored to the immutable promises of God can view with serene confidence all the storms which threaten the prosperity of the Church or personal happiness.

An outlook on the state of the world depends largely on the point of vision. The despairing Christian sees what causes his heart to sink within him and his tongue to bewail the evil tendencies of the time in which his lot has fallen; the hopeful Christian sees what enables him to thank God and take courage. Faith in the power of the cross, in the coming of Him whose right is to reign, would silence the croakings of despair too often heard from lips which call Christ Lord. They would also call forth jubilant gratitude for the signs of progress to be seen in a comparison of the state of matters in the closing years of our century with that which obtained in the opening years. It is a striking fact, and one for which we can not be too thankful, that an enormous leap has been made in the accessions to Christ's kingdom during the last hundred years. Careful statistics show that, whereas, in the year 1800 there were throughout the world 174,000,000 professing Christians, there are now 450,000,000 who worship Jesus as their Savior and King. The single fact that during our century the number of Christians has been more than doubled, ought to banish pessimistic fears about the progress of Christianity, and fill effort with the sunshine and triumph and expectation of hope. The marked advance in right sentiment and social reform is also full of encouragement. One hundred years ago it was considered unbecoming for a gentleman to rise from the dinner table sober. In Scotland, the country of John Knox and the Covenanters, a boy was employed at festive gatherings to loosen the neckties of guests who sank from their chairs to the floor under the spell of intoxication, so that they might slumber without running the risk of suffocation. All that is changed now. What was then considered eminently respectable is now condemned as conduct unworthy of any person laying claim to the slightest spark of manhood. A few moments' reflection will call to mind other cheering features in the progress of society which ought to fill one with thankfulness for what has been done and with hope for what will yet be done in the name and by the power of Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of society because he is the Savior of the individuals who constitute society. Hope spans the unknown future of personal life with the rainbow of optimism. Whatever lies ahead of us is seen and provided for by the Father without whose knowledge not even a sparrow falls to the ground. Suffering, disappointment and bereavement may be woven into a cross for us during this year, but faith teaches that behind the cross is love unutterable and wisdom most perfect working out a more eternal weight of glory. Hope strengthens faith with such radiant visions of all things working together for good that even in the darkest days and most trying experiences we run the race set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured his cross. The hope that strengthened the Master will strengthen the disciple also.—Zion's Herald.

Never Satisfied.

Genuine Christian experience is enjoyed when, holding fast to present attainments, we are continually looking forward to something better. It may be said that such holy aspiration will occasion unrest and weariness; that it will unfit one for present duty, and tend to minify what the Lord Jesus has already wrought in us.

Such views are manifestly incorrect. In every department of life the knowledge that brighter and maturer experiences are yet to open before us assists us in overcoming obstacles that might otherwise prove insurmountable. In the spiritual life this is far more true than in business or professional pursuits. It is only when we are looking upward and forward that we find our very best preparation for vigorous and successful endeavors in fighting the good fight of faith.

The Scriptural doctrine of the privilege of being delivered from sin in this life, by faith in the merit of Jesus Christ, is in full harmony with this continual longing for holier and riper experiences. The everchanging scenes of our earthly career, of joy and sorrow, of sunshine and shadow, render it necessary that we should have new views of God's love and wisdom and faithfulness, each day new revelations of the character of our blessed Lord, new glimpses of the glory that awaits the faithful, new convictions as to the incorruptible grounds upon which our hope of everlasting life is built.

Going forth thus the sun shall no more go down. With unfaltering steps mounting the steeps of life toward the final goal, we shall at last enter that perfect rest that "remaineth to the people of God." But even in heaven there will not be inactivity, nor selfish enjoyment, nor completed revelations. It will be onward, upward, in the songs of those who "rest not day nor night," in the ceaseless disclosures of infinite love, in the ever-increasing glory of the "beatific vision."—N. Y. Advocate.

Hope.

Hope is expectation. It has an eye for horizons ampler and nobler than those of the narrow present. As a great teacher says: "Hope covers all that ground which the mind occupies in looking into the future for certain great values and results, not merely in forelooking, but in looking forward with special and concurrent joy." Hope makes even the struggle of the daily life, and the wear and tear of it "not like the convict's trample on the world's great treadmill, but like an ascent on the luminous steps of duty to the very gates of heaven." "O blessed hope," exclaims Thomas Carlyle, "whereby on man's straight prison walls are painted beautiful, far-stretching landscapes; and into the night of every death is shed holiest dawn."—Wayland Hout.

THE best example of self-denying liberality in the Bible is recorded of woman. The best example of loving service in the Bible is recorded of woman. The best example of conquering prayer in the Bible is recorded of woman. The gift was the widow's mite; the service was the anointing of Jesus with a box of ointment; the prayer was a mother's prayer for a daughter possessed with a devil. Jesus never let fall such words of royal commendation as concerning these three women. Of the poor widow he said: "She has cast in more than they all." Of Mary he said: "She hath done what she could." And to the Canaanitish woman he said: "O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt."—Dr. Herrick Johnson.

Old and Young.

THE ROSE-COLORED RIBBONS.

It was almost dark. Jessie Halsted sat in the swing under the maple tree, reciting to herself the piece she and her cousin were to speak at the school picnic the next day. She said her parts over and over without opening the book, until she was quite sure she knew them perfectly. Flora Brooks, her cousin, had come over to spend the night, so as to be ready for an early start in the morning. She was racing through the grass with Sport, who barked with delight.

"Come over, and let's go through our dialogue once more!" Jessie called.

"I know my parts," Flora answered through her panting and laughing, with Sport biting at her heels. "Come, let's have a race; it's almost dark."

"Just once," Jessie coaxed. "I'd hate to miss. You know father promised me a knew book if I do well. I've chosen the 'Old-Fashioned Girl.'"

"Oh! very well."

She sat down at Jessie's feet, and went over the piece. When they had finished, it was quite dark. The children went to supper in the big farm kitchen. A merry tableful there was, too. Conversation turned naturally to the school picnic, in which all were interested.

"Early to bed and early to rise," Mr. Halsted said, "if we are to get an early start, that is. It's good five miles to Cranley woods."

"My! won't you two be glad when your speech is ever?" Tom said, looking across his teacup at the cousins. "I'd rather dig potatoes half a day than get up and make a speech before the School Commissioners."

"We know that, Tom," his father said, smiling; "but I think it an honor to be singled out, on such an occasion, to speak. It shows that both Flora and Jessie stand well in their classes."

"Oh! it won't take very long, either," Flora said cheerfully. "I guess we'll get through all right, and afterward have a lovely time. I'm glad uncle is going, so we'll have a row on the lake."

"And dinner on the grass in the woods, "Tom echoed, nudging his smaller brother. "That's what you'll like—plenty of tarts and cream-puffs."

The sun rose unusually early and shone unusually bright, it seemed to Jessie, next morning. She was up before Flora. While she dressed she looked over her dialogue and hummed softly; for her heart was light and happy in anticipation. Her clothes were laid out on a chair—a plain white dress, with little ruffles at neck and sleeves, white sailor hat, and shining shoes. It had looked very pretty before, but now, beside Flora's embroidered dress, thin and fine, with rose-colored ribbons on the shoulders and at the waist, and the rose-colored mits, it looked very common and plain indeed.

Flora was an only child. Her father was able to give her pretty clothes to her heart's content, while Jessie's father worked very hard to keep his family of growing children neatly clothed and well schooled. Jessie thought of this when she compared the two dresses, for she was a sensible girl, but the difference struck her very keenly.

"Mamma," she said, while helping her mother prepare breakfast: "Mamma," Flora's dress is lovely. How shall I look beside her, speaking my piece? I'll feel so poor and plain."

"I wish, daughter, I could have given you a prettier dress, if you feel that way. You know it is not the gown that will be judged. You must try to speak so well that no one will think of the difference."

"Oh, I never can! I'll be thinking of that. Flora has such lovely ribbons! If I only had a sash ribbon for my plain dress!"

"I wish you had," was all Mrs. Halsted said, but she looked very grave and thoughtful.

"Flora is a King's Daughter. She might have been more—more considerate, and worn a plainer gown. She knew just what I was going to wear."

"Perhaps she has not once thought of it."

"And she has so many pretty things, and so many chances to wear them, she could afford to be generous." Why"—

"Don't, daughter. I am sorry. Let us not talk about what we can't help. Try to do your best to-day, and everything will come out right."

Flora dressed after breakfast, and went down into the sitting-room, where Mrs. Halsted was helping the younger children dress. She looked very pretty and dainty in her thin gown with its rose-colored ribbons. She wore slippers and silk stockings with rose-colored feathered-stitchings. Even her white sunshade had a rose-colored bow on the curved handle.

"I'm not half through," Jessie said, buttoning her own boots, and glancing at her cousin. "I had to help mamma."

The baby insisted on taking Flora's white sunshade, so Mrs. Halsted advised her to wait in the front room until the wagon was ready, to keep peace.

Flora went out on the veranda, where the warm spring sunshine twinkled through the honeysuckle vines, and the air was full of fragrance. The sitting-room window was open. Quite accidentally Flora heard her name spoken, in half-angry, half-tearful tones, by Jessie.

"I did not think my daughter was such a foolish girl," Mrs. Halsted answered gravely. "You make me feel very sorry, Jessie."

"How can I help it?" Jessie answered. "I do want pretty things, just like other girls. If I saw two girls speaking a dialogue, and one was so pretty, and the other so homely and poorly dressed, I'd notice it quick enough—so will everybody else."

Flora's face under the wide Leghorn hat grew red. She looked reflectively at her slippers and the bow on her parasol, then suddenly remembered her cousin's plain attire.

"The worst of it is," Jessie went on moodily, "I'll likely be so silly as to forget my piece, or speak it badly. But I can't help it, really," she added in a tearful voice.

Mrs. Halsted made answer in a very low voice, and Flora remembered that she should not be listening. Tom came running in at the gate just then.

"The harness strap broke!" he cried. "That will have to be fixed before we can get off."

"How long will that take?" Flora asked.

"Oh! a quarter of an hour. We'll have to oil it, too, father says. It's a rough road over," he called, disappearing round the corner.

Then Flora went into the front room, and looked at her pleasing reflection in the mirror. She stood on the rung of a chair to get the full effect. Jessie was quite right, she thought; her dress was certainly very pretty. She would not have thought much of it if it had not been remarked upon; for she was used to pretty things, and had been taught to be pleased with them, not vain of them. It occurred to her that just then she had a rare opportunity to prove herself a true King's Daughter, and observe the Golden Rule.

She ran softly upstairs and began to take off the pretty soft dress, with its ruffles and ribbons, assuring herself that her mother would fully approve if she knew the circumstances. In fifteen minutes she was down again, this time dressed in the sprigged muslin dress she wore the night before. It was perfectly plain in the skirt, and had a frill of embroidery around the yoke and neck. Her russet shoes matched it very well, so also did her hat; it was clean and neat—the very suit she wore to school.

Tom whistled merrily—a long, shrill call. Mr. Halsted's voice rose above the whistle, however.

"All is ready," he said.

Jessie came to the door.

"Why, Flora Brooks!" she exclaimed in surprise. Her face was suspiciously red. She looked at Flora, then at her mother, who came to see them off.

Flora smiled sweetly.

"I thought—I thought I should have a better time in this dress," she said. She was going to say she was afraid she might tear or soil the other, but she checked herself, knowing that would not be the truth.

Jessie tried to laugh, but the tears were too near her eyes. She caught Flora's hand impulsively.

"Did you do that for my sake?" she asked.

"Yours and mine," Flora answered shyly.

"Flora Brooks, you are the very most unselfish girl! I am ashamed"—

Tom's whistling call grew very loud and urgent.

"Let's go," Flora said, laughing, pleased and happy; "I know we'll have a lovely time!"

Mrs. Halsted helped the girls into the wagon.

"Thank you, little King's Daughter," she whispered to Flora, and smiled to see Jessie's face unclouded and happy again. "You will both have a very happy day, I know."

And they did.

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A favorite amusement of the little bear was to go off to the end of his cage away from his mother, and then, rising on his hind feet, walk over to her, and, throwing his arms about her neck, hug her for all he was worth, and then begin to bite, and scratch, and pommel her.

This she would stand for awhile, but if he became too severe the usual cuffing was given him; or else, if he was very bad, she would take him up in her mouth and go and drop him in the large water tank at one end of the cage, the edge of which was on a level with the floor. This great tank was two feet deep, and even when there was no water in it, it was wet and slimy, and the little bear did not like it.

Sometimes he was thrown in when the tank was half full of water, and was left to gasp and choke several minutes before the old bear would reach in, and, grabbing him by leg, foot, back, or head, whichever one came uppermost, pull him out and drop him on the floor to dry. The last time I saw him he was very naughty, indeed, and was several times doused in the water.

The last dip seemed to have been successful, for a very quiet little bear crept up to its mother's side by the edge of the tank. But, when the mother's head was turned, he leaped up and sprang at her in such a way as to make her lose her balance. There was a tremendous splash as the old bear slid over the side and under the water.

The little bear's ears stood straight up, and he looked the very imp of mischief as he saw his mother disappear. His expression changed, however, when the old bear's head came above water again. There was a look in her face that made him think it would be well to retire.

With ears laid flat back, he sped for the small covered room opening off the back of the cage, and retired to the darkest corner, where he crouched down, and pretended to go to sleep. Mrs. Bear slowly climbed out of the tank, then tramped across the cage to the room in the rear, and, blocking up the entrance with her body, leaned forward and administered several resounding thumps to the little black bundle in the corner. The little bear was on his good behavior after that for twenty minutes.—Congregationalist.

THE ART OF OBSERVING THINGS.

An English writer tells of a youth, twenty-three years old, who one day noticed a stem about which the ivy was twining. The object itself was not new or strange, but the incident proved to be an era in his life and in the literary and artistic history of our times: it opened the observer's eyes, set him on a new track of exploration, gave inspiration and impetus to his tasks, led him to study, as hardly any one of that time had studied, the method and secret of nature in her decorative work. The youth was John Ruskin, and the occasion when he learned to notice with attention and study with diligence the graceful, simple, beautiful, and glorious things in the world about him, was the opening of this career as a student, a writer, an art critic, and a teacher. The most of us are not observers of nature at all; we lose the knowledge, the pleasure, the growth, and the power of insight which nature-study involves. All about us are marvels of loveliness, in the shining heavens, in the dust of the street, the flowers of the field, the plumage of the bird, the colors of the landscape and of the sky, and the shifting hues of the water, in the magnificence of the mountain and the exquisite designs and delicate workmanship on the wing of the butterfly. But unfortunately for us, and to the discredit both of our teachers, and of ourselves, we go through life blind, and deaf, and insensible to the most of these charms, because we have not been taught, or have not taught ourselves the art of observing things.—Central Christian Advocate.

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SECOND QUARTER—LESSON 1—APRIL 7.

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY.—Mark 11:1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT: *Hosanna, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*—Mark 11:9.

We have for this lesson the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

He has passed a wonderful life each day of his public ministry, developing new views of his power and wisdom. His journey from beyond the Jordan was a scene that would impress the most casual observer that he had now the attention and admiration of the common people; and, after all, the common people generally arrive at the best conclusions on questions to be decided by the test of conscience. They are not influenced by selfish interests as to riches, nor are they concerned about the honors of State; the simple habits of the poor are favorable to the investigation of questions looking to great reformations on moral and social principles. Christ showed his wisdom in the selection of his disciples from among the poor; for, had he chosen the rich or influential, he would have met opposition on purely personal grounds to his doctrines of a pure life.

The real friends of the Church, in all ages, have been from the humblest circles, and the greater portion of material contributions made to the various enterprises of the Church have been from the sacrifices of the poor. The donations of the rich have generally been in large sums, stimulated by a trust that the gifts may aid them in gaining favor with God after a misspent life in the indulgences of the flesh. Two great factions are now concerned in this wonderful man who travels the road from Jericho to Jerusalem. The poor are pressing him for recognition, and their tread, like that of an advancing army, gives the unmistakable evidence of their devotion to their Master; while, at Jerusalem, the priests and rulers and rich men wait the opportunity to destroy him because of his popularity, and the rebukes they suffer from the presence of his teachings.

As he advances the multitude increases, for the news of his miracles spreads to the right and left, and the people hasten to the road in advance, ready to fall into line and thus swell the grand procession.

The preparations are made for his entry into Jerusalem while he halts at Bethany, the home of his friends and the scene of his wonderful achievements.

Had the preparations been left to the taste of man, there would have been chariots and horsemen, and trumphal arches would have spanned the road, while military displays in gorgeous trappings amid trumpet blasts, would have announced the approach of the hero.

How different the plain and simple exterior of this memorable march.

He sends two of his disciples for an ass, on which no one had ever ridden—for Jesus takes the place of no man, nor is he the follower of any predecessor, being the original Christ and creator of all things.

They throw their cloaks on the back of the beast and Jesus takes his first recorded ride.

Jerusalem discovers the coming throng, and the streets are crowded with men and women and children, who cast branches of trees in the road, while the air echoes the shouts of hosanna. The enthusiasm intensifies and they throw their garments on the ground until the road is carpeted with the offerings of the poor.

He was coming to Jerusalem for the last time to offer an opportunity to accept him as their Savior. Had he came in the garb of a warrior, they would have accepted him as an earthly ruler, and thus thwarted the purposes of his kingdom; but while the visible trappings were common-place, we must not forget the pageantry of this occasion. Other men had entered Jerusalem in splendid livery and overawing style, but Jesus comes at the head of a column whose tread had fallen on the ears of the prophets in the ages past, and the simple and unpretentious steed which bore him along the road had been heralded by the voice of the seer, and his footfalls had caught the eye of him who looked for the coming of one whose garments were stained in blood and whose shield bore the inscription of "Mighty Conqueror, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Other men could enjoy the colors of the moment, but this triumph is to last forever. Theirs was all addressed to the eye, and must be pretentious in both sound and color. His was the conquest of the soul and attracted the attention of God and the angels; and while the son of Mary traveled along the streets of Jerusalem "meek and riding on an ass, the foal of an ass," the angels were making preparation to receive him into glory, for this procession can not be checked until he shall have marched over the cross, death and the grave; and from the new-hewn sepulcher of Joseph the attending angels are to accompany him into the heavens.

The prophets did not simply look down the ages and behold an abstract personage who had just made his appearance. This Christ was in the beginning, he was the voice of God in Eden, the burning bush to Moses, the pillar of cloud and of fire in the wilderness, the angel at Abraham's table in Mamre, the giver of the law in Sinai.

Jesus entering Jerusalem was but a wayside view of the advancing conqueror on his march through the ages, for he had been with his people since the day Adam was made, and he still dwells in the Church, transforming and moulding the human heart and planning the final conquest of the world. We are soldiers in this procession or we belong to the mob represented here by the priests and rulers of Jerusalem. Are we good soldiers? Are we standing by Christ to-day as we think we would have done had we been with him in the flesh? What are we doing to show our loyalty? Do you violate the teachings of the Bible? Are you loyal to the Church? for the Church constitutes the soldiery of Christ. Ridley and Latimer burned at the stake before they would desert the ranks and their names have become a watchword to thrill the hearts of Christ's people, like the cry of the Alamo nerved the brave Texas to die by the flag of their country; but many Church people desert the ranks for no higher motive than a passing pleasure. Hang up the picture of "Ridley at the stake" on one wall and your own picture, yielding to the influence of the card party, the wine supper or the ball-room, and ask yourself the question: "Am I worthy the name of soldier?"

We enjoy life not in proportion to the amount of temporal things we have, or the number of gratifications of the flesh we accept, but our real happiness is measured by the peace we enjoy from a sense of having done our duty. Happiness comes from within and not from without.

He who does the will of God in all things is the real King, for palaces and royal robes and judicial ermine are all filthy rags and bring to us but pain of heart and remorse of conscience, but he who seeks the companionship of Jesus has in him a well of unalloyed pleasures springing up like the old-fashioned spring under the hill, boiling up the cold, clear, refreshing water forever; so this clean heart sends out from its hidden fountain a continuous stream of everlasting joy.

The rich and wise often feed on husks while the peasant is fed at the table of the Lord. Our joys and sorrows depend alike on the state of the heart and our loyalty to Christ.

The well of life to us thou art,
Of joy the swelling flood;
Wafted by Thee, with willing heart
We swift return to God.
We soon shall reach the boundless sea,
Into thy fullness fall,
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8:30 a. m.—Song Service, led by W. A. Hemphill.
9:00 a. m.—Opening Exercise, "Responsive Service."
9:15 a. m.—Address of Welcome, Rev. G. C. Rankin, D. D.
9:45 a. m.—Response, H. E. Jackson, Mexia.
10:00 a. m.—Response, Rev. E. C. McVoy, Alvord.
10:15 a. m.—Registration, Reports and Reunion—Committee of three Vice-Presidents: Rev. S. R. Hay, Miss Bettie Ritchey and Rev. C. A. Hooper.
11 a. m.—Address, "What the Church May Expect from the Epworth League," Rev. S. A. Steel, D. D., General Secretary and Editor Era.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Department of Worship.

2:00 p. m.—Song Service.
2:30 p. m.—Opening Exercise.
—Reports from Presidents of Annual Conference Epworth Leagues: Texas, Dr. G. A. Hammond, Brenham. North Texas, H. H. Halsell, Decatur. Northwest Texas, W. F. Barnum, Fort Worth. West Texas, Rev. J. D. Scott, San Antonio. East Texas, —— ——
2:55 p. m.—Address, "The Devotional Meeting: The Best Means of Making It Spiritual," Rev. S. R. Hay, Belton.
3:20 p. m.—"The Bible in the League," Albert L. Seales, Paris.
3:30 p. m.—"Music in the League," Miss Tabby Bishop, Fort Worth.
3:40 p. m.—"Christian Testimony in the League," Rev. J. T. Smith, Marshall.
3:50 p. m.—"Jesus the Drawing Power in the League," Rev. H. M. DuBose, D. D., Tyler.
4:15 p. m.—Question Drawer, opened by Dr. S. A. Steel.
8:00 p. m.—Address, "The Epworth League and Missions," Bishop C. B. Galloway, D. D.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18.

Charity and Help Department.

Sunrise Pentecost Meeting.

8:30 a. m.—Song Service.
9:00 a. m.—Opening Exercise.
—"City Missions," Miss Emma Tucker, Nashville, Tenn.
10:00 a. m.—Election of Officers.
10:30 a. m.—Social Reunion.
11:00 a. m.—Address, "Vagaries of the Age," Rev. John Matthews, D. D., St. Louis, Mo.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Literary Department.

2:00 p. m.—Song Service.
2:30 p. m.—Opening Exercise.
2:40 p. m.—Address, "The Literary Department as a Means of Educating our Young People in the History, Polity and Doctrines of Methodism," Rev. J. E. Harrison, San Antonio.
3:20 p. m.—Interchange of Ideas by Successful League Workers, conducted by Rev. W. L. Nelms, Georgetown.
2:45 p. m.—Address, "Social Work of the League," Rev. W. W. Pinson, San Antonio.
4:15 p. m.—General Discussion.
8:00 p. m.—Jubilee Meeting.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19.

Excursion to Galveston.

Every League is entitled to three delegates. Elect these and as many alternates as will go.

JNO. R. NELSON, J. B. SEARS, JNO. M. BARCUS, } Programme Committee.

INTEREST in the State Conference is increasing all the time. Everybody wants to go, and hundreds will go. The distinguished visitors from abroad who are on the programme will attract our preachers especially. Let every preacher, if possible, attend. When we get all of our preachers deeply interested in this work, it will be a great day for the League movement in Texas.

GEO. A. HAMMOND, President of Texas Conference Epworth League, has a letter in our department this week. Let every Leaguer in the bounds of this Conference read it, and all others; it will do you good.

A MEMBER of the League at Burnet writes encouragingly of the work there. Their League was organized January 1, 1893, and now has a membership of about forty, with the following officers: Miss Minnie Rawlings, President; Misses Ella Cummings, Maud Thomas, Stevie Kincaid, First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents, respectively; Robert Lamb, Secretary, and Ross Boynton, Treasurer. Rev. Jerome Haralson is preacher in charge. Devotional meetings are interesting and well attended, and the League has been a great help to the young people.

W. F. BARNUM, President of the Northwest Texas Conference League, is one of our most efficient workers. That conference is rapidly coming to the front in this great movement. They now have 110 Leagues, and 5250 members. Texas needs a thousand such workers as Barnum.

THE League at Pecan Grove, Sherman Circuit, is still flourishing. It was organized in January, 1891, and they have forty-seven members at present. President, Albert Works; First, Second and Third Vice Presidents, Trice Wilkins, E. I. Robertson and Miss Annie Jesse, respectively; Secretary; and Treasurer, J. E. Reynolds.

IF there is any possible chance for you to attend the Houston Conference, go. It will be the most enjoyable gathering held in Texas this year.

WE admire the pluck of the West Texas Conference. Though small, comparatively, yet we doubt whether any other conference in the State makes a better League showing. They report forty-five Leagues, and 1607 League members.

OUR West Texas brethren are to hold their League Conference at Seguin, April 9-11.

WOULDN'T it be a great thing if every League in the State could be represented at Houston? Why not?

THE minutes of the East Texas Conference report 26 Leagues and 977 League members. Brethren, could you not double these figures this year?

C. M. KEITH, of Houston, writes us that seven new Leagues have been organized in the Houston District this year, and that if the other districts had done as well they would now have about double the number of Leagues in the Texas Conference as were reported last fall. Their conference minutes give them thirty-four Leagues and 1352 League members.

IN the North Texas Conference the Sherman District leads in the League movement. It has eighteen Leagues. In this Conference there are eighty Leagues.

WE want to get Texas so much aroused over the State Conference that our Leagues will dream about Houston. We want the influence of this gathering felt throughout our great state? Leaguers, why not join the great throng? They willbe there by the hundreds.

ELECT your delegates to the State Conference at once and send their names to J. V. Dealy, Houston, so that homes may be assigned them. This is important.

FOR any information relative to the State League Conference, address H. E. Jackson, President, Mexia; A. K. Ragsdale, Secretary, Dallas; Rev. J. R. Nelson, Chairman Program Committee, Georgetown.

ATTENTION, LEAGUERS.

The Committee on Entertainment of the League Conference at Houston ask for a hearing. The $5.00 rate over many railroads will bring nearly every delegate and pastor in the State and we stand ready, as first announced, to provide for their entertainment. We are receiving many letters by each mail from those desiring to come as visitors, also lists of from five to ten names from some Leagues, and we would be pleased to entertain everyone who wants to come, and will make every effort to do so, but this will be out of the question, as there would be from 3000 to 5000 if the limit should be taken off. Judging from the number of names already sent we will not have homes enough to accommodate all. We have decided on this: We will have a Committee or Bureau of Information where visitors can get a list of hotels and boarding-houses at low rates.

Let every League, that has not done so, send the names of their three delegates and pastor to me not later than April 6, and specify, if possible, who out of those elected will attend.

J. V. DEALY,
Chairman Committee of Arrangement.

With reference to above a telegram from Dr. G. C. Rankin, pastor of Shearn Church, Houston, says: "Will certainly entertain three delegates and pastor from all Leagues and then do the best we can for all others."

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Bro. C. A. Hooper writes: "All communications with names of Leaguers who will attend will be answered and committees will meet the trains when they arrive." Houston will do her part nobly. Let us not be disappointed if her ability is not equal to the hosts who come; but, rather, let us all go praying God's blessings on our conference and that it may prove a benediction to our Leagues and Church throughout the State.

A. K. RAGSDALE,
Secretary.

LEAGUE CONFERENCES.

If the pastors do not take a special interest in the League Conferences, how can we expect interest on the part of Leaguers? There ought to be a full delegation of West Texas at Seguin. This bids fair to be much the largest and most interesting conference yet held. You will miss a royal time if you fail to be there. Let all be on hand at the opening service, April 9, 8 p. m., for organization. Delegates must be sure and get certificates from each agent of whom they purchase tickets, if they wish return rates. Fifty certificates for full rate tickets, shown and signed at the Seguin office, will insure return rates, but there should be three times this number of delegates present. Send in your names to Bro. W. H. H. Biggs, our pastor, that he may have homes provided.

The State League Conference will be held in Houston, opening April 16, a week later than ours. The West Texas Conference ought to be largely represented there. These conferences should make preparation and put us in trim for the International next June, at Chattanoogo, where Texas should take the banner in representation and interest among the Southern States. Let large excursions go from every part of our State. The editor and publisher of the ADVOCATE have a cordial invitation to be present at Seguin April 9-11. All are delighted that Bishop Key will be on hand to preside over the conference. Yours in the work,

J. D. SCOTT.

TEXAS CONFERENCE LEAGUES.

I wish to urge all Leagues in the Texas Conference to send their full number (three) of delegates to the State League Conference, to be held at Houston next month. This conference, which promises to be the greatest and best League meeting ever held in Texas, will be held in our own conference and it is quite necessary that we turn out *en masse* and do all in our power to make the meeting a grand and glorious success. I wish every Leaguer in our conference could realize the vast importance of this State meeting and make a supreme effort to attend, whether you can go as a delegate or not. We need more enthusiasm in our Conference League work and the coming conference will be just the time and place to get ideas and form new plans for practical work.

In places where no League has been organized, let two or three young people of the Church take it upon themselves to go to Houston, and the enthusiasm they see there will inspire them to organize a League immediately upon their return home.

Bro. H. H. Halsell, President North Texas Conference League, in a letter to the Leagues of his conference, published in last week's ADVOCATE, expresses just what I would say to the Leaguers of the Texas Conference.

I repeat, let every Leaguer who possibly can, attend the State Conference and you will do good and get good. Don't forget the date—April 16-18. Yours faithfully,

GEO. A. HAMMOND,
President Texas Conference Epworth Leaue.
Brenham, Texas.

Notice, Leaguers.

We have singers enough engaged. We will use Methodist Hymn Book at the State Conference.

W. A. HEMPHILL,
Chairman Music Committee.

Delegate Certificates.

The Secretary will furnish blank certificates of election for delegates to the State League Conference. Those who have already applied for report blanks need not write, as the certificates will be mailed you.

A. K. RAGSDALE,
Secretary.

Report Blanks—Free.

To any League who will write me, I will forward a blank on which to make out your report for the League Conference. These blanks will aid you in making your report and the Committee on "Registration and Reports" at the Conference. Drop me a card giving name of League and address of Secretary.

A. K. RAGSDALE,
Dallas, Texas. Secretary.

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A. K. RAGSDALE,
Secretary.

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TWO LEAGUES USE THE HYMN-BOOK.

Your leader in the ADVOCATE of March 21 comes none too early. The absence of denominationalism among many of our people is so evident that some cannot give a reason for the faith that is in them, while a few can give a better reason why somebody else is a Baptist, a Presbyterian or Episcopalian than they can as to why they are Methodists. Much of this is attributable to the culpable neglect of the palpit. The mind of your correspondent, whose letter to you seemed to have suggested the propriety of your excellent article, ought to be disabused of error. I know two Leagues in the State who have never used any but our Standard Hymn Book. One at Orange, which I organized and run for two years and which, after the reports were made at the Taylor Conference in April, 1893, was admitted by the ADVOCATE correspondent to be a model League. I think it was admitted to be the model League of the State at that time. The other is our Nacogdoches League which I organized fifteen months ago, and which is growing into beautiful symmetry, having been prosperous all the time.

Little children do not know what is best for them in the way of food, but in their need will take what is provided for them by those on whom they depend. Our young people as a rule will accept and utilize the pabulum we place before them and commend.

G. V. RIDLEY.
Nacogdoches, Texas, March 23.

TO THE EPWORTH LEAGUES IN TEXAS.

If you use any other song book but a Methodist book after the editorial in this ADVOCATE last week, it will be your own fault. I have ordered five hundred (and will repeat the order on demand) copies of Living Songs (notes) and will have them at the State League Conference in Houston. They will be here by the first. Let every Leaguer who has not got a copy, send and get one for the conference.

This is a Methodist book, edited by a Methodist preacher, published by our Methodist Publishing House; and all who were at the last League Conference know how much good Methodist singing we had. So I hope every Leaguer will go prepared to do as good singing as possible.

I. Z. T. MORRIS,
Fort Worth, Texas. Colporter.

LEAGUES ORGANIZED.

Yesterday at Center, one of the appointments on Carlton Circuit, Bro. E. A. Smith made a capital League speech, after which we organized an Epworth League with forty-seven members. The following were elected officers: A. J. Jones, President; Miss Ida Clark, J. A. Jones, Miss Carrie Nash, Vice-Presidents; J. O. Nash, Secretary; H. W. McCarty, Treasurer. Miss Ida Clark was elected delegate to the State League Conference at Houston.

J. B. ELDER.
Carlton, Texas, March 25, 1895.

W. B. McKeown organized a League at Warren's Creek last Sunday, 17th instant. This is the most energetic and active country Church I ever took charge of. Officers: T. J. Spear, President; W. R. King, Miss Maggie Miller, C. W. Carter, Vice-Presidents, in the order named; W. A. Terry, Secretary; McD. Miller, Treasurer. Twenty-five members. Interest buoyant.

Hamilton Circuit, March 12, 1895.

TOPICS FOR APRIL 7.

Job's Piety and First Trial.—Job 1:1-22.

With this topic the second quarter commences. We hope the subjects considered during the past three months have done us all good, and that we will enter upon the study of the topics for the coming quarter with increasing interest.

We now take up the study of "Man sinning and suffering," and for the next three months our lessons will be taken from the book of Job.

A PRINCELY CHARACTER.

The land of Uz was in the eastern part of Arabia. It was here that Job lived. Let us take a visit to the home of this man. Yonder is the house in which he lives. It is a magnificent home for that day and time, and everything around it betokens affluence. We look out upon his broad acres, his vast herds of sheep, oxen and camels and we can but be convinced that Job is the richest man of his time.

But, with all of his wealth, Job was a good man. The record states that he was perfect and upright, feared God and hated evil. Of course it is not meant that he was perfect in an absolute sense, but in a relative sense. What is meant is that he was an extraordinary man, far above those who surrounded him. His household was a very happy one. God had blessed him with seven sons and three daughters. He was a model father, devoted to his family. Withal, Job was a happy man. He had been true to God, and God had richly blessed him. There seemed to be nothing to mar his happiness.

THE DEVIL'S ESTIMATE.

A great convocation was held in heaven. From all parts of the universe the sons of God came to give an account of their ministry, and with them also came Satan.

Noticing his presence, the Lord questions him: "Whence cometh thou?" The answer that Satan gives seems to indicate that he has a good deal to do with the affairs of this world. He replied: "From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."

Then the Lord turns his attention to Job. Here was a man that God knew was true. But Job's life had been all sunshine; God wanted to show the world that the clouds would not lessen his devotion, and so he says to Satan: "Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like like him in the earth?"

But Satan was quick to answer: "Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face."

To Satan, Job's goodness was of a mercenary character. But the Lord knew Job, and was not affraid to put him to the test, and so he says to Satan: "Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand."

ALL IS GONE.

The day comes when Satan uses the power given him.

Yonder the servants of Job are plowing with his oxen in his fields. Near by his asses are feeding. A band of Sabeans sweep over the hills, kill the servants, and drive away his oxen and asses.

Astonished at this sudden depredation, we look and behold fire falls from heaven and burns up his sheep and the watching shepherds.

Then we see three bands of Chaldeans sweep down the valley and drive away his camels.

That house yonder is where Job's oldest son lives; here are all Job's children eating and drinking. The heavens grow black; we hear the deep-voiced thunder; we see the leghtning play; and the storm begins to break in fury. The tempest sweeps over this mansion, and all Job's children are killed in the storm. And behold! the desolation that has been wrought in Job's life.

WHAT WILL HE DO?

How lonely and desolate Job must feel now! All his wealth has fled away; his children are all dead; sorrow and gloom have entered his heart. Surely these terrible afflictions have embittered his spirit and we will hear him complaining on account of his great losses. But it is far different from what we expect. Hear him in this dark hour, when the clouds hover heavy over him: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

We can but admire the character of such a man. How beautiful, how touching his submission!

THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON.

1. A man can be wealthy and good at the same time, but this is not often the case. Usually, when a man grows rich, he forgets God. This was not so with Job. His wealth seemed to drive him closer to God.

2. When the sons of God presented themselves before the Lord, Satan also came among them. There was a Judas among the disciples. Whenever good men assemble the devil is there in some shape. He always seeks membership in the Church.

3. Some people do not believe in the personality of the devil. Let them read the seventh verse of the first chapter of Job. How anybody can live in the world without finding out that the devil is here, is a mystery.

4. If every man who belonged to the Church prospered in worldly things, we would have many more hypocrites among us. It is wise in God not to let us all be rich. Job could stand prosperity—many of us could not.

5. We all have our sorrows. Sometimes we think we have more than we can bear. But have any of us ever been tried as was Job?

6. Trials are always a blessing if we bear them like Job did his. God would teach us the lesson of submission; he afflicts us. He would have us put our hands in his, so he makes it dark about us, and then we can't walk without his guidance.

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WE have just received a telegram from Marlin signed J. M. Foster, which explains itself:

"Say to our Methodist and other preachers no money is wanted here for Young Men's Christian Association."

Bro. Adkisson in his recent communication evidently punctured a fraud.

IN a recent editorial we took the ground that a first-class Christian newspaper could not be published for $1.00 a year. Two journals engaged in the unprofitable task took serious exceptions to our remarks. One of them in its last issue contains a piteous appeal for more subscribers, indicating a gradual verging upon severe financial distress or total bankruptcy. The other announces a complete business reorganization, and states that in order to put the paper upon a solid and permanent basis for 1896, it will be necessary for the friends of the concern to loan it and give it money. The subscriptions and advertisements do not furnish sufficient means to run the paper. The Church must endow it like a college or a hospital. We are not surprised. We would advise the brethren who are engaged in the enterprise of under-selling their competitors to retrace their steps before it is too late. Publishing a Church paper for $1.00 a year is a business mistake. If a Church paper is worth $2.00 a year an honest man ought not to want it for one.

A LITTLE TRIP TO MONTAGUE.

The editor and publisher of the ADVOCATE, having urgent business in Montague County, left Dallas Wednesday evening, March 20, at 6:30 p. m. We reached Bowie that night, and on Thursday morning met Rev. W. A. Stuckey and Rev. T. L. Miller, the gentlemen with whom we wished to adjust the aforementioned business complications. We got right down to work. We found plenty of quail, killed a fine bag, got a breath of fresh air, took some lessons in geography, laughed and talked with our clever hosts and had a splendid outing every way. Miller and Stuckey laid themselves out to give us a good time, and they succeeded. We spent a night at the parsonage in Montague, and feel deeply indebted to Sister Miller and her accomplished daughter for the splendid fare with which we were regaled. Two newspaper men are under many obligations to the kind friends who made their jaunt so pleasant in many ways. The publisher is being gradually initiated into the arts and pleaures of sportmanship, and if nothing untoward occurs to mar his auspicious apprenticeship he will soon be full-fledged and first-class.

G. H. RAGSDALE.

We regret to chronicle the death of G. H. Ragsdale, of Gainesville, Texas. He was a devout member of the Methodist Church, and we dare say fully prepared for the solemn event. G. H. Ragsdale was a scientist of splendid powers and attainments. He was extremely fond of natural history, and was by all odds the best posted ornithologist in the State. He had a charming style, and many of his contributions to the Gainesville Hesperian on scientific subjects were of a masterly character. Though only an amateur scientist, yet in his chosen sphere—natural history—we doubt if he had a superior among all the professionals of the South. He lived in intelligent and happy communion with God and the works of God, and has no doubt entered upon the saint's everlasting rest.

"FALLEN ON SLEEP."

I was pained and wiped a tear from my eyelids when I saw the notice of the death of Rev. J. D. Scoggins in the last issue of the ADVOCATE. It was my pleasure to know Bro. Scoggins well. I got acquainted with him when he was quite a young man in the ministerial work.

At the time I was in charge of the high school at the beautiful little town of Graham, Texas, Bro. Scoggins had a work that lay near the town, and came in frequently to see me.

Being his elder he consulted me about a course of reading for a young minister. I suggested a course which he read, and he expressed himself as having been greatly benefited by reading it.

Bro. Scoggins was always of a kindly disposition and a very pleasant associate. He was true to the cause and did his work well; but, alas! he is gone. We can not fathom the mysteries of God's providence. Here was a young man, full of usefulness, taken away from the walks of life. One by one we are being borne away on "the inaudible and noiseless foot of time."

God knows what is best for us. We submit all things to him, knowing that he does all things well.

Let us all take consolation and comfort from the musings of the abbot in "The Golden Legion:"

"Upward steals the life of man
As the sunshine from the wall;
From the wall into the sky,
From the roof along the spire;
Ah! the souls of those that die
Are but sunbeams lifted higher."

S. E. BURKHEAD.

Mexia, Texas.

GRANDMA STANFORD.

"Sweet Jesus! Dear Savior! Happy home! It will not be long!"

These are words which thrilled me as I sat in a sick room, and they fell from the lips of one whose name is a blessing, whose influence is a benediction, whose Christian character is a center of power, and whose memory will ever cling to those who know her as a sweet fragrance—Grandma Stanford, the widow of Father Thos. Stanford.

"How long will she be with us?" I can't say, but when she is gone we will know where to find her. Lingering on earth, she is in sight of heaven. Having for a long while been kept to her bed, on each Sunday afternoon there is a prayer-meeting at her house, presumably for Grandma's benefit, but the stream of blessing sets in from the other way, and unto us comes the murmuring waters of life.

Earth is slow to relax its hold, but room is ready for her above, for hath He not said, "I go to prepare a place for you?"

J. H. WISEMAN.

Lorena, Texas.

IN JEYPORE AND BOMBAY.

A night's railway ride to the southward from Delhi brought us to Jeypore, the beautiful capital of the native State of Jeypore. This was like turning back the dial of a century, for we were at last in the veritable "India of the Rajahs"—one of the States where a native prince still reigns and rides an elephant. Not having given special attention to the geography of India, I was surprised to find so large a part of the country yet under the rulership of native potentates—about one-fifth of the population and two-fifths of the territory. But they are not entirely independent. In the capital of each a representative of the British Government resides, who is styled the Agent or Resident. He is to keep an open eye on the interests of England, and is the political adviser of the native Prince, having more authority than an ordinary diplomat at a foreign court. These native rulers levy taxes, collect revenues, and administer all their internal affairs without interference, unless some case of oppression is referred to the Resident. They have small armies, but are not allowed by the British Government to wage war against other States. Jeypore is such a State, and the city of the same name is such a capital, the King thereof having the title of Maharajah.

As this is off the line of ordinary tourist travel add guests are comparatively few, the competitions and contentions of hotel runners were more noisy and violent that we have found in all the East, even in Madras. There are only two hotels, and it is no small matter to get a guest, and, on his departure, secure a fulsome testimonial. They pulled so violently that we were in danger of being disrobbed, and shouted so loud that we could scarcely hear our ears. Underbidding was lively even to ferocity, and at last we were offered a free carriage and handsome entertainment for three rupees a day. Outside of Calcutta hotel rates in India are quite cheap, but by the time a guest escapes from hard pillows, porters, stewards, guides and baggage coolies, he has paid fairly well for all he has received. For all this he is urged to write in a book his extravagant appreciation of the superb hostlery, and give a separate, cordial testimonial (with "backsheesh") to the efficiency of everyone who does anything for him, from blacking his boots or pulling a punka to honoring him with a morning "salam."

Jeypore is said to be the most beautiful native city in India, a claim I am quite prepared to sustain. The main street, extending from east to west, is two miles long and one hundred and twenty feet wide, lined on either side with handsome pink-colored houses, the second and third stories of which have ornamental bay windows. This is intersected by other streets of similar width, at right angles, the whole being laid out in rectangular blocks. A massive stone wall, with numerous gates, incloses the entire city. On a lofty, rocky hill overlooking the quaint Oriental capital there is a strong fort, within which is an arsenal and the national mint.

Between the city gate and the railway station the Botanic Gardens are located, and very near one of the Maharajah's several splendid palaces. In the center of this is Albert Hall and Museum, a beautiful white marble structure, begun under the reign of the former Maharajah, and, as a tablet in the main entrance declares, "to promote the welfare of his people, and to commemorate the visit to Jeypore of the Prince of Wales, by whom this foundation stone was laid on the 6th of February, 1876." It was erected at a cost of 494,000 rupees. Its walls are ornamented with portraits of all the Maharajahs of Jeypore from 1503 to the present, and in the several halls there are splendid specimens of Egyptian, Chinese, Japanese, Indian, and European art. The Museum is most creditable. There is an excellent zoological collection, especially of animals native to Rajpootana. The old one-armed keeper of the lions and tigers took evident pride in showing off the dreadful creatures of his special care. Our guide told the story of the loss of his arm as we stood at the lion's cage. That old monster of shaggy mane and mighty jaws was was sick a year or two ago, and while the keeper was kindly ministering to him, the old fellow became angered and bit off his master's arm. I would have felt very sorry for him but for the fact that he displayed his little stump of a right arm as an appeal for "backsheesh." But the incident contains a lesson. I have known of other than irresponsible, revenous beasts, to turn and rend those who were trying to do them good. They take advantage of intended kindness to spring upon the unsuspecting and tear their reputation to tatters. The most ferocious thing in this world is heartless human ingratitude. But I have no idea of preaching a sermon, with a lion's cage in India for a pulpit, a one-armed Hindoo for a text, and the hundred thousand readers of the Advocate for a congregation.

Adjoining his place near the Gardens the Maharajah has a private railroad depot, where his several Maharitas and their ladies in waiting can arrive and depart without attracting the gaze of the curious and profane. So far as possible the zenana seclusion idea must obtain even when high-caste woman travels on the public highways. Railroads, however, are great levelers—not only of hills and valleys, but of race and caste distinctions as well. This foolish caste system of India experienced a rude shock when the first railroad was built, and everywhere marks the breaking down of the barriers of centuries. Those who would not dare touch each other years ago for fear of spiritual pollution, now jostle on the same platform, crowd into the same car, and sleep on the same seats.

We visited the splendid Palace in the city, and sat in the white marble Audience Hall, where the Maharajah receives his nobles and the representatives of other courts. Adjoining the palace are beautiful gardens, with stone paved walks, artificial lakes, an hundred playing fountains, and the flowers and foilage of every bloom and clime. Here the wives of the zenana can luxuriate under tropical bowers and enjoy perfumed breezes away from the rude eyes of the world. The billiard hall in the garden is quite a building, very beautifully carpeted, furnished with the costliest covered sofas and divans, and cooled by punkas covered with white brocaded satin, while the walls were adorned with paintings and other pictures, including the American Eagle and flag. One thing noted as we walked through the spacious garden had a gentle touch of pathos—a little monument that marks the spot where the Maharajah's faithful dog was buried. It is of white marble, pagoda-shaped, and on the top is the sleeping figure of a dog in black marble. I thought of Abbotsford, and the stone figure of Sir Walter Scott's faithful friend who slept at his feet while his master's busy pen was weaving fancies or making music for the enrichment of the ages. But this is more beautiful than the modest monument in the gardens at Abbotsford.

A visit to the royal stables disclosed something of the grandeur in which an Oriental Sovereign can live when he has a chance. There were three hundred horses, and each horse had a separate groom. They were imported from Arabia, Australia, England, and elsewhere, besides a large number from the native States of Rajpootana. In them flowed the best blood of the world, and some had the fleetest feet on the Indian turf. There were horses for the royal carriages, horses for the Rajah's bodyguard, and horses for his hunting parties. Each horse was tied with three ropes—one around his neck to a ring, and around each hind foot to a small post ten or fifteen feet off. These posts were of white marble, and the trough in each stall was also trimmed with marble. In these stables was a little Hindoo shrine for the accommodation of the three hundred horseman, who may pay their daily vows to the gods and ask good luck upon the steeds committed to their care. The other quarters, where the one hundred royal elephants are kept, we failed to see. The Maharajah was on a visit to the Zenana Palace, while we were in the grounds, and in response to request for the privilege of visiting Amber Palace, seven miles from the city, and the ancient capital of Jeypore, promptly replied, granting the request, and stating that an elephant would meet us at 3 p. m., at a certain point two miles from the palace, and transport us thither. We met the appointment, and the elephant—a veritable moving mountain. What an immense creature! He was gaily caparisoned in red and yellow, with a large double saddle on top, called a "howdah," for the accomodation of four or six persons. The manager rode on his neck just behind his big ears, and by means of an irod instrument with which he punctured the beast's head, controlled him perfectly. He kneeled down for us to mount, which was accomplished by means of a ladder. Did I like it? Do you suppose I would enjoy a miniature earthquake sending a shiver through every nerve, and that for two mortal hours? And then I am "afraid of that which is high." But there is some satisfaction in having ridden a high-horse just once.

The Palace crowns a lofty rocky summit, from the marble top of which we viewed a scene which Bishop Heber is quoted as saying is the most striking, picturesque, and beautiful he ever beheld. Though very beautiful, it did not impress me quite so vividly, probably because of my ride on an earthquake, and the prospect of returning by the same train and schedule. In the Palace there is a temple, before which a kid is sacrificed every morning, and on certain feast days, twice a year, 108 kids and five buffaloes are offered in sacrifice to the gods. On these occasions the Maharajah is present and witnesses the ceremony from his marble audience-hall above. I am surprised that a man who seems to have broad and progressive views on governmental affairs, should encourage by his presence that blind superstition of the dark ages. His country will never grow beyond the ignorant Hindoo fakirs that inhabit the ruins of the old city of Amber, until they cease that slaughter of kids and buffaloes before hideous idols.

The streets of Jeypore presented a more thoroughly Oriental appearance by far than any city we have seen. The dress of the people, the noisy hucksterers, the flashy bazaars, the trains of patient camels walking softly one behind the other, the hundreds of donkeys ambling along under burdens larger than themselves, the crowded bullock-carts, the loaded buffaloes, dashing horsemen with runners by their stirrups, and the throngs of men, women, and chilbren, made a picture that entirely corresponded with my dream of Oriental life. And to add picturesqueness to the scene, we passed six wedding processions, all dressed in red, and marching to music and singing. In each case the bride was a mere child, her dress of scarlet differing from the others only in the liberal use of gilt on that part which covered her head. Thus ended our day in Jeypore—a rare episode in our Oriental wanderings.

From Jeypore we went direct to Bombay—a long journey of thirty-six hours, and much of it through a sandy section as dreary as a desert. However, two things everywhere abounded—crows and goats, and they are familiar friends. I have seen four crows sitting on the back of a goat while he picked away at the dry grass, seeming himself to enjoy their free ride. The rainfall of this section is sufficient to produce large crops, but it comes all at once, and is confined to a month or six weeks. In this respect there are greater differences in India than any country I have ever known—the figures ranging from 5.24 inches, or nearly four feet, as in Cherapoonji, in Assam, to only two inches at some points in Sinde. These figures will interest some readers of the Advocate: Mahoblesher has a rainfall of 300 inches; Bombay 71; Calcutta, 66; Madras, 50; Delhi, 24; and Sinde, 2 inches. Hence, in most parts of the country it is necessary to irrigate to keep starvation from the doors of millions.

Arriving at Bombay on Saturday morning, December 8, we found the Great Western Hotel quite full of persons ready to sail in a few hours for England. The very thought quickened every pulse-beat, and made me desire to hasten the hour of our anchor-lifting. And this was only intensified by the cheery letters we read from home. The papers were read, even through the advertisements. And here I want to record my gentle protest against the growing editorial proscription of obituaries in our religious papers. These stories of triumphing faith and consecrated service are the richest heritage of the Church. They have led many to seek the Lord, and kindled new zeal in thousands whose love had lost its glow, and in whose faith there was no longer the element of daring conquest. We want to know still that the "Methodists die well."

Bombay, the chief seaport of Western India and capital of the Bombay Presidency, is a busy, stirring city of 900,000 inhabitants. It is built on a cluster of islands, and has one of the most magnificent harbors in the world. Its history dates back to the coming of the Portuguese, and memorials of their commercial enterprise and military genius are yet to be seen. A small section of the old fort is preserved as a relic of the stormy years that tested the fiber of every man's courage who ventured to this much coveted land of massacres and mutinies. Bombay has many splendid buildings, and is the only city in India with a respectable street-car system, all owned, by the way, by American capitalists. It is fast becoming the Manchester of India for manufacturing enterprise, having already 130 cotton mills and several for the weaving of woolen goods. Probably on this account cotton goods are admitted free, though everything else has to pay a small tariff. Just why England thus discriminates against one of her colonial possesssions I suppose her great statesmen can give satisfactory answer—to themselves.

In this connection I cannot refrain from expressing surprise, that in exacting an income tax from all whose stipend is over forty rupees a month the English Government in India does not exempt the salaries of missionaries, paid by foreign boards. The men and women engaged in the moral and religious upbuilding of the country, and sustained by the money of the benevolent in other countries, must pay the Government for the privilege. To my mind, this is little less than an iniquity. Heathen China is more generous. The argument that the Government protects them while they preach, may be also claimed for China and Japan.

But here everything must be taxed to sustain an expensive Government. Riding through Bombay one afternoon with Rev. Mr. Robertson, presiding elder of the Bombay District, attention was called to large figures in white paint on the cocoanut trees from which the "toddy," the national drink, is extracted. These are numbered and taxed by the Government. When Dr. Norman McLeod was in this country he noticed these figures, and then looking at the feathery crowns of the trees, exclaimed: "O India, even the hairs of thy head are all numbered!"

We visited the "Towers of Silence" on Malabar Hill early one morning—the horrid place where the Parsees dispose of their dead by giving them as food to vultures. There is one small private tower, and three large ones, two or three hundred feet in circumference and about thirty feet high. One of the large towers is used only for those who may have committed suicide. So they who die by their own hands are placed apart—but eaten by the same vultures. Perched on one of the towers were an hundred or more of the filthy birds. The keeper of the grounds said they never left—were, indeed, too heavy to go very far; which being interpreted means, they are kept too fat on Parsee flesh to fly. The body is brought by corpse-bearers on an iron bier, disrobed of all clothing, and placed on top of the tower. In less than two hours all the flesh is consumed, and the picked bones fall through the grating below, which, after they crumble, are cast into a well. The Parsees worship the earth, and therefore would not pollute it by burying the dead therein. They worship fire, and therefore could not pollute that sacred element by throwing dead bodies into it. So the most religious, sanitary and expeditious method, they conclude, is to give their dear ones to vultures, the divinely-appointed scavengers of nature. Those towers and the waiting buzzards were, if possible, even more depressing and distressing to my spirit than the burning ghats of the Hindoos.

There are nearly an hundred thousand Parsees in Bombay. Many of them live in splendid mansions, and all are bankers, merchants, or tradesmen. They are of much lighter color than other natives, and are so prosperous as to be called "the Jews of India." Of their religion, derived from Zoroaster, and brought with them from Persia, I havn't space to write.

A complimentary excursion to the Elephanta Caves was given us Saturday afternoon in the "Mission Launch," by the members of the Methodist Episcopal Mission in Bombay. We had a delightful ride over the bay to the island where these curious cave temples were excavated centuries ago. It was rather late to get the best view of the immense stone figures, some of them sixteen feet high, cut in relief on the solid rock, but the falling evening shadows gave the subterranean chapels a gloomy grandeur most impressive.

The hospital for sick animals built and endowed by a wealthy Hindoo I did not visit. There stray dogs are fed, and sick ones tenderly medicated. All animals, from a horse to a monkey, are treated just as scientifically as patients in the wards of any hospital in Europe or America. Of course, this freak of philanthropy has its source and inspiration in the doctrine of the transmigration of souls. They honor their ancestors, and also may be preparing for their own soul's better future treatment by thus ministering to sick cows and kids. Whether or not, as reported, this idea is carried so far, as occasionally to pay a man to lie still while fleas and other vermin feed upon him, I can not say; but this is true—they will doctor a dog and let a human being die.

We worshiped on Sunday morning in Bowen Memorial M. E. Church, where Bro. Wadsworth preached a helpful sermon to a good congregation of Europeans and Eurasians. Bishop Thoburn arrived from America at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and preached in that church at 6. At the same hour I had the privilege of prophesying at the Grant Road Church, where as many as six different services are held every Sabbath in four languages. The Bowen church is named in honor of Rev. George Bowen, for many years a faithful missionary in India, where he died in triumph, February 5, 1888. In 1872 he was associated with Rev. Wm. Taylor, (now missionary Bishop of Africa) in the revival which resulted in the establishment of the M. E. Church in Bombay. Everywhere I have heard the name of William Taylor, and seen the glorious fruits of his flaming zeal and earnest preaching. His work will abide through the ages.

On Monday I breakfasted with Bro. Crane, in company with Bishop Thoburn and Bro. Robertson. And in the evening we attended a *Tamashi*, at the Girls' School, under the auspices of the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The Tamashi is any sort of an entertainment—on that evening it took the form of celebrating the silver anniversary of the W. F. M. S. An interesting programme was carried out in which the natives took prominent part. We had dinner with the ladies, and at 8 o'clock attended a Welcome Meeting at Grant Road Church, where short addresses were made by Bishop Thoburn, Bro. Wadsworth and myself. I regretted not being able to attend the conference which assembled at Poonah December 12, the day we sailed from Bombay.

This ends our tour of India—a month crowded with strange and wonderful experiences. Of only a few things have I been able to hurriedly write. The missionary problems have been specially in mind, and information as to progress and outlook eagerly sought. There are discouragements. The day of India's redemption is not nigh. The great Aryan race has hardly been touched. But every day marks a gain, and the years are full of promise.—*Bishop Chas. B. Galloway, D. D., in Nashville Christian Advocate.*

Arabian Sea, December 19, 1894.

WIFE OF THE PIRATE LAFITTE.

The ocean waves having washed up on Galveston Island the remains of two old ships supposed to have been wrecked in the days of the pirate Lafitte, along with some human bones, reminds one of your readers that the former wife of this noted man lived and died a Methodist, Jesse Hord having received her into the Church in 1839, in Old Caney bottom, one night by the light of a log fire. She was a woman of bold nerve and massive cast of mind. At the time of her conversion she had become the wife of a Mr. Tone, and was living in a tent in the DeMoss settlement. Jesse Hord was preaching to the people out-of-doors. They were powerfully moved. Penitents were invited to cast themselves upon the ground and give their hearts to God. Nearly every sinner on the ground was seeking religion. Mrs. Tone's conviction was deep and pungent. She confessed that she had been a great sinner. Her conversion was powerful. She joined the Church, and ever afterwards stood up for the Lord; lived to do much good and died a triumphant death. It is remarkable that history gives no account of the restoration and reformation of any member of Lafitte's crew save this woman, and Providence had led her away to a secluded place on land where she came under the preaching of this simple old Methodist. She was not gospel-hardened. Jesse Hord says the tongue of fire seemed possessed by her as she proclaimed and confessed her conversion.

Think of the wife of the pirate Lafitte at the mourner's bench, with radiant face, pointing sinner's to the Lamb of God "that taketh away the sin of the world." Young preacher, make much of the blood of Jesus and demands of the law as you preach.

H. G. H.

THREE GOOD BOOKS.

Permit me to say amen to what the editor said in praise of "Benson's Life of Fletcher." It will prove a blessing to any preacher who will read it. It is good for anyone to read.

Also permit me to say amen and amen to what Bro. Horner said concerning "The Revival and the Pastor," by J. O. Peck. Let all the preachers read it; and add to it "How to Be a Pastor," by Theodore L. Cuyler—a splendid little book—and last, but not least, let some layman who loves Methodism charter a box car at Nashville, Tenn., and fill it with "Campbellism Not of God," by J. S. Smith, and ship it to Texas and sow down the State with it. The above pamphlet is the completest refutation of Campbellism I ever saw in a condensed form.

C. N. N. FERGUSON.

Bruceville, Texas.

DENISON FOR CHRIST.

That the gospel of Christ has lost none of its old-time power, is manifest in the wonderful work carried on here for the past few months. This city, noted abroad for its iniquity, is being purified by the levening force of the gospel. Not one, but many, agencies have been used of God to accomplish the work. A prominent institution in winning souls in the city is the Y. M. C. A.

A Holy Ghost man is at the head of this. A praying man and tireless worker. Mothers all over this land will rise up and bless God for Bro. Freeman; he loves men better than his life. There is no sing-song drawling exercise; no bumping along in the old ruts, but men are converted at the rooms—set on fire for God—and come into the Church, to make our most useful members. The Bethel Mission work has served a useful part in leading men and women out of sin into holiness. Every service in our Church means a revival; gradually every week the Church of God is getting on a higher plane. The rum devil hisses, lewdness laughs in scorn; infidelity rages, foams at the mouth and paws the earth; but as the hosts of God's children—mothers, fathers, wives and young people shout Denison for Christ, Satan's kingdom trembles.

Every week strong men are being born again. The master-mechanic tells me he has the most upright and cleanest company of men in the shops, round-house and on the road he ever saw in the railroad work.

Southern Methodism has been a mighty factor in bringing about this state of affairs. We are marching in front. No second-fiddle place will do, not here in our own land. One hundred and fifteen accessions to the Church since conference. All departments in ship-shape—Epworth Leagues the right-hand power. The pastor could not do the work but for the assistance given so cheerfully by the Leagues.

An elegant modern church edifice will be built, and this important station in the conference shall be fortified against the devil. God is over all. Let the people say Denison for Christ. Amen.

NAT B. READ.

A MISSIONARY REVIVAL.

On the 19th of February, on call of the presiding elder of the Brownwood District, the pastors met in Brownwood to consult and devise plans for missionary, Church extension, Epworth League, Sunday-schools, revivals and other interests of the Church. The missionary cause was emphasized and eloquent speeches were made by the beloved presiding elder, Bros. C. E. Brown, J. W. Adkisson, W. C. Hilburn, T. J. Lassetter, and others, which inspired new zeal and determination into our souls. Before leaving Brownwood I ordered sample missionary literature, which Dr. I. G. John sent forthwith, which we have distributed and exhibited in our congregations. We have procured twenty-five subscribers for the World for Christ. On the 17th inst. we preached to a small audience on "Christ the Light of the World." Text: John 8:12. At the close of which we presented the missionary claims to the small congregation, consisting of representatives of five families, and in a few minutes they pledged themselves for $37. One young man with no capital but his physical strength and Christian manhood paid $5.50. Another young man who is struggling for an education, by teaching and then attending school, subscribed $10. The wife of a superannuated preacher, "spoke up in meeting" and said, "If I could, I would go as a missionary;" but as she can't go, although she has a feeble husband and eight children (most of them small) to support, she and her children pledged themselves for nearly $10. Bro. Pierce, you ought to have seen the old superannuate "prance and stamp," while his eyes sparkled through his flowing tears. He is one of the men who pioneered this missionary field when his congregations were often scattered by hostile Indians, and he and his good wife often camped out between appointments. The pastors need not fear that a missionary collection will interfere with their salaries, for just after this collection the steward appealed to these same people and, though the membership was not all there, they pledged their word, which is as good as an ironclad note, for more than their assessment.

The outside row of the Brownwood District will come out all right this year, and so will the district. The tide is rising. May she continue to rise. The people are poor out here, but we have a good type of Methodism, which is "Christianity in earnest." Praise the Lord!

GEO. F. FAIR,
P. C. Robert Lee Mission.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Chillicothe.

J. T. Griswold, March 20: This place went largely for prohibiton on the 16th inst. We are rejoicing over our success. No saloon at this place for the next two years—thanks to our Heavenly Father.

Peoria.

C. Davis, March 25: Commenced a meeting here on the 18th inst. Satan made a hard fight against us for a few days, but, praise the Lord, we are getting victory; the Church is being crowded; some precious souls have professed; others are seeking; will continue through the coming week. God grant we may get a complete victory.

Killeen.

Jim M. Bond, March 26: We closed one of the best meetings ever held in this town last night; 40 conversions, 26 additions (old men). Almost all of the converts were grown men. Our Church wonderfully revived. Bro. Dick Tooley did most of the preaching. We were assisted by Bros. S. W. Warner, George Williamson, Roberts and Swinney. My people and myself are happy. Say to the people that Killeen Precinct went dry last Saturday by 112 votes. We organized a League of 115 members Sunday last. Bless the Lord!

Temple.

I. Z. T. M., March 21: If the prayer-meeting at First Church last night is a thermometer by which we may judge the condition of the Church here, you can write it down Holy Ghost heat; and the energy put forth by the Building Committee to complete the church is not a degree below the prayer-meeting. In a short time Bro. Wright expects to go into the new church with a blaze of revival power, and so it will be. Bro. White, at South Temple, is going on well with every department of his Church. And now, with the TEXAS ADVOCATE going into 160 homes in the city, we may expect great things.

Bruceville.

R. J. Deets, March 22: I am just home from Velasco, at which place I assisted Rev. G. S. Sandel in a meeting. The wet, sloppy weather hindered much. We had 14 accessions to our Church and others yet to join. I go next to Ozona and Sonora to help Bro. W. G. Cocke in meet-

ings. Letters addressed to me at Bruceville, Texas, will reach me at any time. The ADVOCATE is highly spoken of in every charge that I have visited. I intend to do some missionary work by putting the ADVOCATE in families where it has never been.

Mullin Circuit.

G. W. Templin, March, 19: The first Quarterly Conference for Mullin Circuit convened at Mullin, March 9 and 10. Out of the eight appointments six were represented. Finances somewhat behind, but the stewards are hopeful. We have a good Board of Stewards. Rev. W. M. Shelton, our efficient presiding elder, was at his post looking carefully into every interest of the Church. He preached four excellent sermons, which did us all good. Congregations were large, and every service was good. The sacramental service on Sunday was precious. The collection for missions amounted to $33 in cash and subscription. We are planning and trying to lay the foundation deep and broad for a revival of religion all over the work.

Canadian.

C. V. Bailey, March 20: Our second Quarterly Conference was good. Bro. Hall preached four excellent sermons and presided profitably. In his sermon on Christian individuality, he stood for God with lion-like courage; at 11 o'clock, Sunday, he preached an encouraging sermon to Christians, showing them they can do God's will on earth as it is done in heaven. We went over to Clear Creek at 3 p. m., and he gave us a warm discourse on love, and drew the people closer to God and one another. In Canadian at night he had the largest crowd of the meeting and the presiding elder did his best. It was a regular sub-soiler. The pastor's salary was fixed at $350. I wish to express my gratitude to a few kind friends who presented me with a fine Bible. Most of the donors live in the Connel settlement, and were allowed to get up this kind surprise, being led by sister Jennie Connel. The out-look on this work is encouraging.

Considers it "a household necessity." Mr. A. J. Whiting, Newton, Kansas, accentuates his opinion thus: "I have used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in my family for the last eight years and consider it a household necessity."

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Leonard.

J. T. Bludworth, March 23: This is the third week of our revival and still the interest increases with every service. Some of the hardest cases in town have been converted. I think there have been at least 75 conversions and reclamations. Rev. C. O. Jones is doing the most of the preaching. All the pastors in town and their congregations are attending and working in the meeting. We give God all the glory.

Alvord Station.

Edgar C. McVoy, March 13: We have had no protracted meeting yet, but are steadily growing along all lines. Since conference we have received 22 members, mostly by certificate. Presiding elder paid in full for the first quarter, and my salary is being paid regularly. Have sent off our assessment for the orphanage, $5 50; and foreign mission assessment, $62. Senior Epworth League now has forty-three members. The Juniors are doing nicely. The Ladies' Parsonage and Home Mission Society is composed of consecrated women and hard workers. Our congregations are large, and the outlook is bright. The people are exceedingly kind.

Prohibition in Fannin.

W. M. Leatherwood, March 11: Local option election held Saturday, the 9th, resulted for prohibition 456 votes. We could have had 1500 if pros. had done their duty. Antis talk of contesting, but we suppose they will not. They fought to the last ditch. Bonham, Honey Grove and Ladonia gave majorities for pros. Populist paper divided the Pops in the country—"Democratic trick." "Saloon defeated them (they said) last fall." They fought for it in election. The paper died. Of course the anti papers took a crack at this preacher, but he still lives.

Aubrey.

C. C. Davis, March 26: Last Sunday was a red-letter day for Methodism in Aubrey. The occasion was the preaching of Rev. A. C. McDougal's funeral by Rev. J. W. Hill. Bro. Hill preached on Saturday night with power. He then preached the funeral on Sunday and at the close he raised $40.18 in cash and subscription for our conference collections. He addressed the Epworth League in the afternoon. He says he loves to talk to the League if they only allow him to c' o se his own subject. He is certainly able to interest and profit the people and help the cause of Methodism. I think he sowed good seed in the lecture here. He preached for us again at night. The Lord was with him and his congregation at every service. Aubrey is coming rapidly to the front as a half station. We now have about 170 members here and a good Sunday-school and Epworth League. Our prayer-meetings on Thursday nights are profitable occasions. The devotional meetings of the Epworth League are times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. We hope to have a net membership of 500 in Aubrey Circuit by conference.

Denton.

J. S. Stone, March 25: We are moving along nicely at Denton. Church filled to utmost capacity both morning and night. Sunday-school growing, prayer-meeting growing in numbers and interest, class-meeting on a boom, pastor happy, hopeful and enthusiastic. Dr. Carradine's meeting did much good for our town—a few converted and quite a number sanctified. Many have taken a firmer stand for God and the Church. Our pastor is growing on us. His sermons are strong and convincing. Methodism is on a higher plane than we have ever known it during our seven or eight years' stay in Denton. To God be all the glory. But one thing we lack yet—a new church or the old one enlarged. The interst of our Church demands it, our pastor feels the need of it and we must have it, and let all the people say amen.

Leonard.

J. T. Bludworth, March 26: We closed our meeting here Sunday night, after continuing three weeks. It is impossible to give the number of conversions; more than 100 were converted and reclaimed. Three ex-saloon-keepers and many of the toughest men of the town were converted. In fact, this whole town was shaken from center to circumference. Every young man in the high school was saved; 60 or 70 have joined the different Churches; 30 were added to the Methodist. Our Sunday-school, Epworth League and prayer-meeting have been much increased and the Church is moving out on every line. Bro. C. O. Jones did nearly all the preaching; he is a power, both in the pulpit and the altar. Any pastor will be fortunate to get his help in a meeting. He expects to do revival work this year, then apply for admission into our conference this fall. I am looking after the ADVOCATE.

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WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Hope.

J. S. Airhart, March 25: We have a good M. E. Church here. Bro. J. A. Wright preaches here one Sunday in each month, and is well liked by all, both saint and sinner. We have one regular prayer-meeting that meets every Thursday night, and a Sunday-school. The 24th was Orphan Day, and speeches, songs and then a collection was taken and $3.60 received. The young and old seemed to be glad to think that the good Lord had put it in the hearts of men to organize such a home for those that had no home. There are ten copies of the ADVOCATE taken at Hope.

Willow City.

Mrs. J. P. G., March 19: Our second Quarterly Conference was held at Comanche, Saturday, March 16. Bro. M. A. Black, our presiding elder, was present and presided over the conference, but returned home immediately afterward on account of the severe illness or his wife. The spiritual progress on this work seems to tend upward and all hope for gracious revivals, but the financial outlook at some points is very discouraging. Sunday, the 17th, a large audience gathered, expecting to hear the presiding elder preach. He being absent, the pastor, Rev. J. P. Garrett, felt obliged to fill the vacant stand, which he did to the best of his ability, though it required a great physical as well as mental effort, owing to the disparity in size of the two persons.

Kingsbury.

E. K. Denton, March 26: We are enlarging our borders. Kingsbury being without a pastor, my presiding elder has allowed me to incorporate it. This is missionary ground. Have just held a week of meetings there with good results. Received 5 into the Church, organized a good Sunday-school and think we shall build a Church soon. Bro. W. Love Vaughan was with us a few days, singing the gospel and helping in the pastoral work. He is a good singer and a devoted Christian. We got a few new subscribers at Kingsbury. The people to whom we have access are not numerous yet, but our opening for good work is encouraging. Prairie Lea is advancing very nicely. Luling moves, but slowly. We had a personal attack with an adversary of the Old Fellow the other day, but grace abounds and I am still at my post; all is peaceful; our faith is in God. The San Marcos District Conference convenes at Luling on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in May.

West End and Prospect Hill.

Hubert D. Knickerbocker, San Antonio, March 19: We are progressing. At West End we have had 15 conversions lately in the regular Sunday morning services. 10 joined our Church and 3 the Presbyterian Church. For four Sundays we have had penitents at the altar and in the congregations. The work still goes on and we are praying and working to the end of reaping in all in the congregation. All the boarders at the San Antonio Female College are now Christians and all the young men, except one, at Prof. Peacock's Select School are also Christians. The Sunday-school is a model, almost ideal. The Epworth League is prospering. At Prospect Hill we held a protracted meeting lately, conducted by Rev. A. L. Prewett. Against great difficulties, rain, mud and cold, we labored and some of the harvest was nipped in the bud, but between 5 and 10 accessions and a great spiritual uplift will be the visible result. Bro. Prewett did some good preaching and was an inspiration to us by his faith in God. In the charge we have received 37 members since conference, about half of these on profession of faith. We are encouraged and press on.

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TEXAS CONFERENCE.

St James.

Ira M. Bryce, March 21: On the 20th inst., lead by the President of the League in St. James, a host of members of the Church and members of the congregation, came to the parsonage. In appearance they seemed to have just come from town. They marched in a body up to the door and when Mrs. B. opened and bade them walk into the parlor, they did not seem to hear her. I at length joined her and our entreaties did not avail to get them turned away from the dining-room. They marched liked determined and resistless soldiers through the hall and into the dining-room, where, to our great surprise and happy delight, they placed their burthens upon the table, until out of pity(?) excited through the deep groanings of a table unused to such unlimited imposition, they began to cover the floor in the dining-room and in the parlor and in the hall. After all had been unloaded of their groceries (too numerous to mention in detail) they enjoyed themselves for an hour or so talking and playing and reading aloud, etc. Well you may think it strange, but it is true nevertheless, though others have spent sleepless nights because they had little to eat, that night was a sleepless one to us because we had much. It is an awful thing not to be grateful enough for the blessings which we enjoy. We certainly appreciate this pounding.

EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Pittsburg.

J. C. Calhoun, March 25: "Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad," because our people are continuing steadfast in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and prayers, praising God and having favor with all the people. One hundred and sixteen members were received as the result of our great meeting; 125 since conference, thus far.

Rusk.

V. A. Godbey, March 19: This charge is in good condition. Bro. J. W. Johnson, the former pastor, does substantial work that abides. I found the Church well organized for work and in a very good condition, and intend to keep it that way, the Lord being my helper. I have been kindly received and am remembered from time to time by the good people in articles for the culinary department, etc. I left a good charge, and many strong ties were sundered by so doing, and it is a matter for which I am very grateful that the lines have fallen to me in pleasant places. Our Sabbath-school and all the services of the Church are very well attended and the people are as well satisfied as I am, or they are kind enough to keep opinions to the contrary to themselves.

Homer.

Isaac E. Tittle, March 18: I was appointed to the southeast part of Angelina County. My work is adjacent to Bro. Slaughter's work—Homer Circuit. I was put in charge of this work by the presiding elder of Palestine District, Bro. L. M. Fowler. I am moving on nicely with my work. The Lord is with me. I am having some good meetings along the line, praying as we go that God will lead us to victory in this great battle. I have large congregations at all of my appointments. A great deal of my work is entirely new, therefore I had to work up organizations with some of my points. I have seven appointments to preach at, all the way from ten to thirty miles from home. I love my work and my people. I love to tell the old, old story, and my people love to hear it. I am working up some interest in the way of Sunday-schools.

A Big Meeting in Mount Pleasant.

Albert Little, March 25: We are having a glorious revival. A great many happy conversions. Yes, converted at the altar and made shouting happy! 78 have united with the Methodist Church and we have not reached the end. One saloon man happily converted and closed his saloon. Bro. E. G. Kilgore is with us, preaching with great power and acceptability. He is a fine man and is completely consecrated to the work of the ministry. Any pastor would be perfectly safe in securing Bro. Kilgore's services. I am indebted to Bro. Calhoun for valuable service in the meeting, also Bros. Sam Jones from Winfield Circuit, Hunter, from Mount Vernon; J. W. Johnson, Texarkana; E. B. Thompson, Commerce. Bro. Compton, a Cumberland minister, paid us a visit last week. Bros. Scales, Baptist, and Brooks, Presbyterian, united with us in the grand cause and perfect harmony prevails. Deck cleared, conference collections more than paid. The pastor's salary paid monthly. The kind people of Mount Pleasant keep our pantry supplied with provisions. The young men of the town are deeply interested and a large number have enlisted. Bro. Nelson Gilreath rendered valuable work in leading the song service. This pastor is happy on the way.

Belden.

W. J. Owens, March 25: Our first Quarterly Conference on this charge was held the 23rd and 24th inst., and everything passed off pleasantly. Rev. O. P. Thomas, presiding elder, and Rev. J. C. Carr, of the Daingerfield Circuit, were with us and both delighted our people with thir preaching. Everything seems hopeful on our work and we are looking forward to some gracious revivals. Our new church-house at Omaha is nearing completion and we know the saints at that place will be proud when it's finished, for it is sorely needed and has been for years. We had Bro. Thomas to take up a cash collection for the Orphanage, which amounted to $5.00. When we shall have taken up collections at our other churches on our work, we hope to be able to send Bro. Vaughan $10.00 or $15.00. Paid to the support of the ministry the first quarter, $190.55.

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C. B. FLADGER, P. E.

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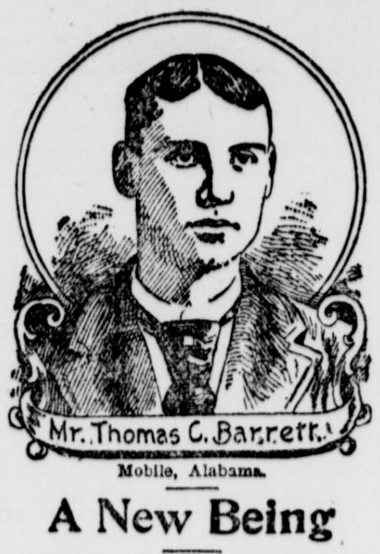
In another column the New Comet of Shenandoah, Iowa, asks for a host of lady and gentlemen canvassers to introduce an article of merit. We have examined it, and from the numerous testimonials they give as to its usefulness it must be very meritorious.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES.

Terrell District.

The Terrell District Conference will convene in Forney Friday night, May 10, 1895, at 8 o'clock. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. M. A. Smith, Saturday, May 11, at 11 o'clock. Bishop Hargrove will preside. The pastors will please forward at once the names of delegates and all who will attend to Rev. W. E. Jordan, Forney, Texas.

C. B. FLADGER, P. E.

Marshall District.

The time of the Marshall District Conference, at Longview, has been changed from June 27 to July 11.

JOHN ADAMS, P. E.

Gainesville District.

The Gainesville District Conference will convene in Decatur on Thursday before the third Sunday in June at 9 a. m. Preaching Wednesday night by J. C. Weaver.

R. M. POWERS, P. E.

THE GRAND OLD MUTUAL FOR 1894.

The particular attention of the readers of this journal is called to the annual statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York for the year ending December 31, 1894, which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The wonderful record of this grand old Company has never been excelled in the history of the financial world. Its statement shows its magnitude, which of itself is a guarantee of its safety.

The figures speak for themselves with all the eloquence of magnificent results. By looking at the "increase" for the year it can readily be seen what this sterling old Company has accomplished in the face of the general financial depression and uncertainty, and the result is certainly remarkable. These stupendous figures indicate the hold that the Company has upon the confidence of the insuring public and show that it seeks, in constantly increasing ratio, the benefits to be derived from the protection offered by one of the greatest of companies. The moral is obvious: Those who have policies in the Mutual are to be congratulated, and they should not need to be told to keep them up; those looking for or considering insurance would do well to consult an Agent of the Mutual, whose motto is that "A Good Record is the Best Guarantee for the Future."

OF INTEREST TO TEACHERS, AND THOSE EXPECTING TO TEACH.

The Fort Worth Summer Normal will be held at the Polytechnic College. It will open June 3rd and close about August 4th, lasting some eight weeks or more. It will be composed of the teachers of Tarrant County—some one hundred and fifty—and as many others as may desire to attend from abroad. Prof. N. J. Cianey, of Mansfield, Texas, will be the conductor, and he will be assisted by an able Faculty of thoroughly competent instructors. The last five weeks of the session will be under the charge of the State, and Supt. J. M. Carlisle will be present part of the time to give it his personal supervision. The Normal will, of course, give due attention to the study of Methods; but it will do more than that. It will give thorough instruction in text books, looking to preparing teachers for the best of work. The instruction afforded during the Normal will enable many persons to get teachers' certificates who could not otherwise do so. The tuition charged is very reasonable—only $5.00 per month, or $8.00 for the entire session.

The selection of the Polytechnic College as the place of holding it is very appropriate. The buildings are ample and suitable. The Laboratory and apparatus for exhibiting and illustrating the problems in Natural Philosophy and in the Study of Chemistry will be open. Our Commercial Department is also on the ground, and if there should be enough persons who would like to study Book-Keeping, or Shorthand and Typewriting, we will keep it open.

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W. F. LLOYD, Fort Worth, Texas.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

Gainesville District.

For License to Preach and Admission on Trial—J. W. Hill, O. S. Thomas, J. F. Pierce.

For Deacons' and Elders' Orders—J. C. Weaver, D. F. Fuller and G. S. Seyton.

R. M. POWERS, P. E.

Fort Worth District.

For License to Preach—Horace Bishop, A. P. Taylor, S. B. Walker.

For Admission on Trial—H. A. Bourland, L. W. Harrison, A. T. Culbertson.

For Deacons' Orders—W. F. Lloyd, W. N. Curry, A. P. Hudgins.

For Elders' Orders—O. F. Sensabaugh, T. S. Armstrong, H. A. Boaz.

GEO. S. WYATT, P. E.

Terrell District.

For License to Preach—Revs. P. C. Archer, I. A. Thomas, J. A. Kerr.

For Recommendation to Annual Conference—Revs. D. J. Martin, D. T. Brown, J. S. Stother.

For Deacons' Orders—Revs. A. H. Brewer, M. A. Smith, J. B. Minnis.

For Elders' Orders—Revs. W. A. Edwards, W. B. Patterson, Sid Bass.

C. B. FLADGER, P. E.

PREACHERS' MEETING.

The following is the program for the preachers' meeting of the Fort Worth District, to be held in Joshua, Texas, April 24-26:

Wednesday, April 24—11 a. m., "Books—How to Select, Read and Use Them," Rev. H. A. Bourland; 2:30 p. m., "Pastoral Visitation," Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh; 8 p. m., "Discipline—The Best Method to Secure the End Contemplated," Rev. Horace Bishop.

Thursday, April 25—9 a. m., "The Bible View of the Chief Duty of a Preacher," Rev. T. S. Armstrong, 11 a. m., "City Evangelization," Rev. W. F. Lloyd; 2:30 p. m., "Church Finances," Rev. C. E. Gallagher; 8 p. m., "Revivals—How to Promote Them," Rev. A. T. Culbertson.

Friday, April 26—9 a. m., "The Work of the Steward—How Best to Do It in the Country and Town," T. W. Hollingsworth and Judge N. A. Steadman; 11 a. m., "Circulation of Church Literature—How Best to Secure It," Rev. J. H. Stewart; 2:30 p. m., "Missionary Interest in the Church," Rev. H. A. Boaz; 8 p. m., "The Work of the Holy Ghost," Rev. E. V. Cox.

The principal speakers will be unlimited in time. A general discussion of each subject will be allowed. Music will be furnished by a choir selected by Bro. Gallagher. All are invited to attend; especially do we urge the officials to be present. I hope each preacher in the district will cut out this program and study well each subject, so that he will be able to discuss it at the meeting.

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Woman's Departm't.

All matter intended for this column should be addressed to Mrs. Florence E. Howell, 23 Masten Street, Dallas, Texas.

"GONE HOME."

I had a little darling once,
A precious, blue-eyed boy.
He was the pride of my heart,
Of my life the light and joy.

He was perfect in form and feature
As ever a babe could be.
A "jewel of richest value," but God
Only lent him to me.

I loved my bright-eyed darling
As only a mother could love.
But he was too pure for this world
And God has called him above.

I was vain and sinful to think he
Belonged to me, and me alone,
For he belonged to the blessed Savior
And now he has taken him home—

Home to that beautiful land above
The "city where cometh no night;"
Where all is joy, love and peace,
And "God's own face is the light."

But I bless the Lord who gave
And the Lord that taketh away,
For lending me the little lamb
Tho' he only a short while did stay.

I feel that I have been made richer
By the precious little life:
For now I have treasure in Heaven
In the land that's free from strife.

And I know, if I am faithful
To the charge that God has given,
I shall see my little one again
And live with him in Heaven.

ARABELLE RICHARDS.
Dallas, Texas.

IN MEMORIAM.

Our hearts are made sad to record the death of our Corresponding Secretary, March 8, 1895.

We, as members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, North Texas Conference, at Commerce, offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. In the death of our beloved sister, Mrs. Willie Criddell, our society has lost one of its most faithful workers, and as co-workers in the Master's cause we bear willing testimony to her deep piety, and unfaltering devotion to the Church, our society and her family.

2. That we tender the bereaved husband and children our deepest sympathy, and pray they may realize that a wise Providence is only adding another link to the chain that is drawing them heavenward. While we grieve to give up our sister, we bow in submission to a loving Father's will, knowing that "He doeth all things well."

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Woman's Missionary Advocate, and the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

MRS. A. F. DEJERNETT.
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MRS. L. E. PRESLEY,
Commerce, Texas. Committee.

REPORT of Treasurer of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society, North Texas Conference, for the quarter ending March 20, 1895:

Dec. 21, Kemp, dues	$ 4 00
Jan. 15, Decatur, special	7 00
Jan. 21, Alvord, dues	4 00
Feb. 20, Lancaster, dues	2 00
Feb. —, Gainesville, Denton St., to Rev. W. B. Walker	2 50
Feb. —, to Rev. A. M. Belcher	25 00
Feb. 22, Bells', dues $3.80; contingent $1.00	4 80
Feb. 27, Belcherville, Juvenile dues	1 35
Feb. 27, Belcherville, Juvenile dues	9 00
Feb. 28, Forney, dues	2 25
Feb. 28, Gainesville Denton, dues	10 75
Feb. 28, Gainesville, Denton, minutes	1 50
Feb. 28, Wylie, dues	3 75
Mch. 1, Plano, dues	5 00
Mch. 7, Plano, contingent	40
Mch. 1, Whitesboro, dues	2 45
Mch. 1, Bonham, dues	13 40
Mch. 1, Winsboro, dues	3 00
Mch. 1, Sherman and Travis, dues	5 00
Mch. 1, Collinsville, contingent 50; dues $1.50	2 00
Mch. 1, Gainesville, Broadway, dues	13 00
Mch. 1, Sanger, dues	2 25
Mch. 1, Denison, contingent $3.80; dues $9.50	13 30
Mch 1, Denison, minutes fund	1 50
Mch. 1, Weston, dues	1 90
Mch. 1, Bailey, dues	3 25
Mch. 1, Kemp, dues	2 25
Mch. 5, Alvord, dues	4 00
Mch. 7, Sherman, Willow St., dues	2 75
Mch. 11, Decatur, dues	5 60
Mch. 11, Decatur, Cuban School,	10 00
Mch. 11, Dallas, First Church, dues	6 25
Mch 11, Bowie, dues	3 75
Mch. 11, Gainesville, Denton St., dues	4 55
Mch. 14, Lone Oak, dues	1 00
Mch. 14, McKinney, dues	6 75
Mch. 14, Pottsboro, dues	2 25
Mch. 14, Paris, dues	5 65
Mch. 14, Bowie, Juvenile, dues	1 80
Mch. 14, South Dallas, dues	2 50
Receipt from Greenville, special donation	20 00
Brought over from last quarter, contingent $1.20; dues $38-25	39 45
Dallas, First Church, contingent	2 00
	$264 90

Credit.

Sent to Bro. Goode	7 00
Sent to Bro. Walker	2 50
Sent to Bro. Belcher	25 00
Receipt from Greenville	20 00
Sent Recording Secretary, minutes fund $1.00; contingent $5.00	6 00
Sent general Treasurer, regular fund	76 37
Sent general Cuban School	10 00
By cash on hand	118 03
	$264 90

MRS. S. C. RIDDLE,
Treasurer.
Wolfe City, Texas.

EXERCISES FOR EASTER SUNDAY, W. F. M. SOCIETY, NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

DEAR SISTERS—I have received notice from the Secretary of Home Affairs of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions to notify the auxiliaries of our conference that the board desires them to observe Easter Sunday in the interest of foreign missions. Nothing was said about programmes for the occasion. But you can, no doubt, arrange a programme with very little trouble. Ask your pastor to preach a sermon bearing upon missions at morning services, and ask him to give you the evening hour. Let some write short essays, and the children learn some recitations. And you can have some missionary songs. The collection can go into the general treasury. It is very much needed; the collections have fallen off, and the opportunities for doing good in the foreign fields are greater than ever before. Come, sisters, let us arouse ourselves, and do something that's worth the doing. Life is short; what we do we must do quickly. May God help us to do our best.

MRS. E. J. ROBINSON,
Cor. Sec. W. F. M. S., N. T. C.
Paris, Texas.

FROM MIAMI.

I have kept still just about as long as I can, so bear with me a little. Husband is a Northwest Texas Conference preacher, resting for his health on a ranch twenty miles from a church building. Our pastor preaches at a little school-house eight miles from us, and we enjoy his monthly visits. We feel that God sent him to us, and that he will accomplish much good in this new country. It is hard to be so far from Church workers, especially for a woman. Don't you know I would enjoy being with you in one of your F. M. or P. and H. M. meetings! Is there a Church member reading this who is convenient to a Church society, and then not a worker in it? I beg of you, appreciate and use the privileges you have.

I wish more of the dear sisters would write to our Woman's Department. It would be of mutual benefit to the one who writes and those who read. Sister Gardner's recent letter in the Woman's Department has such a good ring. Her society will be rewarded tenfold in the "Beautiful City" by the tender Master. Ah! would to God every woman in our fair land was a real Christian!

Yes, we are out here among the cowboys and antelopes, and see many things that would frighten and also excite the admiration of our city friends. But I must not take more space in the ADVOCATE.

We like our editor and love his (our) paper, the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

In the Panhandle of Texas we are
From college and churches afar;
But the Father is watching us here,
And Him we will work for and fear.

MRS. B. F. JACKSON.
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(From the Times, Philadelphia, Pa.)

Stricken with Landry's Paralysis and yet cured. That means but little to the average laymen, but it means a miracle to a physician. Such is the experience of O. E. Dallimore, now a resident of Madison, N. J., and a rare experience it is.

"Yes, it's true that I had Landry's Paralysis," said Mr. Dallimore to a reporter, "or else the most celebrated physicians of London were mistaken.

"It was on the 15th of March, this year," he continued, "when I was in New York city, that I first felt the symptoms of my trouble. I experienced difficulty in going up stairs, my legs failing to support me. I consulted a physician, who informed me that I had every symptom of Locomotor Ataxia; but as the case developed he pronounced it a case of Landry's Paralysis, and, knowing the nature of the disease, advised me to start for my home and friends. I gave up my work and on April 1st started for London, Ont. A well-known physician was consulted, but I grew rapidly worse, and on Saturday, April 7, several eminent physicians held a consultation on my case and informed me that I was at death's door, having but three to six days to live; still I lingered on; by this time completely paralyzed—my hands and feet being dead; I could hardly whisper my wants, and could only swallow liquids. Oh, the misery of those moments are beyond all description, and death would really have been a welcome visitor!

"Now comes the part that has astounded the physicians. Rev. Mr. Gondy, a clergyman who visited me in my last hours, as he supposed, told me of the marvellous cures of paralysis that had been performed by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I started to take the pills about April 28, and a week after that felt an improvement in my condition. There was a warm, tingling sensation in the limbs that had been entirely dead, and I soon began to move my feet and hands. The improvement continued until May 28, when I was taken out of bed for a drive and drove the horse myself. By the beginning of July I was able to walk upstairs alone and paid a visit to Niagara.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

District.	Place held.	Date.
San Antonio	Sherman Street	April 12
Terrell	Forney	May 10
Georgetown	Belton	May 16
San Marcos	Luling	May 23
Brownwood	Goldthwaite	May 23
Gatesville	Jonesboro	May 28
Gainesville	Decatur	June 13
Tyler	Canton	June 26
San Augustine	Timpson	June 27
Huntsville	Huntsville	June 27
Greenville	Nevada	June 27
Paris	Clarksville	June 27
Dublin	Stephenville	July 4
Marshall	Longview	July 11
Austin	Manor	July 11
Vernon	Vernon	Aug 28

Church Notices.

NORTHWEST TEXAS.

Fort Worth District—Third Round.

Missouri Avenue ... Apr 20, 21
Mulkey Memorial ... Apr 21, 22
Trinity and Riverside ... Apr 27, 28
Epworth and Foundry ... Apr 27, 28
Polytechnic and Fossil, at Fossil ... May 4, 5
First Church ... May 5, 6
Arlington cir, at Thomas' Chapel ... May 11, 12
Arlington sta ... May 11, 12
Mansfield cir, at Mansfield ... May 18, 19
Marystown cir, at Cahill ... May 25, 26
Cleburne cir, at Robinson's Branch ... June 8, 9
Cleburne sta ... June 8, 9
Osceola cir, Woodbury ... June 15, 16
Covington cir ... June 22, 23
Cresson cir ... June 29, 30
Grapevine cir ... July 6, 7
Smithfield cir ... July 13, 14

The pastors will notice that I have in two or three places two Quarterly Conferences for the same date. I will preach on the circuit or mission in the morning, and in the station at night, both on Saturdays and Sundays, where the two conferences are coupled.

G. S. Wyatt, P. E.

San Augustine District—Second Round.

Garrison, at Mt Pleasant ... March 30, 31
San Augustine and Sexton, at Sexton, April 6
Hemphill, at Geneva ... April 7
Attoyac, at Sharpsville ... April 13, 14
Chireno, at Melrose ... April 20, 21
Carthage, at Clayton ... April 27, 28
Timpson and Teneha, at Teneha ... May 4, 5
Shelbyville, at Carolls ... May 11, 12
Minden, at Bethel ... May 18, 19
Lynn Flat, at Wallace Grove ... May 25, 26
Nacogdoches sta ... June 1, 2
Concord, at Boncombe ... June 8, 9
Nacogdoches ct, at Aloyan ... June 15, 16
Center ct ... June 22
Center sta ... June 23

Charles F. Smith, P. E.

Brownwood District—Second Round.

Comanche cir ... March 30, 31
Santa Anna cir ... April 3
May cir ... April 6, 7
Indian Creek cir ... April 9
Glen Cove cir ... April 13, 14
Coleman sta ... April 15
Thrifty cir ... April 20, 21
Goldthwaite sta ... April 26
Mullin cir ... April 27, 28
Lometa cir ... April 29
Comanche sta ... May 1
Blanket cir ... May 4, 5
Robert Lee cir ... May 11, 12
Ballinger cir ... May 18, 19

W. M. Shelton, P. E.

Abilene District—Second Round.

Buffalo Gap, at Tecumseh ... March 30, 31
Sweetwater, at Merkel ... Apr 5
Roby, at Avalon ... Apr 6, 7
Snyder, at Browning ... Apr 13, 14
Midland sta ... Apr 19, 20
Big Springs sta ... Apr 27, 28
Colorado sta ... Apr 29
Nelnda, at Angoria ... May 4, 5
Nubia, at Bardus' Chapel ... May 9

M. K. Little, P. E.

Georgetown District—Second Round.

Temple ... March 30, 31
South Temple ... Apr 2
Rogers ... Apr 3
South Belton ... Apr 5
North Belton ... Apr 6, 7
Georgetown ... Apr 13, 14
Round Rock ... Apr 20, 21
Florence ... Apr 27, 28
Salado and Corn Hill ... May 4, 5
Jonah ... May 11, 12

W. L. Nelms, P. E.

Waco District—Second Round.

Whitney, at Whitney ... March 30, 31
Bosqueville, at Greenwood ... April 6, 7
Aquilla at Wesley Chapel ... April 13, 14
Troy cir, at Oenaville ... Apr 20, 21
Lorena cir, at Oak Grove ... Apr 27, 28
Moody and Eddy, at Eddy ... May 4, 5
Bruceville and Mooreville, at B ... May 11, 12

Jas. Campbell, P. E.

Gatesville District—Second Round.

Gatesville sta ... March 31
Lampasas cir, at McCreaville ... Apr 6, 7
Lampasas sta ... Apr 7, 8
Killeen, etc, at Killeen ... Apr 12, 22
Coperas Cove, at Reese's Creek ... Apr 13, 14
Valley Mills, at Clifton ... Apr 20, 21
Meridian ... Apr 21, 22
Oglesby, at Tonk Creek ... Apr 26, 28
Crawford, etc, at Crawford ... Apr 27, 28
Coryell City, at Mosheim ... May 4, 5
Harmony, at Cave Creek ... May 11, 12
Hamilton, at Springdale ... May 18, 19
Jonesboro, at Evergreen ... May 25, 26
District Conference, at Jonesboro ... May 28-30

E. F. Boone, P. E.

Weatherford District—Second Round.

Peaster cir, at Poolville ... 5th Sun in March
Ranger ... 1st Sun in Apr
Breckenridge, at Eolian ... 2d Sun in Apr
Eliasville ... 3d Sun in Apr
Gordon and Thurber, at G ... 4th Sun in Apr
Huckabay ... 1st Sun in May
Lipan ... 2d Sun in May
Santo ... 3d Sun in May
Mineral Wells miss ... Thur, May 23
Whitt ... 4th Sun in May
Aledo ... Thur, May 30

Delegates to the District Conference are to be elected this round. A full attendance is very much desired.

E. A. Bailey, P. E.

Dublin District—Second Round.

Granbury cir, at Post Oak Grove ... March 27, 28
Duffau, at Union ... March 30, 31
Rising Star and P., at Cayope Peak ... April 6, 7
Sipe Springs, at Oakland ... April 9, 10
Carbon cir, at Gorman ... April 13, 14
Desdimonia ... April 16, 17
Proctor cir ... April 20, 21
Green Creek, at Green Creek ... April 27, 28

E. A. Smith, P. E.

Vernon District—Second Round.

Graham mis, at Salem ... March 29, 30
Graham sta ... March 31, April 1
Seymour sta ... April 6, 7
Chillicothe, at Big Valley ... April 13, 14
Crowell ... April 21, 22
Mangum, at Mangum ... April 27, 28
Altus, at Aaron ... May 4, 5
Quanah and Childress, at Childress ... May 11, 12
Eldorado, at Paradise Valley, at 2 o'clock ... May 13
Navajoe, at Navajoe ... May 18, 19

Jno. M. Barcus, P. E.

Waxahachie District—Second Round.

Hillsboro sta, at Hillsboro ... March 30, 31
Itasca sta, at Itasca ... April 6, 7
Grandview cir ... April 13, 14
Alvarado sta ... April 16
Midlothian cir ... April 20, 21
Reagor cir ... April 27, 28

John S. Davis, P. E.

Clarendon District—Second Round.

Floyd ... March 30, 31
Silverton, at Lone Star ... Apr 2
Plainview sta ... Apr 4
Tulia, at Tulia ... Apr 6, 7
Wellington ... Apr 13, 14
Memphis, at Esteline ... Apr 20, 21
Kirkland ... Apr 27, 28

R. A. Hall, P. E.

Fort Worth District—Second Round.

Cresson ... March 30, 31
Smithfield ... April 6, 7
Grapevine ... April 13, 14

G. S. Wyatt, P. E.

Corsicana District—Second Round.

Cotton Gin ... March 30, 31
Mexia cir ... April 6, 7
Mexia sta ... April 8
Barry ... April 13, 14
East Corsicana ... April 20, 21
Hubbard ... April 27, 28
Blooming Grove ... May 4, 5
Wortham ... May 11, 12

J. T. L. Annis, P. E.

EAST TEXAS.

Beaumont District—Second Round.

Moscow, at Midway ... March 30, 31
Livingston, at Moscow ... April 1
Colmesnell, at Rockland ... April 6, 7
Kountze, at Olive ... April 13, 14
Orange, at Orange ... April 20, 21
Woodville, at Spurger ... April 27, 28

William A. Sampey, P. E.

Marshall District—Second Round.

Hallville, at Summerfield, Saturday, April 13
Longview sta ... April 14, 15
Northside, at Grover ... Saturday, April 20
Marshall sta ... April 21, 22
Beckville, at Beckville ... April 27, 28
Jefferson sta ... May 4, 5
Harrison, at Willie's Chapel ... May 11, 12
Church Hill, at Church Hill ... May 18, 19
Kellyville, at Avinger ... May 25, 26
Henderson cir ... June 7
Henderson sta ... June 8, 9
Arleston, at Breckenridge ... Wed, June 12
Centennial cir ... Thurs, June 13
Kilgore, at Danville ... June 15, 16
Coffeeville, at Asbury ... June 22, 23
District Conference, at Longview ... July 11

John Adams, P. E.

Tyler District—Second Round.

New York cir, at Oak Grove ... March 30, 31
Grand Saline cir, at Antioch ... April 6, 7
Edom cir, at Tunnell's Chapel ... April 12
Canton cir, at Wesley Chapel ... April 13, 14
Troupe and Overton cir, at London ... April 18
Walton cir, at Mallard Prairie ... April 20, 21
White House cir, at Liberty Hill ... April 27, 28
Lindale cir, at Sabine ... May 4, 5
Tyler cir, at Pleasant Grove ... May 11, 12
Tyler, Marvin, at Marvin ... May 12, 13

T. P. Smith, P. E.

Palestine District—First Rounds.

Saron mis, at Jossrand ... March 30, 31

L. M. Fowler, P. E.

Pittsburg District—First Round.

Dalby, at Hubbard Chapel ... 5th Sun in Mar
Quitman, at Liberty ... 1st Sun in Apr
Linden, at Douglasville ... 2d Sun in Apr

O. P. Thomas, P. E.

Marshall District—First Round.

Henderson sta ... March 30, 31
Centennial, at Walnut Hill ... April 6, 7

John Adams, P. E.

TEXAS.

Austin District—Second Round.

Tenth Street, Austin ... 11 a. m., Apr 7
Twenty-Fourth Street, Austin ... 8 p. m., Apr 7
Merrilltown cir, at Walnut ... Apr 13, 14
First Street, Austin ... 8 p. m., Apr 14
Manchaca cir, at Carl ... Apr 20, 21
Webberville cir, at Cedar Creek ... Apr 27, 28
Elgin ... May 2, 3
Manor ... May 4, 5
McDade cir, at McDade ... May 11, 12
Winchester cir, at Alum Creek ... May 18, 19
Bastrop ... May 19, 20
Smithville cir, at Ford's Prairie ... May 25, 26
LaGrange ... May 28, 29
Weimar ... June 1, 2
Columbus ... June 3, 4
Flatonia ... June 8, 9

There will be a missionary mass meeting held in connection with each Quarterly Conference on this round at some suitable hour selected by the pastor and presiding elder. Delegates will be elected to attend the District Conference at Manor, July 11.

Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

Brenham District—Second Round.

Milano ct ... Tuesday, 4 o'clock p m, April 2
Giddings ct ... April 6, 7
Sealy ct ... Wedneday, 9 o'clock a m, April 10
Chappell Hill sta ... April 13, 14
Brenham sta ... April 20, 21
Bellville ct ... Tuesday, 9 o'clock a m, April 23
Lyons ct ... Wednesday, 3 o'clock p m, April 24
Mt Pleasant ... Wed, 8 o'clock p m, April 24
Cameron sta ... April 27, 28
Maysfield ct ... May 4, 5
Ben Arnold ... May 5, 6
Davilla ct ... May 11, 12
Cameron ct ... May 18, 19
Pleasant Hill ct ... May 25, 26
Lexington ct ... Monday, 3 p m, May 27
Caldwell sta ... June 1, 2

E. H. Harman, P. E.

Huntsville District—Second Round.

Zion cir, at Zion ... March 30, 31
Madisonville, at Madisonville ... April 6, 7
Anderson cir, at Roan's Prairie ... April 10, 11
Bryan sta ... April 13, 14
Millican cir, at Millican ... April 20, 21
Navasota sta ... April 27, 28
Courtney and Stoneham ... May 4, 5
Hempstead sta ... May 11, 12
Montgomery and Plantersville ... May 18, 19
Hockley cir ... May 25, 26
Cleveland mis ... May 29, 30
Conroe and Westfield ... June 1, 2
Cold Springs ... June 5, 6
Willis sta ... June 8, 9
Prairie Plains ... June 15, 16
Dodge cir ... June 22, 23
Huntsville sta ... June 29, 30

W. Wootton, P. E.

Calvert District—Second Round.

Marlin ... Marlin 30, 31
Alto, at Union ... April 6, 7
Kosse ... April 13, 14
Bremond ... April 20, 21
Jewett ... April 27, 28
Oakwoods ... May 4, 5
Chilton ... May 11, 12
Rosebud, at Cedar Springs ... May 18, 19
Durango ... May 25, 26
Centerville, at Leona ... June 1, 2
Rogers Prairie ... June 8, 9
Bald Prairie ... June 15, 16
Personville, at Personville ... June 22, 23
Fairfield, at Sunshine ... June 29, 30
Mt. Vernon, at Una ... July 2, 3

J. B. Cochran, P. E.

Houston District—First Round.

Damon's Mound ... Mar 30, 31

Seth Ward, P. E.

Brenham District—First Round.

Caldwell sta ... Mch 30, 31

E. H. Harman, P. E.

Austin District—First Round.

Flatonia sta ... March 30, 31

Jos. B. Sears, P. E.

WEST TEXAS.

San Antonio District—Second Round.

Utopia, at Hondo City ... March 30, 31
City Mission, at S. Flores ... Apr 6, 7
East End and South Heights ... Apr 7, 8
Sherman Street, Dist Conference ... Apr 12-14
Travis Park ... Apr 21-23
Benton City, at Bexar ... Apr 27, 28
Pleasanton, at Fairview ... May 4, 5
Amphion, at Oak Island ... May 11, 12

J. D. Scott, P. E.

Cuero District—Second Round.

Hallettsville ... March 30
Victoria sta, at Victoria ... Apr 6
Rancho cir, at Sandies Chapel ... Apr 13
Williamsburg cir, at Shiner ... Apr 20
Clear Creek cir, at Rocky ... Apr 27
Yoakum sta, at Yoakum ... May 4
Leesville cir ... May 11
Weesatche cir ... May 15
Port Lavaca cir ... May 18

A. C. Biggs, P. E.

San Marcos District—Second Round.

Luling ... 5th Sun in March
San Marcos ... 1st Sun in Apr
Gonzales ... 2d Sun in Apr
Lockhart cir ... 3d Sun in Apr
San Marcos cir ... 4th Sun in Apr
Harwood cir ... 1st Sun in May
Belmont cir ... 2d Sun in May
Dripping Springs ... 3d Sun in May

B. Harris, P. E.


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MRS. HUNT.

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MRS. LANSING.

San Angelo District—Second Round.

Mason ... 5th Sun in March
Pontotoc ... 1st Sun in Apr
Brady ... 2d Sun in Apr
Richland Springs ... 3d Sun in Apr
Junction City ... 4th Sun in Apr
Sonora and Ozona ... 1st Sun in May

Jno W. Stovall, P. E.

Beeville District—Second Round.

San Diego cir, at San Diego ... 5th Sab in March
Corpus Christi ... 1st Sab in Apr
Rockport ... 2d Sab in Apr
Lagarto cir, at Wade City ... 3d Sab in Apr
Oakville cir, at Mineral City ... 4th Sab in Apr
Floresville cir, at Floresville ... 1st Sab in May
Lavernia cir, at Sandy Elm ... 2d Sab in May
Stockdale cir, at Sutherl'd Sp'g ... 3d Sab in May
Helena ... 4th Sab in May
Runge ... 1st Sab in June
Skidmore ... 2d Sab in June
Dist Conf, at Corpus Christi ... 5th Sab in June

John S. Gillett, P. E.

Llano District—Second Round.

Blanco cir, at Live Oak P't ... 5th Sun in March
Boerne cir, at Lock Hill ... 1st Sun in Apr
Round Mt. cir, at Rockvale ... 2d Sun in Apr
Llano cir, at Sandy Mountain ... 3d Sun in Apr
Llano sta ... 4th Sun in Apr
Centre Point sta ... 1st Sun in May
Rock Springs and Ingram ... 2d Sun in May
Bandera cir, at Medina City ... 3d Sun in May
Kerrville sta ... 4th Sun in May

M. A. Black, P. E.

NORTH TEXAS.

Terrell District—Second Round.

Kemp, at Kemp ... 5th Sun in March
Rockwall, at Rockwall ... 1st Sun in Apr
Terrell cir, at Morrows Chapel ... 2d Sun in Apr
Fate cir, at Royse ... 3d Sun in Apr
Chisholm cir, at Poetry ... 4th Sun in Apr
Cochran and Caruth, at C'n ... 1st Sun in May
Kaufman sta ... 2d Sun in May
Pleasant Mound, at Rylie ... 3d Sun in May
Mesquite, at Pleasant Ridge ... 4th Sun in May
Crandall ... 1st Jun in June
Garland, at Reinhardt ... 2d Sun in June
Allen ... 3d Sun in June
Prairieville cir ... 4th Sun in June

C. B. Fladger, P. E.

Bonham District—Second Round.

Ben Franklin, at Pecan Gap ... March 30, 31
Honey Grove ... Apr 6, 7
Lannius, at Allen's Chapel ... Apr 13, 14
South Bonham ... Apr 20, 21
Gober, at Gober ... Apr 27, 28
Trenton, at Medlintown ... May 4, 5
Fannin cir ... May 11, 12
Randolph ... May 18, 19
Bonham sta ... May 25, 26

J. R. Wages, P. E.

Dallas District—Second Round.

Wheatland, at Duncanville ... March 31, Apr 1
West Dallas, at Haskell Avenue ... Apr 6, 7
Oak Lawn ... Apr 7, 8
Lewisville, at Cemetery Hill ... Apr 13, 14
Aubrey, at Friendship ... Apr 20, 21
Renner, at Alpha ... Apr 27, 28
Ervay Street ... May 5, 6
Plano ... May 11, 12

E. W. Alderson, P. E.

Sulphur Springs District—Second Round.

Campbell cir, at Friendship ... March 30, 31
Reily Sp'gs mis, at Forest Home ... Apr 6, 7
Commerce cir, at Center Chapel ... Apr 13, 14
Sulphur Bluff cir, at Sulphur Bluff ... Apr 20, 21
Wolfe City sta ... Apr 27, 28
Mt Vernon cir, at Pine Forest ... May 4, 5
Mt Vernon mis, at Hopewell ... May 7
Sulphur Springs sta ... May 11, 12
Fairlie cir ... May 18, 19
Celeste cir, at Celeste ... May 25, 26
Leonard cir, at Grove Hill ... June 1, 2
Bailey cir ... June 8, 9
Cooper cir ... June 15, 16

W. L. Clifton, P. E.

Sherman District—Second Round.

Pottsboro and Preston, at Pres ... March 30, 31
Denison mis, at Starr ... Apr 6, 7
Sherman cir, at Cedar ... Apr 13, 14
Whitesboro cir, at McComb ... Apr 20, 21
Whitesboro sta ... Apr 21, 22
Collinsville cir, at Tioga ... Apr 27, 28
Gordonville cir, at Cedar Mills ... May 4, 5
Pilot Grove cir ... May 11, 12
Howe cir ... May 18, 19

J. M. Binkley, P. E.

Montague District—Second Round.

Spanish Fort, at Liberty Chapel ... March 30
Nocona and Belcher, at N ... March 31, Apr 1
Blue Grove cir, at Blue Grove ... Apr 6, 7
Henrietta sta ... Apr 13, 14
Chico cir, at Pleasant Ridge ... Apr 20
Alvord sta ... Apr 21, 22
Sunset cir, at Pleasant Hill ... Apr 27, 28
Crafton cir, at Willow Springs ... May 4
Bowie sta ... May 5, 6
Benvanue cir ... May 8
Belleville cir, at Stoneburg ... May 11, 12
New Hope and Christian ... May 18, 19
Jacksboro and Bryson ... May 25, 26
Post Oak cir ... May 25, 26

W. D. Mountcastle, P. E.

Paris District—Second Round.

Detroit, at Detroit ... March 30, 31
Centenary, Paris ... Apr 6, 7
Lamar Avenue, Paris ... Apr 6, 7
Annona, at Shawnee Chapel ... Apr 13, 14
White Rock, at Liberty Hill ... Apr 20, 21
Clarksville ... Apr 22
McKenzie, at Brewster Prairie ... Apr 27, 28
Rosalie ... Apr 29
Emberson, at Bethel ... May 4, 5
Lake Creek, at Brushy Mound ... May 11, 12
Powderly ... May 18, 19
Maxey, at Post Oak ... May 25, 26

F. A. Rosser, P. E.

Gainesville District—Second Round.

Dexter cir ... 5th Sun in March
Marysville ... 1st Sun in April
Mountain Spring ... 2d Sun in April
Argyle ... 3d Sun in April
and Denton at night.
Sanger ... 4th Sun in April
Boonsville ... 1st Sun in May
Dye Mound ... 2d Sun in May
Garvin ... 3d Sun in May
Rosston ... 4th Sun in May
Era ... 1st Sun in June
Rhome ... 2d Sun in June
Decatur cir ... 3d Sun in June
and Decatur sta at night
Denton cir ... 4th Sun in June
Greenwood ... 5th Sun in June

R. M. Powers, P. E.

Greenville District—Second Round.

Weston ... 5th Sun in March
Lone Oak ... 1st Sun in April
Kingston cir and Greenville ... 2d Sun in April
McKinney ... 3d Sun in April
Merit ... 4th Sun in April
Nevada ... 1st Sun in May
Floyd ... 2d Sun in May
Farmersville ... 3d Sun in May
Bethel ... 4th Sun in May

J. A. Stafford, P. E.

MEXICAN BORDER.

San Antonio District—Second Round.

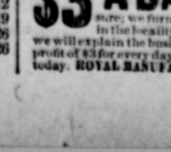
Del Rio, at Standart ... March 30, 31
Allende, at Nava ... Apr 1, 2
Eagle Pass ... Apr 3, 4
Cotulla, at Pearsall ... Apr 6, 7
San Diego ... Apr 9, 10
Corpus Christi and Alice, at C. C ... Apr 11, 12
Picoso, at Floresville ... Apr 13, 14
San Antonio ... Apr 20, 21
Luling, at Gonzales ... Apr 27, 28
Austin and San Marcos, at A ... Apr 30, May 1
Bandera, at Polly ... May 4, 5

T. del Valle, P. E.

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UNANSWERED LETTERS.

MARCH 21.

Jno W Sims, sub. W H H Biggs, sub. L P Davis, sub. T C DePew, paper stopped. G W Templin, subs. R S Heizer, subs. N M McLaughlin, sub. W S May, subs. H H Sullivan, subs stopped. D A Williams, sub. T M Price, sub. B A Snoddy, subs. H A Boaz, subs. W J Lemons, sub. R D Moon, sub. W B McKeown, subs. N B Read, sub. J W Griffin, sub. I M Bryce, subs. A G Nolen, sub. J W Blackburn, sub. B H Bounds, o k. F B Carroll, sub. J W Sims, subs. W J Sims, subs. E L Shettles, sub. M S Gardner, subs. C G Shutt, subs. J A Walkup, subs. J H Stewart, sub.

MARCH 22.

G W Templin, sub. M P Hines, trial subs. C S Cameron, sub. D L Cain, sub. J J Golden, trial subs. J W Johnson, sub. W W McAnally, sub. C M Shuffler, subs; one at half price. W S May, sub. J J Callaway, sub. E H Holbrook, subs. G W Templin, sub at half price. Ellis Smith, sub at half price. J M Martin, has attention. E H Casey, sub. J T McClure, trial subs. M A Turner, sub; one stopped. G H Phair, sub. W W Horner, sub. J H White, sub. R N Brown, subs. Alanson Brown, subs. J T Graham, sub. J B Powers, sub. Jerome Duncan, sub. J W Dickinson, sub.

MARCH 23.

J A Biggs, sub. H A Bourland, sub. G W Templin, sub. B R Bolton, subs. S L Ball, subs. J W Hill, subs. F M Winburne, sub.

MARCH 25.

J W Harmon, sub. J T Gillett, subs. J B Powers, subs. J W Dickinson, sub. J R Barden, subs. A G Nolen, subs. J B Gober, sub. E R Large, subs. J Sam Barcus, change. M B Johnston, subs. J M Brewer, trial subs. A C Benson, subs. C Rowland, subs. S H Morgan, subs. R R Raymond, sub. M S Hotchkiss, sub. R F Dunn, sub. Abe Long, sub. T Gregory, subs at half price. J E O'Neal, subs. H L Hare, sub.

MARCH 26.

R N Brown, subs. Chas Davis, subs. Jas A Kerr, subs. J N Hunter, subs. W H Moss, subs. Sam'l Morriss, sub. I Alexander, sub. B T Hayes, sub. Nat B Read, subs. J C Calhoun, sub. J H Trimble, subs. T M Collie, trial subs. Jas M Sherman, subs. J W Dickinson, subs. N M McLaughlin, sub. J P Skinner, sub. E W Solomon, sub. J B Cochran, o k. C H Maloy, sub. J W Horn, subs. W W Watts, sub. P R Eaglebarger, subs. J D Hudgins, sub.

Marriages.

Williams—Gay.—At the residence of the bride's uncle, Rev. Marcee, in Gonzales County, Texas, on March 17th, 1895, Mr. Aaron Williams, of Caldwell County, Texas, and Miss Maude Gay, of Gonzales County, Rev. A. G. Nolan officiating.

Shoemaker—Grahn.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Millican, Texas, March 14, 1895, Mr. W. F. Shoemaker and Miss Ella Grahn, Rev. C. M. Thompson officiating.

Freeman—Giles.—At the residence of the bride's father, in Willow City, Gillespie County, Texas, at 7 p. m., March 12, 1895, Mr. E. G. Freeman and Miss Addie Giles, Rev. J. P. Garrett officiating.

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FRIE.—Little Mamie, daughter of H. C. and S. R. Frie, was born at St. Jo, Texas, March 24, 1887; died February 9, 1895. In many respects she was an uncommon child, and though her life was short, yet she was loved and petted by a large circle of friends. With her winning ways no one could help but love her. In her home she was like a ray of sunshine; affectionate and obedient to her parents; kind and gentle to her brothers and sisters; courteous and respectful to all; she was a general favorite everywhere. At school no one was thought more of than little Mamie. She loved the Sunday-school and Junior League, because she loved Jesus. A sweeter, brighter, little girl we have never known, and when such children die, the world is poorer.

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WILSON.—B. R. Wilson was born October 12, 1856, and lived in sin until January 10, 1895. He was converted while driving along the road. His good wife had for some time been having family prayers, and when Bro. Wilson got home he said to his wife: "You have been bearing the cross by yourself a long time, so let me help you." From that time until he had to take his bed he bore his cross as a good soldier. I baptized him the 4th and he died the 6th of March, 1895. He died happy. God bless his dear mother, wife, brothers, sisters, and five little children, is my prayer.

M. W. FRANCIS.

Milburn, Texas.

HALL.—Mrs. Lelia Hall (nee Hopkins) was born in Harrison County, Texas, February 19, 1877. She professed religion in 1890, and came to Collin County in 1891; was married to T. W. Hall October 19, 1893, and departed this life September 26, 1894. She leaves a husband, mother, two sisters and a brother, many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. She has a father and brother who preceded her above. She has gone to meet them in the paradise of God. She loved her neighbors, was a good and faithful wife, obedient child and a loving sister. She has gone to her reward with her Savior. Weep not, mourning ones, as those who have no hope. May the now broken chain be reunited in heaven without a missing link.

R. D. LAWRENCE.

MABILE.—Died at Corrigan, Texas, March 11, 1895, Sister Catharine Alice Mabile, of congestion of the brain. She was born in Neshoba County, Mississippi, May 20, 1856; joined the M. E. Church, South, 1872; was married to J. B. Mabile September 3, 1879. Her death was preceded by her husband's only about a year. She was raised by Christian parents; joined the Church when young, and for near a quarter of a century lived a consistent Christian life. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, and a model Christian. Her light as a Christian and her influence for good was seen and felt as far as her acquaintance extended. Truly, she was one of the excellent women of earth of whom the good book says: "Her price is far above rubies." She leaves two little boys and many friends to mourn her loss. God bless the orphans and help them to meet their mother in heaven.

J. T. MCCLURE, Pastor.

LISTON.—Margaret Jane, wife of S. H. Liston, died at their home in the town of Athens, Texas, on the 19th day of February, 1895. She was born in Carroll County, Tenn., February 28, 1838. Her maiden name was Steward. She was married to S. H. Liston in Tennessee in May, 1856, and they moved to Texas in 1865. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church South sixteen or eighteen years ago. The universal statement of those who knew her is, she was a noble Christian woman, and exemplified in her daily life the glorious principles of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Church and community, as well as her family, will greatly miss her. While she lived upon earth she communed with God; in death He supported her, and she could "read her title clear to mansions in the sky." May the God of all grace comfort and sustain the heart-broken father and bereaved children, and may they all meet her in the "home above."

W. P. PLEDGER, P. C.

Athens, Texas.

DUNN.—Sister Morning Dunn (nee Wood) was born October 23, 1869; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, July, 1883; was married to Elijah Dunn, February 17, 1887, and died in great peace January 20, 1895, leaving a little infant only three days old. Sister Dunn was a pure Christian woman, an obedient child, a true companion and a loving, faithful mother. A few hours before she died she said to her husband: "We have all got to die, and I am going to the high, high lands of heaven, where sorrow and partings come no more." Awhile afterwards she said: "I'll soon be on that bright and happy shore where pain and sorrow come no more." Then just before she breathed her last she turned her head toward her weeping husband and said: "Lijah, this is the brightest day you ever saw." These were her last words on earth; and thus she closed her eyes on time and earth to awake in glory to enjoy her promised reward, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Her pastor,

T. B. VINSON.

HODNETT.—Malinda A. Hodnett (nee Ingram) was born in Port Gibson, Miss., February 4, 1829. She was married to T. Bethea October 4, 1847. To them were born two children, Rosa, living only one month, and Emily two years. After his death she moved to Texas, and married Samuel Johnson, November 20, 1864. Mr. Johnson died in 1874. She continued living with his children. She was married to B. F. Hodnett May, 1882. Mr. Hodnett lived a little over two years. She has since lived with her stepson, B. W. Johnson, near New Salem, Rusk County, Texas, where she died February 28, 1895. She was a woman of extra intellectual ability, and a splendid household manager, having an untiring energy—scarcely ever idle, notwithstanding she has weighed near three hundred. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, when young; made a faithful member, and was one of the main stays at Oak Grove. She was also a regular subscriber to the TEXAS ADVOCATE. The community has lost one of its best citizens; the Church one of its most valuable members. We have the assurance she has gone to a better world, and some of us are glad to say that some day we will see her again.

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SEXTON.—Mrs. Deliah Sexton died February 26, 1895, in her eighty-seventh year. Grandma Sexton, as she was called, was an old Texan, and had been living in this country for many years. For years she has been a regular camper at the Buffalo Camp-ground, and many preachers have cause to remember the hospitality of this old soldier of Christ. She had been a member of the Church for about seventy years; lived a consecrated Christian life, and died—no! fell asleep in Jesus. Her children, friends and relatives will miss her here, but she has only gone on before, and will meet them on the other side. "Wherefore comfort one another with these words: For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him."

J. C. MICKLE, Pastor.

Caldwell, Texas.

TAYLOR.—God, who knows what is best for us all, has taken from our midst and the Church another pure, godly woman, Sister Sarah E. Taylor, born in Illinois, November 26, 1834; came to Williamson County, Texas, in 1848; married W. L. Taylor in 1858; he died in 1881, leaving her with four little children. Sister Taylor was a kind wife and a loving mother. With no means of a support but the labor of her own hands, she set about the work and raised a nice family. God gave her health and strength until they were grown—two girls and two boys. The last four months of her life she was a great sufferer, but strong in the Lord. As I stood by her bed and heard her speak of her faith in Christ, and thought of her trials, it brought to my mind the words of the psalmist, when he said: "Though ye have lain among the pots yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove, covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold." As the dove was too innocent to be stained by the pots and smoke from brickkills, so Sister Taylor's spirit, unstained by sin, took its flight in the sunlight of God's love to rest with the people of God. May the life she lived and her prayers lead her children to meet her in heaven, is the prayer of the writer,

J. A. BITTICK.

Leander, Texas, March 14, 1895.

THOMPTSON.—Frances A. Thomptson, daughter of James M. and Lizzie Phillips, was born in St. Clair County, Ala., September 24, 1848; was converted at the age of thirteen, joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; united in marriage with A. J. Thomptson in 1866; emigrated to Comanche County, Texas, and connected herself with the M. E. Church, South, on February 17, 1877, and lived in it until the day of her death, which took place February 4, 1895. Sister Thomptson is gone; she will cheer us with her presence no more. She was true to God and the Church; always greeted one with a pleasant smile. Her illness was of short duration; she suffered greatly, but never murmured. The writer of this sketch was present when she died. I never witnessed a more triumphant death in my life. At 4 o'clock, in the evening before her death I went in her room. She ask me to read a chapter and pray once more before she died, stating that she was fully prepared, but she just wanted to hear me pray once more. I did so, and after prayers she went to sleep and slept quietly until 11 at night. After awaking she called her daughter and stated that she was dying, and called her true husband to her side; bade him farewell, exhorting him to live faithful and meet her in heaven; then her seven children, bade them farewell and exhorted them to meet her in heaven; then called all to her, bidding them all farewell; then asked me to sing something while she was crossing the river. I sang, "Savior, more than life to me," hymn No. 878, then she asked to be straightened out, then folded her hands across her breast and said, "Now let me breathe my last in peace," and so she did. My acquaintance with her has been of eighteen years standing. I never knew a truer Christian in my life. She leaves a good husband and seven children and a host of friends to mourn their loss; but their loss is her eternal gain. Earth is poorer, but heaven is richer. She was laid to rest in the Oakland Cemetery to await the resurrection.

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HORACE BISHOP.

FULTON.—Mrs. J. W. Fulton died in great peace on last Sunday morning at her home, on Graham Street, Paris, Texas. She had been quite ill for some days, but her friends were not prepared to hear the sad statement so soon.

Mrs. Fulton was a prominent member of Centenary Church, where she had worshiped for more than twenty consecutive years. Her husband, who preceded her to the better world, was a steward in this Church for many years, and represented the Church in many important and responsible positions, such as delegate to the District, Annual and General Conferences, and in all of these places he served with credit to himself and honor to the Church.

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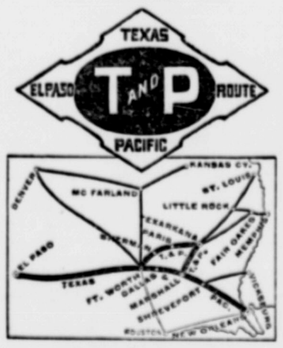
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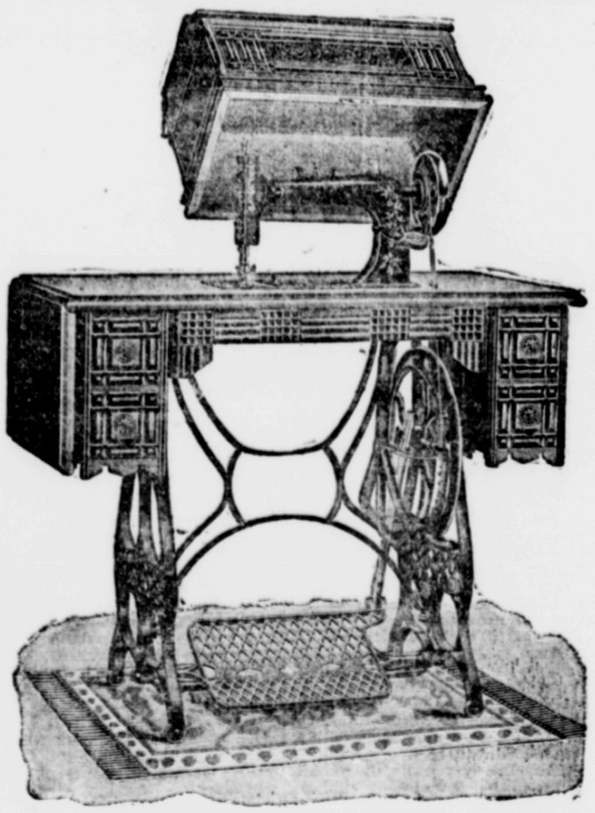
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" " for Endowments, Dividends, &c	9,159,462.14	$21,089,257.08
For all other Accounts	9,789,634.18	$30,878,891.26

ASSETS.

United States Bonds and other Securities	$83,970,690.67
First lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage	71,339,415.92
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Real Estate	21,691,733.39
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Accrued Interest, Deferred Premiums, etc	6,615,645.07
	$204,638,783.96
Reserve for Policies and other Liabilities, Company's Standard, American 4 per cent	182,109,456.14
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"Your committee has also had under consideration the following paper:

"Resolved, 1. That, in the view of this conference, Sunday excursions, no matter what the pretext may be, are a desecration of the Sabbath.

"2. That we will discourage traveling on the railroads, pleasure riding and frequenting postoffices on the Sabbath, regarding such things as an infringement upon its sanctity.

"R. C. ARMSTRONG.
"A. M. DECHMAN.
"JOSEPH B. SEARS.

"And your committee recommend concurrence."

E. A. Yates was Chairman and J. H. Pritchett Secretary of this committee. Do not forget that this item, as a part of the whole report, was adopted without a dissenting voice. This, then, is the consensus of opinion of the Church—in fact, the utterance of the Church. Consonant with the action of the General Conference at the last session of our Annual Conference a paper was presented by H. Bishop, signed by himself, J. H. Wiseman, H. M. Whaling, F. P. Ray, W. M. Hayes and J. T. L. Annis, condemning the opening of the gates of the Dallas Fair and Cotton Palace, Sabbath excursions, et al., on the Sabbath. Now in the face of all this will our people continue to ride around on the railroads, and visit the postoffices on the Sabbath? I trust not. We must be consistent with our profession. We must at any cost maintain the sanctity of this day. I do not believe that we can consistently foster any institution or enterprise that is so conducted as to infringe upon this day. It should be dearer to us than any worldly interest can in any wise be. So I do not believe that it is right for Christian people to contribute one dollar to foster any enterprise which will be so managed as to make it a Sabbath desecrater. It is to be hoped that the Christian people of Waco will have a written contract with the directors of the Cotton Palace to the effect that the gates are to be closed on the Sabbath before they contribute one cent to have it rebuilt.

R. C. ARMSTRONG.

A CORRECTION OR TWO.

In the article entitled "Unwise Conservatism—No. 2" there are errors of the printer, which escaped the eye of the proof-reader, which make the latest paragraphs unintelligible. For instance, a figure 9 has taken the place of a figure 7. It is true that the names of S. W. Moore, of Memphis, and of C. W. Miller, of Kentucky Conference, both of whom had passed to the great beyond in 1894, would advertise every reader of the mistake, or at least that there was a misfit somewhere. We save trouble and show where. In the next paragraph the printer, seeing the number 37, and evidently concluding that the 3 was a 5, and that 1857, or some other number, was meant, supplied, from his own resources, the fatal little comma, and gave us "'37."

Following these there comes the word "re-instated." The sentence reads, "I could not have the clause which the Richmond Conference removed, viz: 'That he being delivered from thy wrath,' re-instated." What this means I cannot imagine. There must have been the word "substituted" or some equivalent word which the printer misconceived. I referred to the fact of an attempt made by me to strike out that clause and put "That he being saved through thy great mercy," or words to that effect, and that I, as a member of the sub-committee of three, could not induce the committee of thirty-seven to allow this attempted striking out and substitution.

And seeing the word "substitute" in the next clause, the presumption is that "substituted" should take the place of "reinstated," as printed.

H. V. PHILPOTT.

[The Doctor complains that "reinstated" was put where "substituted" was written. We will say, to our certain knowledge, that neither "substituted" nor any other word was in the original. When our proof-reader is compelled to guess, he does the very best he can. Let all our correspondents prepare their articles perfectly and thus relieve the office of the responsibility of making conjectural corrections.—EDITOR.]

WEATHERFORD COLLEGE.

The mission and future of the college is a subject that is being agitated just now throughout the country. Not long since one of the leading Magazines contained an article showing the necessity for and work that could only be done by such institutions. That they do fill a niche of no inconsiderable proportions is no longer a question. That men who today are filling places of trust and honor all over the land, owe their position to the stimulas obtained in the training received in one of these colleges, is a matter of record. Moreover, it is also true that had not the college been brought to their door with its opportunity of a cheap education, together with the influence of the godly men who have given their lives to this work, the light of conscious intellectuality would never have risen for them. Whatever can be said of the great work of the university (and the writer has no purpose in mind to decry it,) yet the fact remains potent to all thoughtful, unprejudiced minds, that to the colleges must the future look for the creation and fostering of the forces that build and sustain the Nation. Like the quiet home, nestling away out among the hills of the country, unpretentious, modest, that sends the richest life-blood to our national centers, furnishing the most stable foundation upon which a Government ever rested, so does the college, secluded in some quiet village, foster and awaken the minds and hearts of the youth to seek the higher culture and attainments afforded in a university training. The college is the fountain-head of higher education and if this be uncared for and allowed to go dry, then will the green of the valleys disappear and the plains turn into deserts. Fortunate is the Church that encourages the building of Christian schools in every town, giving them support. Happy is the man who is permitted to give the means to equip and fit up such a school, and thrice blessed is the community that has the influence in its midst, purifying, refining and uplifting the moral sentiment and forming the center of attraction to which all the good elements of a country naturally gravitate.

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The school is peculiarly fortunate in having for its resident trustees such men as Judge I. W. Stephens, R. W. Kindel, J. R. Couts, W. H. Eddleman, John D. Baker, A. F. Starr and W. T. Ivy—men whose backing and influence would give character to any enterprise. They have all been liberal contributors to the building fund. They take a pride in work of the college and watch closely after its interests. As a child of their creation the college looks to them and other men of means to continue their support to the end that an endowment fund shall be had so that the work may go on untrammeled and our advantages be the equal of the rich institutions of the East. The future of Christian education in Texas depends largely on the opening of the purses of the Christian laity. May God impress it upon the hearts of some of our wealthy friends to leave behind them a monument of brick and mortar and endowed chairs for college professors, and thus perpetuate their names in the characters of the coming generations. Not less of worth has been the help and counsel of the ministry who constitute one-half of the Board of Trustees. The resident ministers—Revs. E. A. Bailey, R. C. Armstrong and W. D. Bradfield—are frequent visitors, and all patronize and work for the school.

San Jacinto Day will be observed. Distinguished speakers have been invited to be present, and a pleasant day is anticipated.

We all wish to become acquainted with the ADVOCATE'S new editor and herewith extend him a cordial invitation to come and see us, which will stand until he makes the visit.

JOHN A. LOMAX.

METHODIST ARMY CORPS.

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(May 19, 1895.)

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M. S. GARDNER.
Goliad, Texas, March 23. Secretary.

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